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AUSTERE
a. [aw STEER] severe, stern, or plain in appearance, character, etc. Also, self-denying, strict. The prison’s austere facade was chillingly bleak.

syn.
1. severe stern, harsh, grim, stiff, cold, forbidding.
2. ascetic self-denying, strict, abstemious, stark.

ant. 1. bright, cheery, sunny, warm, frivolous, ornate.
2. indulgent, extravagant.

authentic
a. genuine, real, bona fide, true, actual, sincere, pure, kosher, certified, "the real McCoy, *honest-to-goodness, legitimate.

ant.
1. bright, cheery, sunny, warm, frivolous, fake, spurious.

authenticate
v. validate, certify, confirm, warrant, guarantee, attest, vouch, affirm, substantiate, corroborate, document.

ant. invalidate, falsify, discredit.

AUTHOR
n. 1. writer, novelist, playwright, storyteller, screenwriter, poet, bard, historian, chronicler, biographer, dramatist, journalist, "hack, wordsmith.

“...a person who you can silence by shutting his book.”—Max Gralnik. see book, novelist 2. originator, creator, architect, designer, father, founder.

WORD FIND
best-selling author with staying power: brand-name author
multiple books, author of: polygraph
pen name: pseudonym, nom de plume, alias.
publicizes author and books: publicist
sells author’s books, handles contracts: literary agent
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aback (taken) adv. startled, taken unawares, surprised, confused, *thrown off guard.
aboard n. unrestraint, carelessness, free-spiritedness, spontaneity, wildness, wantonness, intemperance, impulsiveness, devil-may-care attitude. ANT. restraint, reserve, restriction, self-consciousness.
abandon v. leave, desert, discard, forsake, quit, dump, *turn one’s back on, cast off, reject, relinquish, discontinue, renounce, lay aside, *leave in the lurch, *cut one’s losses, *throw in the towel, strand, drop, give up, *wash one’s hands of, *deep six, ditch. ANT. stick with, take up, continue, adopt.
abandoned a. 1. deserted, given up, forgotten, left behind, rejected, stranded, forsaken, cast off, cast aside, discarded, destitute, forgotten, scorned, desolate, friendless. 2. unrestrained, unreserved, uncontrolled, dissolute, wild, loose, immoral, wicked, shameless, licentious, lewd, wanton. ANT. 1. used, adopted, taken up, befriended. 2. restrained, reserved, moral, seemly.
ABASHED a. [uh BASHED] embarrassed, ill at ease. Mary spoke unabashedly about contraceptives. SYN. embarrassed, ashamed, humiliated, red-faced, disconcerted, discomfited, mortified, chagrined, disgraced. ANT. reassured, relaxed, cool.
ABATE v. [uh BATE] to subside, lessen, reduce. The pain from a stubbed toe will gradually abate. SYN. subside, lessen, reduce, weaken, slacken, diminish, decrease, wane, dwindle, decline, let up, taper off. ANT. grow, expand, intensify, surge.
abattoir n. slaughterhouse, butchery.
abbey n. monastery, cloister, friary, convent, nunnery, ministry.

orders: Benedictine, Dominican, Franciscan, Jesuit, Paulist, Trappist
resident: monk, friar, nun
superior or head: abbot, abess

abbreviate v. shorten, abridge, condense, cut, reduce, contract, curtail, clip, compress, synopsize. ANT. expand, broaden, enlarge.
abbreviation n. shortening, condensation, abridgement, contraction, reduction, summary, synopsis, brief, abstract, short version, short form.

AC: alternating current; air conditioning
A.D.: anno Domini; in the year of the Lord
A.K.A.: also known as
anon: anonymous
ASAP: as soon as possible
aux.: auxiliary
AWOL: absent without leave
B.A.: Bachelor of Arts
B.C.: before Christ
blvd.: boulevard
B.S.: Bachelor of Science
BTU: British thermal unit
BYOB: bring your own booze
CB: Citizens Band
C: Celsius, centigrade
c: copyright
cdr.: Commander
CEO: chief executive officer
chr: chairman
cm: centimeter
c/o: care of
corp.: corporation
CPA: certified public accountant
CPR: cardiopulmonary resuscitation
cu: cubic
DA: district attorney
DC: direct current

WORD FIND
area restricted to members: cloister
governed by prior or prioress: priory
**abdicate** v. [AB duh KATE] to relinquish, surrender, or give up one's power, office, or responsibilities. *The king abdicated in 1452.*

**abeyance** n. suspension, cessation, inaction, intermission, pause, latency, remission, dormancy, quiescence. *Ant. continuance, continuation, prolongation.*
abhor - aborigine

ABHOR v. [ab HOR] to hate, detest or be disgusted by. We abhor bigots. SYN. hate, detest, loathe, despise, view with horror, scorn, shrink from, be sickened by, feel disgust for. ANT. love, cherish, embrace.

abhorrent a. loathsome, detestable, despicable, disgusting, abominable, horrible, sickening, nauseating, hateful, repulsive, offensive, repugnant, heinous. ANT. nice, attractive, good, commendable, admirable.

abide v. 1. TO WAIT FOR await, stand fast, stay, remain, abide. 2. TOLERATE put up with, withstand, "hang in there, bear, accept, submit to, stomach. 3. RESIDE dwell, stay, live, lodge.

abide by v. comply, obey, observe, respect, conform to, adhere to.

abiding a. enduring, lasting, everlasting, eternal, unchanging, permanent, indestructible, durable. ANT. short-lived, impermanent, transient.

ability n. capability, faculty, facility, power, skill, talent, prowess, flair, competence, aptitude, capacity, knack, know-how, expertise, dexterity, proficiency, finesse, mind for, eye for, native ability, eye-hand coordination. ANT. in-ability, incompetence, ineptitude, inadequacy.

ABJECT a. [AB ject] the absolute worst or most disgusting by. We abhor bigots. SYN. hate, detest or be disgusted by. We abhor bigots. ANT. love, cherish, embrace.

ABJURE v. give up, renounce, forswear, recant, retract, disclaim, take back, reneg, disavow, withdraw. ANT. uphold, swear by, maintain.

ABLATE v. erode, wear away, melt, vaporize, evaporate, remove.

ABLAZE a. blazing, flaming, on fire, aflame, burning, "going up in smoke, consumed by flames, roaring, crackling. ANT. extinguished.

ABLE a. capable, habil, skillful, talented, competent, qualified, practiced, expert, deft, adroit, masterful. ANT. incompetent, ineffectual, weak, unskilled, unable.

ABLE-BODIED a. healthy, fit, strong, robust, capable, sound, in fine fettle, strapping. ANT. infirm.

ABLOOM a. flowering, in flower, blooming.

ABLUTION n. washing, cleansing, bath, scrubbing, purification, decontamination, showering.

ABLY adv. capably, competently, dexterly, expertly, adroitly.

ABNEGATE v. give up, forgo, abstain, renounce, abdicate, refrain, forbear. ANT. indulge, binge, imbib.

ABNEGATION n. self-denial, renunciation, abstinence, abdication, relinquishment.

ABNORMAL a. atypical, irregular, odd, unusual, aberrant, deviant, unnatural, unexpected, unconventional, weird, eccentric, queer, offbeat, extraordinary, anomalous, strange, mutant. "Not conforming to standard. In matters of thought and conduct, to be independent is to be abnormal."—Ambrose Bierce. ANT. normal, usual, standard. SEE ECCENTRIC, NEUROTIC, PSYCHOTIC

ABNORMALITY n. aberration, anomaly, deviation, peculiarity, oddity, freak, deformity, malformation, irregularity, eccentricity, mutant, singularity.

ABOARD a. on board, on deck, topside, in, boarded, consigned.

ABODE n. residence, home, living quarters, habitation, habitat, dwelling, domicile, lodging, roof over one's head, "pad, "digs, nest.

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ABORIGINAL a. indigenous, native, endemic, first, original, primitive.

ABORIGINE n. native, first inhabitant, indigene, primitive, settler, original, "bushman.

ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN n. yeti, beast, creature. SEE MONSTER

ABOMINATE v. loathe, despise, hate.

ABOMINATION n. 1. SOURCE OF LOATHING anathema, bête noir. 2. LOATHING AVERSION, abhorrence, hatred, disgust, repugnance, detestation.

A-BOMB n. atomic bomb, thermonuclear bomb, *physics package. see nuclear bomb

ABOMINABLE a. [uh BOM un uh bul] loathsome, nasty. The crossbow was an abominable invention. SYN. nasty, vile, loathsone, abhorrent, heinous, despicable, atrocious, hateful, execrable, awful, horrible, deplorable, repulsive, disgusting. ANT. admirable, nice, commendable.

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ABOLITION n. ending, annulment, moratorium, abrogation, repeal, elimination, eradication, termination, dissolution.

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abortion n. 1. miscarriage feticide, termination, aborticide, dilation and evacuation, expulsion, infanticide. "The direct murder of the innocent."—Pope Pius XI. "If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament."—Florynce R. Kennedy. 2. failure incompletion, defeat, disaster, blunder, monstrosity.

abortive a. unsuccessful, fruitless, futile, useless, vain, unproductive, ineffectual, failing. ANT. successful, fruitful, effective.

abound v. teem, overflow, flood, *be knee-deep in, jam with, pack with, be abundant with, proliferate, swell, swarm.

about adv. 1. encircling on every side, all around, enveloping, encompassing, surrounding. 2. approximately almost, nearly, close to, more or less, roughly. 3. referring to, concerning, in reference to, regarding, relative to, as respects, dealing with, touching on.


abroad a./adv. opened, broached, let out.

abroad a./adv. overseas, out of the country, away, traveling, touring. ANT. at home.

abrogate v. [AB roh gayt] to abolish or annul. The board decided to abrogate the old rule. SYN. abolish, cancel, repeal, annul, revoke, rescind, terminate, eliminate, quash, do away with, *scrub.

abrupt a. 1. sudden unexpected, surprising, unforeseen, swift, precipitate, unanticipated. 2. curt, abrupt, brusque, brief, curt, discourteous, rude. 3. steep, sheer, precipitous.

abscess n. swelling, fester, boil, pimple, carbuncle, ulcer, pustule.

abscission n. cutting, separation, removal. SEE OPERATION, SURGERY

abscond v. [ab SKOND] to flee secretly and go into hiding. His plan was to abscond with the smuggled goods as quickly as possible. SYN. flee, take flight, depart, withdraw, decamp, retreat, escape, go into hiding, *va-moose, *skedaddle, clear out, skip town, *make tracks, *scram, *fly the coop, *cut and run.

**absence** n. 1. **nonattendance** AWOL, nonattendance, truancy. 2. **lack** dearth, need, want, privation, void, vacuum. **ant.** 1. attendance, presence. 2. fulfillment, abundance.

**absent** a. 1. **away** elsewhere, gone, out, truant, AWOL, on leave, *playing hooky. 2. **preoccupied** absent-minded, *out to lunch, daydreaming, *off in space, *out of it. **ant.** 1. present, here, attending. 2. attentive, alert, on one’s toes.

**absentee** n. *no-show, truant, malingering.


**absently** adv. inattentively, absent-minded.

**absent without leave** a. AWOL, truant.

**absent-minded** a. inattentive, scatterbrained, *out to lunch, dreamy, oblivious, daydreaming, lost, forgetful, abstracted, preoccupied, absorbed, remote, *spacey, *head in the clouds, distract, lost in reverie, brooding, inattentively, absent-mindedly.

**absolute** a. 1. **total** utter, complete, perfect, pure, unadulterated, consummate, outright, entire, undiluted, unmitigated. 2. **definite** positive, unquestionable, certain, actual, exact, undeniable, unequivocal, indisputable.

3. **authoritarian** dictatorial, tyrannical, despotic, autocratic, totalitarian, iron-handed. **ant.** 1. incomplete, imperfect. 2. indefinite, questionable, uncertain. 3. democratic.

**absolutely** adv. 1. **totally** utterly, completely, perfectly, entirely. 2. **definitely** positively, unquestionably, certain, clearly, definitively, unambiguously, *no ifs, ands, or buts, *no two ways about it, surely, precisely, conclusively.

**absolution** n. forgiveness, remission, pardon, clearance, acquittal, amnesty.

**ABSOLVE** v. [ab ZOLV] to free from blame, guilt, or responsibility. **They have been absolved of their sins.** **syn.** acquit, exonerate, forgive, pardon, vindicate, remit, free, clear, exculpate, excuse. **ant.** charge, accuse, blame, condemn.

**absorb** v. 1. **drink up** suck, assimilate, blot, sop up, sponge, osmose, consume. 2. **engross** fascinate, interest, mesmerize, grip, rivet, enthral, spellbind, comprehend, assimilate, understand. **ant.** 1. spit out, spew, discharge, repel. 2. bore, confuse, tire.

**absorbed** a. 1. **assimilated** blotted, consumed, taken in, *sucked up. 2. **engrossed** interested, fascinated, riveted, mesmerized, captivated, spellbound, immersed, involved, focused, rapt. **ant.** bored, restless, unfocused.

**absorbent** a. bulbous, pervious, permeable, porous, spangle-like, retentive, *thirsty.

**absorbing** a. engrossing, arresting, entralling, riveting, spellbinding, fascinating, interesting, mesmerizing. **ant.** tedious, dull.

**absorption** n. 1. **assimilation** consumption, osmosis, retention, digestion, soaking up. 2. **engrossment** fascination, interest, captivation, riveting, enthrallment, spellbinding.

**ABSTAIN** v. [ub STANE] to voluntarily hold back, to refrain from, or go without. **Everyone is trying to abstain from smoking.** **syn.** refrain, desist, eschew, go without, forebear, *swear off, shun, spurn, *stay on the wagon, deny oneself. **ant.** indulge, imbibe.

**abstainer** n. teetotaler, *health nut, ascetic. *A weak person who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure."—Ambrose Bierce.

**ABSTEMIOUS** a. [ab STEEM ee us] eating and drinking in moderation, abstaining from drink, practicing restraint. Sylvester Graham of graham cracker fame was noted for his clean-living, abstemious lifestyle. **syn.** temperate, moderate, self-restraining, teetotaling, sober, abstinent, ascetic, self-denying.

**abstention** n. abstaining, abstinence, refraining.

**ABSTINENCE** n. [AB stub nunce] abstaining, voluntary self-denial, the swearing off of unhealthy food and drink. **Longevity and abstinence often go hand in hand.** **syn.** abstaining, self-restraint, teetotalism, sobriety, chastity, temperance, forbearing, self-denial, self-abnegation, asceticism, celibacy, moderation.


**ABSTRACT** a. [AB STRACT] not easily identified or defined, not based on the concrete, abstruse, theoretical, nonrepresentational. **His notions of the universe were wildly abstract and difficult to envision.** **syn.** nonrepresentational, theoretical, conceptual, abstruse, indefinite, incomprehensible, general, nonspecific, amorphous, symbolic, recon- dite. **ant.** specific, clear, concrete.

**abstract** n. 1. **condensation** brief, abridge, synopsis, summary. 2. **art** nonrepresentational art form, amorphous art form, geometrical art form. "A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."—Al Capp. see **art**

**abstract** v. 1. **take away** remove, extract, detach, separate. 2. **summarize** synopsis, abbreviate, condense, abridge.

**abstracted** a. lost in thought, lost in reverie, pre-occupied, daydreaming, brooding, absent-
abstraction - accelerate

minded, withdrawn, in a trance, *off in space, remote, inattentive, *out to lunch.

**abstraction** *n.* absent-mindedness, preoccupation, reverie, daydreaming, withdrawal, brooding, reflecting, mulling.

**ABSTRUSE** *a.* [ab STROOS] difficult to understand. Einstein's abstruse theories confound all but the brightest scholars. *syn.* recondite, deep, incomprehensible, complex, inscrutable, undecipherable, profound, unfathomable, *clear as mud, arcane, esoteric, cerebral.*

**absurd** *a.* ridiculous, ludicrous, laughable, silly, preposterous, foolish, outrageous, asinine, idiotic, loony, stupid, crazy, nonsense. *ant.* serious, weighty.

**absurdity** *n.* joke, foolishness, nonsense, idiocy, *bullshit, bunk, fiddle faddle, hogwash, piffle, rubbish, tripe, drivel, twaddle.

**abundance** *n.* lots, plenty, loads, piles, slew, hoard, *scads, tons, oodles, plethora, surplus, bounty, miser's hoard, profusion, wealth.*

**abundant** *a.* plentiful, bountiful, copious, profuse, abounding, more than enough, immeasurable, inexhaustible, teeming, overflowing. *ant.* scarce, scant, rare, sparse.

**abuse** *n.* 1. mistreatment maltreatment, ill-treatment, injury, harm, assault, cruelty, torment, brutality, molestation, exploitation, terrorizing, *stepping on, torturing, beating, thrashing, battery.* 2. insulting or harsh language belittlement, degradation, derision, depreciation, tongue-lashing, defamation, maligning, invective, criticism, upbraiding, dressing-down, ridicule, vilification, put-downs, verbal abuse. *ant.* 1. care, kindness.

**abuse** *v.* 1. mistreat maltreat, ill-treat, injure, exploit, harm, assault, disrespect, terrorize, molest, brutalize, manhandle, *step on, strong-arm, torture, beat, thrash, rape.* 2. verbal abuse or harsh language belittle, degrade, denigrate, deprecate, tongue-lash, defame, malign, criticize, upbraid, dress down, ridicule, vilify, put down, insult, *dis, dig, dump on, bad-mouth, trash.* *ant.* 1. coddle, respect, nurture, pamper, dote on. 2. sweet talk, flatter, compliment.

**abusive** *a.* 1. harmful injurious, cruel, brutal, hurtful, exploitive, dominating, ruthless, rough, disrespectful, physical, violent. 2. verbally abusive offensive, insulting, vile, nasty, denigrating, gross, obscene, disparaging, critical, ridiculing, maligning, upbraiding, cutting. *ant.* 1. helpful, kind, nurturing. 2. sweet, *honey-tongued, flattering.*

**abut** *v.* border on, lean on, adjoin, end on, conjoin, juxtapose.

**abutment** *n.* junction, juxtaposition, connection, conjunction.

**abutter** *n.* neighbor.

**abuzz** *v.* buzzing, chattering, babbling, busy, jumping, hopping, active, animated, spirited, asir, kinetic, restless, bustling. *ant.* silent, lifeless.

**abyss** *n.* depth, chasm, void, fissure, the deep, gulf, hole, bottomless pit.

**abyssal** *a.* 1. unfathomable immeasurable, deep, bottomless, vast, abyssal, immense. 2. disparagingly bad wretched, awful, pitiful, the lowest, depressing, miserable. *ant.* 1. finite, measurable. 2. impressive, commendable, favorable.

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**academic** *n.* academic, scholarly world, school, college, groves of academe, ivy halls, academic community. *see* college, education, university.

**academic** *a.* 1. scholarly scholastic, collegiate, university, professorial, studious, bookish, erudite, learned, cultured. 2. theoretical, hypothetical, conjectural, speculative, suppositional, immaterial, moot. *ant.* 1. real world, rough-and-tumble, practical. 2. accessible, understandable, meaningful. *see* college, school, teacher.

**academic** *n.* scholar, student, teacher, professor, pupil, educator, tutor, doctor.

**academics** *n.* studies, courses, school work.

**academy** *n.* 1. school private school, institute, institution, secondary school, prep school, finishing school. 2. association fellowship, institution, atheneum, club.

**Academy Award** *n.* Oscar.

a *capella* *a./adv.* choral, voices only, without instruments.

**ACCEDE** *v.* [ak SEED] to agree or consent to.

Peer pressure forced the last holdout to accede. *syn.* 1. consent agree, concede, submit to, give in, give assent, yield, acquiesce, *cave in.* 2. attain assume, enter upon, inherit.

**accelerant** *n.* catalyst.

**accelerate** *v.* speed up, race, hasten, step up, *put the pedal to the metal, floor it, gun it, squeal out, burn rubber, red line, peel
out. **ant.** decelerate, slow down, wind down, brake, stop.

**acceleration** *n.* speeding up, increasing velocity, *stepping on it, quickening. **ant.** decelerating, slowing, braking.

**accelerator** *n.* throttle, gas pedal.

**accent** *n.* 1. **emphasis** stress, significance. 2. **emphasis of pronunciation** stress, accentuation, delivery, attack, inflection, articulation, enunciation, rhythm, tone. 3. **regional speaking manner** brogue, burr, drawl, twang, dialect. 4. **embellishment ornament** dressing, touch.

**accentuate** v. accentuate, highlight, underscore, underline, spotlight, emphasize, point up, punctuate. **ant.** downplay, ignore, hide.

**accept** v. 1. **take** receive, get, welcome, acquire, obtain. 2. **submit to** allow, tolerate, take in stride, endure, capitalize, stand for. 3. **believe in** adopt, acknowledge, agree, concur, confirm, *swallow, *buy, recognize, affirm, *take as gospel. **ant.** reject, give, refuse. 2. reject, refuse, oppose. 3. disbelieve, reject.

**acceptable** a. adequate, good enough, worthy, satisfactory, suitable, respectable, fair, passable, tolerable, okay, *up to snuff, *passes muster. **ant.** unacceptable, subpar, objectionable, poor.

**acceptance** *n.* acknowledgement, approval, adoption, assent, recognition, agreement, *the okay, *the green light, *the go-ahead. **ant.** rejection, refusal, disagreement.

**accepted** a. 1. **received** taken, acquired, welcomed. 2. **agreed upon** acknowledged, approved, recognized, endorsed, believed in, affirmed, sanctioned, upheld, authorized, accredited, conventional, normal, standard. **ant.** 2. rejected, refused, unconventional.

**access** *n.* entry, entree, admission, passage, pathway, approach, ingress, admittance, doorway. **see entrance**

**accessible** a. 1. **reachable** attainable, available, at hand, handy, approachable. 2. **friendly and open** approachable, available, obliging, familiar, sociable, genial, gracious, *having an open door policy. 3. **easy to understand** comprehensible, simple, lucid, uncomplicated, unsophisticated. **ant.** 1. unobtainable, out of reach, unavailable. 2. closed, unfriendly, unapproachable. 3. abstruse, cerebral, complex, difficult.

**accession** *n.* succession, assumption, inauguration, attaining, assuming office, ascending the throne, coming to power.

**accessorize** v. supplement, add on, ornament, adorn, attach, equip, trim, accent.

**accessory** *n.* 1. **extra** add-on, attachment, adornment, peripheral, accent, supplement, trimming, equipment, gear, appendage, trapping. 2. **accomplice** confederate, confidante, cohort, associate, *partner in crime, co-conspirator, helper, assistant.**


**accidental** a. chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, random, freak, unforeseen, unintentional, haphazard, unwitting, *fluke, inadvertent, unprepared, unplanned. **ant.** planned, intended, premeditated.

**accidentally** a. fortuitously, randomly, unwittingly, haphazardly, by chance, unintentionally, by some fluke. **ant.** intentionally, planned, by design.


**acclaim** *n.* applause, acclamation, ovation, cheers, praise, bravos, kudos, approval, adulation, honor, plaudits. **ant.** boos, hisses, jeers, heckles, catcalls, *razzing, *Bronx cheers.

**acclaim** v. applaud, cheer, approve, *give thumbs up to, extol, praise, *sing the praises of, laud, hail, shout, Bravo. **ant.** *razz, *give a Bronx cheer, boo, hiss, reject, disapprove.

**acclaimed** a. applauded, cheered, praised, approved, extolled, hailed, lauded. **ant.** rejected, jeered, booed, *razzed.

**acclamation** *n.* applause, ovation, cheers, whistles, plaudits, bravos. **see acclaim**

**ACCLIMATE** v. [ACK luh mate] to adapt, adjust, or accustom (oneself) to a different environment or situation. **Lowlanders have a difficult time acclimating themselves to the thinner air supply found at high altitudes.** SYN. accustom, adapt, adjust, habituate, get used to, inure, naturalize, familiarize, fit in, condition, harden.

**acclimatize** v. **see acclimate**
ACCOLADE n. [AK uh LADE] an award or honor. *The dance troupe is winning accolades from critics nationwide. syn. honor, recognition, tribute, praise, acclaim, applause, exaltation, kudos, credit, award, prize.

accommodate v. 1. OBLIGE aid, assist, help, perform a kindness, serve, furnish, do a favor, grant, indulge, lend a hand. 2. HOUSE lodge, quarter, put up, board, furnish a room, shelter, entertain, take in. 3. ADAPT custom, adjust, bend, conform, acclimate, reconcile, modify, fit, tailor.

accommodating a. obliging, helpful, pleasing, gracious, considerate, hospitable, benevolent, charitable, cooperative, sympathetic. ant. disobliging, unsympathetic, cold-hearted, ungracious.

accommodation n. 1. ASSISTANCE aid, favor, service, grant, kindness, nicety, courtesy, help. 2. LODGING room, quarters, housing, *digs, bed and breakfast, boarding, furnish, lodging, quarter, put up, board, furnish a room, shelter, entertain, take in. 3. ADAPTION adjustment, habituation, acclimatization, modification, change, fitting, conformation, reconciliation. ant. 1. rejection, turning away, hindrance. 3. maladjustment, rigidity.

accompanied a. escorted, paired, tended, chap-eroned, shown around, guarded, protected.

accompaniment n. backup, harmony, background, instrument, rhythm player, *sidekick.

accompany v. go with, escort, pair, tend, chap-erone, show around, protect, guide, usher, be one’s sidekick, *hang out with, consort, keep company, *shadow, *tag along, join.

ACCOMPLICE n. [uh COM pliss] one who accompanies or assists another in a wrongful act; a partner in crime. Machine Gun Willy and two accomplices robbed the bank. syn. associate, colleague, ally, cohort, collaborator, confederate, accessory, abettor, co-conspirator, henchman, partner in crime, right-hand man, consort, *gun moll. *One associated with another in crime, having guilty knowledge and complicity, as an attorney who defends a criminal, knowing him guilty.—Ambrose Bierce. see crime, criminal.

accomplish v. achieve, effect, bring to fruition, fulfill, complete, consummate, attain, bring about, perform, *pull it off, effectuate, produce, execute, score, realize, engineer, make happen, *cut the mustard, *nail it. ant. fail, fall short, *blow, *choke.


ACCORD n. [uh CORD] harmony, mutual understanding. They ended their hostilities and reached accord. syn. harmony, agreement, concurrence, concert, unison, unity, accordance, rapport, mutual understanding, concordance, *a meeting of the minds, consensus. ant. discord, friction, disagreement, dissonance.

accord v. 1. CONCEDE grant, bestow, accede, allow, give, acquiesce. 2. HARMONIZE agree, concur, correspond, match up, *see eye to eye, *sing from the same hymnal, jibe.

accordant a. in agreement, agreeing, congruous, harmonious, matching. ant. opposing, divergent.

accordingly adv. 1. FITTINGLY properly, correspondingly. 2. THEREFORE hence, consequently, thus, so, subsequently, whereupon, as a result.

according to prep. 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH in line with, 2. PER à la, as stated by, on the authority of, as reported by.

ACCORDING TO HOYLE Sl. according to the ultimate authority, according to the guy who wrote the rule book, an idiom derived from card game expert Edmond Hoyle. We are proceeding correctly, according to Hoyle. syn. according to rule, *by the book, *by the numbers, correct, indisputable, according to the highest authority, gospel.


ACCOST v. [uh COST] approach or greet aggressively. Sally was accosted by an ambitious salesman. syn. assail, greet, approach, *hit on, confront, assault, annoy, hail, intrude, address, call, buttonhole, solicit.

account n. 1. CHRONICLE explanation, report, story, description, narrative, statement, detailing, *blow-by-blow, *play-by-play, rundown, version. 2. FINANCIAL RECORD balance, ledger, books, credits and debits, com-
account v. 1. RECKON add up, calculate, balance the books. 2. ANSWER FOR explain, give a reason for, justify, rationalize. 3. CONSIDER hold, regard, deem, estimate, judge, believe, rate, view.

account of, on prep. because of, since, for the sake of, by virtue of.

account, on no prep. under no circumstances, for no reason, never.

accountability n. responsibility. See accountable

accountable a. responsible, liable, beholden, answerable, obligated, duty-bound, culpable, held to blame. Ant. excused, exempt, *let off the hook.

accountant n. bookkeeper, auditor, CPA, certified public accountant, controller, comptroller, bank examiner, clerk, *number cruncher, *bean counter, *pencil pusher, *desk jockey, actuary. See accounting, bank, money

accounting n. 1. RECORDING and INTERPRETING FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS bookkeeping, balancing the books, reckoning, crediting and debiting, auditing, computing, calculating, recording. 2. FINANCIAL STATEMENT account, balance sheet, ledger, spreadsheet, accrual, budget, invoice.

WORD FIND
account book: ledger, daybook, journal
annual accounting period: calendar year, fiscal year
cheating on records to hide profits: cooking the books
collection of assets after business closes: liquidation
computer program organizing financial data into rows and columns: spreadsheet
decreasing value of asset over time: depreciation
discrepancy corrections: reconciling
ease of converting assets to cash: liquidity
employee pay: payroll
enter a transaction: log
entry of earnings not yet received or of expenses not yet paid: accrual
examination of accounts: audit
examiner of accounts: auditor
expenses greater than income: negative cash flow
expenses less than income: positive cash flow
head accountant of business or government: controller, comptroller
increasing value of asset over time: appreciation
items and property of value: assets
losing money: in the red
making money or realizing net profit: in the black
money owed to creditors: accounts payable, liabilities, outstanding accounts
money to be received: accounts receivable
month by month budget: rolling budget
net profit or loss: bottom line
payout: disbursement
profit and loss statement: P & L
project income and expenses for the year: annualize
pure profit: net
record-keeping method having equal credit for each debit: double-entry accounting
records: books
revenues before costs are deducted: gross
state-licensed accountant: CPA, certified public accountant
total assets minus liabilities: net worth
uncollectable debt: write-off
value of assets beyond what is owed on them: equity
withdrawal of funds by business owner: draw

accoutre v. dress, equip, outfit, gear up.
accoutrement n. trappings, outfit, clothes, dress, equipment, gear, attire, habiliment.
accredit v. 1. AUTHORIZE certify, sanction, recognize, license, qualify, approve, legitimize, endorse, validate, warrant, vouch for. 2. ATTRIBUTE credit, ascribe, assign, charge.
accretion n. growth, accumulation, augmentation, addition, enlargement, expansion, increase. Ant. shrinkage, dispersement, scattering.
accrual n. growth, accumulation, amassing, increase.
accruere v. accumulate, add up, grow, amass, increase, collect, expand, pile up, compound.
acculturation n. naturalization, assimilation, nationalization, culture shock.
accumulate v. heap, collect, pile up, gather, accrete, expand, aggregate, stack up, grow, accrue, swell, amass, assemble. Ant. throw off, shed, stuck, disperse, scatter.
accumulation n. collection, heap, pile, gathering, accretion, assembly, aggregation, agglomeration, conglomerate, mass, growth, accrual, swelling, hoard, stockpile. Ant. dispersion, disbursement, shedding, scattering.
accuracy  n. precision, correctness, exactness, fidelity, factualness, veracity, truth, meticulousness, perfection. ant. inaccuracy, imprecision, slackness.

accurate  a. correct, precise, right, error-free, unerring, perfect, exact, actual, factual, *on the button, *on target, *on the money, *on the mark, flawless, veracious, faultless, meticulous, faithful. ant. incorrect, wrong, flawed, imperfect, inaccurate.

accurately  adv. correctly, precisely, rightly, perfectly, flawlessly, exactly, actually, factually, meticulously. ant. inaccurately, incorrectly, wrongly.

accursed  a. cursed, condemned, damned, ill-fated, doomed, bedeviled, hexed, ruined, undone, stricken, *done for. ant. blessed.

accusation  n. charge, *rap, blame, implication, indictment, insinuation, allegation, complaint, citation, smear, inculpation, recrimination.

accusatory  a. accusing, finger-pointing, blaming. ant. recriminatory.


accused  a. defendant, suspect, alleged perpetrator. see court, crime, law


accustom  v. familiarize, habituate, acquaint, adapt, get used to.

accustomed  a. 1. usual, customary, characteristic, conventional, established, familiar, fixed, set, everyday, general, routine, traditional. 2. used to habituated, familiarized, acclimated, acquainted with, naturalized, adapted, in the habit of, toughened, seasoned. ant. 1. unusual, uncharacteristic, unconventional. 2. unaccustomed to, unfamiliar with, unseasoned, green.


ace  v. hit it, nail it, score, execute, succeed, hit the bullseye, defeat, *smoke the competition. ant. *blow it, *choke, lose.

acedia  n. apathy, ennui, indifference, despair.

ace in the hole  n. hold out, card up one's sleeve, secret weapon, reserve.

acephalous  a. 1. headless. 2. leaderless.
mild antiseptic: boric acid
milk-derived: lactic acid
odoriferous corrosive poison used in explosives, antiseptics: phenol
protein-forming: amino acids
stomach acid: hydrochloric acid
urine-derived: uric acid
vinegar ingredient: acetic acid
vitamin C: ascorbic acid
white poison in insecticides: arsenic acid


acid a. 1. of taste sour, bitter, tart, astringent, harsh, sharp, biting, acerbic, vinegar. 2. ill-tempered or sharp-tongued sarcastic, caustic, *saber-tongued, venomous, nasty, cutting, vitriolic, biting, stinging, snide, sardonic, acerbic, scathing. ANT. 1. sweet, sugary, honey. 2. good-humored, sweet, kind, warm, flattering.

acidulous a. sour, tart, harsh, citric. See ACID

acknowledge v. 1. ADMIT recognize, own up to, accept, grant, concede, acquiesce, declare, profess. 2. THANK recompense, reward, repay, require. 3. RESPOND TO NOTICE, address, nod at, recognize, greet, salute, hail. ANT. 1. deny, refuse, refute. 3. ignore, overlook, pass over, snub.

acknowledgement n. 1. ADMISSION avowal, recognition, acceptance, granting, concession, acquiescence, declaration, profession, confession. 2. THANK YOU recompense, reward, repayment, remittance, expression of gratitude. 3. RESPONSE notice, address, nod, recognition, greeting, salute, hailing, bow, courtesy, reply. ANT. 1. denial, refusal, refutation. 3. ignoring, oversight, snub.

ACME n. [ACK me] the very highest; the peak. The award was the acme of his career. SYN. summit, pinnacle, peak, high point, zenith, crown, apex, top, apogee, greatest, best, supremacy. ANT. lowest, valley, pit, bottom.

acne n. pimples, *zits, blackheads, pustules, facial eruption, skin inflammation, blemishes, pockmarks, *pizza-face, rosacea.

acolyte n. altar boy, assistant, attendant, helper, aid.

acorn n. oak nut, fruit.

acoustic a. sound, sound properties, hearing, auditory, phonic, audio, aural.

acoustics n. sound qualities, echoes, noise properties, sound transmission, sound frequencies.

WORD FIND
absorbs all sound, produces no echoes: anechoic
boom produced by object moving faster than sound: sonic boom
harmonious sound: consonance
hearing tester: audiometer
high frequency sound above human hearing: ultrasound
inharmenous sound: dissonance
less than speed of sound: subsonic
lowest sound audible to ear: threshold frequency
noise made from blend of all audible frequencies: white noise
prolonged sound caused by vibration or reflection: resonance
quality of sound: timbre
rebounding sound wave: echo
speed of sound: sonic, 741 mph
unit of noise intensity level: decibel

acquaint v. 1. MAKE AWARE inform, advise, enlighten, familiarize, let know, notify, apprise, divulge, clue in. 2. MEET introduce, make conversant, familiarize.

acquaintance n. 1. ACQUIRED KNOWLEDGE familiarity, understanding, experience, awareness, conversation, enlightenment, cognizance. 2. ASSOCIATE colleague, neighbor, peer, co-worker. "A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to."—Ambrose Bierce. ANT. 1. ignorance, inexperience. 2. complete stranger.

acquainted a. 1. AWARE informed, advised, enlightened, familiarized, apprised of, familiar with, aware of, clued in, versed in. ANT. unaware, clueless.

ACQUIESCENCE v. [AK we ESS] to yield, give in, or assent without enthusiasm. The dictator acquiesced only after the Bush administration rattled its saber. SYN. consent, defer, yield, assent, comply, accede, accept, buckle under,
acquiescence • accepting

*cave in, give in, agree, capitulate, concur, abide by, come around, submit, *fall in line. **ant. resist, fight, challenge, rebuff, make a stand.

**acquiescence n. yielding, compliance, acceptance, consenting, *buckling under, capitulation, submission, concurring, *caving in, deferring, assenting, subervience, servility. **ant. resistance, making a stand, rebellion.


acquired immune deficiency syndrome n. AIDS, sexually transmitted disease (STD), HIV, see disease, medicine

**acquirement n. skill, ability, education, capability, knowledge, accomplishment.

**acquisition n. attainment, procurement, acquirement, securing, purchase, gain, takeover, gift, proceed, grant, obtaining.


**ACQUIT v. [uh KWIT] to release, free, or clear one from a responsibility or charge. Lizzie Borden was acquitted of murder charges against her father and stepmother, but a cloud of suspicion continues to hang over her name. SYN. 1. release, clear, free, excuse, exonerate, absolve, pardon, forgive, relieve, exempt, let off, exculpate. 2. behave con- duct, act, comport, bear.

**acquittal n. discharge, release, clearance, exoneration, pardon, reprieve, exculpation, absolution, liberation.

**acre n. 160 square rods, 43,560 square feet, 405 yard square, one-fiftieth of a square mile, 10 square chains, 4,840 square yards, 1,001.92 square meters.

**acreage n. parcel, plot, holding, land, real estate, property, expanse.

**ACRID a. [AK rid] sharp or bitter in taste or smell, or in one's speech. We opened the jar and immediately smelled something acrid. SYN. 1. taste or smell, bitter, sharp, irritating, harsh, pungent, sour, acid, acerbic, stinging, caustic, stinking, foul-smelling, biting. 2. speech sarcastic, sardonic, caustic, biting, acid, saber-tongued, venomous, cutting, snide. **ant. 1. sweet, mild. 2. sweet, flattening, good-humored.

**ACRIMONIOUS a. [AK ri MO nee us] bitter, nasty, spiteful. The divorcing couple survived an acrimonious session in court. SYN. bitter, biting, caustic, nasty, spiteful, sarcastic, sardonic, sharp, vitriolic, venomous, acerbic, snarling, snide. **ant. sweet, kind, civil.

**acrimony n. bitterness, nastiness, causticity, vitriol, spite, sarcasm, asperity, harshness. **ant. sweetness, civility, kindness.

**acrobat n. gymnast, tumbler, aerialist, tightrope walker, stuntman, stuntwoman, circus performer, trapeze artist, contortionist.

**acrobatics n. gymnastics, tumbling, somersaulting, flipping, balancing.

**acronym n. abbreviation.

**acrophobia n. fear of heights. **ant. phobia.

**acropolis n. high city, elevated city, citadel.
acting v. pretending bluffing, faking, feigning, putting up a false front, playing make-believe, posing, putting up a facade, affecting.

acting a. substituting surrogate, functioning, operating, alternate, temporary, deputy, interim, provisional, pro tem, adjutant. ant. permanent.

action n. 1. activity motion, movement, functioning, performance, working, energy, commotion. 2. act deed, move, effort, enterprise, exercise, exploit. "Deeds are better things than words are, Actions mightier than boastsings."—Longfellow. "Well done is better than well said."—Ben Franklin. 3. effect influence. 4. legal action lawsuit, suit, claim, case. 5. combat battle, hostilities, gunfire, enemy fire, fighting. 6. excitement movement, slam-bang entertainment.

activate v. start, begin, initiate, stimulate, spark, actuate, prompt, goad, prod, set in motion, ignite, impel, *flip the switch, energize, motivate, ant. stop, turn off, extinguish, paralyze.

active a. 1. busy moving, functioning, working, industrious, on the go, commotive, kinetic, stirring, astir, restless, bustling. 2. energetic lively, agile, quick, spry, vital, spirited, nimble, vigorous, sprightly, alert, frisky, animated. 3. participating functional, acting, operative. ant. 1. inactive, static, stationary. 2. dead, slow, tired, paralyzed. 3. inactive.

ACTIVISM n. [AKT uh vizm] taking direct action to bring about political or social change. Voting is activism in its simplest form. syn. involvement, action, acting, commitment, militancy, advocacy, picketing, striking, boycotting, taking responsibility, influencing, affecting change. ant. apathy, passivity, ignoring, indifference.


activity n. 1. action movement, commotion, motion, hustle, hustle. 2. liveliness energy, vivacity, vigor, alertness, briskness. 3. pastime pursuit, recreation, venture, game, hobby. ant. 1. inactivity, stillness, inertia. 2. sloth, tiredness, exhaustion.

act of God n. natural disaster, unforeseen event, accident, freak accident.

actor n. 1. doer perpetrator, participant, activist, executor, mover, agent, operative. 2. thespian performer, player, actress, star, character, entertainer, mimic, mime, movie idol, matinee idol, impersonator, artist, leading man, leading lady. "A musician who plays on a homemade instrument—himself."—Helen Hayes. see actress, movie, television, theater.
acute - adequately

acuity, smarts, sagacity, wisdom. **ANT. ignorance, dullness, stupidity, naivete.**

**acute** a. 1. **SHARP** pointed, needle-like. 2. **KEEN** sharp, shrewd, quick, smart, astute, perceptive, bright, discerning. 3. **SENSITIVE** receptive, responsive, perceptive. 4. **SEVERE** serious, critical, crucial, vital, important, grave, momentous, urgent, dangerous, intense. 5. **SHRILL** high, piercing. **ANT.** 1. dull, blunt. 2. dull, obtuse, slow, stupid. 3. **INSENSITIVE** imperceptive. 4. mild, unimportant, insignificant. 5. low, bass.

**A.D.** adv. **ANNO DOMINI,** in the year of the Lord.

**ADAGE** n. **[ADD ij]** an old saying illustrating some universal truth. "Charity begins at home" and "Honesty is the best policy" are popular adages. **SYN.** saying, proverb, aphorism, axiom, folk wisdom, motto, maxim, platitudes, precept, truism, cliche.

**ADAMANT** a. **[AD uh mant]** not giving in or yielding, stubborn. **LBJ** was adamant about not being typed as a Southerner, because that meant political handicaps. **SYN.** unyielding, unrelenting, stubborn, inflexible, unyielding, rigid, intractable, obdurate, immovable, firm, resolute, fixed, uncompromising, determined. **ANT.** flexible, yielding, acquiescing.

**adapt** v. adjust, modify, assimilate, conform, suit, reform, acculturate, fit, alter, change, accommodate, orient, bend, acclimate, attune, convert, harden, temper, habituate, evolve, reinvent, retrofit, *change one’s spots.

**adaptable** a. adjustable, modifiable, convertible, alterable, changeable, transformable, variable, flexible, pliable. **ANT.** invariable, rigid, unyielding.

**adaptation** n. adjustment, modification, alteration, change, transformation, variation, assimilation, conformation, accommodation, hardening, retrofit, tempering, acclimation, evolution, metamorphosis.

**adapter** n. connector, plug, fitting.

**adaptive** a. adjusting, modifying, altering, flexible, hearty, robust.

**add** v. 1. **ADD ON** affix, attach, append, tack on, adjoin, suffix, annex. 2. **INCREASE** augment, supplement, enlarge, lengthen, amplify, boost, raise, heighten, *beef up, build on. 3. **TOTAL** sum up, calculate, compute, figure, tally, reckon, enumerate, count. **ANT.** 1. **SUBTRACT** remove. 2. **SUBTRACT** decrease, reduce.

**addendum** n. addition, appendix, supplement, attachment, adjunct, codicil, extension, augmentation.


**addicted** a. hooked, dependent, devoted, attached, obsessed, disposed to, in the habit, *stuck on, zealous about, *nuts about.

**addiction** n. habit, dependency, *monkey, *monkey on one’s back, craving, enslavement, obsession, habituation, alcoholism.

**additive** a. habit-forming, enslaving, hooking.

**add insult to injury** v. aggravate, exacerbate, worsen, *add fuel to the fire, heighten, provoke.

**addition** n. 1. **TALLYING** summation, calculation, tabulation, reckoning, computation, counting. 2. **AUGMENTATION** addendum, add-on, attachment, extension, increase, supplement, adjunct, annex.

**additional** a. more, extra, added, supplementary, further, over and above, increased. **ANT.** fewer, scant, none.

**additive** n. agent, enhancing agent, preservative.


**add-on** n. supplement, accessory, peripheral, augmentation.

**address** n. 1. **SPEECH** oration, lecture, talk, salutation, letter. 2. **MAILING** ADDRESS R.F.D., route, street number, P.O. box, destination. 3. **LOCATION** residence, place, home, quarters, domicile.

**address** v. 1. **DIRECT** speak to, greet, approach, salute, acknowledge, write to. 2. **HANDLE** consider, deal with, confront, undertake, focus on, take up, engage in.

**adduce** v. cite, prove, provide, illustrate, point out, show, affirm, name.

**ADEPT** a. **[a DEPT]** highly skilled or proficient. *The project was finished quickly in her adept hands.* **SYN.** skilled, deft, adroit, expert, masterful, proficient, capable, practiced, dexterous, sharp, competent, *crack, *crackerjack, savvy, talented. **ANT.** unskilled, incompetent, fumbling, bumbling.

**adequacy** n. enough, sufficiency, capability, competence.

**adequate** a. sufficient, enough, suitable, acceptable, satisfactory, respectable, ample, tolerable, okay, admissible, not bad, fair, able. **ANT.** inadequate, unsatisfactory, intolerable, insufficient, lacking.

**adequately** adv. sufficiently, acceptably, satisfactorily, suitably, capably, amply. **ANT.** inadequately, insufficiently.
adhere v. 1. stick affix, cling, stay, attach, hold fast, cement, fasten, cleave, cohere. 2. stay with or be devoted to support, observe, follow, abide by, respect, maintain, practice, be attached, keep to, be faithful. ant. 1. separate, come unglued, repel. 2. stray, condemn, ignore, detract.

ADHERENT n. [ad HEER ent] a supporter or follower of a cause or belief. *The speaker has been an adherent of conservative politics for years.

ADJUDICATE [uh JOO di KATE] to judge and settle a case. A “kangaroo court” is a court in which a case is adjudicated dishonestly or incompetently. syn. judge, adjudge, determine, settle, sit in judgment, referee.

ADJUDICATION n. judgment, decision, determination, settlement.

ADJUNCT n. supplement, auxiliary, subordinate, addition, extra, associate, aid, assistant.

ADJURE v. command, charge, entreat, order, require, obligate.

ADJUST v. conform, fit, alter, change, accommodate, bend, suit, accustom, *doctor, adapt, modify, straighten, tune, fine-tune, *fiddle with, calibrate, square, rectify, tweak, service, balance.

ADJUSTABLE a. adaptable, alterable, pliable, conformable, accommodating, modifiable, changeable, serviceable, flexible, tractable.

ADJUSTMENT n. 1. CONFORMATION fitting, alteration, change, accommodation, adaptation, bending, retrofit, *doctoring, modification, calibration, tune up, sizing, rectification, squaring. 2. SETTLEMENT claim, liability, compensation, reimbursement, remuneration.

ADJUTANT n. assistant, aid, helper, administrative assistant, staff officer.

AD LIB n. improvisation, extemporization, invention, *offhand remark, impulse.

AD LIB v. improvise, extemporize, *wing it, *fake it, invent, *play it by ear, speak impromptu, speak off the top of one’s head, fabricate, vamp.

AD LIB a. [ADD LIB] improvised, unrehearsed. *The act was performed completely ad lib. syn. improvisational, unrehearsed, *off the cuff, *on the spur of the moment, extemporaneously, impulsively. ant. rehearsed, studied.

AD MAN n. copywriter, huckster, *BS artist.

ADMEASURE v. apportion.

ADMINISTRATOR n. 1. GOVERN manage, administrate, head, direct, oversee, officiate, superintend, supervise, conduct, regulate, rule, operate, control. 2. GIVE OUT dispense, mete out, deliver, apply, distribute, provide, give. 3. HELP serve, lend a hand.

ADMINISTRATION n. 1. GOVERNING overseeing, commanding, policy-making, application, execution, legislation, regulation, superintendence, supervision, management. 2. MANAGEMENT leadership, government, bureaucracy, bureau, cabinet, headquarters, governing body, executive branch, board, command, *front office, legislature, establishment, ministry, board of directors, department, *brass, *the powers that be. 3. DISPENSATION delivery, application, giving. 4. TERM OF POWER reign, dynasty, *run, incumbency, tenure.

ADMINISTRATOR n. manager, supervisor, superintendent, executive, executor, CEO (Chief Executive Officer).
executive officer), bureaucrat, official, director, overseer, governor, head, chair, leader, *paper shuffler.

**admirable** a. model, praiseworthy, enviable, excellent, honorable, respectable, commendable, wonderful, ideal, great, exceptional, revered, laudable, superior. **ANT.** despicable, low, rotten.

**admiral** n. commander. *That part of the warship which does the talking while the figurehead does the thinking.*—Ambrose Bierce. **SEE NAVAL OFFICER**

**admiration** n. esteem, adoration, reverence, approval, regard, idolizing, applause, awe, respect, veneration, glorification, fondness, *foot-kissing, worship.* A very short-lived passion, that immediately decays upon growing familiar with its object.*—Joseph Addison. *The daughter of ignorance.*—Benjamin Franklin. **ANT.** disgust, despising, loathing, disrespect.

**admire** v. regard, esteem, look up to, respect, revere, idolize, praise, worship, model after, honor, put on a pedestal, high. **ANT.** loathe, despise, look down on, disrespect.

**admirer** n. fan, devotee, follower, disciple, supporter.

**admissible** a. acceptable, permissible, allowed, passable, legitimate, legal, lawful, okay, tolerable, proper, suitable. **ANT.** inadmissible, illegal, intolerable.

**admission** n. 1. entrance entry, passage, access. 2. door charge cover charge, ticket, entrance fee, gate. 3. **acknowledgement or confession admitting, granting, profession, *owning up, *fessing up, revelation, affirmation, disclosure, divulgence, testimony, deposition. **ANT.** blockage, barring, impediment. 2. concealment, cover-up, secret, confidentiality.

**admit** v. 1. let in accept, let pass, grant access, check, grant, okay, permit, *give the nod to. 2. confess, acknowledge, concede, grant, *own up, *fess up, *come clean, reveal, disclose, divulge, confide, *sing, *spill the beans, *bare one's soul, testify. **ANT.** block, bar, refuse. 2. withhold, keep secret, hide, deny.

**admittance** n. entrance, entry, permission, pass, passage.

**admittedly** adv. confessedly, honestly, truthfully, frankly.

**admix** v. intermix, blend, combine, mingle.

**admixture** n. blend, combination, mixture, compound, melange.

**ADMONISH** v. *ad MON ish* to caution or advise, often scoldingly. *He was admonished for drinking and driving.* **SYN.** 1. caution warn, forewarn, advise, exhort. 2. reprove rebuke, berate, scold, *tell off, *come down on, *call on the carpet, *take to task, chastise, reproach. 3. remind apprise, inform, warn. **ANT.** 2. commend, compliment, reward.

**admonition** n. 1. caution warning, forewarning, advice, appraisal, counsel. 2. reproval scolding, *dressing down, *talking to, reproving, upbraiding, *slap on the wrist, reprimand, rebuke, reproach. **ANT.** 2. commendation, reward, compliment.

**AD NAUSEAM** adv. *AD NAUZ e um* to the point of illness or disgust. *He went on about his accomplishments ad nauseum.* **SYN.** to a sickening degree, to nauseating extremes, to the point of queasiness, too much, more than one can stomach.

**ado** n. trouble, fuss, excitement, running around, *to-do, bother, travail, hubbub, confusion.

**adobe** n. clay, brick.

**adolescence** n. puberty, pubescence, youth, teen years, *awkward years, minor, immaturity, junior high years, high school age.* A kind of emotional seasickness. Both are funny, but only in retrospect.*—Arthur Koestler.

**adolescent** n. teenager, teen, *teenybopper, youth, sophomore, junior, minor, youngster, *boybysuxer, *sweet sixteen, juvenile. One who has reached the age of dissent.*—Harold Leslie.


**adopt** v. 1. **take in another's child take under one's wing, take in, foster, surrogate, mother, father, raise. 2. select or take up choose, appropriate, employ, take, espouse, assume, take on, opt, use. 3. vote in select, approve, back, support, sanction, ratify. **ANT.** 1. orphan, disown, shun, 2. reject, shun, refuse.

**adorable** a. charming, cunning, cute, appealing, captivating, cuddly, lovely, loveable, sweet, precious, darling, irresistible, *huggable. **ANT.** gross, disgusting, repulsive, monstrous.

**adoration** n. love, praise, devotion, worship, veneration, affection, exaltation, reverence, hero worship, idolization, adulation, admiration, infatuation. **ANT.** revulsion, repulsion, despising, disgust.

**adore** v. admire, love, worship, hero-worship, idolize, respect, venerate, honor, look up to, praise, revere, glorify, esteem, *carry a torch for, be taken with, deify, *put on a pedestal, *dig, *groove on, adulate, cherish. **ANT.** loathe, disrespect, despise, *spit on.
adorn v. ornament, don, bedeck, dress, decorate, embellish, beautify, trim, festoon, garnish, spruce up, emblazon.

adornment n. ornament, decoration, dressing, embellishment, bauble, trinket, trimming, spangle, garnish, trapping, frills, finery, frangipany, doodad.

adrenalin n. epinephrine, stress hormone, "fight or flight hormone.

adroit a. drift ing, free-floating, directionless, wandering, unanchored, at the wind's will, astray, aimless, afloat, derelict, loose. ANT. anchored, grounded, stable.

ADROIT a. [uh DROYT] mentally or physically skilled. Donatello was an adroit sculptor. SYN. skillful, deft, dexterous, expert, clever, nimble, practiced, proficient, nimble, astute. ANT. maladroit, bumbling, fumbling, "dumb.

adulate v. flatter, "apple polish, gush, admire, praise, worship, "kiss feet, "brown-nose, fawn, "fall all over. ANT. disrespect, ignore, insult.

adulation n. flattery, "feet-kissing, "apple-polishing, "brown-nosing, worshipping, fawning, exaltation, sycophancy, blarney, toadyism, blandishment, slavishness, adoration.


ADULTERATE v. [uh DULL tuh RATE] to make impure, to spoil or contaminate. The once pristine waters off Alaska have been adulterated with spilled oil. SYN. spoil, debase, corrupt, defile, contaminate, ruin, devalue, poison, denature, pollute, degrade, taint, water down, depreciate. ANT. purify, concentrate.

adulterer n. adulteress, "cheat, philanderer, fornicator, "Casanova, "skirt-chaser, "wolf, "womanizer.

adultery n. infidelity, unfaithfulness, sex, "sleeping around, promiscuity, affair, fornication, "cheating, "stepping out, "swinging, "fooling around, "playing around, "hanky-panky. "The application of democracy to love."—H.L. Mencken.

advance n. 1. FORWARD MOVEMENT progression, progress, headway. 2. PROGRESSION progress, improvement, innovation, breakthrough, development, discovery. 3. Flirtation, overturer, "move, offer, proposal, invitation. 4. Payment loan, wages, prepayment, front, retainer, deposit.

advance v. 1. BRING FORWARD progress, move ahead, propel, push, come, go, make headway, proceed, forge ahead, continue, gain ground, promote. 2. ASCEND IN RANK promote, step up, "climb up the corporate ladder, move up. 3. HELP hasten, quicken, aid, assist, further, forward, facilitate, back. 4. PROPOSE suggest, put forward, submit, proffer, recommend. 5. PREPAY deposit, retain, loan, front. ANT. 1. stop, reverse, go back. 2. demote, step down. 3. impede, detract, block.

advanced a. 1. AHEAD, SUPERIOR forward, beyond, higher, cutting edge, leading edge, progressive, ahead of the times, liberal, avant-garde, precocious, "light years ahead, developed. 2. GETTING ON IN YEARS aged, venerable, seasoned, experienced. SEE OLD ANT. 1. behind, backwards, slow, obsolete. 2. young, green.

advance man n. publicist, press agent.

advancement n. 1. PROMOTION move up, graduation, rise. 2. PROGRESS breakthrough, innovation, development.

advantage n. 1. SUPERIORITY edge, "leg up, "upper hand, head start, help, assistance, aid, favor, leverage, "ace in the hole, odds. 2. BENEFIT gain, profit, blessing, boon, asset. ANT. 1. disadvantage, liability, handicap, weakness.

advantage, take v. use, impose upon, "step on.

advantageous a. favorable, opportune, profitable, beneficial, auspicious, expedient, propitious, fortunate, for the best. ANT. unfavorable, inopportune, harmful.

advection n. transference.

ADVENT n. [ADD vent] the coming or arrival of. The advent of television in the 1920s was met with skepticism, even by its inventor. SYN. 1. COMING arrival, appearance, forthcoming, onset, beginning. 2. THE COMING OF CHRIST Second Coming, Incarnation. ANT. end, demise, death. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION

adventure n. thrill-seeking, venture, escapade, expedition, quest, enterprise, geste, dare, risk, danger, hazard, peril, exploration, outing, exploit, undertaking, mission, safari, trek, hunt, odyssey, voyage, "armchair adventure, "cliffhanger. "Something you seek for pleasure, or even for profit, like a gold rush or invading a country... the thing you will to occur."—Katherine Anne Porter.

adventurer n. 1. THRILL-SEEKER explorer, soldier of fortune, hero, heroine, risk-taker, "hired

2. speculator gold-digger, investor, opportunist, fortune hunter, gambler, entrepreneur, "wide-eyed dreamer. ANT. 1. homebody, stick-in-the-mud, "killjoy, milquetoast, Nervous Nellie.

adventuresome a. venturesome, risk-taking, thrill-seeking, adventurous, daring, foolhardy, opportunist, bold, enterprising. ANT. cautious, prudent.

adverb n. modifier.

ADVERSARY n. [ADD ver ser ee] an opponent or enemy. The two adversaries squared off in the ring. SYN. opponent, enemy, foe, rival, protagonist, contestant, antagonist, competitor. ANT. friend, partner, ally.

ADVERSE a. [ad VURS] unfavorable or harmful. The game was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions. SYN. unfavorable, harmful, bad, negative, unpropitious, opposing, unfortunate, hostile, injurious, conflicting, detrimental. ANT. favorable, positive, propitious, beneficial.

ADVERSITY n. [ad VUR sit ee] hardship, unfavorable conditions. He overcame great adversity to succeed in his profession. SYN. hardship, misfortune, trouble, ill-fortune, bad luck, calamity, difficulty, distress, suffering, setbacks, disaster, hard times. ANT. good fortune, ease.

advertise v. publicize, promote, sell, pitch, plug, ballyhoo, hype, tout, push, puff, herald, proclaim, publish, broadcast.


advertising n. promotion, publicity, pitching, ballyhoo, selling, heralding, puffery, touting, drumming up, hyping, pushing, proclaiming. "The science of arresting the human intelligence long enough to get money from it."—Stephen Leacock. "The art of making whole lies out of half truths."—Edgar Shaff. SEE RADIO, TELEVISION

advice n. counsel, tip, direction, opinion, word to the wise, schooling, guidance, admonition, recommendation, suggestion, hint. "Like snow; the softer it falls, the longer it dwells upon, and the deeper it sinks into, the mind."—Coleridge. "Always a confession."—Emile Herzog.

addresses of potential customers: mailing list
ad run in selected locale: spot ad
aggressive style of selling: hard sell
ambitious presentation: dog and pony show
award for radio and TV advertising excellence: Clio
catchy phrase or lyric: hook, jingle, slogan
consumer group serving as guinea pigs: test market
editorial-like newspaper ad: advertorial
dishonest touting of high-priced item after advertising low-priced item: bait and switch
expansion of ad campaign beyond test market: rollout
free item, inducement to buy: premium
good word in: plug
graphic design, art head: art director
hand-distributed ad: handbill
hidden "buy" messages in advertising: subliminal advertising
hinged ad boards worn over shoulders: sandwich board
hyperbole: hype, puffery, ballyhoo
illustrated ad in paper or magazine: display ad
mail advertising: direct mail
multimedia sales effort: campaign
New York cluster of large ad agencies: Madison Avenue
plant in audiences to help sell: shill
pre-ad that arouses interest in upcoming product: teaser
posting ads on public structures without permission: sniping
presentation: pitch
print publicity: ink
promotional material given to media: press kit
public relations: PR
recommendation, affirmation of product's quality by consumer: testimonial
royalty paid to performer each time ad runs: residual
telephone advertising: telemarketing
trademark design: logo
writer of ads: copywriter

WORD FIND

accounts, handles advertising: account executive
ad company: agency
advise v. 1. COUNSEL recommend, tip, direct, guide, admonish, suggest, hint, give a word to the wise, exhort, point out, forewarn, advocate. 2. NOTIFY inform, let know, educate, fill in, clue in.

advisement n. consideration.

advisory n. report, warning, notice, forewarning, caution.

ADVOCATE n. [ADD vuh ket] one who speaks for or supports a cause or another person. The senator was an advocate for senior citizens’ welfare. SYN. supporter, proponent, pleader, defender, abettor, espouser, champion, activist, propagator, backer, ally, activist, lawyer. ANT. detractor, opponent, critic.

ADVOCATE v. [ADD vuh kat] To support a cause or a person. She advocates equal rights for all.

aerial a. 1. AIRBORNE airy, atmospheric, by air, by aircraft, skyward, heavenward, aloft, up, up and away, supernal. 2. UNREAL imaginary, ethereal, intangible, fanciful, visionary.

ant. 1. grounded, on land. 2. down-to-earth.

aerie n. [AIR ee] nest, perch, lookout, home.


aeronautics n. aircraft design, aircraft construction, aircraft navigation.

aesthete n. dilettante, connoisseur, art lover.

AESTHETIC a. [es THET ik] pertaining to beauty and that which is pleasing to the eye. Mark made an aesthetic appraisal of the architecture. SYN. beauty, beautiful, artistic, pleasing to the eye, gorgeous. ANT. ugly, unattractive.

AFFABLE a. [AF uh BUL] easy going and nice to talk to. She was an affable woman who fit in well with any social group. SYN. friendly, easy-going, nice, amiable, sociable, good-natured, warm, approachable, *chummy, *buddy-buddy, congenial, benign. ANT. cold, stand-offish, nasty.

affair n. 1. MATTER happening, activity, doing, business, thing, operation, concern, occurrence, event, incident. 2. SOCIAL FUNCTION *to-do, gala, black-tie affair, function, party, dinner, celebration, get-together, soirée.

affection n. love, warmth, tenderness, friendship, feeling, devotion, *soft spot, solicitude, fondness, regard, attachment, close feelings. ANT. hatred, loathing, disgust, coldness.


AFFIDAVIT n. [al uh DAY vit] a written statement made under oath. His statements to the media contradicted his affidavit. SYN. sworn statement, testimony, written testimony, sworn report, declaration, deposition.

affiliate n. member, associate, relation, ally, fellow, peer, brother, sister, counterpart, subsidiary, subdivision, branch, part.

affiliate v. associate, connect, network, join, unite, incorporate, connect, band, *team up with. ANT. disband, break up, scatter.
affiliation n. association, connection, alliance, network, membership, relationship, union, incorporation, partnership.

AFFINITY n. [uh FIN uh tee] attraction, liking. Also, a close relationship or similarity between things. *Children have a natural affinity for junk food. There was a peculiar affinity between Adolph Hitler and Eva Braun.* 

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION n. a policy which attempts to prevent discrimination of minorities, as in employment, through hiring quotas or other means. *Affirmative action has opened the employment door for many African Americans.* 

AFFLUENT a. [AFF luhunt] wealthy, opulent. *The affluent residents of Beverly Hills are rich in material belongings.* 

AFFRONTE v. [uh FRUNT] to insult or offend. He was sorely affronted. *Syn. insult, offend, injure, hurt, irritate, annoy, gall, rile, displease, provoke, pique, slight.* 


Africander n. black, African american, negro, black american. 

Africander adj. black, African american, negro, black american. 

Africander n. black, African american, negro, black american. 

afterbirth n. placenta, membranes.

afterlife n. heaven, hereafter, eternity, bliss, *the great beyond, immortality.* *See Heaven*
aftermath n. consequence, aftereffect, result, outcome, effect, fallout, repercussions. *ripples, wake, by-product.

again adv. once more, repeatedly, anew.

against prep. opposite to, contrary to.

agape a./adv. 1. open gaping, wide open. 2. state of amazement dumbstruck, flabbergasted, astonished, saucer-eyed, googgle-eyed, bug-eyed, wonderstruck.

age n. 1. period of time generation, duration, lifetime, era, epoch, period, century, millennium, cycle, span. 2. stage season, phase, point, year, maturity, majority, minority, adulthood, declining years, youth, adolescence, infancy, middle age. “It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are.”—Unknown. “[Something that] doesn’t matter unless you’re a cheese.”—Billie Burke.

SEE TIME

age v. mature, ripen, develop, grow older, season, weather, mellow, slow down, waste away. “To take in sail.”—Emerson. SEE OLD, OLD AGE, OLD-FACED

aged a. elderly, old, venerable, advanced, matured, past one’s prime, vintage, seasoned, weathered, ripened, ageless, “long in the tooth,” “one foot in the grave, old as Methuselah, worn, decrepit, decayed, deteriorated.

ant. fresh, green, unseasoned. SEE ANTIQUE, OLD, OLD-FACED

ageless a. eternal, infinite, perpetual, timeless.

agency n. 1. organization department, office, bureau, company, corporation, firm, concern, operation. 2. power auspices, action, operation, means, influence, work, activity, medium.

AGENDA n. [uh JEN da] a list of things to be done. What’s on your agenda today? syn. schedule, list, program, itinerary, calendar, docket, planning, lineup.

agent n. 1. doer actor, executor, functionary, mover. 2. representative assignee, delegate, deputy, advocate, proxy, middleman, broker, go-between, proctor, salesman, envoy, handler. 3. force power, instrument, cause, mechanism, means.

AGENT PROVOCATEUR n. [a zahn pro vok uh TUR] an agitator or instigator; one who tries to provoke others into action and get them in trouble. syn. agitator, instigator, goad, troublemaker, rabble-rouser, spark, incendiary. ANT: peacemaker.

agglomeration n. heap, jumble, mass, pile, gathering, collection, cluster.

agglutinate v. join, attach, adhere, glue, stick.
agility n. nimbleness, quickness, keenness, sharpness, light-footedness, dexterity, sprightliness, suppleness, liveliness, adroitness. ant. clumsiness, slowness, awkwardness.

aging n. maturing, growing, seasoning, senescence, declining, mellowing, getting old, wearing out, wilting. see age

agitare v. 1. shake or mix stir, move, churn, make turbulent, bounce, disturb, toss. 2. disturbance emotionally shake up, stir, arouse, inflame, ignite, wind up, jolt, fluster, excite, incite. ant. 2. becalm, quiet, pacify.

agitation n. 1. shaking or mixing stirring, churning, turbulence, bouncing, disturbance, tossing, turning. 2. emotional disturbance arousal, excitement, inflammation, stirring, jolt, turmoil, upheaval, commotion, provocation, rabblerousing. ant. 2. becalming, quieting, pacifying.

agitator n. rabble-rouser, firebrand, *mover and shaker, rebel, provocateur, incendiary, anarchist, inciter, troublemaker, instigator, spark.

aglow a. radiant, shining. ant. dull, pale.

agnate a. akin. see related

agnomen n. see nickname

AGNOSTIC n. [ag NOS tik] one who believes that it is impossible to know whether or not God exists. Agnostics believe nothing beyond the material world can be known by the human mind. syn. disbeliever, free-thinker, skeptic, cynic, doubter, doubting Thomas, philosopher, thinker, atheist. "One who doesn't know whether God exists, but is afraid to say so loudly in case God might hear him."—Eugene Brussell. ant. believer, faithful one. see religion, atheist

agnosticism n. freethinking, disbelief, faithlessness, doubting, closed-mindedness, skepticism, atheism. "Simply means that a man shall not say he knows or believes that for which he has no grounds for professing to believe."—Thomas Huxley. ant. faith, belief, devoutness. see religion

agog a. eager, excited, anxious, enthusiastic, expectant. ant. apathetic, indifferent

agonize v. suffer, bleed, struggle, worry, fret, torture oneself, stew, lose sleep over, brood over, *sweat bullets, writhe, stay awake nights, grapple.

agony n. suffering, pain, torture, distress, torment, misery, struggle, affliction, sorrow, discomfort, dolor. ant. bliss, euphoria, pleasure.

agrarian a. agricultural, pastoral, rural, rustic. ant. urban, citified. see agriculture, farm, farming

agree v. concur, accord, accede, be of one mind, come to terms, consent, grant, fall in line, side with, *see eye to eye, *square with, harmonize, correspond, coincide, jibe. ant. disagree, differ, oppose.

agreeable a. 1. consenting conforming, complying, amenable, in accord, accepting. 2. pleasing acceptable, good, likable, to one's liking, unobjectionable, appealing, felicitous, pleasant. ant. 1. dissenting. 2. disagreeable, unacceptable.

agreement n. 1. written or oral contract understanding, contract, bargain, deal, covenant, pact, arrangement. 2. harmony, accord conformity, compromise, correspondence, accordance, consensus, accession, understanding, compatibility, uniformity, *meeting of the minds.

agriculture n. farming, crop-raising, husbandry, cultivation, agronomy, agribusiness. see farm, farming

aground a. ashore, beached, stuck fast, stranded.

ahead a. in front, foremost, before, forward, advanced, leading, fronting, preceding, outdistancing. ant. behind, rearward, back.

aid n. assistance, help, service, support, benefit, helping hand, contribution, benevolence, kindness, welfare.

aid v. assist, help, serve, support, benefit, contribute, pitch in, lend a hand, oblige, abet.

aide n. assistant, adjutant, *right-hand man, aide-de-camp.
aide-de-camp n. assistant, officer, secretary, *right-hand man, aide.

AIDS n. acquired immune deficiency syndrome, disease, disorder, immunological disorder, immune failure, sickness, illness, sexually transmitted disease. STD. see medicine, disease

WORD FIND

virus causing: HIV, human immunodeficiency virus; HTLV, human T-cell lymphocytotropic virus

ail v. trouble, pain, distress, bother, upset, afflict, hurt.
ailing a. ill, aching, afflicted. see sick

ailment n. illness, malady, affliction. see sickness

aim n. intention, target, goal, object, purpose.

aim v. 1. point direct, draw a bead on, level, train, zero in on, measure, eye. 2. direct one's efforts shoot for, go for, try for, plan, intend, aspire.
aimless a. purposeless, pointless, drifting, stray-
ing, wandering, desultory, haphazard. AN: focused, directed.

desultory

aim - Air Force

air n. 1. gas, atmosphere, oxygen, nitrogen, ozone, sky, aerospace. 2. bearing manner, attitude, deportment, appearance, aura. 3. affectation pose, posture, pretense, manner, haughtiness. See atmosphere, wind

deporment

air v. 1. aerate ventilate, let out, expose, dry, cool, freshen. 2. announce publicly publicize, confess, profess. 3. broadcast transmit, televise.

airborne a. aloft, in flight, flying, in the clouds, *in the wild blue yonder. AN: grounded.

air conditioner n. AC, air, cooler, fan, blower.

aircraft n. airplane, jet, balloon, helicopter, dirigible, blimp, lighter-than-air craft, airship, airliner, zeppelin, *chopper, *egg beater, flying machine, *whirlibird, flying saucer, UFO, ultralight, Learjet, Cessna Citation, Rockwell Sabreliner, Grumman Gulfstream, Concorde, SST, Airbus, Boeing 707-757, Douglas DC-10. See Air Force, Airport, Balloon, Typical, Satellite, Spaceship

WORD FIND

air hole causing sudden drop: air pocket
air traffic jam: stack
air washed behind: backwash, prop wash, slipstream
altitude measuring device: altimeter
approach to airport: approach, glidepath
automatic flying system: autopilot
boom after exceeding speed of sound: sonic boom
broadside wind hazard: crosswind
cargo, baggage, and passengers: payload
climbing stunt turn of 180 degrees: chande-
delle
cockpit: cabin
course: flight path
cover over motor: cowling
crash-land in water: ditch
dangerous wind condition: wind shear
detected landing gear and flaps: flying clean
distance required for safe landing: rollout
disturbed air: turbulence
double-winged craft: biplane
drive on ground: taxi
exhaust trail in sky: contrail
falling out of sky due to low air speed: stall
faster than speed of sound: supersonic, hy-
personic
flap that slows aircraft or increases rate of
descent: spoiler
flashing white lights on wingtips: strobes
flight data recorder: black box
fluid-based controls: hydraulics
green identification light on right side: star-
board light
high-speed wind stream: jet stream
ice accumulation: icing
international flight route: corridor
late-night flight: redeye
light, single-seat aircraft: ultralight
long body portion: fuselage
loss of engine combustion during flight:
flameout
lowest possible speed before stalling: criti-
cal speed
maximum altitude according to weather
conditions: ceiling
motorless plane: glider
navigation computer system: inertial navi-
gation system, loran
noz forced up or down by wind: pitching
opposing wind during flight: headwind
oxygen deprivation over 12,500 feet: hyp-
oxia
perfect landing: three-point landing
physics behind flight: aerodynamics
pitch and roll display: artificial horizon
radio landing aid: microwave landing system
raise air pressure: pressurize
rapid, uncontrolled descent: dive, spin
red light on left side of craft: port light
roll and yaw caused by wind gust: Dutch roll
rollover stunt: barrel roll
sideways motion caused by wind: crabbing
speedometer: air speed indicator
stunt flying exhibition: barnstorming
tail flap controlling up and down move-
ment of craft: elevator
tail flap that turns craft: rudder
triangular wing: delta wing
turn: bank
UFO: bogey
unmanned, radio-controlled craft: drone
vertical stabilizer at tail: fin
workshop, shelter: hangar

Air Force n. air defense, air power, strategic air
command; A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, A-7
Corsair, A-10 Thunderbolt, AC-130 Herce-
ules, B-52 Stratofortress, C-5A Galaxy, C-141
Starlifter, F-4 Phantom, F-14 Tomcat, F-15
Eagle, F-16 air combat fighter, F-101 Voo-
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er, B-2 Stealth Bomber, F-117A Stealth
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**airhead**

n. Idiot, dolt. See moron

**airplane**

n. Airfield, airstrip, jetport, air base, aerodrome, landing strip, runway. See aircraft, air force, dirigible

**airport**

n. Airfield, airstrip, jetport, air base, aerodrome, landing strip, runway. See aircraft, air force, dirigible

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tross that brought bad luck after it was shot and hung around the Mariner’s neck in “The Rime of the Ancient Mariner.” Water- gate was Richard Nixon’s albatross. SYN. burden, disgrace, cross to bear, millstone, mis- ery, woe, load.

albeit conj. even though, although.

album n. anthology, folder, scrapbook, notebook, miscellany.

alchemist n. pseudo scientist, magician.

ALCHEMY n. [AL kem ee] the medieval pseudo sciences involving the transmutation of ordinary metal into gold, the search for a cure-all medicine and an elixir to increase lifespan. Any seemingly magical process. The investors quickly bailed out when they learned the company was something on par with alchemy. SYN. pseudo science, pseudo chemistry, magic, transmutation, sorcery, wizardry, black magic, black arts, witchcraft.


alcoholic a. fermented, intoxicating, spirituous, distilled, inebriative, hard. ANT. non-alcoholic, soft.

alcoholism n. alcohol dependence, addiction, problem drinking, drunkenness, alcohol habit, substance abuse.

alcove n. recess, nook, niche, bower, bay.

ale n. beer, lager, stout.

alert a. on guard, watchful, ready, vigilant, on one’s toes, keen, wide-awake, wary, attentive, *on the ball, “with it, sharp, active, lively. ANT. asleep, “out to lunch, comatose.

alert n. alarm, signal, warning, tocsin.

alert v. warn, signal, inform, notify.

alfresco a. outdoors, in fresh air.

algebra n. math, mathematics, equations, arithmetic. SEE mathematics

alias n. a.k.a. (also known as), assumed name. SEE pen name

alibi n. explanation, defense, plea, excuse, *cover story, pretext.

alien a. 1. FOREIGN strange, odd, unfamiliar, exotic, outlandish. ANT. ordinary, familiar.

alien n. 1. FOREIGNER immigrant, illegal alien, outsider, refugee, stranger, noncitizen. 2. extraterrestrial. spaceman, space creature, *little green man, otherworldly creature. ANT. native, citizen, local.

ALIENATE v. [AY lee uh NAYT] to estrange; to cause another to withdraw; to turn one off. His crude fat jokes would always alienate the overweight people in the audience. SYN. estrange, distance, separate, come between, *turn off, turn away, disengage, shut out, ignore. ANT. unite.

alienation n. estrangement, distance, remoteness, withdrawal, disaffection, separation, dissociation, isolation.

alight v. settle, land, light.

align v. true, aline, line up, level, make flush.

alignment n. positioning, straightening, lining up, adjustment, evening, sighting, calibration, fine-tuning.

alike a. like, similar, identical, comparable, kindred, corresponding, mirror images. ANT. unlike, disparate, contrasting.


alive a. 1. LIVING vital, animate, existing, *alive and kicking, organic. 2. LIVELY alert, vigorous, vivacious, animated, spirited, bubbly, energetic, vibrant, bustling. ANT. 1. dead, inanimate, nonfunctioning. 2. sluggish, lethargic, slothlike.

all n. total, totality, whole, entirety, everything, *bag and baggage.

all a. whole, entire, complete, every, each, each and every. ANT. some, none, incomplete.

all-around a. versatile, multifaceted, complete, diverse, inclusive, comprehensive. ANT. exclusive, incomplete.

allay v. [uh LAY] to quiet, lessen, or relieve. The babysitter hoped a bedtime story would allay the child’s fear of the dark. SYN. reduce, quiet, lessen, abate, alleviate, mitigate, ease, slake, put to rest, soothe, assuage. ANT. magnify, intensify, heighten.

allegation n. assertion, accusation, charge, incrimination, claim, statement, complaint, indictment, insinuation.

ALLEGED v. [uh LEJ] to make an assertion, particularly without proof. We allege that Ralph took the last cookie. SYN. assert, accuse, charge, incriminate, claim, state, complain, indict, declare, insinuate, affirm, attest, purport.

allegiance n. loyalty, devotion, support, obedience, fidelity. ANT. disloyalty, disobedience, betrayal.

allegory n. parable, fable, moral, myth, story, tale.
**allergen** n. irritant, immune trigger, antigen, foreign substance, pollen, dust mite, dander, ragweed.

**allergic** a. immune sensitive, sensitive, susceptible, hypersensitive, averse to.

**allergy** n. sensitivity, susceptibility, hypersensitivity, immune defense, hay fever, aversion.

SEE MEDICINE

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**WORD FIND**

**extreme allergic reaction:** anaphylaxis

**red blotches:** hives

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**alleviate** v. lighten, lessen, reduce, relieve, ease, mitigate, allay, soften, diminish, slake, assuage. ANT. exacerbate, intensify, aggravate.

**alley** n. passage, lane, cul-de-sac, deadend, walkway.

**alliance** n. 1. union joining, association, affiliation, partnership, coalition, confederacy, league, federation, consortium. 2. agreement pact, friendship, treaty, covenant, understanding, deal, contract.

**allied** a. joined, associated, affiliated, federated, confederate, cooperative, unionized, united, amalgamated. ANT. independent, sole.

**alligator** n. *gator, reptile, beast, el lagarto (Spanish), crocodilian.

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**WORD FIND**


**ALLOCATE** v. [AL uh KATE] to allot or distribute. The board will allocate funds to help us meet the budget. SYN. allot, distribute, mete, dole out, assign, designate, earmark, ration, appropriate, set aside.

**allocation** n. distribution, ration, allotment.

**all-or-nothing** a. uncompromising, unyielding. ANT. accommodating.

**allot** v. assign, apportion, mete. SEE ALLOCATE

**allotment** n. portion, distribution, share, part, cut, parcel, measure, allocation, ration.

**all-out** a. total, maximum, complete, no holds barred. ANT. half-hearted. SEE THOROUGH

**allow** v. 1. permit, let, tolerate, put up with, grant, approve of, *give the green light to, authorize, *give the go-ahead. 2. admit acknowledgment, concede, acquiesce. 3. allot, allocate, give, set aside, plan for. ANT. 1. forbid, prohibit, refuse. 2. deny, reject.

**alloy** n. mixture, blend, amalgam, amalgamation, compound, union.

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**WORD FIND**

**carbon and iron:** steel

**copper and tin:** bronze, pewter

**copper and zinc:** brass

**lead and tin:** pewter

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**allowance** n. share, allotment, pay, support, ration, appropriation, subsidy, stipend, recompense, contribution, percentage, earnings.

**all-purpose** a. multitalented, multifaceted. ANT. limited, specialized. SEE VERSATILE

**all right** a. 1. see okay 2. see intact, well

**allude** v. refer to, hint, suggest, imply, mention in a roundabout way, make an allusion to, *dance around.

**allure** n. attraction, magnetism, charm, appeal, sex appeal, fascination, temptation.

**alluring** a. attractive, charming, seductive, enticing, fascinating, tempting, bewitching, captivating, beguiling, irresistible, tantalizing, magnetic. ANT. repulsive, repelling, nauseating.

**ALLUSION** n. [a LOO zhun] an indirect reference, an implication. He made an allusion to Dickens when he said, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” SYN. reference, mention, implication, hint, suggestion, casual remark, inference.

**ally** n. associate, partner, confederate, helper, collaborator, colleague, affiliate, friend. ANT. enemy, foe, adversary.

**almanac** n. publication, annual, forecaster, calendar, yearbook.

**Almighty, the** n. the Supreme Being, Creator, the all-powerful. SEE GOD

**almighty** a. omnipotent, invincible, invulnerable, all-powerful, supreme. ANT. powerless, ineffectual.

**almond** n. nut, kernel.

**almost** adv. nearly, just about, approaching, close to, well-nigh, virtually, verging, practically.

**alms** n. charity, handout, assistance, contribution, donation, benefaction, welfare, dole, aid. SEE CHARITY

**aloft** a. airborne, flying, skyward, high.

**alone** a. 1. LONE solitary, isolated, friendless, separate, unaccompanied, abandoned, alienated, solo, desolate, lonesome, *solitary as an oyster. SEE SOLITUDE 2. PEERLESS unique, without equal, unparalleled, unsurpassed, incomparable, singular. ANT. 1. mobbed, crowded, grouped. 2. ordinary, common, *dime a dozen.

**along prep.** beside, over the length of, alongside, parallel with.
altruistic adj. selfless, unselfish, humanitarian, benevolent, kind, giving, philanthropic, charitable, big-hearted, magnanimous, humane. 

ant. selfish, self-centered, greedy, cold-hearted.

always adv. forever, everlasting, perpetually, relentlessly, unremittingly, infinitely, eternally, unceasingly, constantly. 

ant. never, temporarily.

amalgamation n. mixture, blend, combination, amalgamation, alloy, compound.

amalgamate v. mix, blend, combine, compound, consolidate, fuse, merge, integrate, unite. 

ant. separate, divide, diffuse, disperse.

amnesia n. see amnesia

amass v. lump, pile, heap, accumulate, gather, assemble, collect, compile, save, acquire, *squirrel away, stockpile, hoard. 

ant. disperse, scatter.

amateur n. nonprofessional, dabbler, dilettante, neophyte, tyro, novice, rookie, layman, "bush-leaguer, "lightweight. "A public nuisance who confounds his ambition with his ability.”—Ambrose Bierce. 

ant. professional, master, virtuoso.

amateurish adj. unprofessional, unskilled, inexperienced, bumbling, fumbling, incompetent, inept, unpolished, rough, "bush-league, second-rate, insipid, hackneyed. 

ant. professional, skilled, polished.

amatory adj. sexual, loving, passionate, lustful, amorous, erotic, romantic, sensual, ardent, rapturous. 

ant. indifferent, cool, turned off.

amaze v. astonish, stun, fascinated, flabbergast, dumbfound, shock, "blow one away, jolt, electrify, "curl one's hair, surprise, "bowl one over, "wow.

amazement n. astonishment, fascination, shock, wonder, surprise, bewilderment, disbelief, awe, wide-eyed wonderment.

amazing adj. astonishing, fascinating, stunning, shocking, wonderful, surprising, bewildering, prodigious, awesome, unbelievable, astounding, incredible, marvelous. 

ant. 'ho-hum, boring, nothing special.

ambassador n. diplomat, representative, emissary, delegate, consul, goodwill ambassador, envoy, agent. see politics, government

amber n. gold. see yellow

ambidextrous adj. two-handed, switch hitting; adroit, skillful.

ambience n. atmosphere, air, milieu, environment, climate, setting, surroundings, aura, mood.

ambient adj. surrounding, encircling, enveloping, encompassing.

aloof adj. distant or remote. He was strangely quiet and aloof, like a lone wolf.

syn. distant, remote, reserved, “at arm’s length, cool, standoffish, chilly, “stuck up, unapproachable, closed, unfriendly, unsociable, cold, frosty, detached. 

ant. friendly, warm, open.

aloud adv. audible, loudly, intelligibly, distinctly. 

ant. inaudibly, silently.

aloof a. lofty, alpestrine, high. see mountainous

already adv. by now, before now, previously, beforehand.

also adv. in addition, and, furthermore, plus, as well, “to boot, moreover.

altar n. platform, table, shrine.

altar boy n. attendant, acolyte.

alter v. change, modify, fit, adjust, reform, shift, adapt, revise, correct, amend. 

ant. maintain, keep.

alteration n. change, modification, fitting, adjustment, shift, adaptation, revision, correction, amendment.


alteration n. change, modification, fitting, adjustment, shift, adaptation, revision, correction, amendment.

altogether adv. completely, wholly, totally, all told, in toto, utterly, entirely, absolutely.

altitude n. height. see elevation

altruism n. [AL troo 1Z um] unselfish concern for others, humanitarianism without selfish gain. Anonymous donation is a rare form of altruism. 

syn. selflessness, humanitarianism, benevolence, kindness, philanthropy, charity, big-heartedness, magnanimity, humaneness. "Disregarding one’s own cause.”—Eugene Brussell. 

ant. selfishness, greediness, piggishness.
AMBIVALENT a. [am BIG yoo us] having two or more meanings or interpretations, unclear, confusing. Politicians often make ambiguous statements in order not to offend anyone. SYN. unclear, vague, equivocal, hazy, “clear as mud, indefinite, uncertain, obscure, duplicitous, dubious, questionable, left-handed, muddled. ANT. clear, unequivocal, certain.

ambition n. 1. DRIVE determination, striving, spirit, initiative, enterprise, will, motivation, “get up and go, hunger. “The wings of great actions.”—Johann Goethe. “Nets to catch the wind.”—John Webster. 2. GOAL aspiration, aim, target, dream, desire, wish. ANT. laziness, apathy, sloth.

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ambitious a. 1. ENTERPRISING aspiring, determined, hard-driving, “go-getting, aggressive, hungry, motivated, hard-working, striving, eager, avid, zealous, emulous, goal-orientated, “high octane, industrious. 2. DEMANDING formidable, difficult, lofty, taxing, prodigious. ANT. 1. lazy, slothful, inert. 2. undemanding, simple, humble.

AMBIGUOUS statements in order not to of-equivocal, certain.

American a. [AM i kuh buhl] characterized by goodwill. They came to an amicable agreement. SYN. friendly, peaceable, amiable, harmonious. ANT. unfriendly, nasty, aggressive.

MISAMENABLE a. [uh MEN uh bul] willing, responsive or agreeable. He was amenable to change. SYN. open, acquiescent, cooperative, obedient, tractable, pliable. ANT. unwilling, closed-minded, disagreeable.

amend v. 1. IMPROVE better, correct, fix, mend, ameliorate. 2. CHANGE revise, correct, edit, alter, revise, transform. ANT. worsen, damage, corrupt.

amendment n. 1. IMPROVEMENT betterment, amelioration, upgrade, correction, reform, revision. 2. ADDITION modification, attachment, addendum, supplement, adjunct, rider.


AMICABLE a. [AY mee uh bul] friendly, good-natured. The dolphin has always been seen as a fun-loving, amiable sort. SYN. friendly, good-natured, congenial, sociable, agreeable, outgoing, amicable, affable, approachable, good-humored, likable, cordial, warm. ANT. cold, unfriendly, antisocial.

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amid prep. amidst, among.

amigo n. friend, *pal, *buddy, chum, sidekick, companion, alter ego, soul mate, crony, *bosom buddy. SEE FRIEND

AMISH n. Anabaptist sect, people, group.

amiss a. wrong, improper, awry, incorrect, mistaken, out of place, *screwed, faulty, askew, inappropriate. ANT. right, correct, okay.

AMITY n. friendship, goodwill, peace, harmony, accord, brotherhood, fellowship, understanding, concord. ANT. hostility, antagonism, discord.

ammunition n. *ammo, ordnance, shot, bullets, shells, munitions, arms, materiel, explosives, grenades, canisters. SEE BOMB, BULLET, GUN, MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON

AMELIORATE v. [uh MEEL yuh RATE] to make better. We could ameliorate environmental degradation by limiting population. SYN. improve, make better, mend, amend, correct, upgrade, fix, rectify, relieve. ANT. exacerbate, aggravate, worsen.

WORD FIND
bullet-holding belt worn over shoulder: bandolier, cartridge belt
cartridge with no projectile: blank
case of projectiles fired from cannon: can-
ister
cast-iron balls: grapeshot
dangerous fragments of: shrapnel
glowing trail across sky, produces: tracer
gun’s bullet-storage receptacle: clip, maga-
zine
one shot: round
stockpile of ammo: munitions dump
wagon that carries ammunition: caisson

amnesia n. memory loss, fugue, forgetfulness.
AMNESTY n. [AM nes tee] a pardon, oft en of a
political nature. The war resisters were grant-
ed amnesty. SYN. pardon, forgiveness, abso-
lution, exemption, excusing, clemency, le-
nience, immunity. “The state’s magnanimity
among those offenders whom it would be too ex-
pe nsive to punish.”—Ambrose Bierce. ANT.
damnation, sentencing, condemnation.
amuse v. occupy, entertain, interest, divert, be-
guile, distract, regale, engross, tickle, cheer.
ANT. bore, put to sleep, weary, cloy, depress.
amusement n. entertainment, diversion, plea-
sure, pastime, distraction, enjoyment, fun, sport, game, play, merriment, “laughs,” “jol-
lies.” “A metaphysical trick to deceive our an-
guish.”—Jean De Menasce.
amusing a. 1. OCCUPYING absorbing, engross-
ing, entertaining, diverting, distracting, be-
guiling, cheering. 2. FUNNY hilarious, tick-
ling, comical, silly, foolish, ludicrous, zany,
side-splitting, whimsical, droll, jocular, “a
scream.” ANT. 1. boring, somnolent, dull. 2.
depressing, grim, sad.
ANACHRONISM n. [a NAK ruh n iz em] a
person, idea, or thing placed in the wrong
historical period, as a telephone in the
1700s. Also any thing or person considered
outdated. A television appearing in a Vic-
torian novel would be an obvious anachro-
nism. SYN. misfit, incongruity, “square peg
in a round hole,” “fish out of water,” “out-
sight, mistake, goof.
analgesic n. pain reliever, anesthetic, numbing
agent, painkiller, opiate.
analogous a. comparable, similar, correspond-
 ing, like, congruous, equivalent, akin, cog-
nate, homologous. ANT. dissimilar, different,
opposite.
ANALOGY n. [uh NAL uh jee] A comparison
between two similar or dissimilar things.
There is an analogy between self-confidence
and speaking ability. SYN. comparison, simi-
larity, resemblance, semblance, likeness, rela-
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analysis n. examination, dissection, investiga-
tion, study, breakdown, test, assay, evalua-
tion, review, interpretation.
analytical a. investigative, inquisitive, evaluative,
critical.
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break down test, assay, evaluate, review, in-
terpret.
anarchist n. rebel, revolutionary, radical, rabble-
rouser, nihilist, insurrectionist, terrorist, ag-
itator, “[One who] may want his neighbor to
up, turn up, boost. ANT. decrease, diminish,
turn down.
amputate v. cut off , remove, sever, dismember,
excise, lop off . SEE operation
amuck adv. berserk, wild, violent.
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Amnesia - anarchist
be governed, but he himself doesn’t want to be governed.”—George Bernard Shaw.

ANARCHY n. [AN ar kee] chaos, disorder; absence of government. The riots brought widespread looting and anarchy. SYN. chaos, disorder, confusion, lawlessness, rioting, turmoil, mayhem, bedlam, revolution, violence, collapse of authority. ANT. order, law and order, organization.

anathema n. 1. THE DAMNED the accursed, the condemned, pariah, outcast, heretic, villain. 2. CURSE ban, excommunication, denunciation, proscription, imprecation, damnation, condemnation. ANT. 1. the blessed. 2. blessing.

anatomy n. structure, skeleton, framework, composition.

ancestor n. 1. FOREBEAR forefather, father, progenitor, elder, procreator. 2. PREDECESSOR precursor, forerunner, originator, prototype, antecedent, descendant. ANT. 1. offspring, descendant, progeny. 2. successor.

ancestry n. lineage, heredity, background, family tree, stock, pedigree, parentage, heritage, history, blood, roots, progenitors, forefathers. “A lamp to posterity.”—Sallust.

anchor n. mooring, grapnel, hook, support, security, stability, hold, safeguard. SEE SHIP

WORD FIND

heaviest, released from the bow: bower
hoist: cat, weigh
hoisting rig: capstan, windlass
light anchor used to free ship run aground: kedge
prongs: flukes
round, flukeless type: mushroom anchor
small: kedge, grapnel, killick
stone: killick

anchor v. moor, secure, fix, cat. ANT. weigh anchor, release.

anchorage n. mooring, landing, pier, dock, port, wharf, harbor.

anchorman n. anchorwoman, anchor person, newscaster, broadcaster, news coordinator. SEE TELEVISION

ancient a. old, aged, venerable, primitive, primordial, antiquated, prehistoric, antediluvian, primeval, timeworn, immemorial, outmoded, fossilized, archaic, “old as the hills, early. ANT. new, fresh, young, contemporary. SEE AGE, OLD, OLD AGE

ancillary a. subordinate, auxiliary, helper, servant, adjunct, accessory, supplementary. ANT. principal, main, prime.

androgen n. hormone, steroid, testosterone, androsterone, masculinizing hormone. SEE MEDICINE

ANDROGYNOUS a. [an DRAW juh nus] having male and female characteristics. Many rock stars dress in an androgynous manner. SYN. unisexual, bisexual, hermaphrodite, epicene, cross-sexual. ANT. female, male.

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person with these qualities: androgyne

android n. robot, automaton.

anecdotal a. illustrative, characterizing, incidental, limited in scope.

anecdote n. vignette, story, tale, character sketch, narrative, illustration, account, incident.

anemia n. iron deficiency, chlorosis, iron-poor blood, listlessness, weakness, flegmeness, fatigue, languor.

anemic a. weak, pale, pallid, wan, colorless, feeble, listless, fatigued, run-down, weary, iron-deficient. ANT. robust.

anesthesia n. numbness, insentience, analgesia, loss of feeling.

anesthetic n. analgesic, painkiller, opiate, ether, Procaine, soporific.

anew adv. again, once more, afresh.


angelic a. saintly, heavenly, spiritual, righteous, seraphic, cherubic, virtuous, chaste, divine, beautiful, lovely, holy, ethereal, radiant. ANT. devilish, demonic, dark.


SEE ANGRY


angina n. angina pectoris, pain, suffocating pain, crushing pain. SEE HEART

angioplasty n. artery-widening procedure, catheterization, procedure, surgical repair. SEE OPERATION

angle n. 1. bend curve, crook, knee, vertex, elbow, acute angle, obtuse angle, right angle, reflex angle. 2. POINT OF VIEW perspective, viewpoint, position, standpoint, slant.

angler n. see fisherman


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Facial expressions and body language: scorching look; piercing look; keep-your-mouth-shut look; eyes narrowed with contempt; level stare; glow; scowl; withering glare; warning look; eyes blazing murderous; eyes sharpening; sneer; frown; snarl; smouldering eyes; lips curling with disgust; spasm of irritation crossing one’s face; stony expression; face flushing with indignation; eyes bulging from their sockets; face turning red, then purple; veins in neck standing out in livid ridges; crazed look; unyielding jaw; sticking out chin defiantly; looking about wildly; eyes raking the room; predatory expression; lips contorted grotesquely; smiling maliciously; face lit with bitter triumph; teeth gritted; lips pursed with suppressed fury; face pinched, tight; arrogantly impassive; rolling one’s eyes; knitted brow; gesticulating furiously; nostrils flaring; vein throbbing at temple; veins in neck swelling dangerously; stomach knotting; throwing up hands with disgusted resignation; bunch fists; stalk out; storm out.

Speech, voice tone: grind out the words between clenched teeth; stammer with rage; spit out the words with contempt; spew out the words with malicious glee; mutter peevishly under one’s breath; speak with grave deliberation; speak with brutal detachment; speak with bitter resentment; taunt; sputter; splutter; scream in exasperation; mock in a sniveling singsong; sibilate; sniff; snort; speak in ragged bursts; speak in strangulated tones; gibber; croak; clip one’s words; maunder into one’s shirt; speak in stentorian bellows; jeer; hoot; speak in grudging tones; voice rising hysterically; voice thick with insinuation; voice tinged with menace; voice rising an octave; voice degenerating to a guttural rasp; voice ascending to a murderous falsetto; voice growing husky/hoarse; voice dripping with spite; snap, hiss, fume, bark, boom, cry, growl, grumble, huff, pant, roar, shriek, thunder, wail, yammer, blurt.

ANGST n. [ANGKST] a feeling of anxiety, especially that accompanied by unhappiness. Fortieth birthdays often fill people with angst. SYN. anxiety, apprehension, nervousness, uneasiness, dread, misgiving, foreboding, free-floating anxiety, blues, depression, sadness. ANT: tranquility, peace, calm.

anguish n. distress, suffering, agony, pain, grief, misery, torment, woe, dolor, sorrow. ANT: joy, euphoria, pleasure.

angular a. 1. Bent crooked, bending, elbowed, doglegged, cornered. 2. Rawboned gaunt, bony, lean, spindly, lanky, spare, scrawny.
anorexic, skeletonlike. **ANT.** 1. **straight, flat.** 2. fat, fleshy, beefy, plump.

**animal** **n.** 1. **LIVING ORGANISM** beast, creature, mammal, critter, varmint, pet, beast of burden, game, stock, denizen of the forest, vertebrate, invertebrate, quadruped, herbivore, carnivore, ungulate, vermin, scavenger. *Agreeable friends—they ask no questions, they pass no criticisms.*—George Eliot. *Man in a stage of arrested development.*—Christian Morgenstern. **SEE INDIVIDUAL ANIMALS** 2. **BRUTISH HUMAN** pig, *Neanderthal, hoodlum, beast.** **SEE CHART.**

**animal magnetism** **n.** charisma, presence, aura, hypnotic attraction, charm, sex appeal. **SEE SEX**

**animate** **a.** 1. **ALIVE** living, breathing, vital. 2. **ACTIVE** animated, dynamic, vigorous, lively. **ANT.** 1. **dead, lifeless.** 2. sluggish, dispirited.

**animal (continued)**

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annex  n. addition, new wing, addendum, attachment.

annex  v. add, attach, append, join, incorporate, connect, merge, unite.  {ant. detach, disconnect.}

ANNIHILATE  v.  [uh NIY uh layt] to destroy utterly.  The dictator threatened to annihilate the rebellious town.  syn. destroy, demolish, obliterate, crush, kill, wipe out, decimate, exterminate, liquidate, nullify *wipe off the map. see war

annihilation  n. demolition. see destruction

anniversary  n. commemoration. see holiday

ANNOTATE  v.  [AN o tayt] to add notes or comments. Authors sometimes annotate editions of their books to add clarity. syn. commentate, note, interpet, footnote, expound, elucidate, gloss.

annotation  n. note, footnote, commentary, explanation, elucidation.

announce  v. proclaim, declare, broadcast, herald, voice, trumpet, state, publish, notify, anounce.

announcement  n. proclamation, declaration, broadcast, heralding, voicing, trumpeting, statement, notification.

announcer  n. emcee, broadcaster, reporter, *deejay, newscaster, anchor man/woman, *voice-over, herald, trumpeter, crier.

annoy  v. irritate, pester, bother, disturb, *bug, *get under one’s skin, *get on one’s nerves, vex, chafe, nettle, ruffle, gall, irk.

annual  a. yearly, perennial.

annuity  n. payment, allowance.

ANNUL  v.  [uh NUL] to nullify, withdraw, or invalidate. The board voted to annul several outdated regulations. syn. nullify, withdraw, invalidate, abolish, cancel, eliminate, void, rescind, declare null and void, repeal.  {ant. ratify.

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annulment - antipathy

**annulment** *n.* invalidation, nullification, cancellation, voiding, elimination, abolishment, repeal.

**anoint** *v.* consecrate, bless, make holy, rub oil on, smear with oil.

**ANOMALOUS** *a.* [uh NOM uh lus] strange, out of place. *An anomalous July snowstorm surprised us all.* *SYN.* deviating, abnormal, irregular, inconsistent, strange, odd, out of place, unexpected, atypical, quirky. *ANT.* normal, typical, usual.

**ANOMALY** *n.* [uh NOM uh lee] an abnormality or irregularity. *A snowstorm in Florida is an anomaly.* *SYN.* abnormality, irregularity, exception to the rule, quirk, oddity, deviation, rarity, departure from the norm. *ANT.* the norm, regularity, same old thing.

**anonymous** *a.* nameless, unknown, unsigned, unidentified, incognito, secret, pseudonymous, uncredited. *ANT.* named, showcased, spotlighted.

**anorexia nervosa** *n.* eating disorder, dieting disorder, loss of appetite, neurosis, sickness, food aversion. See bulimia

**anorexic** *a.* malnourished, emaciated, thin.


**answer** *v.* 1. *REPLY* acknowledge, respond, counter, rejoin, *come back, retort, react, give feedback.* 2. *SOLVE* explain, resolve. 3. *BE ACCOUNTABLE* own up to, be held responsible, pay for, atone for, rectify. 4. *SERVE MEASURE UP* suffice, qualify, satisfy, pass muster.

**answerable** *a.* liable, responsible, accountable. *ANT.* unaccountable.

**antagonism** *n.* hostility, enmity, opposition, friction, animosity, discord, rancor, clashing, ill will, rivalry. *ANT.* friendliness, agreement, harmony.

**antagonist** *n.* opponent, adversary, foe, enemy, rival, disputant. *ANT.* friend, colleague, advocate.

**ANTAGONIZE** *v.* [an TAG uh niyz] to rile another; to offend or make angry. *Husbands and wives who antagonize one another often end up in divorce court.* *SYN.* offend, rile, repep, alienate, *piss off , oppose, rankle, *rat-tle one's cage, yank one's chain, irritate, fill with hostility, anger, estrange. *ANT.* befriend, smooth things over, soothe.

**ante** *n.* wager, stake, bet.

**antebellum** *a.* pre-Civil War, pre-war, before the war, early nineteenth century, historical.

**ANTECEDENT** *n.* [AN ti SEED unt] what came before or previously. *The buckboard was an antecedent of the Model T.* *SYN.* forerunner, precursor, predecessor, ancestor. *ANT.* descendant, successor.

**antece* cedent** *a.* previous, prior, precursory, preceding, former, first. *ANT.* posterior, subsequent, later.

**antechamber** *n.* hall, foyer, lobby.

**antedate** *v.* precede, predate, antecede.

**ANTE* DILUVIAN** *a.* [an ti duh LOO ve un] very old or antiquated; predating the biblical flood. *Few were interested in the politician's antediluvian ideas.* *SYN.* old, ancient, pre-flood, B.C., prehistoric, antiquated, early, primordial, primitive, Paleolithic, archaic, outdated, outmoded, passé. *ANT.* modern, late.

**antenna** *n.* 1. *INSECT APPENDAGE* feeler, sense organ. 2. *SIGNAL RECEIVER* aerial, *rabbit ears.


**anthem** *n.* hymn, psalm composition, song, song of praise.

**anthology** *n.* collection, treasury, compilation, miscellany, omnibus, compendium, album, digest.

**antibiotic** *n.* medicine, cure, treatment, medication, remedy, preparation, drug, wonder drug, pill; amoxicillin, ampicillin, erythromycin, penicillin, streptomycin, sulfa drug, sulfonamide, tetracycline. See drug, medicine

**antic(s)** *n.* foolishness, tricks, pranks, jokes, shenanigans, stunts, tomfoolery, romps.

**anticipate** *v.* expect, look forward to, foresee, predict, forecast, envision, apprehend.

**anticipation** *n.* expectation, apprehension, preconception, foresight, dread, prospect, contemplation, foreknowledge.

**animal** *n.* *LETDOWN* disappointment, much ado about nothing, *dud, bomb, disillusionment, bathos, *come down, fizz.

**antidepressant** *n.* psychoactive medication, drug, mood enhancer, psychotropic medicine, therapeutic drug, *happy pill; amitriptyline, imipramine, Prozac.

**antidote** *n.* 1. *ANTIVENIN* antitoxin, neutralizer, counteracting agent. 2. *CURE* remedy, neutralizer, medicine, vaccine, curative, corrective.

**antipasto** *n.* appetizer.

**ANTIPATHY** *n.* [an TIP uh thee] an acute dislike, aversion. *He feels a certain antipathy toward telephone solicitors.* *SYN.* aversion, dislike, hatred, antagonism, animosity, revulsion, loathing, distaste, abhorrence, enmity,
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apathetic a. uninterested, indifferent, uncaring, unmoved, listless, unconcerned, impassive, cool, dispassionate, phlegmatic, unsympathetic, removed. ANT. passionate, caring, interested.

APATHY n. [AP uh thee] disinterest, indifference. To bring about change in government is to first overcome voter apathy. SYN. indifference, disinterest, uninvolvimento, dispersion, impassivity, languor, unconcern, detachment, coolness. "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures. ..."—George Bernard Shaw. ANT. passion, interest, concern, involvement.

ape n. primate, simian, gorilla, chimpanzee, orangutan, gibbon, monkey. "What an ugly beast ... and how like us."—Cicero. See ANIMAL

ape v. mimic, imitate, mock, parody, copy.

aperture n. opening, hole, gap, slot, orifice, stoma, crack.

apex n. top, peak, tip, zenith, summit, pinnacle, vertex, acme, crown, height. ANT. bottom, trough, rock-bottom, depth, nadir.


aphrodisiac a. seductive, titillating, arousing, erotic, sexy. ANT. repulsive.


APLOMB n. [uh PLOM] confidence, poise. She addressed the audience with great aplomb. SYN. confidence, poise, self-assurance, composure, savoir faire, equanimity, sangfroid, air. ANT. anxiety, self-consciousness, insecurity.

APOCALYPSE n. [uh POK uh lips] destruction on a mass scale, as a holocaust; the prophesy of such. Many await the apocalypse foretold by the Bible. SYN. mass destruction, devastation, holocaust, end of the world, Armageddon, catastrophe, annihilation, decimation, disaster, *act of God, cataclysm.

apocalyptic a. prophetic, revelatory, oracular, prescient.

APOCRYPHAL a. [uh POK ruh ful] questionable, unsubstantiated, or suspected to be untrue or inauthentic. Of the mass of UFO data gathered, much is apocryphal. SYN. questionable, unsubstantiated, inauthentic, counterfeit, fictitious, doubtful, dubious, spurious, untrue, unproved, erroneous. ANT. true, substantiated, authentic.

apologetic a. sorry, regretful, remorseful, contrite, *on one's knees, conciliatory, prostrate, penitent, sheepish. ANT. stubborn, self-righteous, defensive.

apologize v. beg one's pardon, express regrets, retract, make amends, *crawl back on one's hands and knees, atone, beg for forgiveness, *eat crow, *eat humble pie, humble oneself.


apostate n. renegade, defector, deserter, heretic.

apostle n. missionary, champion, evangelist, proponent, preacher, witness, messenger, follower, disciple.

apothecary n. Brit. druggist, pharmacist, chemist.

apothecosis n. glorification, defilement, immortalization.

apothecosize v. glorify.

appall v. dismay, horrify, shock, stun, disconcert, astound, frighten, take aback, harrow, disgust, sicken.

appalling a. dismayingly, horrifying, shocking, stunning, disconcerting, astounding, frightening, ghastly, dreadful, harrowing, disgusting, sickening, upsetting. ANT. wonderful, pleasing, agreeable.


apparel n. clothing, attire, garments, dress, outfit, garb, costume, accoutrement, raiment, *duds, *threads, *getup. see clothing

apparent a. 1. evident, visible, manifest, clear, obvious, plain, conspicuous, out front, open, unconcealed. 2. seeming ostensible, probable, evident, possible, presumable, outward. ANT. 1. unclear, vague, hidden. 2. doubtful, uncertain.

apparition n. ghost, specter, spirit, phantom, spook, manifestation, poltergeist, wraith, presence, hallucination, mirage. See GHOST

appeal n. 1. petition, treaty, plea, request, imploitation, supplication, application, call. 2. attraction, charm, allure, charisma, sex appeal, glamour, *je ne sais quoi, *it.

appeal v. 1. request, plead, entreat, implore, ask, beseech, request, solicit, beg, petition. 2. attract, interest, tempt, entice, fascinate. ANT. 2. repel, repulse, disgust.

appear v. 1. come into view, show, emerge, loom, materialize, issue, surface, present, arrive, turn up, *meet the light of day. 2. seem, look, be obvious. ANT. 1. disappear, vanish.
appearance n. 1. showing presentation, emerging, arrival, materialization, manifestation, image, impression, illusion, semblance, exterior, guise. 3. look form, shape, demeanor, countenance, air, character, mien, features, bearing, aspect.

APPEASE v. [uh PEEZ] to pacify or placate. We tried to appease the angry bear with a bucket of blueberries. syn. pacify, placate, quiet, satisfy, assuage, relieve, alleviate, soothe, mollify, subdue, smooth over, conciliate. ant. aggravate, exacerbate, antagonize.

appellation n. name, title, designation, label, *moniker, *handle.

append v. add, affix, attach, annex, tack on. ant. subtract, remove.

appendage n. adjunct, attachment, limb, member, extremity, offshoot, branch, tail, arm, tentacle.

appendix n. addition, supplement, addendum, appendage, codicil, postscript, epilogue, index, outgrowth.

appertain v. belong. see pertain

appetite n. hunger, craving, desire, taste, ravenousness, sweet tooth, thirst, hankering, penchant, yen, passion, yearning. ant. revulsion, repulsion, distaste.

appetizing a. appealing, mouth-watering, delectable, savory, delicious, palatable, inviting, tantalizing, toothsome, luscious, tempting, ambrosian. ANT. nauseating, sickening, repulsive.

applaud v. 1. clap cheer, give a hand, give a standing ovation, hurrah, whistle. 2. acclaim laud, hail, praise, sing the praises of, commend, cheer, extol, compliment, give a pat on the back. ANT. 1. boo, hiss, "give a Bronx cheer. 2. pan, "give thumbs down, knock.

applause n. clapping, ovation, Cheers, hurrahs, bravos, whistles, encores, praise, acclaim, plaudits, kudos, tribute, approval. “Often less a blessing than a snare.”—Edward Young. ANT. boos, hisses, rejection, denigration, disapproval.

apple n. pome, pippin, fruit, codling.

WORD WFIND

apple of one’s eye: sweetheart, angel, honey, love, cherished one.

apple-pie order: shipshape, neat, good, orderly, just so.

bright green and crisp: Granny Smith
dark red winter apple: Winesap
late fall variety: Jonathan
red: McIntosh, Red Delicious, Rome (Beauty)
red winter: Baldwin
rough-skinned and mottled winter apple: russet

Russian: Astrachan
wild:
yellowish red winter variety: Northern Spy

yellow, large, with red streaks: Gravenstein

apple-polisher n. Sl. *brownnose, toady. see flatterer

applesauce n. Sl. hokum, baloney. see nonsense

appliance n. mechanism, apparatus, machine, instrument, contrivance, gadget, *gizmo, modern convenience, contraption.

applicable a. pertinent, relevant, germane, fitting, suited, appropriate, usable. ANT. inapplicable, irrelevant, impertinent.

applicant n. candidate, job seeker.

application n. 1. utilization employment, use. 2. remedy dressing, ointment, poultice, salve, balm, lotion, medication. 3. request solicitation, inquiry, petition, appeal, form, resume. 4. diligence attention, *stick-to-itness, zeal, devotion. 5. relevance pertinence, aptness, suitability.

apply v. 1. utilize use, employ, implement. 2. dress spread on, put on, administer, smear. 3. devote dedicate, concentrate, *buckle down, *put one’s nose to the grindstone, persevere, *give one’s all, be diligent, *focus one’s energies. 4. request petition, appeal, solicit, requisition. 5. pertain fit, suit, relate, refer.

appoint v. 1. designate name, nominate, select, choose, assign, install, commission, fix, set.


appointment n. 1. designation naming, nomination, selection, assignment, installation, placement, job, office, position, *gig. 2. engagement assignment, rendezvous, meeting, date, tryst.
ment, accoutrement, outfit, accessory, fitting, trapping.
apportion v. allot, divide, distribute, dole out, allocate, mete.
apposite a. relevant, apt, fitting, appropriate, apropos, befitting, proper, suited. ANT. inap-
propriate, irrelevant.
appraisal n. evaluation, valuation, assessment, rating, estimate.
appraise v. evaluate, valuate, assess, rate, estimate, measure, judge, put a value on.
apprehensible a. perceptible, significant, substantial, measurable, discernible. ANT. negligible, insignificant.
appreciate v. 1. enjoy esteem, value, prize, regard, respect, like, cherish. 2. be thankful for be obliged, be grateful, give thanks, acknowledge, credit. 3. grow in value increase, gain, compound, enhance, inflate. ANT. 1. overlook, disregard, ignore. 2. depreciate, decrease, deflate, lose.
appraisal n. 1. enjoyment esteem, regard, respect, liking, prizing, cherishing, affection. 2. thanks gratefulness, gratitude, acknowledgement, thankfulness, credit. 3. growth in value increase, compounding, inflation, escalation. ANT. 1. disrespect, disregard. 2. ungratefulness. 3. depreciation, loss, deflation.
apprehend v. 1. arrest catch, capture, nab, collar, take into custody, seize, incarcerate, jail. 2. understand perceive, comprehend, see, get the picture, recognize, know, grasp.
apprehensible a. understandable, comprehensible.
apprehension n. 1. arrest capture, seizure, incarceration, jailing, collar, nabbing. 2. understanding perception, comprehension, recognition, grasping. 3. anxiety foreboding, dread, angst, fear, uneasiness, misgiving. ANT. 3. confidence, tranquility, reassurance.
apprehensive a. [AP ri HEN siv] anxious about the future. He was apprehensive about his final exams. SYN. anxious, uneasy, nervous, edgy, dreading, fearful, full of misgiving, filled with foreboding, distressed, uptight. ANT. confident, cocksure, assured, worry-free.
apprentice n. trainee, learner, beginner, novice, rookie, greenhorn, student, amateur, neophyte, pupil. ANT. teacher, mentor, master, guru.
apprise v. notify, inform, fill in, brief, tell, advise.
approach n. 1. method procedure, modus operandi, way, course. 2. coming near advance, drawing near. 3. access way, entry, passage, course, drive, route, road, pathway.
approach v. 1. near come, draw near, close in, advance, loom, gain on, converge. 2. approximate compare, come close, near, resemble, match up to, be like, equal. 3. propose recommend, make overtures to, offer, bring up, suggest, present. 4. set about start, begin, get the ball rolling, tackle. ANT. 1. withdraw, depart. 4. finish up, conclude, close.
appricable a. open, accessible, friendly, warm. ANT. reserved, uncommunicative, distant.
appraisal n. approval, sanction, commendation. SEE APPROVAL.
appropriate v. take, confiscate, seize, steal, expropriate, impound, claim, assume, commandeer, pirate, pilfer, pocket.
appropriate a. proper, fitting, suitable, correct, apt, befitting, becoming, seemly, right, apropos, *politically correct. ANT. inappropriate, improper, incorrect.
appropriation n. 1. allotment allocation, funds, stipend, allowance. 2. seizure capture, confiscation, impounding, stealing, pirating, commandeering.
appropos n. 1. timely; also, fit, apropos, particularly apropos for the occasion. SYN. time-
ly, opportune, fitting, appropriate, His speech was particularly apropos for the occasion. SYN. timely, opportune, fitting, befitting, appropriate, relevant, apt, suitable, germane, pertinent. ANT. untimely, inopportune, irrelevant.
apt a. 1. suited appropriate, fitting, relevant, germane, apropos. 2. likely inclined, prone, quick, liable, disposed. 3. clever quick, bright, adept. see intelligent ant. 1. inappropriate, irrelevant. 2. unlikely. 3. slow, dull.

aptitude n. ability, talent, flair, knack, gift, skill, capability, faculty, intelligence, proficiency.

aquatic a. marine, lacustrine, fluvial.
aqueduct n. conduit, pipe, channel, trough, watercourse, race.
aqueous a. watery, aquatic.

arboreal a. treelike, arborescent.
arbor n. bower, pergola, trellis.
arboretum n. conservatory, greenhouse, hot-house, nursery, vinery.
arborial a. treelike, arborescent.

arc n. semicircle, curve, arch.
arcade n. gallery, cloister, walkway, passageway, piazza, archway.

arbitrate v. [AR bi TRATE] to decide or settle. An authority will be brought in to arbitrate the dispute. Syn. decide, settle, mediate, reconcile, negotiate, judge, moderate, adjudicate, referee, umpire.
arbitrator n. judge, middleman. See arbitrator

arch a. main, chief, principal, top, primary, highest, greatest, foremost. Ant. least, smallest, minor.

archaic a. [ar KAY ik] ancient, antiquated. The crossbow is an archaic weapon. Syn. ancient, antiquated, obsolete, from an earlier time, outmoded, old-fashioned, passé, old-world, antediluvian. Ant. modern, fresh, cutting edge, new.

archbishop n. chief bishop.

archenemy n. 1. Satan, the Devil. 2. chief enemy adversary, nemesis, bète noire.

archeologist n. historian, anthropologist.

archeology n. history, anthropology. "Frozen history."—Gregory Mason.

WORD FIND:

ages: Bronze Age, Copper Age, Iron Age, Stone Age

artifacts, list of: catalogue
artifacts, look after: curate
artifacts, looks after: curator
bones that are still joined together when found: articulated

chipping of flakes to make stone tool: knapping

chips and waste left over from making stone tools: debitage

confirming age by comparing with another established site: cross dating
dating by fossil or evolutionary changes in specimen: faunal dating
dating by light energy stored in crystals: luminescence dating
dating by magnetic field positioning: magnetic dating
dating by tree rings: dendrochronology
dating method of radioactive decay: carbon 14, radiocarbon dating.
disease, study of past: paleopathology
division of squares over dig site: grid
earliest people known in America: paleo-Indians

evacuation, archeological: dig

garbage heap: middens

Ice Age animals, large: megafauna

implement used to throw spear: atlatl

layer of excavation: level

layering of soil or sediment deposits: stratification

manuscript, handwritten Christian or meso-American: codex

mesh and frame sifter for small objects: screen

monument of large flat stone laid across standing stones: dolmen

monument of stone: monolith

mound: barrow, tumulus, burial mound, cairn

object used by past humans: artifact

oil or wine container found in shipwrecks: amphora
original position or location, in its: in situ
outside research: fieldwork
piece of broken pottery: potsherd
pointed pick for small cleanings of objects: dental pick
pollen and spores, study of ancient: palynology
projectile point of Native Americans, fluted, leaf-shaped: clovis point
projectile points, rock used for: chert
soil sample containing clues to past climate, fires, or volcanic activity: core sample
source or documented history of an artifact: provenance
stone coffin: cist
stone inscription or carving: petroglyph
stone of glass used for cutting: obsidian
stone, picture painted on: pictograph
stone that sparks when struck: flint
surveyor’s tool: transit
tools, prehistoric: hammerstone, hand ax, hide scraper, mano, microlith, milling stone
thumping ground for resonating signal of buried chambers: bowsing
underground objects locator: ground penetrating radar; proton magnetometer
writing, pictographic: cuneiform, hieroglyphics

archer n. bowman.
archetype n. model, prototype, original, template, example, exemplar, precursor, mold, classic.
archipelago n. chain of islands.
architect n. draftsman, designer, builder, creator, engineer, planner.

WORD FIND
borrowed style of motherland: colonial
British and American highly ornamental style of nineteenth century: Victorian
classical Greek and Roman forms revived: Greek Revival, neoclassical, Renaissance
classical orders of Hellenic Greece and Imperial Rome: Corinthian, Doric, Ionic, Tuscan, Composite
domes, round arches and columns of early Greece: Byzantine
eighteenth-century style derived from classical, Renaissance, and Baroque: Georgian
elaborately decorative European style from 1550-1700s: baroque
exposed beams style of sixteenth-century: Tudor
florid ornamentation, eighteenth-century: rococo
French Gothic form with flaming tracery, fifteenth century: flamboyant style
futuristic chevron and zigzag style of the 1930s: art deco
Gothic revived: Gothic Revival
Italian, classically derived, fourteenth through sixteenth centuries: Renaissance
Mediterranean style characterized by horseshoe arches, domes, tunnel vaults, geometrical ornaments: Islamic style
pointed arches, rib vaulting, flying buttresses, twelfth through fifteenth centuries: Gothic style
retro style: revival
Spanish, eleventh-fourteenth centuries’ style featuring elaborate stucco work and Arabesque designs: Moorish

archives n. records, chronicles, annals, historical documents, memorabilia.
archivist n. librarian, curator, record-keeper.
arctic a. frigid, cold, freezing; polar, boreal. ANT. warm, temperate, tropical.
ARDENT a. [AR dent] passionate, highly enthusiastic. Bill is an ardent fan of the Celtics. SYN. passionate, enthusiastic, devoted, intense, zealous, fervent, feverish, torrid, vehement. ANT. apathetic, cool, dispassionate.
ardor n. 1. passion warmth, love, sensuality, desire. 2. eagerness zeal, enthusiasm, devotion, fervor, intensity. ANT. coldness, indifference, apathy.
ARDUOUS a. [AR joo us] extremely difficult. Mowing a golf course is an arduous task. SYN. difficult, hard, taxing, demanding, laborious, burdensome, grueling, back-breaking, trying, strenuous, Herculean, exhausting. ANT. easy, simple, a snap.
area n. 1. expanse stretch, range, breadth, space. 2. region territory, district, section, locality, tract, stretch, ward, division, lot, sector, belt, quarter, zone. 3. realm sphere, dominion, province, field.
arena n. 1. stadium, coliseum, amphitheater, stage, ring, hippodrome. 2. dominion field, area, realm, province.
argot n. jargon, lingo, cant, idiom, vocabulary, vernacular, parlance, slang.

argue v. 1. plead, contend, maintain, hold, assert, expostulate, evince, insist. 2. quarrel, fight, bicker, debate, haggle, quibble, "hash out," lock horns, altercation, squabble, "have a row," mix it up, wrangle. ant. agree, concur, assent.

argument n. 1. contention, plea, assertion, proof, pros and cons, evidence, support, reasoning, defense, line of reasoning, grounds, case. 2. quarreling, disagreement, fight, dispute, debate, altercation, "row," "tiff," "spat," uproar, imbroglio. "The longest distance between two points of view."—Dan Bennett. ant. agreement, accord, concord.

argumentative a. quarrelsome, combative, cranky, contentious, polemical, scrappy, agonistic, eristic, belligerent, pugnacious, touchy, irritable, opinionated. ant. agreeable, passive, conciliatory.

aria n. song, air, melody, solo, vocal piece. see opera

arid a. 1. dry, dried-up, parched, barren, dusty, sterile, bone-dry, desertlike, desiccated. 2. dull, boring, lifeless, tedious, drab, lackluster, uninteresting. ant. 1. wet, fertile, humid. 2. lively, colorful, interesting.

arise v. 1. stand up, get up, rise. 2. ascend, move upward, climb, rise. 3. emanate, originate, spring, issue, well up, occur, stem from, crop up. ant. 1. recline, lie down. 2. descend, drop.

aristocracy n. nobility, noblesse, peerage, gentility, privileged class, gentry, elite, "upper crust." "The rich, the beautiful and well born."—John Quincy Adams. ant. peasantry, bourgeoisie, commoners.

aristocrat n. nobleman, high-born, noblewoman, peer, patronian, blue blood, lord, duke, snob. "Fellows that wear downy hats and clean shirts—guilty of education and suspected of bank accounts."—Ambrose Bierce. ant. peasant, commoner, bourgeois.

ARISTOCRATIC a. [uh RIS tuh KRAT ik] high-born. He claimed aristocratic lineage, an assertion at odds with his rough appearance. syn. of noble birth, blue-blooded, well-born, genteel, pedigreed, mannerly, civil, worldly, sophisticated, gracious, gentlemanly, courtly, chivalrous, gallant, cultivated, refined, classy, snobbish, haughty, "snotty, hoity-toity, affected, pretentious. ant. bourgeois, lower-class, common.

arithmetic n. math, mathematics, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, figures, calculation.

ark n. boat, refuge, shelter.

arm n. 1. limb, extremity, forearm. 2. branch, extension, offshoot, appendage, projection.

arm v. equip, furnish, issue, outfit, accoutre, provide, fit out, load. ant. disarm.

armada n. fleet, squadron, outfit, accoutre, provide, fit out, load. ant. disarm.

Armageddon n. end of the world, final battle, final battleground, apocalypse, holocaust, war, conflict, showdown between good and evil, struggle, confrontation, devastation, catastrophe.

armaments see arms

armchair n. easy chair, rocking chair, recliner. see chair

armed a. outfitted, equipped, accoutred, fitted out, "armed to the teeth," "bristling with arms," loaded, fortified, supplied, "packing a rod. ant. disarmed, unarmed.

armistice n. truce, cease-fire, peace.

armoire n. cabinet, wardrobe.

armor n. protective covering, shield, sheathing, mail, see ammunition, bomb, bullet, gun, missile, nuclear bomb, war, weapon

WORD FIND

SUIT OF ARMOR

arm, from elbow to shoulder: brassard

armpit plate: pallette

back and breast plate: cuirass

bearer: armiger, squire

chain: mail

foot: solleret

hand: gauntlet

head: basinet, beaver, visor, armet, sconce, helmet

jacket or tunic: jupon

joint: gusset

leg, knee to ankle: greave

neck: gorget

shoulder: ailette, pauldron

thigh: cuisse, tasset

trunk: tasset

armory n. arsenal, depot, drill hall.

arms n. weapons, armaments, ordnance, munitions, armor, ammunition. see ammunition, bomb, bullet, gun, missile, nuclear bomb, war, weapon

arm's length, at adv. at a distance, afoot, unfriendly.

arms, up in a. in an uproar, hostile, prepared for war.
army n. 1. horde legion, mass, multitude, throng, swarm. 2. armed forces troops, infantry, soldiers, division, battalion, ground forces. "A body of men assembled to rectify the mistakes of the diplomats."—Jospehus Daniels. see air force, ammunition, bomb, bullet, gun, marines, navy, nuclear bomb, war, weapon

WORD FIND
absent without leave: AWOL
bursts from antiaircraft guns: flak
clandestine movement: ratline
collective term for ammo, guns, explosives: ordnance
combat fatigue: shell shock
discharge for physical or mental problem: section eight
drab camp uniform: fatigues
eating facility: mess
emergency call-up troops: reserves
enemy ground to be won: bridgehead
enemy role during NATO exercise: orange
forces
finishing off defeated enemy: mopping up
form up and come to attention: fall in
fortification, small, of concrete or sandbags: pillbox
friendly role during NATO exercise: blue
forces
hiding material: camouflage
i.d. piece on chain: dogtag
infantryman, slang: grunt
items: materiel
jeep: hum-vee
kilometer, slang: click
largest unit: army group
liberty that ends at midnight: Cinderella liberty
lowest grade soldier: buck private
medal for wounds received: Purple Heart
mess hall duty: K.P. (kitchen police)
military store: PX, post exchange
missing in action: MIA
movement of troops: deployment
multilanguage message to return captured soldier, with reward: blood chit
negotiator sent behind enemy lines: parlementaire
passing safely through minefield: breaching
phonetic alphabet: Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango, Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu.
ranks, in ascending order: (enlisted men) Private E-1, Private E-2, Private First-Class E-3; (noncommissioned officers) Corporal E-4, Sergeant E-5, Staff Sergeant E-6, Platoon Sergeant E-7, Master Sergeant E-8, First Sergeant E-8, Sergeant Major E-9, Command Major Sergeant E-9, Sergeant Major of the Army E-9; (warrant officers) Warrant Officer, grade one; Chief Warrant Officer, grade two; Chief Warrant Officer, grade three; Chief Warrant Officer, grade four; (commissioned officers) Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier General, Major General, Lieutenant General, Four Star General, Five Star General of the Army
recruit training facility: boot camp
request for fire: call for fire, all available
shelter, lodging: billet, barracks
shield from enemy: defilade
shore foothold: beachhead
simultaneous fire at target from multiple guns: salvo
subdivision of a unit: echelon
sweeping line of gunfire: enfilade
tank, armored group: armored division
temporary ammo storage: munitions dump
trial for crime: court-martial
unit separated from larger group: detachment
units, in ascending order of size: unit (at least two soldiers), squad (10), platoon (4 squads), company (2 platoons), battalion (2 companies), group (2 battalions), brigade (2 groups), division (3 brigades), corps (2 divisions), field army (2 corps)
vulnerable troops at high risk: cannon fodder

aroma n. scent, odor, smell, fragrance, bouquet, savor. see odor
aromatic a. fragrant, odoriferous, redolent, pungent, savory, scented, spicy. ant. unscented, stinky.
around prep. about, close to, near, approximately.
arouse v. rouse, enliven, stimulate, awaken, stir, inflame, excite, fire up, shake up, disturb, incite, provoke. ant. put to sleep, fall, pacify.
ARRAIGN v. [uh RANE] to bring before a court and accuse one of a crime. The court will arraign the suspected murderer today. syn. accuse, call to account, charge, indict, incrim-
inate, serve a summons, blame, "point the finger at. \textit{Ant}: exonerate, absolve, acquit.

\textbf{arrange v.} 1. \textit{Put in order} organize, straighten, position, rearrange, sort, classify, alphabetize, systematize. 2. \textit{Plan} devise, scheme, design, make preparations, map out, draw up. 3. \textit{Settle} resolve, straighten out, determine, come to terms. \textit{Ant}: 1. mix up, jumble, mess up, disorder.

\textbf{arrangement n.} 1. \textit{Order} organization, system, positioning, classification, lineup, configuration, design. 2. \textit{Plan} scheme, design, preparation, provision, "game plan." 3. \textit{Musical composition score chart.}

\textbf{arrant a.} notorious, flagrant, out-and-out, glaring, unmitigated. \textit{Ant}: inconspicuous.


\textbf{arrest n.} apprehension, capture, taking into custody, "collar," "bust." \textit{Detective, Police, Court, Crime, Law}

\textbf{WORD FIND}

\begin{itemize}
  \item book in which arrests are recorded at police station: blotter
  \item photo taken of suspect: mug shot
  \item reading of rights, rule: Miranda rule
  \item record of a criminal's arrests and convictions: rap sheet
\end{itemize}

\textbf{arrest v.} 1. \textit{Take into custody} apprehend, capture, seize, "collar," "bust." 2. \textit{Halt} stop, check, obstruct, delay, slow. 3. \textit{Fix} hold, seize, absorb, engross.

\textbf{arrival n.} 1. \textit{Coming} landing, entrance, appearance, homecoming, advent. 2. \textit{Newcomer} visitor, traveler, tourist. \textit{Ant}: 1. departure, exit. 2. native, local.

\textbf{arrive v.} 1. \textit{Come} appear, show up, enter, disembark, land, take place, occur, happen. 2. \textit{Succeed} attain, reach the top, "make good." \textit{Ant}: 1. depart, leave, exit. 2. fail, "blow it," lose.

\textbf{arrogance n.} conceit, imperiousness, haughtiness, overconfidence, snobbery, hauteur, hubris, airs, cockiness, insolence, swaggering pomposity, egotism, presumption, condescension. \textit{Ant}: modesty, humility.

\textbf{arrogant a.} conceited, imperious, cocky, insolent, superior, pompous, swaggering, egotistical, haughty, presumptuous, condescending, overbearing, hoity-toity, self-important, supercilious, "high and mighty." \textit{Ant}: modest, self-effacing, humble.
nonrepresentational: abstract
nonrepresentational style that focuses on emotion and the act of painting itself: abstract expressionism
nonschooled: folk art
points or tiny dots creating a whole: pointillism
realistic, photographic: photorealism, hyperrealism, tromp l’œil, magic realism, representational
rich ornamentation, curved lines, sixteenth through eighteenth century: baroque
traditional forms: academic art
Warhol’s (Andy) bigger-than-life depictions of everyday objects: pop art

artery *n.* channel, vein, blood vessel, canal.
artful *a.* 1. clever adroit, skillful, ingenious. 2. cunning sly, crafty, shrewd, wily. *ant.* 1. unskilled, inept. 2. artless, naive.
article *n.* 1. story piece, news release, report, write-up, feature. 2. item object, thing, bit, piece, “thingamajig.”
articulate *v.* express, enunciate, voice, pronounce, utter, make clear, elucidate.
ARTICULATE *a.* [ar TIK yuh lut] expressive, eloquent, well-spoken. The talk show host was an articulate woman. *syn.* expressive, eloquent, well-spoken, intelligible, lucid, smooth-talking, fluent, facile. *ant.* inarticulate, tongue-tied, stammering, mumbled.
ARTIFICICE *n.* [ART uh fis] ingenuity or cleverness; cunning, trickery. He succeeded in fooling us through artifice. *syn.* ingenuity, cleverness, inventiveness, skillfulness, wile, ruse, trickery, contrivance, cunning, craftiness, duplicity, machination, guile, artfulness, deceit, finesses. *ant.* honesty, artlessness, naiveté.
artillery *n.* gunnery, cannons, howitzer. See weapons
artisan *n.* See artist
artistic *a.* aesthetic, artful, tasteful, graceful, ornamental, decorative, stylish, pleasing to the eye, brilliant, masterful. *ant.* crude, gross, unattractive, tasteless.
artistry *n.* quality, skill, talent, virtuosity, creativity, flair, style, finesse, touch, feel, genius.
ARTLESS *a.* [ART less] unskilled, uncultured, simple, naive. *The man was as artless as a child.* *syn.* 1. unskilled untalented, unschooled, inartistic. 2. crude plain, simple, primitive, natural. 3. naive simple, ingenuous, innocent, guileless, unsophisticated, childlike, genuine, direct, natural. *ant.* 1. artful, skilled, talented, schooled. 2. artful, sophisticated, worldly. 3. sophisticated, self-conscious, insincere, unnatural.
ascend *v.* rise, arise, climb, surmount, scale, elevate, soar, escalate. *ant.* descend, drop, fall.
ascendancy *n.* supremacy, control, domination, power, preeminence.
ascension *n.* scaling. See ascent
ascent *n.* 1. climb rise, ascension, progression. 2. upward slope acclivity, upgrade, elevation, incline, gradient. *ant.* 1. descent, fall, drop. 2. declivity, descent.
ascertain *v.* learn, verify, find out, determine, certify, *pin down, establish, uncover, discover.
ascetic *n.* abstainer, celibate, religious fanatic, monk, anchorite.
asceticism *a.* austere, abstinent, abstemious, self-denying, strict, puritanical. *ant.* hedonistic, self-gratifying, indulgent.
ascrive *v.* attribute, credit, assign, charge, connect, associate, link.
assembled *a.* embarrassed, humiliated, mortified, chagrined, humbled, *red-faced, guilty, conscious-stricken, sheepish, abashed, disgraced, flustered, shamefaced. *ant.* proud, high and mighty, arrogant.
asen *a.* pale, pallid, gray, wan, white, sallow, cadaverous. *ant.* rosy, ruddy.
ashe *n.* cinders, soot, embers.
ask *v.* 1. question query, pose a question, interrogate, quiz. 2. request appeal, solicit, express a desire for. 3. invite summon, request, call upon.
askance *adv.* 1. sideways obliquely, sidelong, askew. 2. suspiciously or disapprovingly disdainfully, dubiously, skeptical. *ant.* 1. straight-on, directly. 2. respectfully, confidently.
askew *a.* awry, slant, sidelong, crooked. *ant.* straight.
asleep  a. slumbering, "snoozing, "catching some ZZZs, "catching forty winks, napping, dozing, "comatose, hibernating, dormant. ANT. awake, alert.
aspect  n. 1. look, air, mien, bearing, manner. 2. feature, facet, side, angle, point, element, view.
aspen  n. poplar tree.
asperity  n. harshness, roughness, sharpness, nastiness, ill temper, irritability, crossness, hostility, acrimony, surliness, irascibility. ANT. mildness, softness, good cheer.
aspersion  n. disparagement, slander, abuse, defamation, innuendo, smear, slur, vilification, blot, denigration, mud-slinging, calumny.
asphalt  n. bitumen, tar, pavement.
asphyxiate  v. suffocate, smother, choke, strangle, throttle.
aspirant  n. contender, applicant. see candidate
ASPIRATION  n. [as puh RAY shun] a drive for or goal of some achievement; an ambition. He had an aspiration of being a professional baseball player. SYN. ambition, goal, drive, want, desire, dream, hope, longing, hunger, wish, aim, scheme. "The desire of the moth for the star."—Shelley.
aspirate  v. strive for, desire, try for, wish for, hope for, hunger for, thirst for, shoot for, aim for.
ass  n. 1. donkey burro, jackass, Jenny, jack, beast of burden. see animal 2. buttocks rear, rump, "buns, "butt. 3. fool, idiot, "boob, jerk, clown, "nincompoop, "dolt.
assemble  v. put together, fit, piece, connect, construct, compile, puzzle out, compose, throw together. 2. gather, amass, congregate, muster, band, convene, meet. ANT. 1. disassemble, disconnect, dismantle. 2. scatter, disband, disperse.
assemble  n. 1. fitting together connection, construction, compilation, piecing together. 2. gathering mass, congregation, muster, band, meeting, convention, crowd, multitude, mob. ANT. 1. disassembly, disconnection. 2. scattering, disbanding, dispersal.
assemble  v. bear, alert.
synthesis  a. outspoken, direct, forthright, forward, unreserved, uninhibited, blunt, brash, confident, assured, aggressive. ANT. shy, reserved, inhibited.
assemble  v. 1. impose, levy, tax, dun, fine, charge. 2. evaluate, appraise, measure, estimate, judge, consider, weigh.
assemble  n. 1. dunnage charge, tax. 2. evaluation, appraisal, estimate.
assemble  n. 1. valuable resource, possession, property, cash, inventory. 2. quality, strength, gift, blessing, advantage. ANT. 1. liability. 2. liability, handicap, disadvantage.
assiduous  a. [uh SID yoo us] hard-working, diligent, devoted. The Governor has always had an assiduous striving for success. SYN. hard-working, diligent, devoted, persistent, constant, persevering, tenacious, unremitting, tireless, attentive, earnest. ANT. casual, lax, lazy, laid-back.
assign  v. designate, appoint, name, choose, commission, nominate, charge, entrust, cast. 2. allocate, allot, distribute, consign, give, dispense, dole out. 3. attribute, ascribe, credit, charge with.
assemble  n. task, duty, job, lesson, homework.
ASSIMILATE v. [uh SIM uh LATE] to absorb, digest. Also, to adjust, integrate. *The new math is difficult to assimilate. It takes time to assimilate in another country. SYN. 1. ABSORB digest, metabolize, incorporate, master, comprehend, take in. 2. ADJUST integrate, adapt, acclimatize, fit in, homogenize, *do as the natives do, *go native, naturalize. ANT. 1. regurgitate, reject. 2. reject, maladapt, separate.

assist v. help, aid, support, lend a hand, accommodate, attend, serve, contribute, collaborate. ANT. hinder, hamper.

assistance n. help, aid, support, a hand, accommodation, service, contribution, collaboration. ANT. hindrance, obstruction.

assistant n. helper, aide, deputy, attendant, supporter, collaborator, contributor, adjunct, aide-de-camp, gal Friday, right-hand man, *gopher.

associate n. colleague, co-worker, peer, partner, teammate, affiliate, ally, companion, confederate, consort, accomplice, friend, fellow.

associate v. 1. THINK OF TOGETHER link, identify, correlate, group, affiliate, relate, pair. 2. MINGLE WITH hang out, hobnob, befriend, fraternize, consort, run with. ANT. 1. disassociate, separate. 2. shun, estrange, alienate.

association n. 1. GROUP society, club, organization, fraternity, corporation, confederation, league, alliance, union, partnership. 2. FRIENDSHIP fellowship, relationship, affiliation, fraternization, companionship, alliance. 3. LINKING TOGETHER correlation, pairing, lumping together, relationship, connection, juxtaposition.

assorted a. diverse, varied, different, miscellaneous, sundry, mixed. ANT. same, matching, identical, uniform.

assortment n. miscellany, mixture, diversity, variety, potpourri, melange, jumble, mixed bag.

ASSUAGE v. [uh SWAYJ] to relieve or soothe. *To assuage his appetite, he ate some popcorn. Syn. relieve, soothe, ease, alleviate, mitigate, allay, pacify, calm, mollify, lessen, lull, *take the edge off. ANT. aggravate, exacerbate, intensify.

assume v. 1. TAKE ON take up, adopt, acquire, undertake, tackle, take upon one’s shoulders, commit to. 2. SEIZE take, appropriate, usurp, commandeer. 3. FEIGN pretend, simulate, affect, put on, sham, *fake. 4. PRESUME suppose, take for granted, believe, hypothesize, imagine, think, guess, speculate, infer, suspect. ANT. 1. throw off, abandon, renounce. 2. return, defer. 3. know, be certain.

assumed a. 1. FICTITIOUS pretend, make-believe, sham, false, bogus, feigned, fake, phony. 2. SUPPOSED presumed, tacit, inferred, hypothesized. ANT. 1. real, true. 2. known.

assuming a. presumptuous, arrogant, overconfident, self-important, imperious, egotistic, conceited, *nervy, vain.

assumption n. supposition, presumption, inference, hypothesis, guess, theory, belief, given, hunch, suspicion.

assurance n. 1. CONFIDENCE security, sureness, courage, boldness, self-assurance, conviction, *guts, pluck. 2. PROMISE OR PLEDGE guarantee, vow, oath, word, warranty. ANT. 1. insecurity, doubt, uncertainty.

assure v. convince, reassure, guarantee, affirm, encourage, certify, pledge, secure, insure, ensure.

assured a. 1. GUARANTEED sure, certain, secure. 2. CONFIDENT self-assured, self-possessed, bold, assertive, poised, unflinching, unhesitating, cocksure, brassy. ANT. 1. uncertain, unsure, gamble. 2. insecure, timid, self-doubting.

astern a. aft, abaft, rearward. ANT. fore, front.

asteroid n. celestial body, planetoid, moonlet, cosmic debris, meteor.

asthma n. respiratory disease, chronic wheeze, chronic cough, obstructive pulmonary disease.

astonish v. amaze, surprise, astound, shock, flabbergast, dumbfound, startle, take aback, *bowl over, stupefy.

astonishing a. amazing, astounding, surprising, shocking, breathtaking, stupefying, awe-inspiring, *eye-popping, startling, dazzling, bewilderment, extraordinary. ANT. humdrum, expected.

astonishment n. amazement, surprise, shock, awe, bewilderment, wonder, stupefaction, marvel.

astound v. astonish, amaze, bewilder, shock, flabbergast, dumbfound, startle, take aback, *bowl over, stupefy, boggle, render speechless, electrify, stagger, confound, *blow one’s mind.


astray a. adrift, off course, lost, afield, wrong, *off the mark, *off in left field. ANT. *right-on, accurate, *on the mark.

astringent a. biting, harsh, sharp, cutting, acerbic, severe, rough, acrid. ANT. mild, soft.

astrology n. horoscopy, reading of the stars, divination. *The excellent foppery of the world.”—Shakespeare.
Astronomer n. stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist.

Astronomy n. stargazing, cosmology, astrophysics. See comet, constellation, meteor, moon, planet, space, star.

Astute a. [uh STOOT] clever, sharp, or cunning. The successful businessman must have an astute mind. Syn. clever, sharp, cunning, crafty, shrewd, wily, quick, keen, intelligent, sagacious, brilliant, bright, "on the ball." Ant. dumb, naive, retarded, slow, obtuse.

Asunder a. apart, separate, in pieces.

Asylum n. 1. sanctuary, refuge, shelter, haven, safe harbor, hospice. 2. hospital psychiatric hospital, sanitarium, mental institution, insane asylum, "nut house," "booby hatch," "laughing academy," "loony bin," "madhouse.

Asymmetrical a. [a si MET ri kul] uneven, unbalanced, or lacking correspondence between two sides. He described the shape as asymmetrical, that is, a little different on each side. Syn. uneven, unbalanced, lacking correspondence, lacking coordination, contrasting, not proportionate, not uniform, disproportional, unequal. Ant. symmetrical, corresponding, matching.

Atheism n. [A thee iz um] disbelief in God. Atheism is the disbelief or denial of the existence of a higher power. Syn. disbelief, denial, skepticism, rejection of God, impiety, rationalism, freethinking, agnosticism, nihilism, irreverence. "The vice of a few intelligent people."—Voltaire.


Athlete n. "jock, competitor, sportsman, champion. See sport.

Athletic a. strong, fit, skilled, muscular, mesomorphic, sthenic, strapping, vigorous, robust, hardy, staunch, brawny, stout, wiry, supple, coordinated. Ant. weak, feeble, sedentary, asthenic.

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layer of oxygen in stratosphere, protects earth from ultraviolet radiation: ozone layer
refrigerants and aerosols known to deplete ozone layer: chlorofluorocarbons
rising column of warm air: thermal stratum from 0–10 miles up: troposphere stratum from 10–30 miles up: stratosphere stratum from 30–50 miles up: mesosphere stratum from 50–300 miles up: thermosphere stratum from 300 miles to space: exosphere trapping of heat and radiation by excess carbon dioxide, causing long-term climate change: greenhouse effect; global warming trapping of solar radiation and heat by carbon dioxide buildup: greenhouse effect

atoll n. coral island.
atom n. particle, jot, bit, iota, scintilla, shred, bit. "A specter threatening us with annihilation."—Max Born. see science
atomic a. see nuclear
atomic bomb n. see nuclear bomb
atomize v. separate, disintegrate, vaporize, spray, pulverize.
ATONE v. [uh TONE] to make up for a bad deed; to make amends. Atone for your sins. syn. amend, make amends, redeem, do penance, repent, confess, expiate, make reparations, shrive.
atonement n. amends, reparations, redemption, expiation, penance, restitution, compensation, reparation, redress. "The blood of Jesus Christ . . . "—The Bible, John 1:7.
atrium n. court.
atrocious a. evil, brutal, appalling, cruel, bad, monstrous, unspeakable, vicious, despicable, horrible, abominable, heinous, outrageous.
atrocity n. [uh TRAW suh tee] a cruelty, brutality, or outrageous thing or act. The drive-by shooting is an atrocity that originated during prohibition. syn. cruelty, brutality, outrage, monstrousity, unspeakable act, horror, savagery, barbarity, crime, abomination.
atrocity n. kindness, good deed.
atrophy v. degeneration, wasting, deterioration, withering, emaciation, decline, weakening.
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attach v. 1. fasten tie, stick, secure, bind, link, hook, affix, connect, tack, pin. 2. affiliate join, associate, enlist. 3. ascribe attribute, assign, accredit, apply, place. ant. 1. detach, loosen, free. 2. drop out, quit, dissociate. 3. take, deflect.
atché n. consul, envoy, aide. see diplomat
attachment n. 1. fastening tying, connection, joining. 2. devotion regard, affection, crush, affinity, bond, esteem, fondness, love. 3. accessory appendage, appurtenance, fixture, addition, extension, supplement. ant. 1. detachment, separation. 2. repulsion, aversion.
atack n. 1. assault offensive, raid, invasion, siege, ambush, blitz, aggression, strike, incursion, onslaught. 2. onset or recurrence of an illness bout, relapse, throes, seizure, convolution, spell, turn for the worse.
atack v. 1. assault strike, jump on, raid, besiege, invade, ambush, assail, pounce on, molest, set upon, take the offensive, aggress, mug. 2. verbally assault *rip into, *tear apart, criticize, abuse, malign, bash, defame, scold, take over the coals, damn, censure, *dis, *jump down one's throat, impugn, *bad-mouth, denounce, revile. 3. to begin work on tackle, dive into, undertake, *jump into with both feet. ant. 1. retreat, defend, lay low. 2. flatter, compliment, praise. 3. procrastinate, avoid.
atacker n. assailant, aggressor, offender.
atain v. achieve, accomplish, get, procure, secure, acquire, obtain, realize, fulfill, *make it, win. ant. fail, lose, fail short.
atainment n. achievement, accomplishment, getting, procurement, securing, acquisition, obtaining, realization, fulfillment, winning, success, coup, skill.
attempt n. try, endeavor, shot, *crack, undertaking, *stab, *the old college try, venture, bid.
attempt v. try, endeavor, make an effort, undertake, take a shot at it, *take a crack at it, *take a stab at it, *give it the old college try, venture, make a bid for it, strive.
atend v. 1. look after minister to, serve, tend, take care of, nurse, assist, doctor. 2. to be present appear, show up, go to, turn up. 3. accompany come with, go hand in hand, escort, be associated with.
atendance n. 1. presence appearance. 2. turn-out crowd, house, audience.
atendant n. servant, aide, assistant, orderly, steward, valet, consort, escort.
atention n. 1. concentration mindfulness, consciousness, awareness, heed, notice, thoughtfulness, regard. 2. observation notice, recognition, regard, consideration, scrutiny. ant. 1. absent-mindedness, abstraction, inattention. 2. oversight, disregard.
atention deficit disorder n. ADD, learning disorder, short attention span, hyperactivity.
attentions n. consideration, courtesy, devotion, civility, care, respect, service.

attentive a. 1. MINDFUL observant, alert, conscious, aware, sharp, thoughtful, noticing, keen, heedful, watchful. 2. CONSIDERATE thoughtful, gracious, courteous, solicitous, accommodating, gallant. ANT. 1. neglectful, unobservant, heedless. 2. inconsiderate, rude, negligent.

attenuate v. thin, dilute, weaken, rarely, dilute, lessen, decrease, water down, diminish. ANT. fortify, strengthen, intensify.

attest v. bear witness, certify, verify, confirm, substantiate, support, bear out, testify, warrant, vouch for, pledge, affirm, swear, authenticate. ANT. refute, deny, belie.

attic n. garret, loft, dormer, clerestory, storage room.


attractive a. *nice, beautiful, handsome, winning, fascinating, magnetic, charismatic, tempting, alluring, bewitching, fetching, cute, adorable, pretty, stunning, sexy, comely, *easy on the eyes. ANT. repulsive, repellent, ugly.

attribute n. quality, characteristic, trait, feature, distinction, quirk, facet, virtue.

attribute v. assign, ascribe, credit, charge with, blame, impugn, account for.

ATTRITION n. [uh TRISH un] a wearing away or reduction, loss by natural means. The company lost more employees by attrition than by forced layoffs. SYN. weakening, erosion, reduction, decimation, disintegration, diminution, dwindling, decline. ANT. build-up, reinforcement, fortification.

attune v. adapt, adjust, harmonize, acclimate, assimilate.

atypical a. unusual, uncommon, untypical, odd, irregular, abnormal. ANT. typical, usual.

AU COURANT a. [o koo RAHN] well-informed, up-to-date. On the latest fashion, she was always au courant. SYN. informed, up-to-date, current, *hip, enlightened, aware, *up to speed. ANT. behind the times.

auction n. sale, vendue, sell-off.

auburn a. reddish brown, golden brown, nut brown, chestnut brown, henna.

AUDACIOUS a. [aw DAY shus] brave, bold. Also, not affected by shame or a sense of propriety. The soldiers made an audacious foray into enemy territory. SYN. 1. brave bold, daring, plucky, *ballys, courageous, dauntless, stalwart, unflinching, *gutsy, adventurous, intrepid. 2. SHAMELESS brazen, outrageous, cheeky, brassy, imperient, rude, forward, insolent, saucy, *ballys. ANT. 1. cowardly, fearful, timid. 2. deferential, polite.


audible a. perceptible, hearable, discernible, intelligible, clear. ANT. inaudible, silent, unintelligible.

audience n. spectators, crowd, onlookers, viewers, house, fans, patrons, turnout, market.

audit n. examination, accounting, review, investigation.

audition n. tryout, trial, hearing, *open mike.

auditor n. accountant, inspector, analyst, bookkeeper.

auditorium n. assembly room, hall, concert hall, gallery, theater, amphitheater, playhouse, lecture hall.

auger n. bore, tool. SEE TOOLS.

augment v. enlarge, add, increase, extend, enhance, broaden, thicken, maximize, build up, amplify, strengthen, boost. ANT. decrease, reduce, attenuate.

augur n. prophet, seer, oracle, prognosticator, diviner, fortune-teller, psychic.

augur v. predict, prophesy, divine, forecast, bode, portend, herald, presage, forewarn.

augury n. 1. PREDICTION prophesy, divination, forecast, forewarning, soothsaying, forecasting. 2. Omen portent, sign, harbinger, herald, forewarning.
AUSTERE a. [aw GUST] awe-inspiring, magnificent, worthy of great respect. Visitors grew silent as they entered the august cathedral. SYN. grand, magnificent, glorious, imposing, sublime, noble, stately, dignified, regal, supreme, eminent, lofty, distinguished. ANT. lowly, pedestrian, humble.

au naturel a. nude, naked, undressed, unclothed, unadorned, natural. ANT. clothed.

au pair n. domestic servant, nanny, housekeeper, baby-sitter.

aura n. ambience, atmosphere, mood, feeling, *vibes, air, spirit, nimbus, emanation.

aurora n. aurora australis (southern lights), aurora borealis (northern lights).

auspices n. sponsorship, patronage, aegis, sanction, assistance, authority, guidance, protection, supervision.

AUSPICIOUS a. [aw SPISH us] favorable, of positive conditions or character. The economy is improving; it is an auspicious time for opening a new business. SYN. favorable, propitious, positive, felicitous, fortunate, timely, opportune, promising, good, lucky, rosy, golden. ANT. unfavorable, untimely, unfortunate, ominous.

AUSTERE a. [aw STEER] severe, stern, or plain in appearance, character, etc. Also, self-denying, strict. The prison’s austere facade was chillingly bleak. SYN. 1. severe, stern, harsh, grim, stiff, cold, forbidding, rigid, serious, sober, solemn, plain, unadorned. 2. ascetic self-denying, strict, abstemious, stark. ANT. 1. bright, cheery, sunny, warm, frivolous, or nate. 2. indulgent, extravagant.

authentic a. genuine, real, bona fide, true, actual, simon-pure, *kosher, certified, *the real McCoy, *honest-to-goodness, legitimate. ANT. bogus, phony, fake, spurious.

authenticate v. validate, certify, confirm, warrant, guarantee, attest, vouch, affirm, substantiate, corroborate, document. ANT. invalidate, falsify, discredit.


authors n. the powers that be, City Hall, officials, government, officialdom, “the law.


authorize v. permit, give the okay, empower, entitle, license, allow, sanction, *give the green light, warrant, commission.

autobahn n. expressway, highway, superhighway, road, drive.

autocracy n. dictatorship, despotism, totalitarianism.

autocrat n. dictator, tyrant, despot, authoritarian, overlord, *iron-fisted ruler.


automated a. servo-mechanized, mechanized, computerized, programmed, automatic, motorized, self-propelled, robotic.

automaton SEE ROBOT

autonomous - avenue

WORD FIND

book listing prices of used cars: blue book
brake components: brake drum, brake shoes, brake lining
brakes, non-skid: anti-lock brakes
bump absorbers: shock absorbers, suspension system, leaf springs, springs, torsion bars
cables used to recharge dead battery: jumper cables
chauffeur-driven: limousine
convertible: ragtop
cutting tool used in a car accident: Jaws of Life
dashboard warning lights: idiot lights, hazard lights
divider between engine and passenger compartment: firewall
DUI: driving under the influence
DWI: driving while intoxicated
electrochemical power unit: battery
engages and disengages engine from transmission: clutch
engine speed gauge: tachometer
explosion of fuel in exhaust system: backfire
gears shifted manually: manual transmission
inflatable impact bag: air bag
license plate customized with owner's name or pet word: vanity plate
lifter used to raise car to change tire: jack
mechanic's rolling board used for underbody work: creeper
mileage meter: odometer
OUI: operating under the influence
pedal for manual transmission: clutch
police: squad car, cruiser, patrol car, prowl car
radar detector: fuzzbuster
shifting to low gear to help slow car: downshift
skidding over sheet of water: hydroplaning
speed automator: cruise control
starting car without key: hotwiring
sway reducer: sway bar	tailpipe afterburner, burns harmful gases: catalytic converter
tire rotation for proper wear: balancing
used car in perfect condition: cherry
wheel-locking clamp used to stop parking scofflaws: Denver boot
wheel shaft: axle

AUTONOMOUS a. [aw TON uh mus] acting independently. It was an autonomous island
government, free of the mainland's dictates.
syn. independent, self-governing, self-ruling, self-reliant, sovereign. ant. dependent, subject, overruled, occupied.
autonomy n. independence, sovereignty, self-rule, self-reliance, home rule, freedom. ant. dependence, subjugation.
autumn n. fall, harvest time, Indian summer. "A second spring when every leaf's a flower."—Albert Camus.
auxiliary a. 1. supporting assisting, aiding, adjuvant, helping, contributing. 2. subsidiary subordinate, supplementary, accessory, additional, secondary, reserve. ant. main, primary.
avail n. use, usefulness, benefit, help, aid, advantage, profit.
avail v. utilize, help, assist, aid, serve.
available a. handy, ready, accessible, on hand, at hand, obtainable, on tap, free, at one's disposal. ant. unavailable, out.
avanche n. 1. snowslide landside. 2. inundation cataclysm, deluge, flood, torrent, barrage. See MOUNTAIN, MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

WORD FIND

air current produced by: avalanche wind
overhang of ice and snow, known for starting avalanches: cornice

AVANTE-GARDE n. [uh vaihnt GARD] those involved in innovation or new techniques, especially in the arts. They were on the cutting edge of a new science; they were the avant garde. syn. vanguard, cutting edge, groundbreakers, innovators, pioneers, trailblazers, experimenters, inventors, new school.


AVARICIOUS a. [AV ur ISH us] greedy. He was after her money, he was avaricious. syn. greedy, covetous, acquisitive, rapacious, piggyish, hoarding, predatory, tight, selfish, gold-digging, glutonous. ant. generous, giving, beneficent.
avenge v. revenge, retaliate, take vengeance, pay back, get even, punish, vindicate, wreak vengeance. ant. forgive, excuse, overlook.
avenue n. 1. road roadway, drive, lane, boulevard, highway, thoroughfare, promenade, street, parkway, artery, expressway. 2. way means, route, path, course.
average n. norm, par, standard, mean.
average a. ordinary, typical, usual, common, standard, *garden variety, middling, intermediate, fair, moderate, median, run-of-the-mill, so-so, everyday. ANT. exceptional, above par, extraordinary.
averse a. loath, ill-disposed, opposed, hostile, unfavorable, disinclined, hesitant, unwilling, against. ANT. agreeable, willing, eager.

AVERSION n. [uh VUR zhun] an intense dislike or repugnance. I have an aversion to pickled beets. SYN. dislike, repugnance, loathing, antipathy, revulsion, disgust, hostility, hatred, detestation. ANT. liking, attraction, fondness.
avert v. 1. TURN AWAY shift, turn aside. 2. PREVENT ward off, avoid, thwart, deter, preclude, forestall, nip in the bud. ANT. 1. invite. 2. cause, exacerbate.
aviator n. pilot, flyer, airman, ace, aviatrix.
avid a. 1. EAGER enthusiastic, fervent, ardent, flaming, rabid, fanatical, burning, zealous. 2. DESIROUS greedy, avaricious, rapacious, covetous, voracious. ANT. 1. lukewarm, blasé, bored. 2. indifferent, uninterested.
avocation n. hobby, pastime, interest, pursuit, sideline, work; profession.
avoid v. evade, dodge, steer clear of, bypass, elude, sidestep, hedge, duck, shirk, avert, eschew, shun, *give the slip, refrain. ANT. embrace, meet head on, confront, invite.
avoidance n. evasion, dodging, bypassing, sidestepping, hedging, shirking, ducking out, averting, eschewing, shunning, refraining.
avow v. declare, admit, acknowledge, avouch, aver, confess, profess, announce, swear. ANT. disavow, deny.
avowal n. declaration, admission, acknowledgement, confession, profession, announcement, assertion, affirmation. ANT. disavowal, denial.

await v. wait for, anticipate.

awake a. 1. CONSCIOUS active, alert, wakeful, astir, wide-eyed, *bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, up. 2. ALERT watchful, attentive, sharp, circumspect, vigilant, observant. ANT. 1. asleep, unconscious, comatose. 2. inattentive, dull, off guard.

awaken v. wake, rouse, get up, stimulate, activate.

awakening n. revival, rousing, invigoration, stimulation, realization, consciousness, rebirth.

award n. prize, citation, medal, trophy, honor, reward, decoration, compensation.

award v. bestow, present, grant, confer, endow, compensate.


away a. gone, removed, off, absent, out, abroad, remote.

awe n. wonder, fear, reverence, astonishment, amazement, stupefaction, veneration, respect, worship, admiration, shock. ANT. disrespect, disregard, apathy, indifference.


awful a. horrible, bad, ugly, dreadful, terrible, atrocious, unpleasant, horrendous, ghastly, despicable, inferior, contemptible, rotten, *crappy, appalling, frightful, terrifying. ANT. good, nice, pleasing.

awkward a. 1. CLUMSY bumbling, oafish, ungraceful, bungling, ungainly, maladroit, inept, *klutzy, blundering. 2. UNWIELDY cumbersome, bulky, ponderous. 3. UNCOMFORTABLE embarrassing, inappropriate, untimely, thorny, delicate, trying, ticklish. ANT. 1. coordinated, graceful. 2. handy, convenient. 3. appropriate, relaxing, smooth.

awning n. canopy, canvas, shelter, sunshade, marquee.

awry a. 1. CROOKED askew, oblique, aslant. 2. AMISS wrong, off course, astray. ANT. 1. straight, even. 2. right, good, correct.

ax n. broadax, hatchet, pickax, maul, tomahawk.

axiom n. maxim, truth, truism, principle, dictum, precept.

axiomatic a. self-evident, unquestionable, certain, understood, acknowledged, known, absolute, fundamental. ANT. questionable, dubious, in question.

axis n. 1. PIVOT spindle, shaft, hinge. 2. ALIGNMENT alliance, coalition, league, union.

axle n. spindle, rod, bar, shaft, axis, arbor.

ax to grind (having an) wanting or going after something for self-serving reasons, not for the unselfish reasons sometimes presented; a hidden motive. His support of the project appeared to be civil-minded; in reality he had an ax to grind. SYN. motive, hidden motive, motivation, agenda, hidden agenda, score to settle, purpose, reason, incentive, driving force.
babble n. prattle, babel, gibberish, spluttering, mumbling, blabbing, jabber, burble, blubbering, drivel.
babble v. prattle, blab, gibber, yak, jabber, burble, blather, murmur, sputter, mutter, gush, splutter, blat, prate, gurgle.
babe in the woods n. easy mark, sucker, dupe, innocent.
babel n. confusion, tumult, clamor.
baby n. 1. infant newborn, babe, neonate, "bambino, papoose, tot, nursling, nipper, toddler. "It is all gut and squall."—Charles Brown. "An inestimable blessing and bother."—Mark Twain. 2. sniveler whiner, crybaby, "wimp. see birth, child, children, pregnancy.

WORD FIND
abandoned and found: foundling
ailment: croup
bath: bathinette
bed: cradle, bassinet
bounce on one’s knee or swing up and down in one’s arms: dandle
breastfeeder, hired: wet nurse
breast-feeding cessation: weening
carriage: buggy, pram, stroller, perambulator
chewy toy: teething ring, pacifier
clean enclosure used to protect premature infants from infection: incubator
contented, happy cry: crow
crusty skull dermatitis: cradle cap
cry loudly: squall
cry weakly: whimper, mewl
dead at birth: stillborn
diaper irritation: diaper rash
distress or crying due to trapped gas or other unexplained cause: colic
embryo implant: test-tube baby
foreskin removal from male: circumcision
illegitimate: love child, bastard
milk sometimes secreted from newborn’s nipples, due to hormone exposure: witch’s milk
multiple: twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, sextuplets

murder of: infanticide
Native American infant or infant carrier: papoose
outfit: layette
premature infant: preemie
rubber soother: pacifier
soft spot on head: fontanelle
song: lullaby
spoil and baby: coddle
startle reflex characterized by spread of arms: Moro reflex
talk: babble, coo, gurgle
tooth eruption: teething
walking: toddling
whine and whimper: pule

baby v. spoil, indulge, dote on, pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, overprotect, shelter, smother.
baby a. small, wee, miniature, tiny, young, teennsy, pocket-sized. ant. large, mature.
baby boom n. population explosion, birth spurt, birthrate bulge.
babyish a. childish, infantile, juvenile, immature. ant. mature.
baby-sit v. tend, watch, sit, care for, keep an eye on, mind, look after, act as guardian.
baby-sitter n. sitter, nanny, governess, guardian.
bacchanal n. see orgy, party
bachelor n. single, stag, playboy, man about town. "A man who is footloose and fiancé free."—F.G. Kernan.
back n. backside, posterior, spine, tail end, hind, rear, stern, rump. see ass
back a. 1. rear hind, end, posterior. 2. distant remote, faraway, outermost, rural, secluded. 3. past earlier, previous, dated, bygone. ant. front, anterior, head. 3. future, upcoming.
back and forth adv. to and fro, from side to side, vacillating.

backbone n. 1. spine spinal column, vertebrae. 2. foundation mainstay, basis. 3. courage strength, character, mettle, *guts, grit, spunk, fortitude,pluck, resolve. ANT. 3. timidity, cowardice, spinelessness.

backbreaking a. strenuous, arduous, taxing, laborious, crippling, crushing, bankrupting, exhausting. ANT. light, easy, *child's play.

back down v. give in, cave in, concede, submit, *wimp out, acquiesce, surrender. ANT. hold one's ground, stand firm.

backer n. supporter, sponsor, promoter, booster, underwriter, angel, financier, advocate, benefactor, patron, investor.

backfire v. explode, report, discharge, boom, bang, pop, misfire, go awry, flop, reverse, blow up in one's face, boomerang, miscarry, *bomb. ANT. 1. go off without a hitch, work.

background n. 1. distance backdrop, horizon, offing. 2. experience upbringing, environment, grounding, family, past, education, circumstances. ANT. 1. foreground.

backhanded a. equivocal, ambiguous, left-handed, underhanded, sarcastic. ANT. straightforward, clear, definite.

backhoe n. excavator, *digger, earth mover, heavy machinery.

backing n. support, sponsorship, help, aid, assistance, boost, advocacy, patronage, encouragement, endorsement. ANT. 1. detachment, undermining.

BACKLASH n. [BAK lash] a negative reaction to a previous action. Ignoring the needs of one's constituency always results in voter backlash. SYN. repercussion, reaction, backfire, retaliation, response, recoil, impact, effect, consequence, wake, backwash.

backlog n. accumulation, reserve, excess, stock, hoard.

backpedal v. retract, take back, recant, retreat, renegotie, back down.

backslide v. slip, slide, sin, relapse, deviate, go astray, lapse, leave the straight and narrow, leave the path of righteousness.


back talk n. lip, sass, mouth, guff, insolence.

backup n. auxiliary, extra, substitute, alternate.

backward a. 1. toward the rear rearward, in reverse, behind. 2. in reverse upside-down, inside-out, wrong, *bassackwards. 3. shy hesitant, reticent, bashful, reserved, timid, demure. 4. retarded slow, behind, simple, inept, stupid, rustic, impeded, laggard, dull. ANT. 3. confident, bold, forward. 4. advanced, quick, brilliant.


bacteria n. microorganisms, germs, microbes, pathogens, *bugs, bacilli, virus, microscopic agents, streptococci, streptobacilli.

bad a. 1. below standard inadequate, poor, *lousy, *crappy, substandard, unacceptable, awful, faulty, unsatisfactory, *cheesy, slipshod, deficient, inferior, below par, worthless, shoddy. 2. wicked immoral, evil, corrupt, vile, sinful, demonic, satanic, diabolical, mischievous, mean. "All that proceeds from weakness."—Friedrich Nietzsche. 3. spoiled rotten, putrid, decayed, tainted, moldy. 4. unpleasant unfavorable, unfortunate, terrible, revolting, awful, dreadful, disagreeable, horrible, disturbing, dire, tragic, negative. 5. severe powerful, destructive, serious, dangerous, grave, horrible. 6. incorrect erroneous, inaccurate. 7. sorry low, down, distressed, troubled, gloomy, melancholy, depressed, remorseful. ANT. 1. excellent, good, superior. 2. moral, good, virtuous. 3. fresh, preserved. 4. pleasant, favorable, good. 5. harmless, trivial, light. 6. correct, accurate. 7. good, proud, glorious.

bad blood n. hard feelings, enmity, hostility, bitterness, resentment, ill will, malevolence, hatred, venom, unfriendliness. ANT. friendliness, good will, amity.

bad breath n. halitosis, *dragon breath.

badge n. 1. emblem, shield, medal, medallion, insignia, symbol, sign.

badger v. bother, nag, harass, pester, bug, needle, hassle, plague, hound, annoy, provoke, peeve, *ride.


badly adv. inadequately, poorly, unacceptably, abominably, awfully, unsatisfactorily, deficiently, slipshod, below par, wrong, ineptly, terribly. ANT. excellently, perfectly, superbly.

baffle v. 1. confuse perplex, muddle, stump, confound, throw, befuddle, daze, delude, mix up, puzzle. 2. thwart hinder, check, foil, obstruct, impede, bar, frustrate.

baffling a. inscrutable, perplexing. ANT. explainable, decipherable.

bag n. sack, pouch, pack, satchel, tote, carryall, haversack, gunny-bag, duffel, valise, suitcase, portmanteau, briefcase.

bag v. snare, capture, catch, take, trap, kill, seize.
bagatelle n. trifle.

baggage n. luggage, bags, suitcases, valises, trunks, things, paraphernalia, effects, gear.

baggy a. sagging, droopy, puff y, limp, unpinned, loose, slack, fat, billowing. ANT. smooth, tight, pressed, tailored.

bagpipe n. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

bail n. bond, security, deposit, surety, guarantee, warranty; release. SEE COURT, LAW

bailiff n. court attendant, court official, officer. SEE COURT, LAW

BAILIWICK n. [BAL-i-wik] one’s area of special interest or expertise. My personal bailiwick is paleontology. syn. interest, authority, field, sphere, jurisdiction, realm, domain, territory, area of expertise, department, beat.

balance n. 1. equilibrium parity, equity, equalization, symmetry, correspondence, equivalence, equality. 2. mental stability composure, self-control, poise, cool head, stability. ANT. 1. imbalance, inequality. 2. instability, irrationality.

balance v. 1. to make equal, equalize, counterpoise, stabilize, level, counteract, equilibrate, steady, match, offset, walk a fine line, level the playing field. 2. COMPARE consider, differentiate, weigh, contrast, evaluate. 3. ACCOUNT square, debit, credit, tally, audit, compute, calculate, sum up.

balcony n. 1. porch platform, terrace, deck, overhang, veranda, portico. 2. GALLERY loge, upper deck, mezzanine. *peanut gallery, cheap seats.

bald a. 1. hairless bare, glabrous, shaven, *head like a cueball, *skinheaded, *chrome-domed. 2. UNADORNED plain, stark, austere, bare, barren. 3. FRANK blunt, outright, direct, overt, out-and-out, baldfaced, flagrant, glaring. ANT. 1. hairy, furry, woolly, hairy, hirsute. 2. ornate, decorated, embellished. 3. indirect, disguised, subtle.

baldheaded n. bunk, rot, poppycock. SEE NONSENSE

bale n. bundle, packet, bunch, parcel.

baleful a. harmful, sinister, threatening, evil, ominous, deadly, injurious, pernicious, wicked, hazardous, malignant. ANT. harmless, innocuous, benign.

balk v. 1. FRUSTRATE thwart, foil, hinder, impede, prevent, check, retard. 2. HESITATE refuse, object, demur, draw back, shy away from, flinch, stop short. ANT. 1. facilitate, clear, help. 2. proceed, progress, *jump in.

balky a. stubborn, contrary, resisting, resistant, obstinate, mulish, intractable, ornery, unruly. ANT. cooperative, tractable.

ball n. 1. orb sphere, globe, spheroid, apple, round, bullet. 2. DANCE prom, masque, masquerade, shindig, hoedown, *hop.

ballad n. song, love song, folk song. SEE SONG

ballerina n. SEE BALLET

ballet n. dance, toe dancing, choreography, adagio.

balloon n. aerostat, lighter-than-air craft. SEE BLIMP

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bottom sleeve, where hot air is blown in:
appendix, mouth
burner's lighter: sparkler
gas: hot air, helium, hydrogen
ground crew: chase crew
ground director of balloon activity: balloonmeister
high-speed launch used in windy conditions: blastoff
interior of bag: envelope
pilot, passenger: aeronaut
propane gas heater: burner
rate of descent: sink
weights, sandbags, used to control altitude: ballast

balloon v. inflate, swell, expand, bloat, puff out, dilate, billow. ANT. deflate, contract, shrink.
balloon n. ticket, slate, vote, poll. "The rightful and peaceful successors of bullets."—Abraham Lincoln.
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WORD FIND

adviser: manager
amateur band: garage band
bandstand, concave: band shell
tickets shows: agent, booking agent
circuit of shows: tour
confidence on stage: stage presence
effects, amplifiers: echo, reverb, tremolo
fan of: *groupie
hit song or nonoriginal song performed by: cover
improvisational session: jam session
improvise or make up song on spot: jam
main act: headliner
mistake or muffed note: clam
nightclub entrance fee to pay for: cover charge
passage, individual instrumental: lick, riff
performing exceptionally well or in a groove: *cooking
playdate or job: gig
publicizes, promotes: publicist, promoter
road, set-up crew-member: *roadie
seating, unreserved audience: festival seating
unrehearsed, impromptu performance: jam

bandage n. gauze, swath, dressing, compress, *Band-Aid.
bandanna n. handkerchief, neckerchief, kerchief.
bandit n. thief, robber, crook, desperado, outlaw, brigand, *mugger, hoodlum, thug, burglar, highwayman, hold-up man.
bandleader n. conductor, *frontman, bandmaster.
bandy v. exchange, give-and-take, pass back and forth, *ping pong, circulate, pass along.
BanE n. [BANE] harm, destruction. A wolfpack is the bane of the deer yard. SYN. death, ruin, evil, downfall, scourge, plague, destruction, curse, undoing, poison. ANT. blessing, good.
bang v. 1. make noise: boom, peal, explode, thump, crack, clang, slam, thud, sound, pop, clap. 2. strike: hit, whack, slam, pop, shoot, clap, punch, clout, smack, rap, beat, pummel.

banish v. exile, expel, eject, remove, ban, proscribe, excommunicate, deport, outlaw, dismiss, oust, relegate, drum out. ant. adopt, invite, embrace.

banister n. handrail, railing, balustrade.

banjo n. see musical instruments

bank n. 1. financial institution, savings and loan, S&L, lending institution, thrift, trust company, treasury, credit union, Federal Reserve Bank, mortgage company. "A place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain."—Robert Frost. see money, securities 2. embankment: slope, hill, ledge, mound, levee. 3. row: tier, course, string, line, array, series

WORD FIND
assets pledged as security for a loan: collateral
ATM: automated teller machine
ATM access code: pin (personal identification) number
bad check-writing: kiting
CD: certificate of deposit
check guaranteed by bank to be covered: certified check
checking account that earns interest on unused funds: NOW (negotiable order of withdrawal) account
check returned due to insufficient funds: bounced check
clerk: teller
conceal large sums of illegally gained money by depositing in several small accounts: launder
deposit of third party made to assure fulfillment of contract: escrow
document such as draft, deed, or bond: instrument
fail to pay off a loan: default
failure to pay loan on time: delinquency
FDIC: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
federal banking system and clearinghouse: Federal Reserve System
interest rate charged on loans to member banks by Federal Reserve Bank: discount rate
loan payment, large initial: down payment
loan payment that is larger than all the others: balloon payment
lowest interest rate at a given time: prime rate
message/gopher: runner
office or central bank where bankers meet to settle balances: clearinghouse
one percent of loan paid up front: point
order to bank to refuse payment on a check drawn: stop payment
panicked withdrawals on fear of bank closure: bank run
payment, order for: draft, money order
payment for use of credit or funds: interest
pay off loan in one large installment instead of many smaller ones: commute
record book of deposits and withdrawals: passbook, bankbook
seriousness, payment establishing borrower's: earnest money
signature authorizing payment of check: endorsement
storage space for customer's valuables: safe deposit box
teller's small window: wicket
value of business, home, or other investment after all debts are subtracted: equity
vault, personal: safe deposit box
withdrawal in excess of funds in account: overdraft

bankrupt a. insolvent, *gone belly up, ruined, wiped out, broke, *busted, penniless, in the red. ant. solvent, profiting, flourishing, in the black.

WORD FIND
bankruptcy procedure/code section: Chapter Eleven

bankruptcy n. insolvency. see bankrupt

banner n. flag, pennant, ensign, streamer, standard, pennon, bunting, colors.

banner a. successful, outstanding, leading, exceptional, foremost, record, red-letter. ant. unsuccessful, mediocre.

banquet n. feast, dinner, meal, roast, *spread, repast.

bantam n. feisty runt, little spitfire, little scrapper, whippersnapper, swaggerer, *strutting half-pint, *cock of the walk.

banter n. teasing, ribbing, jesting, joking, joshing, repartee, badinage, ridicule, kidding, persiflage, raillery.

banter v. tease, rib, jest, joke, josh, ridicule, kid, *ride.

baptism n. initiation, purification, sacrament, ritual, rite, christening, sprinkling, anointing, immersion, consecration. "The vehicle
BAPTISM OF FIRE n. a first or initial experience that proves to be an ordeal. *The new recruits were sent immediately to the front, where they survived a baptism of fire.* SYN. ordeal, trying experience, trial by fire, nightmare, initiation, rite of passage, hell, hardship, test of courage, introduction, entrance, hazing, rude introduction.

baptize v. initiate, purify, annoint, cleanse, immerse, christen, indoctrinate, consecrate, sanctify, sprinkle. see church, religion

bar n. 1. RAIL OR ROD stick, strip, stake, pole, shaft, crosspiece, boom, spar, paling. 2. IMPEDIMENT barrier, obstruction, obstacle, constraint, block, barricade, restriction, stumbling block. 3. PUB saloon, tavern, gin mill, cocktail lounge, *watering hole,* lounge, beer garden, dramshop. 4. LEGAL SYSTEM lawyers, attorneys, counselors, bar association, solicitors, barristers, legal fraternity. 5. BAND stripe, strip, striation, ribbon, score, line.

bar v. 1. STOP impede, obstruct, prohibit, hinder, block, barricade, restrict, restrain, prevent, constrain, interdict. 2. BOLT secure, lock, seal, close, latch. 3. EXCLUDE prohibit, ostracize, ban, banish, blacklist, segregate, spurn, boycott, shut out, freeze out. ANT. 1. facilitate, aid, abet. 2. unlock, open, free. 3. include, welcome, embrace.

barb n. insult, dig, cutting remark, putdown, affront, criticism.


barbaric a. savage, animalistic, ignorant, clodish, primitive, brutal, cruel, lowbrow, rough, doltish, uncultured, vulgar, wild, ill-mannered. ANT. civilized, cultured, refined.

barbarity n. barbarism, savagery, ignorance, clodishness, brutality, cruelty, roughness, vulgarity, wildness, ruthlessness, brutality. ANT. civility, nicety, refinement.

barbarous a. savage, animalistic, coarse, ignorant, inhuman, primitive, uncivilized, brutish, uncouth, rude, wild, rough, doltish, uncultured, vulgar, ill-mannered, vicious, philistine. ANT. civilized, refined, humane, cultured.

barbecue v. flame broil, roast, rotisserie, grill, sear, cook out, dry, smoke.

barber n. hair stylist, hairdresser, beautician, haircutter, coiffeur.

barbiturate n. drug, sedative, depressant, *downer.

bare a. 1. UNCLOTHED naked, nude, stripped, in the buff, exposed, “in one's birthday suit, disrobed. 2. PLAIN barren, stark, spare, austere, Spartan, unfinished, unadorned, empty. 3. UNDISGUISED bald, plain, stark, unvarnished, glaring, straightforward, flagrant. ANT. 1. clothed, dressed. 2. ornate, elaborate, decorated. 3. hidden, covered up, camouflaged.

bare bones a. basic, essential, unadorned, core, simple, no-frills.

barefaced a. shameless, brazen, bold, frank, audacious, rude, bumptious, outspoken, insolent, impudent. ANT. reserved, polite, respectful.

barely adv. hardly, scarcely, just, slightly, merely.

bargain n. 1. AGREEMENT understanding, pledge, contract, deal, arrangement, promise, covenant. “A transaction in which each participant thinks he has cheated the other.”—Anon. 2. GOOD DEAL steal, good value, a bon marche. “Something you can't use at a price you can't resist.”—Franklin Jones.

bargain v. negotiate, dicker, haggle, come to terms, deal, higgle, promise, contract, trade, barter.

barge n. flatboat, scow, freight carrier.

bark n. 1. WOOF yip, yelp, howl, yap, bow-wow, bay, arf, growl. 2. COVERING skin, husk, peeling, hide, shell, pod.

bar k v. 1. WOOF yip, yelp, howl, yap, bow-wow, bay, arf, growl. 2. SHOUT bellow, holler, yell, snap, growl, bluster, roar, snarl, thunder.

BAR MITZVAH n. [BAR MITZ vuh] a ceremony recognizing the entrance of a 13-year-old Jewish boy into the adult world of moral responsibilities. *The bar mitzvah is the Jewish boy's great rite of passage into adulthood.* SYN. ceremony, initiation, rite of passage, confirmation, coming of age, celebration, service. SEE BAT MITZVAH, RELIGION

barmy a. eccentric, odd, peculiar, daft, *batty. ANT. normal, conventional, sane.

barn n. byre, cowbarn, stables, stalls, shed. see farm, animal.

baptism of fire - barn

to heaven, the public agent of the Kingdom, the gift of adoption.”—Saint Basil.
erection of: barnraising
fodder storage building next to: silo
grain storage building: granary
upper portion where hay is stored: hayloft

barnacle n. crustacean, parasite, limpet, marine creature, shell.
barnstorm v. tour.
baro meter n. instrument, gauge, indicator, manometer.
baron n. nobleman, aristocrat, lord.
baroque a. ornate, elaborate, florid, embellished, busy, overworked, rococo, ostentatious, fanciful. ant: plain, stark, austere.
barracks n. quarters, housing, building.
barrage n. 1. sustained attack bombardment, shelling, salvo, battery, volley, assault, enfilade, onslaught, volley, wall of fire, rain of fire. 2. profusion deluge, inundation, rain, mass, plethora, torrent.
barrel n. cask, keg, hogshead, drum, firkin, vessel, butt, container, cylinder.

WORD FIND
maker: cooper
part: stave
stopper: bung

barren a. 1. desolate sterile, empty, bare, depleted, void, unproductive, arid, stark. 2. childless infertile, sterile, infecund, unbearing. 3. dull boring, uninteresting, stale, uninspiring. ant: 1. fertile, lush, rich, fruitful. 2. fertile, fecund. 3. interesting, inspiring.
barricade n. barrier, roadblock, blockade, bar, impediment, rampart, bulwark, obstruction.
barricade v. bar, block, clog, impede, shut off, fortify, obstruct, secure, defend.
banner n. 1. physical obstruction bar, obstacle, barricade, impediment, check, roadblock, wall, rampart, bulwark, fortification, boom, palisade. 2. handicap limitation, impediment, hindrance, difficulty, obstacle, stumbling block, hurdle, obstacle.
barricade n. Spanish quarter, Spanish district, urban district, community, neighborhood, section.
barrister n. (primarily British) attorney, counselor. see lawyer
barrow n. handcart, pushcart, wheelbarrow, handbarrow.
bartender n. barkeep, barmaid, *mixmaster.
barter v. trade, exchange, swap, deal, do business.
base n. 1. foundation support, bottom, stand, pedestal, bed, foot, ground structure. 2. basis essence, core, foundation, source, backbone, root, fundamental, heart, principle. 3. headquarters center, station, home, post, camp.
base v. ground, derive, build, establish, rest, construct.
base a. 1. inferior lowly, cheap, impure, debased. 2. contemptible low, mean, ignoble, dishonorable, indecent, disgraceful, despicable, sordid, degenerate, unprincipled, incorrigible, disreputable, slavish, wretched, servile, menial, cringing. ant: 1. superior, pure. 2. noble, virtuous, principled.
baseball n. ball, sport, game, national pastime, athletic competition. “The greatest conversation piece ever invented in America.”—Bruce Catton. “An island of surety in a changing world.”—William Veek. see athlete, sport(s)

WORD FIND
COMMON ABBREVIATIONS
AAA: the minor league from which big league players are drawn
AA: the second-tier minor league. Also known as a bush league
A: the third-tier minor league. Also known as a bush league
AB: at bat
AL: American League
BA: batting average
BR: base on balls/walks
DP: double play
DH: designated hitter
E: error
ERA: earned run average
FP: fielding percentage
G: game
H: hit
HR: homerun
IP: innings pitched
K: strikeout
MVP: most valuable player
NL: National League
R: run
RBI: runs batted in
SB: stolen base
SHO: shutout
SO: strikeout
SS: shortstop
2B: double
3B: triple
TP: triple play
WP: winning pitcher
KEY TERMS
ambidextrous hitter: switch hitter
base: bag
baseball, slang for: apple, horshide
bat, illegal: corked bat
bat's heavy warmup weight: donut
batting fourth in the lineup: batting cleanup
bench area for players, enclosed: dugout
batter's grip, improves: pine tar
batter's spot: batter's box
British game: rounders
catch, spectacular: circus catch, shoestring catch
championship, league: pennant; World Series
dirt track skirting outfield wall: warning track
double play started by the shortstop (6) who throws to the second baseman (4), who completes the play to the first baseman (3): 6-4-3 double play
drawing of players from schools and minor leagues: draft
fantasy baseball based on statistics: Rotisserie League
fastball, slang: *fireball, *hummer, *smoke
fan's fanciful game of: Rotisserie League Baseball
first-year player: rookie
flyball, high infield: pop-up
flyball, short: blooper
fly balls, practice catching: shag flies
grounder, bouncing: chopper
hit ball that bounces into stands: ground-rule double
hit often used as sacrifice to move runner on, very short infield: bunt
hit that causes an out but moves an on-base runner along: sacrifice
hitter who can be counted on in critical situations: clutch hitter
hitter who substitute hits for pitcher: designated hitter
hit, weak: rubber, squibber, Texas Leaguer
homerrun driving in a total of four runs: grand slam
homerun: four-bagger
homerun, to hit at: go downtown; air it out
illegally alter ball or bat: doctor
illegally alter ball or bat: doctor
lockerr, office, etc.: clubhouse
minor leagues: AAA AA, A, farm system, bush leagues
mishandled ball: bobbled; error
out-of-play ball: foul
partial swing of bat not counting as strike: check swing
perform badly, especially in a tense situation: choke
pitch a fastball: *blow it by, *blow smoke, *throw a fireball, *put some mustard on it
pitch, curving or altering trajectory: breaking ball, curveball, forkball, knuckleball, screwball, sinker, slider, spitball, split-fingered fastball
pitch, deceptively slow: off-speed pitch
pitch hitting batter, intentionally wild: beanball
pitch intentionally thrown for a ball outside: pitchout
pitch nearly hitting batter intentionally: brushback pitch
pitch, slow and easy to hit: lollipop
pitch thrown deceptively slow: change-up
pitcher, closing: closer, reliever, stopper
pitcher, illegal motion made by: balk
pitcher, lefthanded: southpaw
pitcher, team's best: ace
pitcher who uses clever pitches instead of speed: finesse pitcher
pitcher's warmup area: bullpen
player making game-losing error: goat
player not currently under contract and free to change teams: free agent
players' nickname: boys of summer
rectangles batter stands in at bat: batter's box
screen, protective: backstop
signal, secret: sign
sign, no pepper: stenciled sign warning players not to play games of pepper, the infield batting and fielding drill that sometimes damages the playing field
statistical rundown in newspaper: boxscore
strike criteria, full swing: break the wrists
strikeout, to: fan, *whiff
strikes, to be called out on: go down looking
substitute runner: pinch runner
throwing arm, powerful: *bazooka, *shotgun

bash
bash n. Slang, *wing-ding, spree. see party
bashful a. shy, timid, shrinking, embarrassed, blushing, modest, backward, demure, self-conscious, withdrawn, sheepish, retiring, coy. ant. brash, confident, swaggering, loud.
basic n. fundamental, rudiment, essential, basic and bolts.
basic a. fundamental, rudimentary, essential, primary, vital, elementary, key, necessary. ant. nonessential, superfluous, extra.
basin n. washbowl, sink, vessel, tub, font.
basis n. base, foundation, support, root, grounding, nucleus, source, center.
bask v. 1. WARM ONESelf IN THE SUN *catch some rays, sunbathe. 2. LUXURiATE revel, delight in, wallow, eat up.
basket n. container, receptacle, hamper, wickerwork, creel, pannier, scuttle.
basketball n. *hoops, *brownball, *B-ball, ball, sport, game, athletic competition. see athlete, sport(s)

WORD FIND
blocked shot, illegally: goaltending
block out opponent to get a better angle at a rebound: box out
boundary line at end of court: baseline
defense, player-to-player: man-to-man defense
defense, area: zone defense
defense, slang: D
fiberglass stop: backboard, glass
failure to move ball out of backcourt within ten seconds: backcourt violation
fake a shot: pump fake
fall-away shot: fade away jumper
footrace to basket: fast break
forecourt of the defense: backcourt
free throw lane for a close shot, dribble down the: drive the lane
free throw granted at free throw line for a foul: foul shot, free throw
guarding opponents aggressively from the moment the ball is inbounded: full-court press, trapping
hitting shots consistently: *having a hot hand, *in a zone, *on fire, *heating up, *in a groove
leaping ability, measure of: hang time
long range shot: *Hail Mary, *prayer, *from downtown, *bomb, three-pointer
mid-air catch followed by a slam-dunk: alley-oop
missing a lot of shots: cold, ice cold
net shot, nothing but: swish
pass resulting in a score: assist
player, large and powerful and adept at rebounding: power forward
player, largest, plays the posts and rebounds: center
players covering the corner areas: forwards
players, usually smaller, who play the perimeter and bring up the ball and feed to teammates: guards, point guard
possession, head-to-head leap for ball that determines: jump shot
post near foul line: high post
ratio of shots taken and scored: field goal percentage
rebounding, aggressive: *crashing the boards
screen or legal block: pick
screen play: pick and roll
shot, close, off-the-backboard: layup
shot, jumping: jump shot, *
shot, one-handed arc: hook shot
shot, poor: *air ball, *brick
shot, roll-in from very close range: finger-roll
shot that misses everything including rim and backboard: *air ball
slamming the ball through the hoop: dunk, slam-dunk
two-on-one defensive strategy: double team
violation in which player hits opponent's arm: *hack
violation, offensive player standing too long in free throw lane: three-second violation
violation: foul
violation, dribbling: double-dribble, traveling, *walking
violation, running into a stationary opponent while dribbling: charging, offensive foul
violation in which ball is turned over in dribbler's hand: palming

bastard n. 1. ILLEGITIMATE CHILD *love child, misbegot. 2. SCOUNDREL jerk, son of a bitch, cad, rascal.
bastardize v. debase, defile, degrade, adulterate, corrupt, ruin, spoil.
baste v. moisten, moisturize, soak, wet, saturate, bathe.

BASTION n. [BAS chun] a stronghold or fortified place. Harvard is a bastion of higher education. The marksmen took refuge behind the bastion. SYN. stronghold, fortification, fortress, citadel, rampart, bulwark, refuge, garrison, facilities.
bat n. club, stick, staff, racket, cudgel, bludgeon, baton, shillelagh, *lumber, truncheon.
bate v. 1. hit, smack, whack, swing at. 2. wink, blink, flutter.

BAT MITZVAH n. [baht MITZ vuh] ceremony that recognizes the entrance of a twelve- or thirteen-year-old Jewish girl into adulthood. Her family gathered together to celebrate her bat mitzvah. SYN. ceremony, rite of passage, confirmation, service, initiation, coming of age, celebration. SEE BAR MITZVAH, RELIGION
batch n. lot, bunch, cluster, assortment, group, pack, aggregate, collection, quantity.
bath n. wash, soak, cleansing, ablution, rinse, sponge bath, tub, shower, wash-up, steep, sauna.
batch v. wash, soak, clean, clean, rinse, sponge off, freshen up, scrub, douche, lave, shower, steep.
bathing suit n. swimming trunks, shorts, swim-suit, bikini, *cutoffs, T-strap, maillot, *jams, one-piece, leotard, string bikini.
bathos n. sentimentality, triteness, insipidness, mush, *schmaltz, mawkishness, melodrama, bleeding heart, wishy-washyness.
baton n. stick, bat, staff, rod, club, wand, scepter, truncheon, mace.
battalion n. unit, body, subdivision, massing, assembly, battle group.
batter v. beat, pound, strike, pummel, *sock, thrash, smash, wallop, dash, demolish, mangle, break, shatter, crush.
battery n. 1. electrical storage unit dry cell, storage cell. 2. assault beating, mugging, thrashing. 3. series array, line, string. 4. gunnery artillery.
battle n. war, skirmish, conflict, clash, scuffle, engagement, combat, fray, encounter, assault, fight, *run-in, tussle, confrontation, squabble. see war, ammunition.
battle v. fight, clash, skirmish, war, engage, confront, squabble.
battlement n. see castle.
battleship n. warship, naval vessel, battleswagon, fighting ship, *tin can, cruiser, destroyer.
baukle n. trinket, trifle, knickknack, gewgaw, ornament, bagatelle.
bawdy a. indecent, lewd, coarse, improper, obscene, raunchy, dirty, indelicate, lascivious, licentious, ribald. ANT. clean, proper, chaste.
bawl v. 1. shout yell, bellow, holler, bark, thun-der, cry, howl. 2. cry wail, weep, blubber, sob, snivel, whimper, squall.
bawl out v. Sl. see scold.
bay n. 1. bright, cove, inlet, gulf, estuary, strait, lagoon, harbor. 2. alcove, niche, nook.
bay v. bark, howl, yelp, bellow.
bayou n. tributary, stream, body of water, creek, river, branch, waterway.
bazaar n. marketplace, shop, fair, flea market, rummage sale, street market.
beach n. shore, strand, coast, seaside, littoral. see ocean, wave.

WORD FIND
arm of land connecting two land masses: isthmus, tombolo
channel, small: rill
cross-current swimming hazard: riptide
debri, cargo washed ashore from lost ship: flotsam and jetsam
embarkment or headland: bluff, promon-tory
harbor-protecting structure extending into water: jetty
ledge or shelf of sand deposited by sea over time: berm
marine vegetation washed ashore: wrack
mineral in beach sand: garnet, feldspar, quartz
narrow arm of land extending into water: spit
pillowlike object, egg-casing of skate: mer-maid's purse
receding tide: ebb tide
ridge of coral or rock skirting shore: bar-rier reef
ripples in sand left by swash: swashmarks
sand bar connecting two land masses: tombolo
sea spray: spindrift
shells: abalone, baby bonnet, clam, cockle, conch, cone, cowrie, horn, limpet, mussel, nautilus, oyster, periwinkle, razor, scallop, triton, westletrap
shelter/bathhouse: cabana
small beach between two cliffs: pocket beach
small rock island at head of promontory: stack
waves: plunger, spiller, comber, train, gray-beards, eagr, tidal bore
wave's shallow sweep up beach: swash

BEACHHEAD n. [BEECH hed] shoreline cap-tured in enemy territory, used as a base for a larger attack. The term is frequently used as a metaphor for any initial establishment or opening base of operations. The company quickly established a beachhead overseas and has been gaining customers rapidly. SYN. terri-tory, enemy territory, base, base of operations, staging area, position, footing, ground, foothold, post, entrance, threshold.
beacon n. signal light, warning light, smoke sig-nal, guide, lighthouse, bonfire.
bead n. droplet, drop, pearl, spheroid, pellet, pill.
bean n. bill. see nose
beam n. 1. support girder, brace, rafter, boom, crosspiece, joist, stud, board, two-by-four. 2. LIGHT ray, shaft, stream, swath, streak.
beam v. 1. transmit emit, flash, broadcast. 2. radiate glow, shine, glisten. 3. smile broadly grin, take on a cheerful glow, radiate. See smile.

deadbear n. 1. brun ursus, grizzly, mammal, brown bear, black bear, polar bear. 2. pessimist conservative, gloomy, prophet of doom, Cassandra, naysayer, killjoy, worrywart, realist. Ant. 2. bull, optimist.

beam v. 1. hold up support, brace, buttress, uphold, sustain, shoulder. 2. carry convey, bring, lug, tote, haul, move. 3. tolerate endure, suffer, stomach, stand, withstand, put up with, abide. 4. produce young give birth to, produce, beget, yield, reproduce, bring forth.

bearable a. tolerable, endurable. Ant. unbearable.

beard n. whiskers, stubble, five o’clock shadow, bristles, rat’s nest. See mustache.

WORD FIND
anchorlike, short, pointy fringe extending up to bottom lip: anchor
curly, thick, square-cut: Trojan beard
ducktail-like: ducktail beard
forked: swallowtail beard
goatlike chin tuft: goatee, satyric tuft
long tuft extending beneath lower lip, worn by Napoleon III: Imperial
cadiz
medium, no mustache: Lincolnesque
pointed, short, no sideburns: Van Dyke
rounded: aureole
sideburns, bushy, shaped: muttonchops
slender, pointed: stiletto
spade shaped: spade beard, Shenandoah
Spanish style, pointed, medium length: Cadiz
square-cut, long: tile
tuft of hair under bottom lip: barbiche
twisted or twined: screw beard

bearing n. manner, carriage, air, posture, mien, attitude, demeanor, presence, comportment.

bearings n. orientation, location.

BEARISH a. [BAIR ish] pessimistic, particularly when concerning the stock market. He sold off his stocks because he was feeling particularly bearish. Syn. pessimistic, cautious, conservative, gloomy, skeptical, uneasy, negative, doubting, lacking confidence. Ant. bullish.

beast n. animal, creature, savage, brute, swine. See barbarian, monster.

beastly a. savage, brutal, barbaric, heathen, wild, uncivilized, primitive, fiendish, monstrous, vile, boorish, feral, coarse, disagreeable, nasty. Ant. humane, civilized, cultured, refined.

beat n. 1. cadence rhythm, pulse, pulsation, meter. 2. circuit walk, rounds, route, precinct.

beat v. 1. batter pound, strike, hammer, bang, pummel, thrash, thump, hit, smack, flog, cuff, whomp, slug, belt, box, whale on, punch. 2. mold fashion, forge, shape. 3. defeat win over, vanquish, rout, best, subdue, kick butt, outstrip, outdistance, prevail over, smoke the competition, leave the competition in one’s wake, lick, top. 4. pulsate throb, palpitate, vibrate, thump. 5. whip stir, mix.

beat a. tired, exhausted, enervated. Ant. energized, invigorated.

beaten a. licked, vanquished, discouraged, demoralized. Ant. encouraged, heartened.

beatific a. blissful, serene, angelic, heavenly. Ant. fiendish, villainous, diabolical.

beatitude n. blessedness, happiness, bliss, serenity, saintliness, peace.

beatnik n. free spirit, nonconformist, Bohemian, a stray from the herd, hippie, flower child, deviant.

beau n. boyfriend, lover, suitor, swain, sweetheart, fiancé.

beauty n. attractiveness prettiness, comeuppance, primp, make up, gussie up, enhance, glamorize. Ant. deface, spoil.

beautiful a. 1. attractive pretty, handsome, becoming, comely, fair, lovely, good-looking, nice, gorgeous, captivating. 2. excellent great, fantastic, superb, splendid. Ant. 1. ugly, unattractive, homely, repulsive. 2. awful, terrible, rotten.

beautiful people n. society people, upper crust, the well-to-do, the wealthy class, the upper class, high society, fashionable society, the in crowd.

beautify v. dress up, decorate, fix up, adorn, primp, make up, gussie up, enhance, glamorize.

beauty n. 1. attractiveness prettiness, comeliness, fairness, loveliness, good looks, appeal, pulchritude, allure, charm. A fading flower.—The Bible. Silent eloquence.—French proverb. God’s handwriting.—Emerson. “The power by which a woman charms a lover and terrifies a husband”—Ambrose Bierce. 2. belle goddess, babe, fox, looker, knockout, sex symbol, enchantress, siren, vision, dreamboat, doll, Venus. Ant. 1. ugliness, repulsiveness, plainness. 2. hag, Quasimodo, dog, eyesore.

beckon v. summon, call, signal, wave, hail, invite, motion.
becloud v. confuse, mudder, obfuscate, darken, veil, obscure, shroud, mask, bewilder, make unclear. ant. clear up, clarify.

becoming a. 1. suitable appropriate, proper, fitting, befitting, seemly, comme il faut, right, correct. 2. attractive comely, flattering, pretty, beautiful. ant. 1. unsuitable, inappropriate, unbecoming. 2. unflattering, unattractive.

bed n. 1. bunk mattress, *sack, cot, berth, hammock, pallet. “The heaven upon earth to the weary head.”—Thomas Hood. 2. layer stratum, seam, deposit.

bed and breakfast n. inn, B&B, guest house, lodging, accomodations.

bedazzle v. bewilder, confuse, daze, dazzle, overwhelm, blind.

bedding n. bedclothes, blankets, sheets, covers, quilts, coverlets.

bedevil v. plague, torment, frustrate, annoy, torture, *bug, irritate.

bedlam n. confusion, uproar, pandemonium, turmoil, noise, chaos, hubbub, madness, madhouse, hubbubaloo.

bed of roses n. comfort, luxury, paradise.

bedraggled a. wet, dirty, limp, sopping, filthy, soggy, disheveled, drenched, unkempt, soiled, sodden, muddy. ant. dry, clean, neat.

bedridden a. laid up, infirm, disabled, prostrate, incapacitated, invalid, ill, sick, crippled, ailing, *flat on one’s back.

bedroom n. chamber, bedchamber, boudoir, bed-sitter.

bed-wetting n. enuresis, incontinence.

bee n. bumblebee, honey bee, killer bee, drone, worker, Queen bee. “Nature’s confectioner.”—John Cleveland.

beef n. Sl. complaint, gripe, grouse.

beefy a. brawny, fleshy, burly, strong, powerful, strapping, Herculean, robust, solid, hulklike, husky. ant. skinny, anorexic.

beehive n. hive, beegum, skep, colony, apiary.


beget v. bear, father, create, generate, engender, propagate, reproduce, sire, bring forth, effect, give rise to.


begin v. 1. start commence, set in motion, launch, initiate, arise, happen, go ahead, embark, open, get the ball rolling. 2. come into being start, commence, arise, flower, crop up, issue, sprout, originate, inaugurate, spring, get under way, found. ant. end, conclude, stop.


beginning n. 1. initiation onset, start, commencement, opening, launching, debut, outset, genesis, inception. “A quarter of the journey.”—Henry Bohn. 2. origin source, root, fountain, seed, germ. ant. 1. end, closing, conclusion, finale.

begnudge v. resent, envy, hold against, be jealous, stint.

beguile v. 1. trick mislead, cheat, bamboozle, dupe, *burn, *rope in, deceive, delude. 2. charm enchant, bewitch, captivate, delight, amuse, divert, distract. ant. 2. bore.

behave v. 1. act conduct, deport, comport, perform, function. 2. mind shape up, *mind one’s manners, *mind one’s Ps and Qs, *keep one’s nose clean, smarten up, be good.

behavior n. 1. conduct deportment, comportment, demeanor, manner, bearing, ways, etiquette. “The finest of the fine arts.”—Emerson. “No truer index to intelligence.”—Ibn Gabirol. 2. action performance, functioning, operation, reaction, response.
behavior modification  n. therapy, retraining, psychotherapy, conditioning, reinforcement, reward system, aversion therapy, change, desensitization.

behead  v. decapitate, decollate, guillotine, execute.

BEHEMOTH  n. [bi HEE muth] anything gigantic. We saw whales and other behemoths of the sea. SYN. giant, monster, colossus, mammoth, levianthan, titan, Goliath, whale, hippopotamus.

behest  n. order, command, bidding, request, word, edict, demand, urging, decree, say-so, desire.


behind  adv. back, in back of, rearward, trailing, aft.

behold  v. look at, regard, observe, notice, view, watch, "feast your eyes on, consider, scrutinize, examine, gaze upon. ANT. ignore, overlook, disregard.

beholden  a. obligated, indebted, owing. ANT. freed, unbound.

behoove  v. benefit, befit, be worthwhile, suit, be incumbent upon.

being  n. 1. entity creature, organism, person, soul, spirit. 2. existence reality, life. ANT. 2. nonexistence.

belabor  v. dwell on, go on about, "beat a dead horse, pound, hammer home, rehash, repeat, overwork.

belated  a. tardy, overdue, late, delayed, past due. ANT. timely, prompt.

belch  v. 1. burp eruct. 2. emit spew, discharge, spout, erupt, disgorge, expel.

BELEAGUER  v. [be LEE gur] to besiege or harass. He will beleaguer her until she finally gives in. SYN. besiege, harass, beset, plague, pester, annoy, badger, bother, hound, hector, persecute, victimize, close in on.

belfry  n. bell tower.

believe  v. misrepresent, disguise, falsify, defy, negate, contradict, twist, conceal.

belief  n. conviction, certainty, faith, trust, assumption, presumption, acceptance, confidence, credence, hope, feeling, guess, understanding, notion, judgment, position, hypothesis, credo, dogma. "The most complete of all distinctions between man and the lower animals."—Charles Darwin.

believable  a. convincing, plausible, credible, reliable, acceptable. ANT. unbelievable, farfetched.

believe  v. accept, hold, maintain, presume, know, have faith, swear by, give credence to, trust, suspect, "take as gospel, suppose, assume, guess, surmise. ANT. disbelieve, doubt.

believer  n. adherent, devotee, follower, apostle, disciple, zealot.

belittle  v. disparage, depreciate, put down, diminish, degrade, deride, malign, "take down a peg, "knock, discredit. ANT. build up, aggrandize, put on a pedestal.


bellow  v. roar, shout, holler, thunder, squall, boom, bark, bawl, howl, bluster.

BELlicoSe  a. [BEL l KOSE] belligerent, quarrelsome, warlike. He was eager to fight; he was a notoriously bellicose man. SYN. belligerent, quarrelsome, warlike, hostile, pugnacious, aggressive, combative, volatile, contentious, peppy. ANT. peaceful, passive.

BELLiGERENT  a. [buh LI ur unt] quarrelsome, hostile, quick to fight. Belligerent inner city gangs started the riot. SYN. belligerent, pugnacious, quarrelsome, militant, war-mongering, warlike, hostile, aggressive, combative, volatile, contentious, peppy. ANT. peaceful, passive, pacific.

bellow  v. roar, shout, holler, thunder, squall, boom, bark, bawl, howl, bluster.

behave  v. conduct oneself, act, conduct oneself.

belonging  n. relationship, camaraderie, community, kinship, familiarity. ANT. alienation, anomie, rejection.

belongings  n. things, possessions, stuff, personal effects, worldly goods, chattel.

beloved  a. loved, dearest, cherished, adored, darling, precious, worshipped, revered, treasured, esteemed. ANT. hated, detested, distained.

below  adv. beneath, down, under, low, underneath.
belt n. band, sash, girdle, strap, cord, thong, cinch, cummerbund.
belt v. hit, smack, wallop, thrash, beat, whip. see beat
bemoan v. grieve, lament, mourn, bewail, deplore, rue, cry over.
bemuse v. confuse, puzzle, bewilder, befuddle, disconcert, addle, confound, daze, mix up, muddle, stupefy.
bench n. 1. seat, settle, pew, bleacher. 2. court, judiciary, bar, tribunal.
BENCHMARK n. [BENCH mark] that which becomes a standard to measure against. Their new computer quickly became the benchmark for the industry. SYN. standard, model, gauge, measure, yardstick, bellwether, touchstone, exemplar, high water mark.
bend v. 1. curve, crook, twist, arc, flex, bow, curl, coil, snake. 2. give in, yield, acquiesce, cave in, bow down, capitulate, surrender.
benevolence n. kindliness, goodwill, charity, humanitarianism.
benevolent a. helpful, advantageous, rewarding, valuable, good, favorable, propitious, useful, gainful. ANT. harmful, useless.
benevolence n. kindness, goodwill, charity, humanity.
benevolent a. [buh NEV uh lunt] kindly, doing good, charitable. The United Way is a benevolent organization. SYN. kind, charitable, generous, humane, good, altruistic, compassionate, sympathetic, philanthropic, benign, giving, beneficent. ANT. mean, selfish, cold-hearted, malicious, misanthropic.
benign a. [bi NINE] 1. kindly 2. advantageous 3. harmless. 1. Uncle Harry's bark is worse than his bite; he's really quite benign. 2. The weather turned out to be rather benign for the tournament. 3. John's tumor was found to be benign. SYN. 1. kindly, benevolent, merciful, sympathetic, genial, gracious, good-hearted, altruistic, compassionate. 2. beneficial, favorable, propitious, auspicious, healthful, helpful, fortunate. 3. harmless, slight, curable, superficial, innocuous, inconsequential. ANT. 1. mean, selfish, malicious, mischievous, misanthropic. 2. harmful, inopportune, unfortunate, unfortunate. 3. malignant, severe.
bent n. propensity, penchant, inclination, leaning, proclivity, liking, predilection, ability, flair, fondness, aptitude.
bent a. crooked, curved, twisted, bowed, contorted, warped, hooked, doubled over. ANT. straight.
bent on a. determined, bound, intent, fixed.
bequeath v. leave, will, consign, hand over, bestow, impart, endow, give.
BEQUEST n. [bi KWEST] something given to someone in a will. She received a bequest of $1,000. SYN. inheritance, gift, endowment, bequeathal, legacy, estate, dowry.
berate v. scold, upbraid, rebuke, dress down, reproach, tongue-lash, bawl out, give one hell, jump down one's throat, vituperate, rake over the coals.
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bereavement n. loss, deprivation, grief, sorrow, heartache, mourning.
bereft a. bereaved, left desolate, deprived, lorn, lonely, destitute, wanting, lacking. ANT. fulfilled, satisfied, consoled.
berry n. fruit, crop.

WORD FIND
amber, apricot-flavored: cloudberry
aphrodisiac, alleged: myrtle
blueberry-like: bilberry, Juneberry
bears, scarlet berries eaten by: bearberries
blackish: huckleberry (whortleberry), blackberry, black raspberry
blackish or dark red: boysenberry
blue: blueberry
bog: cranberries
candles, gray, aromatic berries used for: bayberry
large pink, red, white, or yellow: gooseberry
minty breath freshener: wintergreen
orange, red, or black: barberry
poisonous: pokeweed berry
purple: blackberry, elderberry
purple, red, black, or white: mulberry
berserk - bewitching

raspberry-like: boysenberry, blackberry, mulberry
red: boysenberry
red and sweet: strawberry
red, tart: cranberry, currant
tart, black: currant

berserk a. deranged, violent, crazed, mad, amuck, insane, maniacal, frenzied, murderous. ant. serene, calm, rational.
beseech v. implore, plead, beg, solicit, pray, entreat, urge, press, supplicate.
beset v. plague, harass, hound, torment, badger, bother, surround, *bug, hassle, besiege, victimize, vex, beleaguer.
besiege v. surround, enencircle, enclose, close in on, crowd, lay siege to. 2. harass beleaguer, badger, plague, torment, beset, overwhelm, hound, pressure.
besmirch v. soil, sully, dishonor, taint, tarnish, smear, muddy, disgrace. ant. glorify, honor.
best n. winner, *cream of the crop, creme de la creme, the finest, *top dog, *blue ribbon winner, *the tops, paragon, the champion. ant. the worst, also-ran, loser.
bewilder v. confuse, puzzle, befuddle, confound, perplex, mystify, baffle, befog, strike dumb, set adrift, disorient, disconcert. ant. inform, clarify.
bewilderment n. confusion, puzzlement, befuddlement, perplexity, mystification, bafflement, *discomfobulation. ant. understand- ing, clear-headedness, lucidity.
bewitching a. enchanting, charming, beguiling, spellbinding, mesmerizing, captivating, captivating,...
fascinating, seductive, enticing, hypnotizing, alluring. *ANT. repulsive, dull.

**beyond** prep. past, yonder, inaccessible, unattainable.


**bicycle** n. bike, two-wheeler, *wheels, velocipede.

**bid** n. 1. offer, proffer, tender, proposition, submission, proposal. 2. attempt, try, effort, endeavor, crack.

**bid** v. 1. offer, proffer, tender, proposition, propose, submit. 2. command, call, order, request, instruct, ask, charge.

**bidding** n. command, request, order, charge, direction, behest, mandate, dictate, demand, injunction, invitation.

**bide** v. wait, stay, continue, remain, linger, dwell, *sit tight.


**bigamy** n. polygamy, group marriage.

**big-hearted** a. kind, generous, giving, benevolent, noble, compassionate, gracious, for-
giving, altruistic, magnanimous, sweet. **ant.** cold-hearted, mean, malevolent, selfish.

**BIGOT** n. [BIG ut] one who has little or no tolerance for people outside his or her race, religion, political party, sexual orientation, etc. He was a narrow-minded bigot. **syn.** racist, sexist, chauvinist. "Archie Bunker, zealot, fanatic, Nazi, anti-Semite. "He who will not reason."—William Drummond. "A blind man with sight."—Max Granik.

**BIGOTRY** n. [BIG uh tree] intolerance for those who are different or have different ideas, narrow-mindedness. Archie Bunker was famous for his numerous racist and sexist remarks; he represented the epitome of bigotry. **syn.** in-tolerance, narrow-mindedness, prejudice, closed-mindedness, unfairness, bias, racism, sexism, chauvinism, provincialism, discrimination. "The disease of ignorance, of morbid minds."—Thomas Jefferson. **ant.** tolerance, open-mindedness, fairness.


**bigwig** n. see big shot

**bike** n. bicycle, *wheels, *ten-speed, tandem, velocipede, dandy, mountain bike. see bicycle, motorcycle

**bikini** n. thong, two-piece. see bathing suit

**bilateral** a. reciprocal, mutual, two-sided. **ant.** unilateral.

**bilge** n. Sl. hogwash, rubbish, rot. see nonsense


**bill** n. 1. charge invoice, debt, account, tab, *score, *bad news, check, statement. 2. program list, schedule, roster, docket, agenda. 3. announcement handbill, circular, advertisement, bulletin. 4. piece of legislation act, draft, measure, proposal. see government, politics

**bind** v. 1. tie fasten, secure, wrap, rope, gird, lash, strap, truss, bundle, join. 2. obligate require, restrict, confine, prescribe, compel, force. **ant.** 1. untie, unbind, unravel, loose.

**binge** n. spree, bender, fling, tear, orgy.

**binoculars** n. field glasses, magnification, magnifying lenses.

**biodegrade** v. degrade, break down, decompose, disintegrate, dilute.


see book

**biologist** n. life scientist, ecologist, cytologist, biochemist, geneticist, botanist. see scientist

**biology** n. life science, life processes. see science

**biopsy** n. tissue sampling, excision, tissue removal. see operation, surgery


**WORD FIND**

bare spots on underbelly used to warm eggs: brood spots

beak that curves or hooks: aquiline

bird of prey: raptor

cage/enclosure: aviary

calls/songs: trill; cheep; chirp; pipe; warble; coo; whistle; caw; chirrup; chip; chatter; chitter; squawk; twitter; meow; cluck; croak; peep; honk; quack; cackle; trumpet, ululate; sweet, plaintive call; mournful note; high, lisping note; rasping note; cheery, lilting melody; discordant screams of jays; forlorn hooting of an owl; liquid ululation of a loon; shrill fluting; piccolo note; caroling notes; exuberant song; wheedling voice; discordant rasp of a starling

shot in which cue is held perpendicularly: massé

**stick:** cue

**white ball:** cue ball

bellow v. swell, surge, undulate, wave, roll, puff up, balloon. **ant.** flatten, collapse, deflate.


bind v. 1. tie fasten, secure, wrap, rope, gird, lash, strap, truss, bundle, join. 2. obligate require, restrict, confine, prescribe, compel, force. **ant.** 1. un-tie, unbind, unravel, loose.

**bingle** n. see big shot

**billboard** n. ad, advertisement, panel ad, notice.

**billiard** n. pool.
birth - bitchy

claw: talon
collar of hair or feathers: ruff
crest on fowl: comb
domination order: pecking order
earliest known: Archaeopteryx
eggs, group of: clutch
eggs, to sit on: brood
expert on: ornithologist
eyelike spot in peacock tail: ocellus
falconry
feathers, shedding: molting
fleshy neck component on turkey: wattle
flying: flitting, darting, soaring, swooping, banking, diving, spiraling, wheeling, wheeling in intricate chandelles, rising on a thermal
grooming: preening
group of: flock; bevy (quail), charm (finches), chattering (starlings), colony (gulls), convocation (eagles), covey (grouse), exaltation (larks), fall (woodcock), flight (ducks or swallows), gaggle (geese), herd (swans), host (sparrows), murder (crows), murmuration (starlings), muster (peacocks), nge (pheasants), parliament (owls), rookery (sea birds), siege (herons), skein (flying geese), team (ducks)
migratory route: flyway
mythical: phoenix, roc
nest: aerie
plumage that is soft and fluffy: down
referring to: avian
reservation: sanctuary
second stomach: gizzard, craw, crop
throat patch: gorget
wingless: aperous
young bird: chick, fledgling, nestling

birth n. 1. childbirth delivery, bearing, parturition, labor, childbirth, blessed event, whelping, emergence. “The sudden opening of a window through which you look out upon a stupendous prospect. …” —William Dixon. 2. inception, genesis, beginning, start, debut, emergence, onset, origin, development. see baby, pregnancy

WORD FIND
anesthesia used locally to ease mother’s pain: epidural
breathing-relaxation technique: Lamaze method
contractions: labor
deaf, infant delivered: stillbirth
delivery assistant: midwife
delivery through mother’s abdominal wall: Caesarian section, C-section
feet or buttocks-first presentation: breech presentation
membranes covering head during delivery: caul
peaceful, low-key delivery method: Leboyer delivery
profession: obstetrics
spontaneous abortion: miscarriage
uterine muscular action: contractions
vaginal incision, creates more room for passage of baby’s head: episiotomy

birth control n. contraception, planned parenthood, abortion. “Copulation without population.”—Anon. “Sin against nature.”—Pope Pius XI. “Premature murder.”—Tertullian. see contraceptive

Catholic-approved: rhythm method, abstinence
prophylactic: contraceptive, condom, diaphragm, sponge, IUD (intrauterine device), *the pill, *Norplant, spermicide sterilization, female: tubal ligation sterilization, male: vasectomy

birth defect n. congenital defect, congenital malformation, deformity, abnormality, congenital deficiency, disability, mutation.
birthmark n. nevus, mole, blemish, spot, port wine stain, beauty mark.
birthright n. right, privilege.
biscuit n. bread, roll, muffin, scone, cracker, popover.
bisex. a. *swinging both ways, *AC-DC, androgynous, hermaphroditic.
bishop n. cleric, priest, high priest, clergyman, deacon. see church, clergy, religion
bison n. buffalo, bovine mammal, quadruped, herbivore, animal.
bistro n. bar, tavern, nightclub, saloon, lounge, drinking establishment.
bit n. 1. piece fragment, fraction, portion, particle, section, snippet, segment. 2. moment second, minute, jiffy, flash, *quick as a wink, time, spell, instant.
bitchy a. Sl. complaining, fault-finding, nagging, catty, back-stabbing, malicious, vindic-
tive, critical, crabby, negative, *whiny, fussy, picky, grouchy.
bite n. mouthful, morsel, spoonful, chunk, snack, nosh.
bite v. nip, chew, champ, chomp, gnaw, munch, nibble, snap, sink one's teeth into, hold, clamp.
biting a. 1. CAUSTIC bitter, cutting, penetrating, piercing, stinging. 2. SARCASTIC cutting, caustic, nasty, bitter, stinging, acerbic, scathing, sharp. ANT. 1. gentle, balmy, soothing.
bitter a. 1. ACRID tart, sour, harsh, acidic, vinegary, acerbic. 2. GRIEVIOUS distressing, heart-breaking, wretched, sorrowful, painful, sad, disturbing, cruel. 3. SEVERE piercing, harsh, cutting, penetrating, stinging, sharp. 4. RESENTFUL hostile, sarcastic, nasty, begrudging, spiteful, contemptuous, cynical, peevish, malevolent. ANT. 1. sweet, honeyed. 2. happy, joyous. 3. mild, gentle. 4. friendly, warm, charitable, forgiving.
bivouac n. encampment, stopover, camp, campsite.
bizarre a. weird, strange, odd, outlandish, unusual, peculiar, freaky, wild, unconventional, extraordinary, *way out, *off the wall, fantastic, grotesque, nightmarish, surreal. ANT. 1. ordinary, normal, everyday.
blasé a. 1. BLAND, *humdrum, dull, *dull as dishwater, stale, insipid, tedious, flat, monotonous. ANT. electrifying, original, colorful, spirited.
blasé n. 1. CONDEMNA TION accusation, attribution, incrimination, imputation, impeachment, complaint, recrimination. 2. RESPONSIBILITY onus, liability, fault, guilt, culpability, accountability.
blasphemy v. ACCUSE, condemn, *point the finger at, fault, charge, hold responsible, *pin on, attribute, indictment, impute, censure, rap.
blaspheme a. innocent, *clean, inculpable, above suspicion, above reproach, virtuous, unimpeachable, faultless, spotless. ANT. guilty, at fault, culpable.
blaspheme n. cover, coverlet, quilt, comforter, afghan, spread, bedding.
black a. 1. COLOR ink, jet, raven, carbon, gunmetal, pitch, sable, ebony, tar, soot, coal, coffee, pepper. 2. DARK inky, unlit, shadowy, murky, dusky, gloomy. 3. AFRICAN AMERICAN negro, colored, African, Afro-American, Negroid. 4. BLEAK gloomy, dismal, grim, dreary, somber, forlorn, mournful, funereal. 5. THREATENING ominous, foreboding, forbidding, menacing. 6. EVIL wicked, diabolical, satanic, nefarious. ANT. 1. white, snowy. 2. sunny, bright, illuminated. 4. cheerful, bright, hopeful. 5. auspicious, favorable. 6. good, angelic, saintly.
blackball n. villain, scoundrel, rogue.
blacklist v. boycott, shut out, penalize, banish, reject, ban, ostracize, blackball, snub.
black magic n. necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft, demon worship, devil worship, Satanism.
blackmail n. extortion, hush money, *the squeeze, milking, bleeding.
BLACK MARKET n. any market where goods or services are bought and sold illegally. They bought them illegally through the black market. SYN. underground, underground market, blackleg market, underworld market.
black out v. lose consciousness, swoon, pass out. SEE FAINT
bladder n. sac, bag, pouch, pocket.
blade n. cutting edge, knife, cutter, razor, scalpel. SEE KNIFE
blah a. Sil. bland, *humdrum, dull, *dull as dishwater, stale, insipid, tedious, flat, monotonous. ANT. electrifying, original, colorful, spirited.
blank a. nothing, zero, void, nil, emptiness, space.
blanket n. cover, coverlet, quilt, comforter, afghan, spread, bedding.
blanket v. cover, bury, carpet, envelope, enclose, overlay.
blare v. blast, roar, blow, trumpet, peal, clamor, bellow, resound.
blatancy n. 1. FLATTERY apple-polishing, wheeling, fawning, cajolery, *sweet talk, *snow job. 2. *bunk *balderdash. see NONSENSE
blasé a. nonchalant, unmoved, apathetic, jaded, bored, sophisticated, lukewarm, unfazed,
blasphemous

blasphemous a. irreligious, irreligious, sacrilegious, impious, profane, disrespectful, ungodly. ant. reverent, religious, pious.

BLASPHEMY n. [BLAS fuh mee] any show of disrespect toward the divine, irreverence. Cursing God for your misfortune is blasphemous. syn. irreverence, sacrilege, profanity, disrespect, impious, desecration, cursing, denouncing. “Denying the being or providence of God. . . .”—William Blackstone. ant. reverence, piety, respect.

blast

blast v. explode, blowup, raze, detonate, level, annihilate, demolish, boom, burst, roar, glare.

blastoff n. launch, lift off, ignition, firing.

BLATANT a. [BLAYT unt] loud, glaring, or conspicuous. Wearing Bermuda shorts to the board meeting shows a blatant disregard for dress codes. syn. loud, glaring, conspicuous, obvious, obnoxious, brazen, flagrant, showy, flashy, prominent, plain, boisterous, overt, naked, baldfaced. ant. subtle, quiet, unobtrusive.

blather

blather n. drivel, foolishness, claptrap, twaddle, bull. see nonsense

blaze n. fire, flames, conflagration. see fire

blaze v. flame, flash, flare, flicker, radiate. see burn

bleach

bleach v. whiten, Blanch, lighten, fade, wash out, insulate.

bleak

bleak n. desolate bare, barren, unsheltered, treeless, desert, stark, raw. 2. depressing grim, dreary, gloomy, dismal, mournful, disheartening, cheerless, black, somber. ant. 1. lush, overgrown. 2. cheery, sunny, bright, hopeful.

bleed

bleed v. hemorrhage, ooze, gush, trickle, run, spurt, flow.

BLEEDING HEART n. one who is given to excessive sympathy and may be over-eager to help. The bleeding hearts in Washington wanted to start a new welfare program. syn. sentimental fool, liberal, *softly, sympathizer, sucker for a sob story, soft touch.

blemish

blemish n. flaw, fault, mark, defect, stain, spot, blotch, mole, disfigurement, imperfection, deformity, freckle, speckle, birthmark.

blend

blend n. mixture, combination, compound, composite, amalgam, concoction, fusion.

blend v. mix, combine, compound, amalgamate, mingle, stir in, merge, meld, alloy, scramble. ant. separate, divide.

bless

bless v. hallow, consecrate, sanctify, ordain, anoint, exalt, glorify, canonize, declare holy. ant. curse, damn.

blessed a. 1. sacred holy, consecrated, redeemed, sacrosanct, hallowed, sainted, saved, beatified. 2. favored gifted, fortunate, lucky. ant. 1. unholy, cursed, condemned.

blessing n. 1. sanctification invocation, benediction, prayer, grace, dedication. 2. favor good fortune, luck, godsend, benefit, gift, boon, good. ant. 1. curse, condemnation. 2. misfortune, adversity, bad luck.

blight

blight n. affliction, plague, curse, scourge, infliction, pestilence, calamity, bane, curse.

blight v. ruin, damage, destroy, afflict, devastate, cripple, kill, wither, frustrate, inflict.

blimp n. airship, dirigible, zeppelin. see balloon, aircraft

blind

blind a. 1. sightless, unsighted, *blind as a mole, *blind as a bat, *blind as a post, stone-blind, groping. 2. ignorant dense, stupid, unaware, heedless, unequipped, *thick, obtuse, myopic, shortsighted, unperceptive. ant. 1. seeing, sighted. 2. sharp, understanding, perceptive.

blinding a. dazzling, bright, glaring, brilliant. ant. gloomy, dark.

blindness n. sightlessness, impaired vision, glaucoma, color blindness, astigmatism, cataracts, myopia, tunnel vision, typhlosis. see eye

blink

blink v. 1. wink bat, flutter. 2. twinkle glisten, sparkle, scintillate, shimmer.

blop n. 1. object seen on radar signal, spot, trace, reflection. 2. anomaly departure, abnormality, oddity.

bliss

bliss n. rapture, joy, contentment, happiness, elation, euphoria, ecstasy, delight, heaven, nirvana. see happiness

blister

blister n. swelling, patch, bubble, bleb, pimple, boil, canker, ulcer.

BLITHE a. [BLĪTH] cheerful and carefree. She was frequently in blithe spirits on Sunday.
blossom n. bloom, flower, floret, posy, bud. see flower
blossom v. bloom, flower, effloresce, flourish, flare, develop, come of age, germinate, bear fruit.
blot n. spot, smudge, stain, smear, streak, blemish.
blot v. splotch, spot, smudge, stain, soil, smear, streak, blemish.
blotch n. spot, splotch, blot.
blouse n. pullover, slipover, garment. see shirt
blow n. 1. wind gale, tempest, blast, gust, squall, whirlwind. 2. hit punch, smack, slug, shot, bash, knock, rap, swat, slap, jolt, clout. 3. misfortune reversal, shock, tragedy, upset, calamity, catastrophe. ant. 2. caress. 3. blessing.
blow v. 1. move air bluster, puff, gust, squall, huff, whistle, rush, swirl, flow, waft, exhale, breathe. 2. sound toot, trumpet, pipe, honk, whistle. 3. fail *choke, lose, miss, *goof, *screw up, muff, bungle.
blow away v. 1. kill, gun down. see murder 2. stun *throw for a loop, impress, fill with awe.
blow up v. 1. inflate fill, expand, pump up, swell. 2. explode burst, detonate, rupture, erupt, pop, demolish. ant. 1. deflate.
blue a. color sky-blue, cobalt, azure, ultramarine, indigo, slate, navy, aquamarine, turquoise, lapis lazuli, royal, powder, electric, robin's egg, blue mood down, melancholy, depressed, sad, despondent, downhearted, down in the dumps.
blueblooded a. aristocratic, noble, upper class, classy, ant. common.
blue collar n. *working stiff, *nine-to-five, laborer.
blue collar a. wage-earning, working class, clock-punching, laboring, proletarian, hardworking, factory-working, assembly-line, unskilled, common, lower class, middle class. ant. white collar, upper class.
blueprint n. 1. architectural plan architectural rendering, draft, plan, design, layout, scheme. 2. general plan plan, scheme, design, masterplan, game plan, schedule, timetable.
blue ribbon n. first prize, first place, award, decoration, recognition, honor.
bluff n. bank, cliff, promontory, headland, ridge, hill, precipice, palisade, scarp. 2. sham *four-flushing, *bull, deception, *humbug.
bluff v. 1. mislead deceive, delude, *bamboozle, dupe, fake, *bullshit, shuck and jive.
bluff a. frank, blunt, rough, coarse, gruff, straightforward, abrupt. ant. subtle, roundabout, mealy-mouthed.
blunt a. dull rounded, unpointed. 2. frank candid, upfront, plainspoken, point-blank, straightforward, abrupt, brusque, gruff, curt, terse, direct, bluff. ant. 1. sharp, pointed. 2. soft-pedaling, mealy-mouthed, subtle, gentle, euphemistic.
blur n. stain, blot, haze, blotch, smear.
blur v. 1. smudge smear, stain, splotch. 2. dim cloud, obfuscate, obscure, shadow, veil, shroud. ant. 2. clarify, sharpen, define.
blurt v. blab, tattle, blabber, gush, spout, let slip.
blush v. flush, redden, color, glow, turn scarlet, bloom. "Virtue's color."—English proverb. "Notice to be careful."—Edgar Howe. ant. blanch, pale.
bluster n. boasting, bluff, bragging, braggadocio, swaggering, bullying, bravado, crowing, strutting, ranting, gasconade.
bluster v. boast, bluff, brag, swagger, strut, bully, crow, rant, show off, intimate, storm.
blursty a. windy, gusty. ant. still, calm.
boat n. 1. plank two-by-four, beam, slate, stick, lumber, timber, clapboard, slate, panel. 2. committee directors, council, trustees, advisors, cabinet. 3. room and board keep, provisions, meals.
boat v. 1. go aboard get on, enter, embark. 2. accommodate feed, lodge, house, quarter. 3. go on board a vessel, watercraft, tub, ship, motorboat, sailboat, jet ski. see navy, sail, ship, submarine.
boastful a. bragging, blustering, vaunting, pompous, vain, arrogant, conceited, "full of hot air, vainglorious, strutting, swaggering. ant. humble, modest, self-effacing.
boast v. boast, brag, *toot one's own horn, crow, bluff, show off, puff, *pat oneself on the back, swagger, strut, gas, a bundle, a heap, a mass. ant. slimmer, meek, modest.
boastful a. braying, boasting, braggart, braggadocio, Vaunting, Gaussian, *hot air, vainglorious.
boast n. vessel, watercraft, tub, ship, motorboat, sailboat, jet ski. see navy, sail, ship, submarine.

WORD FIND
air-propelled: airboat
double-hulled sailboat: catamaran
emergency vessel: lifeboat
fishing: trawler, dragger, longliner, dogger, smack, whaler, sportfisherman
flat-bottomed carrier: barge, scow
flat-bottomed, pole-propelled: punt, ark
flat-bottomed vessel used in construction on water: pontoon
gondolier's song: barcarole
house on water: houseboat
Italian: gondola, vaporetto
log, hollowed out: dugout, pirogue
motorboat, small: runabout
narrow-hulled racing boat rowed by as many as eight: shell
narrow, racing boat rowed by one, two, or four rowers: scull
old: hulk
Oriental, flat-bottomed river and coast boat: sampan, junk
pleasure cruiser: cabin cruiser, yacht
race/event: regatta
racing boat: cigarette boat, hydrofoil
rowboat: canoe, kayak, dinghy, shell, dory, gig, skiff, umiak (eskimoi)
service craft: tender
shuttle of passengers, freight: ferry
steam-propelled: paddle steamer, steamboat
triple-hulled sailboat: trimaran

bob v. wobble, bounce, waver, quiver.
bodacious a. prodigious, big, bold, audacious.
body n. 1. physique figure, frame, build, form, flesh and bones, *bag of bones, anatomy, torso, trunk. "A pair of pincers set over a bellows and a stewpan, the whole fixed upon stilts."—Samuel Butler. "A machine which winds its own springs."—Julien Mettrie. "A cell state in which every cell is a citizen."—Rudolf Virchow. 2. corpse cadaver, which winds its own springs. "A cell state in which every cell is a citizen."—Rudolf Virchow. 2. corpse cadaver, protector, *muscle.
bodyguard n. escort, guardian, security guard, protector, *muscle.
body language n. nonverbal communication, nonverbal signaling.
boffo n. Sl. successful, great, blockbuster, record-breaking. ant: lackluster.
bog n. marsh, quag, mire, fen, swamp, quagmire, slough, morass.
bog down v. mire, get stuck, sink, impede, slow, stall.
bogeyman n. boogeyman, boogieman, ghost, specter, hob-goblin, goblin. see MONSTER
boggle the mind v. flabbergast, astonish, stagger, amaze, stun, stupefy, *blow one away, *blow one’s mind, dumbfound, *knock one’s socks off, frighten.
bogus a. fake, counterfeit, phony, *sham, artificial, imitation, fraudulent, ersatz, spurious, pseudo. ANT. genuine, real, authentic.
BOHEMIAN n. [bo HEEM ee un] a nonconformist who is involved in writing or art; a writer or artist who lives unconventionally. We lived like bohemians, with no permanent home and no source of income outside of our art. SYN. gypsy, artist, dilettante, poet, writer, dropout, *hippie, *beatnik, *flower child, panhandler, nonconformist, *free spirit, vagabond. “A person who works to live but does not live to work.”—Heathcote Williams.
boil n. blister, swelling, furuncle, pustule, bleb, abscess, carbuncle, pimple, fester, sore.
boil v. 1. cook steam, parboil, seethe, churn, bubble, simmer, stew, heat, brew. 2. rage fume, seethe, rave, burn, storm.
boisterous a. rough, rambunctious, rowdy, loud, raucous, wild, obstreperous, vociferous, turbulent, uproarious, unrestrained, unruly. ANT. quiet, laid-back, calm, restrained.
bolster v. prop up, reinforce, support, strengthen, fortify, buttress, shoulder, brace, shore up. ANT. undermine, weaken.
bolts n. 1. fastener bar, lock, latch, rod, catch, pin, peg, screw, spike, coupling. see NAIL, SCREW 2. LIGHTNING flash, stroke, thunderbolt, shaft, chain. see LIGHTNING, STORM, THUNDER
bolt v. dart, spring, dash out, rush, flee, make a break for it, jump, leap, scoot, *hotfoot, *skedaddle.

WORD FIND
15,000-pound bomb: BLU-82; (daisy cutter)
21,500-pound behemoth, (mother of all bombs): MOAB (Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb)
antipersonnel mine with fanning fragmentation: claymore mine
boom: report
caves and tunnels, high pressure bombs used to flush out: thermobaric bomb
explosive chemical used in bombs: TNT, trinitrotoluene, nitroglycerin
explosive portion of bomb, missile, etc.: warhead
fire-starting bomb: incendiary bomb
fragmenting, shrapnel-producing bomb: fragmentation bomb, antipersonnel bomb
fuel detonated in midair: fuel-air bomb
gasoline-filled bottle stuffed with rag: Molotov cocktail
guided bomb: smart bomb
hole: crater
intense bombing: saturation bombing, carpet bombing
jelled gas incendiary: napalm
lead pipe containing home-made charge: pipe bomb
multiple bombs released from canister: cluster bomb
penetrate earth and concrete, designed to: bunker buster, GBU-28 Penetrator
puttylike substance holding charge: plastic explosive
smoke-producing: smoke bomb
stink-producing: stink bomb
timed charge: time bomb
unguided: dumb bomb

bomb v. 1. SL. fail, flop, fizzle, wash out, *die. 2. BOMBARD shell, blow up, assault, blitz, pepper, barrage, strafe, *drop the big one, *blow to smithereens, *blow to kingdom come, *bomb back to the stone age, level, blast.
bombast n. grandiloquence, rodemontade, bluster, hot air, pomposity, pretentiousness.
BOMBASTIC a. [bom BAS tik] pompous, high-sounding speech or writing. He tried too
hard to make an impression; his speech was wordy and bombastic. SYN. pompous, high-sounding, grandiloquent, grandiose, flauting, pretentious, turgid, euphuistic, inflated, fustian, windy, flamboyant, flowery. ANT. understated, restrained, subtle.

bomber n. terrorist, revolutionary, demolition expert, bombardier, subversive, radical, arsonist, extortionist.

bona fide a. genuine, authentic, legitimate, real. ANT. counterfeit.

bonanza n. windfall, gold mine, “cash cow, treasure trove, rich vein.

bond n. 1. allegiance tie, relationship, loyalty, connection, attachment, affinity. 2. guarantee warranty, contract, security, pledge, covenant, agreement.

bond v. attach, tie, bind, connect, fasten, stick, join, fuse, weld.

bondage n. servitude, slavery, serfdom, subjection, subjugation, enslavement, captivity, bonds, shackles. ANT. freedom, liberty, emancipation.

bonds n. ties, shackles, fetters, manacles, chains, reins, yoke, handcuffs, bindings.

bone n. ossicle, marrow, cartilage, skull, mandible, vertebrae, rib, humerus, femur, tibia, sternum, clavicle. see skeleton

boner n. Sl. mistake, goof, error, blunder.

bones, feel in one's v. Sl. sense, perceive, expect, have a gut feeling.

bones, make no v. Sl. admit, confess, own up, level.

bone up n. Sl. study, brush up, read up, cram.

bonus n. extra, premium, reward, gift, fringe benefit, “perk, tip, *gravy, recompense, dividend.

BON VIVANT n. [BON vee VAHN] one who has cultured tastes and enjoys the finer things in life, especially good food, drink, etc. He was a bon vivant who loved fine wines. SYN. gourmet, connoisseur, epicure, gourmand, cognoscente, aficionado, enthusiast, dilettante.

bony a. skinny, scrawny, anorexic, malnourished, rawboned, lean, gaunt, emaciated, angular. ANT. fat, brawny, blubbery.

boob n. sl. idiot, dolt, moron, imbecile, fool, *dumb-dumb, clown, buffoon, laughlingstock.


booby trap n. pitfall, deadfall, ambush, blind, mousetrap, trip wire, trigger.


WORD FIND
alphabetical/page-number guide to words and terms: index
avoider of: bibliophobe
back list of sources, related works: bibliography
back: spine
blank page: flyleaf
book published at author’s expense: vanity book
burner or destroyer of: biblioclast
burning or destruction of: biblioclasm
category: genre
collecting passion: bibliomania
compilation of various works: anthology
condensed or shortened: abridged
end comment: epilogue
hardcover republished in paperback: reprint
inscription, front: dedication
introduction: foreword
jacket description: flap copy, blurbs
large, illustrated book: coffee table book
large paperback: trade paperback
literary works: belles lettres
logo of publisher: colophon
lover of: bibliophile
overstocked book: remainder
printed before 1500 A.D.: incunabula
review or recommendation on jacket: blurb
stealer of books: biblioklept
strange (subject matter): curiosa
title page: frontispiece
vocabulary list: glossary
voracious reader of: bookworm, bibliobibuli


booking n. 1. play date gig, engagement, performance date, tour date. 2. reservation registration, arrangement, retainer.

bookkeeping  n. record-keeping, accounting, auditing, entering.

booklet  n. pamphlet, brochure, folder, circular.

bookworm  n. reader, book lover, bibliophile, bibliomaniac, bibliobibuli, bibliolater.

boom  n. 1. THUD thunder, report, crack, roar, rumble, crash, bang, shot, fulmination, cannonade, peal, burst, explosion, detonation. 2. INCREASE growth, expansion, upturn, prosperity, growth, spurt, bull market. ANT. 2. recession, depression, decline.

boom  v. 1. THUD thunder, report, crack, roar, rumble, crash, bang, blow up, backfire, pop, explode. 2. INCREASE grow, expand, prosper, thrive, spurt, mushroom, *go great guns, grow exponentially, flourish. ANT. 2. recede, decline.

boom box  n. Sl. radio, tape player, CD player, audio system, stereo, "ghetto blaster, "ghetto box.

booming  a. thriving, growing, profiting, prospering, flourishing, *going great guns, increasing, increasing exponentially, exploding, shooting up, mushrooming. ANT. declining.

boon  n. blessing, windfall, benefit, god-send, gift, manna from heaven.

boon  n. 1. thud thunder, report, crack, roar, rumble, crash, bang, blow up, backfire, pop, explode. 2. increase grow, expand, prosper, thrive, spurt, mushroom, *go great guns, grow exponentially, flourish. ANT. 2. recede, decline.

boon  v. 1. push up lift, elevation, hand up. 2. increase raise, hike, expansion, upgrade, gain. 3. promotion support, encouragement, assistance, backing, fostering, advancement, plug. ANT. 2. decrease, cutback. 3. disparagement, undermining, knock.

booster shot  n. see immunization

boot  n. shoe, overshoe, footwear, clodhopper, *boondockers, *stompers. see shoe

word find

ankle-high boot worn horseback-riding: jodhpur
Eskimo boot made from hide: mukluk
hiking boot with ridged sole: waffletomper
leather, above the knee in front, below the knee in back: Wellington
military: combat boot, jackboot
old-fashioned woman's boot laced up the front: granny
rubber/waterproof: galosh
tooled leather, square or pointed toes: cowboy boot
wading boot: hip boot, wader
western tooled leather: cowboy boot
white, calf-high, worn with mini skirt in the 1960s: go-go boot
work shoe, heavy: brogan

booth  n. stall, stand, kiosk, shed, enclosure, cubicle, compartment.

bootlegger  n. runner, *rum runner, smuggler, illegal distiller, black marketer, pirate, moonshiner, dealer.


booty  n. loot, spoils, plunder, prize, winnings, *haul, goods, property, gain.

booze  n. Sl. liquor, alcohol, spirits, drink, *firewater, *hard stuff. see alcohol, beer, drink, moonshine, wine


border  n. margin, edge, side, line, verge, fringe, rim, brink, boundary, outer limit, perimeter, periphery, borderland.

borderline  a. indefinite, doubtful, marginal, unclear, vague, halfway, ambiguous, equivocal, unclassifiable, one way or the other. ANT. absolute, decisive.

“A fellow talking who can change the subject back to his topic … faster than you can change it back to yours.”—Lawrence Peter.
bore  v. 1. drill tunnel, burrow, tap, punch, drive, sink, gouge out, auger, mine, ream.
boredom - bound

2. tire weary, put to sleep, fatigue, tax, cloy, annoy. **ant. 2. excite, stimulate.**

**boredom n.** tedium, ennui, monotony, apathy, dullness, doldrums, jadedness, indifference, weariness, humdrum, flatness.

“What happens when we lose contact with the universe.”—John Ciardi. **ant. excitement, stimulation.**

**boring a.** tedious, tiresome, *dull as dishwater, dull as paint drying, soporific, somnolent, wearisome, dull, monotonous, humdrum, unstimulating, uninteresting, prosaic, mundane, *ho-hum, stale, routine. **ant. exciting, stimulating.**

**born v.** delivered, brought into the world, brought into existence, cast, hatched, created.

**born a.** inherent, natural, innate. **ant. learned, acquired.**

**born-again a.** reborn, renewed, restored, converted, saved. **ant. damned.**

**borough n.** town, community, municipality, burg, township, village, quarter.

**borrow v.** 1. take temporarily use, take a loan, obtain, scrounge, *mooch, *hit up, *bum, *sponge. 2. adopt for one’s own use appropriate, imitate, steal, plagiarize, originate, invent.

**bottom n.** base foundation, bed, seat, footing, floor, ground, nadir. 2. root basis, core, essence, gist, source, origin. 3. rear buttocks, *fanny, butt, rump, seat, derriere, *tush, *buns, *stern.

**bottomless a.** unfathomable, immeasurable, abysmal, infinite, limitless, vast. **ant. finite.**

**botulism n.** food poisoning, contamination, illness.

**boudoir n.** sitting room, dressing room, bedroom, private room.

**bough n.** 1. breast chest, bust. 2. heart emotions, soul, spirit, core, depths, inside.

**boss n.** leader, chief, head, master, headmaster, supervisor, foreman, superintendent, overseer, CEO (chief executive officer), taskmaster, *head honcho, *big cheese, *whip, employer, director, executive, manager, administrator, lord and master, *big enchilada, *chief cook and bottle washer, governor, mayor, vice president, president, prince, princess, king, queen, drill sergeant, sarge, commander, captain, general, first in command, dean, chancellor, godfather, highest authority, ruler, despot, dictator, tyrant, bully, dominator, dominatrix, *pit bull, *alpha male, slave-driver, faultfinder, nag, *biggest toad in the puddle. “[One who] exists to make sensible exceptions to general rules”—Elting Morrison. **ant. employee, subordinate, underling. see work, job.**

**boss v.** command, control, direct, manage, administrate, supervise, lead, run, press, lord over, dominate, dictate, throw one’s weight around, tyrannize. **ant. submit, follow, jump on command.**

**bossy a.** domineering, dictatorial, tyrannical, pushy, commanding, authoritarian, iron-handed, high-handed, strict, controlling, overpowering, bitchy, despot, imperious. **ant. subordinate, subservient, servile.**

**botch v.** bungle, *screw up, spoil, ruin, *goof, muff, foul up, fumble, flub, louse up.

**bother n.** annoyance, irritation, burden, trouble, aggravation, inconvenience, pother, *pain, *headache, *pain in the ass, difficulty, nuisance.

**bother v.** 1. annoy harass, trouble, pester, disturb, irritate, agitate, burden, vex, aggravate, distress, put out, irk, harry. 2. take the trouble inconvenience oneself, take pains, *go out of one’s way, worry about.

**bothersome a.** annoying, troublesome, irksome, disturbing, aggravating, burdensome, inconvenient, difficult, vexatious, irritating. **ant. welcome, agreeable, desirable.**

**bottle n.** container, decanter, jug, glass, vessel, vial, carafe, flask, flagon, jar, phial.

**bouleneck n.** obstacle, blockage, jam, hindrance, snag, congestion, obstruction, *tight squeeze, barrier, clog, impediment.

**boulevard n.** avenue, parkway, concourse. see street

**bounce v.** 1. spring back rebound, bob, bound, recoil, jump, hop, carom, ricochet. 2. jounce jolt, shake.

**bouncer n.** Sl. security personnel, guard, *musc le, *enforcer, ejector.

**bound v.** 1. jump leap, bounce, spring, vault, gambol, bounce, hop. 2. restrict restrain, limit, confine, enclose, circumscribe, demarcate.

**bound a.** tied fastened, wrapped, secured, trussed. 2. destined certain, doomed, fat ed, headed, sure, ordained, assured, determined. 3. obligated pledged, required, liable, compelled. **ant. 1. unsecured, unfastened. 2. unsure, indefinite, unconfirmed. 3. released, freed from obligation.**

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boundary n. border, borderline, line, frontier, verge, periphery, edge, rim, margin, brink, hem, limit, confines, outer limit, bounds, perimeter, demarcation.

boundless a. limitless, endless, infinite, immeasurable, vast, inexhaustible, unbounded, perpetual, innumerable, everlasting. ant. limited.

bounteous see BOUNTIFUL

bountiful a. generous, plentiful, abundant, ample, copious, prolific, lavish, bounteous, fat, teeming, *jam-packed, *dime a dozen, luxurious, ant. spare, scant, sparse, lean.

bounty n. gift, reward, present, bonus, benefit, largess, premium, allowance.

bounty hunter n. fugitive hunter, criminal hunter.

bouquet n. 1. bunch, cluster, posy, spray, garland, nosegay. 2. scent, aroma, fragrance, essence, perfume, trace, breath, smell.

BOURGEOIS a. [boor ZHW AW] of the middle-class, boring, conventional, and materialistic. He described himself as a Bohemian; he abhorred our bourgeois ways. syn. middle-class, working-class, proletarian, conventional, capitalistic, common, rigid, boring, *square, *politically correct, materialistic, conservative, traditional, respectable, uncultured, philistine. ant. Bohemian, unconventional, nonconforming.

bout n. 1. match, contest, battle, struggle, round, go, competition. 2. period, spell, course, round, turn, shift, term, stint.

boutique n. shop, gift store, department, booth, concession, franchise, business.

bow n. 1. bend, curtsy, genuflection, nod. 2. prow.


ant. 2. fight, dominate, resist.

bowel movement n. defecation, b.m., discharge, excretion, evacuation, *number two, diarrhea, *crap.

bowels n. 1. intestines, guts, entrails, viscera, innards, insides. 2. interior, depth, core, insides, heart, innermost part.

bowl n. dish, receptacle, saucer, basin, vessel, tureen, boat, urn.

bowling n. tenpins, candlepins, duckpins, kegling, skittles, bocci.

body movement of bowler after shot: body English

bowler: kegler

central pin: kingpin, headpin

curving shot: hook

gutter, in the: gutter ball

knock down ten with one shot: strike, mark

knock down ten with two shots: spare, mark

one game: string

pin-setting machine: pinsetter

shot that leaves a gap between pins: split

spin imparted on the ball: English unit of game, 1/10th: frame

wide split: goalposts, mule ears, bedposts

box n. carton, container, crate, receptacle, case, package, bin, chest, trunk, canister, coffer.

box v. fight, spar, fisticuff, tussle, punch, cuff, jab, sock, hit, strike, slug, deliver blows, pound, clout, pummel, *whale, beat, *mix it up.

boxer n. fighter, prizefighter, pugilist.

boxing n. pugilism, fighting, sparring, fisticuffs.

black eye: mouse

crossover punch: cross

dazed: punch drunk

ear deformation: cauliflower ear

exchange punches: mix it up

hold, embrace: clinch

illegal blow: rabbit punch, below the belt, low blow, kidney punch, head butt

inning: round

jab and cross: one-two punch

movement: bob and weave, dance, footwork, on one’s bicycle

powerful punch: haymaker, Sunday punch

practice partner: sparring partner

practice with partner: spar

practice with self: shadow box

punching bag: speedbag, heavy bag, crazy bag

punch with less than full strength: pull a punch

quick, straight punch: jab

ring floor: canvas, apron

stamina program: roadwork

sweeping hook: roundhouse

tie: draw

trainer, assistant: cornerman, cut man, handler

upswinging punch: uppercut, bolo punch

varied punches delivered quickly: combination, flurry

WORD FIND

area most likely to yield strike: pocket
wait of eight seconds after knockdown: mandatory eight-count, standing eight-count
weight and measurements of opponents: tale of the tape
weight division, lightest to heaviest: flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, heavyweight, cruiserweight
win by injuring, disabling opponent: knockout, technical knockout, TKO
win by points: decision
win not agreed on by all officials: split decision

boy n. lad, youth, youngster, sprig, junior, sprout, "little shaver," "nipper." "One who has a wolf in his stomach."—German proverb.
"Of all the wild beasts, the most unmanageable."—Plato.

BOYCOTT v. [BOY kot] to refuse, usually as a group, to buy a product or deal with a person or company, as a protest against some action. They agreed to boycott the tuna company until dolphin-safe nets were used. syn. *blackball, blacklist, shun, reject, refuse, ban, ostracize, shut out, proscribe, strike, eschew, avoid, embargo.

boyfriend n. sweetheart, "honey, beau, "steady, suitor, lover, date, "boy toy, swain, date, "boy toy, swain, flame, "main squeeze.

bra n. brassiere, support cups, lingerie, underwear, padded bra, "peek-a-boo bra, "falsies.

brace n. support, prop, reinforcement, strut, stay, buttress, truss, stanchion.

brace v. reinforce, strengthen, support, prop, bolster, tighten, shore up, fortify.

bracelet n. band, chain, bangle, armlet, jewelry, ornament.

bracing a. invigorating, stimulating, exhilarating, refreshing, energizing, restorative. Ant. tiring, soporific, draining.

brackish a. salty, saline, briny.

brag v. boast, gloat, "blow one's own horn, crow, vaunt, swagger, strut, flaunt, puff, "talk big, "shovel it, "blowhard. Ant. downplay, "hide one's light under a bushel basket, be modest.

braggart n. bragger, boaster, "blowhard, "wind-bag, "gasbag, "bag of wind, show-off, egotist, blusterer, bragadocio, peacock, trumpeter.

braid v. plait, weave, twine, interlace, knot.

brain n. 1. SMART PERSON genius, intellectual, scholar, savant, wizard, prodigy, thinker, mastermind, Einstein, "egghead, sage, wit, mental giant. 2. MIND "gray matter, "thinking cap, "bean, encephalon, "noodle, "upper story. "An apparatus with which we think that we think."—Ambrose Bierce. "An invention of the universe in order to study itself."—Anon. Ant. 1. idiot, moron, imbecile.

see intelligence, thought

WORD FIND
abnormally small brain: microencephalon
almond-shaped portion of limbic system: amygdala
ancient portion, regulates hunger, thirst, fighting, sex: limbic system, reptilian brain
base, regulates breathing and circulation: medulla oblongata
body temperature and blood pressure regulator: hypothalamus
brain damage losses, conditions: alexia (comprehension of written word), anosmia (musical processing), anomia (name recollection), aphasia (speech articulation), apraxia (muscle coordination), asemia (speech comprehension), dysphasia (speaking), neglect (perception of one side of one's environment), prosopagnosia (facial recognition), stereoaesthesia (identification through touch), synesthesia (confusion of senses).

breathing center at top of spinal cord: brain stem

circadian rhythm center in hypothalamus: suprachiasmatic nucleus
cleft or groove: sulcus
connector of right and left hemispheres: corpus callosum
darker portions, containing high concentrations of neurons: gray matter
egg-shaped patch controlling speech muscles: Broca's area

enlargement of skull due to abnormal fluid build-up: hydrocephalus
exam of brain waves: electroencephalogram (EEG).
filter system that blocks harmful substances from entering brain: blood-brain barrier

front or forehead portion, center of reasoning, planning: frontal lobes
heat, cold, pain, pressure sensor: thalamus
inflammation: encephalitis, meningitis

left or right side: hemisphere
modern, recently evolved outer layer involved in conscious thought and language: neocortex
muscular coordinator in back of skull: cerebellum
nerve cell: neuron
outer brain area controlling perception, reasoning, memory: cerebral cortex
recorded of electrical activity of: electroencephalograph
relay station at top of brain stem: thalamus
seahorse-shaped portion forming and storing memory: hippocampus
sections in cerebrum, one of five distinct: lobe
seizure disease caused by electrical disturbances: epilepsy
sleeps during anesthesia, center of attention: reticular formation
sound processor in the temporal lobe: primary auditory cortex
superhuman right-brain functioning: idiot savant syndrome
swelling and unconsciousness due to blow: concussion
top-most portion made of heavily folded gray matter, involved in consciousness and reasoning: cerebral cortex
visual and reading processor at the back: occipital lobe
white tissue comprised of axons insulated with myelin: white matter
breach n. 1. OPENING hole, break, crack, fissure, gap, cleft. 2. VIOLATION nonobservance, transgression, infringement, noncompliance, infraction, contravention. 3. ALIENATION split, separation, falling-out, schism, friction, estrangement, parting of the ways.
breadwinner n. wage earner, *one who brings home the bacon, *clockpuncher, income producer.
breath n. 1. FRACTURE crack, rupture, tear, split, fissure, collapse, rift, breach, rent. 2. PAUSE recess, breather, intermission, lull, letup, rest, hiatus, respite. 3. GOOD FORTUNE opportunity, shot, opening, stroke of luck, chance.
breathless a. short of breath, out of breath, shortwinded, winded, asthmatic, gasping, wheezing, choking, panting, puffing, suffering from apnea, suffering from dyspnea.
bread v. 1. REPRODUCE procreate, propagate, bear young, beget, generate, hatch, produce, engender. 2. TO CAUSE bring about, lead to, produce, foster, create, effect, spawn.
breeching n. cultivation, training, upbringing, development, schooling, rearing, conditioning, manners, refinement. "Concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person."—Mark Twain.
breezy a. 1. WINDY blast, storm, gusty, airy, windswept, fresh. 2. LIGHTHEARTED easygoing, casual, sprightly, lively, playful, spirited, brisk, animated, vivacious, effervescent. ANT. 1. still, dead calm, becalmed. 2. depressed, morose, spiritless.
breath n. 1. CHEST bosom, bust, mammary gland, *tit, *boob, teat, udder. 2. HEART soul, core, inner self, spirit, psyche.
bread v. 1. STIR steep boil, ferment, cook, stew, seethe. 2. DISMANTLE disintegrate, fall apart, break apart, burst, snap, pop, smash, pulverize, splinter, demolish, total, disintegrate, mangle. 2. WEAKEN impair, undermine, diminish, degrade, incapacitate, cripple. 3. PAUSE rest, recess, take a breather, suspend, stop. ANT. 1. repair, mend, fix. 2. STRENGTHEN, fortify. 3. RESUME, BEGIN.
breakable a. fragile, delicate, flimsy, brittle. ANT. STURDY.
breakdown n. 1. FAILURE malfunction, collapse, short circuit, disruption, mishap. 2. ITEMIZATION analysis, list, categorization.
breakthrough n. progress, advance, discovery, innovation, invention, leap forward, finding.
breakup n. separation, disintegration, rift, split, disbanding, dissolution.
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breezy a. 1. WINDY burst, snap, pop, smash, pulverize, split, rupture, tear, fissure, collapse, fall apart, burst, snore, snort, sniff, hyperventilate. 2. STRONG, sturdy.
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brine n. salt water, sea water, saline solution, souce.

bring v. 1. convey carry, bear, transport, take, retrieve, fetch, deliver. 2. effect cause, make, produce, prompt, start, institute, induce, force, compel.

brighten v. 1. lighten illuminate, intensify, furbish, shine, polish, perk up. 2. cheer up lift spirits, perk up, enliven, hearten, buoy, uplift, gladden. ant. 1. darken, blacken, tone down. 2. depress, sadden, make glum.

brighten v. 1. light shining, brilliant, dazzling, glowing, luminous, radiant, dazzling, blazing, glaring, intense, incandescent, vivid, sparkling, resplendent, effulgent. 2. smart intelligent, clever, sharp, quick, witty, brainy, brilliant, astute. 3. hopeful promising, cheering, golden, rosy, encouraging, auspicious, sunny. 4. cheerful lively, vivacious, happy, sprightly, merry, lighthearted, joyous, blithe. ant. 1. dark, dim, gloomy, black. 2. stupid, moronic, retarded, bovine, dimwitted. 3. dark, black, grim, hopeless. 4. grim, morose, depressed.

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brief n. summary, synopsis, condensation, outline, sketch, precis, abridgement.

brief v. inform, fill in, summarize, outline. 

brief a. 1. short-lived short, fleeting, quick, fast, short-term, instantaneous, momentary, swift, transitory. 2. short, concise *short and sweet, succinct, abbreviated, to the point, condensed, summarized, compressed, pithy. ant. 1. long, prolonged, time-consuming. 2. long-winded, wordy, time-consuming.

briefing n. rundown, outlining, summary, *low-down, instruction, orientation.

brigade n. troop, unit, group, outfit, company, battalion, contingent, legion. see military 

brigand n. bandit, outlaw, robber, desperado, pirate.

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broken a. penniless, poor, impoverished, bankrupt, insolvent, destitute, ruined. ant. wealthy, affluent, rich, *rolling in dough.


broken-hearted a. heartbroken, grief-stricken, mournful, forlorn, despairing, dejected,
broker n. agent, dealer, intermediary, negotiator, go-between, middle-man.
bromide n. platitude, trite saying, cliché.
brooch n. pin, clip, ornament, breastpin, clasp.
brod n. offspring, young, hatchlings, clutch, litter, spawn, children.
broid v. worry, agonize, fret, ruminate, deliberate, *stew over, mope, muse, meditate, think over.
brook n. stream, creek, *crick, rill, runoff, tributary, branch.
broom n. sweeper.
broth n. stock, bouillon, flavoring, soup.
brotherhood n. fellowship, fraternity, comradeship, kinship. "All for one and one for all."—Alexandre Dumas.
brouhaha n. [BROO ha ha] an uproar. The scandalous findings caused a brouhaha at city hall.

brush v. 1. sweep scrub, whisk, wash, wipe, buff, paint, scrub, dust off. 2. touch sweep, stroke, scrape, glance, graze, caress, tickle.
brush-off n. *cold shoulder, *kiss-off, snub, rejection, slight, rebuff, dismissal.
brush up v. study, bone up, *cram.
brusque a. [BRUSK] blunt or rough in manner. The clerk was always discourteous and brusque. Syn. blunt, rough, abrupt, curt, gruff, short, bluff, terse, discourteous, snippy, sharp, rude. Ant. courteous, considerate, gracious.
brutal a. 1. vicious savage, cruel, cold, barbaric, inhuman, ferocious, heartless, blood-thirsty, brutish, ruthless, harsh, hellish, pitiless. 2. harsh rigorous, tortuous, trying, merciless, hard, painful. Ant. kind, caring, humane, gentle.
brutality n. viciousness, savagery, cruelty, coldness, barbarism, ferocity, inhumanity, heartlessness, brutishness, harshness. Ant. kindness, caring, humaneness, gentility.
brute n. beast, savage, barbarian, monster, animal, fiend, *Neanderthal, cavernman, ogre, swine, devil.
bubble n. globule, droplet, sphere, burble, spheroid, orb, bead, bleb.
bubble v. boil, percolate, simmer, effervesce, burble, froth, foam, popple.
buccaneer n. pirate, corsair, privateer.
buck n. stag, deer.
bucket n. pail, vessel, cask, can, scuttle, pot, pitcher, container, holder.
buckle v. 1. clasp, clip, fastener, snapping, hitch, hasp. 2. bend contort, warp, crimp, bulge, break, collapse, cave in, crumple, give way. Ant. 1. unbuckle, unfasten, release. 2. straighten.
buckle down v. apply oneself, get serious, *put one’s nose to the grindstone.
bucolic a. [byoo KOL ik] of rural or pastoral life; rustic. We admired a bucolic panorama of rolling hills, grazing cows, and old stone walls. Syn. rustic, rural, countrified, pastoral, agrarian, Arcadian. Ant. urban, citified, metropolitan.
confirmation of your suspicions.”—A.A. Latimer. See money, bank

budget v. apportion, allocate, estimate, ration, allow.


buff v. clean, shine, polish, rub, burnish, smooth.

buffalo n. bison, animal, mammal, quadruped, herbivore.

buffer n. cushion, pad, shock absorber, guard.

buffet n. sideboard, counter, credenza, shelf, salad bar, cold table, smorgasbord.

buffet v. pummel, beat, cuff, strike, slug, slap, drub, knock, punch, smack, wallop, pound, *hit upside the head.

buffoon n. clown, fool, jester, joker, prankster, comedian, harlequin, *boob, bozo, zany, merry-andrew.

bug n. 1. insect vermin, pest. 2. flaw defect, fault, imperfection.

bug v. 1. bother annoy, irritate, irk, pester, vex, nettle, badger, plague, disturb. 2. wiretap eavesdrop, spy.

build n. physique, shape, figure, body.

build v. 1. construct erect, put together, assemble, raise, fabricate, "knock together, engineer, contrive, "throw up. 2. establish start, set up, initiate, institute, found, create. 3. form shape, mold, model, fashion, create. 4. intensify compound, escalate, mount, amplify, magnify, grow, swell. ant. 1. disassemble, demolish, raze. 4. decrease, decrescendo.

building n. structure, edifice, construction, erection, high rise, *skyscraper, superstructure, framework. See architecture, castle, cathedral, house.

WORD FIND

arches, series of: arcade
brickwork laid in checkered pattern: checkerwork, basketweave
brickwork with alternating courses of bricks laid sideways (stretchers) and head-ways (headers): English bond
brickwork with every other brick laid head-ways (header): Flemish bond
concrete embedded with steel mesh, bars: reinforced concrete
face: facade
gallery between two main stories: mezzanine
inscribed stone: cornerstone
inscription on: epigraph
material: brick, mortar, concrete, reinforced concrete, stone, wood, adobe

monstrous ornament: gargoyle, grotesque
nonopening window: deadbolt
outside corner: quoin
rooftop safety wall: parapet
round, domed: rotunda
shelflike projection: cornice
support: joist, beam, girder, pier, buttress, flying buttress
window design, arrangement: fenestration

wing: annex, ell, bay

bulge n. bump, swelling, protuberance, lump, hump, prominence, outgrowth. ANT. hollow, hole.

bulge v. swell, protrude, distend, puff, balloon, stick out. ANT. contract, shrivel.

bulimia n. eating disorder, bulimarexia, bulimia nervosa, compulsive eating. See anorexia

bulk n. 1. size, mass, volume, amount, magnitude, body, extent. 2. biggest part, main, majority, most, lion's share, preponderance, better part.

bulky a. massive, unwieldy, cumbersome, huge, ponderous, prodigious, mammoth, sizable, unmanageable, hulking, voluminous. ANT. small, wieldy, manageable, pocket-sized.


bulldozer n. earthmover, grader, plow, heavy machinery.

bullet n. shot, ball, shell, cartridge, trajectory, slug, *lead, pellet, missile. See ammunition, gun

WORD FIND

bulletproof garment: bulletproof vest
bulletproof shield: mantelet
cartridge with no projectile: blank
container: cartridge
covering: jacket
diameter: caliber
glowing, military: tracer
pointed: spitzer
receptacle: clip, magazine
reinforcement: clip, magazine
shotgun pellets: birdshot, buckshot
shotgun projectiles used in riots to stun, not kill: baton rounds
soft, expands when it hits, causing severe damage: dum-dum
trajectory deviation: drift
bulletin n. report, flash, statement, announcement, notification, communication, dispatch, publication.

bullfight n. corrida, spectacle.

WORD FIND
assistant on horseback, lances bull's neck: picador
assisting team: cuadrilla
barbed dart: banderilla
cheer: olé
fighter: matador, torero
matador's emergency shelter: burladero
picador's lance: pic
red cape waved: capa
wave of red cloth: capador

bullheaded a. headstrong, stubborn, mulish, obstinate. ANT: compromising, yielding, irresolute.

bullion n. ingot, bar, plate; gold, silver.

bullish a. optimistic, confident, believing, hopeful, sure, assured, steady, unflinching, cocksure, rising, going, escalating, climbing, ascending, surging, increasing, gaining, inflating, trending upward. ANT: bearish, pessimistic, falling.

bully n. tyrant, thug, tormentor, terrorizer, bruiser, ruffian, rowdy, browbeater, dink, swaggerer, oppressor, aggressor, intimidator, human T-Rex, dictator, biggest toad in the puddle. SEE BOSS

bully v. domineer, tyrannize, torment, lord over, threaten, oppress, dictate, call the shots, intimidate, hector, browbeat.

bulwark n. fortification, rampart, earthwork, bank, wall, reinforcement, barrier, defense, stronghold, bastion, protection.

bunk n. 1. bed, cot, berth. 2. Sl. nonsense *malarky, *baloney, *hokum, *rubbish, twaddle. SEE BULL, NONSENSE

bumping a. arrogant, conceited, pushy, forward, overbearing, cocky, haughty, presumptuous. ANT: bashful, diffident, retiring.

bumpy a. rough, jolting, lumpy, jerky, jarring, rugged, washboard, corrugated, spine-shattering, kidney-crushing, choppy, chuckh oled, potholed. ANT: smooth, silky, graded.

bunch n. group, cluster, lot, mass, clump, quantity, assortment, bundle, host, multitude, heap, batch, throng, swarm, number, galaxy, mess, oodles.

bundle n. 1. mass bunch, lot, cluster, heap, group, pile, batch, collection. 2. package parcel, packet, box, carton, sheaf, bale, stack, roll.

bungalow n. cottage. SEE HOUSE

buoy n. float, marker, beacon, bell.

buoyant a. cheerful, lighthearted, resilient, blithe, optimistic, sprightly, mirthful, sanguine, carefree, jaunty.

burden n. load, weight, cross to bear, obligation, stress, millstone, albatross, onus, strain, hardship, responsibility, encumbrance, affliction, workload, incubus.

burden v. load, weigh down, saddle with, en cumber, strain, obligate, bog down, ham per, oppress, tax, yoke. ANT: unburden, lighten, free.

bureaucracy n. [byoo ROK ruh see] any form of government administration, especially that which is inefficient and bound by its own red tape. A bureaucracy requires a contract submitted in quadruplicate when a handshake would do. SYN: government ad-
ministration, civil service, officialdom, *the Establishment, *powers that be, city hall, the system, the authorities, “Big Brother. “A giant mechanism operated by pygmies.”—Honore de Balzac. “The anonymous 'they,' the enigmatic 'they' who are in charge.”—Joseph Heller.

bureaucrat n. government official, civil servant, administrator, politician, clerk, public servant, pencil-pusher, *desk-jockey, *red tape dispenser.


burglar n. thief, cat burglar, crook, mugger, prowler, *picklock, robber, housebreaker.

burial n. interment, inhumation, funeral, entombment, last rites, *deep six. see cemetery

burn v. 1. be on fire or set fire incinerate, ignite, torch, blaze, flame, light, smolder, singe, sear, broil, char, scorched, brand, cauterize. 2. consume use up, expend, squander.

burnout n. exhaustion, dissipation, weariness, combat fatigue, defeat, sapping, *running out of steam, expiration, disillusionment, disenchantment, breakdown.


burst n. explosion, outburst, blowout, eruption, discharge, outpouring, spurt.

burst v. pop, explode, crack open, rupture, fly apart, blow up, shatter, rip, bust, split, erupt, disintegrate.

bury v. 1. entomb, inhume, sepulcher, lay to rest. 2. embed sink, submerge, implant, engulf. 3. cover conceal, hide, cache, stash, secrete. ant. 1. exhume, dig up. 3. expose, air.

bus n. transport, public transportation, motor vehicle, passenger vehicle, motor coach, jitney, mass transit vehicle.

bush n. 1. shrub hedge, plant, thicket, briar, bramble, undergrowth, scrub. 2. backcountry woods, jungle, the wild, outback.

bushed a. exhausted, spent, *pooped. ant. energetic, peppy. see tired

bush-league a. second-rate, *minor league, *small potatoes. ant. first-rate, big league, big time. see inferior

business n. 1. occupation profession, trade, job, career, vocation, calling, work, livelihood, *racket, pursuit. 2. commerce industry, trade, enterprise, manufacturing, merchandising, buying and selling, mercantilism, marketing. “The art of extracting money from another man's pocket without resorting to violence.”—Max Amsterdam.

“Riding a bicycle. Either you keep moving or you fall down.”—John Wright. 3. responsibility concern, department, province, affair, duty, interest, subject, matter. 4. firm company, corporation, concern, enterprise, market, store, factory, office, organization, conglomerate, mill.

businesslike a. methodical, efficient, organized, orderly, systematic, professional, industrious. ant. disorganized, slipshod, unprofessional.

businessman/woman n. merchant, trader, industrialist, entrepreneur, tycoon, capitalist, investor, employer.

bust n. chest, bosom, breast.

bustle n. activity, commotion, hubbub, hurly-burly, uproar, tumult, flurry, stir, *comings and goings, to-do, pother. ant. stillness, calm, peace.


busybody n. meddler, pry, gossip, snoop, blabbermouth, *buttinski.
butcher

v. 1. slaughter dress, clean, cure, pack, smoke. 2. kill slaughter, murder, massacre, slay. 3. bungle botch, make a mess of, *screw up, ruin.

butler

n. servant, *help, food server, staff.

butt/buttocks


butt

n. subject, target, victim, scapegoat.

butt

v. ram, horn, thrust, strike, drive, batter, collide, jab, jam.

butterflies

n. anxiety, tension, nerves, jitters, unease, nervousness, nausea, *shakes, *cold sweat, nervous anticipation.

button

n. 1. fastener clasp, stud. 2. pushbutton switch, toggle, on/off, power switch, tuner, adjustor, knob, dial.

buttress

n. support, prop, brace, reinforcement, abutment, stanchion, shore, beam, pier, arch.

buttorress

v. reinforce, strengthen, fortify, bolster, shore up, prop up.

buxom


buy

v. 1. purchase acquire, bargain for, pay for, procure, make a deal, bid, corner, shop, market. 2. bribe corrupt, *pay off.

buzz

n. hum, drone, whir, hiss, whizz.

bygone

a. former, past, previous, gone by, olden, erstwhile, defunct, forgotten, lost. ANT. present, current, in the here and now.

bypass

v. go around, avoid, detour around, sidestep, circumvent.

byproduct

n. outgrowth, offshoot, spin-off, side effect.

bystander

n. observer, onlooker, witness, eyewitness, spectator, passerby.

byte

n. eight bits, sixteen bits, unit.

byword

n. proverb, adage, motto, maxim, slogan, saying, catchword, watchword, dictum, truth, principle.
cab n. taxi, cabriolet, hack, hansom.
cabal n. 1. faction, junta, camarilla, clique, ring, band. 2. conspiracy plot, intrigue, scheme.
cabalistic a. occult, secret, hidden, clandestine, esoteric, mystic, mysterious, conspiratorial, underground. ant. overt, open.
cabana n. shelter, bathhouse.
cabaret n. nightclub, boîte, dinner theater, cafe, supper club, honky-tonk, disco.
cabin n. 1. cottage, shack, loghouse, camp, hovel, hut, lodge, chalet, shanty, bungalow. 2. compartment, quarters, stateroom, room, chamber.
cabinet n. 1. cupboard, commode, bureau, chest, chiffonier, chiff orobe, box, case, etagere, console. 2. administration, advisors, council, ministry, board, *brain trust.
cabinetmaker n. craftsman, woodworker, artisan, furniture maker, carpenter.
cabin fever n. claustrophobia, winter blues, SAD (seasonal affective disorder), restlessness, distress, *climbing the walls, temporarily, insanity, neurosis, *going psycho.
cable n. 1. wire, cord, line, rope, chain. 2. overseas telegram wire, cablegram.
cache n. stockpile, hoard, stash, supply, store, *nest egg, reservoir, reserve, hiding place, provisions.
cackle v. chuckle, chortle. see laugh.
CACOPHONOUS a. [kuh KOF uh nus] harsh-sounding, jarring, especially designating incongruent sounds heard over one another. No one could tell whether the cacophonous heavy-metal band was in tune or not. syn. harsh-sounding, jarring, dissonant, discordant, strident, inharmonious, unmelodious, grating, raucous, noisy. ant. euphonic, harmonious, melodious.
cactus n. desert plant, saguaro, cholla, prickly pear, cereus, mescal. see desert

cad n. scoundrel, bounder, heel, rogue, rat, rascal, lout, scamp, knave, bastard, *dink.
cadaver n. corpse, body, *stiff, carcass, remains, mummy.
cadaverous a. pale, ghastly, gaunt, haggard, pallid, ashen, deathly, emaciated, chalky, ghostly, bloodless, having the pallor of death. ant. rosy, ruddy, glowing.
cadence n. modulation, meter, rhythm, beat, measure, pulse, tempo, flow, swing.
cadre n. nucleus, core, infrastructure, framework.
cafe n. coffeehouse, bar, bistro. see restaurant

cafeteria n. lunchroom, lunch counter, commissary. see restaurant

cage n. enclosure, jail, pound, lockup, pen, coop, confinement, prison, trap.
cage v. confine, trap, enclose, pen, imprison, imprison, coop up, shut up, lock up. ant. free, release.
CAGEY a. [KAY jee] tricky, not easily caught or fooled. A fox is a cagey animal. syn. tricky, sly, cunning, wary, leery, shrewd, wily, cautious, crafty, careful. ant. unwary, trusting, naive.
cahoots n. Sl. partnership, league, collusion, alliance, conspiracy.

cajoled v. [kuh JOHL] to persuade with flattery, coax. She cajoled him for hours; he finally gave in. syn. persuade, coax, wheedle, *sweet talk, blandish, pander to, *butter up, flatter, stroke, *kiss up, beguile, inveigle.
cajolery n. palaver, persuasion, coaxing. see flattery

cake n. 1. bar block, lump, brick, slab, cube. 2. loaf batter cake, layer cake, torte, pastry, flan, madeleine, cupcake.
calamitous a. disastrous, catastrophic, ruinous, devastating, cataclysmic, grievous, fatal, tragic, dire. ant. blessed, beneficial, favorable.
calculate v. compute, figure, reckoning, add up, sum up, count, evaluate, surmise, judge, forecast.
calculating a. shrewd, scheming, crafty, designing, manipulative, plotting, artful, wily, sharp. ant. artless, naive.

calculation n. computation, figuring, counting, reckoning, summation, evaluation, estimation, mathematics, arithmetic.

calculator n. computer, adding machine, *number cruncher.

caldron n. boiler. see KETTLE

caliber n. 1. quality value, worth, character, ability, virtue, distinction. 2. diameter bore, gauge.

CALIBRATE v. [KAL uh brayt] to adjust; to check for accuracy. The inspector came to calibrate the meat scales. syn. adjust, check, correct, fix, test, regulate, measure, align, tune, fine-tune, balance, synchronize.

calisthenics n. exercises, workout, aerobics.

call n. 1. shout exclamation, yell, whoop, announcement, outcry. 2. summons request, convocation, appeal, draft. 3. invitation solicitation, bidding. 3. animal cry hoot, shriek, bleat, low, bellow, trumpet, ululation. see BIRD, SHOUT

call v. 1. shout exclaim, announce, yell, cry, holler, hail, whoop. 2. summon request, convene, muster, convene, direct. 3. name designate, label, title, term, christen, dub. 4. visit drop in, ring.

call girl n. *hooker, *streetwalker. see PROSTITUTE


CALLOUS a. [KAL us] unfeeling, having no pity. The callous rioters looted neighborhood stores. syn. unfeeling, pitiless, merciless, cold, uncaring, heartless, insensitive, hard-boiled, indifferent, cruel, cold-blooded. ant. sympathetic, caring, thoughtful.

CALLOW a. [KAL oh] inexperienced, immature. Some sixteen-year-olds are too callow to be trusted behind the wheel. syn. inexperienced, immature, unseasoned, naive, unsophisticated, childish, juvenile, sophomoric, uninitiated, green, unflapped. ant. mature, experienced, worldly.

calm a. 1. still motionless, tranquil, quiet, undisturbed, halcyon, windless, smooth, placid, serene. 2. relaxed unperturbed, cool, collected, unruffled, unexcited, sedate, tranquil, dispassionate, composed, staid, unflappable, placid. ant. 1. turbulent, rough, disturbed. 2. nervous, anxious, frenzied, panicky.

calumny n. slander, defamation, malicious statement, libel, smear, mud-slinging, smirch, false accusation, aspersions, slur. ant. praise, compliment, acclaim.

CAMARADERIE n. [kah muh RAH duh ree] friendliness and rapport. The camaraderie between the team's players was obvious. syn. fellowship, rapport, friendliness, companionship, bonhomie, brotherhood, friendship, comradeship, conviviality, esprit de corps, fraternization, loyalty, *buddy-buddy atmosphere. ant. hostility, antagonism, coldness. see FRIENDSHIP

camcorder n. videocassette recorder, camera.
camel n. dromedary, beast of burden, quadruped, ruminant.

WORD FIND

flash receptacle: hot shoe
focusing system: range finder, viewfinder
lens for shooting tiny objects: macro lens
lens producing haze or color effect: filter
lightmeasuring device: light meter, exposure meter, photometer
light producer: flash
long-distance lens: telephoto lens, zoom lens
opening, amount of: aperture
opens and closes when shot is taken: shutter
stand: tripod, highhat
wide field of view lens: wide-angle lens, fisheye, bugeye

camisole n. negligee, undergarment. see LINGERIE

camouflage n. disguise, concealment, facade, cover-up, cryptic coloration, blind, dissimulation, front, masquerade, veil, shroud, mimicry.
camouflage v. disguise, conceal, cover up, masquerade, obscure, obfuscate, shroud, veil, hide, simulate, mimic. ant. expose, reveal, display.
camp n. 1. encampment bivouac, cantonment, shelter. 2. group faction, clique, sect, party, circle.
camp v. bivouac, encamp, pitch a tent, rough it, lodge, sleep out.
campaign n. 1. operations offensive, strategy, battle plan. 2. drive crusade, movement, project, push.
campaign v. electioneer, run, solicit votes, canvass, crusade, lobby, barnstorm.
camper  n. recreational vehicle, RV, *tin can, mobile home, *Winnebago.
campus  n. grounds, yard, quad, dorm, alma mater. see school, college, university
campy  a. affected, effeminate, artificial, ostentatious, garish, posturing, flaunting, outlandish, theatrical, *faggy. ant. straight-laced, understated, serious.
can  n. container, receptacle, vessel, tin.
canal  n. waterway, conduit, channel, race, aqueduct, passage, trench, culvert, duct, tube.
cancel  v. 1. call off stop, revoke, *kill, break off, void, annul, discontinue, rescind, countermand, abort. 2. offset counter, neutralize, counterbalance, make up for, nullify.
cancer  n. carcinoma, tumor, malignancy, sarcoma, malignant neoplasm, growth. see operation, disease

WORD FIND
blood/marrow: leukemia
breast removal: mastectomy
death substance: carcinogen
deadly form: malignant
harmless form: benign
mass: tumor, neoplasm, growth
medical branch: oncology
removable: resectable
skin: melanoma, basal cell tumor
spread of: metastasis
treatment: chemotherapy, radiation
tumor removal: lumpectomy
candid  a. open, honest, frank, up-front, straightforward, blunt, direct, sincere, four-square, heart-to-heart. ant. mealy-mouthed, insincere, indirect.
candidate  n. nominee, aspirant, contender, office-seeker, party favorite, hopeful, entrant, *dark horse. see government, politics, election
candle  n. taper, rush, torch, glim.

WORD FIND
burning center: wick
holder: sconce, candelabra, chandelier, girandole, menorah
lighter: taper
maker: chandler
material: wax, carnauba, tallow
wick's end: snuff

candor  n. [KAN dur] truthfulness, frankness. In all candor, Mary, you have dragon breath. syn. truthfulness, frankness, honesty, straightforwardness, bluntness, outspokenness, openness, directness, forthrightness, plain-speaking. ant. deception, indirectness, duplicity, *doublespeak.
candy  n. sweet, confection, bonbon, kiss, loz-enge, taffy, caramel, toffee, jellybean, jawbreaker, fudge, drop, wafer, lollipop, nougat, praline, sweetmeat, brittle candy, peanut brittle, mint, sucker, gum ball, chocolate bar, penny candy.
cane  n. stick, walking stick, staff, crook, rod.
canker  n. lesion, sore, ulcer, blister, cold sore.
cannibal  n. man-eater, headhunter, savage, barbarian, carnivore.
cannon  n. gun, howitzer, mortar, heavy artillery, ordnance, *Big Bertha, *Long Tom. see army, gun, weapon

WORD FIND
case of projectiles: canister
cast iron balls: grapeshot
continuous firing: cannonade, barrage, salvo
gunner: cannoneer
kick: recoil
shipboard antiaircraft guns: pompad

canny  a. shrewd, clever, cautious, careful, cagey, wily, sly, smart, streetwise, worldly, wary, crafty, sagacious. ant. naive, careless, unso phisticated, dim-witted.
canoe  n. boat, dugout, pirogue, bongo, kayak. see boat, river, ship

WORD FIND
air chambers: sponsons
angled stroke used to avoid fatigue on long excursions: Canadian stroke
apparel and equipment of canoeist: duffle
braking stroke: jam stroke
carrying canoe over land between water bodies: portaging
deviate from course or float sideways: yaw
distance above water line to gunwales: freeboard, draw, draft
left side facing forward: port
line used to tie or tow: painter
right side facing forward: starboard
side edges, upper: gunwales (pronounced "gunnels")
underside strip: keel

CAN OF WORMS  n. a complex or troublesome problem. He opened up a can of worms when he made the "no new taxes" pledge. syn. problem, difficulty, complexity, Pandora’s box, complication, trouble, Gordian knot, entanglement, snarl, knot, predicament, quandary, quagmire, hot water.
canon n. law, decree, doctrine, principle, dogma, edict, statute. see law
canopy n. awning, cover, sunshade, baldachin, tarp.
cant n. 1. insincerity, piety, lip service, hypocrisy, pretense, sanctimony. 2. argot, lingo, dialect, slang, vernacular, patter.
cant v. tilt, angle, overturn, slant, lean, tip, incline.
cantankerous a. bad-tempered, ornery, crabby, touchy, surly, grouchy, irritable, contentious, grumpy, crotchety, testy, cranky, bearish. ant. cheerful, easygoing, good-humored.
canter v. lope, saunter, amble, trot, gallop.
canvas n. duck, tencloth, sailcloth, coarse cloth, fabric, cotton, hemp, flax.
canvas v. analyze, poll, examine, solicit, survey, study, investigate, discuss, electioneer.
canyon n. valley, gorge, gulch, ravine, gully, box canyon, chasm, pass.
cap n. hat, headgear, beret, beanie, tam-o'-shanter.
canter v. lope, saunter, amble, trot, gallop.
capacious a. spacious, roomy, commodious, voluminous, big, ample. ant. tiny, cramped.
capacity n. 1. volume proportions, size, dimensions, magnitude, range, contents, space, limit, room. 2. ability, capability, means, power, competence, faculty, aptitude. 3. the right stuff, mind, talent, skill, proficiency. 4. position, role, responsibility, function.
cape n. 1. mantle, cloak, wrap, poncho, shawl, pelisse. 2. peninsula, headland, point, promontory.
caper n. prank, escapade, high jinx, shenanigans.
caper v. jump, skip, gambol, prance, romp, frisk, hop, leap about.
capital n. 1. seat of government, principal city. 2. wealth funds, money, stock, savings, assets, resources, venture capital, investment capital. "That part of wealth which is devoted to obtaining further wealth." — Alfred Marshall. 1. see government, politics, law. 2. see money, bank
CAPITALISM n. [KAP i tuh LIZ um] free enterprise, business, and the pursuit of wealth by private citizens for private gain. Capitalism is the economic engine that drives America. syn. free enterprise, free market, commercialism, mercantilism, dog eat dog, laissez-faire, private ownership, market economy, private investment. "The unequal sharing of blessings..." — Winston Churchill. ant. socialism, communism. see government
capitalist n. investor, entrepreneur, financier, tycoon, businessman.
capitalize on v. take advantage of, cash in on, exploit, profit by, utilize.
capitalize v. [kuh PICH yoo LATE] to give up, give in, yield. The opposing side agreed to capitulate on several points. syn. give up, give in, yield, surrender, acquiesce, accede, come to terms, submit, bow, cave in, knuckle under. ant. stand firm, stand one’s ground, fight.
caprice n. whim, impulse, notion, vagary, whimsy, eccentricity, fancy, fickleness.
capricious a. [kuh PRISH us] subject to change on a whim, unpredictable. Fred is always changing his mind; he is as capricious as the wind. syn. fickle, whimsical, unpredictable, unstable, frivolous, impulsive, inconsistent, indecisive, wayward, flighty, crochety, quirky, *any way the wind blows. ant. constant, stable, predictable.
capsize v. overturn, tip, upset, turn turtle, roll over, keel over.
capsule n. pill, tablet, pellet, ampule, wafer.
captain n. cap’n, master, skipper, boss, chief, manager, head, commanding officer, leader, old man.
caption n. heading, title, subtitle, legend, inscription.
captivate v. attract, charm, fascinate, spellbind, enamor, enchant, enthrall, bewitch, mesmerize, hypnotize, knock/sweep off one’s feet. ant. repel, repulse, turn off.
captive n. prisoner, internee, convict, hostage.
captive a. imprisoned, confined, held, bound, obliged. ant. liberated, emancipated, free.
captivity n. imprisonment, confinement, restrain, bondage, custody, detention.
capture v. apprehension, seizure, landing, bagging, catch, taking, acquisition, netting, recovery, taking into custody, trapping, cornering. ant. release, liberation.
capture n. catch, apprehend, seize, bag, nab, collar, land, snare, net, corner, trap, round up. ant. release, liberate.
car n. sedan, coupe, roadster, clunker. see automobile, truck

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caravan n. train, cavalcade, procession, company, motorcade, column.
carbohydrate n. boil, infection, furuncle, canker, sore.
carcase n. corpse, cadaver, body, remains, carriion, roadkill, dead meat.
carcinogen n. cancer-causing agent, cancer-causing substance, tumor-forming agent, mutagen, toxin, health hazard, poison, killer, deadly chemical.
carcinogenic a. [kar sin uh JEN ik] pertaining to any substance or source that causes cancer. Radiation is highly carcinogenic. Syn. cancer-causing agent, cancer-causing substance, tumor-forming agent, mutagen, toxin, health hazard, poison, killer, deadly chemical.
care v. 1. be concerned mind, worry, fret, take pains. 2. regard love, hold dear, prize, cherish.
career n. profession, occupation, vocation, life-work, job, pursuit, work, livelihood, metier, business, field, "thing."
carefree a. happy-go-lucky, insouciant, footloose, lighthearted, untroubled, breezy, laid-back, blithe, devil-may-care, cheerful. Ant. troubled, careworn, burdened.
careful a. 1. cautious wary, circumspect, heedful, vigilant, leery, guarded, prudent, alert, attentive. 2. meticulous painstaking, thorough, fussy, scrupulous, demanding, conscientious, rigorous, fastidious, punctilious, attentive. Ant. 1. careless,reckless, negligent. 2. careless, slapshod, sloppy.
caregiver n. attendant, custodian, parent, mother, father, nurse, babysitter, sister, caretaker, nanny, au pair.
careless a. unattentive, heedless, reckless, lax, unwary, slipshod, sloppy, slapdash, indiscreet, remiss, neglectful, absentminded, hasty, thoughtless, imprudent, casual, offhand, rash, unconcerned, lackadaisical. Ant. careful, attentive, cautious, meticulous, rigorous.
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careless a. unattentive, heedless, reckless, lax, unwary, slipshod, sloppy, slapdash, indiscreet, remiss, neglectful, absentminded, hasty, thoughtless, imprudent, casual, offhand, rash, unconcerned, lackadaisical. Ant. careful, attentive, cautious, meticulous, rigorous.
carnival n. festival, fair, gala, celebration, jamboree, fiesta, jubilee, Mardi Gras, *carny. timbral, moral, godly.
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carnivore n. meat-eater, flesh-eater, predator, carrion-feeder.
carnivorous a. flesh-eating, meat-eating, predatory. ant. herbivorous.
carol n. melody, tune. see song
carom v. rebound, glance, bounce, ricochet.
carouse v. drink, party, frolic, wassail, make merry, cut loose, revel, *tie one on. ant. sober up, *swear off.
carpal tunnel syndrome n. sensorimotor disorder, repetitive motion disorder/injury.
carpenter n. woodwright, cabinetmaker, woodworker, builder, joiner, contractor, subcontractor.
carpentry n. woodworking, construction, building, see house, tool.
carriage n. vehicle coach, rig, buggy, wagon, cart, pull, *schlep. 2. posture bearing, demeanor, pose, position.
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casserole n. dish, terrine, concoction, mix, mélange, medley, potpourri, stew, ragout, mish-mash.
cassette n. tape, recording medium, cartridge.
cast n. 1. throw, pitch, toss, shot, fling, heave, sling, hurl. 2. mold form, model, impression, shape. 3. personae company, troupe, dramatis personae, actors, actresses, performers, repertory, characters. 4. appearance, complexion, aspect, look, shade, air, semblance.
cast v. 1. throw, fling, hurl, pitch, heave, *chuck, toss, sling, launch, let fly. 2. spread, scatter, shed, broadcast, disperse, strew, sprinkle. 3. emit, radiate, project, send out. 4. choose, pick, assign, select, *typecast. 5. mold form, shape, set.
castaway n. outcast, pariah, *reject, waif, stray, derelict, exile, vagabond, leper.
caste n. class, group, position, station, rank, status, place, clan, grade, social order.
CASTIGATE v. [KAS tuh GATE] to criticize harshly or punish. The dictator liked to castigate his underlings in public. syn. punish, criticize, chastise, scold, rebuke, discipline, reproach, admonish, *take to task, reprimand, berate, bawl out, blister, *rake over the coals, lambaste, tongue-lash. ant. praise, compliment, laud.
castle n. fortress, citadel, stronghold, keep, manor, chateau, mansion, alcazar.

WORD FIND
attack on: siege
bottlery: buttery
bridge spanning moat: drawbridge
candle storeroom: chandlery
castle used as a prison: bastille
circular turret with a conical roof: pepper-box turret
crossbow storage room: ballistaria
domestic official in charge of supplies: chamberlain, seneschal, steward
door, huge, grated: portcullis
doorman: usher
fort surrounded by fortified village: castellum
gateway, minor: postern
 governor of: castellan
holes or slits through which archers shoot: archeria, arrow loops, loopholes, balistaria, murder holes
knight’s practice yard: tiltyard
lady of: chatelaine
lights: rushlights
main inner tower, keep: donjon
mass of earth: bastion, rampart
mobile tower used by attackers to reach castle defenders: belfry
notched parapet: battlement
notches, solid area between: merlon
notch in parapet: crenel
outer wall ringing castle: curtain wall
owner: lord
privy: garderobe
roof wall: parapet
seating platform of lord: dais
siege engine used against: catapult, mangon, trebuchet
small tower above main structure: turret
sunny family room: solar
timber tower: brattice
tower/structure protecting a drawbridge: barbican, gatehouse
trench around: moat
turret that overhangs: bartizan
waste receptacle: cesspit
yard area within outer walls: ward, bailey, courtyard

CASTLE IN THE AIR/CASTLE IN SPAIN n. something unrealistic; a fantasy; a daydream. Ned had big dreams and was frequently accused of building castles in Spain. syn. fantasy, dream, daydream, unrealistic goal, chimera, flight of fancy, lofty aspiration, *pipe dream, wish, wishful thinking.
castrate v. emasculate, geld, neuter, *fix, sterilize, effeminize, eunuchize, debilitate, weaken.
casual a. 1. chance, accidental, random, serendipitous, fortuitous, *fluky, unexpected. 2. relaxed, nonchalant, cool, blasé, unconcerned, carefree, apathetic, devil-may-care, *laid-back, indifferent. 3. nondressy, informal, sporty, for-play. ant. 1. planned, predetermined, arranged. 2. intense, serious, *meaning business. 3. formal, dressy.
casualty n. victim, fatality, dead, loss.
cat n. feline, kitty, kitten, tomat, pussy, grimalkin, carnivore, pet, quadruped, ratter, alley cat, tabby, mouser, Abyssinian, American Bobtail, American Curl, American Wirehair, Balinese, Bengal, Birman, Bombay, Chartreux, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Exotic, Havana Brown, Himalayan, Korat, LaPerm, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Oceicat, Oriental, Ragdoll, Russian Blue, Scottish Fold, Selkirk Rex, Siamese, Siberian, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese,
Turkish Angora, Turkish Van. "A pygmy lion."—Oliver Herford.

**WORD FIND**

black and white: piebald
blue gray to slate gray coloring: blue
bred from long line of its own kind: pure-bred
breeding female: queen
castrated male: gib
domesticated cat living in the wild: feral
father: sire
frill around head in long-haired breed: ruff
hairball: furball
intoxicant: catnip
"kneading" of paws on human's stomach: milk treading
long-bodied, long-limbed: rangy
lover of: ailurophile
mating cry: caterwaul
mixed breed: mongrel, moggie
mother: dam
neutering of female: spaying
newborn kitten group: litter
patches of white on feet: mittens, gloves
paw soles: pads
phobic: ailurophobe
pinkish gray coloring: lilac, lavender
sexually receptive period of female: heat
short-legged: cobby
sneer of male as it smells urine of sexually receptive female: flehmen response
striped: tabby, tiger
thin, long tail: whip
tortoiseshell and white coloring: calico
trace colorings: ghost markings
whiskers: vibrissae
white marking from forehead to nose: blaze
white or colored patch under neck: locket
white undercoat with dark tips: chinchilla

**CATBIRD SEAT (IN THE) n.** a high, commanding position; a position of power. The author was enjoying his position in the catbird seat as his third book hit the bestseller lists. Syn. high perch, lofty perch, position of power, throne, commanding position, high place, position of influence, seat of power, height.

catch n. 1. **CAPTURE** snatch, seizure, trap, grab, snare, grasp. 2. **CLASP** latch, clip, fastener, lock, hook and eye. 3. **TAKE HAUL** prize, plunder, booty, spoils. 4. **DRAWBACK** hitch, trick, gimmick, snag.
catch v. 1. **APPREHEND** capture, seize, snatch, grasp, grip, nab, net, snare, clutch, trap, bag. 2. **DISCOVER** surprise, *nail, expose, detect, come upon. 3. **COME DOWN WITH AN ILLNESS** contract, get, develop, break out with, be infected by, fall ill with. 4. **UNDERSTAND** comprehend, see, grasp, get, follow, perceive.
catching a. contagious, infectious, communicable, spreading, epidemic, pandemic. Ant. noncommunicable.

catchword n. byword, watchword, buzz word, motto, slogan, shibboleth.
categorical a. absolute, direct, unequivocal, positive, unqualified, explicit, express, total, unconditional, without exceptions. Ant. conditional, qualified.
categorize v. classify, designate, sort, group, label, assign, name, catalog.
category n. class, classification, division, variety, type, kind, sort, order, grade, denomination, genre.
cater v. 1. provide furnish, serve, provision, feed. 2. indulge humor, gratify, serve, wait on, pamper, spoil, baby, pander.
caterwaul v. howl, yowl, mewl, screech, wail, meow, squall, cry, whine.

**CATHARSIS n.** [kuh THAR sis] a purification or cleansing of the soul; release from mental turmoil. Venting tensions in a self-help group provided Ellen with the catharsis she longed for. Syn. purification, cleansing, release, relief, renewal, expurgation, replenishment of spirit, rebirth, fresh start, wiping clean.
cathedral n. basilica, chapel. see church
CATHOLIC a. [KATH uh lik] universal, general. His tastes were catholic; in other words, his tastes were broad. syn. universal, general, broad, all-inclusive, comprehensive, liberal, all-encompassing, ecumenical, global. ant. limited, narrow, sectarian.
CAT scan n. computerized axial tomography scan, image, cross-sectional view, body scan, brain scan, diagnostic procedure.
cattle n. livestock, cows, bulls, steers, farm animals, ruminants, herbivores, herd.
catty a. malicious, spiteful, mean, vicious, nasty, malevolent, back-biting, back-stabbing, *bitchy, malignant, venomous. ant. kind, warm, friendly.
catwalk n. walkway, platform, bridge.
Caucasian n. Caucasian, Indo-European, white race, white man, white woman.
caucus n. meeting, assembly, convention, conference, gathering, session, conclave.
cauldron n. caldron, vessel, pot, boiler. see kettle.
caulk v. seal, stop up, putty, weatherstrip.
cause n. 1. determinant agent, reason, root, antecedent, motive, source, origin, mover, occasion, stimulus, mainspring. 2. ideal principle, end, objective, enterprise, goal, purpose.
cause v. effect, induce, bring about, produce, incite, provoke, generate, breed, motivate, give rise to, precipitate.
CAUSE CÉLÈBRE n. [KOHZ say LEB ruh] a controversial or widely discussed issue. The O.J. Simpson murder trial was the cause célèbre of the twentieth century. syn. controversy, controversial issue, celebrated case, affair, bone of contention, debate, moot point, war of words, uproar, fuss, *hot potato, scandal, political football, outrage, shocker, shocker, grist for the gossip mill.
CAUSTIC a. [KAW stik] biting, burning or corrosive, as acid. Wear gloves when handling caustic substances. She was a caustic-tongued witch. syn. corrosive, burning, biting, acid, astringent, erosive, sharp, stingy, sarcastic, sardonic, bitter, scathing, cutting, vitriolic, excoriating, acid-tongued, saber-tongued. ant. soothing, sweet, honey-tongued, smooth.
cauterize v. burn, sear, char, singe.
cautious a. wary, careful, heedful, circumspect, prudent, discreet, guarded, on guard, alert, on one's toes, vigilant, chary. ant. rash, reckless, imprudent.
cavalcade n. procession, parade, column, train, line, caravan.
CAVALIER a. [kav uh LEER] arrogant; indifferent to important matters. The coach took a cavalier attitude toward the rules of good sportsmanship. syn. arrogant, haughty, indifferent, casual, supercilious, devil-may-care, lofty, curt, cocky, disdainful. ant. obliging, caring, conscientious.
cave n. cavern, grotto, tunnel, hole, *yawning chasm, hollow, cavity, underground chamber, subterranean passage, catacomb.

WORD FIND

- carved out from this rock: limestone
- crawl space: crawl, crouchway
- dripping water and mineral formation: dripstone
- entrance area exposed to daylight: twilight zone
- explorer: spelunker
- exploring: spelunking
- geological area with many caves, sinkholes: karst
- high, narrow passage: canyon
- iciclelike formation hanging from roof: stalactite
- iciclelike formation on floor: stalagmite
- inhabitant: troglobite, troglobite, troglophile
- joined stalactile and stalagmite: column
- large chamber: gallery
- pool of water edged with calcite: gour
- study of: speleology
tiny, thin stalactite: soda straw
underwater passage: sump, syphon
vertical shaft: chimney, pitch

CAVEAT n. [KAVE at] warning. The accountant gave us a strong caveat about filing our taxes accurately. SYN. warning, caution, notice, forewarning, admonition, advisory, advice, “word to the wise.”
cave-in n. collapse, toppling, breakdown, rupture, burst, avalanche, landslide.
caveman n. caveman, primitive human, Stone Age man, prehistoric man, cave dweller, human, hominid, Cro-Magnon man, Neanderthal, troglodyte, anthropoid, hominoid, Homo Erectus, “missing link. SEE HUMAN

WORD FIND

famous afarensis skeleton, nickname: Lucy
cavernous a. hollow, yawning, deep-set, sunken, abyssal, enormous, huge, gaping, roomy, commodious, chambered. ANT. cramped, claustrophobic, tiny, confined.
cavil v. quibble, object, find-fault, “nitpick, carp, criticize, pick.
cavity n. hole, hollow, pit, cleft, chamber, crevice, tissue, pocket, niche.
cavort v. frolic, prance, romp, “carry on, “cut up, act up, leap about, horseplay, gambol, frisk, caper.
cay n. island, sandbank, coral reef.
cease v. end, stop, discontinue, desist, halt, refrain, finish, conclude, quit.
cease-fire n. truce, armistice, suspension of hostilities.
ceaseless a. unending, relentless, incessant, never-ending, perpetual, constant, nonstop, continuous, unremitting. ANT. ending, fleeting, finite, limited.
cede v. surrender, give up, yield, abdicate, “hand over, grant, relinquish, transfer, resign.
ceiling n. 1. topside roof, plafond, rafters. 2. maximum limit, restriction, highest point.
celebrate v. 1. commemorate, observe, honor, memorialize, remember, ceremonialized, solemnize. 2. “party, “paint the town red, “whoop it up, “raise the roof, “go out on the town, “go out with a bang, “have a blowout, splurge, revel, carouse, “live it up. 3. PRAISE honor, extol, laud, pay homage to, acclaim, worship, hail, pay tribute to, exalt.
celebrated a. famous, renowned, eminent, prominent, noted, illustrious, acclaimed, popular, lionized, great. ANT. obscure, little-known, unknown.
celebrity n. 1. famous person, superstar, “somebody, “bigwig, notable, idol, “celeb, “big name, personage, personality, VIP, sex symbol. “Someone who is known for being known.”—Studs Terkel. “A person who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.”—Fred Allen. 2. fame renown, notoriety, stardom, eminence, prominence, distinction, note. ANT. 1. nobody, “bush league, unknown. 2. oblivion, obscurity.
celerity n. speed, quickness, alacrity, haste, dispatch, expedition, swiftness. ANT. slowness, snail’s pace, leisureliness.
celestial a. delightful divine, sublime, super-nal, angelic, ethereal, blessed, eternal, supernatural. 2. astral, astronomical, universal, heavenly, extraterrestrial, stellar, sky, planetary, galactic. ANT. 1. earthy, mundane, secular. 2. terrestrial.

CELIBATE a. [SELL uh but] abstaining from sex. With sexually transmitted diseases running rampant, many singles choose to remain celibate. SYN. abstinent, continent, upright, virtuous, pure, untouched, virginal, maiden, single, unwed, chaste. ANT. promiscuous, wanton, sexual.
cell n. 1. unit germ, microorganism, bacterium. 2. small room, compartment, chamber, vault, keep, cloister, coop, booth, lockup.
cellar n. basement, downstairs, vault.
cement v. join, unite, bond, glue, mortar, bind, seal, fix.

WORD FIND
ashes of cremated body: cremains

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burial place, vault: tomb
burial site, unit: plot
empty tomb, marker for one whose remains are elsewhere: cenotaph
grave robber: ghoul
gunfighter's, American West: Boot Hill
incinerator: crematory
inscription on gravestone: epitaph
large cemetery: necropolis
memorial building, place: shrine
mound of earth over grave: barrow
mourning statues: weepers
pauper's: Potter's field
preparation facility for the dead: mortuary
RIP: rest in peace
sarcophagus, elaborately carved: solium
sculpted representation of the dead on a monument: effigy
sculptural depiction of the crucifixion:
Calvary
stone: headstone, tombstone, gravestone, monument, memorial
tomb housing: mausoleum
underground vaults: catacombs, crypt, cubiculum
urn or vault for bones: ossuary
urn vault: cinerarium

censor n. bowdlerizer, arbiter of good taste, expurgator, inspector, Mrs. Grundy, guardian of morals, prude. "A man who knows more than he thinks you ought to."—Laurence J. Peter.
censor v. prohibit, squelch, cut, edit out, abridge, clean up, delete, sanitize, bowdlerize, restrict, inspect, expurgate, review, purge.
censorship n. expurgation, "cleaning up, purification, suppression, removal, editing, purging, sanitizing, deletion.
censure n. disapproval, condemnation, reprehension, rebuke, admonition, criticism, objection, remonstrance, reproof. ANT. approbation, blessing, praise.
censure v. disapprove, condemn, rebuke, admonish, criticize, object, remonstrate, denounce, reproach, reprimand. ANT. approve, bless, praise.
census n. head count, population tally, enumeration, demographics, statistics, stats, demography, poll.
center n. middle point, middle, median, focal point, dead center, bull's-eye, midst, hub, pivot, core, heart, nucleus, inside, pith.
center v. concentrate, focus, converge, direct, join, unify, fix.
central a. 1. innermost middle, interior, median, inner, nuclear. 2. vital, key, indispensable, main, prime, dominant, chief, ruling, fundamental. ANT. outermost, peripheral. 2. peripheral, incidental, marginal.
centralize v. concentrate, converge, focus, consolidate, unify, amalgamate, join. ANT. decentralize, disperse.
centrist n. moderate, middle-of-the-road, in-between, compromising.
cereal n. breakfast food, grain, wheat, oats, corn, rye, rice, bran, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, bran flakes, Cocoa Puffs, oatmeal, farina, Fruit Loops, Apple Jjacks, Cocoa Krispies, Cheerios, Life, Granenuts, Alpha Bits, Fruity Pebbles, Cocoa Pebbles, BooteeRy, Corn Pops, Raisin Bran, Oat Bran, Total, Special K, CheX, Cream of Wheat, Frosted Flakes, mush, porridge, Wheaties, Trix, Shredded Wheat.

CEREBRAL a. [sub REE brul] of or appealing to the intellect. His philosophy reveals some advanced thinking; it's very cerebral. SYN. intellectual, intelligent, brainy, erudite, scholastic, smart, analytical, thoughtful, deep, recondite, abstruse.
ceremonial a. ritual, formal, ceremonious. ANT. informal, unstructured. SEE CEREMONIOUS

ceremonious a. ceremonial, polite, proper, formal, solemn, stately, punctilious, rigid, prim, courtly, starchy, dignified, decorous. ANT. informal, casual, "laid-back.
certain a. 1. sure positive, cocksure, convinced, undoubting, assured, satisfied. 2. unquestionable, doubtful, "Beyond a shadow of a doubt, indubitable, definite, indisputable, incontestable, unequivocal, incontrovertible, firm, unambiguous. ANT. 1. uncertain, unsure, doubting. 2. questionable, doubtful, "up in the air.
certainty n. 1. conviction authority, certainty, confidence, assurance, infallibility. 2. fact, truth, reality, "sure thing, "sure bet, actuality, "lock. ANT. 1. doubt, skepticism. 2. uncertainty, fantasy, unknown.
certificate n. document, documentation, instrument, voucher, warrant, license, permit, certification, testimonial, credential, diploma.
**certify** v. vouch, verify, notarize, attest, assure, guarantee, validate, accredit, authenticate, confirm, depose.

**cesarean section** n. C-section, surgical birth, surgical delivery, incision.

**cessation** n. stop, termination, ending, stopping, letup, ceasing, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, close. **ant.** continuation, persistence.

**cesspool** n. sewer, cesspit, sump, cloaca, septic tank.

**C'EST LA VIE** [*say lah VEE*] that's life, such is life. Our team lost again; oh well, *c'est la vie* syn. that's life, such is life, oh well, that's how the cookie crumbles, what can you do?, that's reality.

**chafe** v. 1. rub wear, erode, scrape, abrade, rasp, scour, shred. 2. irritate *rub the wrong way, annoy, irk, rankle, vex, gall, harass, nag, aggravate.

**chaff** n. waste, garbage, refuse, rubbish, trash, discards, remains, wastrel, dross.

**CHAGRIN** n. [*shuh GRIN*] annoyed embarrassment. *To my chagrin, I discovered that I had left my wallet at home.* **syn.** embarrassed, mortification, humiliation, shame, distress, disgruntlement, dismay, annoyance, unease, discomfiture, discomposure, frustration. **ant.** pride, satisfaction.

**chain** n. 1. links cable, fetter, shackle, irons, manacle, mail. 2. series course, string, train, line, succession, sequence.

**chain** v. tie, shackle, fetter, secure, tether, hitch.

**chain reaction** n. domino effect, ripples in a pond, cause and effect.

**chair** n. 1. seat stool, bench, rocker, easy chair, straight-backed chair. see couch 2. seat of authority office, appointment, fellowship.

**WORD FIND**

armless, leather-made, with steel frame: Barcelona chair
bench: settle, settle
canvas chair: director’s chair
couch**: throne
dining table: chair
**ant.** straight-backed, wooden: Windsor chair
suspended on poles and carried: sedan
tabletopped arm for writing, chair with: table chair
wicker, with rounded back: basket chair

**chairman** n. chairperson, director, principal, leader, chair, speaker, presiding officer, president, moderator, chief, master of ceremonies.

**chalice** n. goblet, vessel. see cup

**chalkboard** n. blackboard, board, slate, panel.

**challenge** n. 1. difficulty obstacle, trial, test, *hurdle, problem. 2. provocation dare, ultimatum, *throwing down the gauntlet, threat, summons, bid.

**challenge** v. 1. produce difficulty test, try, make demands, tax. 2. provoke dare, give an ultimatum, *throw down the gauntlet, threaten, gage, defy, summon, beard, make a stand, face off, cross, stare down. 3. question contest, dispute, object, take exception, disagree.

**chamber** n. room, bedroom, boudoir, parlor, sitting room.

**chambermaid** n. domestic, cleaning lady, maid.

**champagne** n. *bubbly. see wine

**champion** n. 1. victor winner, titleholder, *champ, *top dog, conqueror, vanquisher, *number one, medalist. 2. supporter backer, advocate, upholder, friend, abettor, defender. **ant.** 1. loser, *also-ran, *poor sport. 2. opponent, detractor.

**champion** v. support, defend, fight for, stand up for, advocate, back, uphold, espouse, take up the cause. **ant.** oppose, counter, reject.

**championship** n. competition, playoffs, contest, showdown, meet, title match, crown, *winner takes all, tournament, sporting event, elimination, crowning achievement.

**WORD FIND**

auto: Indianapolis 500
baseball: World Series; pennant
basketball: championship; Final Four
boxing: title fight
football: Super Bowl
golf: Masters
hockey: Stanley Cup
horse racing: Triple Crown; Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Preakness, Breeder's Cup
soccer: World Cup
tennis: Wimbledon

**chance** n. 1. luck, fortuity, fortune, serendipity, fate, destiny, *wheel of fortune, providence, *toss of the dice. *A nickname for Providence.*—Nicolas Chamfort. *“The instrument of Providence.”*—Horace Walpole. 2. possibility odds, likelihood, probability, prospect, *long shot. 3. risk, gamble, *toss of the dice, *crap shoot, jeopardy, haz-
ard. 4. opportunity shot, try, opening, occasion, turn.

**chance** v. 1. risk gamble, *roll the dice, take a shot, wager, *go out on a limb, *tempt fate, hazard, speculate, try one's luck. 2. happen occur, transpire, come to pass, befall.

**chance** a. fortuitous, accidental, casual, random, lucky, inadvertent, unplanned. **ant.** planned, designed, arranged.

**chancy** a. risky, uncertain, *iffy, dicey, speculative, *a roll of the dice, dangerous. **ant.** certain, guaranteed, assured.


**change** v. 1. alter modify, transform, vary, convert, metamorphose, shift, remodel, re-invent, reform, adapt, mutate, transmogrify, *do an about-face. 2. substitute transfer, exchange, switch, alternate, swap, trade, replace, interchange.

**changeable** a. variable, alternating, erratic, irregular, chameleon, protean, capricious, fickle, labile, mercurial, inconsistent, mutable, transformable, shifting, volatile, *blows hot and cold. **ant.** steady, invariable, regular, stable.

**channel** n. conduit, course, strait, waterway, groove, runnel, culvert, trough, run, canal, chase, furrow, rut, trench, sluiceway, flume.

**channel** v. route, direct, guide, send, funnel, lead, siphon.

**chant** n. song, plainsong, recitation, psalm, canticle, hymn, Gregorian chant. **see** song

**chant** v. singsong, intone, vocalize, speak in a monotone, utter, recite.

**chaos** n. disorder, confusion, upheaval, turmoil, disarray, anarchy, jumble, unrest, mess, commotion, pandemonium, disorganization, bedlam, turbulence. **ant.** order, organization, regularity, tranquility.

**chaotic** a. disordered, confused, in disarray, jumbled, messy, turbulent, out of control, topsy-turvy, tumultuous, anarchic, disorganized, random, stormy. **ant.** ordered, organized, systematic.

**chaperone** n. escort, overseer, guardian, protector, babysitter.

**chaperone** v. escort, accompany, attend, protect, babysit, supervise, safeguard, keep an eye on.

**chaplain** n. clergyman, minister, priest, rabbi, reverend, parson, padre.

**chapter** n. division, section, episode, part, portion, phase, period.

**char** v. scorch, sear. **see** burn

**character** n. 1. personality nature, make-up, individuality, temperament, constitution, appearance, type, sort, kind, qualities. "[W]hat (a man) would do if he knew he would never be found out."—Thomas Macaulay. 2. integrity reputation, standing, position, repute, distinction, honor, status. "Moral order seen through the medium of an individual nature."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Mastery over your thoughts and actions."—Mohandas Gandhi. "What God and the angels know of us."—H. L. Mencken. 3. odd person eccentric, odd-ball, nut, *odd duck, personality, *weirdo, *fruitcake, *original. 4. role impersonation, portrayal, part. 5. written symbol cipher, mark, figure, letter.

**characteristic** n. attribute, trait, feature, quality, peculiarity, aspect, mark, distinction, individuality, earmark, idiosyncrasy.

**characteristic** a. typical, representative, indicative, distinguishing, illustrative, idiosyncratic, marked, peculiar, individual. **ant.** atypical, anomalous.

**characterize** v. 1. portray describe, represent, depict, sketch. 2. distinguish specify, depict, sketch. 2. different novelty, variation, switch, change of pace.

**charisma** n. [kuh RIZ muh] personal magnetism or charm that inspires others to follow one's lead. John F. Kennedy had great charisma. **syn.** charm, magnetism, appeal,
charismatic - chauvinism

classy - chauvinist


charismatic a. charming, powerful, magnetic, hypnotic, mesmerizing, dominant, appealing. *larger than life, authoritative, confident, poised.

charitable a. 1. generous giving, benevolent, philanthropic, freehanded, humanitarian, magnanimous, bighearted. 2. kind forgiving, lenient, humane, benevolent, sympathetic, bighearted, soft, merciful, easy. ANT. 1. cheap, stingy, tightfisted, selfish. 2. mean, cruel, thoughtless, intolerant.


charlataan n. quack, fake, mountebank, rip-off artist, imposter, con artist, fraud, swindler.

charm n. 1. appeal, attractiveness, allure, grace, magnetism, charisma, enchantment, fascination. *it, *je ne sais quoi, *pizzazz. "A glow within ... that casts a most becoming light on others."—John Mason Brown. "A way of getting the answer 'yes' without asking any clear question."—Albert Camus. 2. spell or incantation, magic, sorcery, amulet, talisman, good-luck piece, fetish. 3. appealing, winning, hypnotic, inviting, beguiling, bewitching, fascinating, winsome, captivating, smooth, irresistible. ANT. repellent, repulsive, disgusting, gross.

charming a. attractive, appealing, alluring, magnetic, charismatic, enchanting, beguiling, bewitching, fascinating, winsome, captivating, smooth, irresistible. ANT. repellent, repulsive, disgusting, gross.

charred a. scorched, seared, burned, blackened, singed, carbonized.

chart n. map, graph, diagram, outline, blueprint, layout, plot, table, scheme.

chart v. map, outline, plot, diagram, draft, plan, draw up, design, graph, scheme.

charter n. agreement, contract, franchise, treaty, covenant, sanction, authority, license, permit.

charter v. hire, lease, rent, reserve, commission, employ.

chary a. 1. careful, cautious, wary, guarded, mindful, circumspect, suspicious, leery. 2. sparing, cheap, tight, miserly, niggardly, frugal, stingy. ANT. 1. imprudent, rash, reckless. 2. generous, freehanded.

chase v. 1. pursue, follow, track, trail, go after, shadow, *bird-dog. 2. chase off, go after, drive away, shoo, evict, throw out.

chasm n. abyss, gorge, canyon, void, crevasse, gap, gulch, fissure, ravine, rift, bottomless pit, crater. See CANYON, CAVE, HOLE.

CHASTE a. [CHAYST] virtuous, pure or moral. She was a somewhat puritanical woman and chose to remain chaste. SYN. virtuous, pure, moral, untouched, clean, *squeaky-clean, decent, abstinent, celibate, modest, righteous, immaculate, uncorrupted, virginal. ANT. 1. immoral, dirty, lewd, wanton, sleazy, promiscuous.

chasten v. 1. punish, chastise, castigate, correct, admonish, discipline, scold, penalize. 2. refine, purify, cleanse, purge.

CHASTISE v. [chas TIZE] to punish or discipline. He was chastised for being foulmouthed. SYN. punish, discipline, scold, condemn, castigate, admonish, beat, chasten. *take over the coals, *jump down one's throat, *lay into, thrash, ream, spank, whip, *call on the carpet. ANT. reward, bless.

chastity n. virtue, morality, purity, decency, abstinence, celibacy, righteousness, modesty, virginity, innocence. "A monkish and evangelical superstition."—Percy Bysshe Shelley. ANT. promiscuity, nymphomania, adultery, lewdness. SEE VIRGINITY.


chateau n. manor, palace, stronghold. See CASTLE.

chattels n. belongings, personal possessions, *things, *stuff, personal effects.

chatter v. prattle, *gibber-jabber, jabber, babble, blab, chitchat, cackle, palaver, prate. SEE TALK.


CHAUVINISM a. [SHO vin izm] blind loyalty to one's own kind, race, sex, etc., with disdain for those who are different. The sexes earn unequal pay partly due to male chauvinism. SYN. jingoism, supremacy, male dominance, female dominance, blind patriotism, provincialism, racism, sexism, narrow-
mindlessness, ethnocentrism, prejudice, bias, bigotry, intolerance, homophobia, nationalism. ant. liberalit,y broad-mindedness.

chauvinist n. jingoist, supersupremacist, blind patriot, provincialist, racist, sexist, nationalistic, bigot, "male chauvinist pig, ethnocentrist.


cheapen v. depreciate, degrade, lower, downgrade, diminish.


cheat n. 1. swindle *rip-off, con, fleecing, sham, deception, *fast shuffle, fraud, filth, junk, *dirty pool, trick. 2. swindler *rip-off artist, con, sham artist, chiseler, sharper, flimflam man, crook, rogue, impostor, fraud.


check n. 1. restraint stop, block, obstacle, limitation, control, damper, curb. 2. examination inspection, review, inquiry, investigation, *look-see.

check v. 1. restrain stop, block, obstruct, limit, control, damper, curb, constrain, foil, harness. 2. examine inspect, review, inquire, investigate, look into, *eyeball, scrutinize. 3. agree correspond, conform.

checkered a. 1. plaid tattersall, tartan. 2. varied diversified, irregular, patchwork, motley. ant. 2. consistent.

check out v. investigate, look into, probe, scrutinize, inspect, *eyeball.

check n. jowl, chop, jaw.

cheer n. 1. hurrah acclamation, shout of approval, *yay, rah, applause, Bravo. 2. cheerfulness high spirits, gladness, gayness, happiness, joyfulness, optimism, joviality, jubilation, buoyancy. "A kind of daylight in the mind."—Joseph Addison. ant. 1. boo, raspberry, hiss. 2. depression, downheartedness.

cheerful a. lighthearted, happy, joyful, blithe, buoyant, sunny, optimistic, sanguine, jocund, roseate, gay, carefree, debonair. ant. cheerful, sunny, light-hearted.

cheese n. pressed curds, American, Swiss, Brie, Edam, Gouda, Limburger, Jack, Parmesan, Gruyere, cream, mysost, cottage, cheddar.

"Milk's leap toward immortality."—Clifton Fadiman.

chef n. cook, culinary artist, *chief cook and bottle washer, cuisinier.

chemise n. shift. see dress, lingerie

chemistry n. natural science, life science, physical science, biology, science of matter, composition, formulation. see laboratory

WORD FIND
absorbing of a gas by a solid: sorption
absorbing of a liquid by a solid: imbibition
acidic or alkaline, measure of how: pH
attachment of gas or liquid layer without absorption: adsorption
blend of liquids that cannot be naturally mixed and will separate: emulsion
catalyst action, increases: activator
breaking down of substances: biodegradation
breaking of chemical bonds: cleavage
chain of monomers: polymer
coldest temperature possible: absolute zero
two or more elements to create new substance: synthesize
combined with another, substance: additive
combined with others, measure of the power within an element to: valency
compound written out as set of symbols and numbers: formula
concentration or volume of a reagent, analysis to determine: titration
corrosive compound: acid
corrupted or stopped chemical reaction: poisoned
density, increase in: concentration
diffusion of molecules of liquid solvent through semipermeable membrane: osmosis
dissolved when immersed in solvent, that which gets: solute
dissolving substance: solvent
electrical current to pass through, substance that allows: conductor
electricity, any compound dissolved in water able to conduct: electrolyte
electricity, method of creating chemical reaction with: electrolysis
fermentation chemistry: zymergy
final substance created after chemical reactions cease: product
gas into a liquid: condensation
gas to solid: deposition
half a chemical component, time it takes to break down: half-life
heat, chemical reaction creating: exothermic
homogeneous mixture: solution
identify presence or absence of specific chemical, substance or compound used to: reagent
identification of molecular formula by passing through electrical and magnetic fields: mass spectrometry
moles in dissolved solution, number of: molarity
ionic salt of an alkali metal: alkali
liquid into spray, turn: atomize
metal ions from solution, removal of: precipitation
mixed or blended, incapable of being: immiscible
mixture: compound
mixture thoroughly blended and uniform: homogeneous
mixture unevenly mixed or partially separated: heterogeneous
mixture with incompletely dissolved elements: colloidal
non-reactive chemically: inert
particles have not dissolved, solution in which: suspension
particles separating from a solution: precipitate
reaction rates, study of chemical: kinetics
reaction, used to slow or stop a chemical: inhibitor
refine or purify by distillation: rectify
scientist: chemist
separate components: distill
series of reactions: chain reaction
simple molecule joining with others to form polymer: monomer
slows catalytic reaction: anticatalyst
solvent, separation of chemicals by shaking with: extraction
smallest component of element: atom
soaking up of gas or liquid: absorption
solid turns directly into a gas, process by which: sublimation
speeding up of chemical reaction: catalysis
speeds up chemical reaction, substance that: catalyst
stability of chemicals: equilibrium
substance without other components, any pure: element
table of elements: periodic table
temporarily created by a chain reaction and then consumed, chemical: intermediate
thinning of mixture: dilution
two or more elements, metal of: alloy
unit of mass equaling 602 billion trillion atoms or molecules: mole; Avogadro’s number
unstable: volatile

cherish v. love, adore, hold dear, care for, revere, fancy, hold in high esteem, admire, like, worship, prize, idolize, foster, protect, treasure. ant. despise, reject, hate.

chest n. 1. thorax breast, bosom, pectorals. 2. box trunk, crate, casket, cabinet.
chew v. masticate, chomp, champ, grind, crunch, munch, nibble, gnaw.
chew out v. Sl. reprimand, berate. see scold
chic a. stylish, elegant, fashionable, smart, snazzy, current, swank, dapper, chichi, in, sophisticated. ant. dowdy, unstylish.
CHICANERY n. [shi KAY nuh ree] deception, trickery. A con artist uses all manner of chicanery to separate you from your money. Syn. deception, trickery, deceit, fraud, subterfuge, double-dealing, underhandedness, dishonesty, cheating, duping, sophistry.
chichi a. ostentatious. see chic
chicken n. 1. fowl hen, biddy, rooster. 2. *scaredy cat *wimp, *wuss, sissy.
chide v. reprove, scold, *dress down, upbraid, rebuke, reproach, admonish, tell off, give a good talking to, criticize, take to task.
chief a. main, principal, leading, prime, greatest, biggest, supreme, paramount, ruling, cardinal. ant. least, smallest.
chiefly adv. mainly, principally, primarily, first and foremost, above all, largely, mostly. **ant.** lastly.


childbirth see **baby, birth, pregnancy**

childhood n. youth, boyhood, girlhood, school days, puberty, adolescence. "A garden of god ... each day a festival radiant with laughter and play."—Mch Abrahamson. "That wonderful time when all you need to lose weight is to bathe."—Anon.

childish a. immature, sophomoric, babyish, adolescent, infantile, juvenile, naive, callow, unsophisticated. **ant.** mature, adult, grown-up.

chill n. cold, frigidity, iciness, rawness, briskness, frostiness, nip, shivers.

chilly a. 1. **cold** freezing, frigid, raw, biting, icy, brisk, frosty, shivery, anesthetizing, wintry, nippy, arctic. 2. **unfriendly** cold, icy, aloof, cool, hostile, frigid, unsociable. **ant.** 1. hot, *roasting, muggy. 2. friendly, warm, congenial.

chime v. ring, peal, toll, knell, sound, tinkle, jingle, tintinnabulate. see **bell**

chimera n. [kye MEER uh] something impossible or fanciful, after the monster of Greek mythology. Hank’s desire to be president was just a chimera. syn. fancy, dream, impossibility, daydream, whim, *castle in the air, *pie in the sky, *fool’s paradise, *pipe dream, fantasy, illusion, delusion.

chimney n. chimneys, tableware, porcelain, crockery.

china n. chiefly—chronic

chirp v. tweet, chirp, peep, trill, warble, twitter. see **bird**

chisel v. cut, gouge, carve, engrave, sculpt, tool, incise.

chivalrous a. honorable, courageous, noble, gallant, valiant, brave, courteous, courtly, heroic, lionhearted, quixotic, gentlemanly. **ant.** dishonorable, cowardly, brutish, barbaric.

chivalry n. honor, courage, nobility, gallantry, valor, knight-errantry, bravery, courtesy, courtliness, heroism, lionheartedness. **ant.** cowardice, dishonor, rudeness, discourtesy.

chock-full a. packed, chock-a-block, overflowing, brimming, stuffed, crammed, bursting, filled to capacity, *jam-packed. **ant.** empty, barren, devoid.

choice n. selection, preference, choosing, election, determination, vote, decision, druthers, volition, option, desire, pick, wish.


choke v. 1. **strangle** throttle, garrote, asphyxiate, suffocate, smother, stifle, wring. 2. clog obstruct, block, close off, occlude, dam, seal, shut, constrict, restrict. **ant.** 2. unplug, free, open.


chomp v. bite, chew, crunch.

choose v. select, pick, elect, wish for, desire, opt for, decide on, determine, prefer, want, single out, call for, fancy, appoint.

choosy a. picky, fussy, finicky, particular, selective, persnickety, fastidious, exacting, overparticular, discriminating. **ant.** undiscriminating. *easy.


chop v. cut, hew, lop, hack, fell, slice, cleave, slash, slice, dice, mince, rend, sever.

choppy a. rough, stormy, wavy, violent, bumpy, turbulent, frothy, wild. **ant.** calm, serene, glassy.


chortle v. chuckle, snort, snicker, snigger, crow, laugh with glee, guffaw, crackle, giggle. see **laugh**

chorus n. 1. **choir** chorale group, glee club, ensemble, choristers. see **music** 2. agreement unison, harmony, concert.

christen v. baptize, name, designate, dub, title.

chronic a. long-term, recurrent, perpetual, constant, habitual, prolonged, protracted, lin-
gering, persistent, stubborn, unabating, continual. **ant.** short-term, temporary.

**chronicle** _n._ history, narrative, accounting, record, annals, archive, chronology, register, log, calendar, journal, diary. **see book**

**chronological** _a._ in order, ordered, sequential, consecutive, successive, serial, dated. **ant.** random, unorganized, haphazard.

**chubby** _a._ plump, rotund, portly, pudgy, stout, fleshy, *roly-poly, round, *zaftig, tubby, flabby, full-figured, *porky. **ant.** skinny, anorexic, bony. **see fat**

**chuck** _v._ throw, toss, hurl, heave, pitch, flinging, discard, *eighty-six, dump, junk, abandon, get rid of.

**chuckle** _v._ chortle, laugh, snicker, snigger, giggle, smile, cluck. **see laugh**


**chump** _n._ fool, dupe, idiot, *sucker, dope, patsy.

**chunk** _n._ hunk, piece, lump, clump, mass, portion, wad, slab, wedge.

**chunky** _a._ thick, stocky, thickset, *built like a fireplug, stubby, squat, stout, chubby, pudgy. **ant.** skinny, anorexic, *built like linguine, *like a beanpole, willowy. **see fat**

**church** _n._ chapel, cathedral, house of worship, temple, synagogue, basilica, meeting house, mosque, tabernacle, the Lord’s house, bethel, abbey, sanctuary, denomination, sect, faith, affiliation. “God between four walls.”—Victor Hugo. “A hospital for sinners.”—L.L. Nash. “Wherever one hand meets another helpfully.”—John Ruskin. **see clergy, monastery, religion**

**WORD FIND**

**altar area reserved for clergy:** chancel, sanctuary, presbytery

**balcony for choir:** choir loft

**baptism basin:** font

**baptism room/section:** baptistery

**bell ringer:** sexton

**bell tower:** belfry

**bench:** pew

**bishop’s church:** cathedral

**Buddhist:** pagoda

**central portion/main area for congregation:** nave

**collection/revenue:** tithe, benefice

**confession booth in the Catholic church:** confessional

**council of bishops:** synod

**crucifixion sculptures:** Calvary

**cup:** chalice

**district:** parish

**division, difference of opinion:** schism

**faith/denomination:** (Christian) Roman Catholic, Protestant, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Mormon, Episcopalian, Unitarian, Baptist, Eastern Orthodox, Pentecostal, Church of the Nazarene, Seventh Day Adventists, Unification Church; Orthodox Judaism; Islam; Hindu; Buddhist

**gallery above side aisle:** triforium

**governing body:** classis

**grave digger:** sexton

**high-ranking clergy:** prelate

**house of clergyman:** parsonage, rectory

**Italian cathedral:** duomo

**Jewish house of worship:** synagogue

**jurisdiction of bishop:** diocese

**jurisdiction of archbishop:** archdiocese

**land/property:** glebe

**laws of:** canon

**lay authority:** elder

**light-admitting upper wall:** clerestory

**members:** congregation, fold, flock, Ecclesia

**Moslem:** mosque

**mosque tower:** minaret

**nunnery:** convent

**outreach church supported by larger church:** mission

**preaching platform:** pulpit

**reading stand:** lectern, ambo

**repository for sacraments:** ambry

**rite:** baptism, benediction, communion, mass

**semicircular projection and vaulted roof area at east end behind altar:** apse

**storage room for altar vessels:** sacristy

**storage room for clergy and choir’s robes:** vestry

**study of architecture, decoration:** ecclesiology

**table or raised platform:** altar

**underground vault/burial place:** crypt

**vestibule:** narthex, galilee porch

**west-side chapel:** gable

**window, arched:** lancet window

**window, large, round, stained glass:** cathedrinal wheel, rose window, marigold window

**yard, enclosed:** parvis
churchman n. see clergy
curlilsh adj. surly, mean, grouchy, boorish, loutish, crude, cantankerous, thorny, cranky, cross, huffy, grumpy, dour, sullen, ill-tempered. *ANT. nice, pleasant, civil.
churn v. stir, agitate, shake, seethe, whip, heave, swirl, whisk, beat.
chute n. waterfall, rapids, trough, passage, slide, channel, gutter, runway, flume.
cider n. juice, *squeezings, beverage, drink, refreshment.
cinders n. embers, coals, clinkers, slag, ashes.
cinema n. film theater, the movies. SEE MOVIE
rica a. about, approximately, roughly. *ANT. precisely, exactly.
circadian rhythm n. biorhythm, cycles, body clock.
circle n. 1. ring loop, oval, disc, orb, round, compass, hoop, halo, wheel, orbit, sphere, globe, circuit, coil, circlet, crown. 2. CYCLICAL revolution, series, period, progression, round. 3. *associates group, coterie, crowd, clique, fraternity, sorority, gang, assembly. 4. SPHERE OF INTEREST domain, realm, range, field, province, dominion, bailiwick.
circle v. go around, circumnavigate, encircle, surround, ring, encompass, circumscribe, wheel, roll, loop, pivot, reel.
circuit n. 1. course path, route, cycle, lap, pass, round, tour, run. 2. CIRCLING revolution, orbit. 3. BOUNDARY periphery, border, perimeter, margin, fringe, confines, brink.
CIRCUITOUS a. [SUR KYOO i tus] roundabout or indirect. Much to my irritation, the cabbie took a circuitous route to the airport. syn. roundabout, indirect, circular, meandering, rambling, *long way, *far afield, labyrinthine, devious, *off the beaten path. *ANT. direct, straight.
circular a. round spherical, spheroid, disklike, globular, oval. 2. CIRCUITOUS roundabout.
circulate v. 1. CIRCLE revolve, mill, move around, wander, tour, course, make the rounds. 2. DISTRIBUTED spread, pass out, disperse, disseminate, publicize, announce.
circulation n. 1. FLOW movement, coursing, circling, rotation, round, tour, revolution. 2. DISTRIBUTION dissemination, transmission, spread.
circumcise v. excise, remove, cut.
circumference n. girth, perimeter, periphery, ambit, outline, compass, circuit.
CIRCUMLOCUTION n. [SUR kum loh KYOO shun] an overly wordy or indirect way of saying something. Circumlocution is the tendency to use ten words when one would do. syn. periphrasis, long-windedness, prolixity, rambling, verbosity, redundancy, wordiness, repetition, roundaboutness, *beating around the bush, digression. *ANT. directness, brevity, conciseness.
CIRCUMSCRIBE v. [SUR kum SKRIBE] to draw a line around, to set limits. Points of interest on the map were circumscribed. syn. 1. ENCLOSE circle, encircle, surround, outline, encompass. 2. BIND confine, limit, restrict, restrain, prohibit, check, hem in, curb, impede, demarcate.
CIRCUMSPECT a. [SUR kum SPEKT] cautious, careful. John is always circumspect around skunks. syn. cautious, careful, wary, mindful, chary, leery, apprehensive, guarded, prudent, vigilant, heedful, scrupulous, judicious. *ANT. careless, reckless, rash.
circumstance n. situation, case, instance, occasion, incidence, occurrence, matter, episode, condition, contingency, concern, place, time.
circumstances n. course of events, turn of events, situation, predicament, attending factors, condition, state of affairs.
CIRCUMSTANTIAL a. [SUR KYOO shun] incidental, largely insignificant. Also, referring to evidence that may be used in a court case only to infer, not prove, guilt. The evidence against the accused was weak and mostly circumstantial. syn. incidental, indirect, secondary, insignificant, unimportant, trivial, inconclusive, open to interpretation.
conjectural, speculative, extraneous, presumed. **ant.** conclusive.

**CIRCUMVENT** v. [SER kum vent] to get around or avoid. *The thief was able to circumvent punishment through legal loopholes.*

**syn.** get around, dodge, bypass, avoid, elude, shun, sidestep, thwart, stymie, outflank, contravene, outwit.

**circus** n. *big top, hippodrome, spectacle, tent show, exhibition, performance, extravaganza.*

**WORD FIND**
- **arena:** ring
- **procession:** caravan, cavalcade
- **subordinate show:** sideshow
- **swing:** trapeze
- **worker/laborer:** rouster, roustabout

**cistern** n. tank, reservoir, vat.

**citadel** n. fortress, fort, stronghold, safehold, bastion, tower, refuge. see castle

**citation** n. 1. summons subpoena, warrant, charge, call. 2. citing quoting, quotation, quote, reference, passage, excerpt, source, extract, text. 3. **honorable mention accolade,** recognition, commendation, award, reward, kudos.

**cite** v. 1. summon subpoena, put out a warrant, charge, call. 2. quote reference, note, excerpt, extract, refer to, provide a source.


**WORD FIND**
- **districts:** ward, business district, residential district, ghetto, slums, tenement district, inner city, *skid row, red light district, tenderloin, hell’s kitchen, Chinatown, Little Italy, barrio, greenbelt
- **official:** alderman, councilor, mayor

**city hall** n. municipal building, town hall, municipal government, city center, municipal center, administrative building, courthouse.

civic a. municipal, civil, metropolitan, urban, community, communal, public.

civil a. 1. **civic** municipal, community, communal, public, urban, metropolitan, civilian. 2. polite courteous, well-mannered, proper, civilized, obliging, gracious, urbane, genteel, refined, diplomatic. **ant.** 2. rude, unfriendly, barbaric, beastly.

**civilization** n. 1. **social organization culture,** refinement, sophistication, education, civility, acculturation, polish, breeding, taming, socialization. “Restrictions, standards, courtesy, indirect methods, justice, reason.”—Jose Ortega y Gasset. “To convert a man, a beast of prey, into a tame and civilized animal, a domestic animal”—Friedrich Nietzsche. “A concerted effort to remedy the blunders and check the practical joking of God.”—Henry Louis Mencken. “A series of victories over nature.”—William Harvey. “The lamb’s skin in which barbarism masquerades.”—Thomas Bailey Aldrich. 2. **humanity society.** **ant.** 1. wildness, wilderness, savagery, barbarism, laws of the jungle. see society

civilized a. cultured, refined, sophisticated, educated, civil, acculturated, polished, bred, tamed, humane, socialized, socially organized, urbane. “To have some quality of consideration for all who cross our path.”—Agnes Repplier. **ant.** wild, raw, crude, savage, barbaric.

**civil liberties** n. rights, freedoms, God-given rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion.

**civil rights** n. freedoms, civil liberties, constitutional rights.

**clad** a. dressed, clothed, attired.

**claim** v. 1. demand take, seek, petition, *have dibs on, exact, expropriate, attach. 2. assert maintain, insist, allege, proclaim, declare, hold, profess, defend, contend.

clairvoyant a. psychic, perceptive, telepathic, extrasensory, prescient, prophetic, second-sighted. **ant.** insensitive, unreceptive.

clam n. mollusk, quahog, cherrystone, littleneck, steamer.

**clamor** n. 1. uproar, outcry, racket, babel, shouting, din, noise, hubbub, tumult, chaos, bedlam, commotion, pandemonium, upheaval, brouhaha.
clap  n.  catch, hook, snap, fastener, clip, buckle, hasp, pin.

clasp  n.  catch, hook, snap, fastener, clip, buckle, hasp, pin.

class  n.  1.  sort, kind, category, type, group, caste, genus, grade, species, stripe, variety, breed, division, ilk, order.  2.  social rank position, stratum, status, sect, birth, lineage, extraction, place, echelon, hierarchy, pedigree, caste, station, rank, standing.  3.  body of students study group.  4.  course subject, period, lesson, curriculum.  5.  St. high style elegance, excellence, quality, flair, polish, distinction, fineness, refinement.

classic  n.  model, standard, example, masterpiece, paragon, exemplar, chef-d’oeuvre, ideal, paradigm, archetype, magnum opus.

classic  a.  1.  excellent first-class, model, exemplary, superior, extraordinary, quintessential, finest, best, vintage, standard, ideal.  2.  traditional established, conventional, tried-and-true, regular, standard, prototypical.  ANT.  inferior, second-rate, poor.  2. radical, “new way, avant-garde.”

classical  a.  see classic

classification  n.  1.  arrangement division, grouping, categorization, cataloging, ordering, grading, sorting, “pigeonholing, typing, labeling, assignment.  2.  category division, group, class, variety, order, grade, type.

classified  a.  confidential, secret, top secret, private, restricted.  ANT.  overt, public, open.

classify  v.  categorize, arrange, group, catalog, order, grade, sort, “pigeonhole, type, label, assign, organize, rank, systemize.

clay  n.  earth, soil, dirt, loam, mud, earth, dirt, loam, mud, soil, sod.

clean  v.  wash, cleanse, launder, scrub, bathe, freshen up, scour, purify, disinfect, sterilize, deterge, swab, spruce up, shampoo, dust, sanitize, decontaminate.  ANT.  soil, dirty, begrime, pollute, mess.

clean  a.  1.  not dirty spotless, washed, fresh, “spic and span, unsullied, immaculate, “clean as a whistle, laundered, “squeaky clean,
scrubbed, antiseptic, scoured, sanitary, bright, sparkling, pure, disinfected, sterile, clear, unpolluted. 2. virtuous upright, moral, pure, chaste, sinless, innocent, decent, wholesome, respectable, lily-white. 3. fair sportsmanlike, honest, aboveboard, respectable, by the rules. 4. trim plain, uncluttered, simple, sharp. 5. complete thorough, entire, whole, clean-cut. ANT. 1. dirty, filthy, grubby, unsanitary, grimy. 2. immoral, filthy, indecent. 3. unfair, unsportsmanlike, below-the-belt. 4. busy, ornate, cluttered. 5. incomplete, uncertain.

clean-cut a. neat, trim, groomed, tidy, clean-shaven, conservative, military, Ivy-League, preppy, old-fashioned, square, button-down, traditional, dressed for success. ANT. sloppy, unkempt.
cleanse v. see clean
clear v. 1. clean wipe, tidy, sweep, free, empty, open, rid, remove, liberate, disentangle. 2. exonerate liberate, free, let off the hook, release, find innocent, absolve, vindicate, restore one’s good name. 3. pass over miss, make, steer clear of, hurdle, vault. 4. clear up clarify, illuminate, explain, elucidate. ANT. mess up, soil, tangle. 2. find guilty, incriminate. 3. hit, catch. 4. obfuscate, confuse, muddle.
clear a. 1. apparent understandable, clear-cut, obvious, perspicuous, crystal-clear, plain, lucid, transparent, incontrovertible, evident, comprehensible, explicit, unquestionable, unmistakable, explicit, obvious, express. ANT. 1. unclear, hazy, foggy, fuzzy, incomprehensible. 2. obstructed, blocked, hindered, jammed. 3. opaque, cloudy, fuzzy.
clearance n. authorization, sanction, okay, go, green light, go-ahead.
clean-cut a. clear, definite, distinct, unquestionable, unmistakable, explicit, obvious, express.
clearheaded a. rational, of sound mind, lucid, alert, sharp, sober, keen, wide-awake, sane, level-headed, sensible, composed. ANT. muddled, confused, hazy, irrational.
clearly adv. obviously, plainly, apparently, unquestionably, unmistakably, incontrovertibly, conspicuously, undoubtedly, transparently, positively, overtly, indubitably. ANT. questionably, doubtfully, unclearly, debatably.
cleavage n. cleft, fissure, gap, chasm, rift, valley.
cleaver v. 1. stick adhere, cling, cohere, hold fast, be faithful, be true. 2. split divide, chop, carve, sever, slice, part, rend, rip, cut.
cleft n. opening, crack, crevice, break, gap, chink, fissure, slit, schism, split, rift.

clemency n. [KLEM un see] forgiveness, lenience, mercy. The crook was granted clemency in exchange for information. SYN. forgiveness, lenience, mercy, mildness, compassion, charity, amnesty, sympathy, softening, quarter, mitigation, easing, softheartedness. ANT. vindictiveness, cruel and unusual punishment, strictness, harshness, heavy-handedness.
clench v. grip, grasp, hold firm, clutch, clasp, hold, constrict, close. ANT. loosen, release.
clergy n. ecclesiastics, men of the cloth, ministry, priesthood, churchmen, holy order, prelacy, pastor, presbytery, rabbinate.


WORD FIND

abbey’s superior female: abbess
abbey’s superior male: abbot
assists priest or minister with candles, offerings: acolyte, altar boy
bishop-assisting priest who oversees a territory: archdeacon
bishop, highest ranking: archbishop
cape, short, worn by pope, cardinal, and bishop: mozzetta
cathedral superior: dean
collar worn by priest: clerical collar
council of: synod
deacon’s wide-sleeved tunic worn over alb: cope
decon’s wide-sleeved tunic worn over alb: dalmatic
England, parish priest in: vicar
garment, general term: vestment
hat, squarish, with three or four projections, Roman Catholic: biretta
hat worn by bishop: mitre
high-ranking minister who oversees a diocese: bishop
Hindu’s spiritual teacher: guru
house of: rectory, parsonage, manse
Jewish minister: rabbi
long open cloak worn by bishop: cope

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Lutheran, Baptist, or Pentecostal minister: pastor
monk/friar’s robe: frock
mosque’s prayer leader: imam
Muslim authority: ayatollah
pope: pontiff
pope’s assistant, second-highest in Catholic hierarchy: cardinal
pope’s office: papacy
pope’s palace home: Vatican
robe, long and white, worn by priest for Mass: alb
Roman Catholic’s highest-ranking: pope
salary: prebend
school for: seminary
sleeveless mantle worn by priest at communion: chasuble
square cloth worn by priest over shoulders: amice
strip one of power due to unethical behavior: defrock
synagogue’s prayer leader/singer: cantor
vestment, full-length, usually black, worn by priest: cassock
waist cord of alb: cincture
white, wide-sleeved, knee or hip-length garment: surplice

clerical a. ecclesiastical, churchly, ministerial, priestly, pastoral, religious. ANT. secular, lay.
clerk n. salesman/woman, cashier, teller, office worker, bookkeeper, *desk jockey. SEE OFFICE WORKER

clever a. intelligent, adroit, bright, ingenious, smart, dexterous, shrewd, quick, witty, facile, *brainless, versatile, sharp, savvy, inventive, capable, handy, resourceful, imaginative. ANT. stupid, bovine, dull, moronic.
clichéd a. trite, hackneyed, tired, worn out, stereotyped. ANT. fresh, new, imaginative.
click v. 1. TICK clack, snap, clink, chink, rattle. 2. WORK TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY come together, fit, fall into place.
client n. customer, patron, consumer, buyer, *regular.
clientele n. clients, customers, patrons, following, trade, business, regulars, market.
cloak n. precipice, bluff, escarpment, overlook, overhang, ledge, headland, promontory, peak, summit, palisade, crag. SEE MOUNTAIN
clothing n. serial, *nail-biter, melodrama, episode, thriller.
climax n. culmination, highest point, peak, acme, pinnacle, crest, zenith, maximum, summit, critical mass, apex, turning point, climactic. ANT. anticlimax, low, nadir. SEE ORGASM
climb v. ascend, scale, mount, clamber, shiny, *climb hand over hand, rise, swarm, escalade, scramble up, descend. SEE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING
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clio m. SEE CLIMATE
clinch v. 1. FASTEN secure, fix, make fast, set, attach, bolt. 2. WIN CONCLUSIVELY or SETTLE finish off, close, culminate, confirm, decide, put all doubts to rest, sew up, cap, *put on ice.
clincher n. crowning blow, finisher, closer, deathblow, culmination, capper, *coup de grace, settler, finishing touch.
cling v. stick, adhere, hold, clasp, cleave to, clench, embrace, be attached to, cherish. ANT. release, let go, repel.
clinic n. dispensary, infirmary, sick bay, hospital, outpatient ward. SEE MEDICINE, HOSPITAL
clinical a. scientific, analytic, objective, detached, impersonal, dispassionate, unemotional. ANT. personal, subjective, involved.
clink v. jingle, jangle, tinkle, ring, tink.
clip n. fastener, clasp, holder, pin, hasp.
clip v. 1. ATTACH fasten, pin, couple, hook, grip. 2. CUT snip, crop, trim, bob, shorten, shave, shear, scissor, *buzz, prune, mow. 3. REDUCE shorten, curtail, abridge. ANT. 3. lengthen, increase.
cliq mue. [KLIK] an exclusive group or circle of people, sometimes of a snobbish nature. High school is notorious for its cliques. SYN. coterie, group, crowd, in crowd, circle, band, clan, set, gang, faction, bunch, crew, pack.
cloak n. 1. CAPE mantle, wrap, dolman, overcoat, robe, pelisse, capote. 2. DISGUISE covering, mask, masquerade, guise, concealment, front, pretext.
cloak v. cover, conceal, hide, mask, disguise, veil. ANT. uncover, reveal, unmask.
cloak and dagger a. intriguing, mysterious, melodramatic, dealing in espionage.
clobber v. punch, pound, beat, wallop, pummel, hit, strike, belt, drub, thrash, *slug, *sock.
clock n. timepiece, chronometer, timer, watch, hourglass.
clod n. dolt, moron, idiot, simpleton, dunce, halfwit, ignoramus, oaf, nitwit, blockhead, *chowderhead.
cloidhopper n. hick, yokel, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, farmer, hillbilly, *cider squeeze.
clog n. blockage, obstacle, jam, congestion, stoppage, barrier, occlusion, encumbrance, clot, bottleneck.
clog v. block, obstruct, jam, congest, stop, bar, occlude, encumber, clot, close, choke, fill, impede, stuff, cram, gum up. ANT. open, free, clear.
cloister n. 1. secluded refuge asylum, retreat, sanctuary, haven, monastery, abbey, convent. 2. covered walkway colonnade, arcade, courtyard, ambulatory, promenade, archway, gallery.
clone n. double, match, twin, copy, replica, duplicate.
close n. ending, finale, finish, completion, wind-up, culmination.
close v. 1. shut seal, lock, secure, bolt, bar, shutter. 2. complete finish, *wind down, *call it a day, end, cease, finalize, *put to bed, fold up, terminate, stop, discontinue, shut down. 3. join unite, merge, fuse, couple, connect. ANT. open, broach. 2. begin, start, open. 3. separate, divide.
close a. 1. near proximate, at hand, handy, next to, immediate, *under one's nose, *within shouting distance, bordering, nigh, in close proximity, approaching, contiguous, neighboring. 2. dense cramped, thick, compact, packed, congested, crowded, solid, confined, narrow, stuffed. 3. intimate friendly, familiar, chummy, inseparable, *buddy-buddy, attached, *thick with, *cosy with. 4. similar comparable, alike, like, much the same, analogous, near, akin. 5. oppressive humid, stuffy, airless, muggy, unventilated, heavy, stifling, suffocating, thick. 6. stingy tight, miserly, tight-fisted, niggardly, *pen- ny-pinning, penurious. ANT: 1. far, distant, remote. 2. loose, roomy, commodious. 3. unfamiliar, distant, cool. 4. dissimilar, opposite, contrasting. 5. airy, breezy, fresh. 6. generous, free-spending, extravagant.
closefisted a. tightfisted, tight, cheap, stingy, miserly, niggardly, penny-pinning, parsimonious, penurious. ANT. generous, giving, openhanded.
close-minded a. narrow-minded, intolerant, blind, un receptive. ANT. broad-minded.
closemouthed a. uncommunicative, taciturn, quiet, reserved, laconic, tight-lipped, reticent, retiring, secretive, mute. ANT. talkative, loquacious.
closet n. storeroom, cupboard, locker, compartment, wardrobe, cubbyhole.
close shave n. SEE CLOSE CALL.
closure n. conclusion, capping, ending, tying up loose ends, finality, completion, finishing.
dot n. grime, embolism, lump, mass, coagulation, occlusion.
dot v. coagulate, congeal, set, thicken, clog, coalesce, solidify. ANT: thin, liquefy, flow.
cloth n. fabric, textile, material, weave, dry goods.
clothe v. dress, attire, fit out, garb, don, vest, put on, outfit, deck out, doll up, tog, costume, caparison, adorn. ANT. strip, undress.
clothes n. pl. SEE CLOTHING.
cloud n. vapor, mist, fog, haze, steam, puff, veil, billow, overcast, gloom, nebula. “The only birds that never sleep.”—Victor Hugo. SEE FOG, RAIN.

WORD FIND
aircraft trail: contrail
boiling, billowing, or breastlike, severe thunderstorm: mammatocumulus
bulging: billowing
cauliflower-like and towering: congestus
cauliflowerlike, fair-weather cloud: cumulus, stratocumulus
chemical creation of: cloud seeding
circle around sun or moon: halo
cloud striations winding upward in a thunderstorm, slang for: barber pole
continuous and layered with no individual units: stratus
cloud v. befog, darken, obscure, veil, dim, cloak, blind, muddle. ant. clear, illuminate.

cloudy a. 1. overcast gray, dreary, dismal, hazy, murky, partly sunny, nubulous, lowery, lowering, turbid, leaden, misty, foggy, murky. 2. obscure vague, indistinct, blurry, nebulous, fuzzy, unclear, hazy, confused, muddled, mysterious. ant. 1. clear, sunny, bright, radiant. 2. clear, distinct, certain.

clout n. 1. blow rap, hit, whack, clip, *sock. 2. influence power, weight, *pull.

cloverleaf n. interchange, overpass, on-off ramp.

“Our national flower … the concrete cloverleaf”—Lewis Mumford. see street

cloven n. buffoon, jester, joker, merry-andrew, comic, *cutup, prankster, zany, mime, harlequin, card, wit. see circus

cloy v. [KLOY] to make sick of something from having too much. Try to eat a pound of chocolate and it will soon cloy. syn. sicken, satiate, surfeit, displease, nauseate, glut, sate, overdo, gag, weary, pall. ant. entice, tantalize.

clost n. 1. stick bat, cudgel, billy, mace, truncheon, blackjack, bludgeon, shillelagh. 2. association organization, society, fraternity, sorority, clique, affiliation, coterie, alliance, lodge, order.

cloth v. hit, strike, bat, batter, cudgel, baste, beat, clout, blackjack, slug.

cloee n. hint, tip, tipoff, *lead, sign, telltale, inferring, inference, pointer, implication, *dead giveaway, evidence, suggestion, trace, mark.

clump n. 1. cluster aggregation, bunch, group, lump, mass, clod, thicket, bushes. 2. thump clomp, stomp, bump, bang, thud, *thunk.

clumsy a. 1. klutzy oafish, inept, ungainly, bumbling, maladroit, awkward, gauche, graceless, fumbling, *all thumbs, *having two left feet, cloudish, butterfingered, blundering, lumbering, uncoordinated. 2. unyieldly awkward, cumbersome, bulky, unmanageable, ponderous. ant. 1. coordinated, graceful, nimble, adroit. 2. handy.

cluster n. bunch, clump, mass, group, body, crowd, assembly, knot, collection, congregation.

clutch v. grasp, snatch, seize, grip, grab, catch, nab, snare, clench, hold, squeeze. ant. release, drop.

clutches n. power, control, grip, hands, rule, possession, custody.

crutter n. mess, disorder, jumble, litter, trash, disarray, hodgepodge, chaos. ant. order, neatness, tidiness.

clutter v. mess, disorder, jumble, litter, *trash, strew about, scatter. ant. neaten, order, arrange, clean.

coach n. 1. trainer teacher, tutor, instructor, mentor, *whip, taskmaster, drillmaster, athletic director. 2. carriage stage, brougham, landau, phaeton, coupe, buggy.

coachman n. driver, jehu, hack, whip.

cogulate v. clot, curdle, mass, lump, congeal, gel, thicken, set, condense, cake. ant. thin, liquefy.

COALESCE v. [KOH uh LES] to come together or merge as one, fuse. The two factions will coalesce in order to fight a common enemy. syn. come together, merge, unite, fuse, weld, consolidate, blend, cohere, integrate,
incorporate, combine, mingle. **ANT.** divide, fragment, split, separate.

**COALITION** *n.* [KOH uh LISH un] an alliance or union. *The coalition of environmentalists will be lobbying for cleaner air.* *SYN.* alliance, union, association, confederacy, faction, league, bloc, partnership, cartel, consolidation, cooperative, merger.

**coarse** *a.* 1. rough gritty, scratchy, grainy, harsh, unpolished, bumpy, bristly, unrefined. 2. inferior poor, second-rate, shoddy, common, mediocre. 3. vulgar unrefined, crude, rough-hewn, crass, uncouth, offensive, uncultured, earthy, foulmouthed, ill-mannered, churlish, impolite. **ANT.** 1. smooth, polished, refined. 2. superior, first-rate, high quality. 3. refined, cultured, polite, gentlemanly, well-mannered.

**coast** *n.* shore, strand, seaboard, seaside, littoral. see beach

**coast** *v.* glide, slide, skim, glissade, drift, roll.

**coast guard** *n.* marine patrol, marine rescue.

**coat** *n.* 1. fur pelt, fleece, wool, hide, pelage, fell. 2. coating covering, finish, layer, lamination. 3. overcoat jacket, wrap, tog, toga, windbreaker. see jacket

**WORD FIND**

classic with black velvet collar: chesterfield

formal: tails, tuxedo

full-length: maxi

large overcoat: greatcoat

long, loose with wide sleeves cut in one piece with shoulders: raglan

long raincoat or overcoat with several pockets, belt: trenchcoat

midlength: midi

raincoat: slicker, trenchcoat

sportcoat: blazer

toggle-buttoning: toggle coat, duffel coat

waterproof coat with drawstring hood: stadium coat

woman's long coat with large pockets: duster

woolen, plaid, and short: mackinaw

**coax** *v.* cajole, wheedle, persuade, talk into, lure, press, *rope in, beg, *butter up, beguile, blandish, play up to, con, sweet talk, inveigle.

glass: cocktail glass, cooler, delmonico, highball, shot glass, snifter, wine glass
Irish whiskey, hot coffee, whipped cream: Irish coffee
Kahlúa, cream: sombrero
peach schnapps, vodka, pineapple juice, cranberry juice: sex on the beach
red wine, fruit juice, and brandy: sangria
rum, orange juice, sour mix, grenadine: shark bite
rum, pineapple juice, coconut cream: pina colada
rum, sweet and sour: Daiquiri
rum, vodka, brandy, bourbon, lime: tidal wave
Scotch, drambuie: rusty nail
Scotch, vermouth, cherry garnish: Rob Roy
sloe gin, Southern Comfort, orange juice: slow comfortable screw
sloe gin, sweet and sour, soda, cherry garnish: sloe gin fizz
tequila, orange juice, grenadine: tequila sunrise
tequila, sweet and sour, rim of glass frosted with salt: Margarita
vodka, beef bouillon: bull shot
vodka, Kahlúa: black Russian
vodka, orange juice, Galliano: Harvey Wallbanger
vodka, orange juice: screwdriver
vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice, lime juice: cosmopolitan
vodka, triple sec curacao, lime juice: Kamikaze
vodka, Worcestershire sauce, tomato juice: Bloody Mary
whiskey, ginger ale: highball
whiskey, sweet and sour, cherry: whiskey sour
whiskey, vermouth with cherry: Manhattan

coke - coil

force, pressure, duress, bullying, persuasion, strong-arm tactics, railroad ing, constraint, scare tactics, intimidation, threats, menacing, heat, arm-twisting.
coffee n. espresso, cafe au lait, cafe noir, cappuccino, mud, machine oil, brew, battery acid, joe, java, pick-me-up, decaf, mocha, crude, blackstrap, paint remover. "Break fluid."—R.R. Anderson.
coffer n. chest, strongbox, safe, vault.
coffers n. treasury, funds, finances, capital, means, assets, reserves. See money, bank
coffin n. casket, pine box, catafalque, sarcophagus, pall, wooden overcoat. "An ornamental box which no one cares to open."—Elbert Hubbard. See cemetery, funeral, death
COGENT a. [koh junt] strongly convincing. His argument was cogent. Syn. convincing, compelling, persuasive, effective, forceful, powerful, meaningful, conclusive, sound, potent, weighty. Ant. unconvincing, ineffective, weak.
cogitate v. ponder, consider, meditate, weigh, think over, contemplate, deliberate.
cognate a. alike, akin, associated, related, kindred, common, generic, affiliated, connected. Ant. unlike, unrelated, different.
COGNIZANT a. [KOG ni zunt] aware; conscious. Are you cognizant of the deteriorating environment? Syn. aware, conscious, informed, familiar, knowing, acquainted with, enlightened, mindful, apprised, in the know, understanding. Ant. ignorant, unaware, oblivious.
cohere v. 1. stick adhere, cling, attach, bind, hold, unite, join. 2. agree harmonize, correspond, concur, coincide.
coherence a. agreement, consistency, harmony, correspondence, concurrence, congruity, unity, cohesion, accord. Ant. incoherence, inconsistency.
COHERENT a. [ko HEER unt] intelligible; making sense. Heil had a few drinks but he was still coherent. Syn. intelligible, rational, logical, lucid, articulate, understandable, comprehensible. Ant. incoherent, unintelligible, confusing, nonsensical.
cohort n. associate, colleague, companion, sidekick, supporter, buddy, pal, chum, accomplice, ally, comrade.
coiffure n. hairdo, *do, cut, permanent, trim. See hair
coil n. ring, helix, circle, spiral, vortex, loop, convolution, corkscrew, curl, braid.
coiff. v. wind, spiral, twist, turn, loop, twirl, cork-screw, snake, twine, convolute, sinuate.
coin n. piece, specie, copper, change, money, legal tender, coinage, *pin money. see money
coin v. devise, invent, make up, create, conceive, originate, think up, dream up, fabricate, compose, mint, neologize.
coincide v. agree, equal, synchronize, square, accord, dovetail, fit, correspond, harmonize, jibe, match, be synonymous, be concurrent. ant. disagree, differ.
coincidence n. happenstance, chance, fluke, fortuity, accident, serendipity, synchronicity, *fickle finger of fate.
coincident a. chance, accidental, fortuitous, fluky, serendipitous, lucky, casual, circumstantial. ant. deliberate, planned.
coitus n. sexual intercourse, copulation, fornication, mating, consummation, congress, *nookie, heterosexual union, *roll in the hay. "Making the beast with two backs."—Shakespeare. see sex
cold n. virus, "bug, cough, runny nose, *sniffles, fever, corzya, nasal congestion. "An ailment cured in two weeks with a doctor's care, and in fourteen days without it."—C.C. Furnas.
cold a. 1. chilly frigid, wintry, icy, freezing, arctic, nippy, cool, raw, biting, brisk, bitter, numbing, *anesthetizing, below zero, frosty, piercing, stinging, aligid, hyperboreal, gelid, drafty, Siberian, bone-chilling, *teeth-chattering cold. 2. unfriendly or aloof icy, distant, frosty, stony, apathetic, unsociable, unfeeling, remote, unapproachable, closed. 3. cold-blooded uncaring, unfeeling, cruel, mean, icy, cool, stony, insensitive, heartless, distant, soulless, brutal, callous, ruthless, merciless. ant. warm, friendly, open. 3. sympathetic, humane, merciful.
cold-blooded a. see cold
cold feet n. Sl. fear, anxiety, second thoughts, reservations, timidity.
cold shoulder n. coldness, snub, brush-off, a frosty, dismissal, disregard, aloofness.
cold sore n. blister, herpes, canker sore, ulceration.
cold war n. *war of words, hostilities, rivalry, one upsmanship, idle threats, tension, macho posturing, antagonism.
coldhearted a. see cold
coliseum n. arena, stadium, amphitheater, bowl, theater.
collaborate v. work together, cooperate, team up, conspire, collude, join forces, coauthor.
collaborator n. contributor, partner, coworker, colleague, *partner in crime, coauthor, confederate, quising.
collage n. composition, assemblage.
collapse n. 1. CAVE-IN fall, cataclysm, toppling, breakdown, failure, foundering, buckling, crash, undoing, downfall, disintegration. 2. falling ill breakdown, fainting, succumbing, seizure, prostration, loss of consciousness.
collapse v. 1. CAVE IN fall, crumble, crumble, topple, break, give way, give out, fail, founder, buckle, slump, fold up, "collapse like a house of cards. 2. FALL ILL keep over, break down, succumb, wilt, be stricken, lose consciousness, slump over, swoon.
collar v. nab, seize, catch, capture, nail, apprehend, bring into custody. see arrest
collate v. sort, order, group, arrange, juxtapose.
collateral n. security, insurance, warranty, surety, pledge, guarantee, bond.
collateral a. secondary, ancillary, subordinate, indirect, supporting, corroborating, parallel, incidental, supplementary. ant. primary, fundamental.
colleague n. associate, co-worker, confederate, cohort, collaborator, partner, confiere, *partner in crime, compatriot, peer, teammate.
collect v. 1. ACCUMULATE or ASSEMBLE gather, harvest, reap, amass, hoard, save, round up, pile up, squirrel away, compile, congregate, flock, group, muster, convene, meet, cluster. 2. OBTAIN acquire, solicit, raise, "pass the hat, get. 3. PICK UP get, fetch, gather, take away. 4. PULL ONESELF TOGETHER gather one's wits, calm down, "get it together, regain one's composure, relax.
collected a. composed, calm, cool, levelheaded, unruffled, unperturbed, self-possessed, poised, unflappable, placid, at ease, nonchalant. ant. agitated, flustered, perturbed, ill-at-ease.
collection n. 1. ACCUMULATION cumulation, mass, group, assortment, assembly, pile, gathering, stockpile, store, hoard, cluster, congregation, aggregation, compilation, anthology, hodgepodge. 2. OFFERING tithe, offering, contribution, alms.
collective n. cooperative, co-op, company.
collective a. combined, composite, aggregate, mutual, corporate, common, cumulative, compound, joint, unified. ant. individual, separate.
college n. university, school, academy, institution, institute of higher learning, seminary, alma mater, *halls of ivy, vocational school,
polytechnic, graduate school, campus. “[Where one] may learn the ‘principles’ of salesmanship from a Ph.D. who has never sold anything, or the ‘principles’ of marketing from a Ph.D. who has never marketed anything.”—Abraham Flexner. “A place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed.”—Robert Ingersoll. See degree, school, university.

WORD FIND
advanced degree: postgraduate degree, master’s, doctorate
advanced studies after graduation: postgraduate work
agricultural college: cow college
brotherhood: fraternity
charge for instruction: tuition
dining hall: refectory
degree studies: general knowledge studies
graduate: alumnus
graduate “with great praise” or honors: magna cum laude
graduate “with highest praise” or highest honors: summa cum laude
grounds: campus, quad, quadrangle
leave of absence: sabbatical
official: dean, regent, provost, registrar
permanent of position granted to professor: tenure
president: chancellor, prexy
relating to: collegiate
sisterhood: sorority
student: freshman, *frosh; sophomore; junior; senior
teacher: professor
treasurer: bursar

collegiate a. collegial, academic, scholarly, learned, bookish, university.
collide v. 1. crash into bump, meet head-on, smash, plow into, bang, hit, sideswipe, *t-bone. 2. disagree crash, conflict, oppose.
cologne n. perfume, fragrance, scent, toilet water.

COLLOQUIAL a. [kuh LOH kwee ul] designating informal or conversational speech, writing, etc. A relaxed, colloquial form of writing is often best. syn. conversational, informal, everyday, *street, chatty, casual, familiar, vernacular, folksy, homey, simple, unaffected, unstudied. ant. formal, literary, pedantic.
colloquy n. talk, conversation, dialogue, discussion, chat, discourse, council, conference.
collusion n. [kuh LOO zhun] a conspiracy. Fred worked in collusion with the drug cartel to smuggle narcotics. syn. conspiracy, secret agreement, intrigue, *dirty dealings, complicity, *cahoots, deceit, racket, scheme, fraud.
colony n. 1. settlement community, outpost, dependency, province, possession, territory. 2. group community, band, flock.
color n. 1. hue tint, shade, tinge, cast, tone, coloring, pigment, dye, paint, stain. 2. complex color, tone, bloom, blush, flush, ruddiness, rosiness, glow.
color v. 1. paint dye, tint, tinge, stain, suffuse, cast, daub, wash, blazon, imbre. 2. blush redden, glow, flush, bloom, brighten, burn, flame, turn crimson.
colored a. distorted, influenced, biased, partial, exaggerated, jaundiced, prejudiced, misrepresented, affected. ant. unbiased, objective.
colorful a. 1. brightly or variously colored vivid, vibrant, multihued, chromatic, striking, showy, gaudy, pavonine, iridescent, rainbowlike, florid, loud, kaleidoscopic, screaming, variegated, graphic, eye-catching, picturesque, psychedelic. 2. interesting unusual, dynamic, eccentric, distinctive, unique, offbeat, glamorous, extravagant. ant. 1. achromatic, pallid, lackluster. 2. dull, drab, nondescript, *ho-hum, *as distinctive as a plain brown wrapper, *as distinctive as a brick in the wall.
coloredless a. 1. achromatic blanched, pale, palid, lackluster, bleached, washed-out, neutral, faded, dull, gray, transparent. 2. uninteresting dull, drab, nondescript, *ho-hum, *as distinctive as a plain brown wrapper, lifeless, vapid, *as eye-catching as a brick in the wall. ant. 1. chromatic, vivid, vibrant, pavonine. 2. colorful, distinctive, glamorous.
coloreds n. flag, banner, standard, insignia, badge.

colt n. foal, yearling. See HORSE, ROOKIE

coltish a. frisky, frolicsome, playful, gamboling, spirited, romping, perky. **ant. lethargic, slothful.

column n. 1. pillar support, pilaster, post, pier, upright, shaft, pylon. See ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING 2. line row, file, formation, string, procession, train.

WORD FIND
base: plinth, pedestal
classical orders: Ionic, Doric, Corinthian, Composite, Tuscan
eight columns, having: octastyle
five columns, having: pentastyle
four columns, having: tetrastyle
man-figure column: atlas
porch, columned: portico
series of: colonnade
six columns, having: hexastyle
ten columns, having: decaestyle
top: capital
two columns, having: distyle
woman-figure column: caryatid

coma n. unconsciousness, stupor, catalepsy, oblivion, deep sleep. See SLEEP

comatose a. unconscious, cataleptic, stuporous, insensate, "out of it, lifeless, unresponsive, inert, sluggish. **ant. conscious, alert, cognizant.

comb v. 1. search, seek, look over thoroughly, rake, scour, "beat the bushes, 2. dress hair fix, arrange, brush, style, smooth, unsnarl.

combat v. fight, struggle, contend, battle, oppose, contest, war, clash, skirmish. **ant. make peace, pacify, surrender, cooperate.

combatant n. fighter, warrior, soldier, contender, battler, assailant, enemy, foe, antagonist. **ant. peacemaker, dove.

combative a. contentious, antagonistic, pugnacious, belligerent, aggressive, quarrelsome, militant, hawish, hostile.

combination n. 1. mixture mix, amalgam, amalgamation, blending, aggregation, conglomeration, assemblage, joining, union, compound, composite, consolidation. 2. association alliance, union, affiliation, coalition, league, faction, federation, partnership, bloc.

combine v. 1. mix join, unite, amalgamate, blend, aggregate, conglomerate, assemble, compound, consolidate, merge, wed, mingle. **ant. separate, divide.

combustible a. flammable, inflammable, ignitable, burnable, explosive, incendiary. **ant. safe, calming, diffusing.

combustion n. burning, ignition, flame, kindling, incineration, blazing, oxidation.

come v. 1. approach near, draw near, close in, move toward, advance. 2. show up show, appear, make an appearance, arrive, pop in, roll in, turn up, "blow in, drop in, materialize, check in. 3. take place occur, arrive, happen, fall, arise, ensue, transpire, come to pass. **ant. 1. go, leave, depart.

comeback n. 1. revival, resurgence, rebirth, return, recovery, rally. 2. SNAppy REPLY retort, rejoinder, riposte, repartee, witticism, esprit de l'escalier, answer.

comedian n. comic, comedienne, joker, clown, humorist, funnyman, wit, entertainer, buffoon, jester, "zany, cutup, "card, "top banana. **ant. straight man.

comedy n. 1. farce burlesque, vaudeville, slapstick, parody, satire, lampoon, travesty, comedy of errors, comedy of manners, send-up, takeoff, schtick, "bit, skit, "stand-up, 2. humor joking, jesting, silliness, hilarity, gags, buffoonery, cutting up, parody, satire, drollery, "poking fun, slapstick, physical comedy, black comedy, "one-liners. "A funny way of being serious."—Peter Ustinov. "The very last alternative to despair."—Franklin Marcus. **ant. 1. tragedy. 2. solemnity, seriousness, gloom.

comely a. attractive, beautiful, fair, lovely, pretty, handsome, pleasing, "nice, good-looking, cute, bonny, winsome, fine. **ant. ugly, repulsive, plain, homely.

come-on n. Sl. inducement, enticement. See LURE


WORD FIND
blue glowing tail: ion tail

glow of sky after sunset, reflection of cosmic debris around sun: gegenschein, zodiacal light

icy center: nucleus

mistaken for a: meteor, fireball

nucleus and coma: head

orbital point farthest from sun: aphelion

orbital point nearest to sun: perihelion
come upon vi. meet, encounter, chance, come across, bump into.

comeuppance n. punishment, retribution, just desserts, discipline.

come up with vi. invent, create, think up, originate, produce, propose, suggest, put forth.

comfort v. console, soothe, reassure, unburden, support, uphold, alleviate, hearten, bolster, cheer, mitigate, solace, relieve, gladden, assuage. ANT. aggrivate, trouble, burden.

comfortable a. 1. feeling good at ease, at peace, tranquil, cozy, satisfied, content, carefree, untroubled, serene, *in a bed of roses, *in clover, satisfactory, agreeable, relaxed, pleasant. 2. well-off financially prosperous, well-to-do, wealthy, sufficient, ample. ANT. 1. uncomfortable, miserable, troubled, 2. broke, poor, destitute, squalid.

comforter n. quilt, bedcover.

comic n. see comedian

comical a. funny, hilarious, laughable, humorous, whimsical, jocular, zany, amusing, slapstick, farcical, loony, droll, rich, side-splitting, wacky, witty, ludicrous. ANT. tragic, solemn, serious, grave.

coming n. advent, arrival, emergence, nearing, approach, forthcoming.

coming a. approaching, advancing, forthcoming, nearing, impending, imminent, next, at hand, anticipated, on the horizon, in the offing. ANT. distant, retreating, far-off.

command n. 1. order imperative, charge, dictate, directive, prescription, ultimatum, fiat, injunction, behest, word. 2. control rule, power, authority, leadership, government, dominion, influence, supremacy, say-so, direction, upper hand. SEE LAW

command v. 1. order demand, charge, dictate, direct, make, prescribe, decree, require, bid, enjoin, summon, *give the word, exact, compel, warrant, give an ultimatum. 2. control rule, govern, oversee, direct, supervise, lead, direct, dominate, dictate, run, head, master, reign.

commandeer v. appropriate, expropriate, confiscate, usurp, hijack, seize, take.


commanding a. 1. authoritative powerful, in charge, dictatorial, dominating, ruling, controlling, supervisory, governing, imposing, impressive, imperious. 2. overlooking wide, expansive, dominating, prominent, far-reaching, towering.

commandment n. edict, law. SEE COMMAND

commemorate v. honor, memorialize, remember, observe, salute, pay tribute, immortalize, solemnize, celebrate. ANT. dishonor, neglect, ignore.

commence v. begin, start, initiate, launch, open. ANT. end, terminate.

commencement n. 1. beginning start, outset, onset, opening, genesis, dawn, inauguration. 2. graduation ceremonies graduation. ANT. 1. ending, termination. SEE GRADUATION

WORD FIND
address: valedictory
square, flat hat: mortarboard

commend v. 1. recommend extol, laud, praise, acclaim, endorse, acclaim, applaud, compliment. 2. entrust turn over, assign, delegate, consign, confer, confide, transfer. ANT. 1. disparage, smear, criticize.

commendable a. praiseworthy, laudable, meritorious, admirable, exemplary, noble, estimable, excellent. ANT. contemptible, despicable, rotten.

commendation n. recommendation, praise, acclaim, approval, kudos, rave, *pat on the back, *good word, plaudit, *points, tribute, award, *thumbs up. ANT. criticism, disparagement, demotion.

commensurate a. [kuh MEN sur it] equal; proportionate. The pay scale is commensurate with experience. SYN. equal, proportionate, coextensive, corresponding, parallel, coinciding, to scale, appropriate, relative, in accord, fitting, compatible. ANT. disproportionate, divergent, inconsistent.
comment n. remark, commentary, observation, statement, utterance, mention, *crack, criticism, word, opinion.
comment v. remark, observe, state, utter, mention, *make a crack, criticize, critique, say a word or two, opine, touch on, make note, expound, mention, point out.

commentary n. comment, analysis, remark, observation, exposition, criticism, critique, interpretation, review, opinion.

commentator n. reporter, analyst, reviewer, critic, pundit, interpreter, observer, editorialist.

commission n. business, trade, marketing, exchange, buying and selling, merchandising, *wheeling and dealing, industry, mercantilism, traffic. “The great civilized.”—Robert Ingersoll. see business

commence v. begin, start, inaugurate, initiate, introduce, introduce, first, start, begin.

commercial a. mercantile business, trade, marketing, exchanging, profit-making, merchandising, industrial, entrepreneurial, retail, wholesale. see business

commercialize v. make commercial, turn commercial, commercialize, market, make salable, make marketable, make marketable, make salable.

commercially adv. in a commercial way, commercially, commercially, in a commercial manner, commercially, in a commercial sense.

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commitment n. pledge, promise, dedication, vow, promise, undertaking, charge, obligation, responsibility, liability.

committee n. board, council, panel, commission, task force, cabinet, steering committee, ad hoc committee. “A thing which takes a week to do what one good man can do in an hour.”—Elbert Hubbard. “An arrangement enabling one to share the blame with others.”—Franklin P. Jones.

commode n. potty, *john. see toilet

commodious a. spacious, roomy, capacious, large, ample, vast, extensive. ant. cramped, tight, small.

commodity n. product, article, goods, item, thing, merchandise, property, object, ware.

common a. 1. ordinary commonplace, average, everyday, usual, typical, standard, routine, regular, general, stock, *run-of-the-mill, universal, familiar, prevailing, widespread. 2. community communal, collective, shared, public, mutual. 3. basic simple, rudimentary. 4. low sleazy, base, vile, mean, cheap, inferior, coarse, second-rate, vulgar. ant. 1. extraordinary, uncommon, rare. 2. private, individual. 3. advanced, complex. 4. superior, refined, high-class.

commonly adv. usually, as a rule, generally, regularly, routinely, normally, ordinarily, on average, habitually. ant. rarely, seldom, *once in a blue moon.

commonplace a. see common

common sense n. good sense, savvy, sound judgment, native intelligence, *horse sense, prudence, acumen, levelheadedness, instinct, wisdom, experience. “The shortest line between two points.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson “Genius dressed in its working clothes.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. ant. stupidity, ignorance, rashness.

commotion n. turmoil, hubbub, stir, uproar, agitation, to-do, bustle, flurry, excitement, hurly-burly, turbulence, ruckus, disquiet, rumpus, chaos. ant. peace, tranquility, serenity, stillness.

communal a. common, shared, mutual, community, collective, joint, public, shared, cooperative. ant. private, individual.

commune n. cooperative, collective, *kibbutz, community.

commune v. 1. talk converse, confide, confer with, discuss, communicate, speak intimately with. 2. ponder think, meditate, reflect, contemplate, muse.

communicable a. contagious, infectious, catching, transmissible, spreadable. ant. non-transmissible, incommunicable.

communicate v. convey, transmit, disclose, impart, pass on, interface, reveal, touch base, tell, report, announce, proclaim, converse, express, correspond, inform, broadcast, enlighten, inform, relate.

communication n. 1. conveyance correspondence, contact, interchange, disclosure, ex-
change, transmission, intercourse, expression, interface, interplay, interaction. 2. correspondence commune, report, dispatch, news, message, bulletin.

communicative a. talkative, open, forthright, expressive, loquacious, expansive, unreserved, candid, "gabby, voluble. ant. closed, taciturn, reserved.

communion n. 1. intimacy sharing, rapport, exchange, give and take, disclosure, closeness, communication, harmony, fellowship, union, oneness. 2. sacrament Holy Communion, Mass, Eucharist, breaking of bread. ant. 1. alienation, distance.

communiqué n. report, bulletin, announcement, communication, message, dispatch.

communism n. collectivism, Bolshevism, Marxism, Leninism, socialism. "What is thine is mine, and all of mine is thine."—Plautus. "Abolition of private property."—Communist Manifesto. ant. capitalism. see government, politics

community n. neighborhood, borough, suburb, bedroom community, hamlet, district, public, people, residents, citizenry, population, group.

commute v. 1. charge substitute, alter, modify, reverse, adjust, mitigate, soften. 2. travel, shuttle, drive, carpool, bus.

compact n. agreement, contract, treaty, bond, bargain, deal, understanding, arrangement, pact, covenant.

compact v. pack, condense, compress, concentrate, consolidate, squeeze together, contract, cram. ant. loosen, expand, blow up.

compact a. 1. dense solid, compressed, pressed, thick, close, firm, tight-knit, impermeable. 2. small portable, tiny, handy. 3. short, concise, brief, succinct, pithy, condensed, abridged. ant. 1. loose, 2. large, ponderous. 3. elongated, prolonged, expanded.

companion n. friend, partner, sidekick, comrade, confederate, colleague, fellow, alter ego, chum, buddy, associate, escort, mate, counterpart, double. see friend

companionable a. friendly, warm, easy-going, congenial, sociable, good-natured, *buddy-buddy, outgoing, gregarious, agreeable, clubby, jolly. ant. nasty, aloof, cold, antagonistic, unfriendly.

company n. 1. companionship friendship, fellowship, *chumminess, society, presence. 2. visitor, guest, caller, friends over. 3. group, band, party, troupe, throng, gathering, assembly, entourage. 4. firm, corporation, business, concern, establishment, partnership, enterprise, outfit.

comparable a. similar, alike, akin, near, corresponding, approaching, analogous, cognate, parallel, close, equal, on a par with. ant. dissimilar, different, "like apples and oranges.

compare v. 1. examine for differences or similarities contrast, weigh, inspect, size up, correlate, match, relate, stack up against, scrutinize, differentiate. 2. resemble correspond, take after, approximate, equal, "hold a candle to. 3. liken, equate, identify with, match, tie.

comparison n. 1. examination of differences or similarities contrasting, inspection, sizing up, correlation, differentiation, matching, weighing, measurement, scrutinize, study. 2. resemblance correspondence, approximation, relation, similarity, likeness, connection, affinity. 3. likening equating, identification with, matching, parallel, analogy.

compartment n. cell, unit, cubicule, room, capsule, bay, stall, booth, nook, cubbyhole, pigeonhole, niche, receptacle, slot, section, division, category.

compassion n. sympathy, empathy, feeling, heart, pity, mercy, love, charity, ruth, grace, commiseration, concern, kindness. ant. indifference, cold-bloodedness, disregard.

compassionate a. sympathetic, feeling, kind-hearted, merciful, loving, charitable, concerned, magnanimous, humane, tender, soft, clement. ant. indifferent, cold-blooded, unfeeling.

compatible a. congruous, harmonious, sympathetic, agreeable, simpatico, congenial, accordant, "in sync with, "on the same wavelength, in rapport, consistent. ant. incompatible, incongruous.


COMPENDIUM n. [kum PEN dee um] a summary. We were provided with a compendium of the most salient points. syn. summary, abstract, abridgement, synopsis, brief, digest, precis, syllabus, condensation.

compensate v. 1. remunerate reimburse, recoup, pay, repay, make restitution, refund, "make good. 2. offset neutralize, counterbalance, counteract, counterpoint, balance, equalize, cancel out.
compensation n. remuneration, reimbursement, recompense, pay, repayment, restitution, refund, allowance, recoupment, stipend, *take, consideration, benefit, settlement, reward, wages, salary.

compete v. vie, contend, contest, go up against, rival, take on, combat, tussle, spar, *lock horns, face off, *match wits, grapple, battle, *go head to head.

competence n. adequacy, ability, capability, proficiency, skill, *know-how, *the right stuff, *what it takes, expertise, mastery, adroitness, finesse, fitness. ANT. incompetence, inadequacy, inability.

competent a. adequate, able, capable, proficient, skillful, expert, masterly, adroit, fit, qualified, sufficient, equal, *on the ball, sharp, *up to snuff. ANT. incompetent, inadequate, unable, lacking.

competition n. 1. contest match, bout, rivalry, contention, championship, clash, encounter, engagement, meet, tournament, trial, one-on-one, emulation, struggle, *dog-eat-dog, battle, conflict, dogfight, tug-of-war, battle royal, free-for-all, fight to the death, *one-upmanship, fight for supremacy, *jockeying for position. 2. opposition rival, competitor, challenger, opponent, contender, adversary.


competitor n. contender, rival, opposition, adversary, challenger, competition, opponent, contestant.

compilation n. 1. collection assembly, assemblage, accumulation, assortment, anthology. 2. compiling gathering, collecting, assembling, accumulating, consolidating.

compile v. gather, accumulate, assemble, amass, consolidate, congregate, group, organize, anthropologize, order.

COMPLACENT a. [kum PLAY sunt] to be satisfied with oneself to the point of smugness. The former Olympian had grown so complacent that he neglected to practice. SYN. satisfied, self-satisfied, smug, contented, at ease, pleased with oneself, self-assured, unconcerned, untroubled, *full of oneself, secure. ANT. insecure, troubled, uneasy, uneasy, unsatisfied.


complaint n. 1. grievance *beef, criticism, gripe, protest, stink, cavil, grumble, problem, grousing, charge, objection. 2. malady illness, disorder, ailment, affliction, disease, pain.

complaisant a. agreeable, obliging, pleasing, solicitous, gracious, accommodating, deferential, conciliatory, compliant. ANT. disagreeable, contrary, difficult.

complement n. 1. *rounding-off crown, finishing touch, consummation, completion, clincher, balance, supplement, rest, remainder. 2. total aggregate, the entirety, sum, *the works, *the whole shooting match.

complementary a. completing, crowning, finishing, filling, consummating, perfecting, fulfilling, corresponding, reciprocal, parallel. ANT. contradictory.

complete v. finish, conclude, fulfill, end, realize, *wrap up, accomplish, actualize, close, *wind up, *call it a day, finalize, crown, *put to bed. ANT. start, begin, break ground.

complete a. 1. whole entire, full, total, all, intact, plenary, uncut, unabridged, undivided, integral. 2. thorough absolute, total, perfect, dyed-in-the-wool, utter, outright, unqualified, full-fledged, unmitigated. 3. finished done, concluded, fulfilled, ended, realized, *wrapped up, *polished off, accomplished.

completion n. finish, conclusion, fulfillment, end, realization, *wrapping up, accomplishment, closing, *winding up, finalization, crowning, consummation. ANT. start, beginning.

complex a. complicated, intricate, difficult, knotty, convoluted, tangled, unfathomable, inscrutable, manifold, perplexing, Gordian, labyrinthine, undecipherable, cryptic, abstruse, involved. ANT. simple, easy, clear.

complexion n. 1. skin coloring tone, cast, hue, tinge, tint, pigmentation. 2. character aspect, appearance, quality, look, bearing, cast.

WORD FIND
aged: leathery, lined like an old boot, parchmentlike, like scalded milk, liver-spotted, age-spotted, cadaverous, gaunt, craggy, furrowed, mottled, withered, pendulous, roaceous, moldered, weatherbeaten, rawboned
brown/black: ebony, pitch, brown as the Congo/Mississippi/Rio Grande, honey, golden brown, leatherly, lentil, mahogany, dark as a mill pond, molasses, russet, mottled, nutbrown, obsidian, olive,
raven, raisin, tawny, tarnished penny, weathered acorn, tanned

healthy: peaches and cream, apple-cheeked, scrubbed, rosy, glowing, ruddy, pink, blushing

pink/red: scarlet, crimson, burned, rosy, lobster

sickly: cadaverous, leaden, ashen, ghastly, pale, pallid, wan, blanched, pasty, chalky, jaundiced, sallow, flushed, clammy

white: alabaster, lily-white, ivory, milky, creamy, beige, fair

complexity n. complication, intricacy, involvement, entanglement, knot, Gordian knot, perplexity, maze, labyrinth, con- volution. ant. simplicity, clarity.

compliance n. yielding, assent, conforming, obedience, observation, acquiescence, deference, complaisance. ant. noncompliance, disobedience.

complicate v. entangle, *mess up, convolute, confuse, make complex, snarl, bedevil, *add fuel to the fire, confound, involve, embroil. ant. simplify, clarify.

complicated a. complex, intricate, involved, entangled, knotty, difficult, convoluted, perplexing, elaborate, manifold, labyrinthine, abstruse, problematic, recondite, deep, incomprehensible. ant. simple, easy, straightforward.

complication n. problem, difficulty, complexity, knot, hitch, snag, entanglement, obstacle, stumbling block, *fly in the ointment.

COMPLICITY n. [kum PLIS i tee] participation as an accomplice in a wrongdoing. There was apparent complicity between the unhampered drug runners and town officials. syn. conspiracy, collusion, collaboration, partnership, confederacy, abetment, machination, intrigue, *backdoor arrangement.


complimentary a. 1. flattering laudatory, commendatory, congratulatory, favorable, approving, cajoling, *apple polishing. 2. free gratis, on the house, gratuitous. ant. 1. insulting, critical, disparaging.
compress v. compact, pack, condense, press, contract, constrict, squeeze, shrink, wring, squash, shorten, reduce. ant. expand, stretch, enlarge.

comprise v. include, contain, consist of, make up, form, compose, constitute, incorporate, embody.


compromise v. 1. give and take strike a deal, trade off, bargain, find the middle ground, strike a balance, accommodate, find a happy medium, make concessions, agree, *give your shirt but keep your pants, *split the difference. 2. endanger jeopardize, imperil, expose, implicate, discredit.

compulsion n. [kum PUL shun] a strong drive or force, a compelling impulse. He had a strange compulsion to giggle at the funeral. syn. drive, force, pressure, constraint, coercion, need, urge, emergency, obsession, desire, impulse.

compulsive a. compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable, irresistible, urgent, crazed.

compulsory a. [kum PUL suh ree] mandatory, required. The tests are compulsory; no one can skip them. syn. mandatory, required, obligatory, requisite, imperative, forced, nonelective. ant. voluntary, elective, optional.

compunction n. [kum PUNK shun] the uncomfortable feeling caused by guilt, conscience. He felt no compunction over his crimes; he had no conscience. syn. guilt, conscience, qualm, uneasiness, misgiving, regret, self-reproach, shame, pangs of guilt, contrition, remorse, penitence, twinge.

computation n. calculation, reckoning, estimation, figuring, tallying, account.

compute v. calculate, reckon, figure, tally, account, count, add, subtract, sum, determine, work out, measure, total.

computer n. calculator, data processor, microprocessor, PC, laptop, *nuclear cracker, adding machine, *micro, supercomputer, mainframe, workstation, PDA, notebook, Apple®, Macintosh®, *Mac, IBM®, Compaq®, see internet, online

WORD FIND
AII: artificial intelligence
auxiliary device: peripheral

aversion: cyberphobia
blinking symbol showing where next character will appear on screen: cursor
bps: bits per second
byte: eight bits of memory space
calculating, rows and columns program: spreadsheet
California manufacturing mecca: Silicon Valley
CD, write data or music on to: burn
CD-ROM tray: caddy
chip: microprocessor, integrated circuit
Clark's mad computer in 2001, Arthur C.: Hal
clean up hard drive: defrag (defragmentation)
clicker, hand: mouse
communication between, means of: protocol
compaction, data: compression
copies of files to safeguard from accidental loss, make multiple: back up
CPU: Central Processing Unit
device enabling communication with other computers over phone lines: modem (MOdulator, DEModulator)
device enabling computer to read, write info on disks: disk drive
devices, physical: hardware
disrupting prank or criminal program that infects other computers: virus, worm
document-creating programs: word processor, desktop publishing
drafting and blueprint creation system: CAD (Computer Aided Design)
easy to use: user-friendly
engineering process of deciphering how something works by taking it apart: reverse engineering
enthusiast: hacker, *chiphead, *geek
EPROM: erasable memory chip
execute program: run
failure and freeze-up: crashed; down
flaw in software or hardware: bug
giant computer serving multiple users: mainframe
GIGO: garbage in, garbage out
handheld computer, battery-powered: PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), Palm Pilot®, organizer
injury from repetitive keyboard work: carpal tunnel syndrome
instructions: program
Internet, connected to the: online
keyboard and monitor portion: terminal
language/program: AGOL, BASIC, C, COBOL, FORTRAN, JAVA, PASCAL, PROLOG
linkage of several computers: network
logic that recognizes partial truths, computer: fuzzy logic
mail sent from one computer user to another: e-mail
main circuit board: motherboard
MP3 format, digitize CDs to: rip
MS-DOS: Microsoft Disk Operating System
multiple things at once, doing: multitasking
network, company: intranet
network, international: the Internet, World Wide Web
operating systems: Linux; Windows; Macintosh, MS-DOS, Unix
options to choose on screen: menu
paper printout: *wallpaper
programs: software
RAM, memory chip group or: random access memory
read-only memory chip: ROM
restart computer: reboot
science fiction involving computer culture: cyberpunk
screen, TV-like: monitor
screen imagery designed to protect monitor from permanently burned-in images, moving: screen saver
secret opening designed into program to allow access at later date: trap door
software designed to boost performance of an application: plug-in
software shared free by all: freeware
software supplied free with one's computer: bundled software
software not ready for general sale, test: beta test software
speech recognition technology: voice recognition, speech recognition
start up computer: boot up
stick-like controller used with games in place of mouse: joystick
storage area, data: memory, cache, hard disk
storage area, temporary data: clipboard
storage medium, data: disk, diskette, floppy disk, cartridge, CD-ROM, Zip disk
superimposed screen within a screen: window

transf er data from your computer to another's: upload
transf er data from another computer to yours: download
virus protection program: anti-virus; vaccine; antidote; "DDT
virus type: strain

comrade n. friend, companion, partner, pal, buddy, associate, sidekick, confederate, chum, colleague, co-worker, confere. \textit{ant.} stranger, enemy.

con v. \textit{sl.} *rip off, cheat, swindle, defraud, trick, deceive, bamboozle.

conceal v. hide, cover, secrete, cloak, obscure, disguise, stash, lie low, camouflage, shield. \textit{ant.} display, show, spotlight.

concealment n. covering, hiding, cover-up, disguising, shielding, camouflaging, front, secretion, hiding place, hideaway, blind, shield, cover, refuge.

concede v. admit, grant, yield, acknowledge, acquire, avow, confess, yield, *cave in, fold, come around, give up. \textit{ant.} fight, deny, reject, refuse.

CONCEIT a. \[kun SEET\] an overblown sense of one's positive attributes, egotism. \textit{His swaggering conceit was sickening.} \textit{syn.} egotism, pride, vanity, bigheadedness, arrogance, vainglory, self-love, immodesty, narcissism, swagger, self-worship, self-importance. \textit{ant.} modesty, self-effacement, humility.


conceivable a. imaginable, possible, thinkable, comprehensible, credible, believable. \textit{ant.} inconceivable, impossible.

conceive v. 1. \textit{form} develop, create, think up, invent, concoct, dream up, devise, originate, fabricate, hatch, *cook up, imagine. 2. \textit{understand} comprehend, apprehend, see, imagine, grasp, realize, follow.

concentrate v. 1. \textit{think} center, focus, *rack one's brains, study, fix one's attention toward, consider, absorb oneself in, engross oneself in, ponder, scrutinize, *zero in on. 2. \textit{collect, gather} assemble, amass, intensify, focus, converge, consolidate, congregate, center, cluster. \textit{ant.} 2. spread out, scatter.
concentration n. 1. THINKING centering, focus, study, fixation, consideration, absorption, engrossment, pondering, scrutiny, attention, single-mindedness. 2. COLLECTION, GATHERING assemblage, mass, intensification, focus, converging, consolidation, congregation, centralization, cluster, agglomerate. ANT. 1. diversion, absentmindedness, mind-wandering. 2. spread, scattering, dispersal.

concept n. idea, thought, notion, conceptualization, *brainchild, conviction, view, image, impression, theory, hypothesis.

conception n. 1. BEGINNING origination, birth, genesis, inception, start, formation, germination, dawn. 2. IDEA thought, notion, conceptualization, conviction, view, image, impression, theory, hypothesis.

concern n. 1. AFFAIR care, business, matter, interest, department, job, worry, responsibility. 2. WORRY trouble, anxiety, unease, disquiet, apprehension, distress. 3. BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT company, firm, outfit, house.

concert v. 1. BEAR on deal with, regard, involve, pertain to, touch, relate to, affect, interest. 2. WORRY trouble, make anxious, put ill-at-ease, disquiet, distress, disturb, bother, pain.

concerned a. 1. INVOLVED with interested, active, caring, attentive, solicitous, connected, mixed up in, worried anxious, troubled, ill-at-ease, disquieted, distressed, disturbed, bothered, pains, uneasy. ANT. 1. disinterested, detached, removed. 2. indifferent, nonchalant, untroubled.

concerning prep. regarding, about, with reference to.

concert n. 1. AGREEMENT harmony, concord, accord, union, unison, league, cooperation, collaboration. 2. SHOW recital, *jam, gig, performance, symphony, philharmonic. ANT. 1. disunity, disagreement, discord.

concerted a. united, joined, joint, cooperative, collaborative, interactive, combined, mutual. ANT. individual.

concession n. yielding, granting, giving-in, conceding, capitulation, compromise, assent, acknowledgement, trade-off, allowance, permit, right.

CONCILIATORY a. [kun SIL ee uh tor ee] willing to make peace, placatory. The warring gangs were largely conciliatory after the riots. SYN. placatory, placcative, appeasing, pacific, peacemaking, reconciling, mollifying, yielding, amicable, accommodating, deferential. ANT. bellicose, aggressive, belligerent.

CONCISE a. [kun SISE] brief and to the point. A concise letter to the editor is always best.


conclave n. secret meeting, council, synod, meeting, session, congress, assembly, *pow-wow.

conclude v. 1. END close, finish, terminate, complete, wind up, *wrap up, stop, consummate, *knock off, *call it a day, break off. 2. INFERENCE deduction, reason, decide, assume, surmise, presume, suppose, reckon, figure. 3. SETTLE resolve, come to terms, work out, decide. ANT. 1. start, open, commence.

conclusion n. 1. ENDING closing, finish, termination, completion, winding up, *wrap up, stopping, consummation, finale, denouement. 2. INFERENCE deduction, reckoning, supposition, figuring, presumption, assumption, judgment. 3. SETTLEMENT resolution, coming to terms, agreement, understanding. ANT. 1. start, opening, commencement.

conclusive a. decisive, final, settled, determining, convincing, definitive, incontestable, clinching, unmistakable, undeniable, absolute, resolving, irreparable, *litmus test. ANT. inconclusive, *iffy, questionable, uncertain.

concoct v. compound, invent, devise, create, *whip up, formulate, hatch, fabricate, *slap together, prepare, think up, dream up.

concoction n. compound, mixture, invention, creation, formulation, fabrication, brew, preparation, contrivance, medley, synthesis.

concomitant a. attendant, accompanying, associative, accessory, supplementary, auxiliary.

CONCORD n. [KON KAWRD] harmony, peaceful relations. The former enemies have now lived in concord for thirty years. SYN. harmony, peace, agreement, accord, friendship, unity, goodwill, understanding, rapport. ANT. discord, disagreement, conflict.

concourse n. 1. CONGREGATION throng, confluence, convergence, mob, gathering, flock, assemblage, multitude, crush. 2. PASSAGE mall, walkway, promenade, boulevard, esplanade, path.

concrete a. 1. REAL actual, material, definite, solid, substantial, factual, physical, tangible. 2. SPECIFIC distinct, explicit, particular, precise, express. ANT. 1. abstract, theoretical. 2. general, vague.

concubine n. mistress, *live-in lover, kept woman, odalisque.

CONCUR v. [kun KUR] to agree; to arrive at a mutual understanding. The opposition made such perfect sense that Ben had no choice but
to concur. SYN. agree, assent, go along, accord, correspond, see eye to eye, echo, coincide, cooperate, synchronize, be in step with, consent, harmonize, accede. ANT. disagree, differ.

**concurrent** a. 1. happening together coinciding, parallel, synchronized, coincident, simultaneous. 2. in agreement in accordance, harmonizing, consistent, corresponding, in rapport, compatible. ANT. 2. in disagreement, differing, contradictory.

**concussion** n. shaking, agitation, jolt, blow, shock, jarring, impact, bang, bump, pounding, buffeting.

**condemn** v. 1. criticize censure, denounce, decry, reprove, deprecate, vilify, rebuke, disapprove, disparage, pass judgment on. 2. doom sentence, damn, convict, adjudge, punish, *send up the river. ANT. 1. praise, commend, laud. 2. liberate, absolve.

**condensation** n. moisture, precipitation, *sweating.

**condense** v. abridge, reduce, compress, shorten, consolidate, summarize, synopsize, outline, contract, boil down, concentrate, curtail, encapsulate. ANT. expand, lengthen, enlarge.

**condescend** v. [KON di send] to lower oneself to the level of another with lesser status. Also, to talk down to someone. Our teacher was willing to condescend and take the advice of students. He fancied himself a big shot and spoke condescendingly to everyone. SYN. 1. descend, humble oneself, bend, *come down off one's high horse, vouchsafe, deign, stoop, lower oneself, yield. 2. talk down to, patronize, talk down one's nose, regard with hauteur.

**condescending** a. superior, arrogant, *high and mighty, patronizing, lofty, snobbish, disdainful, lordly, pretentious, *snooty, haughty, imperious. ANT. down-to-earth, unpretentious, unsusuming.

**condiment** n. seasoning, flavoring, spice, sauce, relish, mustard, catsup, ketchup, horseradish, salsa.

**condition** n. 1. provision stipulation, qualification, proviso, consideration, requirement. 2. state situation, order, circumstance, stage, predicament, position, *lay of the land. 3. health fitness, shape, constitution, state. 4. ailment malady, illness. SEE DISEASE


**condone** v. [kun DOHN] to overlook or forgive a negative action. The church does not condone infidelity. SYN. overlook, forgive, pardon, *look the other way, ignore, excuse, let go, make allowances for, wink at. ANT. condemn, damn, denounce.

**conducive** a. [kun DOO siv] leading to or promoting. Rain pattering on the roof is conducive to good sleep. SYN. leading to, promoting, contributing, instrumental, helpful, ancillary, tending, favorable. ANT. adverse, counter, deleterious.

**conduct** n. 1. behavior, manner, comportment, bearing, demeanor, ways. 2. management administration, direction, supervision, rule, organization, regulation, leadership.

**conduct** v. 1. behave, deport, demean, act, bear, acquit. 2. manage administer, direct, supervise, rule, organize, regulate, execute, handle. 3. lead guide, escort, show the way, usher, marshal.

**conductor** n. leader, director, guide, manager, marshal, supervisor, usher, maestro.

**conduit** n. pipe, tube, channel, duct, drain, sewer, canal, course, passage, trough, race.

**confection** n. sweet, candy, comfort, dainty.

**confederacy** n. alliance, league, union, federation, coalition, bloc.

**confederate** n. ally, associate, accomplice, colleague, abettor, collaborator, partner, co-conspirator, cohort. ANT. adversary, foe.

**confederation** n. see confederacy

**confess** v. admit, acknowledge, reveal, disclose, allow, *own up, *come clean, *fess up, level,
divulge, "open up, *spill it. **ant. deny, cover up, keep secret.

**confession** n. admission, acknowledgement, revelation, disclosure, allowance, leveling, declaration, profession, avowal. "A medicine to the erring."—Cicero.

**confidant** n. confidante, friend, intimate, bosom buddy, companion, lover, alter ego, counselor, therapist. **see friend

**confide** v. 1. SHARE INTIMATE INFORMATION confess, disclose, divulge, share feelings, reveal, "unload, intimate, "get off one's chest. 2. **ENTRUST charge, consign, relegate, trust, commit, assign.

**confidence** n. 1. **BELIEF trust, reliance, sureness, faith, dependence, assurance. 2. SELF-CONFIDENCE self-esteem, self-assurance, courage, self-reliance, heart, faith in oneself, mental toughness, pluck, backbone, spine, nerve. **ant. 1. uncertainty, doubt. 2. insecurity, diffidence, self-doubt.

**confidence game** n. con game, swindle, "rip-off, trick.

**confident** a. self-confident, self-assured, cocky, plucky, bold, dauntless, faithful, sure, secure, certain, positive, convinced, presumptuous. **ant. insecure, unsure, diffident.

**confidential** a. secret, private, privileged, classified, "off the record, "between you, me, and the bedpost, personal, restricted. **ant. public, open.

**configuration** n. arrangement, outline, contour, form, conformation, structure, figure, build, shape.

**confine** v. enclose, restrict, shut in, imprison, restrain, limit, keep, jail, coop up, incarcerate, intern, hold, detain, bound, quarantine. **ant. free, liberate, release.

**confinement** n. restriction, shutting in, imprisonment, enclosure, keeping, incarceration, holding, detention, bounding, quarantine, detention, captivity. **ant. freedom, liberation, release.

**confirm** v. 1. **STRENGTHEN firm up, establish, buttress, reinforce. 2. **VALIDATE ratify, prove, establish, attest, substantiate, vouch, sanction, authenticate, affirm. **ant. 1. weaken, contradict. 2. **disprove, question, contradict.

**confirmation** n. validation, ratification, proof, verification, authentication, substantiation, affirmation, corroboration, support, sanction, nod, okay. **ant. question, contradiction, repudiation.

**confirmed** a. 1. **SUBSTANTIATED validated, proven, verified, authenticated, corroborated. 2. **ESTABLISHED deep-rooted, "dyed-in-the-wool, deep-seated, habitual, chronic, inveterate, ingrained. **ant. 1. unconfirmed, unsupported, questionable. 2. new, sometimes.

**confiscate** v. seize, appropriate, take, impound, expropriate, preempt, sequester, commander, usurp.

**confabulation** n. fire, blaze, inferno, firestorm, holocaust, wildfire, hellfire.

**conflict** n. 1. **FIGHT battle, war, clash, combat, struggle, contest, tussle. 2. **DISAGREEMENT clash, contention, discord, dissension, hostility, argument, opposition, dispute, confrontation. **ant. 1. peace, amity. 2. agreement, accord.

**conflict** v. 1. **FIGHT battle, wage war, clash, combat, struggle, contest, tussle. 2. **DISAGREE clash, contend, oppose, differ, "lock horns, square off, be at odds with, spar. **ant. 1. settle, reconcile. 2. agree, harmonize.

**conflicting** a. contradictory, contrary, inconsistent, incompatible, discrepant. **ant. corresponding, congruous.

**confluence** n. 1. **CONVERGENCE juncture, meeting, union. 2. CROWD throng, gathering, assembly.

**conform** v. 1. **MAKE THE SAME correspond, match, be like, harmonize, fit, jibe, assimilate. 2. **ADAPT adjust, accommodate, integrate, suit, follow, fall into line, "go with the flow, comply, "do as the Romans do, "swim with the stream. **ant. 2. deviate, "march to the beat of a different drummer, differ.

**conformation** n. shape, build, form, structure, figure, configuration.

**conformist** n. follower, "yes man, "sheep, "one of the herd, "brick in a wall, emulator. **ant. nonconformist, rebel, free spirit.

**conformity** n. 1. **AGREEMENT correspondence, harmony, affinity, congruity, accord, likeness, similarity. "The herd-fear."—E. Stanley Jones. 2. **OBSERVANCE obedience, observance, assent, yielding, acquiescence, submission. **ant. 1. disagreement, incongruity, difference. 2. noncompliance, disobedience, rebellion.

**confound** v. confuse, puzzle, mix up, bewilder, perplex, mystify, flabbergast, nonplus, daze, muddy, dumbfound. **ant. clarify.

**confront** v. face, oppose, stand up to, challenge, cross, encounter, "go up against, meet, dare, defy, beard, brave. **ant. avoid, back away from, retreat from, dodge.

**confrontation** n. meeting, challenge, encounter, crossing of paths, showdown, face-off, set-to, contest, dare, defiance, fight. **ant. avoidance.
confuse v. 1. bewilder mix up, perplex, throw off, baffle, mystify, muddle, bemuse, puzzle, confound. 2. disorder jumble, mix up, mess up, disarrange, discombobulate, disarray, "foul up, mingle, blend. ANT. 1. clarify, explain. 2. straighten, order.

confusion n. 1. bewilderment perplexity, bafflement, mystification, puzzlement, disorientation, fog, daze, befuddled. 2. disorder jumble, mess, disarray, disorganization, tangle, upheaval, labyrinth, muddle, "snafu, anarchy, chaos, bedlam, pandemonium. ANT. 1. lucidity, clarity. 2. order, organization, tidiness.

confute v. disprove, refute, invalidate, "shoot full of holes, negate, contradict, rebut, discredit.

congeal v. solidify, thicken, jell, set, stiffen, coagulate, clot, curdle.

CONGENIAL a. [kun JEN yul] friendly, compatible, having similar tastes. The party atmosphere was low-key but congenial. SYN. friendly, compatible, agreeable, suitable, pleasant, cordial, kindred, companionable, convivial, sociable, like-minded, sympathetic, affable, harmonious, "en rapport. ANT. hostile, incompatible, disagreeable.

CONGENITAL a. [kun JEN i tul] existing at birth. The baby had a congenital heart defect. SYN. inborn, natal, natural, connate, inherent, innate, intrinsic, hereditary, in the blood, genetic. ANT. acquired.

congested a. overcrowded, clogged, blocked, overfilled, stuffed up, plugged, occluded, jammed, glutted, packed, choked. ANT. clear.

congestion n. overcrowding, clogging, blockage, stuffiness, plug, cramming, jam, occlusion, repletion, fullness, bottleneck.

conglomerate n. composite, aggregate, hodgepodge, chain, multinational, partnership, company, trust, firm.

conglomerate a. clustered, massed, amassed, combined, aggregate, mixed, composite. ANT. divided, separate.

congratulate v. felicitate, hail, commend, salute, applaud, toast.

congregate v. gather, mass, cluster, collect, flock, group, crowd together, muster, convene, throng, concentrate. ANT. scatter, disperse.

congregation n. assembly, group, mass, cluster, collection, flock, crowd, throng, gathering, parishioners.

congress n. assembly, council, association, conference, delegation, legislature, legislative body, government, committee, caucus, session, Parliament, Senate, House of Representatives, Capitol Hill. "The great commanding theatre…"—Thomas Jefferson. SEE ELECTION, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

WORD FIND
assistant party leader in House or Senate: whip
break: recess
committee that sets rules for debate on bills: Rules Committee
debate's time-limiting process: cloture
influencing of member by special interest group: lobbying
House of Commons: lower legislative house of British Parliament
House of Lords: upper legislative house of British Parliament
House: U.S. House of Representatives
kill or remove a bill from consideration: table a bill
legislative house: chamber
meeting of House and Senate: joint session
member: congressman, senator, representative, legislator, statesman
messenger/"gofer of: page
minimum member attendance necessary to transact business: quorum
newly elected member: freshman
official controlling access, maintaining order: sergeant at arms
presides in House of Representatives: Speaker of the House
presides in Senate after Vice President: president pro tempore
proposed legislation: bill
Senate: upper legislative body of U.S. Congress
speaking and work area of: floor
speech, long-winded: filibuster
transcript of daily debates, votes, House and Senate: Congressional Record

congressman n. senator, representative, legislator, statesman, politician. "[One] who votes for all appropriations and against all taxes."—Henry Ashurst.

congruent a. corresponding, in agreement, harmonious, parallel, consonant. ANT. incongruent, disagreeing.

conifer n. evergreen, coniferous tree, pine, spruce, fir.

CONJECTURE n. [kun JEk chur] a guess or inference made from incomplete information. The evidence was comprised of little more than conjecture. SYN. guess, guesswork, inference, deduction, supposition, surmise,
assumption, speculation, theory, hypothesis, inkling, "shot in the dark. ant. fact, certainty.

conjecture v. guess, infer, deduce, assume, suppose, surmise, speculate, theorize, hypothesize, gather.

conjugal a. matrimonial, connubial, nuptial, marital, wedded. ant. unmarried, single.

conjunction n. combination, union, alliance, juxtaposition, connection, meeting, merger, joining.

conjure v. summon, call upon, beckon, raise, invoke, make magic, cast a spell, bewitch.

conjurer n. sorcerer, illusionist, sorceress. see magician

connect v. join, link, unite, tie, bind, couple, attach, wed, merge, hitch, cohere, yoke. ant. disconnect, detach, separate.

connection n. 1. link tie, coupling, bond, juncture, union, association, relationship, marriage, network, attachment. 2. associate friend, relative, kin, sibling, acquaintance, contact, go-between, agent.

CONNIVE v. [kuh NIVE] to conspire in a wrongdoing or at least look the other way. They connive to get what they want. syn. conspire, scheme, collude, plot, *be in cahoots, work in unison, intrigue, design, think alike, have a hand in, cabal, cooperate.

CONNOISSEUR n. [KON uh SUR] an expert, especially on the fine arts or in matters of taste. The expert wine taster is truly a connoisseur. syn. expert, authority, cognoscente, aesthete, afficionado, buff, dilettante, virtuoso, judge, specialist, devotee, epicure, gourmet, critic, maven, *nut, freak.

connotation n. inference, allusion, implication, suggestion, sense, undercurrent, meaning, reference, nuance, hint.

connote v. suggest, convey, denote, imply, infer, hint at, mean, indicate, designate, signify, elucidate, alude to.

connubial a. conjugal, marital, matrimonial, nuptial, wedded, married, spousal. ant. unwedded, single.

conquer v. vanquish, defeat, overcome, overpower, overthrow, subdue, master, beat, dominate, win, triumph. ant. surrender, lose, fail, bow.

conqueror n. victor, winner, champion, master, vanquisher, subduer, conquistador. ant. loser, victim, the defeated.

conquest n. victory, triumph, win, defeat, domination, overthrow, coup, subjugation, subjection, occupation, spoils, plunder, booty, winnings. see war


conscientious a. 1. moral, principled, ethical, virtuous, upright, honest, scrupulous, good, upstanding, honorable. 2. careful, thorough, painstaking, particular, responsible, attentive, exacting, thoughtful, diligent, meticulous. ant. immoral, unprincipled, unscrupulous. 2. slack, slipshod, careless.

conscious a. 1. awake and aware, alert, perceiving, sentient, cognizant, responsible, recognizing, apprehending, mindful, knowing, apprised, "on the ball. 2. deliberate, intended, intentional, calculated, willful, premeditated, designed, on purpose. ant. 1. unconscious, dead, oblivious. 2. accidental, unplanned, inadvertent.

consciousness n. awareness, alertness, thoughts, cognizance, familiarity, recognition, knowledge, perception, mind, mindfulness, concern, heed. ant. unconsciousness, oblivion, ignorance.

conscript n. draftee, recruit, enrollee, soldier.

CONSECRATE v. [KON suh KRATE] to make or declare sacred or holy. Fans gathered to consecrate the shrine of Elvis Presley. syn. sanctify, exalt, honor, hallow, bless, devote, dedicate, anoint. ant. desecrate, defile, revile.

consecutive a. successive, sequential, serial, progressive, orderly, in order, in turn, following, succeeding. ant. random, irregular.

CONSENSUS n. [kun SEN sus] an opinion held in common, agreement. The committee finally reached a consensus. syn. agreement, unanimity, concord, accord, unison, harmony, concordance, single-mindedness. ant. disagreement, dissonance, discord.

consent n. permission, approval, assent, okay, nod, *go-ahead, acceptance, agreement, *say-so, sanction, allowance. ant. dissent, refusal, veto.

consent v. agree, permit, approve, allow, grant, accept, sanction, *give the green light, *give the nod, okay, assent, acquiesce. ant. refuse, veto, object.

consequence n. 1. result, outcome, effect, upshot, aftermath, fallout, repercussion, reaction, reverberation, wake. 2. distinction, status, influence, stature, standing, eminence, rank, prestige, notability, power.
consequential a. important, significant, weighty, notable, substantial, momentous, serious, far-reaching, considerable, *heavy. ANT. inconsequential, insignificant, trivial.

consequently adv. therefore, hence, thus, so, accordingly, ergo.

conservancy n. conservation, preservation, land trust.

conservation n. preservation, protection, safeguarding, management, saving, supervision, maintenance, husbandry, environmentalism, reservation, safe-keeping, care. ANT. squandering, waste.

conservationist n. environmentalist, preservationist, activist, *green, *tree hugger.

conservative n. traditionalist, right-winger, die-hard, champion of the status quo, moderate, obstructionist, *stick-in-the-mud. "A man who believes nothing should be done for the first time."—Alfred Wiggam.

Conservative n. [kun SURV uh tiv] favoring traditional, nonprogressive ways; moderate. He doesn't like change; his politics are conservative. SYN. 1. TRADITIONAL right-wing, rightist, conventional, die-hard, unchanging, stable, old line, hidebound, opposition, *sticking out like a sore thumb. "A man who believes nothing should be done for the first time."—Alfred Wiggam.

consolation v. comfort, sympathy, compassion, condolence, succor, relief, support, pity, alleviation. ANT. grief, discouragement.

consolatory a. comfort, solace, sympathy, consolation, comfort, succor, relief, support, pity, alleviation. ANT. grief, distress, disheartening, depress.

consolidate v. combine, merge, unite, amalgamate, strengthen, band, concentrate, unify, league, mass, firm up. ANT. separate, disband, weaken.

consort n. partner, companion, husband, wife, spouse, mate, associate, friend.

consort n. associate, fraternize, keep company with, *hang out with, mingle, mix with, *run with, *chum with.

consortium n. partnership, association, alliance, league.

CONSPIRACY n. [kun SPEER uh see] a working together in secret to commit a wrongdoing, a plotting. Some believe the assassination of John F. Kennedy was a conspiracy to
remove the president from power. syn. plotting, plot, scheme, intrigue, connivance, collusion, cabal, treachery, machination, foul play, web, *wire-pulling.


**conspire** v. plot, scheme, intrigue, connive, collude, machinate, engineer, collaborate.

**constable** n. police officer, officer of the law, peace officer, *cop, sheriff. see police

**constant** a. 1. unchanging steady, regular, invariable, firm, permanent, solid, fixed, stable. 2. perpetual endless, never ending, relentless, continual, nonstop, unremitting, sustained, incessant, persistent. 3. faithful loyal, steadfast, devoted, tried-and-true. ant. 1. variable, unstable. 2. intermittent, occasional, sporadic. 3. disloyal, unfaithful, fickle.

**constellation** n. 1. gathering cluster, collection, array, assemblage, group, body. 2. a formation of stars configuration, asterism.

**WORD FIND**

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE
Andromeda: Andromeda
arrow: Sagitta
bear, great: Ursa Major, Big Dipper
bear, little: Ursa Minor, Little Dipper
Berenice’s Hair: Coma Berenices
Cassiopeia: Cassiopeia
Cepheus: Cepheus
charioter: Auriga
dolphin: Delphinus
dragon: Draco
filly: Equuleus
fox: Vulpecula
giraffe: Camelopardalis
Hercules: Hercules
herdsmen: Bootes
hunting dogs: Canes Venacti
lion, little: Leo Minor
lizard: Lactea
lynx: Lynx
lyre: Lyra
northern crown: Corona Borealis
Pegasus: Pegasus
Perseus: Perseus
sea serpent: Hydra
serpent bearer: Ophiuchus
serpent: Serpens
shield: Scutum
swan: Cygnus
triangle: Triangulum
SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE
air pump: Antlia
altar: Ara
bird of paradise: Apus
centaur: Centaurus
chameleon: Chameleo
clock: Horologium
compasses: Circinus
crane: Grus
crow: Corvus
cup: Crater
dog, greater: Canis Major
dog, lesser: Canis Minor
dove: Columba
flying fish: Volans
furnace: Fornax
hare: Lepus
hunter: Orion
Indian: Indus
keel: Carina
mariner’s compass: Pyxis
microscope: Microscopium
net: Reticulum
octant: Octans
painter: Pictor
peacock: Pavo
Phoenix: Phoenix
poop deck: Puppis
river: Eridanus
sail: Vela
sculptor: Sculptor
sculptor’s tool: Caelum
sextant: Sextans
southern cross: Crux
southern crown: Corona Australis
southern fish: Piscis Austrinus
southern fly: Musca
southern triangle: Triangulum Australe
square: Norma
swordfish: Dolphino
table: Mensa
telescope: Telescopium
toucan: Tucana
unicorn: Monoceros
water snake: Hydrus
whale: Cetus
wolf: Lupus
ZODIAC
archer: Sagittarius
bull: Taurus
crab: Cancer
fishes: Pisces
goat: Capricornus
lion: Leo
ram: Aries
scales: Libra
scorpion: Scorpius
twins: Gemini
CONSTERNATION n. [kon stur NA shun] dismay or shock that leaves one feeling helpless or confused. *The sudden collision filled him with consternation.* SYN. dismay, shock, fear, anxiety, panic, bewilderment, confusion, alarm, stupefaction, horror, terror. ANT. compose, calm, presence of mind.

constipation n. irregularity, sluggish bowels, straining at stool.

constituent n. 1. component part, element, unit, ingredient, rudiment. 2. voter, elector, ballotor, citizen.

constitute v. 1. comprise form, make up, consist of; incorporate, integrate, compose. 2. APPoint name, empower, authorize, install, nominate, deputize. 3. establish create, institute, develop, set up, originate, found.

constituency n. electorate, voting body, residents, voters, district. SEE politics, election, government

constor v. 1. force pressure, obligation, compulsion, coercion, duress, necessity. 2. RESTRICTION limitation, restraint, check, curb, control, repression, inhibition, confinement. 3. unease inhibition, reticence, reserve, shyness, diffidence, bashfulness, self-consciousness, restraint.

constriber n. 1. narrow squeeze, bind, tighten, shrink, contract, clamp, cramp, compress, pinch, strangle, choke. 2. LIMIT restriction, hold in, impede, arrest, block, curb. ANT. 1. expand, widen, loosen. 2. free, liberate.

construction n. 1. construction building, erection, assembling, fabrication, raising, framing, putting up, fashioning, manufacturing, formation. 2. building structure, framework, assembly. 3. EXPLANATION interpretation, rendition, translation, reading.

constructive a. helpful, useful, beneficial, practical, valuable, positive, effective. ANT. hurtful, negative.

construe v. explain, interpret, translate, spell out, infer, define, read, understand.

consultant n. expert, authority, professional, *pro, advisor, counsel, mentor, guide, specialist, master, maven, veteran.

consulate n. embassy.

consult v. refer to, check with, confer, inquire, seek advice, discuss, talk, deliberate, ask, *pick one’s brains, compare notes.

consultation n. conference, meeting, discussion, talk, conversation, deliberation, council, *powwow, parley, hearing, session.

consume v. 1. INGEST eat, drink, swallow, devour, guzzle, absorb, down, *gobble, *wolf, *scarf, *polish off. 2. expend use up, deplete, exhaust, spend, waste, squander, drain, fritter away, finish. 3. DESTROY level, raze, demolish, annihilate, wreck, ruin, devastate, lay to waste. 4. engross absorb, engage, arrest, preoccupy, fix, fascinate, rivet. ANT. 2. save, collect, hoard.

consumer n. buyer, customer, purchaser, end-user, patron, shopper.

consummate v. complete, perfect, fulfill, achieve, finish, crown, effectuate, *put the finishing touch on, cap, clinch, realize.

CONSUMMATE a. [kun SUM it] supremely accomplished, complete. He is at the top of his field, a consummate violinist. SYN. accomplished, skilled, supreme, superior, best, ultimate, unsurpassed, superlative, masterful, excellent, complete, thorough, inimitable, peerless. ANT. *run-of-the-mill, mediocre, amateurish.

consummation n. completion, perfecting, fulfillment, finishing, crowning. *finishing touch, cap, realization, attainment.

consumption n. use, expenditure, utilization, depletion, loss, devouring, exhaustion, reduction, exploitation. ANT. conservation, preservation.

contact n. 1. TOUCHING meeting, connection, union, contingency, proximity, junction, collision. 2. Connection acquaintance.

contact v. 1. touch, meet, graze, impinge, strike, brush. 2. communicate with get in

virgin: Virgo

water bearer: Aquarius

— John Stuart Mill.
touch with, call, seek, reach, look up, find, approach.

**contagious** a. communicable, catching, transmittable, transmissible, spreading, infectious, epidemic, endemic. *ANT.* noninfectious.

**contain** v. 1. HOLD accommodate, carry, receive, have a capacity for. 2. COM普PRe include, consist of, involve, embody, incorporate. 3. KEEP IN CHECK hold in, control, suppress, repress, stifle.

**contaminate** v. pollute, adulterate, spoil, taint, sully, corrupt, defile, poison, degrade, befoul. *ANT.* purify, cleanse, sterilize.

**contamination** n. pollution, adulteration, spoilage, corruption, defilement, degradation, poisoning, fouling, taint, impurity.

**contemplate** v. 1. LOOK AT watch, gaze at, behold, survey, eye, consider, regard, scrutinize. 2. THINK ABOUT ponder, mull over, brood over, meditate, reflect, ruminate, dwell on, *chew on, consider, *turn over in one's mind.

**contemplative** a. thoughtful, intent, introspective, absorbed, pensive, meditative, reflective, ruminative, musing, rapt. *ANT.* thoughtless, blank, vacuous.

**contemporary** a. 1. modern present-day, up-to-date, here and now, current, late, *hot, new, *cutting edge, recent, now, *fresh as today, extant. 2. COEXISTING coincident, attending, simultaneous, synchronous, concurrent, of the same time. *ANT.* 1. old, yesterday, historical, past, ancient.

**contempt** n. 1. DISDAIN scorn, repugnance, disgust, disrespect, disregard, derision, revulsion, abhorrence. 2. DISGRACE shame, dishonor, humiliation, disrepute. *ANT.* respect, esteem, honor.

**contemptible** a. despicable, shameful, low, detestable, wretched, abhorrent, wicked, mean, loathsome, disgusting, ignominious, shabby, cheap, repugnant. *ANT.* honorable, respectable, admirable.

**contemptuous** a. disdainful, scornful, disrespectful, arrogant, sneering, insolent, insulting, derisive, *high and mighty, supercilious, condescending, haughty. *ANT.* complimentary, deferential, respectful.

**contend** v. 1. MAINTAIN assert, claim, hold, state, declare, argue, insist, prescribe. 2. VIE struggle, strive, contest, battle, wrestle, tussle, fight, scuffle, clash.

**contender** n. contestant, competitor, rival.

**content** n. 1. MEANING intent, essence, significance, idea. 2. SATISFACTION happiness, pleasure, comfort, fulfillment, gratification, delight, contentment.

**content** v. satisfy, please, comfort, delight, gratify, gladden, cheer. *ANT.* discontent, trouble, upset.

**content** a. satisfied, happy, pleased, comfortable, at ease, carefree, fulfilled, complacent, serene. *ANT.* discontented, miserable, troubled.

**contention** n. 1. DISPUTE argument, disagreement, debate, controversy, squabble, altercation, fight, wrangling, *beef, *bone to pick, quarrel. 2. STRIVING struggle, contest, battle, fight. 3. ASSERTION point, stand, claim, opinion, belief, view, plea. *ANT.* 1. agreement, accord, harmony.

**CONTENTIOUS** a. [kun TEN shus] quarrelsome. He couldn't get along with anyone; he was contentious. *SYN.* quarrelsome, belligerent, testy, disputatious, argumentative, combative, nasty, disagreeable, *short-fused, petulant, antagonistic. *ANT.* easygoing, accommodating, placatory, peaceable.

**contentment** n. satisfaction, happiness, pleasure, comfort, ease, fulfillment, complacency, serenity, tranquility. "The only riches, the only quietness ..."—George Pettie. "Natural wealth."—Plato. *ANT.* discontent, dissatisfaction, misery.

**contest** n. competition, match, struggle, rivalry, battle, challenge, meet, round, duel, trial, war, marathon, tourney.

**contest** v. argue, debate, dispute, challenge, oppose, call into question, object to, conflict, contend, vie, fight, scrap, square off, battle. *ANT.* acquiesce, cave in, give in, surrender.

**contester** n. contender, competitor, combatant, opponent, rival, adversary, challenger.

**context** n. frame of reference, framework, relationship, connection, substance, circumstances, meaning.

**contiguous** a. touching, meeting, contacting, connecting, next to, abutting, adjoining, nearby, proximate, adjacent, close. *ANT.* distant, removed, remote.

**contingence** n. self-restraint, moderation, self-control, forbearance, refraining, abstinence, virtue, chastity. *ANT.* incontinence, indulgence, excess.

**contingency** n. possibility, emergency, eventuality, chance occurrence, accident, fortuity, uncertainty, happening, probability.

**CONTINGENT** a. [kun TIN junt] dependent, subject to. When we schedule the outing is contingent upon the weather. *SYN.* dependent, subject to, conditional, hinging on, controlled by, incidental to, provisory.
continual a. never ending, perpetual, unending, incessant, relentless, unceasing, constant, nonstop, eternal, unremitting, around-the-clock. **ant. finite, ending, sporadic, intermittent.**

continuance n. persistence, prolongation, protraction, perpetuation, duration.

continue v. 1. keep on persist, carry on, persevere, extend, maintain, sustain, press on, prolong, progress, remain, abide. 2. resume carry on, restart, begin again, pick up where one left off, proceed, renew. **ant. stop, end, cease.**

continuity n. continuance, continuation, persistence, prolongation, protraction, perpetuation, endurance, constancy, extension. **ant. interruption, stoppage, intermittence.**

continuous a. constant, never ending, perpetual, unbroken, connected, uninterrupted, unremitting, incessant, nonstop, infinite, protracted. **ant. intermittent, broken.**

contort v. twist, turn, wrench, distort, screw up, warp, knot, convolute, gnarl, torture, misshape. **ant. straighten, smooth.**

contorted a. twisted, turned, wrenched, distorted, bent, warped, convoluted, knotted, gnarled, misshapen, tortured. **ant. straight.**

contour n. outline, profile, shape, form, figure, lines, curves, silhouette.

contraband a. illegal, black-market, bootleg, unlawful, illicit, *hot, forbidden, prohibited, smuggled, taboo, trafficked.** ant. legal, allowed, lawful.**

contraceptive n. birth control device, condom, diaphragm, IUD, Norplant, *the pill, prophylactic, sponge, shield, spermicide, *rubber, *protection. see condom

contract n. agreement, arrangement, understanding, deal, covenant, pact, transaction, compact, bond, gentleman’s agreement, obligation, pledge, legal document.

contract v. 1. compress reduce, narrow, squeeze, shorten, tighten, condense, recede, constrict, cramp, wither. 2. make an agreement agree, bargain, come to terms, bound, *hammer out a deal, put in writing, pledge, promise, guarantee, covenant. **ant. 1. expand, swell, 2. negate, argue against, disagree, refute.**

contraction n. compression, reduction, narrowing, squeezing, shortening, tightening, condensing, recession, cramming, withering, shrinkage. **ant. expansion, swelling, enlargement.**

contradict v. differ, deny, controvert, refute, counter, *fly in the face of, negate, gainsay, repudiate, belie, cancel out. **ant. agree, corroborate, correspond.**

contradiction n. differing, denial, refutation, disagreement, negation, conflict, discrepancy, gainsay, inconsistency. **ant. agreement, corroboration, correspondence.**

contradictory a. differing, conflicting, inconsistent, contrary, discrepant, disagreeing, incongruous, antithetical, at variance. **ant. consistent, agreeing, corresponding.**


contrary a. 1. opposite contrary, antithetical, reverse, different, counter, incompatible, incongruous, imatical, conflicting. 2. disagreeable cantankerous, antagonistic, hostile, imatical, averse, antipathetic, at odd. **ant. 1. identical, consistent, 2. agreeable, accommodating.**

contrast n. difference, dissimilarity, opposition, variation, differentiation, disparity, antithesis, polarity, distinction, divergence. **ant. likeness, similarity, mirror image.**

contravene v. 1. compare differentiate, discriminate, set off, distinguish, weigh. 2. differ vary, oppose, diverge, contradict, mismatch, conflict.

contrive v. 1. devise invent, create, improvise, design, plan, plot, scheme, connive, contrivance.


contrition n. remorse, repentance, repent, regret, guilt, sorrow, compunction, shame, penitence, self-reproach, ruth, qualms. **ant. indifference, apathy, pride.**

contrivance n. 1. device gadget, creation, appliance, mechanism, machine, contraption, implement, invention, *Rube Goldberg device. 2. design scheme, invention, artifice, fabrication, machination, ingenuity, trick.

contrive v. 1. devise invent, create, improvise, *rig, design, construct, fabricate, *throw together, 2. design plan, plot, scheme, connive,

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contribution n. donation, gift, handout, helping hand, offering, present, charity, input, benefaction, bestowal.

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engineer, swing, conspire, machine, finagle, formulate.

**CONTRIVED** *a.* [kun TRIVED] overly planned or designed, with a forced or unnatural effect. *The unlikely coincidences in the plot made the story seem contrived.* syn. forced, unnatural, unsponsive, labored, phony, manipulated, fake, affected, artificial, strained. *Ant.* natural, spontaneous, artless.

**control** *n.* command, power, rule, order, direction, mastery, management, supervision, regulation, government, *upper hand*, *the whip*, influence, jurisdiction, dominion.

**control** *v.* command, rule, order, direct, master, manage, supervise, run, regulate, govern, influence, dominate, guide, *hold sway over*, lead, quarterback, reign, call the shots, dictate, preside over, *be in the driver’s seat*, *rule with an iron hand*, manipulate.

**controversial** *a.* debatable, moot, arguable, polemical, contestable, questionable, suspect, controvertible, disputable, at issue, unsettled. *Ant.* unquestionable, indisputable, unequivocal.

**controvert** *v.* oppose, argue, dispute, deny, gainsay, refute, rebut, challenge, contest, debate. *Ant.* agree, affirm, go along.

**convention** *n.* 1. meeting, assembly, gathering, caucus, council, *powwow, congress, convention*. 2. custom, practice, code, habit, tradition, orthodoxy, etiquette, law.

**conventional** *a.* customary usual, traditional, normal, accepted, regular, standard, orthodox, routine, prevailing. 2. common unoriginal, everyday, run-of-the-mill, conforming, pedestrian, trite, prosaic, undisguised, humdrum. *Ant.* unconventional, unorthodox, radical, avant-garde, original.

**converse** *v.* talk, dialogue, discourse, discussion, exchange, communication, chat, colloquy, interlocution, conference, intercourse, gab, *rap, palaver, tête-à-tête*, give-and-take, *small talk*. *“The image of the mind. As the man is, so is his talk.”*—Bibilius Syrus. *“Our account of ourselves.”*—Ralph Waldo Emerson.


**converse** *v.* talk, discuss, communicate, chat, hold a dialogue, confer, discourse, gab, *chew the fat*, *rap, shoot the breeze*, *give one’s chops*, *jibber-jabber*, *yack*.

**conversion** *n.* change, changeover, transformation, transmutation, switch, metamorphosis, reversal, remodeling, modification, *about-face*, *turnaround*, adaptation.

**convert** *n.* proselyte, novitiate, neophyte, catechumen.
convert v. change, transform, transmute, switch, metamorphose, reverse, remodel, modify, *do an about-face, *do a turn-around, adapt.

convertible n. *ragtop, *breezer. SEE AUTOMOBILE

convey v. 1. TRANSPORT carry, conduct, transfer, bring, send, move, transmit, forward, deliver, bear, haul. 2. COMMUNICATE tell, relate, pass along, disclose, reveal, send.

conveyance n. transport, transfer, carrying, transmission, movement, carriage, communication, vehicle.

convict n. criminal, outlaw, prisoner, malefactor, felon, *jailbird, lawbreaker, *con, inmate.

convict v. find guilty, imprison, *send up the river, sentence, damn, condemn.

conviction n. 1. BELIEF faith, opinion, sentiment, tenet, dogma, view, principle, persuasion, doctrine. 2. ASSURANCE certainty, confidence, surety, fervor, earnestness. ANT. 2. uncertainty, doubt.

convince v. prove, sway, persuade, satisfy, *talk into, prevail upon, *sell, *make one see the light, *bring around.

convincing a. persuasive, incontrovertible, solid, satisfying, plausible, powerful, credible, conclusive, sound. ANT. unconvincing, questionable, dubious.


convocation n. assembly, gathering, convention, congregation, get-together, conference, meeting, council.

convolve v. summon, call together, muster, assemble, gather.

convolution n. coil, loop, twisting, whorl, roll, spiral, helix, curlicue.

convoy n. escort, guard, attendant, accompaniment, protection, defense, contingent, security.

convoy v. escort, guard, accompany, attend, protect, defend, shield, secure, guide, shepherd, chaperon.

convulsion n. spasm, seizure, fit, throes, paroxysm, tremor, twitch, tic, *spaz, *the shakes.

cook n. chef, baker, chef de cuisine, short-order cook, sous-chef.

cook v. bake, broil, roast, fry, stir fry, deep fry, braise, boil, steam, simmer, fricassee, frizzle, heat, barbecue, grill, sear, blacken, stew, brown, fold, microwave, *nuke, poach, coddle, parboil, sauté. "[Cooking] An art; a noble science."—Robert Burton. SEE FOOD

cookie n. wafer, gingerbread man, confection, sugar cookie, snickerdoodle, pinwheel, peanut butter cookie, molasses cookie, truffle, biscotti, snap, macaron, fig bar, chocolate chip cookie, *Oreo, sugar cookie.

cool v. 1. CHILL refrigerate, freeze, frost. 2. COOL IT Sl. simmer down, calm down, moderate, dampen, soften, temper, *chill, *take it easy, *don't sweat it. ANT. 1. heat, warm. 2. go crazy, *have a nutty, *throw a fit, rage.


coop n. pen, cage, fold, enclosure, hutch.

cooperate v. comply with, go along, work with, accommodate, aid, collaborate, pull together, *play ball, pool resources, help, contribute, further. ANT. oppose, undermine.

cooperation n. collaboration, assistance, help, give-and-take, concert, complicity, compliance, participation, *playing ball, pooling of resources, accommodation. ANT. opposition, undermining, autonomy.

coordinate v. organize, arrange, order, group, systematize, integrate, mesh, synchronize, classify, sort, regulate.


cope v. manage, weather, endure, contend, suffer, get by, face, *cut it, *hack it, deal with, handle.

COPIOUS a. [KOH pee us] abundant, abounding, plentiful. We prepared a copious spread of food for Thanksgiving. SYN. abundant, plentiful, plenty, ample, bounteous, overflowing, lavish, replete, generous, liberal, fat. ANT. scant, sparse, meager.


copse n. thicket, grove, wood, scrub, coppice, boscage.

copulate v. have sexual intercourse, make love, mate, fornicate, *fool around, sleep together, breed, *go all the way. SEE SEX.
copy n. duplicate, reproduction, replica, imitation, facsimile, "carbon copy, likeness, representation, counterfeit. ANT. original, model.
copy v. 1. DUPLICATE reproduce, replicate, imitate, clone, simulate, represent. 2. IMITATE ape, emulate, pattern, model, mimic, simulate, act like, mirror, impersonate, embody, mock.
copycat n. imitator, mimic, impersonator.
coquette n. flirt, tease, toy with, wink at, strut.
corps n. body, cadaver, "stiff, carcass, remains, corpse defunct, bones, the deceased. "A human been."—Kay Goodman. "[L]ike the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and strip of its lettering and gilding … yet the work itself shall not be lost, for it will appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition."—Ben Franklin.
corpulent a. fat, obese, plump, chubby, fleshy, beefy, rotund, tubby, stout, portly, roly-poly, blubbery. ANT. skinny, anorexic, bony.
corollary n. conclusion, result, outcome, consequence, end, aftermath, upshot, precipitate.
correspond v. 1. communicate by letter write, *drop a line, keep in touch. ANT. 1. clash, disagree, differing.
correspondence n. agreement, correspondence, agreement, conjunction, conformity, compatibility, match, coinciding, accordance, congruity. ANT. 1. disagreement, incongruity.
correspondent n. reporter, newswoman, journalist, broadcaster, stringer, foreign correspondent.
corresponding a. equivalent, parallel, analogous, correlative, reciprocal, alike, matching, synonymous, complementary, conforming, consistent. ANT. counter, against, unlike, opposite.
corridor n. hall, passageway, walkway, gallery, aisle.
CORROBORATE v. [kuh ROH uh RATE?] to confirm or support the information given by another. Several witnesses came forward to corroborate the defendant’s alibi. SYN. confirm, support, attest to, verify, certify, authenticate, prove, substantiate, validate, strengthen. ANT. contradict, refute.
corrode  v. dissolve, wear, deteriorate, waste, rust, gnaw away, eat away, erode, oxidize.
corrosion  n. wear, oxidation, rust, deterioration, decay, erosion, disintegration, fragmentation, degeneration, decomposition.
corrosive  a. erosive, caustic, acidic, biting, morbid, scathing, cutting, acerbic, wasting, consuming.
corrugated  a. ridged, crinkled, wrinkled, creased, ribbed, furrowed, pleated, fluted, rough. ANT. smooth, flat.
corrupt  v. demoralize, pervert, debase, spoil, pollute, taint, abuse, adulterate, infect, ruin, defile, degrade, debauch, taint.
corrupt  a. 1. dishonest deceitful, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous, crooked, untrustworthy, shady, underhanded, venal, deceptive. 2. immoral depraved, perverted, degenerate, low, evil, rotten, debased, warped, unprincipled. 3. impure contaminated, adulterated, unclean, tainted, defiled, polluted, infected. ANT. 1. honest, honorable, scrupulous. 2. moral, virtuous, upright. 3. pure, clean, unaltered.
corruption  n. 1. dishonesty deceit, deception, dishonesty, ethics, unprincipled, unscrupulous, crookedness, untrustworthiness. 2. immorality depravity, perversion, evil, degeneration, baseness, decadence, wickedness, impurity, turpitude, iniquity. 3. contamination adulteration, tainting, defilement, pollution, infection. ANT. 1. honest, scrupulous. 2. moral, virtue. 3. purity.
cosign  v. endorse, pledge.
cortege  n. train, retinue, entourage, escort, attendants, procession, court.
cosmic  a. 1. of space interstellar, universal, interplanetary, galactic. 2. limitless infinite, vast, neverending, immense, grandiose, measureless. ANT. 2. microscopic, finite, limited, infinitesimal. see space, universe.
cosmopolitan  a. worldly, international, global, universal, metropolitan, sophisticated, cultured, cultivated, urbane, unprovincial. ANT. provincial, small-town, insular.
cosmos  n. universe, space, "great beyond, macrocosm, all creation, arc of heaven, creation. "Something for every age to investigate."—Seneca. "All that is or ever was or ever will be."—Carl Sagan. see constellation, moon, planet, space, star, universe.
cosset  v. pamper, fondle, coddle, pet.
cost  n. 1. expense charge, price, value, worth, amount, expenditure, payment, outlay, bill, see money. 2. loss injury, harm, forfeit, expense, detriment, damage, sacrifice, price.
cost-effective  a. economical, practical, worthwhile, profitable. ANT. excessive, worthless.
costly  a. 1. expensive high-priced, steep, exorbitant, dear, pricey, excessive, *stiff. 2. sacrificing painful, injurious, harmful, ruinous. 3. valuable precious, priceless, luxurious, sumptuous, opulent, exquisite, grand, lavish. ANT. 1. cheap, bargain-priced, economical. 2. painless, harmless. 3. worthless, cheap.
costume  n. outfit, clothing, apparel, garb, attire, dress, ensemble, *getup, raiment, vestments, guise.
coterie  n. group, circle, clique, set, club, association, crew, band.
cotillion  n. ball, dance.
cottage  n. house, cabin, shanty, bungalow, shack, chalet, camp. see house.
couch  n. sofa, divan, davenport, lounge.
couch  v. express, voice, phrase, frame.
cougar  n. mountain lion, puma, panther.
cough  v. hack, *bark, gasp, rasp, wheeze, hem, hawk, whoop, clear throat.
counsel  n. 1. advice guidance, instruction, direction, consultation, recommendation, *word to the wise, suggestion, opinion, warning. 2. attorney lawyer, legal representative, counselor, advocate, barrister, solicitor.
counsel  v. advise, guide, instruct, direct, recommend, *give a word to the wise, suggest, warn, steer, prompt, advocate.
counselor  n. 1. lawyer attorney, advocate, advisor, guide, instructor. 2. therapist psychotherapist, *shrink, psychologist, psychiatrist, life coach, instructor, mentor, social worker. see psychotherapy.
count  n. total, sum, tally, number, outcome, calculation, score, *bottom line.
count  v. 1. enumerate tally, number, total, add up, tick off, sum, calculate, compute. 2. consider regard, deem, esteem, rate. 3. include take into account, number among. 4. matter carry weight, rate, *cut ice.
countenance n. 1. appearance aspect, face, expression, features, look, mien, visage, cast, air, semblance. 2. approval support, acceptance, sanction, encouragement, blessing, backing.

countenance v. approve, condone, allow, permit, put up with, stand for, tolerate, support, back, sanction. **ant. disapprove, reject, prohibit.**
counter n. stand, table, shelf, display case, *check-out counter.
counter v. counteract, answer, respond, retaliate, return, come back, oppose, check, neutralize, offset.
counter a. contrary, opposite, contrasting, antithetical, inverse. **ant. corresponding, alike, analogous, consistent.**
counteract v. neutralize, offset, negate, annul, oppose, check, cancel.
counterfeit n. imitation, copy, reproduction, forgery, fake, sham, fraud, phony, replica. **ant. original, model, *real McCoy, genuine article.**
counterfeit a. *bogus, fake, phony, imitation, sham, fraudulent, *fishy, not genuine, *not kosher, forged, spurious, pseudo. **ant. real, actual, authentic, genuine.**
countermand n. cancel, override, revoke, repeal, recall, rescind, retract, reverse, overrule.
counterpart n. equivalent, match, correspondent, twin, correlate, duplicate, copy, parallel, mate, analogue, peer.
countless a. innumerable, infinite, multitudinous, untold, *unimpeach, limitless, legion, incalculable, many. **ant. few, finite.**
countrified a. rural, rustic, agrarian, pastoral, *down-home, simple. **ant. citified, urban, metropolitan.**
country n. 1. nation motherland, fatherland, land, commonwealth, state, union, realm, republic. 2. rural area backwoods, *boonies, *the sticks, woodlands, wilds, farmland, *cow country, outback, bush.

coup n. [KOO] a brilliant maneuver or victory, a masterstroke. Also, a coup détat. *The chess match ended with an unexpected coup by the challenger. syn. masterstroke, maneuver, achievement, accomplishment, stroke, exploit, coup détat, action, move, stunt, feat.

coup de grâce n. [KOO de GRAHS] a deathblow, a finishing blow. *A resounding slam dunk was the coup de grace. syn. deathblow, finishing blow, finishing stroke, mortal blow, the clincher, knockout punch.

coup d'état n. [koo day TAH] a violent overthrow of a government or ruler. *The unrest was followed by a coup d'état and the assassination of the dictator. syn. overthrow, change of government, coup, power grab, revolution, uprising, takeover, power play.

couple n. pair, duo, twosome, brace.
couple v. joint, link, unite, pair, attach, connect, yoke, hitch. **ant. uncouple, detach, disconnect.**
coupon n. refund, rebate, certificate, scrip, discount slip.
courier n. messenger, carrier, emissary, runner, envoy, gofer.
course n. 1. progression way, advance, proceeding, passage, flow. 2. route path, trail, way, channel, run, track. 3. procedure mode, plan, scheme, policy. 4. class curriculum, subject, program, lessons.
course v. run, flow, traverse, race, rush, surge, speed, tumble.
court n. 1. courtyard enclosure, quadrangle, plaza, square, patio, atrium. 2. attendants entourage, staff, retinue, cortege. 3. court of law court of justice, judiciary, bench, bar, forum, tribunal, municipal building, hall of justice. **see law.**

**WORD FIND**

**action:** suit
appearance before judge without formal trial: hearing
arrest order for failure to appear: bench warrant
blatant show of disrespect for court rules: contempt of court
bond forfeited if accused fails to show up for court: bail
calendar of cases: docket
court order: injunction
court system: judiciary
DA: district attorney, prosecutor
damages awarded beyond plaintiff’s loss to punish defendant: punitive damages, exemplary damages, double damages
decision: judgment
decision won without proceedings, for failure of one party to show: default judgment
defendant's suit against plaintiff: counter-suit, counterclaim
defending party in a court action: defendant
disposition of case by negotiating guilty plea for lesser charge: plea bargaining
fail to appear after posting bail: jump bail
faulty trial that is voided: mistrial
filer of court action: plaintiff, petitioner
general jurisdiction court: superior court
hearing of charges, entering of plea by accused: arraignment
hears appeals from lower court decisions: court of appeals
higher court that reviews lower court decisions: appellate court
highest: Supreme Court
inquiry, judicial: inquest
intermediary who settles cases out of court: mediator
judge's private room: chambers
jury, citizen's obligation to serve on: jury duty
jury member: juror
jury member's verdict, surveying each: polling the jury
jury's decision: verdict
jury selection process: impaneling
jury spokesman: foreman
jury, trial without: bench trial
jury, twelve-member: petit jury, jury
jury, 12–23 members, evaluates accusations, returns indictments: grand jury
jury unable to reach consensus: hung jury
jury, unethical contact with by lawyer: jury tampering
lawyer: counsel, attorney, barrister (BRIT.), solicitor (BRIT.), advocate
lawyer provided by government for the poor: public defender
lawyer's assistant: paralegal
local criminal and civil court: municipal court
location/jurisdiction: venue
loss claimed by plaintiff: damages
lowest court, holds sessions at different places: circuit court
lying while under oath: perjury
military court proceedings: court-martial
minor claims court: small claims court
officer/guard who maintains order in courtroom: bailiff
order to appear in court: subpoena, summons
order to arrest someone: warrant
order to restrict comments about case outside court: gag order
order to search a location for evidence: search warrant
party to a lawsuit: litigant
pledge to tell nothing but the truth: oath
present or argue a case in court: plead
private suit: civil action
punishment handed down by judge: sentence
questioning of opposing party witness by lawyer: cross examination
retrial from lower court to higher: appeal
ruling, plea for: motion
seat of judge: bench
seat of witness while testifying: witness stand, witness box
similar earlier case used as model in later case: precedent
simulated trial by law students: moot court
suit filed on behalf of a group: class action suit
suspend proceedings: adjourn, recess
suspension of sentencing: stay
sworn statement: affidavit
transcribes court proceedings word-for-word: court reporter, stenographer
unsanctioned court that ignores appropriate legal procedures: kangaroo court
will and estate processing court: probate court, surrogate court
witness who is absolutely vital: material witness
witness who is biased against opponent: hostile witness
witness's pretrial statement given while under oath: deposition
written statement charging one with crime: indictment
courtesy n. politeness, good manners, civility, respect, consideration, graciousness, refinement, gentleness, formality, tact. "The art of choosing among one's real thoughts."—Abel Stevens. ant. rudeness, discourtesy, informality.
courtly a. dignified, refined, polite, mannerly, stately, cultivated, gentlemanly, polished, well-bred, proper, elegant, respectful, suave. ant. rude, unrefined, rough, ill-mannered.
court-martial n. military court, military trial, military tribunal.
courtship n. dating, wining and dining, wooing, engagement, pair bonding.
cove n. bay, inlet, harbor, anchorage, bight, estuary, lagoon.
coven n. [KUV uh nunt] a contract or binding agreement. They made a covenant to perform their duties on time. syn. agreement, contract, compact, pact, pledge, promise, trust, commitment, arrangement, concordat.
cover n. 1. covering coverup, wrapping, sheet, blanket, tarpaulin, canopy, sheath, folder, spread, canvas, binding. 2. shelter refuge, retreat, haven, sanctuary, hiding place, protection.
cover v. 1. wrap encase, enshroud, overspread, overlay, conceal, shield, veil, screen, cloak, bury, camouflage, secrete, disguise. 3. include encompass, incorporate, contain, deal with, comprise, embrace, embody. 4. traverse pass through, range over. 5. report detail, recount, chronicle, tell.
cover-up n. concealment, disguising, masking, camouflage, placing under wraps, burial, evasion, clothing, smoothing over.
covey n. flock, party, band, bevy, group, cluster, clique.
cow n. bovine, ruminant, bull, heifer, calf, *bossy.
cow v. intimidate, bully, unnerve, frighten, daunt, threaten, buffalo, bully, terrorize, browbeat. ant. fortify, embolden, puff up.
cowboy n. cowpuncher, bronco, cowpoke, rancher, *buckaroo, drover, *vaquero, cattle herder, *gaacho. see COW, HORSE.

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**WORD FIND**

**barn**: byre, stable

**beef breeds**: Angus, Beefalo, Belted Galloway, Brahman, Charbray, Hereford, Texas Longhorn

**chew cud**: ruminant

**cornstalks, hay, straw food**: fodder

**dairy breeds**: Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey

**dehorned animal**: pollard

**diseases**: hoof-and-mouth disease, mastitis, scours

**hairy portion of tail**: switch

**milk gland**: udder

**moo**: low

**neck fold on some breeds**: dewlap

**regurgitated food that is rechewed**: cud

**stomachs**: abomasum, omasum, reticulum, rumen

**cow**: cow v. intimidate, bully, unnerve, frighten, daunt, threaten, buffalo, bully, terrorize, browbeat. ant. fortify, embolden, puff up.


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**WORD FIND**

**breaker of wild horses**: bronc buster

**calf**: dogie

**capture of wandering cattle**: roundup

**cattle identification mark**: brand

**competition**: rodeo

**food wagon on the range**: chuck wagon
cower - crap

cower v. cringe, shrink, flinch, quail, bungle, wince, tremble, kowtow, grovel, skulk. ANT. strut, swagger, tower over.
cowrite v. collaborate, coauthor.
COY a. [KOY] shy or affectedly shy, demure. With men, she was always coy. SYN. shy, demure, modest, retiring, bashful, shrinking, diffident, blushing, sheepish, self-conscious, playing hard-to-get, coquettish. ANT. bold, aggressive, forward, cheeky.
coyote n. canine, carnivore, scavenger, animal, mammal, quadruped, omnivore, coy dog.
cozy a. snug, comfy, cushy, warm, snuggled, secure, safe, intimate. ANT. uncomfortable, insecure.
crack n. 1. snap, clap, crackle, pop, slap, bang, thunder, boom, report. 2. fracture break, split, cut, fragment, splinter, tear, rent, cleft, fissure, rupture. 3. hit, blow, clout, clip, whack, pound, bang. 4. remark, comment, observation, wisecrack, witticism, quip, *zinger, bon mot, *dig. ANT. knack, handiwork, artistry, talent, *wiz.
crack v. 1. snap, clap, crackle, pop, slap, bang, thunder, boom, report. 2. fracture break, split, cut, fragment, splinter, shatter, smash, tear, cleave. 3. hit, strike, clip, whack, clout. 4. lose composure *lose it, go crazy, *bug out, have a nervous breakdown, *go to pieces. 5. solve or break, as a code, decipher, decode, work out, figure out. 6. resolve, settle. 7. make a profit, make a killing. 8. cut, fragment, splinter, fragment, tear, cleft, fissure, shatter, break, occasion, splinter, whack, cut, split, segment. 9. cut, fragment, splinter, shatter, smash, tear, cleave. 10. hit, strike, clip, whack, clout. 11. choose. 12. choose. 13. resolve, solve, settle, overcome. 14. surmount, overcome, resolve, cope. 15. succeed, win, triumph. ANT. failure, defeat, loss. 16. outcut, outcompete. 17. outcompete. 18. outcompete. 19. outcompete. 20. outcompete. 21. outcompete. 22. outcompete. 23. outcompete. 24. outcompete. 25. outcompete. 26. outcompete. 27. outcompete. 28. outcompete. 29. outcompete. 30. outcompete. 31. outcompete. 32. outcompete. 33. outcompete. 34. outcompete. 35. outcompete. 36. outcompete. 37. outcompete. 38. outcompete. 39. outcompete. 40. outcompete. 41. outcompete. 42. outcompete. 43. outcompete. 44. outcompete. 45. outcompete. 46. outcompete. 47. outcompete. 48. outcompete. 49. outcompete. 50. outcompete. 51. outcompete. 52. outcompete. 53. outcompete. 54. outcompete. 55. outcompete. 56. outcompete. 57. outcompete. 58. outcompete. 59. outcompete. 60. outcompete. 61. outcompete. 62. outcompete. 63. outcompete. 64. outcompete. 65. outcompete. 66. outcompete. 67. outcompete. 68. outcompete. 69. outcompete. 70. outcompete. 71. outcompete. 72. outcompete. 73. outcompete. 74. outcompete. 75. outcompete. 76. outcompete. 77. outcompete. 78. outcompete. 79. outcompete. 80. outcompete. 81. outcompete. 82. outcompete. 83. outcompete. 84. outcompete. 85. outcompete. 86. outcompete. 87. outcompete. 88. outcompete. 89. outcompete. 90. outcompete. 91. outcompete. 92. outcompete. 93. outcompete. 94. outcompete. 95. outcompete. 96. outcompete. 97. outcompete. 98. outcompete. 99. outcompete. 100. outcompete.
crack a. *crackerjack, first-rate, superior, ace, expert, proficient, master. ANT. inferior, mediocre, second-rate.
crackdown n. attack, assault, stop, restraint, storming, strike. crackled a. fissured, broken, shattered, split.
cracker n. S.

Ant. comic, artless, foolish, silly, absurd, artless, superior, ace, master.
crack-up n. collision, accident, wreck. ANT. accident.
crappy - credenza

crappy a. Sl. poor, lousy, worthless, sub-par, inferior, junk, trashy, terrible, useless, cheap, shoddy.

crash v. 1. BANG clatter, clang, explode, blast, crack, thunder, boom. 2. smash impact, wreck, shatter, total, crack up, disintegrate, collide, bump, jolt, blindsided, tumble, *go end over end, *go ass over teakettle, *plow into, ditch, *go down in flames. 3. go bankrupt fall, collapse, *go belly up.

CRASS a. [KRASS] ignorant and insensitive, indelicate. We were mortified by his crass jokes. SYN. ignorant, stupid, insensitive, unfeeling, coarse, vulgar, boorish, uncouth, rough, lowbrow, gross, unrefined, philistine, crude. ANT. sensitive, refined, delicate.
crate n. box, case, carton, container, receptacle.
crater n. pit, craterhole, hole, caldera, cavity, craterlet, hole, caldera, cavity, depression, impact center, meteorite impression.
crave v. 1. desire long for, yearn for, hunger for, want, covet, thirst for, lust after, ache for, need, require, 2. beg implore, beseech, plead for, entreat, supplicate, pray for. ANT. 1. detest, loathe, reject.
craven a. cowardly, fearful, dastardly, timid, timorous, yellow, fainthearted, *chicken, *wimpy, gutless, spineless, pusillanimous. ANT. brave, courageous, fearless, daring.
craving n. desire, longing, yearning, want, need, hunger, thirst, hankering, *yen, lust.
crawl v. creep, go on all fours, *belly, worm, inch, wriggle, drag, *go at a snail’s pace, writhe, grovel.
craze n. fad, mania, rage, *latest thing, fashion, trend, passion.
crazed a. see CRAZY.
creak v. squeak, grate, rasp, groan, squeal, screech, squawk.
crease n. fold, ridge, pleat, wrinkle, crimp, crease, rumple.
crease v. fold, pleat, crimp, crinkle, rumple, pucker.
create v. originate, make, think up, develop, invent, design, author, compose, produce, spawn, give rise to, found, formulate, dream up, establish, innovate, fabricate, coin, *hatch, launch, start, conceive.
creation n. 1. CONCEPTION birth, genesis, inception, origination, nativity, generation, establishment, formation. 2. INVENTION work, handiwork, brainchild, production, piece, innovation. 3. HEAVEN AND EARTH universe, life, cosmos, world, nature. “The shaping of an indifferent matter into a world of value.”—J.E. Boodin.
creative a. inventive, artistic, imaginative, resourceful, clever, ingenious, original, innovative, gifted, visionary, inspired, Promethean. ANT. unoriginal, mindless, sterile, stale, unimaginative.
creator n. inventor, maker, architect, God, father, originator, mastermind, founder, designer.
creature n. beast, animal, *critter, *varmint, living being, mammal, vertebrate, man. SEE ANIMAL, MONSTER.
credence n. acceptance, belief, trust, credibility, reliance, faith, confidence, assurance, credit, stock. ANT. disbelief, doubt, distrust.
credentials n. references, qualifications, documents, authorization, testimonial, certificate, license, letter of reference, diploma, title, papers.
credenza n. sideboard, buffet, case, shelf, cupboard, bookcase.
credibility n. believability, reliability, trustworthiness, soundness, integrity, plausibility, dependability. ant. implausibility, questionability.

credibility gap n. discrepancy, disparity, 2 plus 2 not adding up to 4, inconsistency, question.

credible a. believable, reliable, trustworthy, sound, plausible, dependable, honest, solid, conceivable, likely. ant. incredible, unbelievable, doubtful.

credit n. 1. belief trust, faith, honesty, credibility. 2. recognition acclaim, praise, tribute, notice, commendation, pat on the back. *Brownie points. ant. disbelieve. 3. debt on account, deferred payment, charge, time, installment plan. "Imaginary riches." — Thomas Peacock. ant. 1. disbelief, mistrust. 2. blame, disapproval. 3. cash.

credit union n. thrift institution, lending institution, cooperative.

credo n. belief, creed, tenet, principles, code.


creed n. faith, religion, belief, ideology, principles, persuasion, tenet, doctrine, conviction, dogma.

creek n. stream, brook, crick, rill, run, rivulet, runnel, spring.


creeps, the n. Sl. *heebie-jeebies, fear, repugnance, *the willies, *the horrors, *the jumps.

creepy a. scary, gruesome, spine-tingling, hair-raising, horrible, disturbing, nightmarish, eerie, revolting, sinister, weird, macabre, chilling, *skin-crawling. ant. normal, reassuring.

cremate v. incinerate, burn, reduce to ashes.

cremation n. incineration, burning, reducing to ashes.

CREDÉ LA CRÈME n. [KREM de la KREM] literally, cream of the cream; the best of the best. Also, people of high society. The benefit dinner attracted the crème de la crème of Washington society. syn. best of the best, cream of the crop, the best and brightest, the finest, the elite, pick of the litter, upper class, *upper crust, aristocracy. ant. the dregs, refuse.

CRESCENDO n. [kruh SHEN doh] an increase in intensity, or the climax of such an increase. The music warmed to a fever pitch and ended with a powerful crescendo. syn. increase, escalation, surge, upsurge, intensification, broadening, building, rise, ascension, progression, climb, elevation, climax, culmination, peak, pinnacle, crest, summit, apex, zenith, boiling point, critical mass, explosion. ant. decrescendo, dissipation, decrease, softening.

crescent n. half-moon, dimilune, meniscus, sickle. see moon

crest n. 1. comb tuft, coxcomb, topknot, plume, mane. 2. top summit, crown, ridge, peak, pinnacle, head, apex.

crestfallen a. disappointed, dejected, down, depressed, discouraged, downhearted, dispirited, sad, melancholy, low. ant. joyful, euphoric, *up.

cretin n. idiot, imbecile, moron, *retard.

crevasse n. fissure, chasm, opening, cleavage, cleft, crevice.

crevices n. fissure, crack, gap, cleft, cranny, rent, split, groove, fracture, slit, gash, crevasses, chasm, opening.

crew n. group, band, team, company, squad, troupe, mob, gang, party, set, bunch, posse, clique.


crib v. Sl. cheat, copy, plagiarize, lift.

crib death n. sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

crime n. lawlessness, wrongdoing, offense, malfeasance, malfeasance, antisocial behavior, transgression, corruption, felony, misdeemeanor. see court, law


criminal a. 1. illegal, unlawful, illicit, felonious, illegitimate, *shady, crooked, larcenous, homicidal. see court, law 2. villainous

WORD FIND
remains: cremains
wicked, evil, nefarious, degenerate, corrupt, errant. **ant.** 1. legal, legitimate. 2. pure, unblemished.

crimp *n.* fold, pinch, press, crease, pleat, wrinkle.
cringe v. shrink, flinch, cow, wince, quail, blench, recoil, grovel, quiver, crouch, bow and scrape. **ant.** stand tall, strut, swagger.

crinkle v. wrinkle, crumple, crinkle, pucker, crease, crimp, fold, twist, crackle, rustle. **ant.** smooth, straighten, press.
crinoline *n.* hoop skirt, petticoat.
crinkle v. crinkle, crinkled, crumple, crinkle, pucker, crease, crimp, fold, twist, crinkle, rustle.
critical adj. decisive, serious, grave, important, accepting, complimentary. 2. undiscerning, wordy, verbose. 4. sloppy, slovenly.
critical mass *n.* [KRIT uh kuhl MASS] a critical stage; a crisis point; the point at which something momentous will happen. So named after the minimum mass of fissionable material needed to sustain a nuclear reaction. *Some believe that worldwide environmental damage is approaching critical mass.* **syn.** critical point, moment of truth, irreversible momentum, point of collapse, crisis, point of no return, moment of truth, climax, turning point, high noon, explosion.
criticism *n.* 1. analysis critique, assessment, review, judgment, evaluation, examination, appraisal, commentary. "The avocation of assessing the failures of better men."—Nelson Algren. "A disinterested endeavor to learn and propagate the best that is known and thought in the world."—Mathew Arnold. "Growing important and formidable at very small expense."—Samuel Johnson. 2. disapproval faultfinding, disparagement, belittling, censure, carping, diatribe, nitpicking, quibbling, knock, slam, pan, swipe, Bronx cheer, brickbats. **ant.** 2. approving, approving, compliment, praise, rave.
criticize v. analyze critique, assess, review, judge, evaluate, examine, appraise, dissect, comment on. 2. find fault disapprove, censure, disapprove, belittle, nitpick, quibble, knock, slam, pan, swipe, trash, scathe, roast, attack, let have it with both barrels, ridicule,scarify. **ant.** 2. approve, laud, praise, applaud, cheer.
critique *n.* analysis, review, assessment, commentary, write-up, report, pan, slam, *trashing, rave.
critical adj. 1. faultfinding cutting, censorious, carping, nitpicking, derogatory, disparaging, captious, unflattering, severe, quibbling, disapproving. 2. exacting particular, judicial, discerning, discriminating, fussy, precise, finicky, demanding, hairsplitting. 3. crucial decisive, serious, grave, important, momentous, significant, pivotal, dire, climactic, vital, urgent. **ant.** 1. approving, accepting, complimentary. 2. undiscerning, unparticular, easy. 3. trivial, insignificant.

cross v. intersect, overlap, cross.
atig, zigzag, 2. dishonest corrupt, deceitful, shady, fraudulent, shifty, underhanded, tricky, designing, crafty. *ant. 1. straight, level, aligned. 2. honest, honorable, aboveboard, trustworthy.
crop n. harvest, yield, production, produce.
crop v. cut, trim, clip, chop, snip, shear, shorten, pare, lop, prune, mow.
cross n. 1. crucifix, rood. “Ladders that lead to heaven.”—Samuel Smiles. 2. cross to bear, burden weight, suffering, adversity, load, albatross, affliction, misfortune, pain.
cross v. cross the Rubicon after turning point critical point, climax, high and make toasters instead.
cross-eyed n. strabismus, valleyle, exotropia.
cross-eyed v. cross-eye n.
cross-examine v. question, interrogate, *pump, *give the third degree, *put on the hotseat, *make toasters instead. SYN. *jump in with both feet, leave a crossroads, commit, affect change, resolve, take a stand, choose one’s fate, seal one’s fate, bind oneself.
crotch n. 1. junction, fork, 2. groin.
crotchety a. grouchy, irritable, cross, touchy, cantankerous, surly, *ornery, testy, peevish, cranky, eccentric. *ant. pleasant, good-humored, sweet.
crouch v. bend, stoop, bow, hunker down, *scooch down, hunch, cower, cringe.
crow n. raven, rook, jackdaw.
crowbar n. wrecking bar, pinch bar, lever, pry bar, tire iron.
crown n. 1. top crest, head, pinnacle, zenith, summit, apex, culmination, tip, vertex. 2. tiara, crown, diadem, circlet. 3. royalty sovereignty, monarchy, the throne. *ant. bottom, base.
crown v. cap, complete, perfect, finish, complete, fulfill, climax, top off.
crucial a. critical, vital, essential, decisive, pivotal, central, dire, pressing, climactic, momentous, life-threatening, important. *ant. unimportant, insignificant, trivial, incidental.
crucify v. torture, torment, hang, nail to a cross, rack, crucify, persecute, brutalize, harrow.
crud n. *crap, filth, muck, matter, rot, decay, inanition.
crude a. 1. rough or unrefined in manner coarse, earthy, *gross, tactless, unpolished, uncouth, crass, vulgar, ignorant, churlish. 2. raw or unfinished rough, natural, green, unrefined, ungraded, unpolished, rough-hewn, primitive, unprocessed. *ant. refined,
cultured, polished, civilized. 2. refined, finished, polished.
cruel a. vicious, ferocious, inhuman, inhumane, mean, savage, brutal, merciless, barbarous, sadistic, cold-blooded, heartless, bestial, bloodthirsty, ruthless. ANT. kind, benevolent, compassionate.
cruelty n. viciousness, ferocity, inhumanity, meanness, savagery, brutality, barbarity, sadism, cold-bloodedness, heartlessness, bestiality, ruthlessness. ANT. kindness, compassion, benevolence.
cruet n. vessel, decanter. see bottle
cruise v. sail, navigate, travel, voyage, rove, wander, journey, drift.
cruiser n. patrol car, squad car, prowl car. see police
crumb n. fragment, bit, tidbit, morsel, sliver, scrap, shred, speck, splinter.
crumble v. break apart, fall to pieces, disintegrate, fragment, crack, fritter, powder, shred, decay.
crumbly a. friable, brittle, insubstantial, fragile. ANT. solid.
cruel - crummy
cruet - cruise
crude - cubby hole

crutch n. prop, support, staff, walking aid.
crux n. core, essence, heart, meat, *meat and potatoes, nitty-gritty, gist, root, hub, basis.
cry n. 1. weeping bawling, wailing, whimpering, sobbing, sniveling, blubbering, howling, bewailing, lament. 2. shout yell, exclamation, call, holler, outcry, utterance, scream, squawk, shriek, yelp, bellow. 3. pleading appeal, entreaty, supplication, imploration, plea, *cri de coeur, request, prayer.
cry v. weep, bawl, wail, whimper, sob, snivel, squall, blubber, howl, burst into tears, break down, mewl, pule, *boohoo, moan, dissolve into tears, convulse with tears, choke up, shed tears, blink back tears. see grieve, mourn, scream, tears. 2. shout yell, exclaim, holler, call, utter, sing out, bellow, hail, crow, scream, yelp, vociferate, squawk.

WORD FIND

body language: curls into a fetal position; clenching-lurching-knotting stomach; throat closing spasmodically; throat raw; swallows lump in throat; nostrils dilate; chest grows heavy; gulps air spasmodically; chokes; splutters; screws knuckles into eye sockets

face: snarl of agony, grimace, scarlet, swollen, puffy, contorts grotesquely, twists in anguish, pouts, tremulous, bottom lip curls, eyes take on wounded look, features stricken, eyes transfixed with shock and grief, eyes brim with tears

voice: quavers, cracks, shrill, construct, rises hysterically, rises an octave, strangled, takes on a hitch, raw with agony, speaks in ragged bursts

crypt n. tomb, vault, chamber, mausoleum, grave, catacomb, sepulcher, burial place, ossuary. see cemetery
CRYPTIC a. [KRIP tic] mysterious, hidden. The customer was dissatisfied with the cryptic message from the psychic. SYN. mysterious, hidden, enigmatic, secret, mystic, occult, vague, obscure, ambiguous, arcane, esoteric, veiled. ANT. clear, open, straightforward.
crystal a. clear, transparent, limpid, pellucid. ANT. murky, cloudy.
cub n. baby, youth, young.
cubby hole n. compartment, niche, pigeon hole, nook.
cubicle n. compartment, chamber, stall, box, cell, booth, bay, cabin, room, berth.
cuckoo a. crazy, stupid, out of one's mind, nutty, *flaky. ANT. sane.
cuddle v. snuggle, hug, embrace, nestle, nuzzle, curl up, clasp, pet, caress, fondle, squeeze.
candy n. cabin, galley, room, closet, cupboard.
c<head>cul-de-sac</head> n. club, bat, bludgeon, stick, shillelagh. *cudgel n.
cuddy a. crazy, stupid, out of one's mind, nutty, *flaky. *crazy.
culture n. 1. education and social growth advancement, development, refinement, elevation, improvement, training, accomplishment, enlightenment, gentility, urbanity, manners, polish, civility.
   "The best that has been said and thought in the world."—Matthew Arnold. "The developing of an avid hunger for knowledge and beauty."—Jesse Benet. 2. institutions and beliefs civilization, the arts, customs, folkways, mores, convention, lifestyle. ANT. 1. regression, degeneration, decline.
cultivate v. farming agriculture, crop-raising, agronomy, gardening, husbandry, tillage. 2. development education, training, schooling, enlightenment, discipline, refinement, scholarship, erudition, culture.
culminate [KUHL muh NATE] to come to the conclusion or peak, to climax. The derby will culminate with the awarding of prizes. SYN. peak, climax, conclude, finish, end, complete, perfect, crown, cap, top off, *come to a head. ANT. open, begin, commence, *get the ball rolling.
culmination n. conclusion, peak, climax, finish, end, completion, crowning, cap, consumption, apex, height, zenith, pinnacle. ANT. beginning, opening, commencement.
culpeper a. [KUL puh bul] responsible for a wrongdoing, to blame. She was culpable in the car accident. SYN. responsible, blame-worthy, to blame, accountable, guilty, at fault, liable, amiss, in the wrong, sinful. ANT. innocent, blameless.
culprit n. offender, guilty party, wrongdoer, malefactor, miscreant, evildoer, criminal, felon, rascal, sinner, *bad guy.
cult n. followers, following, believers, school, affiliation, clique, band, sect, faction, faith, idealization, devotees, disciples, *underground.
cultivate v. 1. prepare ground for growing plow, till, fertilize, dress, hoe, rake, mow, tend, sow, nurture, foster, plant, farm. 2. develop enrich, educate, train, improve, school, enlighten, discipline, refine, civilize. 3. seek the friendship of befriend, court, ingratiate, *get on one's good side, *suck up to, *kiss up to, *brown-nose, *get cozy with, *play up to, promote, foster. ANT. 1. sterilize, pollute. 2. retard, stunt. 3. alienate, distance, slight.
cultivation n. 1. farming agriculture, crop-raising, agronomy, gardening, husbandry, tillage. 2. development education, training, academia.
curdle v. congeal, coagulate, clot, clabber, thicken, solidify, spoil, ferment, sour. _ant._ thin, liquefy.
cure n. remedy, antidote, corrective, medicine, cure-all, panacea, treatment, regimen, quick fix, elixir, prescription, nostrum. _see_ medicine
cure v. remedy, correct, treat, medicate, fix, heal, restore, alleviate, relieve, repair, doctor, rehabilitate.
cure-all n. panacea, elixir, catholicon, nostrum, patent medicine.
curfew n. *lights out, prohibition, ban, restriction._
curious a. 1. _inquisitive_ interested, concerned, nosy, questioning, prying, thirsty for knowledge, inquiring, snooping, wondering, inquisitorial. 2. _odd_ strange, rare, novel, peculiar, exotic, quaint, weird, unique, marvelous, queer, unusual. _ant._ indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned. 2. common, ordinary, old, dated.
curl n. curve, loop, coil, wave, turn, roll, twist, swirl, whorl, convolution, spiral, corkscrew, ringlet, curlicue.
curl v. curve, coil, twist, bend, loop, wind, turn, snake, meander.
curdl e - custody


currency n. money, cash, legal tender, medium of exchange, coins, bills. _see_ money

current n. flow, course, stream, rush, run, tide, river, flux, draft.
current a. contemporary, present, now, present-day, modern, up-to-date, in vogue, prevalent, in progress, fashionable, cutting edge, leading edge. _ant._ past, bygone, historical, old, dated.
curriculum n. study program, studies, courses, classes, lessons, subjects.

**CURRY FAVOR** v. to try to win someone over through flattery. I was sickened by his attempts to curry favor with the governor. _syn._ flatter, fawn over, stroke, kiss up to, brown-nose, *bootlick, praise, fall all over, toady to, butter up, court, *sweet-talk, blarney, pander to, cajole, win over, *suck up to.
curse n. 1. _jinx_ spell, evil eye, whammy, voodoo, charm, incantation, excretion, anathema, damnation, malediction. 2. _swearing oath_ profanity, expletive, gutter word, *cuss word, *dirty word, *four-letter word, obscenity. _ant._ 1. blessing, benediction.
cursed a. 1. _jinxed_ doomed, star-crossed, be-deviled, ill-fated, plagued, stricken, blighted. 2. _hateful_ detestable, loathsome, damnable, execrable, wicked, evil, abominable, fiendish. _ant._ 1. blessed, favored. 2. commendable, honorable.
cursor n. indicator, marker, pointer, positioner.
cursive a. [KUR suh ree] quick and superficial; unthorough. _She made a cursory inspection and moved on._ syn. quick, hasty, superficial, casual, perfunctory, hurried, slight, desultory, unmethodical, fleeting, shallow. _ant._ thorough, comprehensive, in-depth.
curt a. [KURT] brief to the point of rudeness; brusque. He gave a curt introduction and left. _syn._ abrupt, terse, rude, snappy, short, short and sweet, gruff, unceremonious, sharp, laconic, impolite. _ant._ courteous, polite, loquacious, long-winded, fawning.
curtail v. shorten, cut, abbreviate, abridge, downsize, boil down, trim, reduce, diminish. _ant._ lengthen, draw out, expand.
curtain n. drape, shade, blind, valance, portiere, veil, cover, backdrop.
curvy a. shapely, voluptuous, built, statuesque, full-figured, zaftig, buxom. _ant._ anorexic, built like linguine, bony.
curve n. bend, arc, bow, turn, veer, twist, hook, loop, spiral, coil, swerve, curl, crook.
cushion n. pillow, pad, bolster, mat, buffer, fender.
cushion v. absorb, dampen, soften, check, protect, muffle, deaden, pillow, stifle.
cushy a. Sl. easy, comfy, pleasant, agreeable. _ant._ difficult, rough, disagreeable.
cuspidor n. spittoon, receptacle, vessel.
cuss v. swear, curse.
custodian n. caretaker, guardian, conservator, janitor, keeper, maintenance man, steward, super, watchman, curator.
custody n. 1. _guardianship_ keeping, safekeeping, care, protection, wardship, holding, watch, supervision. 2. _confinement_ incar-
ceration, imprisonment, detention, jail, arrest, restraint.

**custom** *n.* 1. practice habit, convention, rule, fashion, mode, routine, way, law, "right thing to do." "The plague of wise men and the idol of fools."—Thomas Fuller. "The great guide to human life."—David Hume. 2. tax levy, toll, tariff.

**customary** *a.* usual, conventional, accustomed, established, set, routine, regular, accepted, habitual, fashionable, normal, traditional, orthodox. *ant.* unusual, offbeat, unfamiliar, untried.

**customer** *n.* patron, shopper, buyer, consumer, browser, prospect, client.

**cut** *n.* 1. incision gash, laceration, slash, slit, nick, tear, slice, wound, opening, kerf. 2. reduction decrease, diminution, cutback, decrement, excision, lowering. 3. share percentage, *piece of the pie, slice, allowance, allotment, quota, kickback. 3. insult *put-down, offense, *dig.

**cut** *v.* 1. incise gash, lacerate, slash, slit, nick, tear, slice, wound, open, sever, carve, split, shear, rip, hack, dice, section, lay open, lance, pierce, scotch. 2. **cut down or trim** fell, crop, mow, lop off, truncate, harvest, prune, clip, chop. 3. **reduce decrease, diminish, cut back, downsize, excise, lower, lessen, crop, pare, trim, shave.** 4. insult slight, snub, affront, spurn, *give the cold shoulder, shun.

**cut and dried** *a.* 1. settled fixed, set, prepared. 2. routine unoriginal, ordinary.

**cutback** *n.* decrease, belt-tightening, reversal, curtailment, decline, reduction, lowering, abatement.

**cute** *a.* adorable, attractive, cunning, pretty, darling, cherubic, charming, sweet, *cute as a bug’s ear, *dollfaced.

**cutlery** *n.* knives, cutting tools, utensils, carving set, table instruments, tableware.

**cutlet** *n.* chop, slice, cut, patty.

**CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT** *v.* to find a quick solution to a deeply entangled problem. *Somebody had to find a way to cut the Gordian knot of Congressional gridlock.* *syn.* solve, untangle, *cut through red tape, extricate, free, clear, unsnarl, unravel, crack, work out, resolve, straighten out, *get to the bottom of.

**cutthroat** *a.* ruthless, *dogeatdog, merciless, every man for himself, pitiless, *hard as nails. *ant.* compassionate, merciful, benevolent.

**cutting** *a.* insulting, biting, sarcastic, scathing, sharp, sardonic, nasty, mean, caustic, venomous, acerbic, vicious, malevolent. *ant.* complimentary, flattering, kind.

**CUTTING EDGE** *n.* the forefront; the most advanced. *The technology was on the cutting edge.* *syn.* forefront, vanguard, avant-garde, leading edge, point, fore, front line, new wave, incoming tide of innovation.

**cyberspace** *n.* [SY bur SPAYS] the collective data and communication network of interconnected computers. *More and more people are turning to cyberspace for research purposes.* *syn.* computer network, communication network, communication web, Internet, World Wide Web (WWW), *information superhighway, electronic highway, *info-bahn, virtual community, data bank, virtual library, global village, online communication medium. *see internet*

**cyborg** *n.* android, cybernetic organism, *six-million-dollar man.*

**cycle** *n.* progression, sequence, succession, rotation, round, series.

**cyclone** *n.* tornado, twister, hurricane, windstorm, whirlwind, monsoon.

**cylinder** *n.* chamber, drum, tube, pipe, barrel.

**cylindrical** *a.* round, tubular, circular, terete.


**CYNICAL** *a.* [SIN ik ul] mistrusting and looking for hidden motives in others. *Frank said he wanted to raise money for charity, but Mary was cynical.* *syn.* skeptical, unbelieving, doubting, questioning, scoffing, pessimistic, negative, naysaying, misanthropic, sneering, sardonic, mocking, distrustful, suspicious. *ant.* trusting, optimistic, positive.

**cynicism** *n.* "A euphemism for realism. Seeing things as they really are, instead of the way we’d like them to be."—Harry Ruby. *Idealism gone sour.*—Will Herberg. *see CYNICAL*

**cynosure** *n.* focal point, center of attention.

**cyst** *n.* vesicle, sac, blister, bleb.

**czar** *n.* autocrat, tsar, ruler, emperor, monarch, overlord, king.
**dab** n. bit, touch, drop, pat, smidgen, speck, dollop, pinch, soupcön.
**dab** v. daub, touch, smear, smudge, pat, tap.
**dabble** v. *play around, *mess around, toy with, *fiddle with, putter, tinker, dillydally, trifle.
**dabbler** n. amateur, hobbyist, tinkerer, dilletante, novice, putterer, layman, nonprofessional. ant. master, expert, professional.
**daft** a. *nutty, *loony, idiotic. see crazy
**dagger** n. knife, dirk, bodkin, stiletto, poniard, Bowie knife, switchblade, bayonet.

**WORD FIND**
Arabian, double-edged, curved blade: jambiya
handle: hilt, haft, grip, dudgeon
Irish/Scottish, double-edged: skean
knob at butt end: pommel
Medieval: anlace, bodkin, misericord, rondel, swordbreaker
slide projections at the hilt: quillons

**daily** a./adv. everyday, day in and day out, quotidian, circadian, per diem.
**dainty** a. 1. delicate exquisite, charming, fine, fragile, precious, lovely, elegant, refined, graceful. 2. discriminating fussy, finicky, particular, fastidious, *persnickety, choosy, refined, overrefined. ant. 1. rough, ugly, ponderous, *built like a brick shithouse, junky. 2. unparticular, easy to please.
**dais** n. podium, platform, rostrum, stage.
**dale** n. dell, glen. see valley
**dally** v. dawdle, waste time, *drag feet, lag, put off, idle, delay, procrastinate, *fiddle and diddle, dillydally, shilly-shally. ant. hurry, rush, *get a move on.
**dam** n. bank, dike, levee, wall, barrage, obstruction, check, barrier.
**dam** v. block, obstruct, check, close, bar, impede, stop, slow, restrict. ant. release, free.
**damage** n. destruction, injury, loss, harm, breakage, hurt, depreciation, deterioration, wreck-age, spoilage, impairment, disfigurement.
**damage** v. injure, harm, destroy, break, hurt, deprecate, wreck, ruin, impair, cripple, deface, weaken, incapacity, mar, mutilate, ravage, vandalize.
**damages** n. cost, expenses, compensation, penalty, reimbursement, amends.
**damn** v. condemn, criticize, doom, slam, denounce, attack, curse, disparage, censure, excoriate, pan, swear at, blast. ant. praise, commend, give one’s blessings.
**damp** a. wet, moist, dank, clammy, misty, drizzly, soggy. ant. dry, arid.
**dampen** v. 1. moisten, wet, sprinkle, spray, humidify. 2. depress, deaden, muffle, lower, lessen, check, cool, diminish, moderate, chill, mute. ant. 1. dry, dehydrate. 2. enliven, intensify, increase.
**damsel** n. maiden, girl, woman, lass.
**dance** n. ballroom dance, capering, ballet, waltz, polka, square dance, *shindig, hop, prom. “Poetry of the foot.”—John Dryden. see ballet

**WORD FIND**
bend backwards under pole: limbo
Bohemian, lively: polka
Brazilian, dips, leaps: samba
Brazilian, like samba: bossa nova
Brazilian, sensual coupling: lambada
Caribbean, like rhumba: beguine
classical ballroom: waltz
country and western swinging two-step: Texas two-step
Cuban: rhumba, conga, mambo
death dance: danse macabre
French, high-kicking, skirt-lifting: cancan
glissade backwards: moonwalk
group single file procession, three steps and kick: conga
Hawaiian: hula
Italian, whirling folk dance: tarantella
Latin American quickstep and shuffle: cha-cha
Latin American, with stylized posturing: tango
legs scissoring in opposite directions: split
lively folk dance: jig
lively French dance, eighteenth century: cotillion
Middle Eastern female solo, stomach undulations: belly dance
modern jazz: jazz dance
Negro, nineteenth century: Juba
1920s: Charleston
1930s–1940s, hopping: shag
1930s, jitterbuglike: Lindy hop
1940s, acrobatic somersaults, splits: jitterbug
1960s, Chubby Checker: twist
1970s, hip-touching: bump
1990s, running in position: running man
Oriental head motions: sundari
Polish: polonaise
Russian dance, squatting, arms folded: cosack
sailor's: hornpipe
Scottish, lively folk dance: reel
secret, all-night dance party: *rave
sexually explicit: freak dancing, booty dancing, dirty dancing, grinding, jack- ing, freaking, the nasty
sexually explicit dance moves, line of dancers performing: freak train
shaking of body part: shimmy
solo male dance around Sombrero: Mexican hat dance
Spanish: flamenco, fandango, bolero, tango
spin: pirouette
square dance: quadrille, hoedown
square dance steps: California twirl, cloverleaf, Dixie chain, do-si-do, promenade, sashay.
stately eighteenth-century dance: minuet
steps: choreography
tap steps: soft shoe, falling off the log, dig, brush, chug, coffee grinder
two-step, ballroom: fox-trot

wooden shoes dance: clog

dance v. caper, step, *trip the light fantastic, *boogie, *cut a rug, swing, step, prance, *disco,
*beat feet, twist, shimmy, strut, prance, sway, hop, *get down, *shake your booty, rock, wiggle one's hips, jig, skip, leap, gambol, romp,
*slink, contort, flex, undulate, careen, shuffle,
dancer n. danseuse, ballerina, danseur, *hoofer, terpsichorean.
dandle v. bounce on knee, toss up and down.
dandruff n. scurf, flakes.
dandy a. great, excellent, wonderful, swell, terrific. ANT: terrible, awful, ghastly.
dangle v. hang, drag, droop, flap, depend, swing, wave, flutter.
dank a. damp, wet, chilly, clammy, moist, slimy, dewy, muggy, humid. ANT: dry, arid, parched.
dappled a. mottled, spotted, speckled, stippled, flecked, piebald, variegated, parti-colored. ANT: uniform, solid.
dare v. 1. venture gamble, risk, brave, hazardous, face, brook, adventure, *run the gauntlet, have the nerve. 2. defy challenge, beard, face, oppose, square off, mock, throw down the gauntlet, look in the eye, provoke, confront, taunt. ANT: 1. pass, beg off, retreat. 2. run away, retreat, knuckle under, *blink.
daredevil n. thrill-seeker, adventurer, show-off, *hotdog, swashbuckler, stuntman, ace, fool.
dark n. nightfall, evening, dusk, twilight, midnight.
dark a. 1. black aphytic, dim, dusky, gloomy, unlit, nebulous, inky, shadowy, somber, gauzy, murky. 2. complexion swarthy, ebon-}
yy, black. 3. dreary dismal, bleak, gloomy, stygian, depressing, somber, grim, morbid. 4. wicked evil, satanic, sinister, hellish, in-
fernal. ANT. light, bright, sunny. SEE black, completion

DARK HORSE n. a relative unknown who is
demed unlikely to win; an underdog. The
dark horse candidate staged a surprising vic-
tory. SYN. sleeper, unknown, underdog, long-
shot, poor bet, outside shot, upsetter, also-ran,
write-in, unexpected winner. *David (Goli-
ath), giant slayer. ANT. favorite, frontrunner.

darling n. sweetheart, *honey, *honeybunch,
love, beloved, *pet, *sweetie, precious, dear,
*apple of one’s eye.

darn interj. damn, damnation, *dang, *darna-
tion.

dart v. fl it, dash, rush, bolt, scurry, shoot, spurt,
scoot, bound, run, race, fly, tear, speed.
dash n. 1. RACE run, sprint. 2. A LITTLE trace, bit,
smidgen, sprinkle, hint, pinch, taste, drop.
dash v. 1. RUN sprint, race, bolt, speed, zip, rush,
dart, bound, charge, shoot, scoot, scram-
per, tear. 2. SMASH break, hit, strike, shat-
ter, throw, hurl, fl ing, sling, splash. 3. FRUSTRATE confound, discourage, damp-
en, thwart, circumvent, foil, ruin, spoil, dis-
hearten. ANT. 3. encourage, aid.
dashboard n. instrument panel, control panel, indicator panel.
dashing a. elegant, debonair, splendid, jaun-
ty, stylish, dapper, swank, chic, fashionable,
sharp, flamboyant, rakish. ANT. awkward, dull, bumbling.
dastardly a. cowardly, fainthearted, timid, cra-
ven, mean, base, low, rotten. ANT. courageous, brave, noble.
data n. information, report, facts, figures, evi-
dence, measurements, statistics, numbers,
document, *readout.
data bank n. data base.
data processor n. computer, calculator, *number
 cruncher, word processor. SEE computer
date n. 1. APPOINTMENT engagement, tryst,
meeting. 2. escort companion, partner,
lover, *pickup.
dated a. out-of-date, obsolete, antiquated, passé,
old-fashioned, outmoded, old hat, antedilu-
avian, prehistoric. ANT. current, *cutting edge,
*leading edge, modern, contemporary.
daub v. coat, cover, smear, smudge, plaster, dab,
paint, splatter, spot, stain.
daze v. confuse, bewilder, shock, befuddle, stupefy, stun, perplex, addle, numb, confound, muddle, dumbfound.
dazzle v. amaze, blind, overwhelm, astonish, bewilder, confuse, awe, *bowl over, daze, *blow away, dumbfound.
dazzling a. brilliant, blinding, sparkling, glittering, flashy, shining, radiant, resplendent, ablaze, prismatic, meteoric.
dead a. expressionless, blank, "poker-faced, stony, wooden, unreadable.
deafening a. ear-splitting, noisy, *see loud.
deal v. 1. distribute dole out, allocate, allot, mete out, hand out, dispense, apportion. 2. deal with attend to, reckon with, concern, take care of, cope, face, treat, manage, handle. 3. bargain dicker, negotiate, trade, buy and sell, do business, barter, give and take.
dealer n. salesman, salesperson, broker, buyer, seller, marketer, wholesaler, retailer, merchant, trader, monger, vendor, jobber, peddler, trafficker; (drugs) *pusher, *bagman, *candy man, connection, holder.
dealership n. franchise, outlet, store, shop, market, concession, chain store.
dealings n. relations, transactions, business, arrangements, trade, commerce, exchange.
dean n. senior, elder statesman, ranking member, elder, veteran, headmaster, preceptor, administrator.
dern n. darling, sweetheart, angel, saint.
dear a. 1. beloved precious, loved, treasured, cherished, favored, darling, prized, admired, near to one's heart. 2. expensive costly, pricey, steep, exorbitant, extravagant. *near to one's heart. 2. expensive costly, pricey, steep, exorbitant, extravagant.
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deathless - decay

DOA: dead on arrival
fear of: necrophobia, thanatophobia
gurgle at last breath: death rattle
herald of: banshee
investigation of: inquest, autopsy, postmortem
march: dirge
mercy killing: euthanasia
notice: obituary, necrology
omen: knell
reminder or symbol of: memento mori, death's head
study of: thanatology
watch: vigil

dearthless a. eternal. See immortal
deadly a. horrible, dreadful, terrible, appalling, macabre, ghastly.
DEBACLE n. [di BAH kul] a disaster or sudden collapse. Thousands lost money in the stock market debacle. syn. disaster, collapse, overthrow, catastrophe, ruin, breakdown, rout, washout, downfall, bankruptcy, devastation. ant. success.
debase v. degrade, lower, devalue, adulterate, pollute, corrupt, cheapen, deprecate, defile, demean, disgrace. ant. elevate, raise.
debatable a. undecided, questionable, moot, controversial, dubious, disputable, doubtful, unsettled, contestable, *the jury's out. ant. settled, certain, decided.
debate n. argument, dispute, war of words, contention, wrangle, controversy, contest, delibera-
debate v. argue, dispute, *wage a war of words, contend, wrangle, controvert, contest, disagree, deliberate, bicker, *hash out, *lock horns, rebut.
DEBAUCHERY n. [di BAW chuh ree] excess, wild living, indulgence. The rowdiness and debauchery of the party earned the fraternity a suspension from campus. syn. indulgence, excess, profligacy, over-indulgence, whoring, immoderation, womanizing, carousal, dissipation, intemperance, *fast living, revelry. ant. chastity, clean-living, moderation, abstinence, celibacy.
debenture n. certificate of debt, voucher, bond, I.O.U.
DEBILITATE v. [di BIL i 'TATE] to weaken or handicap. The illness will debilitate her to the point that she can no longer work. syn. weaken, handicap, enervate, enfeeble, cripple, fatigue, exhaust, disable, prostrate, devitalize. ant. strengthen, invigorate.
debility n. weakness, infirmity, enfeeblement, handicap, enervation, prostration, languor, frailty, asthenia. ant. strength, power, vigor.
DEBONAIR a. [deb uh NARE] friendly, gracious and suave. The prince was charming and debonair. syn. friendly, gracious, suave, charming, jaunty, genial, pleasant, urbane, nonchalant, refined, genteel, gentlemanly. ant. coarse, crude, rude, unrefined, unfriendly.
debrief v. 1. question interrogate, gather intelligence, query, probe, quiz, examine, inquire. 2. silence censor, hush up, still, muzzle, restrain, mute.
debris n. rubble, trash, ruins, rubbish, scraps, fragments, remains, junk, litter, waste, *crap, wreckage, flotsam and jetsam, shards.
debt n. obligation, liability, bill, debit, arrears, deficit, pledge, due, burden, *red ink. “The slavery of the free.”—Publilius Syrus. “A trap which a man sets and baits himself, and then deliberately gets into.”—Josh Billings.
debug v. troubleshoot, fix, work the bugs out of.
debunk v. disprove, expose, refute, unmask, ridicule, deflate.
debut n. premiere, *coming out, first time out, introduction, launch, entrance, open, opener, inauguration. ant. farewell, swan song.
debutante n. young lady, young woman, inge-
nue, maiden, deb.
decadence n. deterioration, decay, debasement, corruption, decline, regression, degeneration, downfall, degradation, fall. ant. growth, progression, revitalization.
decadent a. [DEK uh dunt] decaying or deteriorating, in morals, art or other institution. A decadent lifestyle led to their downfall. syn. decaying, deteriorating, declining, corrupt, degraded, *gone to hell, *gone to the dogs, degenerating, on the wane, *on the way out, *circling the drain, debauched. ant. growing, progressing, vital, vigorous.
decal n. sticker, picture, design, emblem.
decanter n. vessel, bottle, pitcher, carafe, flask, container, glass, cruet.
decapitate v. behead, decollate, guillotine, ax.
decay n. rot, spoilage, decomposition, decline, disintegration, putrefaction, deterioration, degeneration, decrepitude. ant. growth, vigor.
decay v. decline, deteriorate, degenerate, atrophy, waste away, wane, rot, decompose, putrefy, wither, disintegrate. ant. grow, thrive.
deceased a. passed on, departed, *pushing up daisies. see dead
decisive a. conclusive, certain, firm, absolute, unqualified, unmistakable, convincing, undeniable, final, clinching, crucial, critical. ANT. inconclusive, questionable, inconsequential.
decode v. outfit, adorn, decorate, clothe, trim, ornament, festoon, array, embellish, beautify.
declassify v. open, publicize.
decoration n. statement, assertion, announcement, communication, utterance, affirmation, proclamation, attestation, testimony.
declare v. state, assert, announce, communicate, utter, affirm, proclaim, attest, testify, profess, avow.
decline v. 1. refuse turn down, reject, forgo, spurn, pass on, demur, *turn thumbs down. 2. wane degenerate, deteriorate, lessen, weaken, diminish, ebb, peter out, die out, slump, decay, sink, backslide. 3. slope slant, incline, pitch. ANT. 1. accept, take. 2. grow, wax, rise.
decode v. decipher, translate, solve, interpret, figure out, work out, puzzle out, decrypt, read, employ cryptography.
decommission v. withdraw, *mothball, deactivate, retire, drydock.
decompose v. rot, putrefy, biodegrade. see decay
decontaminate v. clean, purify, sterilize, disinfect, autoclave, sanitize, wash, purge, flush, distill.
decor n. decoration, scheme, style, layout, design, embellishment, furnishings.
decorate v. adorn, ornament, beautify, embellish, festoon, dress, trim, deck, garnish, “do up, *jazz up.
decoration n. 1. adornment ornament, embellishment, festoon, dressing, trim, garnish, frill, embroidery. 2. medal award, honor, citation, emblem, badge, purple heart, ribbon.
decorous a. proper, appropriate, fitting, mannerly, conventional, correct, refined, dignified, comme il faut, suitable, civilized. ANT. misbehaving, rowdy, improper.
decorum n. [di KOR um] proper manners, propriety. The children were told to behave with decorum. SYN. propriety, respectability, conformity, civility, etiquette, good manners, good taste, dignity, grace, protocol. ANT. bad manners, impropriety, incivility.
decrease n. lessening, lowering, shrinkage, reduction, decline, weakening, lightening, contraction, depreciation, drop. ANT. increase, growth, expansion.

decrease v. lessen, diminish, lower, shrink, reduce, decline, weaken, lighten, contract, depreciate, dwindle, plummet, drop, sink. ANT. increase, grow, expand, burgeon.
decree n. order, act, mandate, command, ruling, edict, ordinance, injunction, fiat, statute, command, dictum.
decree v. order, mandate, command, rule, ordain, enact, proclaim, dictate, prescribe, require.
decrepit a. broken down, weakened, deteriorated, old, worn, dilapidated, antiquated, rickety, withered, enfeebled. ANT. strong, robust, powerful.
decriminalize v. legalize, legitimize, sanction.
decry v. disparage, belittle, deflate, detract, deprecate, criticize, *slam, rap, condemn, censerve, denounce. ANT. praise, compliment.
dedicated a. committed, devoted, determined, wholehearted, staunch, goal-oriented. ANT. disloyal, indifferent, halfhearted.
dedication n. commitment, devotion, determination, wholeheartedness, single-mindedness, earnestness, resolve, tenacity, goal-orientation.
deduce v. infer, gather, figure, conclude, reason, assume, judge, presume, *have a hunch, reckon, surmise.
deduct v. subtract, take off, decrease, remove, withdraw, reduce, cut, write off. ANT. add, increase.
deduction n. 1. INFERENCE conclusion, line of reasoning, assumption, judgment, presumption, hunch, reckoning, finding, understanding. 2. WRITE-OFF expense, subtraction, exemption, allowance, discount, reduction.
deed n. 1. ACT feat, exploit, enterprise, work, achievement, accomplishment, turn, stunt. “Something attempted, something done.” — Longfellow. 2. CONTRACT legal document, conveyance, proof of ownership, certificate, title.
dream v. judge, consider, believe, think, hold, suppose, daresay, regard, understand, imagine, fancy.
deep a. 1. OF GREAT DEPTH far-reaching, bottomless, cavernous, low, abyssal, unfathomable, immeasurable, subterranean. 2. PROFOUND abstruse, mysterious, unfathomable, philosophical, complicated, abstract, arcane, intense. 3. ENGROSSED absorbed, preoccupied, wrapped up, concentrated, immersed, lost. 4. STRONG intense, dark, rich, heavy, full, powerful. 5. BASS low, guttural, booming, rumbling, resonant. ANT. 1. shallow, superficial. 2. trivial, simple, shallow. 3. distracted. 4. light, weak, diluted. 5. high, shrill.
deep-seated a. deep-rooted, ingrained, *dyed in the wool, inherent. ANT. learned, acquired, extrinsic.
deer n. ruminant, whitetail, elk, caribou, buck, doe, roe, quadruped.

WORD FIND
bellowing cry: bell
branch of antler: point
feeding area: yard
female: doe, hind
like a: cervine
male adult: stag, buck, hart
meat: venison
odiferous secretion: musk
pair of antlers: rack
sexual period: rut
soft covering of antler: velvet
tail: flag
track or trail of: slot
young: fawn

deface v. mar, deform, sully, blemish, disfigure, spoil, damage, soil, mutilate, vandalize, scratch.
defacto a. actual, real, in fact, in reality.
defamation n. slander, denigration, smear, slur, mud-slinging, blot, innuendo, libel, disparagement, character assassination, calumny.
defamatory a. slanderous, libelous, denigrating, derogatory, disparaging, scandalous, insulting, calumnious, smearing, injurious. ANT. flattering, complimentary, honoring.
defame v. [di FAME] to put down, especially in a libelous or slanderous way. He proceeded to defame every politician in office. SYN. slander, libel, smear, put down, mud-sling, blacken, scandalize, malign, disgrace, disparage, insult, smirch, denigrate. ANT. flatter, compliment, honor.
defang v. *take the teeth out of, *take the bite out of, emasculate, weaken, undermine, castrate, defuse, disarm.
defeat v. vanquish, beat, conquer, subdue, win over, overthrow, best, lick, whip, rout, slaughter, unseat, trounce, *smoke, prevail over, triumph over, *shellac, *skunk, *mop the floor with, humiliate, prostrate, dominate, eclipse, overshadow, tower over, *take the wind out of one’s sails. ant. lose, knock out, concede.
defeatism n. resignation, passive acceptance, giving up, pessimism.
defect n. imperfection, flaw, failing, mistake, deficiency, drawback, *bug, irregularity, error, shortcoming, weakness, flunk. ant. strength.
defect v. leave, desert, change allegiance, turn traitor, abandon, renounce, reject, forsake. ant. embrace, uphold, remain.
defective a. imperfect, flawed, irregular, deficient, faulty, lacking, marred, unsound, inoperative, *out of commission. ant. perfect, sound, intact.
defend v. 1. PROTECT fight for, guard, fend off, withstand, hold at bay, shield, secure, ward off, preserve. 2. SUPPORT advocate, back, uphold, stick up for, stand behind, *go to bat for, plead, justify. ant. offend, attack, let down one’s guard.
defendant n. accused, suspect, prisoner, party, litigant.
defense n. 1. PROTECTION guard, shield, fortification, shelter, screen, bulwark, stronghold, armament. 2. JUSTIFICATION explanation, excuse, stand, argument, plea, story, apologia, support. ant. offense, aggression.
defenseless a. powerless, vulnerable, unprotected, unguarded, unarmed, helpless, weak, impotent, exposed, open to attack. ant. guarded, fortified, defended.
defer v. 1. DELAY postpone, put off, hold off, suspend, *put on the back burner, procrastinate, stall, table. 2. COMPROMISE yield, acquiesce, accede, capitulate, give in, assent, agree. ant. 1. expedite, rush. 2. disagree, stand one’s ground.
DEFERENCE n. [DEF ur uns] yielding to another’s will, usually out of respect or courtesy. In deference to her mother’s wishes, the teenager was home by midnight. syn. submission, regard, consideration, respect, thoughtfulness, yielding, compliance, courtesy, obeisance. ant. opposition, rebellion, disrespect.
deferential a. respectful, submissive, compliant, courteous, considerate, obedient, obsequious, deferential, reverential. ant. disrespectful, disobedient, rude.
defiance n. rebellion, disobedience, resistance, opposition, challenge, insolence, revolt, *throwing down the gauntlet, disregarding, contempt. ant. conformance, acquiescence, deference.
defiant a. rebellious, disobedient, resistant, opposing, challenging, insolent, revolting, *throwing down the gauntlet, fractious, unruly. ant. conforming, obedient, acquiescent.
deficiency n. imperfection, lack, shortcoming, insufficiency, inadequacy, failing, flaw, defect, weakness, drawback. ant. sufficiency, adequacy, perfection.
deficient a. imperfect, lacking, insufficient, inadequate, failing, flawed, defective, weak, substandard, wanting, *below par, incomplete, faulty. ant. sufficient, flawless, perfect.
deficit n. shortage, shortfall, lack, loss, red ink.
defile v. dirty, befoul, tarnish, pollute, taint, sully, corrupt, smear, besmirch, soil, contaminate, degrade. ant. purify, cleanse.
define v. explain, spell out, describe, outline, delineate, map out, detail, characterize, label, illustrate, construe.
definite a. 1. certain positive, sure, absolute, fixed, assured, guaranteed, settled, decided. 2. exact clear, unambiguous, explicit, specific, precise, unmistakable, express, concrete. ant. 1. uncertain, iffy, indefinite. 2. unclear, ambiguous, vague.
definitely adv. absolutely, positively, surely, certainly, doubtless, without question, indisputably, categorically, *no ifs, ands, or buts. ant. maybe, possibly, uncertainly.
definition n. meaning, elucidation, explanation, characterization, description. “The enclosing of a wilderness of ideas within a wall of words.”—Samuel Butler.
DEFINITIVE a. [di FIN uh tiv] defining absolutely, conclusive. The definitive Hall of Fame at Babe Ruth. syn. absolute, precise, actual, decisive, thorough, consummate, conclusive, complete, exact, clear-cut, perfect. ant. questionable, debatable, inexact.
deflate v. 1. COLLAPSE contract, deflate, shrink, empty, exhaust, flatten, puncture. 2. collapse *take the wind out of one’s sails, put down, *take down a peg, humiliate, *puncture one’s aura of invincibility, mortify. ant. 1. inflate, fill, swell. 2. puff up, hearten, flatter.
deflect v. turn aside, swerve, bounce off, diverge, divert, veer, twist, hook, ricochet, deviate.
deforestation n. clearcutting, denuding, desertification.
deformed a. misshapen, malformed, disfigured, grotesque, distorted, misproportioned, bent
out of shape, twisted, warped, contorted, unnatural, hunchbacked, gnarled. **ANT. well-formed, flawless.**

deformity **n.** malformation, disfigurement, distortion, contortion, abnormality, birth defect, hunchback, club foot, hump, harelip.

**defraud v.** cheat, swindle, dupe, *rip off*, fleece, bamboozle, bilk, rook, *con, take for a ride, sucker.*

defray **v.** cover cost, pay.

defrost **v.** thaw, warm, de-ice.

**DEFT a.** [DEFT] skillful. The deft carpenter made a built-in cabinet for my bathroom. **SYN.** dexterous, handy, adroit, adept, clever, proficient, *crackerjack, ingenious, facile.*

**defunct a.** [di FUNGKT] no longer in existence. The company that made horse-drawn carriages is defunct. **SYN.** nonexistent, dead, extinct, deceased, obsolete, gone, bygone, *kaput, out of business.*

defuse **v.** disarm, take the teeth out of, mollify, calm, quiet, defang.

defy **v.** rebel, resist, challenge, flout, disregard, oppose, brave, frustrate, ignore, fly in the face of, dare, *thumb one's nose at.* **ANT.** obey, comply, acquiesce.

degenerate **v.** deteriorate, degrade, rot, decay, fail, sink, regress, decline, fall, backslide, slip, *go to the dogs.* **ANT. upright, honorable.*

degenerate **a.** deteriorated, degraded, debauched, dissolute, corrupt, debased, decadent, failing, sinking, regressive, **ANT. honor, put on a pedestal, worship.**


degradation **n.** step notch, grade, point, rung, tier, stage, rank, peg. **ANT. honor, put on a pedestal, worship.**

degree **n.** 1. step notch, grade, point, rung, tier, stage, rank, peg. 2. level intensity, extent, magnitude, capacity. 3. academic title diploma, certificate, sheepskin, credentials, shingle, testimonial. **SEE college, education, university.**

**WORD FIND**

**approved to confer degrees:** accredited

**B.A.:** Bachelor of Arts
**baccalaureate:** bachelor's degree
**bachelor's:** undergraduate degree
**between bachelor's and doctorate:** master's degree
**B.S.:** Bachelor of Science

**ceremonies surrounding handing out of:** commencement
**C.E.:** Civil Engineer
**D.D.S.:** Doctor of Dental Science
**D.Th.:** Doctor of Theology
**graduating with great honor or praise:** magna cum laude
**graduating with highest praise:** summa cum laude
**graduating with honors:** cum laude
**highest degree:** doctorate, Ph.D.
**I.L.D.:** Doctor of Laws
**M.A.:** Master of Arts
**M.B.A.:** Master of Business Administration
**master's and doctorate:** postgraduate degree
**M.D.:** Doctor of Medicine
**Ph.D.:** Doctor of Philosophy
**recognition of achievement, not schooling:** honorary degree
**Sc.D.:** Doctor of Science
**S.J.D.:** Doctor of Judicial Science

dehydrate **v.** dry, desiccate.

defy **v.** worship, revere, exalt, put on a pedestal, idealize, idolize, elevate.

deign **v.** deem worthy, see fit, stoop, condescend.

defy **n.** god, goddess, supreme being, idol. **SEE GOD**

déjà vu **n.** familiarity, past-life experience, recognition, acquaintance, knowledge, *past life echo, memory, recall, remembrance.*

déjà vu **a.** depressed, disheartened, saddened, low, dispirited, *bummed, melancholy, downhearted, heavyhearted, blue, disconsolate, *down in the mouth. **ANT.** cheerful, happy, euphoric.

delay **n.** postponement, deferment, detention, stall, hindrance, impediment, procrastination, suspension, prolongation, hold, stop. **ANT. rush.**

delay **v.** postpone, put off, defer, detain, stall, hinder, impede, procrastinate, suspend, prolong, hold, stop, wait. **ANT. expedite, rush, hurry.**

defeatable **a.** delightful, pleasing, pleasurable, enjoyable, satisfying, delicious, tasty, *scrumptious, heavenly, luscious, savory, ambrosial, toothsome. **ANT. disgusting, nauseating.**

defendate **n.** representative, deputy, spokesperson, agent, appointee, proxy, envoy, intermediary.
delegate v. appoint, commission, deputize, authorize, charge, commission, empower, nominate, assign, give.
delete v. strike out, omit, cancel, erase, scratch, remove, eliminate, exclude, expunge, drop. 
ant. include, insert, add.
DELETERIOUS a. [DEL I TEER ee us] harmful, destructive. Rock salt is deleterious to a car's paint. 
syn. harmful, injurious, hurtful, pernicious, bad,noxious, detrimental, destructive, damaging, malignant. 
ant. beneficial, helpful, advantageous.
deliberate v. think about, reflect, ponder, consider, weigh, muse, cogitate, turn over, ruminate, null, contemplate.
deliberate a. intentional, willful, designed, on purpose, premeditated, meant, calculated, planned, conscious, knowing. 
ant. accidental, unintentional, rash, impulsive.
deliberation n. thought, contemplation, consideration, circumspection, study, debate, reflection, forethought, pondering, weighing. 
ant. thoughtlessness, carelessness, impulsiveness.
delicatessen n. deli, shop, *takeout.
delicacy n. 1. frailty or fineness, fragility, tenderness, lightness, daintiness, airiness, exquisiteness. 
2. gourmet food tidbit, dainty, appetizer, morsel, goody, rarity, treat, bonne bouche, caviar. 
syn. sensitivity consideration, tact, grace, subtlety, finesse, diplomacy. 
ant. toughness, durability, sturdiness. 
2. sensitive consideration, tact, grace, subtlety, fineness, diplomacy. 
ant. toughness, durability, sturdiness.
delicate a. 1. frail, fragile, fine, tender, light, dainty, airy, exquisite, diaphanous, slight. 
2. sensitive, considerate, tactful, graceful, discreet, careful. 
syn. subtle, diplomatic, discreet, careful. 
ant. tough, durable, sturdy. 
2. insensitive, inconsiderate, rude. 
syn. thoughtlessness, carelessness, roughness.
delicate n. 1. outline, sketch, draft, draw, diagram, rough out. 
2. portray depict, depict, diagram, draw, represent, plan, arrange, temporary insanity, muddled mind, delirium tremens.
delineate v. 1. outline sketch, draft, draw, diagram, rough out. 
2. portray depict, describe, define, characterize, limn, detail.
delinquency n. offense, misconduct, negligence. see law, court.
delinquent n. criminal, lawbreaker, outlaw, malefactor, offender, miscreant, culprit, scamp, rascal, *hood. 
delinquent a. lawbreaking, criminal, irresponsible, delict, remiss, neglectful, faulty, slack, negligent. 
ant. responsible, trustworthy, law-abiding.
delirious a. confused, incoherent, disordered, muddled, hallucinating, irrational, raving, *out of it, bewildered, deranged, babbling. 
ant. rational, lucid, clearheaded.
delirium n. confusion, incoherence, bewildermament, hallucinations, ranting and raving, derangement, temporary insanity, muddled mind, delirium tremens.
deliver v. 1. transfer carry, convey, transport, bring, send, transmit, forward, surrender. 
2. free liberate, save, emancipate, release. 
3. throw send, discharge, pitch, shoot, toss, launch, fire. 
ant. 2. enslave, shackle.
deliverance n. rescue, emancipation, liberation, freeing, saving, salvation, release.
delivery n. transfer, transport, transmittal, forwarding, consignment, distribution, shipment.
delivery room n. birthing room.
dell n. vale. see valley.
delta n. deposit, accumulation, sediment, formation, mass, heap, pile, build-up, wash.
deluDE n. [DU LOOD] to deceive or fool. She liked to delude herself into thinking she could sing for a living. 
deluge n. flood, inundation, torrent, downpour, cloudburst, spate, cataract, ocean, sea, *rain of biblical proportion, avalanche.
deluge v. flood, inundate, drench, drown, swamp, flush, overflow, submerge, immerse, overwhelm, overrun, engulf, *snow under.
delusional n. [DI LOO zhan] a belief that is unsupported by the facts. Mary was suffering from the delusion that Mike was in love with her. 
syn. fancy, illusion, mirage, vision, self-deception, misconception, fantasy, *pipe dream, *fool’s paradise, figment of the imagination, paranoia, megalomania, delusions of...
grandeur, folie à deux. See insanity, neurosis, psychotherapy.

WORD FIND

broadcast to the nation, belief that one's life is being: Truman syndrome
defective or deformed body part, false belief that one has a: body dysmorphic disorder
imposter, false belief that one has been replaced by an: Capgras syndrome
stand or walk, false belief that one is unable to: astasia
thoughts have been planted in one's mind by another, belief that: thought insertion
thoughts heard by others, belief that one's: thought broadcasting
delve v. search, dig, unearth, investigate, explore, fish around for.
DEMAGOGUE n. [DEM uh GAWG] a leader who panders to the emotions of the masses in order to win them over. He knew how to push the voters' buttons; he was a rabble-rouser and a demagogue. SYN. rabble-rouser, grandstander, agitator, inciter, opportunist, troublemaker, instigator, firebrand, mountebank. "[One who] appeals to passions and prejudices rather than to reason."—James Fenimore Cooper. "One who tells you what you want to hear. A statesman tells you what you need to hear."—Max Rafferty.
demand n. requirement, bid, call, order, charge, request, command, petition, ultimatum, injunction, appeal.
demand v. order, insist on, press, ask, bid, compel, requisition, exact, command, necessitate, require, urge, summon, implore.
demanding a. laborious, consuming, time-consuming, hard, back-breaking, difficult, painstaking, arduous, rough, burdensome. ANT. easy, effortless.
demean v. lower, debase, humble, degrade, depreciate, *take down a peg, disgrace, humiliate, demote, shame. ANT. elevate, *put on a pedestal, idolize, honor.
demeanor n. behavior, manner, deportment, conduct, comportment, bearing, disposition, attitude, air, actions.
demise n. death, passing, end, expiration, downfall, termination, *lights out, fall. ANT. birth, beginning. See death.
dementia n. senility, Alzheimer's Disease, compromised intellect, failing intellect, failing cognitive abilities, mental disturbance, mental deterioration, insanity, madness, psychosis.

DEMOCRACY n. [de MOK ru see] a government by and for the people. Also, a system of equal opportunity for all. A democracy attempts to assure fair treatment for all. SYN. government by and for the people, republic, representative government, constitutional government, commonwealth. "Government by amateurs."—Maxwell Anderson. "Gives every man the right to be his own oppressor."—James Lowell. "... mob rule."—Polybius. See government, politics.

DEMOCRATIC a. [dem uh KRAT ik] representing the common people, especially with issues of equality. A democratic government is a fair and just government. SYN. equal, common, populist, popular, self-governing, constitutional, egalitarian, libertarian, representative, of and for the people, tolerant, fair-minded. ANT. dictatorial, authoritarian, despotic, autocratic, intolerant.
demography n. population studies, census-taking, consumer studies.
demolish v. destroy, wreck, raze, level, annihilate, ruin, *trash, obliterate, tear down, fell, wipe out, smash. ANT. build, create.
demolition n. destruction, wreckage, razing, leveling, *trashing, annihilation, obliteration, smashing, tearing down.
demon n. devil, fiend, satan, imp, monster, ogre, savage, evil spirit, ghoul, goblin, puck, supernatural being, *fallen angel. See monster.
demonic a. demoniac, fiendish, possessed, hellish, frenzied, bedeviled, bewitched, devilish, diabolical, satanic, monstrous. ANT. angelic, saintly.
demonize v. blacken.
demonstrate v. 1. show illustrate, exhibit, explain, describe, *walk one through, set forth. 2. MAKE EVIDENT prove, establish, substantiate, corroborate, evince, authenticate, validate, verify, document. 3. PROTEST picket, rally, strike, march, parade.
demonstration n. 1. show illustration, exhibition, explanation, description, *walk through, presentation. 2. EVIDENCE proof,
denote v. mean, designate, signify, indicate, symbolize, tag, represent, connote, stand for, suggest.

denouement n. resolution, end, close.

denounce v. condemn, censure, criticize, attack, proscribe, disparage, impugn, castigate, decry, vilify, damn, stigmatize. ANT. honor, praise, laud.


density n. thickness, solidity, mass, volume, porosity, impenetrability.

dent n. indentation, hollow, concavity, dint, *ding, dimple, depression, furrow, notch, scratch.

dentures n. false teeth, *choppers, partial.

denude v. expose, lay bare. See strip.

denunciation n. condemnation, censure, criticism, fulmination, disapproval, castigation, indictment, vilification, reprobation, harangue. ANT. praise, compliment, adoration.

deny v. 1. refuse turn down, reject, veto, say no, turn thumbs down, prohibit, disallow. 2. controvert dispute, gainsay, contradict, disclaim, forswear, refute, repudiate. ANT. 1. allow, *give the green light, okay, pass. 2. concede, affirm.

demure a. [di MYOOR] quiet, reserved, or shy. Also, affecting shyness. She was demure in church but boisterous among friends. SYN. quiet, reserved, sedate, shy, low-keyed, modest, coy, bashful, blushing, unassuming, self-effacing, timid, retiring. ANT. loudmouthed, bold, brash, aggressive.

demystify v. clarify, clear up, explain, make plain.

den n. 1. lair, hole, cave, burrow, diggings, tunnel, retreat, nest. 2. study, library, sanctuary, cloister, retreat.

denial n. rejection, refusal, dismissal, negation, veto, no, turnaround, refutation, repudiation, prohibition, declination, contradiction, disallowance. ANT. acceptance, affirmation, approval.

denigrate v. belittle, defame, calumniate, *badmouth, vilify, malign, put down, slander, assail, criticize, *give a black eye. ANT. honor, flatter, compliment.

denizen n. [DEN i zun] an inhabitant. The denizens of Alaska know how to stay warm. SYN. inhabitant, resident, native, dweller, citizen, occupant.

denomination n. 1. name designation, title, appellation, label, moniker, *handle, class, group, classification, category, type, heading. 2. sect, faith, church, school, persuasion, affiliation.

demonstrate v. a. affectation, *touchy-feely, expressive, outpouring, emotional, gushing, expansive, warm, unrestrained, open. ANT. reserved, restrained, distant, cold, uptight.

demonstrator n. protestor, striker, objector, conscientious objector, marcher, dissenter, voice of dissent, boycotter, malcontent, rioter.

demoralize v. [di MOR uh lize] to sap one’s morale or confidence. It will utterly demoralize the team if they suffer one more loss. SYN. deflate, dishearten, discourage, sap, *take the starch out of, crush, undermine, efface, timid, retiring.

denyment n. resolution, end, close.

denominate v. depend

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dependable - depressing

by hinge on, be subject to, hang on, be contingent on.

dependable a. reliable, bankable, trustworthy, steady, unfailling, responsible, tried-and-true, *good as one's word, loyal, staunch, steadfast. **ant. unreliable, irresponsible.

dependence n. reliance, faith, confidence, belief, stock, trust, expectation, need, addiction, dependency.

dependent a. 1. reliant helpless, defenseless, vulnerable, clinging, *tied to mother's apron strings, needful, addicted. 2. DETERMINED BY hinging on, subject to, hanging on, contingent on. **ant. 1. autonomous, self-reliant, independent.

depict v. describe, portray, detail, outline, sketch, characterize, limn, represent, paint, show, delineate, narrate, tell.

deplete v. use up, exhaust, run out, consume, empty, drain, spend, bleed, bankrupt, finish, expend. **ant. re-stock, replenish, fill.

DEPLOYABLE a. [di PIOR uh bul] bad, wretched, or grievous. The boy's bedroom was in a deplorable state. **syn. bad, wretched, grievous, disgraceful, shameful, abominable, lamentable, despicable, pitiful, reprehensible, depressing, scandalous. **ant. agreeable, pleasing, acceptable.

deplore v. 1. express or feel sorrow lament, grieve, weep, mourn, sorrow, bemoan, rue, bewail. 2. DISAPPROVE OF censure, condemn, criticize, abhor, hate, object to, reject, deprecate, disapprove, frown on, reproach, censure, rail against. **ant. approve of, praise, extol, laud.

depreciate v. 1. lose value cheapen, downgrade, drop, deflate, diminish, shrink, soften, depress, devalue, decay, wane, fall, ebb. 2. BELITTLE diminish, put down, disparage, denigrate, deprecate, ridicule, underestimate, minimize, find fault, slight. **ant. 1. appreciate, increase, grow, boom. 2. value, esteem, appreciate.

depreciation n. devaluation, downgrade, drop, fall, deflation, shrinkage, depression, *bear market, decay, waning, slump, loss, reduction.

depressed a. 1. DOWNHEARTED melancholy, blue, *bumped out, *down in the dumps, disconsolate, dejected, unhappy, low, woe-begone, dispirited, down, sad, glum, suicidal, sullen, *down in the mouth, in the doldrums, despondent, miserable, heavy-hearted, hopeless, in a black mood, carrying the weight of the world, gloomy, empty. 2. IMPOVERISHED poor, suffering hard times, in a recession. **ant. 1. happy, euphoric, elated. 2. booming, prospering.

depressing a. disheartening, discouraging, sad, dispiriting, hopeless, dismal, black, gloomy, cheerless, dreary, bleak, disappointing. **ant. uplifting, cheering.
depression n. 1. DOWNHEARTEDNESS melancholia, blues, dejection, unhappiness, sadness, doldrums, *blows, *blue funk, sorrow, heavyheartedness, despair, gloom, affective disorder, mood disorder, depressive neurosis, depressive psychosis, manic-depression, malaise, hopelessness, postpartum depression, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), withdrawal. 2. ECONOMIC DECLINE recession, slowdown, downturn. 3. HOLLOW DENT impression, indentation, recess, concavity. ANT. 1. euphoria, happiness, joy, bliss. 3. boom, good times. SEE PSYCHOTHERAPY

DERISION n. [duh RI shun] contemptuous ridicule. Her radical ideas were met by wide-spread derision. SYN. ridicule, scoffing, disrepect, *dig, insult, mockery, sneering, scorn, satire, contempt, jeer, lampoon, laughing-stock, *Bronx cheer. ANT. respect, esteem.


derivation n. origin, source, root, beginning, inception, wellspring, ancestry.

derivative a. borrowed, copied, unoriginal, imitative, derived, rehashed, uninnovative, secondary, warmed-over, *lifted. ANT. original, new, inventive.

derive v. draw, gain, obtain, extract, get, gather, reap, receive.

derive from vi. come from, descend, originate, stem from, arise, emanate, spring from.

DERNIER CRI n. [DAIR nee ay CREE] the latest thing, the last word, hip. In the 90s, a ponytail worn by a man was dernier cri. SYN. the latest cry, the latest thing, the latest fashion, the last word, the in thing, all the rage, mode, fad, look in vogue. ANT. out, passé, outmoded.

DEROGATORY a. [di ROG uh TOHR ee] disparaging or disapproving. Her derogatory comments robbed me of my self-esteem. SYN. disparaging, disapproving, belittling, deprecatory, censorious, critical, perjorative, unflattering, detracting, disdainful, contemptuous. ANT. flattering, complimentary, approving.


derring-do n. valor, daring, courage. SEE BRAVERY

descend v. go down, drop, fall, decline, lower, plunge, plummet, submerge, dip, sink, slope, rappel. ANT. ascend, go up, rise.

descendant n. offspring, progeny, child, seed, offshoot, scion, son, daughter, grandchild, heir. ANT. ancestor, forebear, parent.

descent n. 1. MOVING DOWN fall, drop, lowering, sinking, tumble, plunge, plummet, dive, decline. 2. SLOPE grade, incline, declivity, gradient, slant. 3. LINEAGE ancestry, forefathers, pedigree, family tree, roots, parentage, genealogy. ANT. 1. ascent, rise.

describe v. illustrate, portray, paint a mental picture, show, detail, explain, depict, chronicle, illuminate, relate, sketch, specify, limn.
description  n. portrayal, depiction, detailing, chronicle, sketch, explanation, illumination, specification, characterization, elaboration, report, “blow by blow, rundown.

DESECRATE  v. ([DES uh krat]) to abuse or disrespect that which is sacred. The hoodlums desecrated the shrine by covering it with graffiti. syn. profane, defile, abuse, violate, commit sacrilege, pervert, dishonor, debase, degrade, blaspheme, contaminate. ant. worship, honor, consecrate.

desegregate  v. integrate, open, bring together, give equal access, unite, commingle, combine, unify, join hands, associate.

desensitize  v. numb, anesthetize, deaden, dull, enervate.


WORD FIND
ancient desert mountain reduced to eroded nubbin: inselberg
characterized by mesas, gulleys, channels, erosion: badlands
dried-up river bed: arroyo
dune, crescent-shaped: barchan
dune, huge, whalelike: whaleback
dune, long or elongated: seif dune, sword dune
dune, pyramidlike: pyramid
dune, ridged or wavy: transverse dune
dune, starlike: star
dusty whirlwind of small size and duration: dust devil
fertile area, fed by spring: oasis
mosaic-like ground of colorful, polished pebbles: desert pavement, gibber plain, reg
mountain that is eroded and flattened on top: mesa, butte
nomadic Arab: Bedouin
optical illusion: mirage
pertaining to: eremic
plain that becomes temporary lake after rain: playa
plants: barrel cactus, century plant, cereus, cholla, creosote bush, ironwood, Joshua tree, mesquite, ocotillo, prickly pear cactus, sagebrush, saguaro
rain that evaporates before hitting ground: phantom rain
salty plain left by evaporation of lake: salt flat
sandy area of the Sahara: erg
semidesert plain: steppe
valley that is flat and arid: bolson


deserted  a. empty, abandoned, desolate, solitary, barren, derelict, lonely, uninhabited, *godforsaken, vacant, forlorn. ant. crowded, mobbed, inhabited.

deserter  n. traitor, defector, fugitive, truant, renegade, runaway, refugee, escapee, derelict, turncoat, *AWOL.

desertion  n. abandonment, flight, defection, turning one's back on, forsaking, *washing hands of, resignation.

deserts  n. retribution, payback, punishment, reward, comeuppance, revenge, penalty, recompense, due.

deserve  v. earn, merit, be entitled to, due, *get what is coming, warrant, expect to get, should be given.

deserving  a. meritorious, worthy, due, commendable, laudable, praiseworthy.

DESHABILLE  n. also, dishabille [DAYS ah by yah] in a state of undress or partial undress; also, in one's night clothes. She lounged around the breakfast table in deshabille. syn. undress, partial dress, in a state of sloppiness, informal dress, partially covered.

desiccate  v. dry, dehydrate, drain, deplete, shrivel.

design  n. 1. composition draft, arrangement, motif, plan, pattern, scheme, depiction, idea, sketch, outline, conception, blueprint, diagram, model. 2. intention purpose, objective, aim, goal, plan, *game plan, target, project. 3. scheme plot, intrigue, machination, plan.

design  v. 1. compose draft, arrange, plan, pattern, invent, contrive, create, sketch, outline, conceive, blueprint, diagram, model, *cook up, fashion. 2. intend purpose, aim, plan, aspire to, mean.

designate  v. 1. indicate specify, signify, point out, denote, assign, connote, mark, name. 2. name entitle, christen, dub, label, denom-
inate, nickname, baptize. 3. _APPOINT_ elect, name, nominate, choose, select, assign.

**designation** _n._ 1. NAME title, label, appellation, moniker, tag, nickname, honorific. 2. _APPOINTMENT_ delegation, nomination, selection, assignment.

**designing** _a._ conniving, plotting, crafty, conspiring, tricky, scheming, double-dealing, artful, calculating, foxy, Machiavellian. **ANT.** innocent, artless, open.

**desirable** _a._ 1. AROUSING DESIRE attractive, seductive, fetching, enticing, alluring, tantalizing, sexy, tempting, *hot. 2. WORTHWHILE_ beneficial, good, pleasing, agreeable, preferable, profitable, advantageous. **ANT.** 1. repulsive, repellant. 2. undesirable, worthless, useless.

**desire** _n._ want, longing, hunger, thirst, need, *hankering, ache, wish, appetite, passion, lust, libido, fervor, urge, yearning, mania, itch. 1..office, board, bureau, health center, staff, personnel, manager, chef, secretary, scribe.

**desist** _v._ stop, cease, discontinue, refrain, halt, end, conclude, quit, suspend, hold, arrest. **ANT.** go, continue, persist.

**desk** _n._ table, workspace, rolltop, ambo, escri- toire, lecturn, secretary, tambour desk.

**desolate** _a._ 1. BARREN abandoned, forsaken, deserted, lonely, uninhabited, isolated, solitary, empty, bleak, remote, *godforsaken, stark. 2. FORLORN wretched, bereft, abandoned, friendless, forsaken, lonesome, alone, isolated, estranged, despondent, miserable, downhearted. **ANT.** 1. crowded, inhabited, mobbed. 2. happy, cheerful, befriended.

**despair** _n._ hopelessness, depression, dejection, despondency, desperation, discouragement, melancholy, gloom, resignation, anguish, misery. **ANT.** hope, euphoria, happiness.


**desperado** _n._ outlaw, criminal, thug, bandit, gunman, lawbreaker, highwayman.

**desperate** _a._ 1. RECKLESS careless, dangerous, frantic, headlong, foolhardy, rash, out of control, *on a crash course, frenzied, death-defying. 2. DESPAIRING hopelessly, beyond help, *at the end of one's rope, *back to the wall, incurable, irretrievable, futile, *sunk, lost, critical, grave. 3. EXTREME critical, grave, serious, crucial, urgent, acute, drastic, compelling. **ANT.** 1. careful, cautious, pru- dent, rational. 2. hopeful, optimistic. 3. triv- ial, minor, casual.

**desperation** _n._ 1. DESPAIR hopelessness, futility, despondency, depression, melancholy, de- jection, discouragement, gloom. 2. RECKLESSNESS carelessness, frenzy, foolhardiness, rashness, impetuosity, daring, imprudence. **ANT.** 1. hope, optimism. 2. caution, wariness, prudence.

**despicable** _a._ contemptible, vile, loathsome, shameful, disgraceful, awful, beastly, sicken- ing, base, abhorrent, cheap, rotten, unforgiv- able, detestable. **ANT.** honorable, praiseworthy, laudable.

**despise** _v._ disdain, hate, loathe, abhor, scorn, spurn, look down on, revile, execute, detest, *can't stand. **ANT.** admire, respect, like.

**despite** _prep._ in spite of, regardless of, notwithstanding.

**DESPONDENT** _a._ [di SPON dunt] deeply depressed, filled with despair. **ANT.** 1. DEPRESSED after her mother died. **SYN.** depressed, despairing, miserable, downhearted, inconsolable, melancholy, forlorn, sorrowful, disheartened, glut, *bumped out, heartbroken, *down in the dumps, suicidal. **ANT.** euphoric, joyful, optimistic, buoyant, cheerful.

**DESPOT** _n._ [DES put] an absolute ruler, an autocrat. The despot completely oppressed the citizenry. **SYN.** autocrat, tyrant, dictator, strong man, *Hitler, oppressor, lord, master, authoritarian.

**desposition** _n._ absolute power, autocracy, tyranny, dictatorship, oppression, authoritarianism, rule with an iron fist.

**destination** _n._ goal, stop, journey’s end, objective, station, terminal, end of the line, port of call.

**destiny** _n._ fate, lot, destiny, future, design, doom, predestination, serendipity, fortune, karma, “wheel of fortune. A tyrant’s authority for crime and a fool’s excuse for failure.”—Ambrose Bierce. “Not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”—William Jennings Bryan. “An invention of the cowardly and the resigned.”—Ignazio Silone.

**DESTITUTE** _a._ [DES ti TOOT] profoundly poor, impoverished. The destitute man had lived on the street. **SYN.** poor, penniless, indigent, impoverished, broke, *down and out, *dirt poor, lacking, bankrupt, homeless,

destroy v. demolish, annihilate, wreck, devastate, wipe out, *total, raze, extirpate, ruin, ravage, obliterate, eradicate, *cream, level, waste, quash, *gut, crush. ant. create, build, preserve.

destruction n. wreckage, demolition, annihilation, ruins, devastation, ravaging, liquidation, havoc, extinction, eradication, slaughter, decimation. ant. building, creation, preservation.

destructive a. injurious, pernicious, harmful, ravaging, ruinous, catastrophic, fatal, damaging, deleterious, disastrous, malevolent, noxious. ant. creative, constructive, preserving.

DESULTORY a. [DES ul TOHR ee] moving from one thing to another randomly or haphazardly. She examined the shoes in a desultory fashion. syn. random, haphazard, unmethodical, disconnected, rambling, aimless, irregular, chaotic, unsystematic, erratic. ant. methodical, planned.

detach v. disconnect, separate, sever, loose, unhitch, uncouple, divide, free, remove. ant. attach, fasten.

detached a. 1. disconnected separated, removed, severed, unfastened, unconnected, unhitched, loose, apart. 2. disinterested removed, remote, objective, impartial, aloof, dispassionate, neutral, unbiased. ant. 1. attached, fastened, connected. 2. interested, biased, partial.

detachment a. objectivity, aloofness, unconcern, impartiality, indifference, remoteness, neutrality, isolation. ant. interest, partiality, bias.

detail n. particular, item, point, fact, feature, specific, component, part, *nuts and bolts, aspect, element, minutiae.

detain v. hold, stop, slow, arrest, restrain, delay, impede, confine, keep, retard. ant. free, liberate, speed.

detect v. notice, spot, find, discover, uncover, sense, catch, espy, sleuth, *sniff out, ferret out, discern, unmask, *stumble on. ant. miss, overlook, ignore.

detection n. discovery, spotting, notice, finding, uncovering, sensing, revelation, exposure, espial, ferreting out, *sniffing out.


DETERRENT n. [de TUR ent] something that blocks or hinders. A neighborhood watch program proved a useful deterrent to crime. syn. check, curb, obstacle, stumbling block, bar, defense, impediment, hindrance, discouragement, restraint.

determined a. resolute, steadfast, purposeful, firm, *hell-bent, fixed, intent, tenacious, driven, single-minded, settled, stalwart, dogged. ant. wavering, lukewarm.

deteriorate v. decay, degenerate, fall apart, crumble, degrade, decline, *go downhill, *go to the dogs, corrode, rot, decompose, depreciate. ant. improve, grow, strengthen.

determination n. 1. resoluteness perseverance, steadiness, fortitude, resolve, tenacity, *backbone, drive, willpower, grit, *stiff upper lip, persistence, single-mindedness, mettle, stick-to-itiveness, indomitability. 2. decision conclusion, ascertainment, finding, judgment, settlement, resolution, verdict, opinion.

determine v. 1. decide, conclude, ascertain, find, judge, settle, resolve, confirm, verify, *nail down, *sew up, establish. 2. affect the course of decide, influence, control, direct, govern, regulate, shape.

detergent n. soap, cleaner, cleanser, scouring powder, solvent, degreaser.

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DESTRUCTION n. [day TAHNT] an easing of hostilities between nations. Following the treaty was an extended period of detente. syn. relaxation, cooling off, easing, peace, quietude, relief, tranquility, harmony, softening, suspension of hostilities, quiescence, accord, truce, amity. ant. hostility, cold war, war, animosity.

detention n. holding, retention, restraint, arrest, confinement, duress, delaying, incarceration, custody, internment. ant. freedom, liberation.

deter v. prevent, stop, scare off, inhibit, check, dissuade, curb, hinder, bar, stall, cool, daunt, dampen, preclude, discourage. ant. encourage, speed, facilitate.

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detest v. hate, loathe, despise, abhor, dislike, excrerate, *feel sick at the sight of, reject. ant. like, admire, love.

detestable a. hateful, despicable, loathsome, abhorrent, abominable, sickening, execrable, revolting, obnoxious, beastly, disgusting, contemptible. ant. admirable, likable.

dethrone v. remove from power, depose, unseat, oust, kick out, impeach, disbar, unhorse, expel.

detente v. explode, set off, discharge, blow up, fire, touch off.
detonation n. explosion, discharge, blow-up, firing, boom, pop, roar.
detour n. bypass, *go-around, alternate route, deviation.
detract v. lessen, diminish, take away from, undermine, minimize, devaluate, depreciate. **Ant. enhance, increase, add to.**

DETRIMENTAL a. [det ruh MEN tul] causing harm. *Neglecting to wax your car is detrimental to its finish.** syn. harmful, injurious, damaging, deleterious, bad, disadvantageous, inimical, destructive, pernicious. **Ant. beneficial, advantageous.
detritus n. fragments, bits and pieces, grains, debris.

DEUS EX MACHINA n. [DEE us eks MAK i nuh] literally, god from a machine. Divine intervention as a means to solve a difficult problem. So named after the unsatisfying practice of bringing in a deity to intervene in some Roman and Greek dramas, now regarded as a hallmark of lazy writing. *The author helped his hero win the battle by creating an unlikely tornado, an obvious deus ex machina.*

devastate v. wipe out, *total, level, desolate, ravage, raze, gut, *trash, *blow away, ransack, pillage.
devastation n. waste, ruin, destruction, havoc, desolation, ravaging, demolition, wreckage, annihilation, *trashing.

devalue v. lower, degrade, lessen, cheapen, reduce.

devil n. satan Lucifer, Prince of Darkness, Beelzebub, Mephistopheles, archfiend, el diablo, Lord of the Flies, the Serpent, *Old Harry, *Old Scratch, *the Deuce, *the Dickens, the Adversary, fallen angel. *A liar, and the father of it,*—The Bible. "The most diligent preacher of all others; he is never out of his diocese."—Hugh Latimer. 2. BAD PERSON, SPIRIT, OR CREATURE demon, fiend, imp, ogre, savage, brute, rogue, helion, evildoer, beast, villain, scoundrel, brat. SEE RELIGION

devil and the deep blue sea, between the between a rock and a hard place, no choice, *Catch-22, Hobson's choice.
devilish a. fiendish, villanous, beastly, hellish, evil, diabolical, brutish, mischievous, demonic, impish, troublemaking, naughty, wicked, infernal, cruel, sinister. **Ant. angelic, saintly, good, virtuous.

devil-may-care a. careless, reckless, happy-go-lucky, foolhardy, rash, nonchalant, cavalier, heedless, casual. **Ant. cautious, careful.

DEVIL'S ADVOCATE n. one who argues for but doesn't necessarily agree with the unpopular side of an issue in order to illustrate all perspectives. *Talk show hosts often play the devil's advocate for argument's sake.** syn. pleader, apologist, mediator, medium, devil's counsel, defender, devil's champion, devil's surrogate, polemictist.

devious a. deceptive, roundabout, crafty, tricky, wily, guileful, sly, treacherous, crooked, dishonest, evasive, underhanded, scheming, shifty. **Ant. honest, aboveboard, straightforward.

devise v. invent, conceive, form, contrive, formulate, *cook up, create, *whip up, plot, scheme, concoct, construct, shape.
devoid a. empty, lacking, destitute, vacuous, depleted, denuded, stripped, vacant, bare, wanting, barren. **Ant. full, replete.
devote v. dedicate, give, pledge, commit, vow, consign, apply, direct.

devoted a. dedicated, faithful, true, committed, loyal, staunch, zealous, dutiful, devout,
constant, earnest, steadfast. **ANT. indifferent, disloyal.**

**devotee** n. fan, fanatic, enthusiast, aficionado, buff, lover, supporter, addict, *nut, adherent, hound, fiend.

**devotion** n. dedication, commitment, adherence, allegiance, devoutness, faithfulness, loyalty, fidelity, steadfastness, piety, zeal, reverence. **ANT. indifference, apathy, disloyalty.**

**devour** v. swallow up, eat, consume, gobble up, wolf, gulp, stuff, gorge, bolt, *polish off, guzzle, gormandize, dispatch.

**devout** a. pious, religious, believing, faithful, reverent, worshipping, earnest, holy, orthodox, zealous, ardent, heartfelt, sincere. **ANT. atheistic, agnostic, unbelieving.**

**dew** n. moisture, condensation, water droplets.

**WORD FIND**

**frozen:** rime, frost

dewy-eyed a. innocent, childlike, naive. **ANT. worldly, experienced.**

**dexterity** n. skill, adroitness, deftness, cleverness, expertise, know-how, knack, touch, aptitude, facility, nimbleness, finesse. **ANT. ineptitude, clumsiness.**

**dexterous** a. skillful, adroit, deft, clever, expert, handy, adept, nimble, proficient, savvy, facile. **ANT. clumsy, inept, uncoordinated.**

**diabetes** n. metabolic disorder, illness, disease, insulin insufficiency. **SEE DISEASE, MEDICINE**

**diabolic** a. satanic, hellish, devilish, infernal, fiendish, evil, demonic, wicked, villainous, Mephistophelean, malevolent, vicious, cruel, beastly. **ANT. heavenly, saintly, benevolent, angelic.**

**diagnosis** n. identification, conclusion, determination, hunch, opinion, analysis, educated guess. "One of the commonest diseases."—Karl Kraus.

**diagram** n. drawing, chart, illustration, outline, graphic, draft, representation, graph, figure.

**dialect** n. speech, local tongue, provincialism, vernacular, patois, idiom, lingo, argot, slang, cant, colloquialism, accent, pidgin.


**diameter** n. breadth, width, caliber.

**diametrical** a. opposite, contrary, conflicting, converse, reverse, antithetical, different. **ANT. alike, similar, matching.**

**diamond** n. gemstone, precious gem, crystal, carbon crystal, *rock, mineral. **SEE JEWELRY**

**WORD FIND**

**absence of color, absolute:** color

**bottommost portion of cut diamond in setting:** pavilion

**brownish:** cognac diamond

**cut:** facet

**drill bits, black diamonds used in:** carbonado

**fake:** baffa diamond, Bohemian diamond, cubic zirconia, Irish diamond

**flaws:** carbon spot, cloud, feather, inclusion

**industrial grade diamonds:** bort

**middle portion of cut diamond in setting:** girdle

**one diamond in one setting:** solitaire

**pinkish-brown:** champagne diamond

**showy diamond-embedded pieces of jewelry, slang for large and:** bling

**sizes, mix of diamond:** melange

**small diamonds weighing less than a carat, class of:** melee

**sparkle:** scintillation

**topmost portion in a cut diamond in setting:** crown

**yellow:** canary diamond

**diaphanous** a. transparent, sheer, *see-through, translucent, thin, flimsy, gauzy, delicate, chiffon. **ANT. opaque, thick.**


**diary** n. journal, chronicle, account, log, record, daybook. "The lavatory of literature."—Elbert Hubbard.

**DIATRIBE** n. [DI uh tribe] a bitter denunciation or criticism. *The talk show host launched into a scathing diatribe.* **SYN. invective, criticism, denunciation, harangue, castigation, tirade, abuse, vituperation, *tongue-lashing, rebuke.**

**dibs** n. rights, claim.


**dicey** a. risky, chancy, hazardous, a gamble, ticklish, *iffy.

**DICHOTOMY** n. [di KOT uh me] a division of two distinctly different or opposite parts, groups, opinions, etc. *There was a dichotomy of opinions between the races.* **SYN. division, split, subdivision, disagreement, difference of opinion, opposition, break, separation, rift, splintering, segmentation.

**dicker** v. haggle, bargain, negotiate, *hash out a deal, higgle, quibble, *talk down, barter.
dictate n. directive, rule, order, direction, command, mandate, law, ordinance, decree, bidding, dictum, requirement.
dictate v. 1. PRESCRIBE order, command, direct, rule, charge, lay down the law, demand, enjoin, *call the shots, impose, ordain. 2. READ ALOUD compose, utter, draft, record.
dictator n. tyrant, despot, autocrat, authoritarian, *Hitler, totalitarian, oppressor, overlord, *lord and master, strongman, czar, taskmaster. *jealous gods monopolizing power, destroying all rivals, compelling exclusive loyalty.—Walter Lippmann. *Rulers who always look good until the last ten minutes.—Jan Masaryk. SEE GOVERNMENT
diction n. vocabulary, wording, articulation, enunciation, expression, eloquence, usage, pronunciation, phraseology, language, inflection, elocution.
dictum n. 1. PRONOUNCEMENT dictate, declaration, assertion, decree, command, edict, order. 2. SAYING maxim, adage, proverb, truism, axiom, aphorism.

DIDACTIC a. [dye DAK tik] instructional or educational, especially involving morals. Also, overly preachy or instructional; pedantic. *The audience was asleep after the senator's didactic speech. SYN. instructional, educational, informative, enlightening, expository, edifying, moralizing, pedantic, preachy, homiletic, pedagogic, sermonizing.
die-hard a. tough, tenacious, resistant, stubborn, strong, clinging, defiant, recalcitrant, headstrong, immovable, firm, rigid, unchanging. ANT. weak-willed.
diet n. 1. DAILY FOOD INTAKE food and drink, sustenance, nourishment, nutrition, victuals, foodstuffs, provisions, fare. 2. FOOD ABSTENTION abstinence, fasting, regimen, regime, *weight-watching, calorie counting. *A system of starving yourself to death so you can live a little longer.—Jan Murray.
differ v. 1. CONTRAST vary, stand apart, clash, converge, be distinguished from, deviate from. 2. DISAGREE clash, oppose, dispute, conflict, be at variance, take issue, contend, contradict, *lock horns. ANT. 1. resemble, correspond, match. 2. agree, concur, accede, *see eye to eye.
difference n. 1. DISSIMILARITY contrast, antithesis, variance, opposition, distinction, asymmetry, differentiation, inconformity, unlike-ness, deviation. 2. DISAGREEMENT argument, dispute, contention, clash, controversy, disension, conflict, debate, quarrel, opposition, contradiction. ANT. 1. similarity, likeness, correspondence, mirror image. 2. agreement, concurrence, accord.
different a. 1. DISSIMILAR distinct, contrasting, antithetical, opposite, asymmetrical, unlike, variant, *like night and day, divergent, clashing, disparate, incompatible. 2. SEPARATE distinct, delineated, differentiated, singular, individual, another, exclusive. 3. VARIOUS several, sundry, assorted, diverse, numerous, miscellaneous, mixed. ANT. 1. the same, alike, resembling, matching, 2. together, whole.
differentiate v. distinguish, set apart, make a distinction, contrast, separate, characterize.
and trainers, and only through them can one come to the fullness of manhood."—Henry Ward Beecher. "A harsh nurse who roughly rocks her foster-children into strength and athletic proportion."—William Jennings Bryan.

DIFFIDENT a. [DIF i dent] lacking confidence, timid. She became diffident with people in authority. syn. timid, shy, bashful, hesitant, unassertive, unsure of oneself, shrinking, timorous, modest, unassuming, insecure, reluctant, faint-hearted. ant. self-confident, bold, assertive.

diffuse a. 1. spread out dispersed, scattered, strewn, disseminated, extensive, prevalent, distributed, circulated. 2. wordy long-winded, verbose, profuse, rambling, prolix, loquacious, discursive. ant. 1. concentrated, focused. 2. brief, terse, pithy.

diffusion n. spreading, dispersal, scattering, dissemination, distribution, circulation, propagation.


dig v. excavate, hollow out, shovel, spade, delve,hoe, scoop out, till, unearth, dredge, quarry, sift, root out, mine, exhume, *backhoe.

digest n. summary, synopsis, abridgement, abstract, condensation, pre cis.

digest v. 1. absorb food assimilate, break down, consume, eat, dissolve. 2. understand comprehend, absorb, take in, get, grasp, mull over, reflect, ponder, assimilate.

dignified a. self-respecting, poised, distinguished, stately, noble, regal, lofty, classy, refined, solemn, formal, imperious, *distinct gué, decorous. ant. undignified, goofy, foolish, sophomoric.

dignify v. elevate, exalt, honor, uplift, aggrandize, ennoble, raise, solemnize, add a bit of class. ant. debase, degrade, lower.


dignity n. self-respect, poise, nobility, stateliness, courtliness, honor, stature, loftiness, solemnity, class, formality, pride, presence. "The quality that enables a man who says nothing, does nothing, and knows nothing to command ... respect."—John W. Raper. ant. sheepishness, goofiness, cringing servitude.

DIGRESS v. [di GRESS] to depart or stray from the main subject at hand. The speech was long-winded; the speaker liked to digress. syn. stray, depart, ramble, drift, wander, divagate, deviate, *go off on a tangent, get sidetracked, rove, *beat around the bush.

digression n. straying, departure, rambling, drifting, wandering, divagation, deviation, roving, aside, detour.

DILAPIDATED a. [di LAP i dayt ud] falling apart; decaying. The dilapidated building was nearly 200 years old. syn. falling apart, broken down in disrepair, crumbling, tumbledown, decaying, falling down, *on its last legs, in ruins, worn out, run-down, rickety, deteriorated, *shot. ant. sound, solid, intact, *good as new.

DILATE v. [DI layt] to widen or make wider. The pupils of the eyes dilate when viewing an attractive member of the opposite sex. syn. widen, expand, enlarge, broaden, extend, swell, grow, distend. ant. contract, shrink, constrict.

dilatory a. procrastinating, delaying, putting off, dallying, tardy, postponing, lagging, behind, shilly-shallying. ant. on time, prompt, timely.


DILETTANTE n. [DIL i TAHT] one who dabbles in or has an amateur’s knowledge of the arts. She painted only as a hobby; she was a dilettante. syn. dabbler, amateur, hobbyist, layman, nonprofessional, trifler, putterer, typo, *lightweight. ant. professional, master, expert.

diligence n. perseverance, persistence, relentlessness, hard work, industry, care, plugging, assiduity, effort, application, doggedness, pains, earnestness, discipline. ant. laziness, slackness.

DILIGENT a. [DIL uh JENT] hard-working or industrious, careful and meticulous. A diligent work force will make our company thrive. syn. hard-working, industrious, careful, meticulous, painstaking, sedulous, assiduous, dogged, persistent, busy, unrelenting, steadfast, plugging, tireless, active, toiling. ant. lazy, laggard, sluggish, slack.

dillydally v. waste time, procrastinate, vacillate, dawdle, trifle, lag, loiter.

dilute v. thin, water down, reduce, weaken, diminish, rarely, attenuate, *cut, adulterate, moderate. ant. concentrate, enrich, strengthen.

dim a. 1. poorly lit faint, dusky, gauzy, gloomy, shadowy, gray, blurry, indistinct, vague, murky, fuzzy, subdued. 2. dim-witted stupid, bovine, slow, dense, *thick, *dumb as
a post. ant. 1. bright, blinding, brilliant. 2. smart, intelligent, bright.
dimension n. size, extent, range, scope, magnitude, proportion, scale, measure, measurement, span.
diminish v. lessen, reduce, decrease, lower, shrink, dwindle, wane, ebb, weaken, fade, depreciate, slacken, abate. ant. grow, enlarge, expand.
dimunition n. lessening, reduction, decrease, lowering, shrinking, decline, weakening, depreciation, slackening, abatement. ant. growth, expansion, enlargement.
diminutive a. tiny, small, little, miniature, pintsized, minute, petite, teeny, Lilliputian, baby, microscopic, puny. ant. huge, gigantic, enormous.
dimple n. indentation, depression.
dimwit n. idiot, simpleton, dunce. see moron
din n. noise, uproar, cacophony, racket, clamor, commotion, tumult, hubbub, babel, bedlam, clangor. ant. silence, peace.
dine v. eat, sup, lunch, feast, break bread, banquet, feed. pig out. ant. fast.
diner n. cafe, eatery, lunch counter. see restaurant
dinghy n. rowboat. see boat
dingy a. grimy, dirty, smoky, soiled, drab, smudgy, shabby, tarnished, dim, faded, smeared. ant. sparkling, brilliant, clean, bright.
dinky a. small, tiny, wee, insignificant, trivial. ant. gargantuan.
dinner n. meal, supper, repast, feast, banquet.
dinosaur n. 1. saurian sauropod, terrible lizard, prehistoric creature, theropod, monster, beast, carnivore, herbivore. 2. relic antique, artifact, fossil, outmoded article.
diorama n. scene, display, three-dimensional representation, exhibit.
dip v. 1. DUNK immerse, duck, lower, submerge, wet, plunge, sink. 2. DECLINE decrease, slip, drop off, descend, droop, plummet, plunge.

diploma n. certificate, sheepskin, degree, parchment, document.

DIPLOMACY n. [di PLOH muh see] the forming and maintaining of good relationships and the skills it requires. The ambassador used a subtle form of diplomacy to smooth things over with the dictator. syn. people skills, tact, tactfulness, statesmanship, politics, *gladhanding, judiciousness, grace, sensitivity, prudence, charm, mediation.

“The art of saying ‘Nice Doggie’ till you can find a rock.”—Wynn Catlin. SEE DIPLOMATIC, POLITICAL

diplomat n. ambassador, statesman, envoy, consultative, representative, politician, negotiator, mediator, go-between, minister, emissary, attaché. “A man who says ‘perhaps’ when he means no.”—Elbert Hubbard. “A person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.”—Caskie Stinnett. “An honest man sent abroad to lie for his country.”—Henry Wooton.

diplomatic a. tactful, discreet, gracious, smooth, conciliatory, sensitive, prudent, politic, suave, subtle, artful. “The art of letting someone have your way.”—Daniele Vare. ANT. rude, tactless, uncivil, indelicate, blunt.

dipstick n. rod, measuring stick.

dire a. 1. TERRIBLE disastrous, horrible, calamitous, dreadful, fearful, appalling, grievous, distressing, shocking, catastrophic. 2. URGENT critical, pressing, crucial, exigent. ANT. 1. WONDERFUL, fortuitous. 2. TRIVIAL, unimportant.

direct v. 1. CONDUCT manage, orchestrate, guide, control, “head up, oversee, supervise, quarter back, “call the shots, “be in the driver’s seat, boss. 2. AIM point, guide, train, indicate, target, steer, orient, show, usher. 3. ADDRESS focus, devote, fix, funnel, aim. ANT. 1. follow, obey.

direct a. 1. STRAIGHTFORWARD frank, honest, explicit, forthright, point-blank, blunt, open, unequivocal, candid. 2. UNDEViating straight, unswerving, true, “as the crow flies, “in a beeline. 3. IMMEDIATE unimpeded, first-hand, face-to-face. ANT. 1. INDIRECT, mealy-mouthed, roundabout. 2. Roundabout, deviating, circuitous. 3. SECOND-HAND, indirect.

direction n. 1. MANAGEMENT orchestration, guidance, control, supervision, leadership, administration, care, command. 2. POINT OF THE COMPASS course, way, orientation, bearing, heading, route, tack, trajectory. 3. INSTRUCTION guidance, advice, specifications, prescription, guidelines, recipe. 4. ORDER command, charge, instruction.

directive n. order, command, mandate, instruction, direction, charge, ruling, injunction, ordinance.

directly adv. 1. STRAIGHT “as the crow flies, “in a beeline, undeviatingly, “spang. 2. IMMEDIATELY without delay, promptly, at once, “first thing, pronto, speedily, straightaway. ANT. 1. INDIRECTLY, roundabout, circuitously. 2. EVENTUALLY, later.


directorate n. board, staff.

direful a. SEE DIRE

dirge n. funeral hymn, epicedium, threnody, lament, elegy, death march, mass.

dirigible n. balloon, zeppelin. SEE BLIMP


dirty v. soil, stain, muddy, besmirch, mess, spot, begrime, foul, pollute, smudge, smatter, defile.


disability n. handicap, incapacity, infirmity, defect, weakness, restriction, malady, injury, impairment, paralysis, affliction.

disable v. cripple, impair, incapacitate, lame, hamstring, damage, weaken, debilitate, “put out of action, handicapped, prostrate, paralyze, disarrange. ANT. ENABLE, strengthen.

disabled a. crippled, impaired, incapacitated, lame, injured, weakened, “out of action, handicapped, prostrate, paralyzed, bedridden, confined to a wheelchair, paraplegic,
disadvantaged - disburse
**discard** v. throw out, reject, toss, dismiss, "can, scrap, dump, eject, junk, jettison, *eighty-six, *scratch, shed. **ant.** keep, retain.

**discern** v. perceive, detect, apprehend, sense, see, notice, ascertain, observe, make out, spot, distinguish. **ant.** miss, overlook.

**DISCERNING** a. [di SUR ning] perceptive and sharp. She was discerning with her fashion choices. **syn.** perceptive, sharp, sagacious, discriminating, astute, hawk-eyed, critical, shrewd, judicious, intelligent, wise, mindful. **ant.** unperceptive, unobservant, mindless.

**discharge** n. 1. release liberation, pardon, acquittal, setting free. 2. dismissal *the axe, *the boot, *sack, *walking papers, *pink slip, ejection, ouster, *the gate, firing, layoff. 3. detonation firing, shot, explosion. 4. emission expulsion, ejection, exudation, excretion, flow, seepage, oozing. **ant.** capture, holding, incarceration.


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discourage v. 1. dishearten dispirit, demoralize, dampen one's spirits, unrevere, "throw cold water on, daunt, intimidate, cow, "dash one's hopes, "take the wind out of one's sails. 2. deter dissuade, hinder, impede, restrain, curb. AN. 1. encourage, hearten, embolden.

discouraging a. demoralizing, disheartening, hopeless, daunting, dismay, dispiriting, deflating, intimidating. AN. encouraging, heartening, uplifting.

discourteous a. rude, inconsiderate, impolite, ill-mannered, uncivil, brusque, ungracious, indelicate, cavalier, fresh, boorish. AN. polite, courteous, civil.

discovery n. finding, uncovering, detection, unearthing, strike, espial, breakthrough.

discourage v. find, uncover, discern, detect, learn, esp, unearth, notice, come across, realize, bring to light, spot, desroy. AN. miss, overlook, pass over.

discern v. 1. damage one's reputation disgrace, dishonor, defame, disparage, censure, degrade, tear down, degrade, demean. 2. cast doubt on refute, disprove, discount, disbelieve, question, challenge, reject, scoff. AN. 1. praise, honor, laud. 2. credit, verify, support.

DISCREET a. [dis KREET] unobtrusive and tactful, properly reserved. If you must burp, please be discreet. SYN. tactful, unobtrusive, reserved, proper, judicious, diplomatic, restrained, prudent, modest, quiet, low-profiled, circumspect, careful, sensitive. AN. indiscreet, insensitive, tactless, obtrusive, conspicuous.

discrepancy n. inconsistency, variance, difference, incongruity, conflict, error, divergence, disparity. AN. consistency, agreement.

discrete a. distinct, individual, separate, different, independent, detached. AN. indistinguishable, ambiguous, combined.

discretion n. 1. prudence judgment, diplomacy, sagacity, tact, common sense, circumspection, caution, consideration, maturity, wisdom. "That honorable stop."—Shakespeare. "Leaving a few things unsaid."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. freedom of choice volition, will, liberty, choice, inclination, preference.

discriminate v. 1. show prejudice favor, show bias, treat unfairly. 2. distinguish, differentiate, separate, contrast, compare, tell the difference, judge, draw a distinction, discern, segregate.

discriminating a. selective, choo-y, picky, fussy, judicious, critical, particular, finicky, astute, discerning. AN. undiscriminating, unparticular.

discrimination n. prejudice, bias, favoritism, bigotry, inequality, racism, sexism, chauvinism.

discursive a. rambling, digressive, excursive, wandering, roving, circuitous, rhapsodical, prolix. AN. succinct, direct, to the point.

discuss v. talk over, deliberate, converse, confabulate, "hash over, "kick around, argue, dissert, debate, confer, review.

discussion n. talk, deliberation, conversation, confabulation, conference, debate, argument, consultation, "powwow, parley, "rap session, "bull session, seminar, symposium.

DISDAIN n. [dis DANE] scorn or contempt. I felt nothing but disdain for the man. SYN. scorn, contempt, hatred, disgust, dislike, detestation, loathing, abhorrence, haughtiness, "snottness, snobbishness. AN. admiration, respect.

disdain v. despise, loathe, hate, hold in contempt, abhor, sicken at the sight of, spurn, reject, look down one's nose at. AN. admire, respect.

disease n. sickness, illness, affliction, ailment, malady, disorder, ill health, condition, syndrome, "bug, debility, infection, virus, infirmity, pathology, plague. "The taxes laid upon this wretched life."—Lord Chesterfield. "Death's servant."—Francis Rous. "Fear made manifest on the body."—Mary Baker Eddy. SEE BRAIN, CANCER, HEART, NEUROSIS

WORD FIND

blood: anemia, hemophilia, leukemia, pernicious anemia, sickle-cell anemia

bone: osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, rickets

brain and nervous system: Alzheimer's, aphasia, apoplexy (stroke), encephalitis, epilepsy, Huntington's chorea, hydrocephalus, meningitis, multiple sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, wet brain

bubonic plague: Black Death

cat: FAIDS, Feline Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

cause of: virus, germ, contagion, microbe, bacillus, pathogen

circulatory: aneurysm, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, hypertension, ischemia, peripheral vascular disease, phlebitis, thrombosis

contagious: chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, tuberculosis, plague, whooping cough

deficiency: scurvy, berberi, pellagra, rickets
digestive: appendicitis, cirrhosis of the liver, colitis, Crohn's disease, diabetes, diverticulitis, dysentery, gastroenteritis, gallstones, hepatitis, hiatal hernia, jaundice, panceratitis, peptic ulcer, typhoid fever

dog: distemper, heartworm, mange, rabies

ear: tinnitus, vertigo

eye: cataract, conjunctivitis, detached retina, glaucoma, lazy eye, pinkeye, retinitis pigmentosa, strabismus, sty, trachoma

flu: influenza, grippe

food poisoning: botulism, salmonella, trichinosis

German measles: rubella

germ destroyer: antibiotic, antibody

gums: gingivitis, periodontal disease, pyorrhea

heart: angina pectoris, arrhythmia, athletic heart syndrome, cardiac arrest, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, heart attack, heart murmur, ischemic heart disease, mitral valve prolapse, myocardial infarction, pericarditis, rheumatic heart disease, tachycardia

identification: diagnosis

imagined: hypochondriasis

immune dysfunction: AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

joints: arthritis, gout, rheumatism

kissing disease: mononucleosis

livestock: anthrax, foot-and-mouth disease, listeriosis, mange, mastitis

lockjaw: tetanus

lungs, breathing: apnea, asthma, black lung disease, bronchitis, cystic fibrosis, dyspnea, emphysema, pleurisy, pneumonia, tuberculosis

mononucleosis, form of: Epstein-Barr syndrome

muscles: muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, tendinitis, myopathy

nose: rhinitis, sinusitis

origin: etiology

peculiar to or found in only one region: endemic

predicted outcome: prognosis

recurring: chronic

sexually transmitted: venereal disease, herpes, AIDS, gonorrhea ("clap"). genital warts, chlamydia, syphilis.

skin: carbuncle, dermatitis, eczema, hives, impetigo, lupus, psoriasis, rosacea, scabies, vitiligo

spine, curvature of: scoliosis

spreading: contagious

spreading rapidly: epidemic

step throat, related to: rheumatic fever, scarlet fever

swollen salivary glands: mumps

tick, transmitted by: Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever

tropical: malaria, sprue, dengue fever, leprosy, yellow fever

warning symptom: prodrome

widespread: pandemic

disembowel v. eviscerate, gut, draw.
disenchanted a. disillusioned, undeceived, seeing the real world, disabused, cynical, worldly-wise. ANT. spellbound, naive, enchanted.
disengage v. detach, release, free, unfasten, extricate, remove, loose, disconnect.
disfigure v. deface, mar, scar, deform, mutilate, blemish, main, distort.
disgorge v. vomit, discharge, spew, empty. see vomit

disgrace n. dishonor, shame, blot, degradation, odium, humiliation, "black eye, discredited, obloquy, defamation, scandal, opprobrium, ignominy, disrepute. "To stumble twice against the same stone."—Cicero. ANT. honor, credit, grace.
disgrace v. dishonor, shame, blot, degrade, humiliate, *give a black eye, discredit, spoil, defame, scandalize, smear, taint, embarrass. ANT. honor, credit, glorify.
disgraceful a. dishonorable, shameful, degrading, humiliating, discrediting, defaming, scandalizing, embarrassing, ignominious, odious. ANT. honorable, reputable, admirable.
disgruntled a. angry, cross, unhappy, peeved, annoyed, put out, discontented, grouchy, irritable, dissatisfied, disappointed, sulky. ANT. contented, satisfied, happy.
disguise n. cover-up, costume, mask, charade, camouflage, facade, guise, getup, pretense, masquerade, cloak, veil, incognito.
disguise v. cover up, mask, camouflage, put up a facade, masquerade, cloak, veil, counterfeit, dissemble, put on a false front, feign. ANT. expose, reveal, unmask.
disgust n. revulsion, repulsion, distaste, loathing, abhorrence, aversion, dislike, nausea, repugnance, detestation. ANT. liking, delight.
disgusting a. repugnant, loathsome, revolting, repellant, sickening, nauseating, *stomach-
dish - disobedience

turning, repulsive, *gross, offensive, distasteful, noisome, nasty, vulgar, vile. ant. delightful, attractive, charming, appetizing.

dish n. plate, platter, bowl, vessel, utensil.

dishhearten v. discourage, dispirit, dampen, *take the wind out of one's sails, *shake up, daunt, unnerve, *take the starch out of, crush, *put a wet blanket on, *pour cold water on, dash, deject. ant. encourage, hearten, embolden.


dishonest a. untruthful, deceitful, insincere, fraudulent, shady, corrupt, untruthworthy, false, misleading, sly, treacherous, disingenuous, crooked, two-faced. ant. honest, trustworthy, straightforward.

dishonestly n. lies, improbability, untruthfulness, deceit, deception, lying, fraud, prevarication, insincerity, duplicity, mendacity, falsehoods, disingenuousness.

dishonor n. disgrace, shame, embarrassment, humiliation, discredit, degradation, ignominy, opprobrium, obloquy, scandal, odium, *fall from grace, smear, blot, *black eye. ant. honor, esteem, admiration.

dishonor v. disgrace, shame, discredit, degrade, scandalize, smear, blot, *give a black eye, besmirch, tarnish, *drag through the mud.

DISILLUSION v. [dis i LOO szhun] to remove faulty perceptions and see things as they really are. Children eventually become disillusioned with Santa Claus. syn. disenchant, disabuse, disappoint, enlighten, *bring down to earth, *burst one’s bubble, open one’s eyes, *break the spell, *shatter illusions. ant. enchant, spellbind, deceive.

disinclined a. unwilling, reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, opposed, resistant, hesitant. ant. willing, eager.

disinfect v. sterilize, sanitize, purify, cleanse, decontaminate, antisepticize, *zap.

disingenuous a. insincere, deceitful, lying, artful, false, uncandid, dishonest, crooked, underhanded, two-faced. ant. sincere, honest, *real.

disintegrate v. fall apart, crumble, shatter, break up, atomize, pulverize, turn to dust, decompose, decay, erode.

disinterested a. indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, dispassionate, uninvolved, impartial, unprejudiced, unbiased, neutral. ant. concerned, biased, prejudiced, involved, riveted.

disjointed a. disconnected, loose, displaced, incoherent, disordered, disorganized, discontinuous, broken, separated, rambling, choppy. ant. connected, coherent.

disk n. 1. plate. 2. diskette, floppy disk, magnetic disk, CD.

dislike n. hatred, abhorrence, loathing, scorn, detestation, distaste, disapproval, aversion, antipathy, repugnance, repulsion. ant. approval, acceptance, love.

dislike v. hate, abhor, loathe, *get turned off by, despise, deplore, scorn, *turn up one’s nose at, disapprove, *look down on, frown upon, detest. ant. like, fancy, love.

dislocate v. pull out of alignment, displace, dislodge.

disloyal a. unfaithful, traitorous, treacherous, back-stabbing, two-faced, treasurous, perfidious, double-crossing, *like a snake in the grass. ant. faithful, true, loyal.

dismal a. dreary, gloomy, bleak, depressing, cheerless, grim, black, desolate, melancholy, forlorn, miserable, somber. ant. cheerful, sunny, uplifting, bright.

dismantle v. disassemble, take apart, strip, break apart, break down, tear down, demolish, level.

dismay n. consternation, horror, discomposure, fright, apprehension, terror, discouragement, trepidation, *cold feet, alarm, dread.

dismay v. daunt, dishhearten, trouble, frighten, disconcert, appall, intimidate, horrify, cow, decompose, unnerve, shake, fluster, rattle, consternate.

dismember v. amputate, cut up, mutilate, chop up, cut into pieces, mangle.


disobedience n. rebellion, noncompliance, defiance, insubordination, transgression, revolt, recalcitrance, contumacy, insubmission. *“The rarest and the most courageous of the virtues, is seldom distinguished from neglect, the laziest and most common of the vices.” — George Bernard Shaw.
disobedient v. rebellious, noncompliant, defiant, insubordinate, unruly, recalcitrant, insubmissive, fractious, contrary, stubborn, mischievous. ANT. obedient, compliant, dutiful.

disobey v. defy, rebel, revolt, reject, transgress, oppose, flout, contradict, “knuckle under, abide by.”

disorder n. 1. disarray jumble, confusion, mess, disarrangement, clutter, disorganization, untidiness, chaos, muddle. 2. disturbance commotion, upset, agitation, unrest, chaos, turbulence, imbroglio, clamor, rum-pus, “hullabaloo, fracas, anarchy, ferment, discord. 3. affliction ailment, malady, infirmity, sickness, illness, disease, syndrome. ANT. 1. order, organization, arrangement. 2. peace, calm, tranquility.

disorderly a. 1. irregular messy, disarranged, jumbled, confused, shuffled, cluttered, mixed up, disorganized, muddled, scrambled, scattered. 2. unruly disruptive, unmanageable, riotous, “out-of-line, unlawful, rowdy, uncontrollable, wayward, obstreperous. ANT. 1. orderly, arranged, organized. 2. orderly, well-behaved, peaceful.

disoriented a. lost, confused, mixed-up, dazed, muddled, bewildered.

disown v. repudiate, reject, renounce, disclaim, forsake, disavow, cast off, divorce oneself from, disinherit. ANT. claim, accept, admit, from, disinherit.

DISPARAGE v. [di SPAIR ij] to belittle, put down. The coach disparaged the team after yet another loss. SYN. belittle, put down, criticize, deprecate, denigrate, depreciate, deflate, defame, malign, “dump on, ridicule, discredit. ANT. praise, commend, laud.

disparate a. different, dissimilar, distinct, contrasting, unequal, uneven, inconsistent. ANT. comparable.

DISPARITY n. [dis PAIR uh tee] a gap or state of inequality, difference. There is often a disparity between thoughts and deeds. SYN. gap, inequality, difference, incongruity, discrepancy, imbalance, disproportion, inconsistency. ANT. equality, correspondence, consistency.

dispassionate a. unfeeling, unemotional, calm, detached, indifferent, neutral, disinterested, unprejudiced, unbiased, objective, judi-

cial, impartial. ANT. passionate, involved, interested, biased.

dispatch n. 1. message communication, communiqué, news, report, bulletin, flash, note. 2. speed promptness, swiftness, alacrity, celerity, quickness, haste, expedition. ANT. 2. sloth, sluggishness.

dispatch v. 1. send off consign, forward, issue, transmit, speed, express, post. 2. expedite hurry, dash off, quicken, push, dispose of, “zip off. 3. kill slay, execute, murder, assassinate, put to death, “waste. see KILL, MURDER.

dispel v. dispense with, rid, scatter, drive away, dismiss, banish,oust, eject, rout, disperse, remove, dispose of.

dispensable a. unnecessary, disposable, ninesential, expendable, superfluous. ANT. indispensable.

dispensary n. medical supply office, infirmary, clinic.

dispensation n. 1. distribution apportionment, allocation, disbursement, allotment, assignment, consignment. 2. share allotment, quota, portion, consignment, allocation. 3. administration management, regulation, direction, operation, supervision.

dispense v. give out, distribute, allocate, proportion, dole out, assign, mete out, supply, disperse, parcel out.

dispense with v. 1. dispose of, get rid of, do without, relinquish. 2. forgo, waive, forswear.

disperse v. scatter, distribute, spread, dissemi-nate, spread, broadcast, sow, circulate, diffuse, disband, dissipate.

spirited a. dejected, depressed, downhearted, melancholy, blue, glum, discouraged, “down in the dumps, disheartened, despondent, disconsolate. ANT. cheerful, euphoric, happy.

place v. 1. move dislocate, shift, dislodge, unsettle, transfer, dispossess, relocate, disturb, force out, uproot. 2. supplant replace, supersede, succeed, crowd out, take over, usurp.

display n. exhibit, exhibition, presentation, advertisement, exposition, layout, spread, staging, panorama.

display v. exhibit, show, present, showcase, advertise, lay out, stage, flaunt, demonstrate, parade, spotlight. ANT. hide, conceal, camouflage.


displeasure n. annoyance, dissatisfaction, anger, irritation, disappointment, disgruntlement,
dislike, distaste, unhappiness. *Ant. delight, satisfaction, happiness.

disposal n. 1. disposing out discarding, dumping, junking, dispatching, scrapping, removal. 2. order placement, distribution, arrangement, disposition, grouping. 3. settlement conclusion, dispensation, determination, transfer, end. 4. power liberty, authority, control, direction.

dispose v. 1. throw out discard, dump, toss, scrap, junk, *can, *chuck, *eighty-six. 2. settle determine, decide, end, finish up.

disposed a. inclined, apt, willing, prone, liable, predisposed, likely. *Ant. indisposed, unlikely.

disposition n. 1. temperament temper, nature, mood, humor, frame of mind, outlook, character. *mind-set, tendency, proclivity, bent. 2. order placement, distribution, arrangement, grouping, array.

disposses v. divest, deprive, expropriate, strip, confiscate, oust, expel, eject.

disproportionate a. unequal, unbalanced, lopsided, inordinate, uneven. *Ant. equal, proportionate.


disputable a. debatable, arguable, dubious, moot, questionable, controversial, open to argument, unsettled. *Ant. indisputable, settled, unquestionable.


disqualify v. turn down, shut out, reject, debar, eliminate, remove, declare ineligible.

disquiet n. restlessness, anxiety, worry, trouble, distress, unrest, unease, angst, fretfulness. *Ant. serenity, tranquility, calm.

disquiet v. trouble, disturb, bother, disrupt, distress, worry, fret, shake up, fluster, discompose, rattle. *Ant. calm, compose, relax.

disregard v. ignore, nevermind, skip, overlook, forget, omit, *pay no mind, *turn a deaf ear, slight. *Ant. heed, notice, consider.

disrepair n. deterioration, decay, dilapidation, ruin, wreckage.

disreputable a. dishonorable, disgraceful, low, shady, cheap, unprincipled, shameful, scandalous, sordid, ignominious, ignoble, unsavory. *Ant. respectable, honorable, classy, noble.

disrespect n. irreverence, incivility, disregard, discourtesy, impoliteness, rudeness, impenitence, insolence, impudence, flippancy, lèse-majesté. *Ant. respect, reverence, civility, deference.


disrupt v. interrupt, upset, disturb, disorder, unsettling, agitate, *discombobulate, interfere with, break up, disorganize, disrupt.


dissatisfactory a. unsatisfactory.

dissatisfied a. displeased, unfulfilled, unhappy, discontented, disappointed, critical, disgruntled, malcontented, frustrated, disappointed. *Ant. satisfied, pleased, content.

dissect v. cut up, separate, examine, analyze, inspect, scrutinize, explore, study. *Go over with fine-tooth comb.

disseminate v. disguise, hide, cover up, mask, dissimulate, conceal, feign. *Put on a front, cloak, camouflage. *Ant. reveal, show, expose.

DISSEMINATE v. [Di SEM uh NATE] to distribute, spread, or scatter. The head office will disseminate the new information. *Syn. distribute, spread, scatter, disperse, broadcast, propagate, promulgate, circulate, sow, diffuse.

Dissemination n. [Di SEN shun] disagreement, difference of opinion. There was dissension over the issue. *Syn. discord, disagreement, difference of opinion, contention, conflict, strife, dissent, argument, variance, friction. *Flak. *Ant. accord, agreement, harmony.

dissent n. disagreement, difference of opinion, contention, conflict, dissension, argument, dispute, discord, schism, nonconformity, opposition. *Ant. agreement, accord, concurrence.
**dissent** v. disagree, contradict, differ, argue, dispute, oppose, vary, reject, contend, protest. *ant. agree, concur, assent.*

**DISSERTATION** n. [DI S TAY shun] a long report or treatise on a subject, based on one’s own research, often a requirement of a doctorate. She gave her dissertation on the mating practices of turtles. *syn. thesis, treatise, report, paper, discourse, study, composition, disquisition, essay, exposition.*

**disservice** n. wrong, harm, injustice, injury, disfavor, damage.

**DISSIDENT** n. [DI uh dent] one who disagrees; a dissenter. A number of dissidents protested the action with a demonstration. *syn. dissenter, protestor, nonconformist, objector, separatist, rebel, opposition.*

**dissimilar** a. unlike, different, distinct, divergent, opposite, contrasting, antithetical, disparate, *like night and day. *ant. like, similar, matched.*

**dissimulate** v. hide, conceal. *see dissemble*

**DISSIPATE** v. [DI uh PATE] to scatter, thin out, dispel, disappear, exhaust. *The snow finally began to dissipate.* *syn. scatter, thin out, disperse, dispel, disappear, dissolve, exhaust, ebb, deplete, disintegrate, vanish. *ant. conserve, save, concentrate.*

**dissociate** v. separate, part, disconnect, detach, segregate, break off, divorce, estrange, distance.

**dissolute** a. abandoned, immoral, debauched, unrestrained, intemperate, depraved, unbridled, perverted, lecherous, licentious, wanton. *ant. virtuous, moral, restrained, abstinent.*

**dissolution** n. dissolving, disintegration, decay, decomposition, death, end, passing, termination, demise, extinction, collapse, disappearance.

**dissolve** v. 1. melt diffuse, liquefy, deliquesce, thaw. 2. end terminate, close, finish, break up, discontinue, disband, disperse, evaporate. 3. annihilate, cancel, invalidate, nullify, rescind, repeal. 4. vanish disappear, exhaust, blur, dematerialize. *ant. thicken, congeal, harden. 2. begin, start, open. 3. validate. 4. materialize, appear.*

**dissonant** a. 1. INHARMONIOUS harsh, discordant, cacophonous, jarring, grating, raucous, sour, strident. 2. DISAGREING incompatible, discordant, incongruous, clashing, divergent, opposing, at variance. *ant. 1. harmonious, euphonious, melodious. 2. agreeing, compatible, consonant.*

**DISSUADE** v. [dis WADE] to discourage or talk out of. *I would dissuade any family member from bungee-jumping.* *syn. discourage, talk out of, deter, advise against, disincline, *throw cold water on, persuade not to, stop. *ant. talk into, persuade to, encourage.*

**distance** n. 1. space span, length, remoteness, range, area, expanse, interval, stretch, sweep, spread, width, remove, horizon, far reaches, extent. 2. COLDNESS reserve, aloofness, unfriendliness, stiffness. *ant. 2. warmth, closeness, intimacy.*

**distant** a. 1. far far off, remote, removed, afar, away, yonder, far-flung, outlying, out of range, outback, isolated. 2. COLD reserved, aloof, unfriendly, *at arm’s length, stiff, cool, frigid, formal, withdrawn. *ant. 1. close, near, at hand. 2. warm, close, intimate, friendly.*

**distaste** n. dislike, aversion, repulsion, revulsion, abhorrence, disgust, repugnance, disinclination, displeasure. *ant. liking, attraction.*

**distasteful** a. disgusting, repulsive, revolving, abhorrent, repellent, offensive, unsavory, unappetizing, noxious, unpalatable, disagreeable, tasteless, *gross, nauseating. *ant. appealing, savory, attractive, pleasing.*

**distended** a. bloated, swollen, inflated, enlarged, turgid, expanded, bulging, puffed out, ballooned, blown up. *ant. shriveled, sunken, deflated.*

**distill** v. extract, purify, boil down, decoct, refine, ferment, concentrate, separate, condense, press out, brew, vaporize.

**distillation** n. essence, distillate, concentrate.

**distinct** a. 1. CLEAR obvious, plain, clear-cut, unambiguous, defined, unmistakable, specific, explicit, manifest. 2. SEPARATE individual, unlike, different, unassociated, detached, sole, disparate, discrete. *ant. 1. unclear, vague, fuzzy. 2. associated, joined, linked.*

**distinction** n. 1. DIFFERENTIATION discrimination, distinguishment, difference, peculiarity, feature, mark, characteristic, earmark. 2. RECOGNITION honor, eminence, achievement, credit, prominence, repute, merit, prestige, renown, consequence.

**distinctive** a. unique, distinguishing, characteristic, singular, different, peculiar, individual, special, idiosyncratic, unusual. *ant. common, ordinary, nondescript.*

**distinguish** v. 1. SEE THE DIFFERENCE differentiate, discriminate, separate, judge, tell apart, ascertain, characterize, classify. 2. DISCERN
make out, perceive, see, notice, detect, observe, apprehend, catch, spot, recognize.

distinguished a. 1. EMINENT renowned, famous, prominent, acclaimed, notable, illustrious, celebrated, excellent. 2. DIGNIFIED stately, elegant, grand, magnificent, august, prince-
ly, lordly, imposing, *distinguish. ANt. 1. uN-
known, ordinary, pedestrian. 2. undignified, undistinguished, lowly.

distort v. 1. misSHAPE contort, deform, twist, warp, gnarl, wrench, screw, knot, disfigure. 2. MISREPRESENT misconstrue, falsify, lie, mis-
interpret, alter, twist, slant, pervert, stretch, varnish, embellish.

distortion n. misrepresentation, lie, misinterpretation, alteration, stretch, embellishment, fal-
sification, exaggeration, perversion. *BS, fab-
rication, embroidery. ANt. truth, accuracy.

distract v. 1. divert sidetrack, draw away, catch one's attention, entertain. 2. bewilder conf-
fuse, perplex, befuddle, fluster, discompose, confound, trouble, unsettle.

distraction n. diversion, amusement, entre-
tainment, beguilement, interruption, divertisse-
ment, interference, annoyance.

distraught a. anxious, upset, worried, agitated, disturbed, troubled, perturbed, overwrought, crazed, frantic, *out of one's mind, harassed. ANt. calm, composed, relaxed, tranquil.

distress n. pain, suffering, anxiety, anguish, dif-
culty, strain, unhappiness, sorrow, discomfort, agony, angst, torture.

distress v. upset, worry, trouble, strain, disturb, bother, burden, aggrieve, pain, plague, hurt, tax, torment, harass. ANt. comfort, console, soothe, relieve.

distress signal n. SOS, Mayday, flare.

distribute v. 1. apportion allot, parcel out, allocate, prorate, issue, ration, deliver, mete, divide, *dole out, disseminate, *divvy, dis-
pense, spread. 2. classify arrange, group, order. ANt. 1. collect, gather, concentrate.

distribution n. 1. apportionment allotment, allocation, parcel, division, rationing, spreading, delivery, propagation, scattering. 2. classification arrangement, grouping, order.

distributor n. dealer, wholesaler, merchandiser, trader, jobber, merchant, outlet, warehouse, salesman, franchise.

district n. area, region, precinct, section, quar-
ter, zone, locale, community, parish, ward.

district attorney n. DA, prosecution officer, lawyer. see law

distrust n. mistrust, disbelief, doubt, suspicion, wariness, leeringness, incredulity, misgiving, skepticism. ANt. trust, belief, faith.

distrust v. mistrust, disbelieve, question, doubt, suspect, be wary of, be leery of, have reservations about. ANt. trust, believe, have faith in.

distrustful a. doubting, questioning, skeptical, cynical, suspicious, unbelieving, leery, wary, incredulous. ANt. trusting, gullible.

disturb v. 1. bother trouble, disquiet, disrupt, distress, ruffle, interrupt, annoy, plague, irritate, discommodate, perturb, *hassle, *bug, in-
trude upon. 2. disarrange disorder, disorgan-
ize, jumble, mix up, upset, unsettle.

disturbance n. disruption, commotion, inter-
ruption, interference, upset, tumult, annoy-
ance, agitation, perturbation, bother, uproar, rumple.

ditch n. trench, channel, gully, excavation, trough, gutter, cut, waterway, dike, moat.

ditch v. Sl. dump, junk, discard, abandon, unload, get rid of, desert.


ditto n. the same, likewise, the above, the afore-
mentioned.

ditty n. song, tune, composition, number.

diva n. prima donna, lead singer, vocalist. see opera

dive n. 1. plunge drop, vault, *header, nose-
dive, descent, sloop, leap, submergence, immersion, bellyflop, cannonball, half twist, full twist, jackknife, gainer, half gainer, swan dive, backflip. 2. Sl. *dump hole, bar, honky-
tonk, tavern.

dive v. plunge, drop, plummet, vault, *do a head-
er, nosedive, drop, descend, submerge.

diver n. scuba diver, skin diver, *frogman.

diverge v. 1. separate come apart, spread, de-
part, deviate, divide, split, branch off. 2. dif-
fer disagree, vary, conflict, oppose, be at odds. ANt. 1. converge. 2. agree.

divergence n. 1. separation split, fork, branch-
ing, parting, deviation, division, digression. 2. difference disagreement, conflict, vari-
ance, odds, incongruity. ANt. 1. convergence. 2. agreement.

diverse a. 1. different unlike, disparate, dis-
tinct, dissimilar, varied, discrete. 2. multi-
form diversified, sundry, varied, manifold, multifarious, assorted. ANt. 1. similar, like, identical.

diversify v. vary, branch out, expand, variegate, assort, modify.
diversion n. entertainment, amusement, distraction, pastime, diversissement, fun, pleasure, frolic, sport.
diversity n. variety, difference, assortment, multiplicity, heterogeneity, miscellany, medley. \textit{ant.} sameness, homogeneity.
divert v. 1. turn aside change course, deflect, sidetrack, aver, swerve. 2. distract or amuse entertain, draw, absorb, regale, beguile.
diverting a. distracting, amusing, entertaining, absorbing, beguiling, engrossing, magnetic. \textit{ant.} unstimulating, boring, tedious, tiresome.
divest v. strip, dispossess, deprive, confiscate, relieve of, seize, remove, bare, denude.
divide v. 1. separate sever, cleave, part, split, cut, rend, half, quarter, bisect, Sunder, disjoin, disconnect, segregate, section. 2. apportion distribute, share, allocate, mete out, dole, dispense, divvy up, portion, rational, deal. 3. classify group, categorize, label, sort, arrange. \textit{ant.} 1. join, unite, fuse.
divination n. prophecy, soothsaying, augury, prognostication, fortune-telling, foretelling, premonition, forecast, presentiment.
divine v. foretell, predict, prophesy, forecast, foresee, prognosticate, surmise, guess, infer, portend. \textit{see prophecy}
divine a. godlike, holy, sacred, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscent, heavenly, deified, supreme, sanctified, perfect, celestial, angelic, superhuman. \textit{ant.} earthly, mortal.
divinity n. god, God, deity, goddess. \textit{see God}
division n. 1. part section, segment, unit, department, branch, sector, subdivision, component, piece, cut, chunk. 2. disagreement difference of opinion, variance, discord, disension, dissent, rift, feud, argument. \textit{ant.} 2. agreement, unity, accord.
divisive a. [di VIY siv] causing disagreement or discord. \textit{The meeting was tense and divisive}. \textit{syn.} negative, fault-finding, dissenting, sowing the seeds of dissension, at odds, alienating, dissenting, discordant, hostile, nasty, disrupting, segregating. \textit{ant.} uniting.
divulge v. reveal, disclose, make known, confess, confide, tell, let slip, impart, expose, spill the beans, “spill one’s guts, blab, leak. \textit{ant.} keep secret, conceal, hide.
divvy up vJ. apportion. \textit{see divide}
DNA n. deoxyribonucleic acid. The two-stranded chain component in the nuclei of cells that makes up genes and chromosomes. The detective traced the accused to the crime scene with DNA fingerprinting. \textit{syn.} nucleic acid, nucleotide chains, double helix, code of life, genetic code. \textit{see science}
do v. 1. perform execute, carry out, complete, undertake, see to it, make, cause, bring about, produce, fulfill, engineer, “swing, effect. 2. complete fulfill, accomplish, dispatch, clinch, consummate, dispose of. 3. suffice serve, pass muster, be adequate, measure up, suit, meet one’s needs. 4. act behave, conduct, comport, deport, operate. 5. travel through visit, cover, tour, pass through, explore, experience.
docile a. [DOS ul] easy to train and handle, tractable. \textit{The poodle is considerably more docile than the coyote}. \textit{syn.} tractable, malleable, trainable, pliant, manageable, obedient, gentle, accommodating, submissive, compliant, obliging, meek. \textit{ant.} defiant, stubborn, vicious, untrainable, “unbreakable.
dock n. pier, wharf, landing, quay, marina, slip, berth.
docket n. agenda, calendar, program, schedule, ticket.

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**WORD FIND**

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**urinary tract, kidneys, prostate** | urologist |
| **women's reproductive system** | gynecologist |

**doctor** *v.* 1. mend, fix, treat, repair, attend, nurse, medicate, *patch up. 2. alter, tamper with, falsify, change, distort, adulterate.

**doctrinaire** *a.* obstinate, dogmatic, impractical, unrealistic, rigid, speculative, authoritarian, inflexible. *ant.* practical, flexible, open-minded.

**doctrine** *n.* principle, belief, conviction, precept, opinion, convention, tenet, dictum, dogma, creed, gospel.

**document** *n.* paper, record, certificate, form, report, instrument, testimony, contract, writ.

**document** *v.* support, verify, authenticate, substantiate, prove.

**documentary** *n.* film, docudrama, investigative report, travelogue, account, cinema verité, narrative, newsreel, short subject. See movie

**dodder** *v.* shake, tremble, totter, falter, shuffle, quiver, potter.

**doddering** *a.* feebleminded, senile, faltering, weak, infirm, decrepit, shaky, tottering, shuffling, quivering, "dotty." *ant.* hale, robust, fit.

**dodge** *n.* stratagem, subterfuge, sidestep, evasion, escape, ruse, feint, trick, maneuver, ploy.

**dodge** *v.* avoid, evade, sidestep, elude, escape, *give the slip, duck, get around, *weasel out of, swerve, parry, skirt, bob and weave. *ant.* encounter, meet, confront.

**doer** *n.* "go-getter, "mover and shaker, activist, risk-taker, enterpriser.

**doff** *v.* remove, take off, shed, strip, shuck, disrobe, undress.

elkhound, English setter, English springer spaniel, English toy spaniel, foxhound, fox terrier, German shepherd, golden retriever, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, greyhound, griffon, harrier, hound dog, husky, Irish setter, Irish wolfhound, Labrador retriever, Lhasa apso, Maltese, mastiff, Mexican hairless, miniature poodle, Newfoundland, Norwegian elkhound, Old English sheepdog, Pekingese, pointer, Pomeranian, poodle, pug, rat terrier, retriever, Rottweiler, Russian wolfhound, Saint Bernard, Saluki, Spaniel, St Bernard, Shih tzu, Skye terrier, spaniel, spitz, whippet, wirehaired terrier, wolfhound, Yorkshire terrier

bristling neck and back hairs: hackles
cheeks, lower: chops
chest hairs or coloration: apron
chest, lower: brisket
chin hairs: beard
claw, vestigial: dewclaw
coat, black or dark brown: sable
coat, glossiness of: bloom
coat, gray or black on white: badger-marked
coat, gray or streaked with gray: grizzle
coat, multicolored: parti-colored
coat, patchy or spotted with two or more colors: pied
coat, reddish brown or purplish brown: liver
coat, streaked or spotted: brindle
coat, white with black spots: harlequin
coat, yellowish blond
coat, yellowish brown: fawn
disease: distemper, rabies, mange
domed or rounded skull: apple head
ears that are loose and dangling: flop ears
father: sire
fear of: cynophobia
female: bitch
foot cushions: pads
fringe around neck: frill, ruff
fringe on tail, back of legs: feather
hell's guardian: Cerberus
history: cynology
house: kennel
light-colored streak on head: blaze
lineage, especially from same breed: pedigree

long-legged, slight: racy
lover of: philocynic
low to the ground, thickset: cloddy
mating period, female: heat
mixed breed: mongrel
mother: dam
mouth, nose and jaws: muzzle
muzzle that is dark on some breeds: mask
muzzle that is sharply pointed: snipy
nose of more than one color: butterfly nose
ovaries, remove: spay
puppies, unweaned: whelps
range over field looking for game: quarter
sagging back: swayback
sculpted tufts left on sheared dog, esp. poodle: pompon
short-bodied: cobby
shoulders, highest part of: withers
tail, bushy: brush
tail, curled: ringtail
tail, cut short: bobtail, docked tail
tail, feathery: plume
tail, straight, stiff: whip
tail, twisted: screwtail
top dog: alpha
worm parasite: heartworm
dog-eat-dog - dogmatic
dog-eat-dog a. vicious, voracious, brutal, aggressive, competitive, cutthroat, ruthless, brother against brother. ANT. merciful, compassionate.

DOGGED a. [DOG id] tenacious and stubborn, unwilling to give up. In spite of overwhelming odds, she continued on doggedly. SYN. stubborn, tenacious, willful, persistent, obstinate, mulish, determined intent, steadfast, resolute, plodding, unflagging, persevering. ANT. yielding, compromising, irresolute.
dogleg n. bend, turn.

DOGMA n. [DAWG muh] beliefs and principles. My own religious dogma is not unlike others. SYN. beliefs, principles, doctrine, conviction, creed, gospel, teachings, credo, tenet, article of faith, view, opinion. "A hard substance which forms in a soft brain."—Elbert Hubbard.

DOGOMATIC a. [dawg MAT ik] stubbornly clinging to one’s own beliefs and refusing to consider those of others; overpositive. Our minister is too dogmatic to consider other views. SYN. overpositive, closed-minded, opinionated, doctrinaire, biased, authoritarian, narrow-minded, emphatic, prejudiced, fanatical, imperious, dictatorial. ANT. liberal-minded, open-minded, tolerant, receptive.
do-gooder n. idealist, bleeding heart, philanthropist, humanitarian, *Dudley Do-right, boy scout, good Samaritan, altruist.
doings n. actions, deeds, acts, exploits, affairs, events, *goings-on, happenings, transactions.
dole n. welfare, charity, handouts, gift, alms, subsidy, food stamps, relief.
doleful a. mournful, melancholy, grief-stricken, downhearted, depressed, melancholy, sorrowful, dejected, disconsolate, sad, *down in the dumps, forlorn, woebegone. ANT. cheerful, euphoric, happy.
dole out v. distribute, hand out, allocate, dispense, mete, allot, parcel, divide, share.
dollar n. buck, bill, one, currency, note, greenback, *simoleon. SEE currency, MONEY
dollop n. lump, mass, blob, portion, modicum, quantity.
dolly n. handtruck, car, cart, carrier, transport.
dolorous a. sad, sorrowful, painful, grievous, heartrending, miserable, woebegone, wretched, anguished, lamentable, pitiable. ANT. cheerful, happy, upbeat.
dolphin n. cetacean, marine mammal, bottlenose, sea creature.

WORD FIND
look-alike: porpoise
domain n. territory, realm, sphere, area, terrain, bailiwick, province, dominion, estate, empire, concern, kingdom, turf.
dome n. roof, cupola, hemisphere, vault, rotunda, onion dome, stupa, geodesic dome.
domestic n. servant, maid, butler, cook, *live-in.
domestic a. 1. household home, residential, family, private. 2. native indigenous, homegrown, homemade. ANT. 1. public. 2. foreign.
domesticate v. tame, break, train, housebreak, gentle, *bust, master, subdue, civilize.
domesticity n. home life, homemaking, family life.
domicile n. home, residence, house, abode, dwelling, habitation, castle, *roof over one’s head, *pad, living quarters, apartment, condo.
dominance n. leadership, rule, control, overpowering, power, top dog position, top of the pecking order, high rank, supremacy, upper hand, preeminence, superiority, leg up, command. ANT. submission.
dominant a. ruling, controlling, supreme, *having the upper hand, reigning, prevailing, preeminent, *in the driver’s seat, authoritative, domineering, presiding, lordly, overruling, superior, ascendant, uppermost, preponderant, predominant, paramount, foremost. ANT. subordinate, inferior, submissive, deferential.
dominate v. rule, control, *have the upper hand, reign, prevail, preside, lord over, govern, master, tyrannize, overshadow, command, overrule, predominate, eclipse, *rule the roost, *run the show, *call the shots, dictate, subdue, overpower, bully, cow, loom over, dwarf, rule with an iron hand, *stand head and shoulders above. ANT. submit, cringe, defer.
domination n. leadership, rule, control, power, top position, supremacy, mastery, upper hand, preeminence, superiority, command, alpha position, tyranny. ANT. submission, subservience.
dominence v. see dominate.
domination n. rule, realm, domain, sovereignty, authority, jurisdiction, command, reign, control, supremacy.
donate v. give, contribute, pledge, *chip in, grant, confer, bestow, bequeath, make a gift of.
donation n. contribution, gift, pledge, present, alms, aid, relief, handout, grant, offering, benefaction.
done a. finished, completed, accomplished, fulfilled, concluded, realized, terminated, executed, consummated, ended. ANT. unfinished, unfulfilled, *up in the air.
done for a. doomed, *had it, beaten, defeat ed, ruined, finished, *sunk, *washed up, exhausted, tired, dead. ANT. saved, rescued, revived.
donkey n. ass, mule, burro, jackass, jenny, beast of burden, jack, cuddly, dicky, quadruped.

WORD FIND
cry: bray, hee haw

**donnybrook** *n.* brawl, free-for-all, fight, fray, fracas, melee, fisticuffs, riot, *rumble.

**donor** *n.* contributor, benefactor, supporter, giver, backer, patron, grantor, subscriber, *angel.


**doutn** *n.* see doughnut

**doodad** *n.* thingamajig, doohickey, whatzit, thingamabob, *goofus, whatchamacallit, gizmo, widget, doomajigger, gadget, *whangdoodle, widget.


**dorm** *n.* disaster, ruin, condemnation, death, extinction, Last Judgment, downfall, destruction, tragedy, damnation, annihilation, bane.

**doodled** *v.* condemn, damn, consign to death, destine to ruin, sentence.

**doomed** *a.* condemned, damned, sentenced to death, consigned to ruin, destined for destruction, done for, kaput, *had it, *washed up. **ant.** saved, revived, rescued.

**doomsayer** *n.* Cassandra, *Chicken Little, gloomy Gus, alarmist, voice of doom, prophet of doom, pessimist.

**door** *n.* entrance, passage, exit, opening, hatch, gate, portal, access.

**doorbell** *n.* see doodoor


**dope** *v.* drug, dose, sedate, knock out, *spike, anesthetize, *slip a Mickey Finn.

**dopey** *a.* stupid, idiotic, moronic, retarded, silly, mindless. **ant.** brilliant, intelligent, thoughtful.

**DORMANT** *a.* [DOOR munt] inactive, asleep. **The dormant volcano had not erupted for 1,000 years.** **syn.** inactive, asleep, quiet, resting, still, becalmed, latent, inert, passive, hibernating, quiescent, torpid. **ant.** active, alive, awake.

**dormer** *n.* window, lucarne, gable, projection.

**dormitory** *n.* dorm room, hall, quarters, house, living quarters, sleeping quarters.

**dose** *n.* measure, portion, amount, quantity, allotment, *shot.

**dossier** *n.* file, record, profile, report, history.

**dot** *n.* point, spot, speck, period, mark, mote, iota.

**dotage** *n.* second childhood, senility, decrepitude, old age, feeblemindedness.

**dote on** *v.* lavish attention on, indulge, spoil, wait on, coddle, make of, fuss over, treasure, prize, hold dear. **ant.** neglect, ignore, abuse.

**doting** *a.* lavish, indulgent, spoiling, coddling, demonstrative, devoted, adoring, lovesick, pampering. **ant.** neglectful, abusive.


**double back** *v.* backtrack, retrace steps, return, backpedal.

**DOUBLE-BLIND** *n.* [dub ul BLIYND] a medical study or test in which neither the researchers nor the subjects know who is receiving placebos and who is receiving real medicine, employed to assure objectivity. **To attain maximum credibility, most medical researchers must use double-blinds.** **syn.** trial, clinical trial, test, study, assay, examination, acid test, double-check, confirmation, check.

**double-cross** *v.* betray, stab in the back, double deal, two-time, cheat, be duplicitous, *sell down the river.

**double-dealing** *n.* treachery, duplicity, betrayal, disloyalty, two-timing, double-crossing, deceit, infidelity, perfidy, backstabbing, cheating.

**DOUBLE ENTENDRE** *n.* [DUB ul on TON druh] a word or statement having two meanings, a risqué ambiguity. **The comedian couldn’t be as frank as he wanted, so he used a lot of double entendres.** **syn.** ambiguity, double meaning, play on words, innuendo, equivocation, equivocal, turgid, pun.

**DOUBLE-STANDARD** *n.* [dub ul STAN duhd] a social code or rule that is followed unfairly or without equal measure between sexes, races, groups, etc. **It’s okay for a woman to wear a man’s suit at work; it is not okay for a man to wear a dress is a double standard.** **syn.** contrasting principles, social code, two sets of rules, *a rule for Jack but not for Jill, contradictory standard.
doubt n. uncertainty, question, hesitation, mistrust, indecision, misgiving, skepticism, suspicion, lack of faith, lack of conviction, qualm, apprehension, irresolution, dubiety, question mark. ant. certainty, faith, confidence, trust.

doubt v. question, be uncertain, hesitate, mistrust, suspect, lack faith, lack conviction, misgive, waver, "smell a rat, be dubious, harbor suspicion, be skeptical, disbelieve." "The beacon of the wise."—Shakespeare. ant. believe, trust, accept.

doubter n. skeptic, disbeliever, doubting Thomas, questioner, cynic, scoffer, free-thinker, iconoclast.

doubtful a. 1. questionable dubious, unclear, hazy, uncertain, unsure, debatable, inconclusive, ambiguous, clouded, undetermined, problematic. 2. unlikely improbable, far-fetched. 3. disbelieving suspicious, distrustful, hesitant, unsure, uncertain, questioning, skeptical, wavering, irresolute. ant. 1. certain, sure, clear. 2. likely, probable. 3. belief, convinced.

doubting Thomas n. skeptic, cynic, questioner, "one from Missouri, scoffer, disbeliever, iconoclast.

doughnut n. donut, "sinker, cruller, cake, oil-cook (oil cake).

DOUR a. [DOUR] sullen, gloomy. The unsmil- ing, dour clerk was terribly unhelpful. syn. sullen, gloomy, morose, surly, glum, sour, stern, hard, grim, severe, forbidding, harsh, ill-humored. ant. cheerful, good-humored, beaming.

douse v. 1. immerse wet, drench, submerge, sink, plunge, splash, soak, duck, dunk, sprinkle, saturate, slosh, rinse. 2. extinguish put out.

dove n. pacifist, peacemaker, lamb.

dovetail v. fit, join, mortise, intersect, interlock, correspond, jibe.

dowdy a. shabby, sloppy, frumpy, bedrag-gled, slovenly, wrinkled, frowzy, unkempt, messy, unstylish, unfashionable, disheveled, "dressed in a potato sack. ant. chic, smart, put together, "dressed to the nines, sharp.

down a. 1. depressed unhappy, melancholy, miserable, downhearted, blue, dejected, disconsolate, low, disheartened, dispirited. 2. below earthward, groundward, floor level, to the bottom, under, underneath, nether, at the foot of. sub. ant. 1. up, cheerful, euphoric, high. 2. up, skyward, above.

down-and-out a. broke, penniless, bankrupt, destitute, impoverished, "in the poorhouse, "on the streets, "on the skids, derelict. ant. "on the rise, rich, successful, "on top.

downbeat a. pessimistic, negative, depressive, cheerless, unhappy, dispirited. ant. upbeat, optimistic.

downcast a. dejected, sad, unhappy, miserable, depressed, melancholy, blue, "down in the mouth, "down in the dumps, disheartened, discouraged. ant. up, cheerful, happy.

downer n. "bummer, depressing experience, "drag, "bad scene.

downfall n. 1. ruin collapse, crash, debacle, breakdown, undoing, overthrow, destruction, comeuppance, defeat. 2. downpour cloud-burst, rain shower, torrent, deluge, thunder-storm. ant. 1. "rise to the top, ascension.

downgrade v. devalue, minimize, reduce, demote, bring down a notch, degrade, make light of, downplay.

downhearted a. sad, unhappy, dejected, miserable, depressed, melancholy, blue, "down in the mouth, "down in the dumps, hopeless, disheartened, discouraged. ant. up, cheerful, euphoric, hopeful, optimistic.

downhill a. descending, sloping. ant. ascending.

downplay v. minimize, play down, make light of, downgrade, devalue, lessen.

downpour n. rain storm, rainfall, deluge, cloud-burst, gullywasher, torrent, "cats and dogs, precipitation, "rain of biblical proportion.

downright a. total, complete, absolute, out and out, thorough, categorical, outright, unqualified, utter, unmitigated, sheer. ant. partial, qualified, semi.

downsizing v. reduce, cut, pare, shrink, decrease, "cut the fat, trim, lay off.

down to earth a. realistic, sensible, no-nonsense, reasonable, practical, sober, plainspoken, pragmatic, earthy, levelheaded, matter-of-fact, "real, natural, true. ant. unrealistic, fantastic, impractical, pretentious.

downtrodden a. oppressed, subjugated, dominated, tyrannized, abused, cowed, trampled upon, mistreated, afflicted, "jackbooted, helpless, persecuted. ant. uplifted, aided, well-treated.

downturn n. decline, drop, dip, slide, slump, depression, reversal, "bear market.

dowdy a. fluffy, soft, feathery, velvety, sleeky, silky, fuzzy. ant. rough, coarse, hard.

doze v. nap, sleep, snooze, "nod off, slumber, drowse, "catch forty winks, catnap.

drab a. dull, lackluster, "blah, colorless, boring, dreary, faded, somber, dingy. ant. colorful, bright, vivid.

DRACONIAN a. [dray KO ne un] harsh or se- vere, especially concerning a law or code;
named after the code of Draco, from 621 B.C. Some favor taking Draconian measures to fight crime. syn. harsh, severe, strict, cruel, extreme, rough, brutal, serious, dire, iron-handed, drastic, punitive. ant. slight, light, inconsequential, petty.

draft
n. 1. wind breeze, current, puff, whiff, breath, waft, sigh, sough. 2. military con-
scription induction, selection, lottery, registration, call of duty. 3. outline or picture rough, blueprint, sketch, overview, formulation, skeleton, drawing.
draft
v. 1. conscript induct, recruit, register, select, call up, enlist. 2. rough in sketch, outline, delineate, formulate, compose, fashion, shape.
drag
v. 1. haul pull, lag, tow, trail, trail. 2. progress slowly *go at a snail’s pace, crawl, lag, plod, poke along, inch along. 3. protract extend, prolong, draw out. ant. 1. push, shove. 2. rush, fly, speed, 3. shorten.
drag queen
n. cross-dresser, female impersonator.
drain
n. outlet, conduit, channel, pipe, sewer, watercourse, plumbing.
drain
v. 1. draw empty, bleed, pump out, withdraw, remove, siphon, tap, broach, milk, release, discharge, filter, flush. 2. use up exhaust, expend, suck dry, consume, deplete, tax, sap, bleed dry. ant. fill, replenish.
drama
dramatic
a. intense, exciting, emotional, striking, vivid, melodramatic, climactic, moving, tense, histrionic, suspenseful, electrifying, gripping, riveting. ant. blah, *ho-hum, prosaic.
dramatization
n. drama, larger than life presentation, show, entertainment, melodrama, adaptation.
dramatize
v. play up, emphasize, exaggerate, sensationalize, embellish, *lay it on thick, amplify, intensify, *ham it up. ant. play down, understate.
drape
n. curtain, window dressing, hanging, tapestry, valance, shade, blind, drapery.
drastic
a. extreme, severe, dire, strong, harsh, ex-orbitant, radical, intensive, extensive, extravagant, draconian. ant. slight, petty, modest.
draw
n. 1. tie stalemate, *photo finish. 2. at-	raction pull, magnetism.
draw
v. 1. pull toward attract, haul, tow, drag, lug, hale, trail, attract. 2. sketch depict, portray, outline, trace, delineate, compose, paint, caricature, draft, fashion, rough out. 3. dis-place. 4. attract allure, entice, lure, tempt, seduce, captivate, mesmerize, pull in, bring forth. 5. elicit induce. 6. deduce extract, formulate, derive, infer, conclude, gather. ant. 1. push, shove. 4. repel, repulse.
drawback
n. disadvantage, weakness, snag, hitch, hindrance, liability, flaw, handicap, impediment, failing, shortcoming. ant. advantage, bonus.
drawbridge
n. bascule bridge. see bridge

drawing
n. 1. picture illustration, sketch, diagram, design, outline, pen and ink, depiction, portrayal, study, work of art, figure, caricature, draft. 2. lottery selection.
drawl
n. accent, twang.
drawn
a. haggard, gaunt, worn, exhausted, fatigued, unhealthy, pale, taut, tense. ant. rested, refreshed, glowing.
dread
dread
v. fear, shutter at the thought of, anticipate with horror, shrink, worry, apprehend, *have cold feet, blanch at the thought of. ant. look forward to.
dreadful
a. terrible, unpleasant, horrible, frightful, appalling, distressing, grievous, awful, ghastly, hideous, shocking. ant. wonderful, marvelous, fantastic.
dreadlocks
n. braids, locks, dreads, Rastafarian, haircut. see hair

dream
**dream** v. fantasize, daydream, imagine, muse, fancy, envisage, visualize, conjure up, hallucinate, conceive, lose oneself in reverie.

dreamer **n.** visionary, fantast, daydreamer, castle-builder. “One who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world.”—Oscar Wilde.

dream up **vt.** think up, concoct, cook up, devise, invent, hatch, imagine.

dreary **a.** gloomy, dismal, bleak, gray, cheerless, depressing, drab, colorless, somber, mournful, funereal. **ant.** sunny, bright, cheerful.

dredge **v.** clean, deepen, widen, dig up, unearth.

dregs **n.** 1. SEDIMENT residue, grounds, dross, deposits, settlings, lees. 2. RIFFRAFF scum, refuse, losers. *bums.*

drench **v.** wet, soak, saturate, sop, drown, immerse, submerge, wash, slosh, flood.

dress **n.** 1. clothing outfit, garb, attire, apparel, costume, habit, habiliment, ensemble, raiment, vestments, *togs, duds.* "The soul of a man."—Shakespeare. 2. woman’s garment frock, gown, evening dress, skirt, shift, ensemble, formal, wraparound. see skirt

**WORD FIND**

1920s dress with short skirt and long torso: flapper

African chemise with bell-shaped sleeves: dashiki

African shift: Ethiopian shirtdress

African, long, flowing: seloso

ankle-length dress popular in late 1960s: maxi

ankle-length with high, tight neckline and long sleeves with ruffles: granny dress

back, no or low: backless

bell-shaped dress with tight bodice: dirndl

black ankle-length dress with high neckline, ruffled sleeves: granny dress

bloused-top dress: blouson

bubble-shaped dress of the 1950s: bubble dress

buttoned-down in front, hanging straight down from shoulders: shirtdress

calf-length dress introduced in the 1960s: midi

chemise: shift

child’s sleeveless dress with bib-top apron: pinafore

Chinese traditional with high collar and made of silk or satin: cheongoram

embroidered, Peruvian, straight-cut: Andean shift

floral print shift, light: patio dress

formal with covered shoulders, worn with jacket: dinner dress

formal: evening gown

form-fitting and tight around torso and waist and flaring at calves: mermaid

full, circular skirt with puffed-sleeve top, for dancing: square dancing dress

full, puffed: bouffant

full, triangular: tent dress

glittery, beaded, sequined: diamante

Hawaiian: muumuu

Hindu, wrapped and draped: sari

holes cut around arms or midriff, popular in the 60s: cutout

Indian fringed and beaded: buckskin

Indonesian, brightly colored, wrapped about the waist: sarong

Japanese wraparound with sash: yukata, kimono

kilt-like dress with wrap skirt: kiltie

knitted: sweater dress

long, formal with fitted bodice and full skirt: ballgown

loose-fitting gown: peignoir

Medieval-style, with puffy sleeve tops and high waistline: Juliet

narrow skirted, high-waistline: empire dress

narrow with short overskirt or ruffle below waistline: peplum

old fashioned with stand-up neckline, gathered sleeves at the shoulders, accompanied by: gored

poor European dress with puffed sleeves, drawstring neckline: peasant dress

pregnant, for women who are: maternity dress

robelle, full-length, embroidered around neck: caftan

Roman-inspired, one shoulder bare: toga

rump protrusion of the nineteenth century: bustle

sack: chemise

shapeless, long: Mother Hubbard

shirt-like top, with full or straight skirt, popular in 1930s and 1940s: shirtwaist dress

shirtlike, buttoned top, with full or straight skirt: shirtwaist dress

short and popular in the 1960s, very: micro

short evening dress: cocktail dress

short-skirted dress of 1960s, 1980s: mini-dress

skirt with ruffled hem: prairie dress
sleeveless, figure-conforming shift: bra-shift
smock-like with high neckline and a yoke:
  baby doll
snug and narrow with slashed back: sheath
snug-fitting with narrow skirt slashed in
  the back: sheath
straight-cut, no waistline: chemise, sack
strapless or halter-style: sundress
straps, hanging straight down from: slip
dress
tapering, V-shaped, with large shoulders,
  dolman sleeves: wedge
wool, buttoned or toggled, often profes-
  sional: coatdress
wraparound held together by sash: bath-
  robe dress
wraparound, any: wrap
dress
  v. 1. clothe garb, attire, vest, deck out,
      outfit, slip into, wear, clad, don, costume. 2.
      decorate trim, embellish, adorn, garnish,
      beautify, festoon, deck. ANT. 1. strip, undress,
      disrobe.
dresser
  n. 1. chest of drawers bureau, chiff o-
      nier. 2. person fashion plate, *clotheshorse,
      dandy.
dressing-down
  n. scolding, reprimand, up-
      braidiong, *tongue-lashing, castigation, cen-
      sure, *bawling-out, reproach, talking to.
dressy
  a. fashionable, chic, stylish, formal, *dressed to
      the nines, smart, sharp, classy, elegant, flashy, *dressed
      to kill, *hot. ANT. informal, casual, simple.
dribble
  v. trickle, weep, run, drip, leak, ooze,
      drizzle, seep, dribble, slobber, drool.
drift
  n. 1. heap pile up, mound, mass, deposit,
      bank, dune, accumulation. 2. flow current,
      course, movement, bearing, direction, trend.
      3. meaning gist, intention, purport, tenor,
      essence, sense.
drift
  v. 1. heap pile up, mound, mass, deposit,
      bank, accumulate. 2. wander float, waft,
      meander, stray, rove, ramble, be borne along
      by the current/tide/wind.
drifter
  n. wanderer, vagabond, transient, va-
      grant, nomad, hobo, tramp, derelict.
drill
  n. practice, exercise, training, discipline,
      regimen, repetition, dry run, warm up.
drill
  v. practice, exercise, train, discipline, test,
      warm up, ground.
drink
  n. liquid, beverage, refreshment, thirst
      quencher, soda, soft drink, *pop, punch,
      nectar of the gods, swallow, sip, swig, taste,
      *hit, *booze, liquor, shot, nip, *slug, potation,
      *hard stuff, *rot gut, firewater, draft, quaff,
      Edward Strecker. SEE COCKTAIL, LIQUOR,
      LIQUOR, MOONSHINE
drink
  v. swallow, sip, down, guzzle, *chug-a-lug,
      swig, quaff, *take a hit, *take a shot, have a
      taste, quench one's thirst, gulp, imbibe, drain,
      swill, *wet one's whistle, wash down, tipple,
      *bend the elbow, *gargle, *have a nip.
drinkable
  a. potable, palatable. ANT. undrink-
      able.
drip
  v. dribble, trickle, leak, drop, weep, seep,
      sprinkle, splash, run.
drive
  n. 1. ride spin, *cruise, tour, whirl, joyride,
      outing, jaunt, *Sunday drive, road trip, jour-
      ney, excursion. 2. crusade campaign, cause,
      push, appeal. 3. determination get-up-
      and-go, aggressiveness, ambition, moment-
      um, vigor, energy, hustle, enterprise, *head
      of steam, self-motivation.
drive
  v. 1. operate a vehicle steer, control,
      pilot, ride, *cruise, tour, *take a spin, take
      a road trip, tool down the highway, motor,
      wheel, speed, travel, *burn up the highway.
      2. push propel, urge, force, press, spurt, spur,
      move, shove, induce, pressure, compel, prod.
      3. hit throw, strike, ram, shoot, hurl, thrust.
driveling
  n. nonsense, *hogwash, twaddle, foolish-
      ness, falderal, gibberish, babble, *rot, *hum-
      bug, balderdash, bull, blather.
driveling
  v. slobber, drool, dribble, slaver, salivate.
driver
  n. motorist, commuter, jehu, whip, coach-
      man, chauffeur, operator.
driving
  a. forceful, powerful, pounding, intense.
drizzle
  n. mist, sprinkle, fog, rain, spray, moisture.
drizzle
  v. rain, mist, sprinkle, wet, moisten.
DROLL
  a. [DROLE] amusing in an odd way.
      His droll sense of humor tickled us.
      syn. amusing, comical, entertaining, whimsical,
      quaint, humorous, eccentric, queer, pecu-
      liar, jocular.
drone
  v. buzz, hum, purr, whirr, mumble, hiss,
      bombilate, thrum, intone.
drool
  v. dribble, slobber, dribble, slaver, salivate,
      foam at the mouth.
drool
  n. saliva, spittle, spit, slaver, slobber, drool,
      expectoration, sputum, *loogie.
droop
  v. sag, hang down, slouch, loll, slump,
      bend, dangle, wither, wilt, languish, bow,
      settle, stoop, flag.
drop
  n. 1. droplet globule, bead, teardrop,
      pearl, speck, pinch, splash, dewdrop, drip,
      blob, dribble, smidgen, trace, dab. 2. fall
      pitch, descent, slope, precipice, plunge,
      chasm, hole. 3. decline decrease, fall, down-
      swing, lowering, tumble, slump, reduction,
fall-off, depreciation. ant. 2. ascent, rise. 3. increase, rise, elevation.

drop v. 1. fall, dive, plunge, descend, plummet, pitch, tumble, *nose-dive, go down, topple, slump, *keel over, collapse. 2. abandon give up, let go, dismiss, discontinue, cease, end, quit, desert, *write off, forsake, *scrub, leave. 3. decrease, decline, fall, lower, reduce, depreciate, tumble, slump, diminish, slacken. ant. 1. rise, ascend, elevate. 2. take up, adopt. 3. increase, appreciate, rise.

drop in the bucket n. *spit in the sea, pittance, trivial amount, miniscule amount, mite, *small change, *small potatoes, speck.

drop off v. deliver, deposit, unload, leave. drop off n. descent, precipice, cliff, slope, hole, decrease, fall.

drop out vi. quit, abandon, *turn one's back on, abandon, withdraw, forsake, leave.

droppings n. dung, excrement, manure, guano, *crap.

drought n. dry spell, dehydration, aridity, dearth, shortage, scarcity, want, insufficiency.

drove n. flock, herd, mass, body.

drown v. 1. go under and perish, submerge, asphyxiate, suffocate, sink, flood, inundate, engulf, swamp. 2. overwhelm, overpower, overcome, stifle, smother, suppress.

drowsy a. sleepy, tired, dozy, half asleep, *out of it, lethargic, drifting off, groggy, somnolent, listless, sluggish. ant. alert, awake, energetic, wide-eyed.

drub v. thrash, hit, beat, whip, wallop, pound, club, cane, lash, switch.

drudge v. work hard, toil, labor, *break one's back, *do the dirty work, *keep nose to the grindstone, plod, grind, sweat.

drug n. medicine, narcotic, remedy, cure, opiate, dope, pharmaceutical, prescription, pill, substance, chemical, treatment, panacea, physic, preparation, controlled substance. see cocaine, cure, heroin, opium, marijuana, medicine, narcotic.

WORD FIND


addict's alternative to heroin: methadone

*angel dust: PCP

cocaine that is smoked: crack

*crank: methamphetamine

*crack mixed with heroin: 'eightball

dance party favorite: ecstasy (methylene-dioxymethamphetamine; MDMA)

depressant, muscle-relaxer: barbiturate, *downer

erother-purified cocaine: 'freebase

hallucinogen: LSD, DMT (Dimethyltryptamine), *ecstasy, mescaline, peyote, *psychedelic, *STP

*ice: methamphetamine in smokable form

inject a drug, to: mainline

laughing gas: nitrous oxide

LSD: lysergic acid diethylamide, *California sunshine, *acid

mix of cocaine, amphetamine, and heroin: *speedball

mood-altering: psychotropic drug

muscle-building hormone: anabolic steroid

narcotic: heroin

opium-derived: opiate

painkiller: analgesic, codeine, Demerol, morphine, Percodan

painkiller, abused: Oxycontin; oxycodone hydrochloride

poppy-plant, derived from: opium

rape drug rendering unconscious: GHB (Gamma hydroxybuturate)

sex drive arouser: aphrodisiac

sleep-inducing: hypnotic, soporific, tranquilizer, sedative, Quaalude, Seconal

*smack: heroin

stimulant: amphetamine, Dexedrine, 'speed, 'upper

tranquilizer: sedative, Valium

vomiting, causes: emetic

druggist n. pharmacist, apothecary, chemist. BRIT.

drum n. see musical instrument


dry a. 1. dehydrated, dehydrated, waterless, arid, parched, thirsty, droughty, evaporated, anhydrous, withered. 2. dull, boring, uninteresting, prosaic, tedious, flat, blah, *ho-hum, *dull as dishwater, insipid, monotonous, sterile. 3. droll, humorous, sarcastic, satirical, deadpan. ANT. 1. wet, moist, saturated. 2. interesting, fascinating.

dual a. double, twofold, twin, duplex, binary, matched. ANT. single, lone.

dub v. name, christen, label, title, designate, term, nickname, tag, style, confer, denominate, baptize, knight.

DUBIOUS a. [DOO bee us] doubtful or causing doubt, questionable, uncertain. I was dubious about her chances of winning the lottery. SYN. doubtful, questionable, uncertain, equivocal, indefinite, unclear, unsure, disputable, suspect, debatable, moot. ANT. certain, sure, indisputable.

duck v. 1. lower bow, crouch, stoop, dip, double over, drop, bob, bend, hunker down. 2. evade dodge, sidestep, elude, avoid, parry, swerve, shun, steer clear. 3. immerse submerge, dunk, dip, plunge, sink. ANT. 1. rise, straighten. 2. meet, confront.


duck n. conduit, pipe, channel, passage, tube, airway, chimney, smokestack, funnel.


duds n. see CLOTHING

due a. 1. owed in arrears, payable, outstanding, unsatisfied, not met, mature. 2. appointed to arrive expected, scheduled, anticipated, slated, booked. 3. fitting appropriate, deserved, merited, justified, entitled, warranted. ANT. 1. paid, satisfied. 2. unscheduled, unexpected. 3. undue, inappropriate.

due to prep. attributable, because of, accountable.

duel n. combat, contest, fight to the death, clash, engagement, shootout, challenge, joust.

dues n. membership fee, charge, obligation, levy, toll, assessment, payment, tax.

duff n. rump, rear. SEE BUTTKNOCKS

dulcet a. melodious, pleasing, pleasant, sweet, agreeable. ANT. discordant.

dull a. 1. stupid slow, unintelligent, *thick, dense, bovine, retarded, obtuse, doltish, *dumb as a post, dim-witted, half-witted, ignorant. 2. boring, tedious, *ho-hum, blah, uninteresting, prosaic, dry, tiresome, bland, vapid, *dull as dishwater, humdrum, stale, lackluster, soporific. 3. subdued quiet, muted, deadened, faded, softened, muffled. 4. unsharpened blunt, un honed, edgeless. ANT. 1. sharp, intelligent, quick-witted, bright. 2. exciting, stimulating, colorful, dramatic. 3. overstated, overdone, flashy, loud. 4. sharp, honed.


dumbfound v. stun, nonplus, strike dumb, flabbergast, astound, take aback, stagger, paralyse, render speechless, stupefy.

dumbstruck a. shocked, stunned, nonplused, flabbergasted, astonished, astounded, rendered speechless, *blown away. ANT. taking it in stride.


dump n. 1. refuse yard, junkyard, landfill, dumpsite, hazardous waste site, scrap heap, rubbish heap. 2. rundown, messy place.

dump v. throw out, drop, get rid of, cast off, empty, *deep six, chuck, scrap, unload, junk, ditch, discard. ANT. load, fill.
dumping n. doughball.

WORD FIND
Chinese: wonton, dim sum
Italian: gnocchi
Yiddish: matzo ball

dumps n. Sl. blues, depression, blahs, doldrums.
dumpy a. stout, *built like a fireplug, short, thickset.
dune n. hill, ridge, sand pile, sand drift, hillock, mound, barrow, knoll, hummock. see desert

WORD FIND
dunghill: midden
study of: scatology

dungarees n. pants, trousers, jeans, overalls, denim.
dungeon n. prison, keep, hold, donjon, enclosure, chamber, confine,oubliette, stronghold. see castle
dunk v. dip, sink, immerse, submerge, duck, soak, souse, sop.
duo n. duet, pair, team.
duplicate n. copy, reproduction, carbon copy, match, counterfeit, mate, mirror image, facsimile, clone, twin, dead ringer. ANT. original.
duplicitous a. deceptive, deceitful, shady, double-dealing, treacherous, two-faced, two-timing, back-stabbing, dishonest.
DUPLICITY n. [doo PLIS i tee] deceptiveness, the act of double-dealing or being two-faced. Shady politicians are skilled in the art of duplicity. SYN. deceptiveness, deception, double-dealing, being two-faced, guile, treachery, backstabbing, *two-timing, deceit, disloyalty, artifice, hypocrisy, dishonesty, *Judas kiss. ANT. honesty, loyalty, artlessness, straightforwardness.
durable a. lasting, tough, rugged, sturdy, enduring, strong, permanent, sound, stout, stable, solid. ANT. fragile, flimsy, cheap, shoddy.
direction n. period, time, age, span, term, run, stretch, era, lifetime extent, continuation, course.
dureus n. coercion, constraint, threat, pressure, force, arm-twisting, compulsion. ANT. free will.
dusk n. twilight, sundown, sunset, gloom, nightfall, gloaming, evening, moonrise.

WORD FIND
dunghill: midden
study of: scatology

dusky a. dark, dim, gauzy, murky, gloomy, veiled, twilight, swarthy, gray, shadowy, unlit, somber. ANT. sunny, bright, radiant.
dust n. particles, lint, grit, ashes, powder, soot, particulate, scales, fragments.
dusty a. dirty, sandy, granular, *linty, sooty, powdery, undusted. ANT. dusted, clean, polished.
dutiful a. conscientious, diligent, obedient, devoted, regardful, accommodating, obliging, faithful. ANT. lazy, slack, negligent.
duty n. 1. responsibility charge, task, commission, obligation, trust, requirement, function, assignment, job, burden. 2. tax customs, excise, levy, tariff, toll, impost, assessment.
DVD n. compact disk, digital video disk, video storage medium.
dwarf v. eclipse, overshadow, outshine, stand head and shoulders above, tower above, excel, dominate, stunt.
dwell v. 1. live, reside, inhabit, stay, abide, *crash, keep house, quarter, lodge, *roost, *bunk, take shelter, domicile. 2. linger over, think about, pause, harp on, ponder.
dwelling n. home, house, residence, domicile, habitation, lodging, abode, homestead, quarters, diggings, castle, *pad, den. see house.
dwindle v. diminish, decline, decrease, lessen, fade, wane, shrink, ebb, waste away, slacken,
die down, drop, decay. **ant.** increase, grow, expand.

dye **n.** color, tint, pigment, tinge, stain.

**DYED-IN-THE-WOOL** **a.** through and through, to the very core, deep-down. The senator had consistently shown himself to be a dyed-in-the-wool conservative. **syn.** through and through, to the core, deep-down, out and out, complete, utter, absolute, true, genuine, full-fledged. **ant.** partial, superficial.


dynamic **a.** active, energetic, vital, vigorous, forceful, aggressive, alive, powerful, spirited, effective, potent, driving, compelling. **ant.** lifeless, dead, ineffectual, weak.

dynamite **n.** explosive, TNT, nitroglycerin, blasting material.


dynasty **n.** lineage, ascendancy, regency, rule, house, command, crown, regime, empire, succession.

dysfunctional **a.** nonfunctioning, malfunctioning, impaired, abnormal, unhealthy, aberrant. **ant.** well adjusted, *together.

dyslexia **n.** learning disorder, reading disorder, learning impairment, comprehension disorder.

dyslexic **a.** learning-impaired.
each a. every, all, respective, any, individual. ant. none.
each adv. apiece, per, individually, a person, “a head, “a shot.
eagle n. raptor, bird of prey, Falconiforme. see bird
group of: convocation
hooked beak, describing: aquiline
nest: aerie
eagle-eyed a. sharp-eyed, hawk-eyed, keen-eyed, perceptive, observant. ant. dull-eyed, unobservant.
ear n. hearing organ, auditory organ. ”The road to the heart.”—Voltaire. ”The gates to the mind.”—Moses Ibn Ezra.
WORD FIND
balance, inner organ of: labyrinth
bones of: anvil (incus), hammer (malleus), stirrup (stapes); ossicles
deformity: cauliflower ear
doctor: otologist
earache: otalgia
eardrum: tympanic membrane
external portion: auricle, pinna
hereditary disorder causing progressive deafness: otosclerosis
instrument: otoscope
nerve: auditory nerve
nerve deafness: sensorineural deafness
ringing in: tinnitus
spiral inner cavity: cochlea
study of: otology
swimmer’s ear: otitis externa
vestigial point: Darwin’s tubercle
wax: cerumen
whirling, dizzy sensation due to inner ear impairment: vertigo
early a. 1. near the beginning preceding, prior, initial, young, aboriginal, primal, primeval, primiti
early a. 2. too soon premature, ahead of time, beforehand, preceding, advanced, immature, precocious. ant. 1. recent, modern, latter.
earn v. 1. make money net, “clear, gross, profit, take in, take home, pull in, gain, realize, collect, get, draw. 2. deserve merit, be entitled to, warrant, achieve, be worthy of.
earnings n. pay, wages, salary, net, gross, “take-home, income, profit, compensation, proceeds, gain, return, receipts.
earring n. earbob, ornament, jewelry, bauble, jewel, ear clasp, girandole, “fishing lure (sardine).
earsplitting a. deafening, loud, shrill. ant. muted, quiet.
WORD FIND
center of, pertaining to: geocentric
green earth color: terre verte
inhabitant: earthling, tellurian
outermost shell: crust, lithosphere
personification of: Gaea
pertaining to: terrene
shape: oblate spheroid
study of its shape, size: geodesy
study of its structure: tectonics, geology
subsurface: asthenosphere, mantle, core
earthling n. tellurian, inhabitant of earth, human being, terra, man, woman, child of earth.
earthily a. terrestrial, terrene, worldly, *down to earth, physical, mundane, global, physical, corporeal, mortal, temporal. ant. spiritual, ethereal, otherworldly, divine, heavenly.
earthquake n. tremor, temblor, quake, seism, *earthshake, shock, convulsion, upheaval, cataclysm, *wake-up call. see volcano
WORD FIND
center of: epicenter
charming of wet clay and sand into a liquid during: liquefaction
cluster of: earthquake storm
continental dynamics causing: plate tectonics
following tremor: aftershock
fracture in rock strata, origination of quake: fault
ground waves causing initial roar: primary waves, compressional waves
ground waves causing side-to-side shaking: Love waves
magnitude scale: Richter scale, Mercalli intensity scale
massive quake caused by shifting tectonic plates: megathrust earthquake
mysterious flickering glow seen preceding one: earthquake lights
pertaining to: seismic
preceding tremor: foreshock
recorder of earth's vibrations: seismograph
sea wave caused by: tsunami
slight quakes: microearthquakes
study of: seismology
tectonic plates force themselves under and over one another, where: subduction zone
volcano-like formations made by liquefied soil during: sand blows
waves traveling through the earth: seismic waves
earthmover n. bulldozer, grader, backhoe, steam shovel, excavator, heavy machinery.

earthling - ebullient
citement, exhilarated, high-spirited, electrified, effervescing, elated, enthusiastic, ir-repressible, "going nuts, zestful, wild. ANTONYMs: subdued, sedate, apathetic, somber.

eccentric n. a nut, character, queer duck, original, oddball, "weirdo, nonconformist, "ding-a-ling, crank, loner, individual, free spirit, one-of-a-kind, "flake.

eclectic a. odd, peculiar, weird, "nutty, queer, off-center, flaky, unconventional, idiosyncratic, "off the wall, deviant, "kinky, different, "daft, "potty, irregular, nonconforming. ANTONYMs: normal, conventional, ordinary. Synonym: selective, comprehensive, wide-ranging, assorted, broad, diverse, liberal, multifaceted, catholic, heterogeneous.

ecclesiastical a. churchly, religious, ministerial, parochial, pastoral, clerical. ANTONYMs: lay, secular, mundane.

ECHELON n. [ESH uh lon] any one level in a multi-level group. It was the upper echelon's responsibility to devise new strategies. Synonyms: level, hierarchy, rank, class, position, place, tier, order.

echo n. answer, reverberation, rebound, reflection, reply, replication, repercussion, repetition, parroting. "Something that always has the last word." —German proverb. "The shadow of a sound." —Horace Smith.

ecology n. environmental science, study of flora and fauna, habitat science, life science.

economical a. 1. frugal, conservative, thrifty, economizing, efficient, "penny-wise, tight, prudent, saving, scrimping. 2. inexpensive, cheap, "dirt cheap, cost-effective, reasonable, budget, low-priced. ANTONYMs: wasteful, extravagant. 2. expensive, costly, dear. Synonym: save, be frugal, "tighten one's belt, pinch pennies, conserve, scrimp, cut corners, stint, cut back. ANTONYMs: waste, squander.

economy n. 1. thrift saving, frugality, conserving, austerity, prudence, skimping, penny-pinching, "To pitch your scale of living one degree below your means." —Henry Taylor. "The art of making the most of life." —George Bernard Shaw. 2. national, state or regional income management finances, production, GNP, gross national product, spending, distribution of wealth. ANTONYMs: extravagance, wastefulness, spending.

WORD FIND ban of import or export product: embargo, sanction buying for want and status instead of need: conspicuous consumption collective annual value of all goods, services, etc, of nation: GNP, gross national product debt owed by federal government: national debt decline, sharp and prolonged economic: depression demand exceeding supply: seller's market drop in prices due to a reduction of the money supply: deflation expansion, economic: boom exports and imports, difference in worth between: balance of trade gauge of fluctuating prices of common consumer goods: consumer price index GNP: gross national product government incentives to big business resulting in benefit to all: trickle-down theory group working together to control production and prices, common: cartel inability to pay one's debts: insolvency inflation causing shortages, runaway: hyperinflation imports exceeding exports, condition of: trade deficit luxuries, money left over for: discretionary income manufacturing industry, heavy: smokestack industry medieval economic system of lords and vassals: feudalism money to work with: capital monopolies, laws preventing formation of: antitrust laws price supports, government: subsidies reducing taxes to spur production, investment and growth, theory of: supply-side economics
selling goods below cost to drive competition out of business: dumping
services than production of goods, economy based more on: service economy
supplies exceeding demand: buyer’s market
system of collectively owned or state-owned production facilities controlling distribution, economic: communism
system of privately owned businesses designed for profit-making, economic: capitalism, free enterprise system
tariffs and regulations used by nation to limit imports: trade barriers
ups and downs of some businesses, expected: business cycle
zero growth and rising unemployment, period of: recession, slump

ecosystem n. habitat, environment, ecological community.
ecstasy n. rapture, euphoria, bliss, elation, transport, exaltation, ebullience, heaven, joy, exhalation, seventh heaven. ANT. misery, depression, gloom.
ecstatic a. rapturous, euphoric, elated, blissful, transported, exalted, ebullient, in heaven, in seventh heaven, overjoyed, thrilled. ANT. miserable, depressed, down.
eddy n. current, vortex, countercurrent, whirlpool, swirl.
edema n. fluid, swelling, accumulation, water retention.
Eden n. garden, paradise, utopia, heaven on earth, garden of Adam and Eve.
edge n. 1. MARGIN border, boundary, verge, outline, perimeter, skirt, rim, fringe, periphery, limit, brink. 2. ADVANTAGE leg up, handicap, head start, upper hand.
edgy a. nervous, on edge, tense, uptight, anxious, *wired, jumpy, jittery, “keyed up, restless, ill at ease, “a bundle of nerves. ANT. calm, tranquil, relaxed.
edible a. palatable, consumable, fit to eat, comestible, digestible, esculent. ANT. inedible, disgusting, rotten, *not fit for human consumption.
edict n. decree, command, proclamation, law, fiat, manifesto, enactment, ruling, act, regulation, ordinance. SEE LAW
edification n. enlightenment, education, improvement, betterment, learning, uplifting, instruction, guidance, teaching.
edifice n. building, structure, skyscraper, tower, construction, highrise. SEE BUILDING
edit v. revise, correct, “blue pencil, refine, check, rewrite, polish, proofread, redact, doctor, cut, delete, condense, “clean up.
editor n. reviser, redactor, reviewer, copy editor. “A bit of sandpaper applied to all forms of originality.”—Elbert Hubbard.
edition n. issue, copy, number, printing, volume.
editorial n. essay, opinion piece, think piece, article, commentary.
educate v. teach, instruct, train, enlighten, school, edify, tutor, coach, cultivate, *show the ropes, inform, “drum into.
educated a. trained, enlightened, schooled, learned, literate, cultivated, erudite, scholarly, refined, well-read, well-grounded, knowledgeable. ANT. ignorant, naive, illiterate.
educational a. informative, instructional, enlightening, academic, edifying, illuminating, scholastic, didactic.
educator n. teacher, instructor, tutor, mentor, trainer, coach, professor.
educe v. evoke, bring out, draw forth, elicit.
ereie a. weird, unsettling, creepy, macabre, unnatural, spooky, bizarre, strange, unearthly, uncanny, frightening, mysterious.
edface v. erase, obliterate, rub out, cancel, wipe out, fade, expunge, eradicate.
effect n. 1. RESULT consequence, upshot, reaction, response, aftermath, end, fallout, wake, repercussion. 2. INFLUENCE impact, force, weight, power, clout, efficacy.
effectual, ineffective, impotent, inadequate.
eductive a. 1. PRODUCTIVE successful, compelling, sufficient, forceful, efficacious, useful, powerful, persuasive. 2. OPERATIVE functional, serviceable, in effect, active. ANT. ineffective, ineffectual, impotent, inadequate.
eductive n. belongings, possessions, goods, things, property, stuff, chattels.
edgervences n. 1. fizz bubbles, foam, froth, carbonation. 2. vivacity high spirits, exuberance, vitality, liveliness, “zip, spirit, buoy
ancy, animation, ebullience. ant. 1. flatness. 2. lifelessness, listlessness, torpor.
effervescent a. 1. fizzy bubbly, foaming, frothy, carbonated. 2. vivacious spirited, exuberant, vital, lively. *zippy, buoyant, animated, ebullient. ant. 1. flat. 2. dead, lifeless, listless.
effete a. 1. barren unproductive, fruitless, sterile. 2. spent worn out, exhausted, used up, *burned out, enervated, weak. ant. fertile, vigorous.

EFFICACY n. [EF uh kuh see] the capacity to bring about the desired end, effectiveness. The efficacy of the space agency will be tested with the new mission. syn. effectiveness, power, productiveness, capacity, competency, potency, vigor, proficiency, capability, efficiency.
efficient a. effective, effectual, potent, productive, capable, causative, proficient, dynamic, economical, workmanlike, able. ant. inefficient, ineffectual, wasteful.
effigy n. likeness, dummy, figure, representation, image, mock-up.
effort n. 1. exertion strain, output, work, trouble, application, muscle, toil, pain, *elbow grease, stress, sweat. 2. attempt try, endeavor, venture, *go. 3. achievement feat, creation, accomplishment.
effrontery n. [i FYOO siv] gushing or highly demonstrative of one's emotions. It made me uncomfortable to see him so effusive. syn. gushing, demonstrative, unrestrained, profuse, expansive, lavish, extravagant, overflowing, unreserved. ant. reserved, restrained, tactful.
effulgent a. radiant, glowing, luminous, brilliant, resplendent, shining, dazzling, bright. ant. dim, dull, dark.
effusive a. [i FYOO siv] gushing or highly demonstrative of one's emotions. It made me uncomfortable to see him so effusive. syn. gushing, demonstrative, unrestrained, profuse, expansive, lavish, extravagant, overflowing, unreserved. ant. reserved, restrained, tactful.

EGALITARIAN a. [i GAL uh TARE ee un] believing in equality for everyone. The constitution ensures an egalitarian government. syn. equal, liberal, fair-minded, democratic, just, unbiased, unprejudiced, equitable. ant. unfair, inequitable, prejudiced, biased.

egg n. ovum, embryo, roe, spawn.

egg on v. urge, incite, prod, encourage, spur, push, prompt, goad, rally. ant. discourage.
ego n. self, psyche, self-esteem, self-image, self-respect.
egocentric a. self-centered, selfish, egotistic, self-absorbed, wrapped up in oneself, narcissistic, vainglorious, conceited. ant. giving, other-directed, self-effacing.
egregious a. [i GREE jus] extremely bad or outrageous. Murder is an egregious sin. syn. bad, outrageous, flagrant, blatant, extreme, atrocious, monstrous, shocking, grievous, glaring, striking, baldfaced, appalling. ant. minor, trivial, petty.
egress n. doorway, outlet. see exit
ejaculate v. discharge, climax, have an orgasm, *come.
ejaculation n. release, emission.
ejection n. expulsion, ouster, removal, dismissal, exile, *the boot, discharge, banishment, eviction, ostracism.
elaborate v. develop, work out, detail, flesh out, fashion, add to, enlarge, amplify, refine, explain.
elaborate a. complicated, complex, intricate, detailed, comprehensive, painstaking, thorough,
involved, sophisticated, multifaceted, ornate, busy, showy, extravagant. ant. simple, plain, unadorned, stark.

élan n. enthusiasm, spirit, vigor, dash, ardor, verve, vivacity, panache, flair, zest.
elapse v. go by, pass, transpire, expire, intervene, slip by, lapse.
elastic a. flexible, resilient, supple, adaptable, springy, pliant, accommodating, yielding, buoyant. ant. inflexible, rigid, stiff.
elation n. happiness, joy, euphoria, delight, excitement, high spirits, glee, exhilaration, exaltation, rapture, "cloud nine, ecstasy. ant. misery, depression, blues.
elbow v. push, shove, jostle, shoulder, bump, bulldoze, nudge, crowd.
elbow grease n. effort, muscle, "oomph, strain, sweat, stress, toil, back, strength.
elder n. senior, old-timer, veteran, superior, forefather, ancestor, matriarch, patriarch, "old fogey, "geezer, retiree, graybeard, dowager.
eldest a. older, senior, superior, higher ranking. ant. younger, junior.
elerly a. aged, venerable, seasoned, ancient, "long in the tooth, mature, "over the hill, experienced, senescent, advanced in years, weathered, vintage. ant. youthful, young, immature, "green. see old, old age, old-faded

elect v. select, choose, pick, opt for, appoint, vote for, settle on, nominate, single out, cast one’s ballot.
election n. selection, choosing, choice, voting, vote-casting, determination, preference, appointment, designation, nomination, referendum. see congress, electioneering, politics

WORD FIND
ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNING
aid to candidate, solicits votes: electioneer

assembly every four years to elect presidential candidate: national convention
attack on opposing candidate: mudslinging, smear campaign
candidate list: ballot, ticket
convention representatives from one state: delegation
cross-party vote: crossover vote
desires and dictates of voters expressed through vote: mandate
district of voters: constituency
district, smallest voting unit: precinct
fund-raising, fund-distributing committee: political action committee (PAC)
mail-in vote: absentee ballot
majority (large) of votes, victory: landslide
meeting of party to choose candidate: caucus
meeting to generate enthusiasm for candidate: rally
person not on ballot, but written in by voter: write-in
poll public opinion or solicit votes: canvass
popular candidate’s trickle-down benefit to weaker party member: coattail effect
preliminary, nominating election: platform
proposal of action, to be voted on: proposition, referendum
random vote poll: straw poll
report of voting trends: poll, returns, exit poll
shake hands and smile: glad-hand
speak from town to town: barnstorm, stump
state representatives chosen to elect president and vice president: electoral college
voting enrollment: registration

elective a. chosen, optional, electoral, discretionary, voluntary. ant. required.
electricity n. current, optional, electoral, discretionary, voluntary. ant. required.

WORD FIND
atom: electron
cell that converts light to electricity: photovoltaic cell
current regulator: rheostat
drop in voltage through power line: brownout
earth or other large body to which circuit is connected to prevent noise interference: ground
generator: dynamo
material capable of carrying current with little resistance: conductor
particle, electrified: ion
poor conductor and a poor insulator: semiconductor
restrictor of current's flow: insulator
stores electrical charge: capacitor
unit of: amp, ampere, ohm, volt, watt, joule
zero resistance of current: superconductivity

electrify v. thrill, shock, startle, stun, excite, dazzle, stir, daze, jolt, *give one a charge, stagger, *take one's breath away. ANT. bore.
electronics n. integrated circuitry, transistors, chips, solid state components. See Computer, Electricity
elegance n. fineness, refinement, grace, opulence, luxuriousness, high style, beauty, grandeur, class, tastefulness, sophistication, poshness, polish.
elegant a. fine, refined, graceful, opulent, luxurious, high-styled, stylish, beautiful, grand, classy, tasteful, sophisticated, posh, cultured, fashionable, polished. ANT. coarse, crude, unrefined, tacky.
elegant a. sad, sorrowful, mournful, plaintive. ANT. uplift ing, inspiring, happy.
elegy n. dirge, lamentation, lament, funeral song, requiem.
element n. component, ingredient, constituent, unit, facet, bit, feature, piece, portion, section, item, factor.
elementary a. basic, simple, fundamental, rudimentary, easy, *child's play, uncomplicated, primary, introductory, plain, abecedarian. ANT. complicated, advanced, difficult.

elephantine a. mammoth, gargantuan, jumbo. ANT. tiny, puny, wee. SEE huge

elevate v. 1. RAISE lift, uplift, hoist, escalate, hike up, jack up, heighten. 2. PROMOTE advance, raise, enhance, improve, upgrade, boost, heighten, aggrandize, exalt. ANT. lower, drop, degrade.

elevated a. lofty, exalted, noble, grand, eminent, high, upstanding, distinguished, admirable, *put on a pedestal. ANT. lowly, inferior, humble.
elevation n. height, altitude, eminence, high ground, prominence, rise, hill, mountain, lift.
elevator n. lift, hoist.
elf n. gnome, fairy, hob, pixy, imp, brownie, sprite, dwarf, leprechaun.
elfin a. mischievous, prankish, impish, playful, sprightly, small, fleeting.

ELICIT v. [i LIS it] to bring out or draw forth. He tried to elicit a response from the speaker. SYN. draw, bring out, evoke, extract, wret, cause, exact, call forth, wring, *arm-twist, *pump, extort.
ablegible a. qualified, worthy, suitable, appropriate, desirable, fitting, acceptable. ANT. ineligible, disqualified.
eliminate v. get rid of, remove, discard, cut, reject, omit, drop, kill, eject, oust, shut out, expel, exclude. ANT. include, get.
elimination n. removal, discard, cut, rejection, omission, dropping, killing, ejection, ouster, expulsion, exclusion. ANT. inclusion.
elite n. the best, the greatest, *upper crust, aristocracy, *crème de la crème, high society, gentry, blue bloods, nobility, clique, *haute monde, pick. ANT. the dregs, working class, lower class.
elitist n. snob, highbrow, oligarch, social climber, *snoot, *stuffed shirt, egotist.
elixir n. potion, curative, mixture, compound, panacea, cure-all, miracle drug, nostrum, catholicion, solution, substance.
eliptical a. oval, egg-shaped, ovoid.
elocution n. public speaking, speech, oratory, articulation, recitation, declamation, rhetoric, delivery, eloquence, enunciation, diction. SEE eloquence, speech
elongate v. lengthen, extend, stretch, protract, let out, prolong. ANT. shorten, shrink, curtail.
elongated a. lengthened, extended, stretched, protracted, let out, prolonged, prolate, oblong. ANT. shortened, contracted, curtailed.
elope v. run off, abscond, run away with, slip off.
eloquence - embellishment

eloquent n. persuasive, fluency, forcefulness, expressiveness, rhetoric, command of language, way with words, elocution, oratory, articulation. “A gift of the mind, which makes us master of the heart and spirit of others.”—Jean de La Bruyere. “What one thinks he has after a cocktail.”—Warren Goldberg. “The gift of making any color appear white.”—Ambrose Bierce.

eloquent a. [EL uh KWUN T] persuasive by means of one’s speech, having a way with words, articulate. There are many eloquent speakers in Washington. syn. persuasive, articulate, fluent, forceful, having a way with words, expressive, having a command of the language, silver-tongued, smooth, stirring, cogent, vivid, pointed. ant. inarticulate, tongue-tied, stumbling.

elucidate v. clarify, make clear, explain, illustrate, illuminate, *shed light on, simplify, spell out, interpret. ant. obfuscate, confuse, muddy.

elude v. avoid, evade, escape, *give the slip, dodge, *lose, *throw off the scent, get away, circumvent, baffle, thwart, foil. ant. confront, meet, face.

elusive a. elusive, slippery, shifty, hard to catch, fleeting, eely, baffling, cagey, puzzling, wily. ant. comprehensible, easy to grasp, within reach.

EMACIATED a. [i MAY shee ay ted] lean and scrawny, as from starvation. Many deer become emaciated through the winter. syn. lean, thin, scrawny, wasted, malnourished, anorexic, bony, skinny, skeletal, gaunt, rawboned, drawn, wizened, hollow-eyed. ant. beefy, plump, fat, obese.
e-mail n. electronic mail, online mail, online correspondence, E-message, instant message. see computer, internet
emanate v. issue, proceed, rise, arise, appear, exude, come forth, originate, flow, discharge.
emanation n. emission, discharge, issue, emerging, emergence, effusion.

EMANCIPATE v. [i MAN suh pate] to free. Lincoln wished to emancipate the slaves. syn. free, liberate, release, deliver, loose, unchain, unburden, enfranchise, manumit, save, rescue. ant. enslave, fetter, subjugate.

emancipation n. freedom, liberation, release, delivery, manumission, enfranchisement. ant. enslavement, subjugation.

EMASCULATE v. [i MA S kyuh late] to castrate or weaken; to take away a man’s strength. Kryptonite had the power to emasculate Superman. syn. castrate, weaken, effeminate, debilitate, enervate, render ineffectual, soften, *take the teeth out of. ant. strengthen, invigorate.

EMBARGO n. [em BAR go] a government-imposed prohibition on the shipment or receipt of foreign commercial freight. The president imposed an embargo on French wine. syn. prohibition, restriction, ban, blockage, proscription, stoppage, restraint, check, interdiction.

embark v. 1. board get on. 2. commence set out, start, venture, undertake, take up, broach, launch, enter, initiate.

embarrass v. disconcert, make ill-at-ease, make self-conscious, abash, shame, mortify, chagrin, fluster, discomfit, faze.

embarrassing a. disconcerting, humiliating, awkward, mortifying, uncomfortable, discomfiting, shaming, discomposing, ticklish, touchy, undignifying.

embarrassment n. humiliation, shame, chagrin, discomposure, mortification, discomfort, self-consciousness, *egg on one’s face, uneasiness, pudency.

WORD FIND

descriptive: cheeks burn; color deeply; toes curl in one’s shoes; feel hot and foolish; feel the blood rush to one’s face; squat and wriggle with embarrassment; eyes range the floor, searching desperately for a hole to crawl into; eyelids bat self-consciously; ears flush scarlet; curl in one’s shoes; feel hot and foolish; feel the blood rush to one’s face; squat and wriggle with embarrassment; eyes range the floor, searching desperately for a hole to crawl into; eyelids bat self-consciously; ears flush scarlet; curl in one’s shoes; feel hot and foolish; feel the blood rush to one’s face; squat and wriggle with embarrassment; eyes range the floor, searching desperately for a hole to crawl into; eyelids bat self-consciously; ears flush scarlet

embarrassed smiling: dry grins

embarrassing occurrence: contretemps

embassy n. ambassador’s office, diplomatic mission, foreign office, consulate, chancellery, embassies, diplomatic corps.

embattled a. times used to make one’s experiences more interesting to others. His stories were always full of questionable embellishments. syn. enhancement, ornamentation, adornment, dec-
embrace v. 1. HUG squeeze, hold, clasp, enfold, clench, grab, envelop, cuddle, snuggle, *bear hug. 2. ENCOMPASS take in, include, cover, embody, comprehend, incorporate. 3. ADOPT take up, espouse, welcome, accept, seize. ANT. 2. EXCLUDE, OMIT. 3. REJECT, SPURN, SHUN.

EMBROIDER v. [em BROY dur] to exaggerate or embellish by stretching the truth, to add untruthful details. Some tabloids embroider the truth. SYN. exaggerate, embellish, stretch the truth, fib, varnish, aggrandize, puff up, overstate, *hype, *blow out of proportion, *make a mountain out of a molehill, fabricate, invent.

embrace - emotionless

EMBRYONIC a. rudimentary, elementary, beginning, immature, undeveloped, initial, fetal. ANT. advanced, mature, latter.

emerge v. appear, arise, issue, come forth, surface, materialize, crop up, come out, spring, originate, emanate.

emergency n. crisis, exigency, trouble, urgency, plight, contingency, pinch, *pickle, bind, difficulty, clutch.

EMERGENCY ROOM n. ER, trauma center, critical care facility, triage room, medical crisis unit, intensive care unit (ICU). SEE HOSPITAL, MEDICINE

emergent a. new, developing, on the horizon, hatching, coming into view, rising, emerging. ANT. declining. *yesterday’s news.

emigre n. emigrant, defector, expatriate, fugitive.

eminence n. 1. POSITION rank, fame, standing, importance, prominenacy, distinction, greatness, repute, celebrity, station, loftiness. 2. HILL rise, elevation, height, prominence, peak, summit, ridge, high ground.

EMINENT a. [EM uh nunt] high-ranking and distinguished, noteworthy. An eminent authority on economics predicted a downturn. SYN. high-ranking, distinguished, noteworthy, famous, renowned, exalted, excellent, esteemed, celebrated, prominent, illustrious, outstanding, great, dominant. ANT. little-known, obscure, undistinguished.

emir n. prince, governor, leader, chieftain, commander.

emissary n. representative, messenger, agent, ambassador, envoy, go-between, courier, deputy, attaché.

emission n. discharge, emanation, expulsion, ejection, issuance, diffusion, transmission, outpouring, leaking.

emit v. discharge, emanate, expel, eject, issue, diffuse, outpour, leak, exhale, secrete, exude, excrete, leak.

emollient n. balm, salve, lotion, ointment, lenitive.

emollient a. soothing, softening, relieving, assuasive, healing, palliative. ANT. abrasive, hurtful.

emote v. act, overact, dramatize, express, *ham it up.

emotion n. feeling, state of mind, sentiment, passion, gut reaction, sensation, heart, drive.

emotional a. 1. FEELING sensitive, passionate, reactive, sentimental, sympathetic, ardent, susceptible, excitable, fervent, fiery, histrionic, temperamental. 2. MOVING soul-stirring, touching, poignant, heartrending, heartfelt, disturbing. ANT. 1. apathetic, unfeeling, impassive.

emotionless a. apathetic, cold, numb, unfeeling, indifferent, stony, stoical, insensate, dispassionate, heartless, matter-of-fact.
empathize v. identify with, relate to, understand, comprehend, sympathize, stand in one’s shoes, *be on the same wavelength.

EMPATHY n. [EM puh thee] understanding or sharing of another’s feelings, thoughts, etc. As a basketball official, I have a certain amount of empathy for baseball umpires. SYN. understanding, sympathy, accord, comprehension, rapport, communion, affinity, fellow feeling.

emperor n. ruler, sovereign, monarch, czar, dictator, empress.

emphasis n. stress, accent, underscoring, importance, force, weight, significance, prominence, highlight, attention.

emphasize v. stress, accent, underscore, highlight, accentuate, play up, spotlight, punctuate, italicize, bring to the fore. ANT. downplay, play down, soften.

EMPATHIC a. [em FAT ik] done with emphasis. He gave an emphatic denial of any wrongdoing. SYN. insistent, forceful, impassioned, passionate, vigorous, pointed, stressed, strong, earnest, compelling, striking, vehement. ANT. vague, halfhearted.

empire n. dominion, realm, rule, kingdom, domain, sovereignty, territory.

EMPIRICAL a. [em PIR i kul] based on observation or experience, not theory. The empirical evidence backed the scientists’ claims. SYN. experiential, experimental, observed, practical, pragmatic, firsthand, factual, verifiable, provable.

emplacement n. position, mounting, site, placement.

employ v. 1. MAKE USE OF USE, practice, utilize, apply, put to use. 2. ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF CONTRACT FOR, retain, hire.


employer n. boss, manager, owner, proprietor, chief executive officer (CEO), director, contractor, *big cheese, overseer, *front office, corporation, company, firm.

employment n. 1. USE UTILIZATION, application, operation, usage, exercise. 2. WORK JOB, position, occupation, employ, business, trade, field, profession, vocation, situation.

WORD FIND

employing more workers than is necessary: featherbedding
favoritism in which family members and friends are hired first: nepotism

emporium n. marketplace, store, trade center, mart, bazaar, mall.

EMPOWER v. [em POW ur] to give or invest with power, legal or otherwise, to enable. Giving children a good education will empower them to succeed. SYN. enable, authorize, vest, permit, warrant, allow, entrust, validate, commission, accredit.

empress n. ruler, queen, regina.

emptiness n. void, vacuity, vacuum, nothingness, space, vacancy, desolation, blankness, hole.

empty a. 1. VACANT void, hollow, bare, vacant, barren, desolate, blank, deserted, abandoned, devoid, stark, evacuated. 2. MEANINGLESS purposeless, hollow, futile, ineffective, idle, worthless, cheap, insubstantial, vivid, vain. ANT. 1. full, crowded, replete. 2. meaningful, fruitful, effective.


EMULATE v. [EM yoo layt] to imitate, especially in order to do as well as or better than another. All the rookie basketball players tended to emulate the top scorer. SYN. imitate, copy, *take after, use as a role model, model after, ape, mimic; challenge, contend, compete with, vie, match.

emulsion n. suspension.

enable v. empower, capacitate, allow, endow, authorize, invest, qualify, warrant, sanction, permit, license. ANT. hinder, block, prevent.

enabler n. facilitator, helper, aid, assistant, contributor, cooperator, accomplice, abettor, partner in crime.

enact v. legislate, pass, ratify, sanction, decree, effectuate, institute, establish, order, ordain. ANT. veto, repeal, reject, table.

enameled n. coating, finish, protective layer, paint, lacquer, varnish, glaze.

ENAMORED a. [i NAM urd] in love, charmed. She is enamored with Hawaii. SYN. in love, charmed, captivated, infatuated, enthralled, bewitched, entranced, taken, smitten, fascinated, *stuck on. ANT. repelled, adverse to.

encampment n. camp, campsites, bivouac, stopover, rest area, base.

encapsulate v. 1. summarize, epitomize, condense. 2. encase, enclose, wrap, box, pack, envelop.

enchant v. mesmerize, bewitch, spellbind, charm, captivate, cast a spell on, *sweep off feet, allure, entrance, hypnotize, beguile.

enchanted a. mesmerizing, bewitching, spellbinding, charming, captivating, alluring, entrancing, hypnotic, beguiling, enthralling.

enchantress n. seductress, sorceress, witch, charmer, siren, *femme fatale, *Circe.
encircle v. encompass, surround, circle, circumscribe, band, ring, girdle, envelop, hoop, wreath.

enclose v. 1. SHUT IN surround, *hem in, pen, confine, imprison, encompass, fence off, circumscribe, corral. 2. INSERT enter, put in, include, add.

encode v. encrypt, cryptograph, cipher, cypher, make secret.

encore n. reprise, return, curtain call, standing ovation, command performance, recall.

encompass v. 1. SURROUND circle, encircle, circumscribe, ring, envelop. 2. INCLUDE contain, comprehend, embody, comprise, take in, cover, embrace. ANT. 2. exclude, omit.

encounter n. meeting, confrontation, conjunction, brush.

encounter v. meet, confront, come face to face, happen upon, chance upon, cross paths, see, accost, face, bump into.

encourage v. hearten, embolden, spur, inspire, rally, reassure, root for, *buck up, *psyche up, foster, steel, fortify, support, cheer, buoy, *give a shot in the arm. ANT. discouragement, dishearten, *take the wind out of one's sails, deflate.

encouragement n. support, assurance, help, buoying, heartening, *bucking up, boost, reassurance, *shot in the arm, *pep talk, stimulus, lift, inspiration, cheer, fortitude, *psyching up, backing. ANT. discouragement, disheartening, deflation.

ENCROACH v. [en KROCH] to intrude or trespass, to move into another's domain. Humans continue to encroach upon wildlife habitat. SYN. intrude, trespass, invade, infringe, *horn in, usurp, *make inroads, infiltrate.

encumbrance n. burden, weight, hindrance, impediment, obstruction, saddle, handicap.

end v. stop, finish, cease, wrap up, conclude, close, terminate, wind down, consummate, expire, discontinue, desist, drop. ANT. start, begin, open.

endanger v. imperil, jeopardize, expose, tempt fate, put at risk, compromise, hazard, venture, threaten. ANT. safeguard, protect, defend.

endangered a. imperiled, facing extinction, jeopardized, at risk, threatened. ANT. secure.

endearing a. lovable, charming, captivating, winning, adorable, sweet, dear, cuddly. ANT. repulsive.

endavor n. effort, try, striving, venture, enterprise, undertaking, trial, *shot, crack, *whack, exertion.

endeavor v. attempt, try, strive, venture, make an effort, struggle, tackle, undertake, essay, labor, *have a go, *take a crack at.

endemic a. local, regional, localized, restricted to, confined to, peculiar to. ANT. unconfined, international.

ending n. finish, closing, close, completion, finale, denouement, resolution, outcome, curtains, termination, windup, last gasp, final word.

endless a. interminable, neverending, eternal, infinite, forever, unending, ceaseless, perpetual, continuous, incessant, relentless, *Sisyphian, everlasting. ANT. finite, limited, temporary.

endorphin n. hormone, natural painkiller, opiate.

endorse v. sanction, approve, recommend, support, back up, vouch for, certify, advocate, stand behind, warrant, *give one's stamp of approval. ANT. reject, repudiate.

endorsement n. sanction, approval, recommendation, support, backing, certification, advocacy, warranty, *stamp of approval, authorization, okay.

endow v. provide, grant, fund, contribute, equip, bestow, bequeath, enrich, favor, furnish, supply, appoint, vest. ANT. divest, deprive.

endowment n. 1. GIFT grant, contribution, bestowal, bequest, funding, donation, provision, subsidy, benefaction. 2. ATTRIBUTE natural gift, genius, quality, talent, asset, aptitude.

endurance n. stamina, fortitude, perseverance, grit, *guts, *stick-to-itiveness, backbone, staying

**endure** v. 1. **bear** hold out, live through, withstand, tolerate, *stick it out, brave, suffer, weather, stand, *ride out, take it, *go through the mill, *hang in, brook. 2. **continue** persist, last, abide, endure, sustain, go on, outlast, survive, prevail. **ant.** 1. give out, cave in, collapse, quit. 2. peter out, die, end.


**energize** v. activate, invigorate, stimulate, spark, enliven, electrify, pep up, refresh, turn on, *pump up. **ant.** exhaust, sap, tire.

**energy** n. power, force, steam, strength, juice, vigor, zip, *get-up-and-go, vitality, pep, zest, verve, life, punch.

**ENERVATE** v. [EN ur vate] to weaken or debilitate. *Smoking tends to enervate the immune system.* **syn.** weaken, debilitate, sap, enfeeble, tire, exhaust, wear out, prostrate, fatigue, devitalize. **ant.** fortify, strengthen, invigorate.

**enfeeble** v. weaken, deplete, enervate, debilitate, deplete, sap, emasculate, fatigued, exhaust, diminish, *take the starch out of.

**enflame** n. barrage, gunfire, rake, sweeping fire.

**enfold** v. embrace, wrap.


**enforcement** n. compulsion, imposition, press, crackdown, coercion, implementation, obligation, prosecution, *strong-arm tactics, bullying, control, duress.

**engage** v. 1. **contract** for employ, hire, enlist, commission, sign on, retain, enroll, secure, appoint, charter. 2. **engross** occupy, captivate, absorb, hold, grip, rivet, arrest, interest, preoccupy, fascinate. 3. **pledge** promise, bind, commit, obligate, contract, betroth, affiance.

**engaged** a. 1. **betrothed** pledged, spoken for, affianced, committed, plighted, bound. 2. **busy** occupied, working, involved, employed, preoccupied, *tied up, operating, diverted. **ant.** 1. single, unattached. 2. idle, free.

**engagement** n. 1. **betrothal** pledge, promise, commitment, plight, troth. *In war, a battle. In love, the salubrious calm that precedes the hostilities.*—Gideon Wurzd. 2. **appointment** date, meeting, commitment, tryst. 3. **battle** encounter, combat, conflict, confrontation, skirmish, action.

**engaging** a. charming, pleasing, attractive, magnetic, agreeable, sweet, appealing, winning, likable, fetching, captivating, pleasant. **ant.** unattractive, repellant, unappealing.

**ENGENDER** v. [en JEN dur] to bring about; cause. *Understanding will engender peace.* **syn.** produce, bring about, cause, give rise to, effect, arouse, stimulate, generate, create, spawn, breed.

**engine** n. motor, turbine, dynamo, power plant, powerhouse, *workhorse, generator, mechanism. See Motor.

**engineer** n. builder, manager, architect, designer, planner, inventor, operator, tinkerer, troubleshooter, innovator.

**engineer** v. plan, devise, scheme, arrange, swing, set up, direct, *rig, mastermind, *call the shots, finagle, concoct.

**engorged** a. congested, full, swollen, distended, bloated. **ant.** empty.

**engrave** v. etch, cut, incise, carve, inscribe, scratch, chisel, imprint, ingrain.

**engross** v. absorb, occupy, rivet, fascinate, involve, engage, captivate, enthral, grip, spellbind.

**engrossed** a. absorbed, rapt, lost in, riveted, involved, engaged, captivated, enthralled, deep in, *wrapped up in, gripped, fascinated. **ant.** distracted.

**engrossing** a. absorbing, riveting, involving, engaging, captivating, enthralling, gripping, fascinating, occupying. **ant.** boring, dull, tiresome.

**engulf** v. surround, swallow up, overwhelm, overflow, envelop, enclose, deluge, submerge, inundate, bury.

**enhance** v. augment, better, improve, strengthen, embellish, complement, raise, increase, beautify, aggrandize, magnify. **ant.** diminish, strip, weaken.


**enigmatic** a. mysterious, puzzling, perplexing, questionable, unknown, mind-boggling, baffling, incomprehensible, unfathomable,
incredible, bewildering, unexplainable. **ant.** known, obvious, clear, plain.

**enjoin**  
v. 1. command, impose, order, dictate, prescribe, demand, ordain, decree, charge. 2. prohibit, forbid, ban, proscribe, outlaw, interdict. **ant.** 2. allow, permit.

**enjoy**  
v. take pleasure in, delight in, relish, appreciate, revel in, savor, luxuriate in, eat up, get a kick out of.

**enjoyable**  
a. delightful, satisfying, fun, pleasing, pleasant, amusing, entertaining, delicious, gratifying, a lot of laughs, wonderful. **ant.** miserable, rotten, unpleasant.

**enjoyment**  
n. pleasure, delight, fun, amusement, relish, happiness, entertainment, gratification, satisfaction, laughs, diversion, gusto, recreation, delectation.

**enlarge**  
v. increase, expand, extend, spread, augment, magnify, broaden, lengthen, stretch, inflate, grow, swell, blow up, branch out, snowball. **ant.** shrinkage, decrease, lessening.

**enlargement**  
n. increase, expansion, extension, spreading, augmentation, magnification, broadening, lengthening, stretch, inflation, growth, swelling, snowballing. **ant.** shrinkage, decrease, lessening.

**ENLIGHTEN**  
v. [en LITE un] to inform or instruct. Obedience school will enlighten you and your dog. **syn.** inform, instruct, fill in, teach, edify, make one aware, apprise, school, illuminate, indoctrinate, ground, open one’s eyes. **ant.** put one in the dark, cloud, confound, mystify.

**enlightened**  
a. informed, aware, learned, educated, knowledgeable, apprised, grounded, knowing, open-minded, cultivated. **ant.** uninformed, in the dark, ignorant.

**enlist**  
v. sign up, enroll, draft, recruit, induct, conscript, join, volunteer, muster, register, engage.

**enliven**  
v. stimulate, spark, animate, jumpstart, excite, invigorate, charge up, electrify, energize, vitalize, inflame, kindle. **ant.** dampen, extinguish, quiet.

**en masse**  
adv. together, as a body, in a group, jointly, as one, ensemble. **ant.** individually, separately.

**enmesh**  
v. entangle, catch, snarl, trap, knot, engage.

**ENMITY**  
n. [EN muh tee] hatred, deep hostility. There was obvious enmity between the divorcing couple. **syn.** hatred, hostility, antagonism, animosity, malevolence, acrimony, spite, bitterness, loathing, venom, malice, bad blood. **ant.** love, adoration, affection.

**ENNUI**  
n. [AN WEE] boredom and the listlessness that accompanies it. The students suffered from a severe case of ennui. **syn.** boredom, listlessness, restlessness, languor, weariness, lassitude, malaise, blues, tedium, doldrums. **ant.** excitement.

**enormity**  
n. 1. wickedness outrageousness, evil, monstrousness, atrocity, viciousness, ferocity, savagery, ruthlessness. 2. hugeness largeness, vastness, size, bulk, greatness, magnitude, prodigiousness. **ant.** 1. morality, good, virtue, 2. smallness, triviality.

**enormous**  
a. huge, gigantic, stupendous, immense, vast, gargantuan, mammoth, Brobdingnagian, prodigious, massive, astronomical, colossal, titanic, monstrous, towering. **ant.** tiny, pint-sized, pocket-sized, diminutive.

**enough**  
a. sufficient, ample, plenty, adequate, acceptable, satisfactory, abundant. **ant.** short, wanting, scant, deficient.

**enquire**  
v. look into, explore, query. see inquire

**enquiry**  
n. inquest, probe. see inquiry

**enrage**  
v. anger, infuriate, inflame, piss off, madden, make blood boil, burn up, tee off, get Irish up, rile. see anger, angry

**enraged**  
a. furious, incensed, irate, angry, infuriated, inflamed, mad, gone ballistic, pissed, boiling, pleased, delighted, happy.

**enrich**  
v. enhance, add, upgrade, improve, endow, cultivate, embellish, aggrandize, sweeten, refine, beef up. **ant.** degenerate, cheapen, impoverish.

**enroll**  
v. register, record, enter, enlist, sign up, join, matriculate, admit.

**ensconce**  
v. settle, fix, curl up, nestle, seat, place, conceal, shelter, hide, cover.

**ensemble**  
n. 1. unit collection, group, whole, aggregate. 2. outfit *getup, suit, coordinates. 3. entertainment group trio, quartet, group, orchestra, band, troupe, company, repertory.

**enshrine**  
v. cherish, sanctify, exalt, consecrate, hallow, deify, revere, immortalize, glorify.

**enshroud**  
v. shroud, cover, veil, conceal, cloak, mask.

**ensign**  
n. flag, standard, banner, pennant, streamer, insignia.

**enslave**  
v. subjugate, dominate, control, enthral, indenture, subject, yoke, fetter, master, jackboot into submission, coerce, subdue.

**ensnare**  
v. snare, catch, trap, bag, snag, net, entrap, entangle, take in.

**ensue**  
v. follow, succeed, result, come to pass, come out of, derive, spring from.
ensuing a. following, succeeding, resulting, subsequent, consequent, next, after. **ANT. preceding, prior, earlier.**

ensure v. assure, make sure, guarantee, warrant, insure, certify, secure, safeguard, confirm.

entail v. involve, necessitate, require, call for, occasion, include, contain, incorporate.

entangle v. enmesh, tangle, snarl, entrap, involve, embroil, mix up, rope in, intertwine, trap, catch up. *suck in.

entanglement n. knot, snare, difficulty, problem, quandary, predicament, embroilment, web, mess, involvement, mix-up.

entente n. understanding, agreement, accord, rapprochement, settlement, arrangement, conciliation.

enter v. 1. come or go in gain entrance, infiltrate, intrude, set foot in, penetrate, *burst in, *breeze in, trespass. 2. begin start, commence, set out, launch. 3. join enlist in, enroll, embark on, sign up. 4. record register, log in, sign up, post, inscribe. **ANT. 1. exit, leave.**

enterprise n. 1. undertaking venture, project, job, campaign, adventure, concern, scheme, operation, task, endeavor, cause, business, crusade. 2. effort initiative, drive, determination, ambition, gumption, intensity, gumption, industry, boldness, hustle. **ANT. 2. sloth, laziness.**

enterprising a. ambitious, industrious, aggressive, bold, venturesome, audacious, earnest, resourceful, driving, hustling, inventive, energetic. **ANT. lazy, indolent, slothful, passive.**

entertain v. 1. amuse interest, divert, engross, engage, absorb, rivet, beguile, *wow, *pique, stimulate, enthral. 2. to show hospitality to receive, host, accommodate, *wine and dine, feed, treat, regale, fete, have guests, give a party. 3. consider think about, ponder, contemplate, muse over, deliberate, mind, weigh, heed.


enthrall v. captivate, hold spellbound, charm, fascinate, rivet, beguile, bewitch, mesmerize, entrance, thrill, hypnotize, transfixed.

enthusiasm n. eagerness, keenness, feeling, fervor, interest, zeal, passion, vivacity, ardor, relish, exuberance, verve, spirit, elan. *Energ
gy that boils over and runs down the side of the pot.* —Arnold Glasow. *A distemper of youth.* —Ambrose Bierce. *Fire under control.* —Norman Vincent Peale. *“The great hill-climber.”* —Elbert Hubbard. **ANT. apathy, indifference, passivity.**


enthusiastic a. eager, keen, fervent, interested, zealous, passionate, ardent, exuberant, spirited, wholehearted, avid, hot, rabid. **ANT. apathetic, indifferent, halfhearted.**

entice v. tempt, lure, tantalize, allure, inveigle, seduce, bait, draw, attract, persuade, cajole, coax.

entire a. total, whole, complete, full, aggregate, all, thorough, undivided, uncut, intact, unmitigated, uncompromised. **ANT. partial, incomplete.**

entitle v. authorize, allow, qualify, license, warrant, empower, enable, sanction.

entitlement program n. benefit program, government benefit, government assistance, social security, relief program, welfare program, social program, *safety net. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS.**

entity n. being, thing, it, individual, soul, unit, existence, life, object, creature, essence.

entomb v. bury, inter, sepulcher, inhume, *lay to rest.

entourage n. attendants, train, followers, retainue, staff, court, cortège, escort, bodyguards, *toadies.

entails n. intestines, viscera, internal organs, guts, bowels, innards, vitals.

entrance n. 1. doorway ingress, portal, access, gate, inlet, porch, vestibule, foyer, portico, threshold. 2. admission admittance, ingress, passage, entry, approach, access.

entrance v. captivate, bewitch, charm, hypnotize, mesmerize, spellbind, enchant, enthral, allure.

entrant n. competitor, contestant, entry, player, opponent.

entrap v. lure, allure, tempt, entice, *suck in, *set up, *lead on, trap, bait, inveigle, incriminate, nail.

entreat v. implore, beseech, beg, plead, petition, appeal, supplicate, pray.

entreaty n. plea, appeal, supplication, solicitation, prayer, bid, cry, request, petition, imploration.

entrée n. 1. admittance access. see entry 2. dish main course, meal, supper, dinner, pièce de résistance.

entrenched a. fixed, secured, established, deep-rooted, deep-seated, embedded, ingrained, ensconced, dug in, grounded, settled. **ANT. capricious, changeable, inconstant, temporary.
ENTREPRENEUR n. [on truh pruh NUR] one who starts and runs her own business. Several entrepreneurs moved in to revitalize the downtown district. SYN. businessman-woman, industrialist, go-getter, producer, promoter, impresario, undertaker, enterpriser, developer, capitalist, tycoon, venture capitalist, magnate, employer.

ENTROPY n. [EN truh pee] the ongoing deterioration of everything, but especially systems and societies. The decapitated camp was a prime example of entropy at work. SYN. deterioration, degeneration, regression, worsening, going from bad to worse, slipping away, falling apart, decline, disintegration, decay, transformation.

ENTRUST v. commit, confide, turn over, consign, charge, vest, assign, delegate, invest, hand over, authorize.

ENTRY n. 1. ENTRANCE access, door, ingress, inlet, passageway, portal, opening, gate, foyer, approach. 2. ADMITTANCE admission, access, entrée, intrusion, trespass.

ENTWINE v. braid, intertwine, wind. SEE TWIST

ENUMERATE v. count off, list, number, tally, itemize, calculate, sum, compute, inventory; name, run down, tick off.

ENUNCIATE v. [e NUN see ayt] to pronounce clearly. She enunciated each word with great care. SYN. pronounce, articulate, form words, express, utter, intone, voice, mouth, accentuate, modulate, frame each word carefully, inflect.

ENVOLVE v. enclose, encase, surround, engulf, enfold, contain, sheathe, wrap, shroud, overlay.

ENVELOPE n. wrapper, cover, case, jacket, sheath, casing, skin, shell, hull, mailer, "jiffy bag.

ENVIous a. covetous, jealous, resentful, begrudging, yearning, "drooling over, green with envy, emulous, discontent. ANT. contented, satisfied, fulfilled.

ENVIRONMENT n. surroundings, habitat, setting, environs, milieu, domain, terrain, turf, neighborhood, territory, "stomping grounds, world, atmosphere, climate, element, medium.

ENVIRONMENTALIST n. conservationist, ecologist, naturalist, "tree hugger.

ENVIRONs n. surroundings, environment, vicinity, neighborhood, territory, outskirts, suburbs.

ENVISAGE v. visualize, conceive of, see, imagine, envision, conceptualize, picture, fancy, think of.

ENVOY n. [ON voy] a representative or messenger. The United States sent a special envoy to its embassy in Iran. SYN. representative, messenger, agent, emissary, courier, delegate, diplomat, ambassador, attaché, minister.


ENVY v. covet, begrudge, grudge, resent, be green with envy, be jealous of, lust after, want, desire, *eat one’s heart out, *drool over.

EO n. age, eternity, ages, years.

EPHEMERAL a. [i FEM ur al] lasting only a short time. Fads are usually ephemeral. SYN. short-lived, transient, brief, fleeting, temporary, transitory, of short duration, evanescent, momentary, "gone in a heartbeat. ANT. long-lived, permanent, everlasting.

EPIC a. huge, grand, legendary, mythical, exaggerated, fabulous, Homeric, heroic, majestic, sublime. ANT. small, insignificant, short-lived, modest.

EPICURE n. gourmet, epicurian, gourmand, gastronomes, connoisseur, glutton, bon vivant, hedonist.

EPIDEMIC n. spread, contagion, infection, disease, plague, pestilence, endemic, pandemic. ANT. small, insignificant, short-lived, modest.

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EPILOGUE n. afterword, conclusion, last word, follow-up, postscript, addendum, swan song, coda. SEE BOOK

EPIPHANY n. a great revelatory experience or insight; an illumination of a truth. I experienced a great epiphany the first time I meditated; this was a great way to seek spiritual bliss. SYN. insight, revelation, realization,
illuminati. grasp, understanding; appearance, manifestation.

**episode** n. incident, event, occurrence, happening, occasion, experience, action, installment, chapter, part.

**episodic** a. intermittent, sporadic, segmented, irregular, sequential. *ANT: frequent, recurrent, regular.

**epistle** n. communication, message, composition, missive. SEE LETTER

**epitaph** n. inscription, memorial, legend, commemoration, hic jacet, *last word. "An inscription showing that virtues acquired by death have a retroactive effect—"—Ambrose Bierce.

**epithet** n. nickname, name, label, pet name, appellation, designation, tag, sobriquet.

**EPITOME** n. [i PIT uh mee] the perfect representation of something. Michael Jordan is the epoteme of a great athlete. SYN. representation, archetype, example, embodiment, typification, ultimate, quintessence, *last word, model.

**epitomize** v. typify, represent, exemplify, embody.

**epoch** n. era, period, time, age, span, interval.

**equable** a. even, steady, uniform, unvarying, consistent, regular, unchanged, constant, stable, serene, tranquil. *ANT: unequal, fluctuating.

**equal** a. peer, counterpart, equivalent, compeer, coequal, double, fellow, match, alter ego.

**equal** v. match, accord with, line up with, align, correspond, parallel, *stack up against, mirror.


**equality** n. parity, par, sameness, equivalence, likeness, evenness, balance, uniformity, fairness. *The centre and circumference of all democracy.—Herman Melville. *ANT: inequality, disparity, unfairness, injustice.

**EQUANIMITY** n. [EE kwuh N I tee] composure, calm. He handled the crisis with equanimity. SYN. composure, calmness, sangfroid, serenity, nonchalance, coolness, placidity, aplomb, tranquility, poise, presence of mind. *ANT: hysteria, panic.

**equate** v. liken, associate, compare, relate, parallel.


**equip** v. outfit, furnish, rig, supply, gird, fit out, accoutre, arm, gear, appoint, *heel, provision.

**equipment** n. gear, apparatus, accessories, furnishings, supplies, contrivances, tools, rigging, trappings, appliances, fittings, tackle, machinery, paraphernalia.

**EQUITABLE** a. [EK wi tuh bul] fair, just. The mediator helped the two sides reach an equitable agreement. SYN. fair, just, equal, impartial, square, evenhanded, proportionate, honest, *even Stephen, unbiased, rightful, proper. *ANT: inequitable, unfair, unjust, partial.

**equity** n. fairness, justice, impartiality, evenhandedness, honesty, fair play, objectivity, neutrality, rightness.

**equivalent** n. equal, counterpart, same, twin, match, mirror image, double, fellow, peer, *carbon copy.

**equivalent** a. equal, same, alike, synonymous, tantamount, analogous, identical, even, commensurate, *six of one, half dozen of another, correlative, comparable. *ANT: unequal, differing.

**equivocal** a. ambiguous, vague, duplicitous, uncertain, indefinite, unclear, misleading, evasive, undecided, hazy, indeterminate. *ANT: definite, clear, plain.

**EQUIVOCATE** v. [i KIV uh kate] to use vague or ambiguous language, usually to evade. The politician would equivocate to avoid the tough questions. SYN. hedge, evade, waffle, hem and haw, dodge, *weasel out, *beat around the bush, *cloud the issue, double-talk, mince words, sidestep, *dance around the issue, *perform a verbal hatdance around.

**ER** n. emergency room, trauma center, critical care facility, triage room, medical crisis unit, intensive care unit. SEE HOSPITAL, MEDICINE

**era** n. period, time, age, epoch, days, interval, span. SEE TIME

**eradicate** v. annihilate, uproot, erase, remove, eliminate, extirpate, exterminate, destroy, expunge, abolish, do away with, obliterate.

**erase** v. rub off, expunge, remove, wipe out, delete, efface, strike, obliterate, nullify, scratch, blue-pencil, wash out.

**erec** v. construct, build, assemble, *slap together, fabricate, raise, frame, pitch, put up, devise, form.

**erec** n. upright, straight up, standing, perpendicular, vertical. *ANT: flaccid, flat, horizontal.

**erection** n. 1. construction building, assembly, fabrication, framework, formation,
structure, edifice. 2. tumescence *hard-on. 

ERGO adv. consequently, therefore, thus, accordingly.

ERGONOMICS n. [ur go NOM iks] the science of designing spaces and equipment that facilitate human comfort and productivity, especially for work. An ergonomic study showed that back problems decreased when chairs were adjusted to the proper height. syn. design science, efficiency science, science of productivity and design, streamlining, injury-proofing, accident-proofing.

ERODE v. wear away, corrode, waste, gnaw, consume, eat away, abrade, disintegrate, deteriorate.

EROGENOUS a. [i ROJ uh nus] pertaining to parts of the body that can be aroused by sexual stimulation. Erogenous zones are rich in nerve endings. syn. erotogenic, erotic, sexual, amatory, sensuous, sensual, *hot, rousing, erogenous, romantic, libidinous, arousing, amorous, *hot, fleshy, *blue, titillating, spicy, *kinky, lascivious, passionate.

EROTICA n. pornography, sexual imagery, X-rated materials, sexually explicit art/literature, adult materials.

EROTICISM n. sexual excitement, arousal, stimulation, titillation, *horniness, erotomania.

ERR v. make a mistake, miscalculate, misjudge, misstep, *slip up, blunder, *goof, *blow it, *muff, go astray, misconstrue, misunderstand.

ERRAND n. task, mission, chore, trip, jaunt, *run.

ERRANT a. wrong, deviant, erring, astray, *off the straight and narrow, wandering, straying. ANT: right, straight, on course.

ERRATIC a. straying, inconsistent, deviating, eccentric, irregular, unpredictable, unreliable, shifting, peculiar, wayward. ANT: consistent, predictable, unchanging.

ERRONEOUS a. [i RO nee us] mistaken, wrong. The theory of green cheese on the moon is erroneous. syn. mistaken, wrong, incorrect, false, amiss, in error, inaccurate, *all wet, fallacious, unfounded, misguided, faulty. ANT: correct, right, accurate.


ERUPTION n. eruption, explosion, blowup, outburst, upheaval, expansion, cataclysm, blast, detonation, gushing, outpouring, surge, paroxysm. see Volcano

ERUPT v. burst forth, explode, blow up, discharge, spout, rupture, gush, eject, emit, vent, spew. see volcano.

EROS n. 1. GOD OF LOVE son of Aphrodite. 2. love sex drive, libido, sexual urge, *urge to merge, desire, yearning, hunger, eroticism.

EROSION n. wear, deterioration, corrosion, disintegration, destruction, attrition, abrasion, wasting.


EROTIC n. eroticism, erotic, sexua

ESCAPE n. getaway, fast break, flight, evasion, *the slip, breakout, extraction, dodging, departure, desertion, *disappearing act.

ESCAPADE n. prank, adventure, antic, caper, practical joke, stunt, tomfoolery, high jinks, *shenanigans.

ESCAFE n. getaway, fast break, flight, evasion, *the slip, breakout, extraction, dodging, departure, desertion, *disappearing act.

ESCHEW v. [es CHOO] stay away from, avoid, shun. He has chosen to eschew smoking for health reasons. syn. avoid, shun, forego, abstain, swear off, forswear, renounce, give up, shy away from, refrain from, *turn up one's nose at. ANT: take up, indulge in, embrace.

ESCORT n. attendant, chaperon, guardian, companion, body guard, guide, protector, retinue, cortège, entourage, convoy.

ESCROW n. pledge, collateral, security, account, insurance, surety, guarantee, bond, deed.
Eskimo n. Inuit, Alaskan, Aleut, Yuit.

WORD FIND
boat: umiak, oomiak, kayak
boot: mukluk
dog: husky, malamute
hooded jacket: anorak, parka
house: igloo, topek
sledge: komatik

esophagus n. gullet, food tube, throat.

ESOTERIC a. [ES uh TER ik] understood by only a few, hard to understand. *Einstein’s theories are esoteric. SYN. abstruse, arcane, recondite, profound, deep, obscure, inescapable, mysterious, incomprehensible, occult. ANT. understandable, simple, obvious.

especially adv. specifically, particularly, exclusively, expressly, principally, chiefly.

espionage n. spying, intelligence, undercover work, surveillance, shadowing, tailing, wire-tapping, "cloak and dagger, secret service.

esplanade n. walk, walkway, promenade, avenue, road, sidewalk, lane, mall.

ESPOUSE v. [e SPOUZ] to support or take up. The group claims to espouse environmentalism, but the president holds stock in an oil company. SYN. take up, support, advocate, adopt, abet, champion, embrace, back, stand up for, uphold, advance. ANT. reject, detract, spurn.

ESPRIT DE CORPS n. [es SPREE de COHR] group spirit or group loyalty, common bond between members of a group. Good companies foster a certain esprit de corps. SYN. group spirit, common bond, group loyalty, solidarity, team morale, camaraderie, fellowship, fraternity.

eyass n. 1. composition article, paper, discourse, treatise, theme, think piece, editorial, exposition, study, thesis. 2. make, organize, build, construct, erect, extract, install, place, originate. 2. PROVE demonstrate, substantiate, verify, authenticate, show, validate, corroborate.

establish v. 1. set up found, institute, create, make, organize, build, construct, erect, extract, install, place, originate. 2. prove demonstrate, substantiate, verify, authenticate, show, validate, corroborate.

establishment n. 1. founding formation, instituting, creation, organization, construction, origin. 2. institution business, enterprise, concern, foundation, firm, company, corporation, association.

estate n. 1. assets property, holdings, resources, wealth, fortune, belongings, possessions. 2. manor acreage, holdings, dominion, domain, residence, plantation.

esteem n. regard, respect, admiration, approval, repute, liking, affection, veneration, reverence. ANT. disrespect, contempt, disdain.

esteem v. regard highly, respect, look up to, admire, idolize, value, prize, appreciate, revere, venerate. ANT. disrespect, disdain, scorn.

estimable a. worthy, respectable, admirable, deserving, esteemed, honorable, reputable, valued, exemplary, revered. ANT. disreputable, disregarded, scorned, disliked.

estimate n. guess, *guesstimate, calculation, rough figure, educated guess, *ballpark figure, projection, evaluation, judgment.

estimate v. guess, *guesstimate, calculate, give a rough figure, give an educated guess, *give a ballpark figure, project, evaluate, judge, reckon, appraise, gauge, suppose.

ESTRANGED a. [e STRANJD] alienated, removed from the friendship of others. The worker quit and soon became estranged from his colleagues. SYN. alienated, removed, dissociated, separated, at odds, distant, disaffected, turned off, hostile, *at arm’s length.

estuary n. mouth, outlet, waterway, drain, arm, tidewater, tideway.

etch v. engrave, carve, burn into, eat into, impress, inscribe, ingrain, corrode.

eternal a. endless, neverending, everlasting, unending, ageless, infinite, timeless, perpetual, enduring, interminable, undying, immortal. ANT. finite, fleeting, ephemeral, temporary.

eternity n. forever, infinity, immortality, world without end, timelessness, afterlife. “Where there is no where and no when.”—Arthur Schopenhauer. “The sum of all sums.”—Lucretius.

ETHEREAL a. [i THIR ee ul] otherworldly, celestial or heavenly. Also, light, airy, and del-
icate. His musical compositions were haunting and ethereal. syn. otherworldly, celestial, heavenly, divine, unearthly, sublime, supernal, light, airy, delicate, gossamer, exquisite, tenuous. ant. earthly, mundane, heavy, ponderous.

ethical a. right, moral, righteous, fair, just, honest, good, honorable, upright, pure, conscientious, square, decent, noble, correct. ant. unethical, immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt.


ethnic a. cultural, racial, tribal, folk.

etiquette n. manners, courtesy, civility, politeness, decorum, proper conduct, propriety, formalities, protocol, social graces. "Behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely essential."—Will Cuppy.

EUGENICS n. [yoo JEN iks] the study or science of improving the human population through selective breeding. Eugenics advocates fear the human population is deteriorating due to unchecked breeding. syn. hereditary control, selective breeding, selective sterilization, genetic purification, reproductive control, selective reproduction, study, science, school, movement. see science

eulogy n. praise, encomium, tribute, homage, panegyric, laudation, extolment, honor, acclamation. "Praise that is too much and too late."—Anon. ant. damming, condemnation, defamiation.

evaluate v. appraise, assess, size up, judge, grade, estimate, measure, assay, gauge, determine, rate, weigh.

evaluation n. appraisal, assessment, judgment, grading, estimate, measurement, assay, gauging, determination, ranking.

evanescence a. transient, fleeting, ephemeral, vanishing. ant. permanent, solid.

evangelism n. preaching the gospel, proselytizing, *bible thumping, *spreading the word, testifying, bearing witness.

evangelist n. preacher, revivalist, minister, missionary, crusader for God. see religion

evaporate v. vaporize, dehydrate, dry up, dissipate, desiccate, vanish, disappear, disperse, evanesce.

evanescent a. transient, fleeting, ephemeral, vanishing. ant. permanent, solid.

evaporation n. removal, void, excrete, eliminate.

evaporate v. vaporize, dehydrate, dry up, dissipate, desiccate, vanish, disappear, disperse, evanesce.

evasive a. deceitful, elusive, slippery, equivocal, shifty, hedging, tricky, shuffling, dissembling, misleading, dodging, prevaricative. ant. direct, forthright, straightforward.

even n. level, uniform flat, straight, smooth, plumb, balanced, plane, flush, proportionally. 2. equal same, balanced, fifty-fifty, on a par, parallel, fair, identical, uniform, *even Stephen. 3. calm tranquil, serene, peaceful, even-tempered, placid, steady, stable. ant. 1. uneven, crooked, unbalanced. 2. unequal, disparate. 3. unstable, excitable.

even-handed a. fair, impartial, just, equitable. ant. biased, one-sided.
evening  n.  nightfall, twilight, dusk, sundown, sunset, eve, eventide, gloaming.
event  n.  happening, occurrence, incident, episode, affair, circumstance, situation, matter, experience, phenomenon.
even-tempered  a.  easy going, calm, relaxed, type B, cool.  ANT.  anxious, hot-headed.
eventful  a.  busy, active, lively, exciting, momentous, outstanding.  ANT.  uneventful, slow.
eventual  a.  ultimate, future, final, destined, coming, ensuing, inevitable, concluding, succeeding, resultant, consequent, imminent.  ANT.  avoidable, escapable, preventable.
eventually  adv.  ultimately, in the future, finally, inevitably, sooner or later, in the long run, consequently, in the end.
everlasting  a.  eternal, age-long, unending, enduring, infinite, immortal, timeless, undying, never ending, unremitting, interminable.  ANT.  temporary, ephemeral, fleeting, finite.
everyday  a.  1.  daily diurnal, circadian.  2.  routine regular, commonplace, customary, usual, run-of-the-mill, household, stock, workaday, "garden variety, normal.  ANT.  special, rare, occasional.
evict  v.  eject, remove, throw out, *show the door, expel, oust, kick out, dispossess.
evidence  n.  proof, substantiation, confirmation, documentation, corroboration, testimony, support, verification, indication, grounds, *smoking gun, clue.  SEE COURT, LAW

WORD FIND
hiding of: suppression of evidence
inconclusive, indirect, or inferred: circumstantial evidence
physical evidence displayed in court: exhibit
what someone other than the witness has said: hearsay

evident  a.  obvious, clear, plain, manifest, express, visible, "plain as the nose on one’s face, apparent, incontestable, palpable, conspicuous, "open and shut.  ANT.  hidden, uncertain, obscure, unknown.
evidently  adv.  apparently, ostensibly, seemingly, as far as one can tell, doubtless, to all appearances.
evil  n.  badness, immorality, sinfulness, indecency, criminality, wickedness, villainy, diabolism, iniquity, viciousness, vileness, lawlessness, cruelty, misfortune, ruin, affliction, harm, woe, catastrophe, disaster.  "Whatever springs from weakness."—Nietzsche.  "Good tortured by its own hunger and thirst."—Kahlil Gibran.  ANT.  morality, goodness, righteousness.
evil  a.  immoral, bad, wicked, depraved, demonic, sinful, villainous, heinous, malicious, iniquitous, atrocious, foul, black, damnable, nefarious, malevolent.  ANT.  good, moral, righteous, virtuous.
evildoer  n.  criminal, devil, sociopath, psychopath, felon, “Hitler, murderer, sinner, lawbreaker, gangster, servant of Satan, gangbanger.
evince  v.  show, indicate, disclose, prove, display.
evise  v.  disembowel, gut, clean.
evoke  v.  summon, call forth, conjure up, extract, elicit, invite, cause, stimulate,rous, awaken.

WORD FIND
change of one species into another: speciation
changes in gene pool due to chance: genetic drift
classification of species according to evolutionary lineage: cladistics; phyleogenetics.
developing side by side and benefiting from one another, animals: mutualism
diagram of classification of species according to evolutionary lineage: cladogram
dying off of an entire species: extinction
gradual changes over time, evolution through: gradualism
independent development of same useful trait in two different species: convergence
inheritance of genes and traits from one’s parents: heredity
large-scale mutation: macromutation
manipulation of evolution to create super race of humans: eugenics
mistake or change in genetic material: mutation
new use for trait originally developed for a different purpose: exaptation
predator and prey, simultaneous evolutionary changes of: coevolution

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quick bursts, theory that evolution may sometimes proceed in: punctuated equilibrium

religious explanation of Earth's diversity: Creationism; Intelligent Design

small or microscopic mutation: micromutation

survivors passing on their genes to next generation, natural law of: natural selection

transitional fossil unaccounted for, outmoded term for: missing link

trial of teacher who taught evolution illegally in 1925: Scopes Monkey Trial

worldwide disaster, as an asteroid strike, as an engine for evolution: catastrophe

evolve v. develop, progress, transform, grow, mutate, metamorphose, *reinvent oneself, advance, emerge, adapt.

EXACERBATE v. [ek ZAS ur bate] to make worse, aggravate. Lashing out will only exacerbate the situation. SYN. make worse, aggravate, intensify, worsen, inflame, *fan the flames, provoke, deepen, *rub salt into the wound, *add insult to injury, heighten. ANT. mitigate, mollify, soften, ease.

exact v. insist on, demand, require, compel, force, extort, extract, wring, *put the squeeze on.


exacting, painstaking, punctilious, meticulous, rigorous, painstaking, hard, particular, fastidious, strenuous, burdensome, trying.

exaggerate v. amplify, overstate, hyperbolize, *make a mountain out of a mole hill, *play up, embellish, *lay it on thick, color, embroider, *stretch the truth, puff, magnify, *blow out of proportion. ANT. understate, play down, minimize.


EXALT v. [eg ZAWLT] to raise up, honor, or glorify. Americans tend to exalt sports figures and movie stars. SYN. raise up, honor, glorify, *put on a pedestal, elevate, extol, praise, acclaim, revere, idolize, pay tribute to, worship. ANT. condemn, put down, ridicule.

exalted a. raised up, glorified, *put on a pedestal, elevated, exalted, praised, esteemed, acclaimed, venerated, idolized, revered. ANT. condemned, put down, ridiculed, belittled.

examination n. exam, test, inspection, analysis, scrutiny, study, investigation, checkup, probe, review, survey, *once-over, assessment, quiz, questionnaire.

examine v. 1. look over, test check out, inspect, analyze, scrutinize, study, investigate, probe, review, survey, *perform a once-over, *eyeball, assess, scan, peruse, appraise, *size up. 2. quiz grill, question, interrogate, cross-examine, *pump, *give the third degree, cat- echize.

example n. sample, specimen, sampling, instance, exemplar, model, paradigm, stereotype. "The best sermon."—Ben Franklin.

EXASPERATE v. [eg ZAS puh RATE] to irritate profoundly. Husband and wife tend to exasperate each other in divorce court. SYN. irritate, annoy, ruffle, upset, madden, provoke, *get under one's skin, infuriate, rile, irk, *push one's buttons, peeve, needle, vex, rankle, *rattle one's cage, *pull one's chain. ANT. mollify, pacify.

cavate v. dig out, hollow out, unearth, tunnel, backhoe, channel, hoe, shovel out.

excavate v. dig out, hollow out, unearth, burrow, dredge, scoop, tunnel, backhoe, channel, hoe, shovel out.

excavation n. pit, hollow, mine, ditch. SEE HOLE

excavator n. earth mover, *digger, backhoe.

excel v. surpass, best, pass, transcend, eclipse, top, outdo, excel, outshine, overshadow, outrank, outdistance, overwhelm, *go above and beyond.

exceedingly adv. extremely, very, exceptionally, especially, greatly, highly, vastly, enormously.

excel v. surpass, transcend, best, eclipse, top, outdo, excel, outshine, overshadow, outrank, outdistance, trump, *smoke the competition.

excellence n. superiority, greatness, supremacy, distinction, fineness, quality, eminence, merit, virtue, perfection. ANT. inferiority, imperfection, mediocrity.


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except  v. leave out, omit, exclude, pass over, eliminate, overlook, reject, remove, bar.

exception n. 1. omission exclusion, barring, expulsion, rejection. 2. irregularity anomaly, special case, exemption, departure, oddity, deviation, rarity, quirk. 3. objection complaint, challenge, reservation.

exceptional a. irregular, anomalous, extraordinary, atypical, outstanding, unusual, special, abnormal, singular, rare, remarkable, freakish, unique. ant. normal, typical, common, everyday.

excerpt n. passage, section, cut, selection, part, extract, citation, clip, scene, bit.

excess n. 1. surplus glut, overabundance, superabundance, overkill, fat, redundancy, surfeit, superfluity, overrun, *too much of a good thing, plethora. 2. overindulgence extravagance, indulgence, immoderation, intemperance, lack of restraint, exorbitance. ant. 1. dearth, shortage, lack. 2. moderation, ant. moderate, reasonable, called-for.

excise v. remove, cut out, excise, extirpate.

excitable a. emotional, high-strung, temperamental, fiery, volatile, hotheaded, *high octane, explosive, passionate, skittish, tempestuous, hot-blooded. ant. unflappable, imperturbable, tranquil.

excite v. arouse, stir, stimulate, *spark, *turn on, thrill, provoke, inspire, electrify, inflame, whet, titillate, incite, agitate, fluster, *charge up, impassion. ant. bore, tranquilize, calm.


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execution

execrable a. detestable, abominable, contemptible, horrible, deplorable, revolting, loathsome, sickening, odious, atrocious, despicable. \textit{ant.} great, superb, fabulous, first-rate.

execute v. 1. perform do, carry out, follow out, discharge, accomplish, fulfill, achieve, effect, effectuate, complete. 2. PUT TO DEATH kill, murder, assassinate, hang, behead, electrocute, lynch.

execution n. 1. PERFORMANCE OF A DUTY implementation, discharge, accomplishment, fulfillment, achievement, completion, consummation. 2. PUTTING TO DEATH death penalty, capital punishment, killing, hanging, beheading, lethal injection, electrocution, slaying, lynching, gassing, guillotining. 3. STYLE manner, technique, touch, performance.

executive n. manager, administrator, chief executive officer (CEO), supervisor, director, head, top brass, officer, big wheel, higher-up, boss, white-collar worker, big cheese, big toad in the puddle. \textit{[One] who isn’t whitewash, plea, song and dance, extenuation, cover story, certify. \textit{syn.} epitomize, typify, represent, illustrate, demonstrate, symbolize, stand for, personify, embody.}

exempt a. free from, excused, immune, unrestricted, discharged, privileged, unrestrained, excluded, spared from, absolved, off the hook. \textit{ant.} bound, liable, subject to.

exercise n. 1. WORKOUT aerobics, calisthenics, training, warm-up, gymnastics, drill, isometrics, regimen, bodybuilding, dance, push-up, sit-up, exertion, curls, extensions, pull-up, jumping jacks, skipjacks, crunch, "pumping iron, weightlifting. "A modern superstition, invented by people who ate too much, and had nothing to think about."—George Santayana. 2. use execution, application, employment, utilization, practice.

exercise v. 1. work out perform aerobics, perform calisthenics, train, drill, warm up, pump iron. 2. use apply, employ, utilize, practice, execute, perform, exert.

exert v. 1. use exercise, employ, utilize, apply, employ. 2. APPLY GREAT EFFORT push, drive, strain, struggle, "go all out, "dig deep, "bust a gut, strive, "pour it on, "pop a vein.

exertion n. effort, exercise, work, strain, labor, application, muscle, pains, elbow grease, toil, energy, struggle. \textit{ant.} inertia, sloth, rest, relaxation.

exfoliate v. flake off, scale off, peel.

exhale v. breathe, respire, blow. \textit{see breathe}

exhaust n. discharge, fumes, gas, smoke, carbon monoxide, steam, outflow, outpouring, effluvium.

exhaust v. 1. TIRE drain, fatigue, wear out, sap, tucker out, \textit{poop}, enervate, \textit{bash}, tax, \textit{fag}, wear one’s battery down, overtire. 2. DEPLETE use up, empty, drain, consume, spend, clean out, expend, \textit{blow}, bankrupt. \textit{ant.} 1. energize, refresh, invigorate, revive. 2. restore, stock up, conserve.


exhaustion n. weariness, fatigue, collapse, tiredness, enervation, burnout, prostration, physical bankruptcy, weakness, sleepiness, faintness, dissipation. \textit{ant.} energy, \textit{get-up-and-go}, pep.
EXHAUSTIVE a. [ex ZAWS tiv] thorough, painstaking. *The detectives made an exhaustive search of the crime scene.* SYN. thorough, painstaking, comprehensive, in-depth, complete, extensive, intensive, all-inclusive, sweeping, encyclopedic. ANT. perfunctory, superficial, cursory.

exhibit n. exhibition, showing, display, presentation, exposition.

exhibit v. show, display, present, expose, demonstrate, air, showcase, feature, illustrate, parade.

exhibition n. exhibit, showing, display, presentation, demonstration, spectacle, showcasing.

exhibitionism n. attention-seeking behavior, exposing oneself, indecent exposure, “flashing, compulsion, psychossexual disorder, neurosis.

exhilarate v. cheer, excite, gladden, enliven, stimulate, elate, animate, delight, “perk up, thrill, invigorate, uplift. ANT. depress, saddened, “bun out.

exhort v. urge, admonish, prod, persuade, advise, prompt, caution, warn, goad, prevail upon, recommend, advise.

exhume v. dig up, disinter, unearth, resurrect.


exile n. 1. banishment, deportation, expatriation, expulsion, uprooting, separation, ostracism, relegation. 2. banished person, outcast, expatriate, refugee, deportee, pariah, displaced person. “One who serves his country by residing abroad, yet is not an ambassador.”—Ambrose Bierce.

exile v. banish, deport, expatriate, expel, ostracize, uproot, separate, relegate, oust, displace.

exist v. be, live, endure, breathe, survive, subsist, abide, remain.

existence n. being, life, subsistence, presence, reality, actuality. “... a party, you join after it’s started and you leave before it’s finished”—Elsa Maxwell. “A series of footnotes to a vast, obscure, unfinished masterpiece”—Vladimir Nabokov.

exit n. 1. doorway, egress, outlet, passage, escape-way. 2. departure leaving, withdrawal, egress, leave-taking, Exodus, parting, farewell, goodbye, adieu.

exodus n. departure, going forth, flight, migration, hegira, migration, fleeing, retreat, withdrawal.

EXONERATE v. [egg ZAWN ur rate] to free from charges or show that one is blameless. The jury elected to exonerate the defendant on all counts. SYN. acquit, clear, free, vindicate, absolve, excuse, exculpate, dismiss, let go. ANT. convict, condemn, find guilty.


exorcise v. expel, purge, remove, cast out, banish, free from evil spirits.

exorcism n. ceremony, purging, expulsion, removal, banishment, casting out, ritual, incantation.

exotic a. foreign, alien, outlandish, unfamiliar, strange, peculiar, weird, unusual, different, extraordinary, imported, colorful. ANT. native, ordinary, familiar.

expand v. 1. enlarge, magnify, inflate, widen, swell, distend, bloat, increase, fatten, broaden, puff up. 2. elaborate detail, draw out, develop, expound upon, “flesh out. ANT. 1. shrink, contract, condense. 2. condense, shorten.

expanse n. area, space, immensity, extent, plain, stretch, sweep, range, radius, territory, reach.

expansion n. enlargement, extension, increase, growth, development, magnification, spread, heightening, widening, broadening, lengthening. ANT. contraction, downsizing, decrease.

expansionism n. growth, development, progress.

expansive a. 1. extended, extensive, sweeping, broad, comprehensive, spacious, inclusive, voluminous, large. 2. friendly, open, demonstrative, sympathetic, generous, free, outgoing, unrestrained, effusive, talkative, unrestrained. ANT. 1. confined, restricted, cramped. 2. inhibited, reserved, restrained.

expatriate n. outcast, displaced person, refugee. See Exile.

expect v. 1. anticipate, look for, count on, foresee, bargain for, envisage, look forward to, assume, presume, predict, imagine. 2. want require, call for, demand, count on.


expectation n. anticipation, outlook, prospect, belief, hope, fear, supposition, presumption, likelihood, assumption, forecast.

expecting a. “with child, “in a family way. See Pregnant

expectorate v. see spit
expediency  *n.* suitability, appropriateness, propriety, usefulness, convenience, utility, advantage, effectiveness, opportunism.

**EXPEDIENT** *a.* [ek SPEE dee oun] serving one’s immediate needs, useful. *It would be expedient to study if you want to pass the test.* syn. useful, advantageous, practical, self-serving, prudent, profitable, fitting, sensible, proper, worthwhile, desirable. **ant.** impractical, useless, futile.

**expedient** *n.* resource, makeshift, contrivance, means, measure, instrument, resort, device, scheme, stopgap.

**EXPEDITE** *v.* [EK spi DITE] to speed up or facilitate a process or action. *I’m going to expedite delivery by mailing the package first class.* syn. speed up, accelerate, hurry, dispatch delivery by mailing the package first class. **ant.** slow, bog down, hinder.

**expedition** *n.* journey, voyage, trip, mission, march, tour, excursion, trek, campaign, exploration, crusade, safari, junket, enterprise.

**expeditious** *a.* quick, fast, speedy, prompt, efficient, swift, rapid, brisk, fleet, punctual, instant. **ant.** slow, leisurely, slothful.

**expel** *v.* throw out, remove, banish, exile, dispel, eject, evict, get rid of, *bounce, oust, deport,* give the boot, *show the door,* give walking papers, expatriate. **ant.** invite, admit, welcome.

**expend** *v.* use, consume, spend, exhaust, empty, drain, *squander, dissipate, disburse,* shell out, deplete, fritter away. **ant.** conserve, save.

**expansible** *a.* dispensable, unimportant, replaceable, nonessential, spendable, extraneous, superfluous, crucial, essential, important.

**expenditure** *n.* expense, outlay, spending, payment, disbursement, outgo, cost, charge, overhead, investment, consumption, use. **ant.** income, receivable.

**expense** *n.* cost, outlay, price, charge, amount, payment, price tag, *out of pocket cost,* expenditure, fee, burden, *bottom line, overhead.*

**expensive** *a.* costly, high-priced, *pricey, exorbitant, dear, steep,* sky-high, stiff, unreasonable, outrageous. **ant.** cheap, low-priced, cut-rate, economical.

**experience** *n.* 1. **firsthand knowledge** exposure, familiarity, practice, understanding, participation, empiricism, involvement, seasoning, encountering, worldliness, wisdom. *A good school, but the fees are high.*—Heinrich Heine. *“The stern lights of a ship, which illumine only the track it has passed.”*—Samuel Taylor Coleridge *“The fruit of the tree of errors.”*—Portuguese proverb. *“The name everyone gives to their mistakes.”*—Oscar Wilde. 2. **affair** event, ordeal, happening, adventure, encounter, incident, episode. **ant.** inexperience, naiveté.

**experience** *v.* feel, undergo, encounter, taste, meet, sample, perceive, know, suffer, see, smell, hear, absorb.

**experienced** *a.* practiced, accomplished, seasoned, weathered, *battle-scared, initiated, knowing, knowledgeable, worldly-wise, hardened, veteran, *been through the wringer,* been there, tested, mature. **ant.** inexperienced, green, unseasoned, naive, uninitiated.

**experiment** *n.* test, trial, investigation, analysis, examination, assay, probe, inquiry, research, trial and error, try, study, *double-blind study.* *A hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards.*—Vernon Law. see science

**experiment** *v.* test, try, investigate, analyze, examine, assess, assay, prove, probe, inquire, research, study, weigh, explore, scrutinize.

**experimental** *a.* trial, speculative, unproven, hypothetical, conjectural, tentative, pilot, theoretical, exploratory, test, developmental. **ant.** proven, tested.

**expert** *n.* authority, specialist, professional, master, virtuoso, connoisseur, scholar, *whiz, veteran, crackerjack, journeyman,* guru, *shark, old hand, know-it-all, maven.* *A man who has made all the mistakes which can be made in a very narrow field.*—Niels Bohr. *“The one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most.”*—Arthur Bloch. **ant.** amateur, beginner, layman, apprentice.


**expertise** *n.* knowledge, know-how, skill, prowess, authority, proficiency, finesse, *knack, mastery, specialization.*

**expiration** *n.* ending, closing, termination, death, cessation, passing, demise, finish, departure, conclusion, *last gasp.*

**expire** *v.* 1. **run out or die** lapse, end, close, cease, discontinue, *kick the bucket, pass away, terminate.* see die 2. **exhale** respire. see breathe

**explain** *v.* clarify, clear up, illustrate, explicate, elucidate, expound, interpret, define, *make plain, spell out, describe, account for, justify.*
explanation n. clarification, illumination, explanation, elucidation, exposition, interpretation, definition, description, account, justification, answer, rationalization.

expletive n. curse, swear word, cuss word, "bad word, vulgarity, obscenity, profanity, oath.

EXPLICIT a. [eks PLIS it] clearly expressed, directly stated or shown. The movie has explicit sex scenes.

exploit v. [EK sploit] to make use of or take advantage of. He liked to exploit the talents of the younger members.

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explosion n. blow up, pop, burst, detonate, "blow, discharge, erupt, fulminate, blast, bang, thunder, burst into flames. 2. DISCREDIT debunk, expose, refute, invalidate, "shoot down, belie, puncture.

exploit n. feat, deed, act, achievement, accomplishment, coup, stunt, adventure, maneuver.

EXPOSE n. disclosure, uncovering, revelation, exposure, "kiss-and-tell, muckraking, explanation.

镐hose v. 1. UNCOVER bare, reveal, show, disclose, unmask, "let the cat out of the bag, exhibit, unveil, air, divulge. 2. LEAVE UNPROTECTED lay open, endanger, jeopardize, imperil, tempt fate, leave vulnerable, make defenseless. ANT. 1. cover up, hide, conceal. 2. block, camouflage, protect.

exposition n. explanation, commentary, explanation, description, account, treatise, study, discourse, essay, exegesis, overview, elucidation.

expostulate v. reason, remonstrate, argue, advise, dissuade, admonish, plead, correct.

exposure n. uncovering, airing, disclosure, revelation, unmasking, exposed, unveiling, showing, exhibition, baring, divulging.

EXPAND v. [eks POUND] to set forth detail by detail, explain. She will expound her conservative views on the news.

expound v. communicate, articulate, say, verbalize, enunciate, convey, put across, put into words, declare, voice, tell, pronounce, state.

express a. 1. EXPLICIT clear, certain, plain, direct, precise, distinct, obvious, specific, exact. 2.

expressive a. indicative, telling, eloquent, meaningful, evocative, revealing, vivid, pregnant, descriptive, pointed, graphic. ANT. non-descriptive, empty, meaningless.

expressly adv. 1. PARTICULARLY purposely, precisely, strictly, exactly, especially, specifically. 2. EXPLICITLY clearly, plainly, unambiguously, definitely, pointedly, unequivocally, categorically. ANT. 1. generally. 2. implicitly, indirectly, vaguely.
expressway n. highway, freeway, beltway, turnpike, causeway, interstate, autobahn.

expulsion n. discharge, exile, banishment, ejection, eviction, ouster, "the boot," "history, expatriation, deportment, removal, exclusion. ANT: inclusion, welcoming, receiving.

expunge v. erase, blot out, delete, obliterate, efface, wipe out, cut, cancel, omit, extirpate, remove, eradicate.

expurgate v. censor, remove, expunge, cut, bowdlerize, clean up, sanitize, purge, soften.

exquisite a. delicate, lovely, fine, elegant, beautiful, dainty, precious, rare, consummate, superlative, splendid, ethereal, fragile. ANT: *clunky, rough, coarse, bulky, ponderous.

extant a. existing, living, alive, surviving, around, present, current, remaining. ANT: extinct, defunct, dead, gone.

extend v. 1. stretch, elongate, enlarge, expand, spread, lengthen, draw out, prolong, protract, unfurl, increase, continue. 2. offer, accord, grant, proffer, tender, present, submit, put forth. ANT: 1. contract, shorten, shrink. 2. withdraw, rescind.

extension n. enlargement, lengthening, protraction, elongation, expansion, spread, prolongation, unfurling, increase, addition, augmentation, annex, attachment. ANT: contraction, shortening, shrinkage.

extensive a. broad, far-reaching, comprehensive, expansive, considerable, vast, sweeping, large-scale, widespread, out-and-out, wholesale, thorough, lengthy, protracted. ANT: limited, restricted, small-scale.

extent n. size, area, degree, magnitude, measure, proportions, range, expanse, amount, sweep, dimensions, scope.

EXTENUATE v. [ek STEN yoo ate] to lessen, mitigate, or provide an excuse for a wrongdoing. Mental illness is sometimes used in law to extenuate guilt. SYN: lessen, mitigate, justify, soften, attenuate, moderate, diminish, palliate, qualify, make allowances for.

exterior n. surface, face, facade, outside, shell, skin, appearance. ANT: interior, inside.

exterior a. external, outside, outer, extrinsic, extraneous, superficial, foreign, surface, outward. ANT: internal, inner, intrinsic.

exterminate v. destroy, kill, wipe out, eradicate, annihilate, eliminate, abolish, slaughter, decimate, extirpate, massacre, extinguish.

external a. outer, extrinsic, outside, outward, surface, superficial, exterior, foreign, extraneous. ANT: internal, intrinsic.

extinct a. died out, dead, defunct, obsolete, nonexistent, vanished, vanquished, gone, wiped out, nonextant, "dead and forgotten," "history, outdated. ANT: living, existing, thriving.

extinction n. dying out, death, downfall, destruction, annihilation, termination, "fossilization, obsolescence, disappearance, passing.

extinguish v. 1. quench, douse, snuff out, put out, smother, "douse. 2. destroy, abolish, end, stifle, annihilate, quash, eliminate, extirpate, eradicate, wipe out.

extirpate v. exterminate, destroy, eradicate, obliterate, annihilate, abolish, uproot, eliminate, root out, remove.

EXTOL v. [eks TOLE] to praise highly, laud. Society tends to extol its athletes. SYN: praise, laud, acclaim, glorify, cheer, commend, extalt, celebrate, applaud, honor, "sing the praises of. ANT: put down, disparage, discredit, condemn.

extort v. extract, blackmail, coerce, "strong-arm, wrest, wing, "bleed, "milk, fleece, cheat, *put the screws to, squeeze, "arm-twist, bully.

EXTORTION n. [eks TOR shun] the illegal means of getting money from one through intimidation, blackmail, etc. The extortion ring threatened local businesses with arson. SYN: blackmail, strong-arming, "arm-twisting, extraction, "bleeding, "milking, *the squeeze, bullying, wringing, shakedown, graft, hush money. SEE CRIME

extra n. accessory, spare, bonus, supplement.

extra a. additional, surplus, excess, more, accessory, extraneous, spare, superfluous, over. ANT: enough, sufficient, lacking.

extract n. 1. EXCERPT clipping, quotation, citation, abstract, passage. 2. DISTILLATION concentrate, distillate, essence, juice.

extract v. remove, withdraw, pull, pluck, yank, extirpate, glean, pry, wrench, cull, reap, derive, wrest.

extradite v. turn over, transfer, return.

EXTRANEOUS a. [ek STRAY nee us] inessential, unnecessary. We ditched our extraneous gear to lighten the load. SYN: inessential, unnecessary, irrelevant, extra, superfluous, incidental, peripheral, needless, immaterial. ANT: essential, relevant, needed.
extraordinary

extraordinary a. unusual, exceptional, remarkable, uncommon, rare, striking, singular, strange, odd, phenomenal, outstanding, marvelous, unprecedented, wondrous. **ANT. ordinary, usual, common.**

**EXTRAPOLATE** v. [ek STRAP uh late] to infer or draw conclusions from what is known. Although it is not known for sure, many scientists extrapolate that life exists on other worlds. **SYN. infer, conclude, deduce, *put two and two together, figure, guess, hypothesize, postulate, theorize, assume, presume, *make an educated guess.**

**extrasensory perception** n. ESP, psychic powers, third eye, telepathy, clairvoyance, teleesthesia.

**extraterrestrial** n. alien, space being, *E.T., un-earthly visitor, *little green man, *visitor from another planet. SEE UFO

**WORD FIND**

**absence of extraterrestrial radio signals in space, mysterious:** Fermi paradox

**odds that advanced extraterrestrials destroy themselves before humans can contact them:** Drake Equation

**searches for, organization that:** SETI

**extravagance** n. indulgence, excessiveness, lavishness, wastefulness, excess, immoderation, prodigality, frill, *overkill, superfluity, profligacy, exorbitance, *conspicuous consumption. “The way the other fellow spends his money.”—Harry Thompson. **ANT. thrift, moderation, restraint, frugality.**

**extravagant** a. indulgent, excessive, lavish, wasteful, immoderate, prodigal, superfluous, profligate, extravagant, conspicuous, ultra, unrestrained, spendthrift, ostentatious, extreme. **ANT. moderate, restrained, thrifty, reasonable.**

**extreme** n. outer limit, height, extremity, end, ultimate, maximum, ceiling, utmost, top, peak.

**extreme** a. drastic, beyond reason, excessive, utmost, severe, extraordinary, great, immoderate, extravagant, outrageous, imprudent, radical, overkill, undue. **ANT. conventional, normal, conservative, moderate.**

**extremely** adv. very, exceedingly, quite, exceptionally, excessively, greatly, immensely, highly, markedly, severely, intensely, inordinately.

**extremist** n. radical, fanatic, zealot, ultra, revolutionaryist, immoderate, *hard-liner.

**extremity** n. 1. limit edge, tip, boundary, outer limit, periphery, border, verge, terminus, margin, brink. 2. **APPENDAGE** limb, leg, arm, hand, foot.

**extricate** v. free, get out of, extract, liberate, release, *get out from under, *wriggle out of, disentangle, relieve, save. **ANT. entangle, involve, embroil.**

**extrinsic** a. outer, outside, exterior, external, extraneous, foreign. **ANT. intrinsic, essential.**

**extrovert** n. outgoing person, socializer, *life of the party, gregarious person, *party animal, exhibitionist, *mixer. **ANT. introvert, loner, introspective person.**

**extroverted** a. outgoing, social, sociable, friendly, congenial, amicable, approachable, unrestrained, cordial, party-loving, personable, people-loving. **ANT. introverted, aloof, reserved.**

**exude** v. emit, discharge, secrete, emanate, ooze, sweat, issue, well forth, excrete, trickle.

**exult** v. rejoice, jubilate, glory, celebrate, revel, *jump for joy, be joyful, make merry, crow.

**EXULTANT** a. jubilant, joyful, triumphant, ecstatic, elated, gleeful, rejoicing, euphoric, overjoyed, transported, happy. **ANT. miserable, depressed, downhearted.**

**exultation** n. jubilation, rejoicing, joy, triumph, ecstasy, elation, glee, euphoria, happiness, exhilaration. **ANT. misery, depression, dejection.**


**WORD FIND**

**blackened, bruised:** shiner, mouse

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blindness caused by loss of retina's rods: retinitis pigmentosa
blue eye, brown eye, having one of each: heterochroma iris
bulging, protruding: exophthalmic cavity: orbit, socket
close-up vision: nearsightedness, myopia
clouding of lens: cataract
color confusion: color blindness
color detectors, nerve cells: cones
colored portioned surrounding pupil: iris
corneal incisions that correct nearsightedness: radial keratotomy
crossed inwardly, one eye: esotropia, strabismus
crossed outward, one eye: exotropia, strabismus
crossed outward, one eye or both: walleyed cross-eyed, family of disorders: strabismus
dark spot that responds to light, dark: pupil
descriptive, shapes: almond, banjo, beady, bug, button, close-set, crescent, cup ball, deep-set, birdlike, fishy, goggle, hooded, lenticular, owlish, pop, rheumy, saucer, slanty, sloe, squinty, sunken, wide-set
discharge: rheum
distance vision: farsightedness, hyperopia
doctor: ophthalmologist, oculist
eyelid liner, inner: conjunctiva
feeling, showing deep: soulful
flashes of light, seeing: photopsia, scintillation
floating specks before: floaters (dead blood cells)
fluid between cornea and lens: aqueous humor
focusing body: lens
inflammation causing reddening of eyeball: pinkeye
inflammation of conjunctiva: conjunctivitis
inflammation on lid: sty
innermost layer where light rays are focused: retina
instrument: orthoscope
iris that is light-colored: walleye
jelly behind lens: vitreous humor
light sensitivity: photophobia
nerve to brain: optic nerve
Oriental skin fold: epicanthus

peripheral distortion: astigmatism
pertaining to: ocular
pressure build-up causing visual defects, blindness: glaucoma
pupil contraction: myosis
seeing double: diplopia
sunk: deep-set, cavernous
transparent outer membrane: cornea
velvety and dark: sloe-eyed
white of: sclera

eye v: look at, study, scrutinize, gaze at, *eyeball, scan, ogle, *give the once-over, regard, view.
eyeball v: SEE EYE
eyebrow n: brow, bree, *ceja.

WORD FIND
bushy, prominent: beetle-browed, caterpillar eyebrows
eye-catching a. noticeable, diverting, bold. ANT. inconspicuous.
eyeglasses n. glasses, spectacles, *specs, lenses, *eyes.

eyewitness n. bystander, observer, spectator, onlooker, passerby, watcher.
fable n. myth, tale, parable, legend, allegory, story, yarn, fiction, old wives’ tale, moral, fantasy.
fabled a. mythical, legendary, famous, storied, fanciful, fictitious, make-believe, fantastic.
fabric n. 1. CLOTH material, textile, fiber, weave, dry goods, stuff. 2. MAKEUP substance, structure, framework, constitution, texture.

WORD FIND

canvas: duckcloth, sailcloth
crinkled: crepe, seersucker
decorated with many small, colorful print designs: calico
drape, upholstery fabric of glazed cotton: chintz
dress fabric used in evening wear: faille
edging preventing raveling: selvage
filling: weft
fuzzy surface: nap
gingham, light: chambray
glossy: satin, etoile
goathair, angora: mohair
heavy, floral-patterned with metallic threads: brocade
heavy, used in tablecloths: damask
holes, full of: fishnet
hunting jacket fabric: mackinaw
jeans: denim, dungaree
leather, soft and napped: suede
leather, soft, goat: chamois
lustrous, tightly woven: broadcloth
man-made fiber known as artificial silk: rayon
metallic yarn fabric used in evening dresses: lamé
pale, thick and soft: velveteen
plush, velvet, corduroy: pile
puckered: plisse
quantity of, fifteen to twenty yards: bolt
rib, as of corduroy: wale
rabbit, goat: angora
raised design or bumpy surface on: blister
sample of: swatch
Scottish, handwoven: Harris tweed

silk, woven: tricot
sheer: gauze, organza, batiste, voile, chiffon, gossamer
sheets, bed: muslin, percale
shiny, imitation silk: poplin
shiny, rustling: taffeta
stretchy, synthetic: spandex
suit: tweed, Serge
towel, robes: terry cloth
uniform, olive green: khaki
uniforms, twilled fabric for: cavalry twill, chino
wool, combed and smoothed: worsted
wool: fleece
wool, goat: cashmere
wool, nubby type used in suits: tweed
wool, soft and brushed: flannel
wool, unprocessed: virgin wool
wrinkle-resistant, man-made: polyester

fabricate v. 1. make manufacture, construct, assemble, piece together, create, produce, fashion, devise. 2. lie prevaricate, *fudge, invent, make up, concoct, hatch, fib, contrive.
fabulous a. 1. incredible or great astounding, wonderful, excellent, *out-of-this-world, super, *primo, marvelous, amazing, exceptional, superb, *aces, fantastic. 2. mythical legendary, fictitious, fabled, imaginary, fantastic, make-believe, fanciful. see MONSTER ANT. 1. ordinary, run-of-the-mill, routine, everyday. 2. actual, real, factual.

FACADE n. [fish SAHD] the front or face of a person, place or thing, often with the implication of hiding something negative behind it. His smiling face was just a facade; we knew he was really quite angry inside. SYN. front, false front, face, mask, guise, veneer, show, *window dressing, *put-on, pretense, disguise, appearance.

“The portrait of the mind.”—Samuel Coleridge.
“The shorthand of the mind.”—Jeremy Collier.
“A book where men may read strange matters.”—Shakespeare.
“The title page which heralds the contents of the human volume.”—William Matthews.
“Oftentimes the true index of the heart.”—James Howell.

**FACETIOUS**
a. [fuh SEE shus] jocular, flippant.

**FACILITATE**
v. facilitate

**FACTION**
face
facet

**face up to it, look square in the eye,**

To facilitate mailing, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**fact**
- n. aspect, side, point, angle, surface, feature, plane, side, detail, part, cut.

**FACETIOUS a.** [fuh SEE shus] jocular, flippant, tongue-in-cheek. She was being facetious when she said I should run for president. syn. jocular, flippant, funny, humorous, playful, joking, kidding, tongue-in-cheek, not serious, “joshing, jesting, *wise, *pulling one's leg. ANT. serious, grave, sober.

**facile a.**
2. fluent quick, ready, adroit, dexterous, smooth, superficial, glib. ANT. 1. difficult, hard, laborious. 2. awkward, halting.

**FACILITATE**
v. facilitate to simplify, make easier. To facilitate mailing, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. syn. simplify, ease, expedite, help, quicken, further, aid, smooth, speed up, *grease the wheels, advance. ANT. hinder, complicate, hamper, burden.

**facilities n.**
1. ability skill, ease, dexterity, adroitness, efficiency, fluency, proficiency, effortlessness, aptitude, knack.
2. accommodation convenience, resource, means, appliance, building, room, office.

**facsimile n.**
copy, reproduction, replica, duplicate, likeness, carbon copy, *Xerox, double, clone, twin, *ditto, fax.

**fact n.**
truth, reality, datum, certainty, actuality, verity, gospel, law, scripture, particular, detail, specific, element, item.

**FACTION n.** [FAK shun] a group sharing a common cause, especially one within a larger group or body. The liberal faction is working for stronger environmental controls. syn. group, bloc, clique, circle, part, sect, subdivide.

**face - failure**

**vision, side, camp, sector, pressure group, splinter group, coalition.**

**factious a.** conflicting, quarrelsome, discordant, contentious, partisan, dissentious, divisive, warring, at odds, hostile, at loggerheads.

ANT. agreeing, consonant, harmonious.

**factor n.** determinant, element, influence, cause, component, agent, means, instrument, circumstance, point, consideration, aspect.

**factory n.** manufactory, manufacturing facility, plant, mill, shop, firm, machine shop, works, foundry, assembly line.

**factual a.** true, actual, realistic, literal, authentic, faithful, correct, exact, sound, valid, credible, legitimate, certain, unquestionable. ANT. untrue, false, fictitious, fanciful, made up.

**faculty n.** 1. ability capability, skill, aptitude, talent, facility, capacity, gift, knack, flair, instinct. 2. teachers staff, instructors, academics, professors, body.

**fad n.** craze, vogue, mania, rage, *in thing, trend, fashion, *dernier cri, whim, furor, mode.

**fade v.** 1. lose color pale, dim, wane, wash out, Blanch. 2. dwindle disappear, vanish, slacken, wither, waste away, diminish, decline, recede, ebb, wane, languish, die out. ANT. 1. brighten, make vivid. 2. grow, increase, brighten.


**failing n.** fault, defect, weakness, imperfection, flaw, shortcoming, peccadillo, deficiency. ANT. strength, strong point.

**failsafe a.** foolproof, guaranteed, covered, protected, safeguarded, secure, supplied with a safety net, supplied with an escape.

**failure n.** 1. nonsuccess *washout, *bomb, *as, asco, disappointment, defeat, *Edsel, stum-ble, botch, fumble, slip, miscarriage, mishap, *strikeout, abortion, misadventure, dud,

faint v. pass out, black out, collapse, lose consciousness, keel over, crumple, drop, swoon.
faint a. 1. INDISTINCT vague, dim, pale, obscure, faded, soft, unclear, low, weak, ill-defined, distant. 2. WEAK *woozy, lightheaded, dizzy, drooping, limp, feeble, enervated. ANT. 1. distinct, sharp, defined. 2. strong, invigorated, energetic.


fair a. 1. just evenhanded, equitable, unprejudiced, impartial, unbiased, *square, honest, clean, scrupulous. 2. SUNNY bright, cloudless, clear, clement, pleasant, mild. 3. MEDIocre adequate, intermediate, okay, satisfactory, good enough, *so-so, *not bad, tolerable, *comme ci, comme ca. 4. ATTRACTIVE beautiful, good-looking, handsome, pulchritudinous, lovely, pretty. 5. LIGHT-complexioned blonde, pale, peaches and cream, towheaded, alabaster, white. ANT. 1. unfair, one-sided, prejudiced, unjust, crooked. 2. stormy, cloudy, overcast, rainy. 3. excellent, superior, poor, inferior. 4. ugly, homely. 5. dark, swarthy, black.

fairly adv. 1. somewhat passably, moderately, sort of, tolerably, more or less. 2. EQUITABLY justly, impartially, evenly, honestly, legitimately. ANT. 1. completely, entirely. 2. unfairly, unjustly, dishonestly.

fairness n. justice, equity, evenhandedness, impartiality, honor, integrity, honesty, righteousness, *fair shake, *level playing field, equitableness. ANT. unfairness, injustice, impartiality.

fairy n. elf, pixie, nymph, leprechaun, brownie, gnome, sprite, dwarf, imp, puck, gremlin, sandman, Tinkerbell.

FAIT ACCOMPLI n. [lay tuh kon PLEE] an irreversible act, truth, or accomplishment; a done deed. There was nothing that could be done; it was a fait accompli. SYN. done deed, irreversible act, irreversible truth, irreversible accomplishment, certainty, reality, grim reality, cold, hard facts.

faith n. 1. BELIEF conviction, trust, confidence, certainty, sureness, credence, reliance, hope, dependence. "It is an instinct, for it precedes all outward instruction."—Henry Amiel. "The response of our spirits to beckonings of the eternal."—George Buttrick. "The soul riding at anchor."—Josh Billings. "A bridge across the Gulf of death."—Edward Young. "God felt by the heart, not by reason."—Blaise Pascal. 2. RELIGIOUS BELIEF religion, persuasion, church, denomination, sect, doctrine, creed, dogma, teaching. SEE RELIGION

faithful a. 1. LOYAL true, true-blue, trustworthy, devoted, allegiance, steadfast, staunch, patriotic, *tried and true, honorable, semper fi-delis. 2. ACCURATE exact, reliable, correct, literal, true, actual, perfect, authentic, precise. ANT. 1. disloyal, treacherous, backstabbing, 2. inaccurate, exact, rough.


fake v. feign, counterfeit, falsify, sham, *put on, fabricate, pose, imitate, pretend, dissemble, affect, bluff.

fake a. counterfeit, phony, false, sham, fraudulent, *fakey, imitation, spurious, bogus, make-believe, pseudo. ANT. real, genuine, authentic.

fakir n. beggar, ascetic, dervish.

fall n. 1. DROP plunge, tumble, descent, dive, spill, *header, *nose dive, plummet. 2. DECLINE decrease, drop, slump, reduction, dip, depreciation, lowering, recession, lessening. 3. DEFEAT ruin, failure, downfall, collapse, destruction, submission. 4. AUTUMN harvest time, October. SEE AUTUMN, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER ANT. 1. ascend, elevation. 2. increase, growth, appreciation. 3. victory, ascent, win.

fall v. 1. DROP plunge, tumble, descend, dive, spill, topple, plummet, *do a header, *nose dive, cascade, trip, pitch, stumble, sprawl, flop. 2. DECLINE decrease, drop, slump, reduction, dip, depreciation, lower, recede, lessen. 3. BE RUINED or DEFEATED succumb, be destroyed, fail, collapse, submit, capitulate, surrender, be overthrown. ANT. 1. ascend, rise, elevate. 2. increase, grow, appreciate. 3. win, ascend, be victorious.

FALLACIOUS a. [fuh LAY shus] based on fallacy, erroneous, false. His statements about
green cheese on the moon were fallacious. syn. erroneous, incorrect, false, untrue, faulty, wrong, deceiving, unfounded, mistaken, spurious, invalid. ant. true, valid, substantiated.

FALLACY n. [FAL uh see] a mistaken belief, false notion. *The belief that the moon is made of green cheese is a fallacy. SYN. misconception, error, false notion, illusion, delusion, untruth, falsehood, sophistry, misapprehension, misinterpretation. ant. truth, fact, certainty.

fall guy n. patsy, dupe, scapegoat, victim, *goat, whipping boy.

fallible a. imperfect, human, liable to make mistakes, faulty, unreliable, errant, mortal, defective, deficient. ant. perfect, *goof-proof, unerring, infallible.

falling-out n. disagreement, fight, quarrel. see argument

fallout n. 1. consequence backlash, reaction, repercussion, aftermath, result, wake, effect. 2. rain of radioactive particles settling, *rainout, contamination. see nuclear bomb

fallow a. inactive, idle, dormant, resting, inert, uncultivated, barren, neglected, unused, undeveloped. ant. productive, active, cultivated.

false a. 1. untrue wrong, erroneous, inaccurate, mistaken, fabricated, *full of hot air, *all wet, in error, bogus, fallacious, dishonest, fictitious, unfounded, spurious, invalid, misleading. 2. imitation fake, artificial, counterfeit, phony, ersatz, bogus, simulated, mock, sham, forged, pseudo. ant. true, factual, accurate. 2. real, genuine, authentic.


false teeth n. dentures, implants, *choppers, partial.

falsify v. forge, fake, distort, misrepresent, adulterate, doctor, alter, misstate, dissemble, stretch, embroider.

falter v. 1. hesitate waver, vacillate, flinch, oscillate, hang back. 2. stammer stumble, stutter, speak haltingly. 3. stumble totter, stagger, shamble, reel, teeter, dodder.


familiar a. 1. well-known acquainted, accustomed, recognizable, intimate, *old hat, common, everyday, habitual, routine, ordinary, stock. 2. knowledgeable conversant with, informed, versed, aware of, apprised of, *up on, savvy, cognizant, au courant. 3. friendly intimate, informal, close, relaxed, neighborly, *free and easy, *buddy-buddy, cozy, genial, natural, at home. 4. bold overfamiliar, presumptuous, forward, disrespectful, taking liberties, impudent. ant. 1. unfamiliar, foreign, alien, extraordinary. 2. ignorant, unaware, oblivious. 3. formal, shy, aloof, stiff. 4. respectful, reserved, reticent.

familiarity n. knowledge acquaintance, association, intimacy, closeness, firsthand knowledge, conversation, understanding, cognition, awareness, feel. *A magician that is cruel to beauty, but kind to ugliness.—Ouida 2. friendliness informality, neighborliness, intimacy, closeness, naturalness.

familiarize v. acquaint, get to know, enlighten, accustom, make conversant, inform, school, *get a feel for, *get a handle on, acclimatize, habituate.


family tree n. genealogical chart, ancestral tree, lineage, pedigree, bloodstream.

famine n. starvation, hunger, shortage, scarcity, privation, want.

famished a. starving, hungry, deprived, ravenous, *hungry enough to eat a horse. ant. satiated.

famous a. well-known, prominent, renowned, celebrated, famed, eminent, notable, illustrious, glamourized, distinguished, exalted, glorified, acclaimed, recognized, notorious. ant. obscure, anonymous, unknown.

fan n. blower, cooler, wind machine, ventilator, air conditioner.

fanatic n. zealot, extremist, radical, enthusiast, devotee, follower, militant, bigot, disciple, nut. "The gadflies that keep society from being too complacent." —Abraham Flexner.

"The Devil's plaything." —Armenian proverb.

"A lunatic with a hobby." —Leonard Levinson.

fanatical a. zealous, extreme, radical, devoted, militant, rabid, single-minded, monomanical, obsessive, fervent, dogmatic. ANT. moderate, reasonable, open-minded.


fanciful a. imaginary, whimsical, unreal, made-up, romantic, capricious, fantastic, dreamy, fairy-tale, chimerical, illusory, flighty, quaint. ANT. reality-based, real, down-to-earth, prosaic.

fancy n. 1. IMAGINATION fantasy, creation, illusion, visualization, whimsy, whim, conception, notion, vision, idea, picture, dream, daydream, figment, chimera, hallucination. 2. LIKING fondness, yen, desire, partiality, hankering, penchant, taste.

fancy a. fine, done up, elegant, prime, extravagant, deluxe, ornate, embellished, frilly, special, showy, lavish, rich, elaborate, decorated. ANT. plain, ordinary, simple.

fanfare n. *hoopla, *ballyhoo, buildup, trumpeting, show, to-do, fuss, display, pomp, commotion, ruckus.

fang n. tooth, incisor, canine tooth.

fanny n. Sl. butt, ass, gluteus maximus, posterior, rump, seat, tushy, buttocks.

fantasize v. envision, dream up, daydream, imagine, visualize, picture, invent. *take a flight of fancy, muse, build castles in the air, moon, trip.

fantastic a. 1. EXCELLENT wonderful, great, super, awesome, sensational, marvelous, first-class, primo, out of this world. 2. STRANGE weird, grotesque, odd, quaint, imaginary, outlandish, out of this world, exotic, peculiar, freakish, queer, Kafkaesque, nightmarish, hallucinatory, incredible. ANT. 1. terrible, bad, lousy, awful. 2. normal, down to earth, ordinary, prosaic.

fantasy n. imagination, imagining, visualization, envisioning, dream, daydream, invention, flight of fancy, castle in the air, reverie, whimsy, conception, hallucination, chimera, fool's paradise. ANT. reality, real world.

far a. distant, remote, removed, far-off, far-flung, out-of-the-way, outlying. ANT. near, close, at hand.

farce n. 1. COMEDY slapstick, burlesque, lampoon, satire, parody, knee-slapper, absurdity, low comedy, travesty, silliness. 2. ABSURDITY mockery, pretense, travesty.

FARCICAL a. [FARS i kul] absurd, laughable, ridiculous. The solemn affair turned farcical when the speaker's pants fell down. SYN. absurd, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, comical, funny, foolish, preposterous, droll, goofy. ANT. serious, solemn, grave, deep.

fare n. 1. FOOD diet, menu, victuals, rations, table, edibles, spread, munchies. 2. CHARGE for transportation fee, price, passage, toll, token.

farewell n. goodbye, see you later, take care, so long, adios, adieu, auf Wiedersehen, bon voyage,oodle-oo, *toodles, sayonara, ciao, hasta la vista, arrive-derci, au revoir, Godspeed.

farfetched a. unlikely, doubtful, improbable, remote, strained, implausible, unbelievable, hard to swallow, stretching things, forced. ANT. plausible, believable, likely.

far-flung a. widespread, far-reaching, wide-ranging, remote, distant. ANT. close, nearby, close at hand.

farm n. farmstead, plantation, ranch, grange, barnyard, homestead, pasture, vineyard, orchard, acreage, tillage, croft, hacienda, patch, garden. An irregular patch of nettles, bound by short term notes, containing a fool and his wife who didn't know enough to stay in the city."—S.J. Perelman.see barn, ranch

WORD FIND

animal-raising: pastoral farming
animal used for pulling: draft animal
barren, as a field left unplanted: fallow
changing crop type grown in field periodically: crop rotation
channel cut into soil: furrow
chicken house: coop
corn storage structure: corncrib
cover crop and fodder: alfalfa
cow barn: byre
crops sold for money, not used as feed: cash crops
crop such as grass planted to prevent soil erosion: cover crop
cutting edge of moldboard plow: plowshare
cylindrical storage building for fodder: silo
descriptive: rolling patchwork; regiment of corn; pastoral quilting; stubble fields of Autumn; Irish green fields; weathered, swayback barn; plodding draft animals; rooting pigs; hens scratching in the dirt
farming: husbandry
farming to feed family only with crops: subsistence farming
feed for livestock: fodder
fertilizer: manure, compost, fish meal, bone meal
fodder that has been stored: silage
grain storage building: granary
grazing land for animals: pasture
harvesting machine that cuts, threshes, cleans, bags grain: combine
hay cutter: mower, sickle, scythe
hayfork: pitchfork
hay grass, most common in United States: timothy
hay pile (long) left to dry in field: windrow
hay pile shaped like cone: haycock
horse enclosure: corral
implement having spikes or disks for breaking clods, refining soil: harrow
implement having teeth, pulled by tractor to gather loose hay: rake
implement that breaks up soil, uproots weeds: cultivator
irrigation, farming without: dry farming
laborer: farm hand, migrant worker, bracero
natural farming without man-made pesticides, fertilizers: organic farming
pesticide spraying, especially by air: crop dusting
plant, scatter seeds: sow
rig that compresses and ties hay into blocks: baler
rig that separates seeds, grains from straw: thresher
rig that spreads manure, lime, other material: spreader
rotary blades for breaking up soil: tiller
separated husks of grain: chaff
separate seeds, grains from straw: thresh
shelf plowed into hill to prevent water runoff: terrace
silo that is horizontal: bunker silo
sowing grass to be used as pasture: ley
farming
spread seeds: broadcast
stumps of crops left after harvest: stubble
subsistence farm, small: croft
tenant farmer who works for a share of the crop: sharecropper
unplowed strip of land at end of furrows: headland
wedge-shaped plow of yesterday: moldboard plow

farm v. cultivate, grow, sow, plow, till, raise crops, plant, practice husbandry, work the soil, "scratch out a meager existence, garden, homestead, ranch.
farming n. husbandry, agriculture, agronomy, cultivation, crop-raising, sharecropping, harvesting, agribusiness, growing, tillage, working the land, homesteading, ranching.
"The first and most precious of all the arts."—Thomas Jefferson. "A school of patience: you can't hurry the crops or make an ox in two days."—Emile C. Alain.
far-out a. Sl. wild, "cool, "groovy, weird, "rad *deep.
far-reaching a. extensive, wide-ranging, widespread, broad, sweeping, pervasive. ANT. limited, restricted, small scale.
farsighted a. foresighted, prescient, wise, shrewd, judicious, perceptive, provident, thoughtful. ANT. shortsighted, nearsighted, myopic, tunnel-minded.
fart n. gas, flatulence, "barking spider, "ill wind, "call of the wood duck.
fart v. pass gas, "cut one, "rip one, "let her rip, "cut the cheese, "break wind.
fascinate v. spellbind, bewitch, charm, fix, attract, transfix, entrance, captivate, beguile, enthrall, engross, hypnotize.
fascinating a. spellbinding, bewitching, charming, attractive, transfixing, entrancing, captivating, beguiling, eye-popping, enthralling, engrossing, hypnotizing, riveting. ANT. boring, dull, prosaic.
fascination n. attraction, spellbinding, charm, bewitchment, captivation, trance, magnetism, enchantment, enthrallment.
fascism n. totalitarianism, nationalism. SEE DICTATORSHIP, GOVERNMENT
fascist n. Nazi, nationalist.
fashion n. style, mode, vogue, rage, dernier cri, trend, look, taste, fad, "lastest thing, furor,
way, craze, manner, design, cut. "What one wears himself; what is unfashionable is what other people wear."—Oscar Wilde. "Something that goes out of style as soon as most people have one."—Jean Cocteau. "A despot whom the wise ridicule and obey."—Ambrose Bierce.

**WORD FIND**

calico dresses with long sleeves: prairie look
cowboy shirts, jeans, string ties, tooled-leather belts, Stetson: cowboy look
dashikis, selosos, bubas, Afros: African-American
1890–1910: leg-o-mutton sleeves, choker collars, pompadour hair: Gibson Girl
full skirts, hoop earrings, shawls: gypsy
historical fashion brought back: retro, vintage
Ivy League, upper-crust sweaters, chinos, cords, oxfords, loafers: preppy look
long torso dresses, ropes of pearls, 1920s: flapper look
male and female combined: androgynous
mod 1960s, miniskirts, polka dot shirts with white collars, bell-bottoms: Carnaby
mod 1960s, platform shoes, newsboy hats, faded dresses: funky
mohawks, spiked hair, black leather jackets, slitted skirts, safety pins, torn clothes: punk
nation, of a: ethnic
ruffled necks, wrists for both sexes, 1960s and 1970s: dandy
Scottish kilt like skirts, knee-socks, tam-o'-shanter: kiltie look
tailored business or professional's clothes: Brooks Brothers
uncoordinated 1970s look, baggy pants, challis skirts: Annie Hall look
unkempt, long hair, tank tops, tie-dyed shirts, jeans, miniskirts, love beads: hippie, Grateful Dead look

**fashion** v. make, form, shape, create, devise, contrive, construct, forge, sculpt, *throw together, *slap together, fabricate, mold. SEE CLOTHING, DRESS


**fast** v. abstain, go hungry, refrain, starve, diet.

**fast** a. 1. QUICK rapid, swift, fleet, speedy, hasty, *snappy, *flying, *quicker than greased lighting, *breakneck, *in a heartbeat, *tickety-split, expeditious, instantaneous, brisk, super sonic, hypersonic, meteoro nical. 2. FIXED firm, stuck, unmovable, fastened, tight, secure, permanent, staunch, inextricable, steady, fortified. 3. WILD reckless, dissipat ed, loose, promiscuous, immoral, devil-may-care, lascivious, licentious, intemperate, un restrained. **ANT:** 1. slow, leisurely, sluggish, slothlike. 2. movable, temporary, insecure. 3. moral, chaste, virtuous, celibate.

**fast** adv. 1. QUICKLY rapidly, swiftly, speedily, hastily, expeditiously, instantly, briskly, *in a flash, *in a heartbeat, *in short order, super sonically, hypersonically. 2. FIRMLY fixed ly, securely, tight, solidly, steadfastly. **ANT:** 1. slowly, slothfully, leisurely. 2. loosely, insecurely.

**fasten** v. attach, secure, affix, hook, tie, join, couple, bind, lock, close, hitch, buckle, link, nail, weld, solder, rivet, cement. **ANT:** unfasten, detach, disconnect.

**fastener** n. holder, buckle, pin, latch, velcro, button, snap, catch, bolt, weld, rivet, lock, clasp.


**fatal** a. deadly, lethal, mortal, destructive, killing, disastrous, terminal, calamitous, ruin ous, death-dealing, catastrophic, pernicious. **ANT:** harmless, benign.

**fashion fatalism** n. whatever will be will be, resignation, predestination, leaving it to the fates.
fatality \( n \). death, casualty, victim, dead.


fated \( a \). destined, predetermined, preordained, doomed, predestined, in the stars, star-crossed, foreordained, dictated by karma or kismet. **up to chance, undecided.

fateful \( a \). momentous, crucial, critical, important, decisive, portentous, apocalyptic, prophetic, deadly, lethal, fatal.

father \( n \). 1. MALE PARENT dad, daddy, papa, daddy, pop, pa, *old man, parent, sire, head of the household, protector, forefather, progenitor, forebear. “A man who expects his son to be as good a man as he meant to be”—Franklin Clark. “He who brings up, not he who begets, is the father”—The Bible. “One … is more than a hundred school-masters.”—George Herbert. 2. founder inventor, originator, author, architect, creator, sire, initiator, maker, producer.

father \( v \). sire, produce, beget, generate, procreate, engender, conceive, originate, create, invent, found.

fatherhood \( n \). paternity, parenthood.

fatherland \( n \). native land, old country, homeland.

fathom \( v \). 1. UNDERSTAND comprehend, *get to the bottom of, grasp, get, sense, probe, interpret, figure out, penetrate. 2. SOUND plumb, measure.

fatigue \( n \). tiredness, exhaustion, weariness, lassitude, listlessness, enervation, *burn-out, lethargy, malaise, weakness, languor. \( \text{ANT} \) energy, vigor, strength.

fatigue \( v \). tire, exhaust, wear out, enervate, *burn out, weaken, *poop, drain, wipe out,ucker out, deplete, debilitating, *bush.

fatty \( a \). adipose, blubbery, lardy, tallowy, marbled, greasy, oily. **ANT lean.

fatuous \( a \). stupid, silly, foolish, assinine, inane, moronic, *lame-brained, vacuous, idiotic, imbecilic. \( \text{ANT} \) brilliant, smart, wise.

faucet \( n \). spigot, valve, cock, tap.

fault \( n \). 1. DEFECT imperfect, flaw, shortcoming, weakness, failing, *bug, blemish, stain. “The greatest … is to be conscious of none”—Thomas Carlyle. 2. MISTAKE error, slipup, lapse, blunder, *good, blame, wrongdoing, liability, guilt, responsibility. **ANT 1. virtue, strength. 2. credit.

fault \( v \). blame, criticize, reproach, reprove, impute, accuse, *wag one’s finger at, shame.


faultfinding \( a \). critical, picky, nit-picking, capricious, quibbling, *hair-splitting, caviling, hypercritical, overcritical. **ANT easygoing, forgiving, tolerant.

faultless \( a \). flawless, perfect, impeccable, immaculate, clean, spotless, pure, ideal, unblemished, blameless, above reproach, innocent. **ANT faulty, flawed, imperfect.

faulty \( a \). imperfect, flawed, defective, deficient, impaired, lacking, incorrect, wrong, unsound, malfunctioning. **ANT perfect, flawless, sound.

faux \( a \). fake, artificial, synthetic, imitation, mock, ersatz, counterfeit, unnatural. **ANT genuine, real.

FAUX PAS \( n \). [foh PAH] a social blunder, a mistake in etiquette. Forgetting the host’s name at a party is a faux pas. SYN. social blunder, misstep, mistake, error, goof, impropriety, faux pas, *the stars, luck, *lady luck, doom, God’s future, *wheel of fortune, end, predetermination, *the stars, luck, *lady luck, doom, God’s will, karma, “handwriting on the wall.” “What must be shall be”—Seneca. “The gunman that all gunmen dread.”—Don Marquis.

favor \( n \). 1. GOOD TURN service, courtesy, help, aid, accommodation, assistance, consideration, kindness, good deed, dispensation. 2. APPROVAL esteem, goodwill, liking, regard, approbation, backing, grace, patronage. **ANT 2. disfavor, ill will, disapproval.

favor \( v \). like, support, back, endorse, advocate, prefer, regard highly, fancy, *go for, sanction, pick, commend, indulge, pamper. **ANT dislike, disfavor, frown upon, reject.

favorable \( a \). 1. APPROVING commending, friendly, good, kind, sympathetic, complimentary, affirmative, enthusiastic. 2. HELPFUL advantageous, beneficial, profitable, useful, auspicious, propitious, fortunate, convenient, timely, opportune, lucky. **ANT 1. disapproving, negative, unfriendly. 2. unfavorable, adverse, untimely.

favorite \( n \). preference, choice, selection, *number one, *apple of one’s eye, pet, darling, ideal, dearest, idol, *pick of the litter.

favorite \( a \). best-liked, preferred, pet, dear, choice, beloved, popular, selected, ideal, *fair-haired, dearest. **ANT disliked, unwanted.

 favorable
favoritism
n. partiality, bias, prejudice, discrimination, one-sidedness, preferential treatment, unfairness, partisanship, nepotism.

FAWN
v. [FAWN] to flatter, cater to and generally fall all over someone in order to please. Mary always fawns over the boss. syn. cringe, toady, grovel, kowtow, bow and scrape, apple polish, truckle to.

fawning
a. servile, sycophantic, deferential, slavish, groveling, subservient, cringing, flattering, brownnosing, kowtowing, submissive, obsequious. ant. forthright, domineering.

fax
n. facsimile, copy, transmission, reproduction, duplicate, document, image, electronic message.

faze
v. disturb, disconcert, bother, perturb, upset, rattle, embarrass, discompose, daunt, discomfit, shake up, unnerve.

fear
n. fright, terror, apprehension, foreboding, dread, alarm, anxiety, angst, panic, trepidation, nervousness, butterflies, the shakes, cold feet, creeps, chills, cold sweat, sweating bullets, awe, uneasiness, dismay, jitters, horror, cowardice, phobia, nightmare, feeling of impending doom. "Nature’s warning signal to get busy." —Henry Link. "The soul’s signal for rallying." —Henry Ward Beecher. "A slinking cat I find beneath the lilacs of my mind." —Sophie Tunnel. see fearful, phobia

fearful
a. 1. afraid frightened, scared, terrified, apprehensive, dreading, alarmed, anxious, frantic, panicked, discomposed, nervous, shaking, awed, uneasy, dismayed, intimidated, timorous, skittish, jittery, horrified, phobic, sweating bullets. 2. frightening terrifying, scary, frightful, dreadful, alarming, horrifying, chilling, nightmarish, distressing, creepy, shocking, horrible, hair-raising, bloodcurdling, formidable, adrenalizing, heart-pounding, paralyzing. see anxiety

fearless
a. courageous, bold, unafraid, brave, undaunted, unflinching, daring, valorous, stouthearted, bodacious, gutsy, confident, heroic, intrepid, spunky, ballsy.

feasible
a. doable, possible, workable, attainable, achievable, practicable, viable, reachable, realistic. ant. impossible, unworkable, impractical.

feast
n. banquet, meal, spread, celebration, repast, dinner, supper, festival, eating and drinking. see feast

feat
n. accomplishment, deed, act, exploit, achievement, stunt, adventure, venture, triumph, coup.

feather
n. plume, plumage, penna, quill, down, plume.

feathery
a. downy, fluffy, soft, ticklish, gossamer, ethereal. ant. prickly, hard, sharp.
feature n. 1. CHARACTERISTIC aspect, component, element, point, item, quality, attribute, highlight, mark, trait, hallmark, property. 2. MAIN SHOW headliner, highlight, drawing card, special attraction.

feature v. showcase, highlight, emphasize, spotlight, star, stress, play up, headline, give prominence to, underscore.

featureless a. nondescript, plain, unadorned, stark, minimalist, bland. ANT. just, detailed, busy.

febrile a. feverish, hot, flushed.

February n. "The most serious charge which can be brought against New England."—Joseph Krutch.

feces n. excrement, dung, stools, *crap.


feed n. food, fodder, ensilage, silage, forage, pasturage, vittles, *grub, provisions.

feed v. nourish, fuel, fill, sustain, provide, *wine and dine, serve, provision, foster, cater, maintain, give, *stuff, cram. SEE EAT

feedback n. response, answer, evaluation, reply, observation, criticism, fallout, reverberation, echo, assessment, *pulse of the nation, barometer of public sentiment, *vibes.

feel n. flair, knack, aptitude, ability, faculty, gift, talent, hang.

feel v. 1. TOUCH handle, finger, caress, palpate, stroke, fondle, grasp, squeeze, probe, grope, run hands over. 2. SENSE experience, perceive, comprehend, know, understand, discern, notice, apprehend, detect, enjoy, suffer.

feeling n. 1. SENSATION experience, perception, comprehension, understanding, consciousness, awareness, impression, response, reaction, emotion, sentiment. 2. EMOTION passion, sensitivity, sympathy, depth, ardent, fervor, enthusiasm, zest, soul, heart, spirit, tenderness. "The emotion which drives the intelligence forward in spite of obstacles."—Henry Bergson. "The unconscious conversion of instinctual impulses."—Carl Jung. 3. OPINION point of view, idea, sentiment, impression, sense, inclination, conviction, belief, evaluation, outlook, conception.

feelings n. emotions, sensibilities, passions, ego impulses, susceptibilities, sentiments, sympathies, soul, spirit, drives, *plucking of heartstrings, instincts.

feet n. hooves, paws, pads, *dogs.

FEIGN v. [FANE] to make up, invent, or fake. Though he had never cared for his uncle, Joe decided to feign sympathy for him at the funeral. SYN. make up, invent, fake, simulate, affect, pretend, assume, pose, bluff, *put on an act, sham, dissemble.

feint n. fake, diversion, sham, bluff, ruse, subterfuge, pretense, bait, snare, ploy, dodge, move, maneuver.


felicitous a. appropriate, apt, fitting, suitable, apropos, pertinent, relevant, timely. ANT. inappropriate.

felicity n. 1. HAPPINESS bliss, joy, rapture, ecstacy, contentment. 2. APPROPRIATENESS.

feline a. catlike, predatory, stealthy, sleek, graceful, slinky, sly, sneaky. SEE CAT

fell v. knock down, cut down, level, raze, hew, mow, prostrate. ANT. raise.

fellatio n. oral sex.


fellowship n. companionship, friendship, association, comradeship, fraternity, camaraderie, togetherness, brotherhood, communion. "The ability to unite."—Berl Katznelson.
felon  

*n. criminal, larcenist, lawbreaker, convict, outlaw, malefactor, miscreant, *hood, gangster, mafioso, crook, recidivist.

FELEONIOUS a. [fuh LOW nee us] evil, wicked, designating serious criminal behavior. *Armed robbery is a felonious act. SYN. evil, wicked, base, criminal, larcenous, villainous, vicious, corrupt, lawbreaking, illegal, immoral. ANT. virtuous, law-abiding, moral, upstanding.

felony  

*n. crime, serious crime, offense, atrocity, evil, sin, violation, murder, rape, arson, assault, robbery. SEE LAW, POLICE, COURT

female  

*n. girl, woman, lady, *she, femme, gal, matron, sister.

feminine  

*a. female, womanly, girlish, ladylike, soft, gentle, genteel, effeminate. ANT. masculine, manly, macho.

femme fatale  

*n. deadly woman, siren, seductress.

fence  

*n. enclosure, barrier, barricade, boundary, wall, rail, palisade, hedge.

WORD FIND  
cattle-enclosing: barbed wire fence  
fish-catching fence made of stakes: weir  
post and rail: post and rail fence  
screen of wood strips: lattice  
stake fence: picket fence, palisade  
stake fence used for defense: palisade  
sunken, in ditch: ha-ha  
wire mesh: chain-link fence, *Cyclone fence  
woven work of twigs, branches: wattle fence  
zigzagging rail fence: Virginia fence, worm fence, snake fence

fence  

*v. 1. enclose, surround, pen, confine, encircle, separate, bound, corral, wall, hem. 2. fight with sabers or foils, duel, parry, engage in swordplay. SEE FEND OFF

WORD FIND  
deflect opponent's weapon: parry  
faked movement to throw off opponent: feint  
forward thrust and jump: lunge  
grazing blow down opponent's blade: coulé  
jump and lunge: balestra  
leap: volt  
offensive move made after parry: riposte  
protective cup on weapon: guard  
protective glove: gauntlet  
protective jacket: fencing jacket, underplastron  
readiness stance: on guard  
run toward opponent with arm extended: fleché  
score: hit  
taking of opponent's blade, method of: croisé  
term: touché  
weapon: epee, foil, saber, rapier

fend off  
v. defend, parry, resist, ward off, dodge, repel, deflect, divert, shield from, keep at bay, protect, evade, repulse.

feng shui  

*n. [literally, (wind/water)] geomancy, Chinese geomancy, furniture arranging, environmental balancing, interior design, natural alignment, Chinese art, space design, harmonizing, placement, layout modification, orientation, natural order.

WORD FIND  
analysis methods: Eight House Theory; Flying School Theory  
compass used to determine flow of cosmic energy or Chi, wooden: luo pan  
divination related to, ancient Chinese system of: I Ching  
elements, five: water, wood, fire, earth, metal  
energy force: Chi, Chii, cosmic breath  
energy forces, opposing: Yin (negative), Yang (positive)  
master or teacher of: Sifu; Shifu  
measuring stick showing lucky measurements: Feng Shui ruler  
octogonal amulet comprised of eight sections or trigrams: pakua  
octogonal mirror reflecting Chi: Bagua  
practitioner: geomancer

feral a. wild, untamed, undomesticated, fierce. ANT. tamed.

ferment  

*n. agitation, excitement, commotion, uproar, turmoil, turbulence, stir, tumult, hubbub, disruption, to-do. ANT. peace, calm, serenity.

ferment  
v. agitate, excite, disturb, shake, stir, churn, provoke, foment, incite, inflame, *bring to a head, seethe, rouse. ANT. soothe, quiet, calm.

ferocious a. savage, fierce, violent, cruel, wild, beastly, brutish, predatory, bloodthirsty, brutal, rapacious, vicious, barbarous, merciless. ANT. humane, gentle, mild, tame.

ferocity  
a. savagery, fierceness, violence, cruelty, wildness, beastliness, brutality, bloodthirstiness, rapaciousness, viciousness, barbarity. ANT. gentleness, passivity.
ferret out v. search out, sniff out, root out, dig up, unearth, track down, chase down, hunt down, discover, probe, smoke out.

ferry n. boat, raft, barge, vessel, transport.
ferry v. carry, convey, cross, transport, *lug, ship, deliver, shuttle, pilot.

fertile a. productive, fecund, fruitful, reproductive, generative, potent, yielding, rich, teeming, prolific, bountiful. ant. sterile, barren, impotent, unproductive.
fertility n. fecundity, potency, virility.
fertilize v. enrich, dress, compost, manure, germinate, inseminate, impregnate.
fertilizer n. soil enhancer, enrichment, dressing, compost, plant food, bone meal, manure, humus, muck, dung, green manure.

FERVENT a. [FUR vunt] passionate, intense, heated. Because of her impoverished childhood, Jamie had a fervent desire to succeed. syn. passionate, intense, heat, ardor, warmth, fire, fever, eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, gush, flaming, zealous, feverish, fierce, spirited. ant. cool, lukewarm, apathetic, dispassionate.
fervor n. passion, intensity, heat, ardor, warmth, fire, fever, eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, gus,
to, spirit, zest, vigor. ant. apathy, indifference, coolness.
fester v. 1. suppurate ulcerate, drain, run, putrefy, become inflamed. 2. rankle rile, irk, annoy, irritate, gall, inflame, embitter.
festive a. celebratory, gay, mirthful, sportive, jolly, cheery, jubilant, lighthearted. ant. gloomy, dreary, somber.
festivity n. merrymaking, celebration, gaiety, play, fun, revelry, party, mirth, jollity, carefree, sport, entertainment.
festival n. celebration, feast, rite, observation, carnival, commemoration, fair, gala, jubilee, fiesta.
fervid, burning, hot, earnest, raging, eager, flaming, zealous, feverish, fierce, spirited. ant. cool, lukewarm, apathetic, dispassionate.
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fertile n. condition, shape, form, state, order, fitness.
fetus n. developing infant, unborn young.
feud n. fight, quarrel, conflict, combat, altercation, squabble, argument, contention, row, hostility, *falling-out. ant. peace, accord, harmony.
feud v. fight, quarrel, combat, squabble, contend, clash, war, *lock horns, wrangle, dispute.
fever n. temperature, pyrexia, heat, glow, flush. see disease
feverish a. 1. running a temperature warm, hot, fiery, *burning up, flushed, clammy, sweaty, delirious. 2. excited agitated, heated, passionate, frenetic, restless, fervid, worked up, frantic, ardent, frenzied. ant. 1. cool, chilled, normal. 2. calm, cool, lukewarm.

few n. some, a number, a handful, several, a bunch.
few a. not many, scant, scarce, rare, negligible, skimpy, sparse, thin, meager, limited, infrequent. ant. many, innumerable, countless.

fiancé n. fiancée, wife-to-be, husband-to-be, betrothed, future mate, sweetheart, bride-to-be, groom-to-be, *future ball and chain. see marriage, wedding


flat n. decree, command, act. see order


fib v. lie, tell a white lie, falsify, fabricate, prevaricate, *tell a whopper, *stretch the truth, fudge.
fiber n. strand, thread, filament, hair, string, fibril.

FICKLE a. [FIK ul] liable to change one's loyalties or affections, capricious. Mary went through four Boyfriends last month; she is very fickle. syn. capricious, changeable, unstable, inconstant, whimsical, variable, unpredictable, impulsive, *blowing hot and cold, vacillating, flighty, volatile. ant. stable, constant, faithful, steady.

fiction n. story, fabrication, lie, yarn, tale, invention, fantasy. *The world of our dreams...
come true.”—Courtney Cooper. “Imagining based on facts.”—Margaret Banning. “Fact distorted into truth.”—Edward Albee. ANT: nonfiction, truth, fact. SEE NOVEL, STORY

**fictitious** a. made up, imaginary, fabricated, concocted, untrue, unreal, “bogus, created, fanciful, fantastic, feigned, phony. ANT: real, factual, true.

**fiddle** v. fuss with, toy, tinkle, adjust, fidget, mess with, play.

**FIDELITY** n. [fi ′DEL i tee] faithfulness; loyalty. She questioned her husband’s fidelity after he stayed out all night. SYN. faithfulness, loyalty, devotion, allegiance, constancy, dedication, fealty, reliability, integrity. ANT: infidelity, faithlessness, disloyalty.

**fidget** v. squirm, wiggle, twitch, twiddle, fret, jiggle, jitter, “get antsy, jump, “wriggle about.

**fiduciary** n. trustee, trusteeship, agent, depository.

**field** n. 1. meadow pasture, grassland, plain, green, clearing, glebe, range. 2. specialty descriptive: Audubonesque tableau of birds and flowers, tawny tussocks of fall, softly flowered like a Monet canvas, profusion of flowers, mélange of colors, soft heather meadow, sea of crested wheat, bluegrass meadow, golden alpine meadow, thatchy undergrowth, verdant, Irish green field, broad sweep, wildflower meadow, sprays of daisies and buttercups, the lush grasses of a miller’s dreams.

**grasses** bluegrass, bunch grass, salt grass, foxtail, buffalo grass, crab grass, deer grass, fescue, orchard grass, June grass, red top, river grass, ribbon grass, cattail.

**grasslands of Eurasia:** steppes.

**heather or other small shrubs:** heath.

**marshy area covered with heather, bracken:** moor.

**midwest plain:** prairie.

**plain of South America:** pampas.

**Siberian:** tundra.

**South African grassland:** veld, veldt.

**tropical/subtropical grassland:** savanna.

**field trip** n. outing, excursion, expedition, jaunt, day trip, sightseeing tour.


**fiendish** a. evil, satanic, diabolical, demonic, monstrous, beastly, villainous, savage, barbarous, sadistic, “creepy, brutish. ANT: angelic, saintly.

**fierce** a. savage, wild, cruel, violent, ferocious, intense, furious, untamed, horrible, tempestuous, unbridled, vehemence. ANT mild, tame, gentle.

**fiery** a. passionate, burning, ardent, “hot, fevered, peppy, hot-blooded, blazing, feverish, angry, impassioned, excitable, high-strung, volatile. ANT cool, calm, lukewarm, dispassionate.


**fighter** n. battler, scrapper, warrior, combatant, boxer, pugilist, wrestler, brawler, soldier, aggressor, bruiser, bully, antagonist, contender.

**figment** n. fantasy, imagining, fancy, fiction, creation, invention, daydream, product of the imagination, fabrication, delusion. ANT: reality, truth, fact.

**figurative** a. [FIG yur uh tiv] based on figures of speech, symbols, etc.; not literal; metaphorical. “The show blew my mind” is a figurative statement; my brain is actually still intact. SYN. metaphorical, symbolic, not literal, illustrative, allegorical, representative, emblematic, pictorial. ANT: literal, exact.

**figure** n. 1. form outline, shape, configuration, cast, structure, conformation. 2. physique build, body, frame, shape. 3. illustration picture, diagram, drawing, depiction, sketch, pattern, design. 4. prominent person celebrity, notable, personage, man, woman, character. 5. number numeral, digit.

**figure** v. 1. calculate compute, reckon, add up, sum, tally, count. 2. think reckon, believe, suppose, guess, reason, judge.

**figure of speech** n. expression, metaphor, simile, imagery, trope.

**FIGUREHEAD** n. [FIG yur hed] one with the appearance or rank of someone in charge, but who in reality has no power. The presi...
dent is just a figurehead; the real leadership comes from his cabinet members. SYN. straw man, *front, *puppet, nominal head, *dummy, dupe, token.

figure n. statuette, sculpture, knickknack.


file n. record, documents, data, folder, dossier, information, cabinet, repository, directory, index.

file v. 1. order catalog, categorize, alphabetize, organize, sort, index. 2. APPLY petition, register, make an application. 3. SMOOTH grind, rasp, abrade, grate.

filibuster n. speech, tirade, dissertation, monologue, exhortation, discourse, delaying tactic.

filigree n. ornamentation, tracery, delicate lines, flourish.

fill v. load, pack, cram, crowd, *top off, stuff, stock, replenish, squeeze in, glut, pad, heap, inflate, feed, gorge, saturate, pervade, suffuse. ANT. empty, drain, deplete.

film n. 1. coating layer, sheet, membrane, covering, scum, veil, cloud, haze, mistiness, blur, fog. 2. MOVIE *flick, picture, cinema. SEE MOTION PICTURE, MOVIE.

filmy a. veiled, hazy, cloudy, misty, foggy, blurred, milky, murky, gauzy. ANT. clear, transparent, milky, murky, gauzy.

filter n. strainer, sieve, purifier, clarifier, screen, sifter.

filter v. strain, filterate, screen, sift, clarify, purify, refine, stream, trickle, leak, drain, effuse.


Finesse n. [fi NES] delicate skill or maneuvering. He pitched the ball with great finesse. SYN. skill, adroitness, delicacy, know-how, acumen, subtlety, sophistication, savvy, knack, shrewdness, savoir faire. ANT. clumsiness, incompetence, bumbling, awkwardness.

fine-tune v. adjust, calibrate, balance, tweak, align, set, attune.

fingernail n. digit, pointer, thumb, forefinger, ring finger.

finger v. touch, handle, squeeze, feel, palpate, poke.

finicky a. fussy, picky, overparticular, exacting, dainty, meticulous, choosy, fastidious, anal...
retentive, *persnickety, *hard to please. **

**finish** n. 1. ending close, closing, completion, finale, termination, windup, fulfillment, consumption, culmination, finis, death, *curtains, cap, climax. 2. coating surface, shine, polish, refinement, patina, veneer, varnish, luster. 3. refinement elegance, grace, polish, cultivation, sauvity, gentleness. **ant.** 1. beginning, start, opening. 2. coating surface, shine, polish, refinement, patina, veneer, varnish, luster. 3. refinement elegance, grace, polish, cultivation, sauvity, gentleness.

**finish** v. 1. complete end, close, finalize, stop, terminate, wind up, fulfill, consummate, culminate, die, cap off, *sew up loose ends. 2. deplete use up, exhaust, *knock off, consume, expend, dispose of, drain, dispatch. **ant.** 1. start, begin, open. 2. refill, conserve, restock, replenish.

**FINITE** a. [Fin ite] limited, as distinguished from infinite. Natural resources on earth are finite; they won't last forever. **syn.** limited, measurable, confined, bounded, countable, terminable, delimited, fixed, ephemeral, ending, exhaustable. **ant.** infinite, boundless, interminable, endless.


**fireball** n. meteor, bolide. see meteor

**firebrand** n. agitator, rabble-rouser, instigator, agent provocateur, troublemaker, rebel, revolutionist, anarchist, *sparkplug.

**fi recracker** n. squib, *cherry bomb, petard, *noisemaker. see fireworks

**firecracker** n. hearth, chimney, stove, grate, fireside, blaze, inglenook.

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**firetruck** n. fire engine, rescue vehicle, hook and ladder truck, pumper, tanker truck, HazMat truck, crash truck...

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**firebreak** n. strip of land cleared to stop fire spread.

**fire wall** wall designed to withstand intense heat and flames: fire wall

**worshipper:** pyrolater

**fire alarm** n. smoke alarm, heat sensor, early warning system, emergency alarm.

**firearm** n. gun, pistol, revolver, rifle, *shooting iron, carbine, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun, assault rifle, *street sweeper, Uzi, *Saturday night special, *heat, derringer, six-shooter, .357 Magnum, .45, .38, .22, muzzleloader, musket, blunderbuss, flintlock. see gun

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fireworks n. pyrotechnics, incendiary devices, rockets, feux d’artifice.

WORD FIND
arsenic sulfide used in: realgar
child’s spark-maker: sparkler
hisses and sputters: fizzig, squib
pinwheel-like: catherine wheel
rotating display: girandole
small rockets: bottle rockets
spiral, rises in a: tourbillion
star: star shell
tube ejecting balls of fire: Roman candle

firm n. company, corporation, business, enterprise, concern, outfit, institution, house, organization, conglomeration.

firm a. 1. hard solid, stiff, rigid, compressed, compact, unyielding, stony, inflexible, set. 2. fixed stationary, unmovable, stable, immovable, secure, immobile, anchored, sturdy, tight, unshakable, solid, rooted. 3. constant, resolute consistent, enduring, steady, staunch, unshakable, fixed, persevering, unwavering, true, steadfast. ANT. 1. soft, loose. 2. unstable, mobile, movable. 3. wavering, unsteady, irresolute.

firmament n. sky, heavens, vault, arch, *wild blue yonder, ether, infinity.

first a. 1. earliest original, beginning, front, opening, maiden, initial, premiere, preceding, prior, antecedent, primal, primeval, rudimentary, elementary. 2. highest principal, chief, head, main, foremost, supreme, greatest, top, preeminent, dominant, capital, outstanding, ranking. 3. basic fundamental, rudimentary, primary, elementary, beginning. ANT. 1. last, latest, end, subsequent. 2. lowest, least, smallest. 3. advanced.


first-rate a. see first-class

fiscal a. financial, monetary, budgetary, revenue, money, spending, and taxation. see money

fish v. 1. angle troll, cast, flycast, trawl, seine, chum. 2. search rummage, hunt, pick through.

fisherman n. angler, fisher, piscator, *gill-netter, lobsterman, aquaculturist.


WORD FIND
artificial bait: lure, jig, spinner, fly, nymph

bait: earthworm, night crawler, mayfly, nymph, baitfish, chum, herring, squid

basket used by fisherman: creel

bass, slang for very large: hawg, lunker

bloodied or ground-up bait dumped in water to attract fish: chum

bottom, fish that feeds on: bottom feeder

chair in sport-fishing boat: fighting chair

chicken feathers used in tying flies: hackle clip that reduces tangling at end of line: swivel

delicate dropping of lure into a sensitive area: flipping

drag net along bottom: trawl

dragging a line near surface behind boat: trolling

fence that corrals fish: weir

fish farm used to breed for stocking: hatchery

fish-finding sonar device: depth-finder, fish-finder

floating lure that dives underwater when pulled in: crank bait

floating signal ball: bobber

gear box: tackle box

gear: tackle

hitting a log or rock intentionally with a lure to attract attention of a fish: bumping

hold on the line to prevent breakage, controls strength of: drag

illegal fishing: poaching

legal number of fish one can take: bag limit

line attached at end of regular line to resist biting through by fish, extra strong: leader

line with several hooks at intervals across stream: trotline

lure that mimics a dying fish dropping to the bottom: flutterbait

nest of a salmon or trout: redd

net drawn shut by two boats: purse seine

net that hangs from floats on surface: seine, gill net

passive technique of holding pole still: deadsticking

pushbutton, closed reel: spincaster

rings on pole: eyelets

rippled water showing where fish is rising to bait: rise

scare off fish: spook

scents added to lures: attractant

size range of fish that can be kept: slot limit

snarled line on reel caused by overrun: backlash, *bird’s nest
fishwife  n. bitch, scold, witch, hag. *battleax, nag, crab, complainer, grumbler.

fishy  a. suspicious, doubtful, shady, unbelievable, incredible, shady, questionable, dubious, slippery, not kosher. ANT. plausible, believable, credible.

FISSION  n. [FISH un] the splitting of an atom and its conversion to energy; nuclear fission. Fission is what makes an atom go boom. SYN. splitting, dividing, scission, parting, cleavage, nuclear fission, splitting the atom, atom smashing, atomic reaction. ANT. fusion. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB, AMMUNITION

fissure  n. cleft, crack, groove, crevice, crevasse, crack, chasm, fracture, fault, rift, slit.

fit  n. seizure, convulsion, paroxysm, spasm, attack, *spaz, throe, bout, conniption, outburst, spell, frenzy.

fit  v. correspond, accord, jibe, harmonize, match, conform, agree, *dovetail, interlock, mesh.

fit  a. 1. suitable fitting, apt, proper, seemingly, right, correct, appropriate, befitting, decorous, germane. 2. in shape healthy, well, robust, strong, hardy, hale, vigorous, hearty, strapping. ANT. 1. unsuitable, inappropriate. 2. sickly, weak, out of shape.

fitful  a. intermittent, irregular, spasmodic, restless, sporadic, erratic, unstable, spotty, fluctuating, random. ANT. regular, constant, steady.

fitness  n. good health, healthiness, robustness, aerobic fitness, endurance, energy, cardiovascular fitness, strength, vigor, stamina, *steam, *juice, *rip, heartiness, vitality, *staying power, *pep, *get up and go. ANT. sickness, weakness. SEE EXERCISE

fitting  n. fixture, part, accessory, component, attachment, *dohickey.

fitting  a. proper, suitable, befitting, correct, appropriate, decorous, becoming, fit, comme il faut, right, seemingly, *politically correct. ANT. improper, unsuitable, incorrect.


fix  v. 1. REPAIR mend, patch up, doctor, remedy, restore, recondition, tune up, overhaul, adjust, correct. 2. ATTACH affix, secure, connect, fasten, plant, tie, couple, link, lock, implant, cement, nail. 3. DETERMINE set, decide, establish, settle. ANT. 1. break, bust. 2. detach, loosen, remove.

fixate  v. focus, direct, lock on to, obsess, attach, become attached.

FIXATION  n. [fi ks A shun] a neurotic preoccupation with someone or something; an obsession. He has a fixation with blue-eyed blondes. SYN. obsession, preoccupation, monomania, mania, fetish, fascination, *thing, complex, crush, infatuation, compulsion, idee fixe.

fixed  a. 1. firmly attached unmovable, secured, anchored, firm, stable, solid, rooted, tight, made fast. 2. ESTABLISHED set, settled, unchangeable, decided, constant, steady, unvarying, firm, inflexible. ANT. 1. detached, loosened. 2. changeable, varying.

fixture  n. fitting, part, accessory, component, attachment, appurtenance, *dohickey, device, contrivance.

fizz  n. effervescence, carbonation, bubbles.


flabbergasted  a. surprised, amazed, astonished, taken aback, dumbfounded, astounded, struck dumb, rendered speechless, shocked, staggered, *bowled over, *blown away, confused. ANT. nonchalant, calm, cool, unperturbed.


flaccid  a. SEE FLABBY


flagpole  n. staff, shaft

spinners: lures quickly on top of water to simulate splashing of injured fish, pulling buzzing.

strength of a line, measure of the: test

taking of bait by fish: strike

trolling rig or setup, multiple: outrigger

up and down motion imparted on bait to lure fish: jiggling

weight: sinker

wobbling lure resembling a spoon: spoon

sinker

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word find

decorative cloth in the colors of a flag: bunting

military unit’s: guidon

pirate’s skull and crossbones: Jolly Roger

pole: staff, shaft
flag\-flag\-ulence

signaling pennant used on boats: burgee

**flag** v. weaken, wilt, tire, become limp, languish, wilt, droop, fade, wane, ebb, sink, diminish, die. **ant.** strengthen, invigorate, energize.

**flagellate** v. flog, lash. see whip

**FLAGRANT** a. [FLA grunt] outrageous or glaring. **He was ejected from the game after committing his second flagrant foul. syn. outrageous, glaring, blatant, audacious, shameless, brazen, undisguised, gross, conspicuous, barefaced, flaunted, egregious, extreme. **ant.** inconspicuous, subtle, slight, sneaky.

**flagship** n. leader, chief, mother ship, bellwether, queen, crown jewel, king.

**flail** v. strike, thrash, flog. see beat

**flair** n. 1. knack talent, aptitude, ability, genius, propensity, bent, feel, gift, faculty. 2. taste style, panache, dash.

**flak** n. criticism, disapproval, opposition, censure. see criticism

**flake** n. scale, bit, fleck, chip, sliver, peel, shaving, sheet.

**flack** v. scale, peel, shave, exfoliate, chip, shed.

**FLAMBOYANT** a. [flam BOY unt] showy or ornate, loud. **She wore flamboyant costumes to draw attention to herself. syn.** showy, ornate, loud, colorful, flashy, florid, gaudy, dazzling, ostentatious, garish, wild, theatrical, splashy, extravagant, glamorous. **ant.** quiet, understated, modest, plain, inconspicuous, dull.

**flame** n. 1. fire flame, blaze, light, *tongue, flash. see fire 2. lover sweetheart, girlfriend, boy friend.

**flame** v. burn, blaze, flare up, kindle, flash, spark, ficker, glow, sparkle.

**flammable** a. combustible, inflammable, incendiary, igneous, explosive. **ant.** fireproof, nonflammable.

**flap** n. 1. fold cover, tab, wing, tail, fly, skirt. 2. controversy agitation, commotion, brouhaha, to-do, fuss, hullabaloo, *tempest.

**flap** v. slap, whack, flutter, smack, swat, lash, whip.

**flare** v. 1. flame blaze, flash, flicker, glow, scintillate, sparkle, ignite, spark, glare. 2. burst out erupt, explode, blow up, pop. 3. widen broaden, spread, expand, dilate, splay. **ant.** 2. die down, dampen, cool. 3. contract, narrow.

**flare-up** n. outbreak, outburst, explosion, rise, blowup, disruption, convulsion, epidemic, uprising, spurt, gush.

**flash** n. 1. flare streak, burst, blaze, glint, flame, radiance, strobe, coruscation, illumination, spark, scintillation, glow, discharge, explosion. 2. instant second, *heartache, *blink of an eye, jiffy.

**flash** v. strobe, blink, fulgur ate, flicker, flare, shine, scintillate, glow, glint, shimmer.

**flashback** n. memory, recurrence, remembrance, reliving, reminiscence, echo, recollection, recall, ghost from the past, *head trip.


**flash point** n. moment of truth, critical mass, zero hour.

**flashy** a. showy, loud, flamboyant, gaudy, ostentatious, garish, glaring, blatant, audacious, shameless, brazen, undisguised, gross, conspicuous, barefaced, flaunted, disgraceful, egreous, barefaced, flaunted, disgraceful, egreous, glaring, blatant, audacious, shameless, brazen, undisguised, gross, conspicuous, barefaced, flaunted, disgraceful, egregious, extreme.

**flatter** v. compliment, praise, puff up, adulate, laud, extoll, inflate, "brown nose, "kiss up to, *apple polish, toady, cajole, fawn, *suck up to, *take up, *sick up to, "lay it on thick, "lay it on with a trowel, "butcher up, "massage one's ego, "stroke, blandish, gush, *sweet talk.

**flatterer** n. complimenter, booster, trumpeter, sycophant, "yes-man, "brown nose, "sweet talker, "apple polisher, toady, "lickspittle, "bootlicker. "Like cats, [they] lick and then scratch."—German proverb. "One who says things to your face that he would not say behind your back."—G. Millington. "A friend who is your inferior, or pretends to be so."—Aristotle.

**flattery** n. praise, compliment, adulation, tribute, eulogy, blarney, inflation, applause, sycophancy, blandishment, "brown nosing, *apple polishing, toadyism, "honeyed words, *snow job, gush, smarm, bootlicking, fawning, cajolery. "Something nice someone tells you about yourself that you wish were true."—Frank Malester.

**flatulence** n. gas, wind, bloating.
flatulent a. 1. gassy, windy. 2. pretentious, pompous, windy, long-winded, bombastic, verbose.

flaunt v. show off, strut, display, parade, wave, flash, exhibit, spotlight, swagger, peacock, broadcast, advertise, vaunt. ant. hide, cover up, conceal.

flavor n. 1. taste, savor, sapour, tincture, piquancy, tang, zing, seasoning, spiciness, saltiness, sweetness, savoriness, tartness. 2. essence; character, quality, nature, spirit, feeling.

flavor v. season, spice, “liven up, salt, lace, infuse.

flaw n. defect, imperfection, fault, deformity, blemish, failing, weakness, pitfall, shortcoming, chink.

flawless a. faultless, defect-free. ant. faulty, flawed. see perfect.


flesh n. 1. meat; body tissue, muscle, fat, beef, brawn. 2. body material person, human, man, woman, physical nature. ant. 2. soul, spirit.


flex v. bend, crook, stretch, contract, tense.

flexible a. 1. pliable; bendable, plant, elastic, supple, springy, ductile, malleable, rubbery, willowy, lithe, limber. 2. adaptable; yielding, adjustable, manageable, compliant, docile, tractable, amenable. ant. 1. rigid, stiff, inflexible. 2. rigid, obstruct.

flick v. snap, flip, tap, brush.

flicker v. waver, flutter, dance, quiver, glimmer, glint, scintillate, flash, shimmer, flare, flame.

flier n. flyer, pilot, airman, aviator, aviatrix, navigator. see aircraft.

flight n. soaring, air travel, hovering, gliding, planing, flying, aeronautics, volatilization.
**flood n.** deluge, inundation, torrent, overflow, outpouring, gush, rush, surge, wave, tsunami, downpour, cloudburst, gullywasher, *rain of biblical proportion, cataclysm.

**flood v.** deluge, inundate, overflow, gush, rush, surge, overwhelm, drown, engulf, submerge, swamp, flush, drench, saturate.

**floor n.** 1. bottom footing, base, flooring, planking, parquet, linoleum, rug, carpeting, walkway. 2. story level, flight, tier, deck.

**floor v.** flabbergast, astound, stun, stagger, shock, throw, nonplus, dumbfound, astonish, confound.


**florid a.** ornate, showy, gaudy, ostentatious, flamboyant, flowery, elaborate, embellished, overdecorated, high-flown, garish, arabesque, roccoco, baroque, ruddy, rosy, pink. **ant.** plain, simple, austere, stark, unadorned.

**flotilla n.** flot, armada, argosy, group, unit, squadrons, vessels.

**flotsam n.** wreckage, debris, cargo, odds and ends, castoffs, junk, jetsam.


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**flourish n.** 1. decoration embellishment, ornamentation, garnish, adornment, frill, curlicue. 2. brandishing wave, show, flaunting, exhibition, display.

**flourish v.** grow, thrive, prosper, blossom, flower, fatten, bloom, burgeon, increase, wax, succeed, *go great guns, expand, mushroom. **ant.** wither, die, shrivel, fail.

**flout v.** jeer, scoff, mock, scorn, ridicule, jeer at, spurn, insult, deride, taunt, *make fun of. **ant.** respect, honor, revere.
fluff  - foghorn

fluff n. down, fleece, fuzz, eiderdown, wool.

fluffy a. downy, feathery, soft, fleecy, flossy, woolly, silky. ANT. flat, hard.

fluid n. liquid, water, juice, aqua.

fluid a. 1. liquid liquefied, watery, flowing, streaming, pouring, running, juicy, wet. 2. flexible adaptable, unfixed, changeable, indefinite, adjustable. ANT. 1. solid. 2. fixed.

fluke n. stroke of luck, good fortune, windfall, *one in a million, *lucky strike, break, fortune, godsend, serendipity, accident, fate.

flume n. chute, channel, run.

flunk v. see fail.

flunky n. lackey, servant, footman, toady, *yes man.

flurry n. 1. sudden gust of wind, snow, or rain shower, dusting, squall. See rain, snow 2. commotion stir, bustle, fluster, *to-do, *ado, squall, turmoil, hubbub, ferment.

flush v. 1. blush redden, color, glow, turn crimson, *burn, bloom, *turn rosy, *turn ruddy. 2. wash out flood, rinse, drench, irrigate, spray, douche, douse.

flush a. 1. flat level, square, plane, plumb, straight. 2. abundant plentiful, affluent, rich, wealthy, well-supplied, well-to-do. ANT. 1. blash, blANCH, white.

flushed a. red, pink, ruddy, florid, glowing, aglow, blushing, red-faced, burning, scarlet-faced, blooming, feverish. ANT. pale, blanch, white.

fluster n. confusion, befuddlement, agitation, nervousness, turmoil, *discombobulation, bewilderment, disturbance, excitement, commotion. ANT. calm, composure, peace.


flute n. see musical instrument

fluting n. channels. see groove

flutter v. flap, wave, beat, quiver, shake, sway, swing, shudder, tremble, bat, oscillate, wag, dance, flit, fly.

flux n. flow, current, course, stream, run, movement, tide, passage, surge, change, unrest, fluctuation. ANT. stagnation, inertia, stasis.


fly-by-night a. unstable, unreliable, disreputable, unprofessional, untrustworthy, unpredictable, short-lived. ANT. reputable, established.

flying saucer n. unidentified flying object, UFO, bogey, spaceship, extraterrestrial vessel. See aircraft, space

foam n. froth, lather, suds, scum, fizz, bubbles, spume, effervescence, spindrift, head.

foam v. froth, lather, fizz, bubble, spume, effervesce, ferment, cream.

foamy a. frothy, lathy, fizzy, bubbly, effervescent, spumy, soapy, sudsy, creamy. ANT. flat, uncarbonated.

focus n. focal point, center, target, hub, heart, spotlight, bull's eye, nucleus.

focus v. center on, center zero in on, pinpoint, direct, fix, concentrate, *hone in on, spot, light, clear up, sharpen.

fodder n. feed, silage, food, hay, straw.

foe n. enemy, adversary, rival, opponent, antagonist, *bad guy, combatant, competitor. ANT. friend, ally, *soul mate.

fog n. 1. mist haze, cloud, brume, sea smoke, vapor, *pea soup, murk, smog, gloom. 2. muddle confusion, daze, bewilderment, haze, stupor, disorientation, perplexity, mystification.

WORD FIND

cooling point below which fog forms: dew point

dense mass of: fog bank

descriptive: diaphanous, gossamer, nubulous, ethereal, veil, gauzy, sea’s breath, thick enough to curdle, as thick as New England clam chowder, thick enough to eat/shovel, creeping, dank, cloaking, shrouds, sheets of fog like the sails of Spanish galleons, ghosting over the water, wisps, fingers of fog clutching at ship riggings, soul-dampening

freezing fog that deposits frost: rime

ice crystals, containing: pogonip

surrounded by and prevented from sailing: fogbound

foggy a. see fog

foghorn n. siren, guide, diaphone fog signal, warning signal.
FOIBLE n. [FOY bul] a minor weakness or fault. Reporters regularly expose the foibles of those in the public eye. syn. weakness, fault, shortcoming, deficiency, Achilles’ heel, flaw, failing, frailty, imperfection, quirk, vice, chink. ANT. asset, strength, strong point.

foi n. contrast, complement, antithesis, background.

foil v. thwart, frustrate, balk, check, baffle, impede, outsmart, circumvent, stymie, prevent, checkmate, stop, outwit, counter, hamstring, spoil, *throw up a roadblock. ANT. aid, assist, abet, advance.

foist v. palm off, sneak in, fob, pass off, *pull a fast one.

d. n. crease, pleat, tuck, crimp, gather, dog-ear, overlap, layer, drape.

fold v. 1. crease pleat, plait, tuck, crimp, gather, double over, dog-ear, overlap, drape, hem, enclose, envelop, wrap. 2. go out of business, fail, close, go bankrupt, *go belly up.

folder n. file, binder, wrapper, envelope, sheath, covering.

foliage n. leaves, leafage, greenery, umbrage. see tree, forest, jungle

folklore n. myths, legends, fables, custom, tradition, superstition.

folks n. kin, relatives, parents, flesh and blood, family.


follower n. disciple, fan, adherent, apostle, partisan, pupil, devotee, member, proponent, patron, Rotary, proscylyte, henchman. ANT. leader, mentor, detractor.

following n. fans, supporters, patrons, devotees, adherents, coterie, entourage, retinue, train.

following a. afterward, successive, subsequent, next, ensuing, coming, *in the wake of, *on the horizon. ANT. preceding.

folly n. foolishness, silliness, nonsense, craziness, lunacy, absurdity, wackiness, senselessness, idiocy, fatuity. “A vigorous plant, which sheds abundant seed.”—Isaac D’Israeli. ANT. good sense, intelligence, wisdom, *wise move.

foment v. instigate, incite, stir up, agitate, spark, fire, excite, arouse, provoke, spur, egg on, galvanize, *fan the flames. ANT. extinguish, suppress, dampen, check.

fond a. affectionate, loving, attached, tender, doting, close, warm, adoring, caring, devoted, *sweet on, enamored. ANT. hostile, hating, uncaring, cool.

fondle v. stroke, caress, pet, pat, embrace, rub, hug, hold, massage, squeeze.

font n. source, origin, wellspring, genesis, root, seed.


football n. sport.

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center of defensive line: nose guard, nose tackle
defends against passes and runs into the backfield: defensive back, safety, corner

defensive backfield: secondary
defensive players just behind linemen: linebackers
downing of ball in offense's end zone, two points to defense: safety
encroaching into opposing team's side before ball is snapped: offsides, encroachment
extra point kick after touchdown: conversion
faking a handoff and running with ball hidden behind hip: bootleg
faking a handoff to running back, who pretends to run with ball hidden in arms, then passing: play-action pass
field: gridiron
five back defense: nickel defense
foul in which player without ball is hit from behind: clipping
fullback and halfback form a line behind quarterback: I formation
imaginary line where ball is down: line of scrimmage
kickoff in which ball lands in receiving team's end zone: touchback
kickoff to opposing side: punt
kick that is low and tumbling, employed to force fumble: onside kick
know-it-all fan who criticizes players: armchair quarterback, Monday morning quarterback
lateral pass or handoff followed by surprise pass: flea-flicker
line-drive pass: bullet
line-of-scrimmage player: lineman
long pass requiring small miracle to be caught: Hail Mary, prayer
offensive alignment in which quarterback takes snap standing several yards back from center: shotgun
offensive back behind or near quarterback: fullback, halfback running back
passes, hands off, runs, calls plays: quarterback
pass that imparts spin on ball and keeps it from tumbling: spiral, bullet
play change called out at line of scrimmage: audible
quarterback's eluding of tacklers: scrambling
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score: touchdown
sideways or backwards pass: lateral
six back defense: dime defense
slamming ball down in end zone after scoring touchdown: spike
surprise run by quarterback: quarterback sneak
surprise rush: blitz
tackle with arm swung into opponent's neck or head: clothesline

footing n. foot, foothold, foundation, establishment, position, toehold, basis, beachhead, bridgehead, vantage.
footloose a. free, unrestricted, fancy-free, unencumbered, unattached, roving, unthethered, liberated, uninhibited. ANT. restricted, bound, shackled.
footprint n. track, footprint, impression, tread.

for prep. 1. in the interest of on behalf of. 2. in favor of in support of.
forage v. search, look for, hunt, sniff out, scavenge, rummage, explore, root out, seek, raid, plunder.

foray v. raid, plunder, pillage,ransack, loot, ravage, attack, invade, maraud, assault.
forbear v. refrain, avoid, resist temptation, abstain, lay off, desist, shun, eschew, go without, hold back, forgo, endure, tolerate, bear.
forbearance n. restraint, self-control, abstinence, refraining, avoidance, desistance, tolerance, patience, mercy. “To forgive an enemy who has been shorn of power.”—Elbert Hubbard. ANT. impatience, intolerance.

forbid v. prohibit, proscribe, disallow, ban, outlaw, enjoin, restrict, veto, make off limits, taboo, interdict, stop. ANT. allow, permit, approve.

forbidden a. prohibited, proscribed, banned, outlawed, verboten, restricted, off limits, vetoed, taboo, disallowed. ANT. allowed, permitted, approved of.

forbidden fruit n. see taboo

forbidding a. threatening, ominous, dangerous, frightening, scary, uninviting, foreboding, sinister, disagreeable, unfriendly. ANT. inviting, friendly, alluring.

force n. 1. POWER strength, vigor, might, energy, velocity, momentum, pressure, horsepower, *muscle, drive, pull, weight, stress, poten-
force

forceful

forebear

forebear n. forefather, progenitor. see ancestor

foreboding


forecast

forecast n. prediction, prophecy, divination, prognostication, augury, projection, *reading of the cards, prognosis, conjecture, guess.

foresee

foresee v. anticipate, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, foretell, divine, envision, forecast, presage, augur.

foresight

foresight n. farsightedness, vision, anticipation, foreknowledge, precognition, forethought, preconception, prudence, preparedness, precaution, prophecy. ant. hindsight, unpreparedness.

forest

forest n. woods, woodland, timberland, weald, stand, grove, bush, copse, coppice, wilderness, wild, trees, habitat, *regiment of trees. see jungle, tree

FOREST

ancient, uncult: old-growth forest, virgin forest cleared area littered with logging debris: slash evergreen oak thicket: chaparral grassy clearing in: glade ground or floor material: litter, duff, mor leaf-shedding trees: deciduous logging, denuding method: clear-cutting non-leaf-shedding trees: coniferous pertaining to trees: arboreal thickly treed: bosky top of trees: canopy, crowns trees of a forest region: sylva tropical woods receiving heavy rainfall: rain forest wind-toppled trees and branches: windthrow, windfall, deadfall

foremost

foremost a. chief, first, leading, head, principal, primary, preeminent, main, paramount, supreme, first, uppermost. ant. bottom, least, lowest.

forensic

forensic a. arguable, controversial, debatable, moot, judicial. ant. certain, incontrovertible.

foreplay

foreplay n. fondling, warm-up, sexual activity, heavy petting, cuddling, lovemaking. see sex

forerunner

forerunner n. 1. predecessor precursor, ancestor, forebear, forefather, prototype, pioneer. 2. herald announcer, harbinger, usher, messenger, portent, omen.

foresee

foresee v. anticipate, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, foretell, divine, envision, forecast, presage, augur.

foreword

foreword n. preface, introduction, prologue. ant. epilogue.
forfeit  n. penalty, fine, forfeiture, damages, fee, loss.
forfeit  v. lose, surrender, give up, relinquish, sacrifice, yield.
forge  v. 1. form make, manufacture, shape, fabricate, mold, contrive, fashion, hammer out, cast, devise, invent. 2. counterfeit copy, falsify, trace, reproduce, imitate, simulate.
forgery  n. fake, counterfeit, fraud, copy, imitation, simulation, falsification, sham.
forget  v. 1. *draw a blank slip one's mind, overlook. 2. let pass nevermind, disregard, ignore, write off, skip, drop. 1. remember, recall. 2. regard, consider.
forgetful  a. absentminded, amnesic, abstracted, distracted, *out to lunch, oblivious, inattentive, daydreaming, heedless, mindless, absent. 1. attentive, alert, focused.
forgetfulness  n. 1. *draw a blank slip one's mind, over-look. 2. let pass nevermind, disregard, ignore, write off, skip, drop. 1. remember, recall. 2. regard, consider.
form  n. 1. shape configuration, contour, silhouette, outline, profile, cast, structure, figure, conformation, design, frame. 2. body anatomy, figure, build, frame, physique, shape. 3. mold cast, frame, model. 4. type kind, sort, variety, class, genus, species, order. 5. procedure way, ceremony, formality, ritual, custom, decorum, motions, formula, protocol, method, mode, format. 6. document application, sheet, questionnaire.
form  v. 1. shape mold, cast, frame, design, make, produce, construct, build, fabricate, *hammer out, fashion, manufacture, invent, create, concoct. 2. organize found, establish, start, inception. 3. materialize arise, appear, *take shape, crystallize, come into being. 4. compose constitute, make up.
formal  a. 1. ceremonial decorous, orderly, customary, proper, conventional, methodical, ritualistic, systematic, official, prescribed, correct, *by-the-book. 2. stiff stuffy, *starched, prim, ceremonious, stilted, straitlaced, punctilious, rigid, proper, self-conscious. 1. spontaneous, unconventional, uncustomary. 2. informal, relaxed, casual.
formality  n. 1. convention form, tradition, observance, protocol, practice, decorum, officiality, *red tape. 2. propriety etiquette, ceremony, decorum. 1. informality.
format  n. arrangement, layout, system, shape, size, form, setup, configuration, organization, scheme, method, formula, plan.
formation  n. creation, establishment, development, genesis, generation, production, construction, manufacture, crystallization, evolution, structure, composition.
former  a. previous, prior, earlier, aforementioned, first, past, antecedent, preceding, bygone. 1. later, following, ensuing.
formfitting  a. snug, body-hugging. 1. baggy, loose. see tight.
FORMIDABLE  a. [FOR muh duh bul] an intimidating thing or person that is difficult to face, surmount, or overcome. The rookie boxer met his formidable opponent—the World Heavyweight Champion. Syn. intimidating, dreadful, frightening, scary, feared, awesome, difficult, hard, overwhelming, insurmountable, powerful, indomitable, staggering, tough, huge. 1. weak, manageable, tiny, insignificant.
formless  a. shapeless, amorphous, asymmetrical, 1. distinct, specific, defined.
formula  n. recipe, prescription, specifications, method, blueprint, code, system, principle, creed.
formulate  v. have sexual intercourse, have an affair, commit adultery, *sleep around, philander, *cheat. see sex.
formation  n. intercourse, copulation, sex, adultery. see sex.
forsake  v. abandon, leave behind, renounce, give up, quit, discard, forswear, reject, desert, disown, disavow, repudiate, *spurn, *wash one's hands of, *kiss off. 1. embrace, take up.
forswear  v. renounce, disavow, deny, repudiate.
fort n. fortress, fortification, stronghold, citadel, garrison, defense, army post, battlefield. SEE CASTLE

FORTUNE n. [FOR tay] something one does particularly well or excels at. I’m not much of a tennis player; basketball is more my forte. SYN. specialty, strong point, strength, *bag, *thing, proficiency, skill, area of expertise, bent, talent, aptitude, *long suit, metier. ANT. weakness, foible.

forthcoming a. upcoming, *on the horizon, approaching, imminent, impending, prospective, expected, pending, awaited. ANT. distant, past.

forthright a. direct, straightforward, frank, blunt, candid, honest, plain, unambiguous, undisguised, heart-to-heart, *up front, bald. ANT. indirect, dishonest, ambiguous, disguised, *sugar-coated.

forthwith adv. immediately, at once, now, directly, without delay, tout de suite, *pronto, this instant, speedily. ANT. eventually, gradually, slowly, later.

fortification n. fort, fortress, stronghold, citadel, garrison, defense, army post, battlefield, earthwork, outwork, palisade, bastion, bulwark, rampart. SEE CASTLE

fortify v. 1. strengthen reinforce, brace, bulwark, secure, harden, shore up, steel, temper, buttress, build up, arm, shield, gird. 2. reassure encourage, hearten, embolden, empower, strengthen, invigorate, *buck up. 3. enrich, enhance, improve. ANT. 1. weaken, strip down, expose, soften. 2. demoralize, undermine, discourage.


fortress n. stronghold, fort, citadel, defense castle, garrison, safeguard, refuge.

FORTUITOUS a. [for TOO uh tus] occurring by chance, accidental. A fortuitous discovery led to the invention. SYN. chance, accidental, serendipitous, casual, random, *fluky, unforeseen, unintentional, haphazard, lucky, providential. ANT. planned, *mapped out, arranged.

fortunate a. lucky, blessed, happy, fortuitous, felicitous, propitious, favored, providential, advantageous, opportune, timely. ANT. unfortunate, unlucky, un timely.


fortuneteller n. seer, soothsayer, augur, crystal ball gazer, diviner, palm reader, tarot reader, prophet, prognosticator, astrologer, psychic, sibyl.

forward a. bold, presumptuous, brazen, pushy, insolent, brash, impudent, cheeky, audacious, *nervy, *ballsy, fresh, pert. ANT. backwards, shy, reserved, deferential.

fossil n. remains, specimen, relic, impression, mineralized bone, remnant.

founder n. infractions, violation.

founder n. establish, organize, originate, develop, start, create, launch, institute.

foundation n. 1. basic basis, groundwork, bedrock, footing, underpinning, substructure, support, rudiment, fundamental, root, grounds. 2. financing organization institution, establishment, charity, endowment.

founder n. originator, creator, organizer, father, designer, architect, establisher.

founder v. 1. take on water and sink go down, capsized, swamp, wallow, lurch, submerge, run aground, shipwreck. 2. collapse fall, break down, fall, stumble, trip, go under, falter, bog down.
fountain

fountainhead

foyer

fracas

foyer

fragile

fracture

fraction

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fray v. shred, ravel, unravel, come apart, tear, tatter, rip.

frazzle v. stress out, exhaust, wear out, drain.

freak n. abnormality, anomaly, weirdo, aberration, mutant, *geek, monster, monstrosity, deformity, curiosity, oddity, *oddball. see MONSTER


freak a. abnormal, aberrant, weird, abnormal, unusual, irregular, atypical, extraordinary. ANT. normal, typical, usual.

freakish a. abnormal, anomalous, weird, aberrant, unusual, irregular, quirky, atypical, extraordinary, strange, outlandish, bizarre. ANT. normal, regular, usual.


free a. 1. unrestricted liberated, at liberty, emancipated, footloose, independent, autonomous, self-governing, unrestrained, loose, unconfined, sovereign. 2. costing nothing gratis, *on the house, complimentary, no charge. 3. unoccupied clear, open, available, vacant, unused, empty, unengaged. 4. generous lavish, liberal, open-handed, giving, munificent. ANT. 1. restricted, enslaved, dependent, imprisoned. 2. costing, *dear, expensive. 3. occupied, busy. 4. cheap, stingy, *tight.

free v. liberate, release, loose, let go, emancipate, unshackle, discharge, deliver, *spring, clear, extricate, unburden, disencumber, absolve. ANT. imprison, enslave, shackle, confine, restrict.

freedom n. liberty, independence, autonomy, sovereignty, self-governance, emancipation, free will, license, carte blanche, privilege, *free reign, immunity, exemption, latitude, range, unrestraint. "Room to enlarge."—C.A. Bartol. "The right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong."—John Diefenbaker. ANT. slavery, bondage, restriction, confinement.

free-for-all n. fight, brawl, melee, *rumble, fray, donnybrook.

freelance a. independent, non-staff, on one's own, unaffiliated, free agent, autonomous, self-employed, at large, self-directed. ANT. associated, staff.

free spirit n. maverick, nonconformist, bohemian, eccentric.

freeway n. expressway, highway, superhighway, interstate, parkway, beltway, artery, road, autobahn.

free-wheeling a. free, unrestrained, unrestricted, uninhibited, unfettered. ANT. restrained, limited.

freezer n. ice box, ice chest, cooler, refrigerator.

freezing a. frigid, icy, cold, arctic, chilling, numbing, anesthetizing, *bone-chilling, biting, frosty, wintry, raw. ANT. hot, sweltering.

freight n. cargo, shipment, load, lading, tonnage.

frenetic a. frenzied, wild, overexcited. SEE FRANTIC

frenzy n. mania, madness, delerium, hysteria, fit, furor, outburst, rage, tantrum, spell, agitation, paroxysm, derangement. ANT. stability, composure, calmness, equanimity.

frequent a. numerous, regular, habitual, recurrent, common, continual, daily, everyday, incessant, periodic, usual, often. ANT. seldom, rare, infrequent.

frequent v. attend regularly, visit often, haunt, *hang out at, patronize.

fresh a. 1. new up-to-date, *hot, current, modern, newborn, recent, bright, sparkling, unused, *hot off the presses, untouched, vernal, *spring-fresh. 2. additional; new, more, further. 3. vigorous energetic, lively; bright-eyed, rested, revived, full of vim and vigor; vibrant, alert, bouncing. 4. original, imaginative, creative, new, unconventional, novel, untried, *cutting edge. 5. refreshing; cool, clean, bracing, pure, invigorating. 6. inexperienced; raw, green, untrained, new, untrained, *wet behind the ears. 7. sassy, rude, smart-alecky, cheeky, flippant, disrespectful, *smartass, impudent, bold, *nervy, ballsy. ANT. 1. old, worn, dated, stale. 3. tired, exhausted, weary. 4. trite, hackneyed, clichéd. 5. stale, musty, polluted. 6. experienced, tried, veteran. 7. polite, shy, quiet, deferential.


fret v. worry, brood, agonize, stew, mope, anguish, fuss, lose sleep over, chafe, *work oneself up, *give oneself an ulcer, *eat one's heart out, fume. ANT. relax, ignore.

fretful a. discontented, irritable, annoyed, peeved, cross, grouchy, cranky, touchy, testy,* ornery, grumbling, anxious, whiny. ANT. relaxed, cheerful, good-humored, unperturbed.

friable a. crumbly, fragile, powdery, brittle.

friction n. 1. abrasion rubbing, erosion, attrition, grinding, scraping, chafing, rasping, wearing. 2. disagreement; discord, conflict, opposition, animosity, antagonism, dispute, clash, hostility, strife. ANT. 2. agreement, accord, harmony.


fright n. fear, terror, alarm, apprehension, scare, panic, trepidation, horror, shock, awe, *the creeps, *the willies, dread. ANT. courage, calm, composure. SEE anxiety, fear, fearful.


frigid a. 1. FREEZING icy, cold, arctic, frosty, wintry, hyperborean, *anesthetizing, biting, bitter, brisk, Siberian, polar, glacial, gelid. 2. STIFF formal, cold, icy, cool, distant, remote, aloof, austere, unsociable. 3. UNRESPONSIVE lifeless, unfeeling, passionless, inhibited, passive, cold, chilly, frosty. ANT. 1. hot, sweltering, warm. 2. warm, friendly, sociable. 3. passionate, *hot-blooded, orgasmic.

frill n. ornament, trimming, decoration, extra, luxury, ruffle, extravagance, superfluity, embellishment, frippery.

fringe n. 1. DECORATIVE EDGING border, margin, trimming, ruff, hem, skirt, flounce. 2. BORDER margin, outskirts, edge, periphery, verge, perimeter.

frisk v. 1. FROLIC gambol, romp, cavort, prance, dance, play, wiggle. 2. SL. SEARCH shake down, inspect.

frisky a. lively, playful, spirited, frolicsome, zippy, active, kittenish, *peppy, coltish, spry. ANT. lifeless, dead, comatose.


frivolous a. trivial, trifling, silly, impractical, petty, unimportant, foolish, extravagant, shallow, *piddling, pointless, worthless, unnecessary. ANT. important, vital, necessary.

frock n. tunic, robe, gown, garment.

frog n. amphibian, bullfrog, toad.

frolic n. fun, play, sport, romping, merriment, antics, mirth, joking, game-playing, gaiety, amusement, tomfoolery.

frolic v. play, romp, make merry, have fun, joke, *cut up, *cut loose, *whoop it up, play games, frisk, gambol, cavort, *raise hell, *fool around.

front n. 1. FORE face, facade, head, exterior, anterior, foreground, top, obverse, beginning. 2. PRETENSE facade, mask, false front, look, air, demeanor, expression, countenance, guise, exterior. ANT. 1. rear, back.

front a. fore, lead, first, forward, topmost, anterior. ANT. back, posterior, end.

frontier n. 1. BORDERLAND boundary, far reaches, perimeter, limit, verge. 2. UNCIVILIZED TERRITORY outskirts, remote region, far reaches, outland, hinterland, outpost, no-man’s-land.

frost n. frozen condensation, frozen dew, rime, ice, snow, hoarfrost, ice crystals.

frosting n. icing, spread, topping, glaze.

frosty a. 1. FREEZING hoary, rimy, icy, frigid, frozen, cold, raw, nippy, bone-chilling, anesthetizing. 2. UNFRIENDLY cool, icy, aloof, distant, remote. ANT. 1. hot, sweltering. 2. friendly, warm.

froth n. bubbles, foam, fizzle, spume, suds, spray, head, lather, effervescence, spindrift, scum.

frothy a. 1. BUBBLY foamy, fizzy, spumous, effervescent, *scummy, lathery, soapy. 2. TRIFLING light, worthless, trivial, frivolous, shallow, foolish. ANT. 1. flat, uncarbonated. 2. important, deep, serious.

frown v. 1. SCOWL glow, *give a dirty look, glare, *scorch with one’s eyes, *narrow eyes with contempt, lower, gloom. SEE angry 2. FROWN UPON *look down on, dislike, object to, disapprove of, *take a dim view of, discourage. ANT. 1. smile, grin. 2. approve of, accept, like.

frozen a. icy, frigid, cold, chilled, iced, cooled, solidified, wintry, glacial, numb, arctic. ANT. thawed, melted. SEE cold, snow
FRUGAL a. [FROO guil] careful not to be wasteful, thrifty. He’s so frugal he manages to pay for everything in cash. syn. thrifty, economical, unwasteful, conserving, sparing, saving, penny-pinching, stingy, scrimping, *nickel-squeezing, parsimonious, tight. ant. extravagant, wasteful, lavish, spending.

fruit n. 1. produce drupe, harvest, crop. 2. reward return, yield, profit, benefit, result, consequence, outcome.

fruitful a. fertile, productive, rich, prolific, profitable, bounteous, advantageous, gainful, worthwhile, successful. ant. fruitless, worthless, unproductive.

FRUITION n. [froo ISH un] a fulfillment, a bearing of fruit. A number of her investments have come to fruition. syn. fulfillment, realization, consummation, maturity, achievement, ripeness, attainment. ant. incompletion, nonfulfillment.

fruitless a. futile, vain, useless, unproductive, worthless, unsuccessful, unrewarding, pointless, barren, infertile. ant. fruitful, productive, worthwhile.

frumpy a. dowdy, frumpish, dull, plain, unfashionable, colorless, slovenly, shabby, wrinkled, *as fashionable as a potato sack/burlap bag. ant. fashionable, stylish, chic.

frustrate v. thwart, foil, check, balk, circumvent, hamstring, cripple, short-circuit, arrest, stymie, defeat, discourage, baffle, obstruct, impede, inhibit, exasperate. ant. advance, promote, encourage, abet.

frustration n. defeat, circumvention, discouragement, obstruction, check, nonfulfillment, failure, disappointment, miscarriage, bafflement, dissatisfaction, thwarting. ant. success, advancement, encouragement, fulfillment.

frugal - fund

fulfillment n. completion, satisfaction, realization, achievement, consummation, accomplishment, fruition, perfection, culmination, attainment. ant. failure, miscarriage, incompleteness.

full a. 1. filled glutted, gorged, sated, brimming, crammed, stuffed, *chock-full, bursting, stacked, crowded, teeming, replete, chockablock, saturated, overflowing, bulging. 2. complete whole, entire, thorough, comprehensive, exhaustive, maximum, total, integral. ant. 1. empty, barren, vacant, hungry, starving, 2. incomplete, partial.

full-blooded a. purebred, thoroughbred, unmixed. ant. mongrel, half-breed, mutt.

full-bodied a. rich, concentrated, strong, undiluted. ant. weak, diluted.

full-fledged a. developed, trained, schooled, skilled, qualified, experienced. ant. unqualified, *green, inexperienced.

full-grown a. adult, fully developed, ripe. ant. immature, young. see mature

fully adv. 1. completely totally, entirely, comprehensively, wholly. 2. adequately sufficiently, amply.

fulminate v. denounce, denunciate, censure, criticize, damn, curse, shout down, *knock, condemn, denounce, thunder, swear at, revile.

fumble v. grope, mishandle, bungle, *drop the ball, *flub, botch, blunder, muff, flounder, bobble, mess up.

fume n. smoke, exhaust, gas, steam, vapor, effluvium, exhalation, pollution, reek, smog, stench, miasma.


fumigate v. disinfect, *smoke out, poison, sanitize, sterilize.

fun n. amusement, entertainment, enjoyment, pleasure, diversion, play, sport, good time, romping, *blast, frolic, recreation, merriment, pastime, jollity, *jollies. ant. misery, torture, agony, monotony.

function n. 1. role job, use, purpose, duty, task, business, occupation, employment, responsibility, activity, concern. 2. affair ceremony, party.

function v. act, work, serve, operate, perform, run.

functional a. working, operative, serviceable, performing, practical, useful. ant. impractical, ineffective, *for show.

fund n. reserve, savings, treasury, capital, nest egg, account, endowment, stock, mutual
fund, *stash, hoard, pool, *kitty. see bank, money

fund v. pay for, finance, bankroll, endow, back, capitalize, grant, subsidize, contribute, underwrite, *pick up the check.

fundamental n. basic, essential, element, rudiment, principle, foundation, ABCs, cornerstone, *nitty-gritty, heart, nucleus. ant. extra, peripheral, supplement.

fundamental a. basic, essential, primary, rudimentary, principal, underlying, cardinal, chief, indispensable, integral, foundational. ant. secondary, peripheral, auxiliary.

fundraiser n. pledge drive, telethon, charity event, charity ball, philanthropic enterprise.

funds n. money, cash, capital, currency, finances, means, *dough, *bread, reserve, assets, resources, nest egg, *loot, *piggy bank, *stash. see money, bank

funeral n. obsequies, exequies, burial, inhumation, internment, entombment, last rites, services, cremation. "The last bedtime story."—Leonard Levinson. "A consolation to the living than of any service to the dead."—Saint Augustine. see cemetery, coffin, death, mourning

WORD FIND
announcement: obituary
automobile/coach that carries coffin to cemetery: hearse
bell toll signaling death: knell
bugle call at military funeral: taps
burial at sea: deep six
burial cloth or sheet: shroud, winding sheet
Catholic Mass for: Requiem Mass
churchyard gateway sheltering coffin at service: lich gate
coffin carriers: pallbearers
euphemism, burying: lay to rest
friends, relatives of deceased: bereaved, mourners
mourn aloud by weeping, wailing, etc.: lament
pile of wood on which corpse is burned: pyre
praise for deceased: eulogy
prayer for deceased: requiescat
procession: cortège, death march
RIP: rest in peace
song of lament: dirge, elegy, requiem, threnody
undertaker: mortician
watch or viewing of the deceased, often with festivities: wake, vigil

funereal a. somber, depressing, black, gray, grim, mournful, sepulchral, dreary, doleful, dismal, grave, lugubrious, gloomy, melancholy. ant. cheerful, euphoric, bright, upbeet.

fungus n. thallophyte, mold, mildew, mushroom, parasite.

funk n. depression, blues, blue funk, melancholy, doldrums.

funnel v. channel, direct, conduct, siphon, pour, filter, focus, conduct.

funny a. 1. humorous comical, hilarious, laughable, *side-splitting, amusing, *a scream, droll, absurd, riotous, hysterical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, silly, jocular, *tickling. 2. peculiar strange, odd, weird, bizarre, unusual, outlandish, abnormal, offbeat, different, queer. ant. 1. serious, grave, grim, morbid. 2. ordinary, normal, usual.


furlough n. leave, leave of absence, vacation, layoff.

furnace n. heater, burner, stove, warmer, oil burner, forge blast furnace, incinerator, smelter, kiln.

furnish v. supply, equip, provide, stock, outfit, provision, fit, turn out, rig, appoint, accouter, give.

furnishings n. gear, trappings, appointments, decor, fittings, equipment, accessories.

furniture n. furnishings, seating, cabinetry, shelving, tables, chairs, armchair, armoire, buffet, bureau, cabinet, Canadian rocker, card table, chaise lounge, chest, chest of drawers, chiffonier, china cabinet, commode, console, couch, credenza, daybed, divan, etagere, hassock, highboy, loveloseat, lowboy, ottoman, recliner, rocking chair, roll-top desk, secretary, settee, sideboard, side chair, sleigh bed, slipper chair, Tambour desk, vitrine, wardrobe, windsor chair, wing chair.

WORD FIND
FURNITURE STYLES AND DESIGN ELEMENTS
American colonies to 1776, style of: Colonial arcs, sleek lines, geometric shapes, 1920s and ’30s style featuring: Art Deco
bulge or convex shape on chest or commonode: bombe
cabinetmaker of 1700s, famous: Hepplewhite
carved foot, craneís claw, or dragon's claw element: ball-and-claw foot
column supporting a rail, turned: baluster
contrasting wood insert: marquetry
couch or sofa with no exposed wood, overstuffed: Chesterfield
curved lines, 1875 style featuring slightly: Art Nouveau
curved wood element: bentwood
eagle heads and talons, lion heads and claws, and satyrsí masks, 1700s style featuring:
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folding, portable furniture: campaign furniture
foot, craneís claw, or dragon's claw element: ball-and-claw foot
gothic revival: Neo Gothic
Greek, Roman, or Egyptian styling revivals of late 1700s: Neoclassical
heavily carved, massive style of second half of 1500s England: Elizabethan
heavy, massive, and richly decorated style: Baroque
hinged panel which can be raised on a table: drop leaf
inserted wood, grain, mother of pearl, or other material of contrasting appearance: inlay
local or rural design stylings: Provincial
medieval style, heavy: gothic
mosaic of wood in geometric patterns: parquetry
motifs of animals, mythological creatures, garlands of flowers, early 1600s style featuring carved: Louis XIV
Napoleonic style decorated with bees, crowns, laurel leaves, and mythological figures: Empire
oak, simple rectilinear style made mostly of: Mission
painted ornamentation, contrasting veneers, and inlays, 1700s style featuring: Sheraton
plain, blocky, German style, 19th century: Biedermeier
plain, simple style of the late 19th century: Arts and Crafts
plain, simple style sometimes featuring chrome and glass and mass produced in 20th century: yle
rococo style of mid-18th century, delicate: Chippendale
scrollwork on rich woods, style featuring highly ornate: Rococo
serpentine arms, cabriole legs, rounded frames and walnut veneers, style featuring: Queen Anne
sleek and polished style of 1930s: Moderne
unadorned, practical style built by Shakers: Shaker
veneer and inlay, style following American Revolution featuring brass feet: Federal

furor n. uproar, craze, excitement, frenzy, comotion, rage, outburst, mania, disturbance, ado, *to-do, ruckus, *big stink. ANT. apathy, indifference, dispassion.

furrow n. channel, groove, rut, trench, ditch, cut, trough, track, line, seam, crease, wrinkle.

furry a. hairy, woolly, shaggy, bushy, downy. ANT. bald, hairless.

further v. advance, forward, assist, foster, facilitate, promote, aid, contribute to, abet. ANT. hamper, hinder, thwart.

further a. additional, more, added, supplementary, other, new. ANT. fewer, scant.

furthermore adv. in addition, additionally, also, moreover, what's more, too.

FURTIVE a. [FUR tiv] secret, sneaky. He shot a furtive glance at his desk partner's notes. SYN. secret, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, covert, clandestine, sly, wary, hidden, underhand, conspiratorial, skulking, concealed, shifty. ANT. open, overt, aboveboard.

fury n. anger, rage, wrath, furor, frenzy, indig nation, madness, fire, ire, tantrum, fit, dudgeon, storm, squall, tempest, hot blood, huff, rampage, fierceness. ANT. calm, serenity, tranquility, indifference.

fuse v. merge, meld, smelt, combine, blend, compound, unite, integrate, commingle, weld, alloy, consolidate. ANT. divide, separate, split.

fusion n. union, amalgamation, coalescence, melding, blend, mixture, consolidation, compound, merger, combination, coalition. ANT. separation, division, splitting.

fusillade n. enfilade, salvo, volley, broadside, burst of fire.

fuss n. bother, ado, fluster, pother, trouble, turmoil, disturbance, agitation, stir, fretting, flutter.

fussy a. particular, picky, choosy, meticulous, persnickety, discriminating, finicky, fastidious, dainty, hard-to-please, nit-picking. ANT. easy, careless.
fustian a. bombastic, pompous, pretentious, extravagant, grandiose, lofty. **Ant.** understated, low-key.
futile a. vain, useless, hopeless, fruitless, ineffective, unproductive, for naught, pointless, unavailing, idle, *on a wild goose chase. **Ant.** fruitful, productive, worthwhile.
futility n. uselessness, pointlessness, emptiness, worthlessness, ineffectiveness, frivolousness.
futon n. mattress, bed, couch, sofa.
futuristic a. visionary, cutting edge, innovative, ahead of one’s time, on the horizon, up and coming, of tomorrow, ground breaking, pioneering. **Ant.** antiquated, old fashioned.
fuzz n. hair, fur, fluff, down, wool, nap, lint.
fuzzy a. 1. hairy furry, fluffy, downy, woolly, napped, litty, frizzy. 2. unclear blurry, vague, cloudy, dim, hazy, obscure, misty, out of focus. **Ant.** 1. smooth, hairless. 2. clear, focused, sharp.
gab n. chatter, talk, jabber, conversation, babble, 
gab v. chatter, talk, jabber, converse, babble, 
gadabout n. wanderer, fun-seeker, rambler, roamer, playboy.
gadfly n. *pain in the neck, irritant. see pest
gadgetry n. mechanism, contraptions, works, appliances, instrumentation, machinery, *bells and whistles, robotics, peripherals, *bells and whistles, robotics, peripherals.
gag n. joke, practical joke, prank, trick, wise-crack, caper, jest, *leg-pulling.
gag v. 1. choke, retch, heave, gasp, upchuck, vomit, puke. 2. silence, muzzle, shut up, censor, squelch, hush, muffle, suppress, *put a lid on.
gaiety n. happiness, cheer, mirth, joy, high spirits, elation, revelry, merriment, lightheartedness, glee, joie de vivre, festivity, jollity, gladness, hilarity, jubilation, buoyancy. ANT: somberness, depression, downheartedness, melancholy.
gain n. profit, increase, proceeds, growth, earnings, yield, winnings, advancement, improvement, enrichment, progress, headway. ANT: loss, decline.
gain v. profit, increase, grow, earn, yield, acquire, attain, get, advance, improve, enrich, progress, win, make headway. ANT: lose, decline, fail.
gainful a. profitable, productive, worthwhile, rewarding, remunerative, paying, lucrative, fruitful, beneficial. ANT: unprofitable, unremunerative.
gainsay v. deny, contradict, controvert, dispute, refute, oppose, negate, disagree, repudiate. ANT: affirm, uphold, *own up.
gait n. stride, walk, step, carriage, motion, run, tread, pace, gallop, canter. see walk

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WORD FIND
descriptive: limp; hobble; lumber; plod; stagger; shuffle; totter; traipse; trudge; shamble; pert; wiggle; military gait; goose-stepping; portly waddle; long, fluid stride; bowlegged stride; grace of a porteuse; loose-boned gait; willowy gait; strut; swagger; feline grace; voluptuous sway; mincing steps; authoritative gait

galaxy n. *island universe, star cluster, star system, Milky Way, Andromeda. see astronomy, constellation, moon, planet, space, star
gale n. wind, gust, squall, blow, blast, breeze, tempest, northeaster, hurricane, cyclone, tornado. see wind
gallant a. 1. brave, daring, courageous, valorous, heroic, chivalrous, noble, valiant, lion-hearted, intrepid, dauntless, high spirited, knightly. 2. polite, gracious, courteous, noble, mannerly, courtly, gentlemanly, kindly, well-bred, attentive, considerate. ANT: 1. cowardly, timid, mousy. 2. rude, impolite, discourteous, coarse, crude.
gallantry n. 1. bravery, daring, courage, valor, heroism, chivalry, nobility, dauntlessness, fearlessness, *derring-do, intrepidity, 2. politeness, graciousness, courtesy, suavity,
tact, nobility, manners, gentleness, kindness, courtliness, attentiveness, duty. “To remember one is a gentleman in spite of one’s birth and training.”—Elbert Hubbard. ANT. 1. cowardice, mousiness, timidity. 2. rudeness, crudeness, discourtesy.
gallery n. 1. walkway passage, hall, corridor, veranda, porch, arcade, loggia, colonnade. 2. balcony bleachers, grandstand. 3. exhibit art museum, exhibition hall, showplace, showroom, salon.
galling a. annoying, irritating, nettlesome, vexing, aggravating, chafing, rankling, irksome, peevish, exasperating. ANT. pleasing, delightful.
gallopping v. run, race, sprint, hurdle, dash, bolt, *hightail, canter, lope, rack, trot, *clippety-clop. See horse
Galvanize v. [GAL vuh nize] to stimulate or rouse into action, to jolt. “The plight of the spotted owl galvanized the environmental movement.” SYN. stimulate, rouse, spur, energize, electrify, jolt, wake up, vitalize, invigorate. ANT. dampen, inhibit, deaden, *pull the plug.
gambit n. maneuver, action, move, tactic, strategy, plan, ploy, stratagem, ruse, trick.
gambler n. wagerer, risk-taker.
gambol v. frolic, frisk, caper, romp, cavort, bounce, prance, spring, rollick, sport, dance about, leap about.
game n. 1. contest match, competition, tournament, tourney, meet, showdown, round, bout, test of skill. 2. amusement entertainment, pastime, diversion, play, sport, recreation, fun, Merriment, romp, clowning, test of skill.
game a. brave, courageous, bold, dauntless, fearless, plucky, *gutsy, daring, spirited, eager, enthusiastic, willing. ANT. unwilling, *chicken, afraid.
gamely adv. bravely, courageously, boldly, dauntlessly, fearlessly, pluckily, eagerly, enthusiastically, willingly. ANT. unwillingly, timidly, cowardly.
gamut n. range, extent, sweep, scope, area, reach, compass, spectrum.
gamy a. strong-smelling, strong-tasting, tainted, ripe, foul, stinky, dirty, wild, reeking, malodorous, spoiled, rank. ANT. ambrosial.
gang n. group, band, pack, mob, tribe, party, squad, herd, company, clique, crowd, crew, troop, coterie, club, ring, league, fraternity, “boys in the hood, juvenile delinquents.”
gangling a. lanky, tall, thin, awkward, skinny, spindly, rangy, loosely built. ANT. husky, stout, brawny, obese.
gangrene n. decay, rot, putrefaction, wasting away.
gangster n. mobster, Mafia, criminal, *soldier, thug, hoodlum, *hood, racketeer, *goon, crook, godfather, *consigliere, hit man, gunman, tough. See crime
gap n. opening, break, hole, aperture, breach, cleft, separation, rent, crevice, chasm, space, crack, fissure, hiatus, lacuna, void, interruption.
gape v. gawk, look saucer-eyed, stare, ogle, stare at goggle-eyed, *rubberneck, peer, stare openmouthed, stare in astonishment.
garage n. 1. shelter car barn, stall, building, hangar, car port. 2. repair facility shop.
garb n. clothes, clothing, apparel, outfit, dress, wear, vestments, costume, attire, gear, *duds, *threads.
garb v. dress, clothe, outfit, attire, fit out, apparel, clad, deck, vest, array.
garbage n. waste, refuse, scraps, leavings, remains, rubbish, trash, offal, *slop, dregs, *crap.
garbage v. confuse, mix up, distort, jumble, slur, mumble, misrepresent, twist, misstate, misunderstand.

**WORD FIND**
cultivation science: horticulture
enclosed garden: garth
fertilizer: bone meal, manure, compost
first: Eden
glass container, small garden in: terrarium
greenhouse display: conservatory
greenhouse-like box, small: terrarium
Japanese teahouse, bonsai, water: tea garden, Japanese garden
pest: aphid, cutworm, borer, Japanese beetle, slug
pleasure ground or garden on an estate:  
pleasance  
protective organic cover of straw, leaves,  
peat moss: mulch  
rock: rock garden, rockery  
section: bed, plot  
sheathed from elements: greenhouse, hot-house  
shrubs sculpted into shapes of animals,  
objects: topiary  
skill for growing: green thumb  
soil: humus, loam  
soilless growing method using nutrient-rich solution: hydroponics  
tool: hoe, trowel, rake, sprinkler  
tree and shrub: arbor, arboretum  
wartime garden grown to boost food production: victory garden  
watering: irrigation  
garish a. flashy, showy, gaudy, glaring, loud, ostentatious, cheap, blatant, ornate, tawdry, glittering, bright. ANT. subtle, understated, glittering, bright.
garland n. wreath, festoon, laurel, crown, corona. SEE FLOWER  
garlic n. herb, clove, bulb, seasoning.  


gasm n. cut, slice, slash, slit, tear, rent, split, laceration, incision, wound.  
gash v. cut, slice, slash, slit, tear, rent, split, lacerate, incise, wound, rend, hack, hew.  
gasket n. seal, packing.  
gasoline n. SEE GAS  
gasp n. heave, pant, sharp intake of air, huff, gulp.  
gasv. heave, pant, huff, inhale sharply, gulp.  
gassy a. flatulent, bloated.  
gastronomy n. epicurism.  
gate n. entry, entrance, door, opening, gateway, portal, access, egress, ingress, turnstile.  
gatekeeper n. sentry, guard, monitor, watchman, custodian.  
gather v. 1. mass amass, collect, accumulate, assemble, reap, harvest, muster, garner, glean, stockpile, hoard. 2. infer assume, guess, surmise, reckon, deduce, presume, conclude, judge. ANT. 1. disperse, scatter.  
gathering n. congregation, assembly, collection, crowd, mass, throng, bunch, concentration, gang, band, meeting, convention, muster, conference, convocation, council, caucus.  
GAUCHE a. [GO/SH] tactless, lacking social grace. Telling the queen a dirty joke is considered gauche. SYN. tactless, clumsy, boorish, uncultured, uncouth, ill-mannered, crude, unrefined, clodish, crass, unsophisticated, ignorant, graceless. ANT. gracious, refined, cultured, suave.  
gaudy a. showy, flashy, cheap, garish, ostentatious, loud, tacky, tasteless, eye-catching, tawdry, glaring, pretentious. ANT. tasteful, understated, modest, conservative.  
gauge n. measure, standard, yardstick, criterion, test, touchscreen, barometer, indicator, benchmark, guideline.  
gage v. measure, evaluate, appraise, assess, estimate, guess, calculate, judge, weigh, quantify, figure, compute, calibrate.  
GAUNT a. [GAWNT] emaciated and hollow-eyed, as if from starvation, old age, sickness, etc. The old man looked gaunt on his death bed. SYN. emaciated, thin, haggard, hollow-eyed, bony, sickly, cadaverous, spindly, raw-boned, wasted, skinny, skeletal, drawn, *like death warmed over, anorexic. ANT. strapping, robust, well-fed, fat.  
GAUNTLET, RUN THE v. [GONT lit] an outmoded form of punishment in which a soldier was forced to run between two lines of men, who would hit him with clubs, knotted ropes, etc., as he passed. In modern use, any multidirectional ordeal, punishment
criticism, etc. Politicians with unpopular ideas are forced to run the gauntlet of public opinion. syn. face one’s punishment, take potshots, be a target, be a whipping boy, face criticism, *run an emotional minefield.

GAUNTLET, THROW DOWN THE * v. [GONT lit] to challenge another, as to a fight or debate. She questioned his credibility and thus officially threw down the gauntlet. syn. challenge, dare, invite to debate, invite to do battle, contest, start trouble, defy, invite for a face-off, provoke, confront, accost, stand up to. *ant. back off, acquiesce.

Gauzy a. sheer, diaphanous, *see-through, transparent, gossamer, filmy, hazy, unsubstantial, translucent. *ant. opaque, heavy, thick.

gavel n. mallet.

gawk v. gape, stare in astonishment, stare saucer-eyed, ogle, look goggle-eyed, *rubberneck.

gawky a. clumsy, ungainly, awkward, oafish, graceless, bumbling, bungling, cloddish, maladroit, uncoordinated. *ant. coordinated, graceful.

gay a. 1. happy joyous, joyful, cheerful, sunny, festive, merry, mirthful, jolly, in high spirits, gleeful, vivacious, lighthearted, buoyant, animated, effervescent. 2. bright brilliant, vivid, intense, showy, flashy, colorful. 3. ho-hum, lackluster, morose, gloomy, slumpy.

gaze v. stare, peer, ogle, eye, *eyeball, look, scrutinize, inspect, watch, survey, scan, regard, study, admire, glare, *scorch with one’s eyes.

gazebo n. summerhouse, shelter, structure, bandstand, platform.

gear n. 1. equipment apparatus, rigging, accessories, tools, implements, paraphernalia, outfit, kit, trappings, accoutrement, *stuff, effects. 2. machine part cog, toothed wheel, sprocket, flywheel, cam. 3. clothing apparel, outfit, attire, costume, *togs, *duds.

gear n. Sl. freak, goon, weirdo, mutant, oddball, one who belongs in a carnival sideshow.

geisha n. companion, hostess.

geld n. jewel, precious stone, semiprecious stone, *rock, *ice, bauble. see jewelry

WORD FIND
blue: sapphire, aquamarine, turquoise, hyacinth
carved in relief: cameo
cutting device: lap
diamond look-alike: zircon
engraving: glyptics
expert, cutter, polisher, dealer: lapidary

fake: paste, rhinestone
flaw: feather
imperfectly transparent gem: loupe
iridescent: pearl, moonstone, opal, cat’s eye
green: emerald, beryl, aquamarine, jade, peridot
magnifying glass used by jeweler: loupe
oblong shape, cut in: baguette
plane or individual cut: facet, culet, bezel, bezil
purple: amethyst
red: ruby, garnet, carnelian, sard, avena
setting, groove and flange: bezel
study of: gemology
transparent: diamond
weight: carat, karat
yellow: topaz

gender n. sex, classification.
genealogy n. descent, pedigree, lineage, family tree, ancestry, blood line, extraction, parentage.
general a. 1. common popular, regular, conventional, routine, normal, everyday, familiar, usual, prevalent, accepted, widespread. 2. comprehensive universal, all-inclusive, catholic, blanket, sweeping, extensive, broad, worldwide. 3. inexact approximate, vague, unspecific, ill-defined, indefinite. *ant. 1. uncommon, irregular, unconventional, 2. exclusive, restricted, 3. exact, specific, defined.
generality n. generalization, loose statement, broad statement, sweeping statement, abstraction.
generalize v. speculate, hypothesize, make sweeping statement, make broad statement, *paint with a broad brush.
generally adv. 1. commonly regularly, conventionally, usually, routinely, normally, typically, ordinarily. 2. mainly mostly, for the most part, chiefly, ordinarily, on the whole, as a rule. *ant. 1. rarely, seldom, irregularly.
generate v. produce, create, start, give rise to, invent, fashion, make, cause, initiate, originate, spawn, father, mother, found, give birth to, beget.
generation n. 1. creation production, formation, invention, inception, fashioning, making, initiation, origination, spawning, founding, genesis. 2. age period, era, epoch, eon, day, span.
generator n. dynamo, alternator.
generic a. general, universal, common, comprehensive. *ant. specific.
generous a. 1. giving charitable, unselfish, big-hearted, openhanded, lavish, munificent,
beneficent, benevolent, philanthropic, liberal, unstinting. 2. plentiful bounteous, abundant, copious, ample, rich, lavish, liberal, overflowing. *ant. 1. cheap, stingy, *tight. 2. scanty, spare, meager.

genesi s n. origin, beginning, birth, creation, inception, start, generation, formation, dawn, commencement. *ant. death, finish.

genial a. cheerful, friendly, amiable, warm, sympathetic, cordial, sunny, pleasant, agreeable, good-natured, nice, convivial, sociable. *ant. unfriendly, moody, standoffish, grouchy.

genius n. jinni, supernatural being, spirit, wizard, conjurer.


genite n. refined and polite. 2. refined man or rich man patrician, lord, aristocrat, nobleman, *gent, "blue-blood, courtier. "To speak as the common people do, to think as wise men do."—Rog-er Ascham.

genlement a. genteel, mannerly, courtly, refined, polite, courteous, gallant, civil, honorable, cultivated, noble.

genetry n. aristocracy, upper class, *upper crust, nobility, gentefolk, elite.

genue n. 1. real authentic, legitimate, *the real McCoy, bona fide, certified, actual, honest, true, unadulterated. 2. sincere honest, frank, ingenuous, forthright, heartfelt, unaffected, earnest, natural. *ant. 1. counter-

genus n. class, classification, sort, kind, type, category, order.

germ n. 1. microbe microorganism, *bug, virus, bacterium, bacillus, pathogen, infectious agent, rhinovirus, retrovirus, streptococcus, spirochete. 2. source root, beginning, origin, seed, embryo, fountainehead, spark.

ger-minute a. [jir MAN] relevant, pertinent. Your comment is not germane to the subject at hand. *ant. relevant, pertinent, related, applicable, suitable, to the point, apropos, related, material, apt. *ant. irrelevant, immaterial, unrelated.

germincide n. antiseptic, germ killer, disinfec-
tant, antibacterial, fumigant, bactericide.

germinate v. sprout, bud, flower, grow, develop, spring up, shoot, generate.

gerontology n. geriatrics, study of aging.

gestate n. pregnancy, incubation, maturation, development.

gesticulate v. see gesture

gesture v. gesticulate, motion, signal, wave, pantomime, mime, express with hands, *use body language, *use body English, sign.
get v. 1. OBTAIN acquire, attain, come by, secure, net, take, *bag, gain, receive, seize, earn, win, procure, reap, harvest, gather, achieve. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, grasp, see, follow, fathom, take in, apprehend. 3. BE AFFLICTED WITH catch, *come down with, contract.

geyser n. spout, fountain, jet, blast, gusher, thermal spring.

ghastly a. 1. FRIGHTFUL horrible, hideous, gruesome, shocking, dreadful, horrendous, appalling, revolting, macabre, grisly. 2. CADAVEROUS ghastly, pale, haggard, blanched, corpse-like, deathly, ashen. ANT. 1. lovely.

ghetto n. slum, inner city, rundown quarter, public housing district.

ghost n. spirit, specter, apparition, phantom, *spook, phantasm, poltergeist, wraith, doppelgänger, shade, shadow. "The outward and visible sign of an inward fear."—Ambrose Bierce.

ghoul a. monstrous, hideous, fiendish, vampiric, gruesome, diabolical, necrophilic, cold-blooded, horrible.

GI n. government issue, soldier, member of the service, marine, army man, army woman, sailor, *grunt, *dogface, *leatherneck. SEE AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY.


giant a. huge, gigantic, gargantuan, mammoth, colossal, enormous, prodigious, Brobdignagian, titan, Herculean, elephantine, towering, prodigious. ANT. 1. tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian.

gibbon n. babble, gibber, *gobbledygook, mumbo jumbo, jabber, chatter, nonsense, twaddle, drivel, blather, prattle, jargon.

gibe v. taunt, jeer, mock, scoff, ridicule, tease, *ride, deride, make fun of, sneer at, heckle, *razz, rib.


gift n. 1. PRESENT gratuity, donation, giveaway, contribution, offering, token, gesture, favor, benefaction, bonus, grant, tip. 2. TALENT natural ability, knack, faculty, aptitude, endowment, flair, bent, genius.

gifted a. talented, endowed, skilled, expert, accomplished, masterly, proficient, adept, ingenious, intelligent, blessed. ANT. dense, inept, slow.

gig n. show, performance, play date, engagement, job, appearance, concert, recital.

gigantic a. huge, big, titanic, gargantuan, colossal, *whopping, Brobdignagian, Herculean, enormous, stupendous, towering, prodigious. ANT. tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian.

giggle v. laugh, titter, snigger, chuckle, snicker, *teehee, chortle, cackle.

gigolo n. escort, lover, *pro, *professional, paramour, paid date, lady-killer, paid companion, *sex machine, Lothario, Don Juan, Cassanova, love buddy.

gild v. embellish, decorate, gloss over, embroider, dress up, enhance, touch up, garnish, whitewash, sugarcoat.

gimcrack n. knickknack, bauble, gew gaw, trinket, doodad, novelty, whatnot, bagatelle.

gimmick n. device, scheme, catch, subterfuge, artifice, wrinkle, ruse, ploy, trick, contrivance, *dodge.

gingerly adv. delicately, lightly, carefully, cautiously, gently, warily, guardedly, discreetly, charily, timidly. ANT. recklessly, boldly, rashly.

gingivitis n. gum inflammation, gum disease, bleeding gums.
gird v. encircle, surround, enclose, circumscribe, band, encompass, secure, reinforce, fortify.
girder n. beam, joist, timber, support.
girdle n. corset, undergarment, truss.
gist n. essence, substance, main point, pith, crux, heart, core, point, drift, thrust, *bottom line.
give v. 1. CONTRIBUTE, BESTOW donate, present, hand over, confer, award, dispense, deliver, transmit, provide, *fork over, convey, *shell out, entrust. 2. IMPART express, communicate, send, deliver, offer, announce, state. 3. CONCEDE yield, bend, surrender, relinquish. 4. COLLAPSE buckle, cave in, fall.
give-and-take n. compromise, cooperation, reciprocity, *mutual back-scratching, interchange, trade-off, collaboration, exchange, swap.
gizmo n. device, appliance, mechanism, tool, gadget, thingamajig, thingamabob, contraption, widget, machine. *Rube Goldberg device.

glacial a. icy, snowy, frozen, gelid, frigid, frosty, arctic, polar, wintry. ANT. tropical, warm, sunny. SEE SNOW, WINTER

WORD FIND
altering of land mass by glacier: glaciation boulder pushed far from its native land by: glacial erratic bowl-like gouge carved out of mountain side by glacier: cirque breaking away of large chunks from head of glacier: calving cave in a glacier: glaciere chunks of glacier floating in ocean: iceberg epoch: pleistocene expert: glaciologist form: glaciate gravel and rocks deposited by: drift, till, drumlin, esker, kame, moraine mountain peak surrounded by: nunatak period of cold in which glaciers grow and expand: ice age pinnacle of ice on: serac scratches, grooves left on bedrock by passing glacier: striations snow that gradually becomes glacial ice: neve, firm study of: glaciology

glacier n. ice mass, snow mass, ice cap, snow pack.

glad a. 1. HAPPY delighted, *tickled, *tickled to death, *tickled pink, pleased, thrilled, gratified, cheerful, joyous, upbeat. 2. DELIGHTFUL happy, pleasing, gratifying, cheering. 3. WILLING eager. ANT. 1. sad, depressed, unhappy. 2. miserable, awful, terrible. 3. unwilling, reluctant.

gladden v. cheer, make happy, hearten, please, brighten, delight, *tickle pink, *raise one's spirits, elate. ANT. *bring down, *bum out, depress.

gladiator n. swordsman, fighter, combatant.

glorious a. fascinating, charismatic, alluring, captivating, charming, magnetic, bewitching, enchanting, dazzling, provocative. ANT. humdrum, prosaic, every day.

glamour n. allure, charm, appeal, fascination, *razzle-dazzle, charisma, magnetism, attraction, bewitchment, *star power.

glance n. look, glimpse, peek, peep, gander, *once-over.

GLIB a. [GLIB] spoken or given too easily, too offhandedly, or too superficially to be taken seriously, as a piece of advice. His glib response to Marcia’s earnest question left her unsatisfied. SYN. facile, superficial, shallow, smooth-tongued, quick, ready, slick, smooth-talking, fluent, fast-talking, voluble. ANT. thoughtful, sincere, deep, profound.

glide v. slide, glissade, float, skim, plane, waft, coast, drift, skate, slip, flow, wing.
glimmer v. gleam, glow, flicker, sparkle, glare, coruscate, beam, glimmer, twinkle, scintillate, flash.
glimpse n. look, peep, peak, glance, fleeting look, flash.
glimpse v. catch a peep, peep, look, glance, see, eye, *eyeball, spot, *get a load of, take in, spy.
glint n. sparkle, gleam, flash, glimmer.
glisten v. shine, sparkle, flash, glimmer, shimmer, gleam, glint, scintillate, glitter.
glitch n. Sl. error, malfunction, *bug, snafu.
glitter n. sparkle, glint, glimmer, gleam, sheen, shine, brilliance, radiance, scintillation, lustre, twinkle.
glitter v. sparkle, glint, glimmer, gleam, shine, radiate, scintillate, twinkle, coruscate.
glitz n. showiness, ostentation, gaudiness, garishness.
gloom n. darkness dimness, murk, shadow, obscurity, shade, dusk, blackness, cloudiness.
globe n. sphere, orb, spheroid, earth, planet, world, *spaceship Earth, biosphere.
gloaming n. dusk, twilight, nightfall, sundown.
gloat v. crow, exult, strut, brag, vaunt, triumph, *rub it in, boast, *lord over, *take malicious pleasure in. ANt. 1. downplay, depreciate.
glob n. lump, chunk, hunk, mass, blob, globule, drop, ball, gob.
global a. worldwide, international, intercontinental, universal, planetary, pandemic, widespread, extensive, far-reaching. ANt. 1. local, regional, confined.
globe n. 1. Darkness dimness, murk, shadow, obscurity, shade, dusk, blackness, cloudiness.
       2. Sadness depression, hopelessness, melancholy, despair, woe, grief, sorrow, dejection, unhappiness, desolation, heavy-heartedness. ANt. 1. brightness, sunniness, light, radiance.
       2. happiness, cheerfulness, joy.
gloomy a. 1. Dark dim, murky, shadowy, dismal, obscure, dusky, gauzy, black, cloudy, dreary, somber.
       2. Sad depressed, depressing, hopeless, dismal, melancholy, woeful, grim, sorrowful, dejected, unhappy, desolate, joyless, heavyhearted, despondent, black, bleak, funereal. ANt. 1. bright, light, radiant, sunny. 2. happy, elated, euphoric, bright.
glorify v. 1. exalt honor, idolize, revere, worship, deify, elevate, venerate, immortalize, beatify, sanctify. 2. praise extol, celebrate, honor, *put on a pedestal, *talk up, *sing the praises of, hail, acclaim, celebrate, flatter, lionize. ANt. degrade, condemn, dishonor, disgrace.
glorious a. divine, splendid, magnificent, wonderful, grand, marvelous, superb, excellent, heavenly, sublime, spectacular, resplendent. ANt. lowly, humble, modest, plain.
glory n. 1. Honor admiration, fame, renown, celebrity, praise, acclaim, esteem, adoration, veneration, prestige, notoriety. “Goads and spurs to virtue.”—Francis Bacon. “A torch to kindle the noble mind.”—Silius Italicus.
       2. Beauty splendor, magnificence, radiance, grandeur, resplendence, majesty, brilliance. ANt. 1. dishonor, degradation, disgrace. 2. ugliness.
gloss n. shine, luster, sheen, shimmer, glow, gleam, polish, brilliance.
gloss v. 1. shine make lustrous, polish, buff, rub, burnish, varnish. 2. smooth over cover up, mask, disguise, *sugarcoat, soft-pedal, *whitewash, doctor.
glossary n. lexicon, word list, nomenclature, vocabulary, dictionary.
glossy a. shiny, lustrous, shimmering, gleaming, glowing, polished, burnished, sleek, silky, glassy. ANt. dull, tarnished.
glow n. radiance, light, gleam, brightness, glimmer, shine, luminosity, illumination, incandescence, effulgence, phosphorescence. See Blush.
glow v. radiate, light, gleam, glimmer, shine, illuminate, incandesce, shimmer, glare. See Blush.
glower v. frown, scowl, glare, lower, stare blackly, *shoot a dirty look, *scorch with one’s eyes. See Angry.
glowing a. 1. radiant aglow, luminous. 2. colored red, rosy, flushed, florid, radiant, aglow, blooming. 3. Enthusiastic complimentary, laudatory, favorable. ANt. 1. dull, dim. 2. pale, blanched, pallid. 3. negative, unenthusiastic, critical.
glue n. cement, paste, fixative, adhesive, *stickum, mucilage.
gum a. sullen, gloomy, morose, down, low, dispirited, long-faced, sulky, dismal, cheerless, lugubrious, sad. ANt. cheerful, happy, joyous, elated.
glut n. excess, surplus, overabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, flood, inundation, overflow, plethora, repletion. ANt. dearth, scarcity, lack, shortage.
glut v. fill, flood, surfeit, sate, satiate, inundate, clog, choke, oversupply, stuff, congest, overload.
gnarled

d. knotted, knotty, twisted, contorted, tortured, crooked, distorted, arthritic, wrinkled. ant. smooth.

gnash

v. grind, grate, rasp, clamp.

gnaw

v. 1. munch nibble, chew, bite, champ, eat away. 2. bother nag, eat at, trouble, worry, plague, torment.

gnome

n. fairy, elf, dwarf, troll, pixie, leprechaun, imp.

go

n. 1. energy animation, drive, vigor, zest, pep, life, force. 2. try attempt, whirl, stab, shot, crack.

go

v. 1. proceed advance, begin, move, start, set out, get the ball rolling, travel, make headway, progress. 2. leave depart, retire, run, split, scram, decamp, withdraw, slip away, hit the road, vanoose, quit, "shove off," beat it, blow. 3. function perform, run, work, operate, act. 4. pass elapse, slip away, transpire, expire. 5. extend lead, stretch, span, reach. ant. 1. stop, stay, freeze. 2. remain, stay.

goad

n. stimulus, spur, prod, inducement, impetus, catalyst, urge, motive, incentive, "kick in the pants," "swift kick.

goad

v. stimulate, spur, prod, induce, urge, motivate, impel, incite, spark, egg on, coerce, prompt, "kickstart, provoke.

goal

n. aim, ambition, end, purpose, objective, target, design, intention, destination.

goat

n. scapegoat, "fall guy, whipping boy, butt, patsy.

gobble

v. bolt, wolf, gulp, stuff, cram, choke down, devour, "shovel, gorge, "suck up, swallow whole.

gobbledygook

n. gibberish, jargon, cant, "officialese, claptrap, legalese, nonsense, "bunk, "rot, "bafflegab.

go-between

n. intermediary, middleman, medium, second, arbitrator, mediator, agent, broker, referee.

goblin

n. spirit, bogeyman, "spook, hobgoblin, imp, elf, puck, gnome, kobold.

God/god

n. 1. God Supreme Being. Father in Heaven, Heavenly Father, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise, the All-Merciful, the All-Seeing, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Creator, Brahma, Allah, Adonai, Lord, Jehovah, Holy Spirit, the Man Upstairs. "Love."—The Bible. "A superior reasoning power ... revealed in the incomprehensible universe."—Albert Einstein. "Conscience."—Mohandas Gandhi. "A light that is never darkened."—Francis Quarles. "A mighty fortress."—Martin Luther. "Personified incomprehensibility."—George Lichtenberg. "That which has no definition."—Joseph Albo. "A vengeful, pitiless, and almighty fiend."—Percy Bysshe Shelley. "An infantile fantasy ... necessary when men did not know what lightning was."—Edward Anhalt. "A gaseous vertebrate."—Ernst Haeckel. 2. deity godness, divinity, spirit, idol. ant. 1. the Devil, Satan, Lucifer, Prince of Darkness. 2. mortal, physical being. see church, mythical deities, religion.

WORD FIND

appearance of: theophany
belief in god other than that of Jewish, Christian, or Muslim faith: paganism
cry of praise to God: hosanna
disbelief in: atheism
believer: atheist
one, belief in more than: polytheism
one, belief in only: monotheism
questioner of God's existence: agnostic
questioning of God's existence: agnosticism
Son of God: Jesus Christ
study of: theology
universe and its natural laws are God, belief that: pantheism

God-fearing

d. pious, devout, faithful, devoted, reverent, holy, religious. ant. atheistic, godless, heathen.

godforsaken

d. desolate, forlorn, lonely, abandoned, wretched, cheerless, forgotten, condemned. ant. lush, hospitable.

godless

d. atheistic, heathen, impious, pagan, sacrilegious, blasphemous, freethinking, agnostic, wicked, unholy. ant. pious, devout, God-fearing.

godly

d. religious, God-fearing, devout, pious, righteous, holy, spiritual, reverent, born-again, saintly, good, moral. ant. godless, sinful, atheistic, blasphemous, sacrilegious.

godsend

n. blessing, gift, windfall, miracle, manna, benediction, boon.

Godspeed

n. good luck, good fortune, success, God's blessings, prosperity, God's favor.

gofer

n. Sl. errand boy, errand girl, "go getter, gal Friday, man Friday, "grunt.

gold

n. 1. color yellow, gilt, straw, tawny, flaxen, blond, honey, auric. 2. metal precious

**WORD FIND**
bar: ingot, bullion
fool’s: pyrite
of gold: aurous
glacial deposit: placer mine
overlay: gild, gilt
weight: carat

goldbrick v. Sl. shirk, loaf, *goof off, malingering.
gold digger n. user, parasite, bloodsucker, leech, sponge, opportunist, exploiter.
golden a. 1. see gold 2. advantageous best, opportune, favorable, auspicious, timely, propitious, providential, rosy. ANT. 2. black, unfavorable.
gold mine n. bonanza, mother lode, Eldorado, *cash cow, *goose that layed the golden egg.
golf n. sport, pastime. “A plague invented by the Calvinistic Scots as a punishment for man’s sins.”—James Reston. “A good walk spoiled.”—Mark Twain.

**WORD FIND**
aid: caddy
average number of shots deemed necessary for each hole: par
ball position after coming to rest: lie
closely cropped green around hole: putting green
club: bally, blade, brassie, chipping iron, cleek, iron, mashie, niblick, putter, driver, wood, wedge, spoon
curving drive: hook, slice
curving fairway: dogleg
extra shot allowed in casual game: Mulligan fee to play: greens fee
flagstick: pin
grounds: fairway, green, links, course
hole made in one stroke: ace, hole in one
lockers, club building: clubhouse
long grass area: rough
par, scoring one stroke over: bogey
par, scoring one stroke under: birdie
par, scoring three strokes under: albatross, double eagle
par, scoring two strokes over: double bogey
par, scoring two strokes under: eagle
plug that ball sits on: tee
poor golfer: duffer, hacker
sand hazard: sand trap, bunker; *beach
shots: drive, putt, chip shot, loft, pitch, hook, slice
shouted warning: fore!
turf hacked out by club: divot
gone a. departed, left, removed, away, absent, vanished, missing, extinct, *AWOL, out, off, lost, used up, consumed, finished. ANT. present, arrived, here.
gonzo a. Sl. strange, odd, bizarre, weird, *far out, experimental, unconventional. ANT. straight-laced, conventional.
good n. 1. ADVANTAGE benefit, welfare, profit, gain, interest, well-being. 2. VIRTUE goodness, morality, value, worth, uprightness.
good a. 1. SATISFACTORY adequate, acceptable, worthy, OK, all right, fine, excellent, first-rate, choice, super, great, commendable, prime, marvelous, select, sufficient, beneficial, reputable, recommended, effective. 2. MORAL virtuous, righteous, wholesome, honorable, upright, conscientious, exemplary, respectable, noble, chaste. 3. KIND humane, benevolent, sympathetic, compassionate, giving, charitable, merciful, altruistic. 4. WELL-BEHAVED mannerly, respectful, polite, considerate. 5. UNspoiled fresh, uncontaminated, untainted, fit, sound. 6. SKILLED able, proficient, competent, accomplished, adept, capable, talented. 7. GENUINE authentic, real, bona fide, valid, true, sound, *kosher. 8. CONSIDERABLE big, large, sizable, respectable, substantial, extensive. ANT. 1. UNSATISFACTORY, bad, poor, second-rate. 2. IMMORAL, sinful, wicked. 3. CRUEL, mean, vicious. 4. RUDE, impolite, unruly. 5. Spoiled, tainted. 6. UNSKILLED, bad, inadequate. 7. FAKE, counterfeited, phony, scan, trivial, piddling.
good-humored a. see good-natured
good-natured a. easy-going, cheerful, amiable, genial, pleasant, good-humored, agreeable, nice, even-tempered, compliant, kindly. ANT. grouchy, touchy, standoffish.
goodness n. virtue, excellence, righteousness, uprightness, morality, integrity, kindness, wholesomeness, benevolence. ANT. badness, wickedness, evil.
goods n. 1. PERSONAL PROPERTY belongings, possessions, things, stuff, effects. 2. MERCHANDISE wares, stock, inventory, commodities.
goodwill  n. benevolence, kindliness, altruism, favor, friendliness, humanitarianism, graciousness, goodness.  ant. ill will, hostility.

goody-goody  a. straight-laced, upright, politically correct, nice, pious, moral, prudish, prissy, Victorian, Puritan, no-nonsense.  ant. wild, rowdy, immoral.

gooey  a. sticky, *gloppy, tacky, viscous, gelatinous, gummy.  ant. dry.

goof  v. Sl. bungle, mess up, blunder, fail, *screw up, miscalculate.


GORDIAN KNOT  n. see cut the gordian knot

gore  n. bloodshed, slaughter, carnage. see murder

gore  v. pierce, puncture, stab, impale, gouge, horn, hook.

gorge  n. canyon, chasm, pass, valley, gap, ravine, guilty, defile.

gorge  v. bolt, stuff, cram, wolf, swallow whole, gulp, gobble, devour, *shovel in, overeat, satiate, glut.

gorgeous  a. beautiful, magnificent, splendid, sumptuous, attractive, stunning, lovely, ravishing, exquisite, luxurious, resplendent.  ant. repulsive, hideous, plain. see good-looking

gorilla  n. 1. great ape beast, primate, mammal, simian, *King Kong, *Mighty Joe Young. 2. thug beast, bruiser, goon, hoodlum, brute, animal.

gormandize  v. devour, gorge, *pig out, overeat, stuff, gobble, wolf.

gospel  n. fact, truth, God’s word, simple truth, reality, actuality, chapter and verse, *what’s what.

gory  a. bloody, bloodstained, sanguinary, murderous, savage, horrible.

gossamer  a. delicate, diaphanous, airy, fine, featherly, cobwebby.  ant. strong, solid, well-built.


gouge  n. groove, channel, hole, scratch, furrow, score, gash, excavation, striation.

gouge  v. scratch, scrape, excavate, dig, scoop out.

gourmet  n. epicure, epicurean, gastronome, connoisseur, bon vivant, gourmand. “Just a glutton with brains.”—Philip Haberman.

govern  v. 1. rule administer, direct, supervise, manage, oversee, dictate, run, reign, order, occupy the throne, regulate, *lay down the law, hold sway, *pull the strings, exercise authority. 2. hold in check curb, inhibit, budge, restrain, control, arrest, regulate.


WORD FIND
absence of: anarchy
authoritarian: totalitarianism
autonomy: sovereignty
betrayal of: treason
citizens in authority: commonwealth, democracy, republic
clergy, headed by: hierocracy, theocracy, hagiarchy
dictated by one ruler or small group: dictatorship, despotism, tyranny
experts, by: technocracy
female: matriarchy, gynarchy, gynecocracy
king’s: monarchy
male lineage, handed down through: patriarchy
Medieval system of lords and vassals: feudalism
military, by: stratocracy, martial law
oppressive, one-party system: fascism
preserving cultural diversity: pluralism
privileged class, by: aristocracy, oligarchy, plutocracy
secret police, controlled by: aristocracy, oligarchy, plutocracy
seizure of: coup d’etat
self-governing: autonomous
without: acracy

governor  n. ruler, regulator, director, administrator, supervisor, head, bureaucrat, magistrate.
gown  n. dress, frock, robe, negligee.
grab v. snatch, seize, clutch, grasp, pluck, catch, capture, bag, nab, take, latch on to, get one’s hands on.
grace n. 1. BEAUTY AND CHARM loveliness, attractiveness, elegance, appeal, pulchritude. 2. GOOD FORM fluidity, symmetry, finesse, ease, *poetry in motion, form, agility, dexterity, poise, refinement, coordination. 3. MANNERS thoughtfulness, savoir faire, decorum, tact, charm, cultivation, etiquette. 4. MERCY forgiveness, clemency, leniency, compassion, reprieve, quarter, good will. 5. PRAYER benediction, thanksgiving, request for blessings. 6. GOD’S FAVOR love, virtue, divine influence, holiness. “The outward expression of the inward harmony of the soul.”—William Hazlitt. ANT. 1. ugliness, repulsiveness. 2. clumsiness, awkwardness. 3. boorishness, rudeness, bad manners. 4. condemnation, damnation, ill will.
graceful a. 1. HAVING GOOD FORM fluid, coordinated, poised, dexterous, agile, refined, adroit, nimble, lissome, lithesome, supple, graceful as a porteuse, smooth, balanced, elegant. 2. CHARMING appealing, attractive, elegant, mannerly, cultivated, winsome, tactful, urbane. ANT. 1. clumsy, awkward. 2. rude, unrefined.
gracious a. kind, courteous, hospitable, cordial, polite, benevolent, accommodating, considerate, well-mannered, friendly, affable, charitable. ANT. ungracious, rude, inconsiderate.
grain n. 1. seed kernel, grist, cereal, wheat, oats, barley, rice, rye, millet. 2. PARTICLE granule, bit, speck, fleck, mote, dot. 3. TEXTURE surface, weave.
graffiti n. slogans, graphics, defacement, graffiti, epigrams, obscenities, scribbles, cer-
grasp

2. grip hold, seize, clutch, snatch, squeeze, catch.

grasp

n. 1. grip hold, clutch, clasp. 2. comprehension understanding, perception, mastery, knowledge, cognition.

v. 1. grip grab, hold, clutch, clasp, catch, snatch, clinch, grapple, nab. 2. comprehend understand, get, see, sense, follow, apprehend, appreciate. ANT. 1. loose, release, let go.

grasping

a. avaricious, greedy, acquisitive, hungry, covetous, rapacious, miserly, *grabby, venal, desirous. ANT. generous, giving.

grass

n. lawn, turf, sward, pasture, meadow, alfalfa, barley, Bermuda grass, bluegrass, broomcorn, buckwheat, bulrush, bunch grass, cane, crab grass, dandelion, eelgrass, fescue, foxtail, hay, horsetail, lemon grass, millet, oat, orchard grass, redtop, ribbon grass, rice, rush, rye, sedge, sorghum, timothy, wheat, witch grass. "The hair of the earth."—Thomas Dekker. SEE FIELD

GRASS ROOTS

Thomas Dekker. see field grateful, unappreciative. syn. common the grass roots of America.

Gratitude


GRATUITOUS

a. [gruh TOO i tus] uncalled for or unjustified, also, given freely or without charge. Movies today are filled with gratuitous violence. SYN. 1. uncalled for unjustified, unnecessary, unwarranted, needless, superfluous, inessential, unprovoked, baseless. 2. free gratis, complimentary, "on the house. ANT. 1. necessary, relevant, justified, warranted.

gratitude

n. gift, tip, present, fee, extra, *perk, lagniappe, recompense, bonus, offering, vail, cumshaw.

Grave


grave

a. 1. serious, important, momentous, weighty, critical, crucial, "life and death, vital, pivotal, urgent, ominous, grievous, dangerous, threatening. 2. solemn, grim, somber, dignified, serious, sedate, gloomy, sober, subdued, staid, quiet, saturnine. ANT. 1. trivial, unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential. 2. cheerful, beaming, silly, merry.

Graveyard

n. necropolis, "boneyard. SEE CEMETERY

graveyard

n. cemetery, coffin, funeral, monument

Gravitation

n. be drawn to, be attracted, head toward, converge, incline, fall, settle, sink.

gravitation

n. 1. gravitation pull, attraction, pressure, force, weight. 2. seriousness importance, weightiness, consequence, magnitude, significance, urgency, import, enormity. ANT. 1. repulsion. 2. insignificance, triviality, frivolity.

Gravy

n. drippings, natural juices, sauce.

gray

n. 1. silvery ash, leaden, pearly, smoky, gunmetal, battleship gray, stone, slate, dove-colored, salt and pepper, grizzled. 2. overcast gloomy, dismal, dim, dreary, somber. ANT. 2. bright, sunny.
graze v. 1. touch scrape, brush, glance, kiss, skim, skin, scratch. 2. feed forage, browse, crop, munch, pasture.
grease n. fat, oil, lard, tallow, drippings, lubricant.
grease v. lubricate, oil.
greasy a. oily, fatty, buttery, lardy, oleaginous, slick, slippery, waxy, unctuous, smeared.
great a. 1. large big, huge, grand, immense, prodigious, gigantic, massive, tremendous, stupendous, enormous, gargantuan, extensive, boundless, voluminous, countless, extreme, prolonged, numerous. 2. intense strong, pronounced, extraordinary, considerable, powerful. 3. important significant, momentous, consequential, influential, critical. 4. celebrated eminent, illustrious, famed, distinguished, esteemed, prominent, exalted, noted, renowned, heroic. 5. excellent superb, super, fantastic, exceptional, wonderful, crack, aces, proficient, skilled.
greedy a. avaricious, acquisitive, glutonous, rapacious, insatiable, grasping, hungry, selfish, stingy. ANT. generous, giving, charitable.
green a. 1. color aquamarine, emerald, grass, kelly, pea, lime, beryl, sap, apple, moss, sea green. 2. young and growing youthful, blooming, budding, developing, vigorous, robust, fresh, spreading, flourishing, burgeoning, verdant. 3. inexperienced unseasoned, untried, wet behind the ears, naive, new, untrained, ignorant, raw. ANT. withered, wilted, dying. 3. experienced, veteran, seasoned, mature.
greenhorn n. newcomer, tenderfoot, novice, amateur, babe in the woods, neophyte, beginner, tyro, rookie, pup. ANT. veteran, old hand.
greenhouse effect n. global warming, trapped heat.
greet v. welcome, hail, receive, salute, meet, wave to, usher in, address, recognize.
greeting n. salutation, acknowledgement, respects, hello, hail, nod, welcome, how do, salute, bow, reception.
gregarious a. [gri GAIR ee us] outgoing and sociable, liking the company of others. Gregarious partygoers never run out of things to talk about. SYN. sociable, outgoing, friendly, social, extroverted, companionable, affable, genial, chummy, folksy. ANT. introverted, reclusive, aloof.
grindlock n. jam, entanglement, Gordian knot, obstruction, logjam, block, congestion, squeeze, clog, bottleneck, impasse, dead end, constipation.
grieve v. 1. mourn lament, ache, sorrow, rue, bewail, bemoan, eat one’s heart out, weep, cry, shed tears, be heartsick. 2. afflict with grief aggrieve, hurt, sadden, pain, break one’s heart, wound, crush. ANT. 1. rejoice, revel, party. 2. cheer, hearten.
grievance n. complaint, gripe, wrong, injustice, injury, hardship, axe to grind, stink, objection, beef, bone to pick.
griet-stricken a. sad, heartsick, anguished, heavyhearted, devastated, despairing, heartbroken, desolate, melancholy, miserable, despondent. ANT. happy, joyful, cheerful.
greivance n. complaint, gripe, wrong, injustice, injury, hardship, “axe to grind,” “stink, objection,” “beef,” “bone to pick.”
grig n. swindle, “con game, confidence game,” “rip-off, extortion, sting, scam,” “racket, hustle, fraud.”
grill n. 1. broil, sear, flame-broil, barbecue, fry, cook. 2. question, cross-examine, quiz, interrogate, pump, “give the third degree.”
grim a. gloomy, harsh, severe, stern, sullen, somber, hard, morose, surly, miserable, dour, menacing, bleak, hopeless, forbidding, sinister, horrible, ghastly, gruesome, resolute, determined. ANT. bright, cheerful, pleasant.
grimace n. pain expression, wry face, face, twisted face, scowl, frown, glare, look of disgust.
grime n. dirt, soil, grit, smudge, filth, mud, dust, crud, gook.
grimy a. dirty, filthy, grungy, sooty, smudged, soiled, muddy, cruddy, befouled, begrimed, dingy. ANT. clean, spotless, bright, unsullied.
grin v. smile, beam, smirk, simper, “grin like a Cheshire cat.” SEE SMILE, TEETH
grind n. drudgery, treadmill, routine, rut, chore.
grind v.  1. PULVERIZE crush, mash, grate, rasp, powder, mill, granulate, triturate, crush, disintegrate.  2. SHARPEN hone, smooth, whet, polish, burnish.  3. GNASH grate, rasp, crush.
grip n.  1. HOLD clasp, clutch, clench, grasp.  2. COMPREHENSION understanding, command, mastery, grasp.  3. CONTROL mastery, command.
grip v.  grasp, hold, clasp, clutch, clench, squeeze.
gripe n.  complaint, *beef, grumble, protest, grouch, grievance, pain, gout.
gripcut, striation, scratch, flute, trench, indentation, line.  2. RUT habit, routine, custom, *same old thing.


groan n. moan, grumble, whine, complaint, mutter, gripe, howl, murmur, lament, whimp.
groan v. moan, grumble, whine, complain, mutter, gripe, howl, murmur, lament, whimper.
grocery store n. market, supermarket, food mart, Mom and Pop store, convenience store, franchise.
groin n. crotch.
groom n. bridegroom, husband, spouse, partner.
groom v.  1. CLEAN up tidy, neaten, prepare, dress, freshen up, brush, comb, curtsy, primp, *fix up, preen, tend to one’s toilette.  2. TRAIN prepare, educate.
groove n.  1. CHANNEL score, rut, furrow, canal, cut, striation, scratch, flute, trench, indentation, line.  2. RUT habit, routine, custom, *same old thing.
grope v. feel about, finger, seek blindly, paw, probe, fumble, fish for, poke around, grabble.
gross a.  1. DISGUSTING, INDELICATE vulgar, foul, crude, indecent, obscene, *out of the gutter, *barnyard, unseemly, tasteless, offensive.  2. TOTAL whole, aggregate, comprehensive, all, before taxes.  3. FLAGRANT blatant, obvious, glaring, apparent, outrageous, egregious, shocking, heinous, plain, shameful.  4. OBSESE fat, overweight, big, corpulent, stout, burly, *blubbery. ANT. 1. seemly, tasteful, decent. 2. net, after taxes, take-home.  3. subtle, minor.  4. skinny, anorexic.
grotto n. cavern. see CAVE.
grrouch v. complain, find fault, grumble, nag, whine, crab, *grump, suck, gripe, grouse, bellyache, growl.
ground n. earth, soil, land, terra firma, turf, sand, terrain, real estate.
ground v. teach, educate, train, base, familiarize, prime, instruct, indoctrinate.
groundbreaking a. pioneering, spearheading, trendsetting, innovating, cutting edge, trailblazing. ANT. old fashioned, obsolete.
groundless a. baseless, unjustified, unwarranted, idle, unsupported, conjectural, gratuitous, unfounded. ANT. substantiated, corroborated, verified.
grounds n.  1. AREA land, estate, holding, lot, acreage, terrain, property, tract, surroundings.  2. BASIS base, foundation, rationale, premise, reason, argument, cause, motive.
groundswell n. wave, tsunami, force to be reckoned with, surge, upsurge, uprising, rush, sweep, landslide, avalanche.
groundwork n. preparation, foundation, footing, underpinning, infrastructure, fundamentals, preliminaries, base, planning.
group n.  1. ASSEMBLAGE body, mass, collection, party, bunch, band, crowd, gang, pack, crew, congregation, herd, flock, throng, aggregation.  2. CLASS classification, variety, category, division, branch, set, circle.
group v. classify, categorize, divide, sort, assign, grade, systematize, arrange, bunch.
grouse v. grumble, complain. see GROUCH.
grove n. stand, orchard, wood, copse, coppice, thicket, boscage.
grow v. 1. develop spread, increase, enlarge, expand, lengthen, double, flourish, thrive, mature, burgeon, progress, sprout, spring up, germinate, blossom, mushroom. 2. produce cultivate, raise, generate, nurture, propagate. ANT. 1. die, wither, shrink.
growl v. snarl, grumble, rumble, gnarly, howl, *give a throaty warning, roar, bark, make a guttural noise.
grown-up a. mature, adult, full-grown, of age. ANT. immature, childish.
growth n. 1. development spread, increase, expansion, lengthening, branching out, maturing, burgeoning, progress, germination, blossoming, blooming, evolution. 2. tumor mass, lump, cancer.
grub v. dig, root, poke, probe, forage, unearth, search, hunt, ferret about, dig, delve, uproot.
grudge n. resentment, grievance, malice, spite, hard feelings, bitterness, *bone to pick, ill will, *axe to grind, rancor. ANT. good will, benevolence.
grudge v. begrudge, resent, mind, envy, hold against.
gruesome a. grisly, horrifying, repulsive, disgusting, hideous, frightful, ghastly, revolting, repellant, appalling, monstrous, horrific, repugnant. ANT. lovely, charming, delightful.
gruff a. 1. rude brusque, surly, blunt, grouchly, grumpy, abrupt, rough, curt, sour, bearish, nasty, short, 2. hoarse throaty, harsh, croaking, husky, rough, gutteral. ANT. 1. genial, polite, sweet. 2. resonant, smooth.
grumble v. complain, gron, gripe, bellyache, fuss, grouch, growl, squawk, snarl.
grump n. complainer, whiner, *one who isn't happy unless he is miserable, curmudgeon, griper, grouch, *crab, sulker, *sourpuss.
grumpy a. grusty, surly, crabby, bearish, cross, cranky, peeveish, cantankerous, testy, moody, irritable, touchy. ANT. cheerful, happy, good-humored.
grungy a. grumpy, dirty, dingy, messy, *scuzzy, foul. ANT. clean.
guarantee n. warranty, pledge, assurance, bond, promise, contract, word of honor, covenant, surety, security, oath.
guarantee v. warrant, promise, pledge, assure, *give one's word of honor, back, certify, *stand behind, vouch for, ensure, insure, protect, contract, underwrite.
guarantor n. warrantor, sponsor, backer, insuror, bondsman, underwriter.
guard n. security officer, protector, guardian, watchman, sentinel, sentry, lookout, escort, custodian, warder, cordon.
guard v. watch, protect, defend, attend, cover, shield, lookout, secure, safeguard, place under surveillance, screen, escort, *ride shotgun, patrol.
guarded a. wary, cautious, circumspect, careful, mindful, leery, watchful, apprehensive, suspicious, reserved, discreet. ANT. careless, reckless, rash.
guerrilla n. bushfighter, resistance, soldier, freedom fighter, warrior, mercenary, soldier of fortune, volunteer soldier, mujahadeen.
guess v. estimate, *guesstimate, calculate, hypothesis, conjecture, presume, speculate, assume, suppose, *take a shot in the dark, *give a ballpark figure, reckon, figure, deduce, infer, theorize, gather, imagine.
guest n. visitor, company, caller, roomer, renter, boarder, lodger, client, customer. “[Those who] are often welcomest when they are gone.”—Shakespeare. “A nuisance after three days.”—Plautus.
guflaw n. roar, howl, burst of laughter. SEE laugh

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guideline n. direction, guide, instruction, indication, rule, code, mark, marker, clue, key, signal.

GUILLE n. [GILE] slyness, craftiness, artfulness. He managed a passing grade through pure guile; he used crib notes. syn. slyness, craftiness, cunning, trickery, deceit, duplicity, fraud, dishonesty, treachery. ANT. honesty, naivety, candor.

guileless a. open, honest, frank, candid, naive, innocent, artless, ingenuous, sincere, truthful, unsophisticated. ANT. sly, crafty, artful.


guilty a. 1. to blame culpable, responsible, blameworthy, at fault, wrong, reprehensible, *caught red-handed, in flagrante delicto, sinful, liable. 2. remorseful regretful, ashamed, conscience-stricken, contrite, disgraced, compunctious, sorry, sheepish, hangdog. ANT. 1. innocent, faultless, blameless. 2. proud, remorseless.

guinea pig n. test subject, victim, testee, examinee, cavy, rodent, lab animal, *pharmaceutical pincushion.

guise n. appearance, semblance, aspect, cover, facade, disguise, form, mode, pretense, garb, dress, costume.

guitar n. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

gulch n. channel, ravine, trench, gulley, wash, ditch, arroyo, cut.

gull n. 1. inlet bay, estuary, harbor, cove, sound. 2. chasm abyss, gap, rift, cleft, void, canyon, breach, hollow.

GULLIBLE a. [GULL uh bul] easily fooled, credulous. Gullible people believe anything told them by the media. SYN. credulous, naive, easily fooled, trusting, innocent, unsophisticated, unsuspicuous, *born yesterday, green, *wet behind the ears. ANT. wary, sceptical, wise, suspicious.

gully n. ditch, ravine, culvert, channel, trench, gutter, watercourse, gorge, valley, gulch.

gulp v. swallow, bolt, wolf, gobble, choke down, guzzle, swill, *chugalug, *quaff.

gummy a. sticky, gooey, viscid, tacky.

gumption n. courage, boldness, initiative, *starch, resourcefulness, enterprise, *get up and go, hustle, drive.


WORD FIND

ammunition receptacle: clip, magazine, cylinder
antique: blunderbuss, breechloader, Colt six-shooter, flintlock, Gatling gun, musket, muzzle loader
attack rifle: assault rifle
back explosion: backfire
barrel end: muzzle
barrel portion receiving bullet: chamber
bead: sight
bore: caliber, gauge
brush: swab
butt: stock
case: holster
cock: hammer
colored finish on metal parts: bluing
gunfire: fusillade, enfilade, volley, salvo
handle: grip
knife mounting: bayonet
locking mechanism: safety
manufacturer: Colt, Magnum, Luger, Winchester, Smith and Wesson, Beretta, Remington, Uzi
plug placed in muzzle for safety: tampion
quieting attachment: silencer, suppressor
rear portion: breech
recoil after firing: kick
revolver’s ability to shoot without first cocking hammer: double-action
revolving cartridge holder: cylinder
trigger needing only slight pull: hair trigger
single-shot pistol: derringer
sliding rod that pushes cartridge into firing chamber: bolt

gunfire n. gunshot, discharge, shot, detonation, enfilade, gunplay, fusillade, backfire, volley, salvo.
gung ho a. Sl. enthusiastic, eager, *fired up, ardent, fanatical. ANT. blasé, nonchalant, jaded.
gunner n. killer, triggerman, assassin. SEE MURDERER

gurgle v. bubble, babble, murmur, tinkle, ripple, bubble.
guru n. advisor, mentor, teacher, guide, leader, master, maharishi, swami, spiritual leader.
**gush** *n.* outpouring, flow, spurt, cascade, flood, rush, flush, surge, stream, spill, jet, discharge.

**gush** *v.* 1. pour out, flow, spurt, cascade, flood, rush, flush, surge, stream, spill, jet, spew. 2. exaggerate: *lay it on thick, get carried away, be effusive, blather, bubble over, overstate, carry on.* ANT. 2. understate, restrain oneself.

**gust** *n.* wind, rush, blow, burst, breeze, surge, squall, gale, blast, puff, draft. SEE WIND

**gusto** *n.* enjoyment, appreciation, zest, relish, exhilaration, enthusiasm, delight, pleasure, passion, ardor. ANT. apathy, indifference.


**gut** *v.* eviscerate, clean out, disembowel, dress, decimate.

**gut** *a.* instinctual, intuitive, inner, internal, visceral, deep, heartfelt, emotional. ANT. fact-based, literal, unemotional.


**gutter** *n.* channel, trough, trench, ditch, conduit, drain, culvert, sewer, canal, watercourse, runnel, gully.

**guttural** *a.* throaty, harsh, rasping, hoarse, gruff, *whiskey-voiced, croaking, deep, glottal, gravelly, thick. ANT. high-pitched, shrill, soprano.


**gym** *n.* gymnasium, workout facility, court, indoor sport facility, fitness center, weight room, basketball court, arena, hall, auditorium. SEE FITNESS

**gymnastics** *n.* athletics, acrobatics, vaulting, calisthenics, exercises, somersaults, handstands, headstands, handsprings, floor exercises, pommel horse, the vault, parallel bars, uneven bars, balance beam, rings, tumbling, aerobics.

**gyp** *v.* *rip-off, cheat, swindle, defraud, bilk, trick, bamboozle, hoodwink, rook, *gull.

**gypsy** *n.* wanderer, nomad, roamer, vagrant, vagabond, migrant, drifter, rover, gadabout, Bohemian.

**WORD FIND**

**known for:** fortunetelling

**language of:** Romany

**gyrate** *v.* revolve, spin, twirl, whirl, rotate, circle, wheel, gyre, pirouette, spiral.
habit
n. routine, custom, practice, tendency, convention, way, rut, pattern, mode, proclivity, manner, mannerism, inclination. "A cable. We weave a thread of it everyday, and at last we cannot break it."—Horace Mann.

habitat
n. natural environment, home, terrain, haunt, natural element, *stomping grounds, biosphere, range, domain, realm, natural surroundings, dwelling.

habitation
n. home, dwelling, lodging, residence, domicile, abode, quarters, house, chambers, roost, place, *pad, shelter. SEE HOUSE

habitual
a. routine, usual, customary, established, fixed, set, hardened, inveterate, regular, everyday, accustomed, chronic, repetitive, persistent, ingrained, rooted. ANT. irregular, unusual, infrequent.

habituated
a. inured, used to, accustomed, familiar, acclimated, seasoned, adapted, hardened, conditioned. ANT. unfamiliar, new.

hacienda
n. estate, plantation, house, mansion, ranch.

hack
v. chop, slice, axe, cleave, slash, cut, sever, hew, gash, chop off, shear, fell.

hacker

HACKEYEYED
a. [HAK need] commonplace; dull from overuse, trite. Clichés are hackneyed expressions. SYN. commonplace, trite, banal, unimaginative, unoriginal, stock, overworked, tired, shopworn, stale, clichéd. ANT. fresh, original, imaginative.

hag
n. witch, crone, harridan, ogress, virago, demon, enchantress, beldam, battle-ax, shrew.

HAGGARD
a. [HAG urd] having a wild-eyed, drawn or gaunt appearance from exhaustion, sickness, etc. SYN. wild-eyed, wild, drawn, gaunt, wasted, drained, unruled, exhausted, careworn, run-down, hollow-cheeked, emaciated, ghastly, mad, insane. ANT. fresh, rested, vigorous.

haggle
v. argue, bargain, wrangle, dicker, higgle, deal, *drive a hard bargain, chaffer, barter, "hash out a deal, quibble.

hail
v. greet, wave to, call to, hello, accost, salute, welcome, *tip one's hat to, nod to, flag down, signal.

hair
n. locks, mane, tress, tuft, curls, fuzz, fringe, bristle, whiskers. "The only thing that will really prevent baldness."—Drew Berkowitz.

WORD FIND
African-American, puffy, 1960s, 1970s: Afro
arrange: coif, set, style, perm
auburn dye: henna
back comb: tease
bald crown surrounded by ring of fringe: tonsure
bald: glabrous
baldness, common: male pattern baldness
band: filet, snood
beehive-like style of 1950s, 1960s: beehive
bowl-like: Beatle cut, *Moe
braided rows close to head: cornrows
braid: plait, cue, cue, pigtail, tress, fishbone braid, French braid

colors: ash, ash blond, auburn, black, bleach blond, blond, blue-gray, brown, brunet, carrot, chestnut, cinnamon, coal black, cocoa, copper, dusky, fair-haired, fiery, flaxen, frosted, ginger, golden, gray, grizzled, hoary, honey, jet-black, nutbrown, nutmeg, peroxide blond, platinum blond, polished wood, premature gray, raven, russet, rust, sable, salt and pepper, silver, snowy, strawberry blond, tawny, technicolor (dyed, punk), titian, towheaded, violent red, washed out, white
curl: ringlet, corkscrew
curled-ends style with bangs: flip
curl pressed against face with saliva: spit curl
curly like a poodle: poodle cut
cut short: crop
Dorothy Hamill style of 1970s: wedge
ducktail-like style of 1950s: ducktail
fake: toupee, *rug, wig, implant
forehead fringe: bangs
graying, premature: poliosis
hairy, abnormally: hirsute, hirsutism
high sweep of hair combed back from forehead: pompadour
Jamaican braids: dreadlocks, Rastafarian dreadlocks, dreads
knot: chignon, bob, bun
mass, tangled or bushy: shock
matted, tangled hairs: efl ocks
neck hairs: hackles
point of hair tapering to forehead: widow's peak
puffed-out mass, style: bouffant
punk: mohawk, porcupine, spiked, shaved, dyed
remove: epilate, depilate, bob
remover: depilatory, electrolysis
roll: bun, chignon
shaved trails in a slanted or sculpted buzz cut: *fade, *gumby
short haircut for men: buzz, flattop, crew cut, butch, *fade
short haircut for women: bob
short on sides, nearly shoulder-length in back: mullet
standing cone ending in ponytail: empire cone
stick-up tuft: cowlick
straight-cut style with bangs: page boy
textures: billowing, bouncy, bristly, bushy, coarse, cornsilk, crimped, crinkly, dollish, downy, eiderdown, fine (baby fine), fleecy, flowing, flyaway, frazzled, frizzy, fuzzy, greasy, kinky, knotted, lacquered, listless, lustrous, luxurious, matted, nappy, oily, rat's nest, rigid, ropey, satiny, shaggy, shocked, silky, snarled, stringy (like twine), thatched, wispy, withered, wizened, woolly.
waves style: marcel

hairdresser n. hair stylist, barber, coiffeur, beautician.
hairless a. see bald, hair
hairsplitting n. nitpicking, pettiness, quibbling, caviling, fault-finding.
hair-raising a. bloodcurdling, breathtaking, frightening, terrifying, tackle-raising, spine-tingling, electrifying, shocking, chilling, horrifying. ANT. reassurring, encouraging, emboldening.
hairy a. hirsute, shaggy. see hair

halcyon a. calm, peaceful, tranquil, serene, untroubled. ANT. agitated, turbulent.
half-baked a. stupid, sophomoric, harebrained, premature, crude, impractical, *birdbrained, idiotic, imbecilic, uninspired, moronic, dumb. ANT. practical, brilliant, well-formulated.
halfhearted a. unenthusiastic, lukewarm, blasé, indifferent, apathetic, dispassionate, cool, perfunctory, tepid, spiritless. ANT. enthusiastic, eager, ardent, wholehearted.
half-wit n. dimwit, nitwit, *pea brain. see moron
halitosis n. bad breath, *dragon breath, foul breath, *garbage breath, offensive breath.
hall n. hallway, corridor, passageway, entrance, foyer, vestibule, gallery.
HALLMARK n. [HALL mark] an identifying characteristic or telltale sign. The hallmark of a sluggish economy is a drop in interest rates. SYN. characteristic, telltale sign, identifying mark, sign, symbol, indicator, badge, earmark, index.
hallowed a. holy, sacred, venerated, revered, sanctified, worshipped, honored, consecrated, blessed, beatified, divine.

WORD FIND
alcoholic's delirium tremens
amputee's false perception of limb: phantom limb pain
crossed senses: synesthesia
induces: hallucinogen
donor: phantasmagoria
halo n. nimbus, aureole, glory, ring, circle, radiance. see angel
halt n. stop, end, close, termination, pause, freeze, stay, recess, standstill, break, discontinuance.
halt v. stop, end, close, terminate, pause, freeze, stay, recess, stand still, take a break, discontinue, cease and desist, suspend.
ahalting a. hesitant, *jerky, unsteady, disconnect ed, stuttering, stammering, faltering, stumbling, tentative, clumsy. ANT. assured, decisive, unfaltering.
ahalve v. divide, split, cut in two, bisect.
hamlet n. small town, crossroads. see village
hammer n. beetle, clawhammer, sledge, maul, mullet, gavel, hall-peen hammer.
hammer v. pound, beat, batter, bang, hit, pummel, drive, tap, strike, nail, *clobber, fashion, form, forge.

hamper v. impede, hinder, handicap, hamstring, slow, inhibit, encumber, obstruct, frustrate, retard, restrict, hobble, curb. ANT. help, assist, facilitate.

hamstring v. cripple, handicap, hobble. SEE disabled

hamstrung a. crippled, handicapped. SEE disabled


handicap n. disability, impediment, encumbrance, disadvantage, impairment, limitation, millstone, difficulty, burden, restriction, stumbling block.

handicap v. disable, impede, hamstring, cripple, encumber, impair, limit, burden, restrict, inhibit, weigh down, hamper.

handkerchief n. kerchief, bandanna, neckerchief, hanky, *snot rag.

handle v. 1. touch feel, examine, finger, poke, hold, fondle, stroke, caress, rub, palpate. 2. manage take care of, direct, supervise, oversee, govern, control, administer, deal with, steer.

handicravat n. cravat, tie, scarf, ascot, necktie.

handle n. grip, haft, hilt, butt, knob, holder, crank, stock, pull.

handle v. 1. touch feel, examine, finger, poke, hold, fondle, stroke, caress, rub, palpate. 2. manage take care of, direct, supervise, oversee, govern, control, administer, deal with, steer.

hand-me-down a. passed down, second-hand, previously owned, old. ANT. new, latest.

hand out v. distribute, dispense, disburse, deal out, parcel, mete, give out, deliver.

handsome a. 1. attractive good-looking, *hunky, comely, fine, fair, manly, dignified, gorgeous, majestic, statuesque, *foxy, luxurious, macho, beautiful. 2. generous liberal, considerable, abundant, princely, magnanimous, ample. ANT. 1. ugly, repulsive, *gross. 2. meager, small, niggardly.

handwriting n. script, penmanship, calligraphy, chirography, *hen scratching, manuscript, scribbling, hand.

WORD FIND
poor: cacography
slip of the pen: lapsus calami
study of: graphology
style: cursive, block lettering
time and word-saving: shorthand

handy a. 1. convenient accessible, close at hand, nearby, at one's fingertips, within reach. 2. dexterous deft, clever, adroit, skilled, adept, proficient, masterful, *crackerjack. ANT. 1. inconvenient, inaccessible. 2. unskilled, inept, clumsy.

hang v. 1. suspend dangle, drape, depend, stick, pin, affix, sling, fall, swing, be pendent. 2. execute Lynch, *string up, *send to the gallows, *invite to a necktie party, gibbet, noose.

handdog a. shamefaced, cringing, crestfallen, cowering, browbeaten, abject, miserable, wretched, conscience-stricken. ANT. saintly, triumphant, innocent.

hangout n. haunt, stomping ground, home away from home, club, club house, retreat, meeting place.

hang-up n. Sl. problem, inhibition, difficulty, quirk, disturbance, preoccupation, phobia, fear.

hankering n. desire, craving, yearning, want, thirst, itch, yen, ache, longing, *fire in one's belly, drive.

hanky-panky n. Sl. 1. trickery *funny business. 2. affair *fooling around, romance, fling, liaison, dalliance, *thing, amour. see mischief

haphazard a. unmethodical, unorganized, slapdash, uncoordinated, aimless, casual, *willy-nilly, indiscriminate, *hit or miss, careless, random, arbitrary. ANT. planned, organized, designed.

hapless a. unfortunate, cursed, unlucky, star-crossed, jinxed, hopeless, luckless, wretched, woeful. ANT. fortunate, lucky.

happen v. occur, take place, befall, transpire, materialize, come about, come to pass, develop, ensue, spring, pass, result, arise.

happening n. event, occurrence, incident, experience, occasion, episode, incidence, affair, circumstance.


happy a. 1. glad joyful, content, blissful, delighted, jubilant, pleased, cheerful, in high spirits, at peace, elated, euphoric, in *seventh heaven,
happy-go-lucky - harlot

fortunate, lucky, felicitous, auspicious, opportune, favorable, propitious, timely. ANT. 1. depressed, miserable, downhearted, suicidal, sad, glum. 2. inauspicious, inopportune, unlucky.


hara kiri n. ritual suicide, disembowelment.

harangue n. tirade, diatribe, exhortation, lecture, *chewing-out, speech, sermon.

harangue v. exhort, *chew out, lecture, spout off, rant, sermonize, preach, declaim, rant and rave, go on about, *get on one’s soapbox.

harass v. disturb, trouble, torment, pester, plague, bother, *bug, badger, distress, worry, *pull one’s chain, *rattle one’s cage, irritate, attack, intimidate, persecute, hound, harry, vex, ride, beset.

harbinger n. [HAR binj ur] a sign of things to come, a forerunner, herald. April rain is a harbinger of May flowers. SYN. sign of things to come, forerunner, herald, presage, omen, portent, signal.

harbor n. 1. anchorage port, dock, pier, mooring, wharves, landing, bay, inlet, cove. 2. haven refuge, retreat, shelter, sanctuary, port, port in a storm.

harbor v. 1. shelter house, lodge, quarter, berth, hide, protect, secrete, conceal, cover, shield, guard. 2. TO ENTERTAIN IN THE MIND hold, maintain, believe, cling to, foster, imagine, indulge, nurse.

hard a. 1. firm rigid, stiff, rock-solid, stony, inflexible, concrete, set, compacted, like iron, like steel, unyielding, impregnable. 2. difficult, arduous, demanding, tough, laborious, burdensome, exhausting, strenuous, backbreaking, rigorous, painstaking. Herculean, *murder, draining. 3. complicated, complex, knotty, involved, incomprehensible, perplexing, bewildering, thorny. 4. strong, powerful, severe, heavy. 5. unfeeling, callous, unfriendly, hostile, cold, merciless, harsh, cruel, hard-boiled, hard-hearted, unsympathetic, pitiless, ruthless, unrelenting. 6. harsh, rough, severe, trying, intolerable, unbearable, torturous, insufferable, difficult, bad. ANT. 1. soft, pliable, flexible. 2, 3. easy, simple, effortless. 4. weak, light. 5. warm, sympathetic, compassionate. 6. soft, easy, mild.

hard-and-fast a. set, invariable, strict, binding, unalterable, exacting, unbending, inflexible, incontrovertible. ANT. flexible, variable, changeable.

hard-boiled a. see hard, tough

hard-core a. 1. absolute, express, unqualified.
2. firm, unyielding, resistant, rigid, staunch, steadfast, stubborn, intransigent, die-hard, unyielding, intransigent. ANT. 2. pliant, unresistant, waffling.

harden v. 1. stiffen, solidify, thicken, set, strengthen, harden, toughen, petrify. 2. accustom, toughen, inhuman, uncaring, *icewater in one’s veins. ANT. compassionate, sympathetic, warmhearted.


hardly adv. scarcely, barely, just, rarely, only.

hard-nosed a. hardheaded, stubborn, bullheaded, mulish, pigheaded, obstinate, tough, uncompromising, indomitable. ANT. flexible, open-minded.

hardship n. adversity, misfortune, suffering, privation, burden, affliction, *hard knock, trial, tribulation, bad luck, grief, infelicity, trouble, hard times, disaster, catastrophe, rigor, travail. ANT. good fortune, blessing, boon.

hardware n. 1. tools, metalware, equipment, gear, utensils, cutlery, implements, machinery, appliances. 2. computer components, microprocessor, peripherals, keyboard, monitor, see computer.

hardy a. robust, vigorous, strong, tough, rugged, powerful, strapping, fit, healthy, *tough as nails, hearty, hale, sound, in good shape. ANT. weak, sickly, frail.

harebrained a. stupid, reckless, rash, foolish, idiotic, imbecilic, silly, half-witted, brainless, scatterbrained. ANT. smart, *brainy, sensible.

harem n. seraglio.

WORD FIND
male attendant: eunuch
slave woman: odalisque

harlot n. whore, prostitute, strumpet, hussy, slut, tramp, loose woman, wench, trollop, streetwalker, *hooker, lady of the evening.
harm n. injury, hurt, damage, destruction, adversity, waste, wrong, detriment, abuse, loss, ruin. ANT. help, good, benefit.
harm v. hurt, injure, damage, wound, cripple, maim, molest, impair, destroy, wrong, abuse, ruin, misuse, wreck, spoil. ANT. help, benefit, do good.
harmful a. injurious, hurtful, damaging, destructive, detrimental, wounding, crippling, abusive, adverse, noxious, deleterious, imbalanced, perilous, ruinous, disastrous. ANT. beneficial, helpful, harmless.
harmless a. benign, innocuous, safe, innocent, unoffensive, powerless, impotent, *a pussy-cat, gentle, *defanged. ANT. harmful, deleterious, noxious, injurious.

harmonica n. mouth organ. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
harmonious a. compatible, agreeable, in rapport, peacable, amicable, friendly, in accord, congenial, in tune, simpatico, like-minded, unified, blending. ANT. discordant, clashing, incompatible.
harmonize v. correspond, agree, unify, get in tune, attune, blend, coincide, "be of one mind, jibe with, accommodate, accord, integrate. ANT. disagree, clash.
harmony n. agreement, correspondence, unification, blending, accord, integration, concurrence, rapport, consonance, rapprochement, coordination, compatibility. ANT. discord, dissonance, disagreement. SEE MUSIC

harp n. lyre. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
harpsichord n. clavichord. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
harried a. pressured, stressed, troubled, "at wit’s end, beset, agitated, put-upon, overtaxed, plagued, harassed. ANT. relaxed, calm, unwound.

HARROWING a. [HAIR o wing] frightening, distressing. The child found the roller coaster ride a harrowing experience. SYN. frightening, distressing, upsetting, traumatic, disturbing, terrifying, bloodcurdling, hair-raising, tormenting. ANT. soothing, pacifying, tranquilizing, relaxing.
harry v. torment, harass, worry, agitate, beset, trouble, plague, pester, pressure, annoy, bother, *stress out, nag, bug, weary.
harsh a. 1. ROUGH coarse, jagged, raggy, rugged, sharp, unpleasant, grinding, jarring, discordant, grating, clashing. 2. SEVERE cruel, unfeeling, hard, tough, merciless, stern, brutal, hard-boiled, unbending, cold-blooded. ANT. 1. smooth, pleasant, melodious, musical. 2. soft, mild, easy, gentle.

harvest n. gathering, reaping, return, yield, crop, fruit, profit, product.
harvest v. reap, gather, pick, collect, amass, glean.
hash n. mixture, hodgepodge, mess, jumble, potpourri, mishmash, medley, miscellany, muddle.
hashish n. narcotic, cannabis, cannabis resin, hash. SEE DRUG, NARCOTIC, MARIJUANA
hassle n. Slang problem, difficulty, bother, "pains, dispute, squabble, argument, disagreement, tussle.
hassle v. bother, harass, "give a hard time, annoy, plague, pester, "bug, hound, harry.
haste n. speed, swiftness, quickness, fleetness, dispatch, celerity, hurry, hustle, rapidity, rush, velocity, promptness. ANT. slowness, sluggishness, delay.
hasten v. hurry, rush, speed, race, "step on it, "get a move on, go quickly, scurry, "ride like the wind, hustle, fly, accelerate, expedite, sprint, "get the lead out, "beat feet. ANT. slow, delay, "drag one’s feet, procrastinate.
hasty a. quick, fast, swift, rushed, fleet, rapid, expeditious, abrupt, prompt, "on the double, "pronto, brisk, instantaneous, "quick as a wink, "in a heartbeat, brief, rash, impetuous, reckless. ANT. slow, leisurely, careful.
hat n. cap, chapeau, headgear, headdress, *lid. SEE CAP
marching band’s tall hat with feather cockade: shako
Mexican broad hat made of straw or felt: sombrero
pancake-like cap: beret, tam
pith helmet: topee
scarf wound around head: turban
Scottish Highland Military’s creased cloth cap with badge and black ribbons: glengarry
seventeenth-century tall black hat, silver buckle: Puritan
Sherlock Holmes’s tweed hat: deerstalker
snap-brim hat with low, flat crown: porkpie
snap-brim hat with puffed crown: newsboy
soft, dome-like hat pulled down over forehead: cloche
Sherlock Holmes’s tweed hat: deerstalker
soft hat that can be crushed, carried in pocket: crusher
stovepiped like hat with tall crown, silky finish: top hat
straw hat, man’s: Panama
straw hat with oval crown: boater, picture hat
straw, parasol-like hat worn by Chinese: coolie
straw, yellow and broad: leghorn
tall, fur hat worn by British army: busby
three-cornered: tricorn
Turkish hat shaped like truncated cone, decorated with tassel: fez
World War II folding dress cap, olive or khaki-colored: garrison cap

hatch v. create, concoct, bring forth, devise, design, produce, *cook up, conceive, invent, originate, formulate, *dream up.
hate n. loathing, dislike, abhorrence, detestation, odium, aversion, scorn, disgust, contempt, venom, repugnance, enmity, hostility, animosity, malice. ANT: love, liking, affection.
hate v. loathe, dislike, abhor, detest, scorn, regard with disgust, regard with contempt, feel hostile toward, despise, be sickened by, abominate, shrink from, disdain, have an aversion to. ANT: love, like, admire.
hateful a. loathsome, detestable, despicable, abhorrent, abominable, odious, nasty, mean, damnable, repugnant, foul, heinous, malicious. ANT: loving, nice, wonderful.

HAUGHTY a. [HAWT ee] arrogant and disdainful of others, high and mighty. She had a haughty way of peering down her nose at us. SYN. arrogant, disdainful, high and mighty, snobbish, lordly, condescending, patronizing, stuck-up, self-important, vain, conceited, imperious, superior, *hoity-toity, supercilious, *sniffy, *above it all. ANT: modest, humble, down to earth, folksy.
haul v. pull, drag, tow, draw, lug, move, carry, truck, transport, convey, cart, take.
haunt n. purlieu, hangout, stomping ground, gathering place.
haunt v. 1. frequent hang out at. 2. trouble, worry, torment, plague, disturb. 3. *spook inhabit, appear, possess, manifest, terrorize, materialize, scare.
haunting a. unforgettable, spooky, ethereal, supernatural.

HAUTEUR n. [ho TUR] haughtiness, arrogance. He regarded us with his usual hauteur. SYN. haughtiness, arrogance, disdain, snobbishness, condescension, pride, self-importance, imperiousness, superiority, presumptuousness, conceit, airs. ANT: modesty, folksiness.

have v. 1. BE IN POSSESSION possess, hold, own, retain, keep, enjoy. 2. experience endure, suffer, entertain, bear, undergo, know.
haven n. refuge, asylum, safe harbor, sanctuary, shelter, sanctum, port in a storm, retreat, hideaway.
havoc n. destruction, devastation, ruin, disaster, catastrophe, demolition, waste, chaos, desolation, shambles, calamity.
hawk n. 1. raptor bird of prey. 2. warmonger.
hawker n. peddler, huckster, street vendor, salesman, pitchman.


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head v. lead, direct, command, boss, preside, chair, captain, run, rule, control, govern, supervise, oversee.

headache n. 1. migraine. 2. difficulty *pain, *pain in the neck, trouble, bother, annoyance, nuisance, problem.

headhunting n. recruiting, talent search.

heading n. 1. title caption, headline, line. 2. course bearing, direction.

headline n. caption, heading, title, banner, screamer. see newspaper

headlong a. reckless, dangerous, incautious, rash, foolhardy, breakneck, impetuous, uncontrolled, at full tilt, ungoverned. ant. cautious, careful, prudent.

headquarters n. HQ, command post, nerve center, home office, main office, base, center of operations.

headstrong a. stubborn, self-willed, pigheaded, bullheaded, willful, obstinate, mulish, unyielding, wayward, defiant, intractable. ant. docile, obedient, yielding.

headway n. advance, improvement, procession. see progress

heady a. intoxicating, stimulating, powerful, inebriating, exhilarating, exciting, arousing.

hazard v. risk, chance, venture, wager, gamble, stake, dare, attempt, try, *go out on a limb, *go for broke.


hazardous waste n. toxic waste, pollution, nuclear waste, *toxic soup, poison, contaminated materials, pathogenic materials.

haze n. vapor, fog, smog, smoke, mist, murk.

hazy v. cloudy foggy, misty, murky, nebulous, dim, gauzy, smoky, veiled, blurred, filmy, fuzzy. 2. vague obscure, indefinite, confused, indistinct, dim, muddled, unintelligible, nebulous. ant. 1. clear, sunny. 2. clear, distinct, lucid.


hear v. listen, heed, pay attention to, receive, hearken.

hearing n. interview, audience, inquiry, day in court, inquisition, inquest, review, trial, presentation.

hearsay n. rumor, gossip, *grapevine report, scuttlebutt, word of mouth, talk, second-hand information, *talk of the town.

heart n. 1. blood-pumping organ muscle, *pump, *ticker. 2. central core nucleus, pith, center, kernel, essence, crux, seat, hub. 3. emotions compassion, love, sympathy, feeling, passion, soul, humanity, sensitivitiy, affection, pity. “The tabernacle of the human intellect.”—Moses Maimonides. “The organ that sees better than the eye.”—Yiddish proverb. “A free and fetterless thing—a wave of the ocean, a bird on the wing”—Longfellow. 4. courage *guts, bravery, spirit, *spunk, valor, grit, nerve, backbone, mettle, fortitude. ant. 2. periphery, outskirts, edge. 3. coldness, hatred, indifference. 4. cowardice, timidity.

WORD FIND
angina drug used to widen blood vessels: nitroglycerin
artery, large: aorta
artery-repairing procedure: angioplasty, bypass
heartache - heavy

chest pain from lack of blood flow: angina pectoris
damage to heart muscle due to insufficient blood supply: heart attack, myocardial infarction
decreased blood flow to: ischemia
defect sign: murmur
device used to regulate heartbeat: pacemaker
drug used to strengthen heartbeat: digoxin
enlarged heart caused by strenuous exercise: athletic heart syndrome
fluttering or pounding heart: palpitation
inflammation: pericarditis
occluded arteries: atherosclerosis
out-of-control heart contractions: fibrillation
pertaining to: cardiac
pumping failure or weakening: congestive heart failure
rapid heartbeat: tachycardia
readout of electrical impulses: electrocardiogram (EKG)
rhythm disturbance: arrhythmia
stoppage: cardiac arrest
study of: cardiology

heartache n. heartbreak, anguish, grief, sorrow, misery, sadness, despair, broken heart, agony, heartickness, desolation, woe, suffering, melancholy.

heart attack n. see heart

heartbreak n. grief, anguish. see heartache

heartbreaking a. sad, pitiful, heart-wrenching, heartrending, painful, agonizing, disappointing, tragic, grievous, poignant, bitter, unendurable, crushing, devastating. ANT. cheering, heartening.

heartbroken a. sad, disappointed, crushed, devastated, heartsick, desolate, dejected, miserable, disheartened, despondent, depressed, crestfallen. ANT. cheered, heartened, buoyed.

heartburn n. reflux, pyrosis.

hearten v. encourage, cheer up, embolden, buoy, raise one’s spirits, fortify, “give a shot in the arm, boost up, buck up, comfort. ANT. discourage, dishearten, “take the wind out of one’s sails.

heartfelt a. sincere, feeling, real, deep, genuine, serious, ardent, fervent, honest, impassioned, profound. ANT. insincere, phony, feigned.

heartless a. cold, cruel, brutal, inhuman, callous, merciless, pitiless, unfeeling, “thick-skinned, uncaring, mean, insensitive, hard. ANT. compassionate, sympathetic, feeling.

heartrending a. painful, distressing, agonizing, mournful, touching, moving, grievous, anguishing, saddening, excruciating, soul-stirring. ANT. heartwarming.

heartsick a. sad, mournful, grieving, nostalgic, despondent, disappointed, inconsolable, despairing, depressed, blue, down, lost. ANT. euphoric, gleeful.

heartwarming a. loving, affectionate, sweet, heartfelt, heartening, joyous. ANT. heartrending, chilling, unpleasant.

hearty a. 1. WARM friendly, genial, cordial, affectionate, jovial, enthusiastic, wholehearted, passionate, unrestrained, effusive. 2. STRONG healthy, robust, hardy, vigorous, sturdy, energetic, stout, “in fine fettle. ANT. 1. cool, reserved, restrained, half-hearted. 2. frail, feeble, weak, sickly.

heat n. 1. HIGH TEMPERATURE warmth, hotness, fever, fire, torridity, sultriness. 2.ANGER passion, rage, ardor, zeal, fervor, intensity, excitement, vehemence. ANT. 1. coldness, frigidity. 2. indifference, apathy, coolness.

heated a. passionate, hot, raging, angry, ardent, fervent, intense, excited, vehement, violent, fiery, volcanic. ANT. cool, calm, mild.

heathen n. pagan, non-Christian, non-Jew, non-Muslim, infidel, nonbeliever, atheist, idolater, agnostic, skeptic. ANT. believer, Christian, Jew, Muslim.

heave v. 1. RAISE, THROW hurl, cast, toss, hoist, lift, fling, shoot, fire, pitch, chuck. 2. VOMIT throw up, puke, “ralph, disgorge, discharge, “upchuck, spew, spit up, “blow chunks.


heavenly a. blissful, glorious, divine, beautiful, holy, sublime, wonderful, extramundane, spiritual, beatific, ethereal. ANT. hellish, horrible, demonic.

heavy a. 1. HEFTY weighty, burdensome, overweight, unmanageable, ponderous, substancial, massive, huge, titanic, obese. SEE FAT 2. INTENSE great, large, strong, abundant, extreme, powerful, overwhelming, violent, rough, deep, extensive, prolonged, profound. 3. SERIOUS profound, grave, weighty, important, critical, vital, crucial. 4. BURDENSOME
oppressive, distressing, hard, harsh, onerous, intolerable, harsh. **ant.** 1. light, weightless, featherlike. 2. light, mild, weak, brief. 3. trivial, unimportant, petty. 4. easy, light, tolerable.

**heckle** v. harass, annoy, hassle, pester, *wise off, jeer, bait, taunt, tease, ride, bother, give a hard time, bug.

**hectic** a. feverish, confused, rushed, chaotic, frenzied, frenetic, excited, wild, riotous, furious, tumultuous. **ant.** relaxed, calm, tranquil.

**hector** v. bully, browbeat, pester, bait, badger, bother, torment, threaten, intimidate, harry, plague, menace, dominate.

**hedge** n. bush, hedgerow, boundary, shrubbery, windbreak, fence, barrier.

**hedge** v. avoid, lessen, evade, dodge, sidestep, equivocate, *stowallow, hem and haw, temporize, pass the buck, waffle, duck.

**hedgehog** n. small, prickly, porcupine, quill. **ant.** featherless, featherlike. 2. light, mild, weak, brief. 3. trivial, unimportant, petty. 4. easy, light, tolerable.

**heifer** n. calf, yearling. **ant.** bull, buck, steer.

**heighten** v. amplify, raise, lift, elevate, augment, strengthen, prove alleviate, ameliorate, mitigate, relieve, remedy, cure, allay, better, benefit. **ant.** lower, lessen, shorten.

**height** n. 1. altitude, elevation, tallness, highness, loftiness. 2. top, climax, crest, crowning point, acme, zenith, high point, limit, peak, summit, pinnacle, apex, culmination.

**heighten** v. increase, intensify, enlarge, magnify, amplify, raise, lift, elevate, augment, strengthen, extend. **ant.** lower, lessen, shorten.

**heinous** a. [HAY nus] evil or wicked to the extreme, abominable. *The heinous war crimes will never be forgotten.* **syn.** evil, wicked, abominable, atrocious, hellish, monstrous, loathsome, ghastly, horrific, shocking, unspeakable, revolting, outrageous, damnable, sickening, despicable, grisly. **ant.** saintly, angelic, good, moral.

**heir** n. heirress, inheritor, beneficiary, recipient, successor, heir apparent, heir presumptive.

**heirloom** n. hand-me-down, cherished possession, legacy, inheritance, bequest.
helter-skelter a. disorderly, arbitrary, confused, random, haphazard, hurried, pell-mell, hit-or-miss, jumbled, chaotic. ANT. orderly, arranged.

hem n. edge, border, edging, skirt, trim, fringe, verge, ruff.

hemorrhage v. bleed, shed blood.

henchman n. follower, helper, underling, aide, flunky, bodyguard, subordinate, yes-man, hatchet man, advisor, attendant.


herald n. messenger, usher, forerunner, harbin-ger, precursor, omen, sign, indication, porter, symptom.

herald v. usher in, announce, foretell, harbinger, portend, trumpet, precede, presage, broadcast.

herbicide n. poison, defoliant, weed killer.

 Herculean a. powerful, courageous, strong, mighty, formidable, tough, brawny, muscular, *built, gigantic, colossal, heroic, laborious, arduous, hard, rough, backbreaking, strenuous. ANT. puny, weak, easy.

herd n. drove, flock, bunch, drift, mass, swarm, mob, bevy, crush, crowd, throng, horde.

hereditary a. inborn, inherited, congenital, genetic, inbred, ancestral, innate, inherent. ANT. acquired, learned.


heretical a. unorthodox, infidelic, nonconforming, unbelieving, freethinking, heterodox, impious, schismatic, heathen. ANT. orthodox, faithful.

heritage n. legacy, inheritance, ancestry, tradition, birthright, lot. "Scriptures ... which have been absorbed into our blood."—Sholom Asch.

hermit n. recluse, solitary, loner, *lone wolf, anchorite, misanthrope.


heroic a. brave, courageous, fearless, bold, noble, gallant, valiant, lionhearted, manly, *gutsy, *bigger than life, virile, gritty, altruistic, exalted, epic. ANT. cowardly, fainthearted, dastardly.


SEE DRUG, NARCOTIC

WORD FIND


crack and heroin: *moonrock

inject into someone else: *give wings

lethal dose: *hot load

low purity heroin: flea powder

marijuana and heroin mixture: *atom bomb

marijuana, heroin, and cocaine mixture: "el diablo

PCP and heroin mixed: *whack


"It is always either doing or dying."—Roswell Hitchcock.

hesitant a. reluctant, irresolute, faltering, undecided, ballooning, tentative, wavering, falt-ering, unsure, stalling, dallying. ANT. decided, firm, confident.


HETEROGENEOUS a. [HET ur o GEE ne us] made up of dissimilar elements, different, incongruous. America is known for its heterogeneous society. SYN. dissimilar, different, incongruous, diverse, motley, varied, mixed, miscellaneous, disparate, unrelated. ANT. homogeneous, like, same, uniform.

heterosexual a. *straight. ANT. gay, homosexual.

hex n. curse, spell, jinx, whammy, evil eye.

HIATUS n. [hi AYE tus] a break, gap or rest, of-ten in one's work. SYN. break, interruption, lapse, discontinuity, interim, gap, pause, blank, rest, suspension, time out.

hibernate v. winter, sleep, hole up, lie low, lie dormant.


hidden a. concealed, covered, covert, secret, under wraps, cloaked, clandestine, veiled,
undercover, secreted, indiscernible, obscure, latent, occult, cryptic, invisible. ant. open, exposed, "in the spotlight", overt.

hide v. conceal, secrete, cover, "put under wraps, cloak, veil, obscure, lie low, cache, shield, mask, camouflage, disguise, "drop out of sight, "hole up. ant. expose, reveal, show.

hideous a. horrible, dreadful, appalling, terrible, ugly, awful, monstrous, grotesque, sickening, repulsive, gruesome, frightful, ghastly, grisly, repugnant, macabre. ant. lovely, beautiful, attractive.

HIERARCHY n. [HYE uh RAHR kee] an order of rank, pecking order. He was second in command in the company hierarchy. syn. order, pecking order, ranking, grouping, strata, "chain of command, "ladder, caste system.

high a. 1. lofty tall, towering, soaring, steep, sky-high, "cloud-kissing, "cloud-piercing, elevated, skyward, alpine, vertiginous. 2. important powerful, superior, prominent, excellent, exalted, ranking, eminent, chief, leading, uppermost. 3. extreme excessive, great, intensified, dear, expensive, extravagant, costly, "steep. 4. high-pitched soprano, shrill, treble, piercing. 5. happy euphoric, elated, ecstatic, joyful, cheerful, exuberant, exhilarating. 6. under the influence of drugs or drink "buzzed, under the influence, intoxicated, "stoned, "flying, "hammered, "baked, "blitzed, "coked out, delirious, "fired, "hopped up, "out of it, "tripping, "wired, "spaced out. ant. 1. low, short. 2. low, modest, low, cheap. 3. modest, low, cheap. 4. low, bass, 5. low, depressed, "down in the dumps. 6. sober, lucid, clearheaded.

high and mighty a. lordly, arrogant, presumptuous. see haughty

highbrow n. longhair, thinker, "egghead, scholar. "The kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks of Picasso."—Alan Her bert. "A person educated beyond his intelligence."—Brander Mathews. see intellectual

highbrow a. erudite, scholarly, intellectual, learned, cultivated, bookish, cultured. ant. lowbrow, unread, uncultured.

high-class a. superior, first-rate, best, supreme, "tops, upper-class, "upper-crust, top-flight, select, deluxe, quality, plush. ant. low-class, ordinary, mediocre.

highfalutin a. pretentious, high-flown. see pompous

high-flown a. high-sounding, bombastic, grandiloquent, lofty, grandiose, pretentious, stilt-
ed, inflated, extravagant, turgid, showy, flowery. ant. folksy, down to earth, plain.

high-handed a. overbearing, domineering, imperious, tyrannical, dictatorial, arbitrary, oppressive, iron-handed, authoritarian. ant. cooperating, helpful, just.

highlight n. high point, memorable part, feature, focus, focal point, peak, climax, best part.

highlight v. spotlight, underline, underscore, feature, play up, headline, punctuate, accentuate, emphasize, stress. ant. downplay, obscure.

high-minded a. ethical, moral, principled, honorable, noble, upright, conscientious, virtuous, honest, righteous. ant. unethical, immoral, unprincipled.

high society n. cultured class, upper class, upper crust, moneyed class, beau monde, "jet set, society, haut monde, privileged class, "beautiful people, aristocracy, elite, crème de la crème, glitterati.

high-strung a. nervous, tense, upright, wound up, "hyper, "wired, edgy, skittish, jumpy, excitable, taut, temperamental, snappy. ant. calm, relaxed, placid.

highway n. road, street, freeway, drive, parkway, turnpike, expressway, thoroughfare, boulevard, "main drag, causeway, autobahn, toll road, beltway. see automobile

hijack v. seize control, commandeer, steal, "hold up, skyjack, "carjack.

hijacker n. robber, skyjacker, "carjacker, kidnapper, abductor.

hike n. walk, journey, walkabout, ramble, trek, march, tramp, odyssey.

hike v. walk, journey, ramble, backpack, trek, march, tramp, rove, "hoof it, range.

hilarious a. funny, side-splitting, "hysterical, humorous, "a riot, "a scream, uproarious, amusing, merry, boisterous, gay, jolly, mirthful, gleeful, noisy. ant. grim, grave, sad, depressing.

hill n. elevation, rise, knoll, hillock, hummock, knob, hump, bluff, gradient, slope, highland, prominence, mound, tor, dune. ant. crater, canyon, hollow, valley. see mountain

WORD FIND
hilly: rolling, tumulose
land between hills: interval

hillybilly n. "hayseed, "Clem, clodhopper. see hick
hillock n. see hill
hinder v. obstruct, block, impede, slow, stop, prevent, check, deter, thwart, frustrate, hamper, interfere, foil, forestall, stand in the
hindrance n. impediment, obstruction, encumbrance, stumbling block, obstacle, restriction, restraint, constraint, snag, handicap.

hindsight n. retrospect. *Monday morning quarterbacking, experience, knowledge, seasoned perception, looking back.

Hinduism n. see religion

hindrance - hobby

way, *hamstring. **ant. help, enable, facilitate, free.

hindrance n. impediment, obstruction, encumbrance, stumbling block, obstacle, restriction, restraint, constraint, snag, handicap.

hindsight n. retrospect, *Monday morning quarterbacking, experience, knowledge, seasoned perception, looking back.

Hinduism n. see religion

hinge v. depend, be contingent, rest, hang, revolve.

hint n. 1. **clue indication, tip, *tip-off, suggestion, telltale, implication, allusion, sign, lead, innuendo, intimation. 2. trace tinge, touch, suggestion, taste, sprinkling.

hint v. give a clue, suggest, indicate, imply, indicate, allude to, insinuate, *put a bug in one’s ear, infer, tip, cue.

hinterland n. backcountry, outback, *boonies, *sticks, remote region, wilderness, frontier, wilds, bush country.


hip hop n. rap, black urban music, *gangsta rap. see rap

hippie n. nonconformist, *long-hair, *freak, free spirit, Bohemian, *Deadhead, flower child, beatnik, deviant, 60s dropout.

hire v. employ, engage, enlist, take on, commission, secure, appoint, delegate, put to work, retain, contract for, rent, charter, lease. **ant. fire, let go, *pink slip.

Hispanic a. Spanish, Latino, Hispano.

historic a. momentous, consequential, important, notable, significant, unforgettable, famous, celebrated, renowned, outstanding, extraordinary. **ant. unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, obscure.

historical a. documented, factual, real, actual, authentic, true, recorded, verifiable, chronicled, past, bygone, former. **ant. mythical, fictional, made-up, contemporary, modern.


HISTRIONIC a. [HisS tree AWN ik] theatrical, overly dramatic. His histrionic show of temper made him the center of attention. **syn. theatrical, dramatic, melodramatic, overplayed, overacted, affected, stagy, thespian, forced, unnatural, *put-on. **ant. natural, unaffected, understated.

histrionics n. theatrics, melodramatics, dramatics, show, acting, affectation, display, playing, performing.


hit v. strike, knock, bump, smack, whack, tap, rap, thump, *conk, cuff, punch, slap, swat, belt, bang, wallop, sock, pound, bash, beat, bop, slug.

hitch n. problem, snag, impediment, hindrance, stumbling block, *snafu, catch, difficulty, *glitch, bug, complication.

hitch v. join, connect, fasten, link, bind, attach, harness, couple, yoke, unite.

hitchhike v. *thumb a ride.

hit man n. Sl. *triggerman, *hired gun, assassin. see killer, murderer

hit-or-miss a. random, haphazard, careless, inaccurate, luck of the draw, trial and error, casual. **ant. precise, accurate.

hoard n. stockpile, store, cache, supply, reserve, stash, *nest egg, collection, accumulation.

hoard v. stockpile, store, cache, put away, *squirrel away, amass, stash, hide, save, collect, accumulate. **ant. squander, waste, spend.

hoarse a. husky, throaty, rough, harsh, rasp, gravelly, croaking, *whiskey-voiced, scratchy, roupy, guttural, ragged.

hoary a. 1. white or gray salt and pepper, grizzled, snowy-haired. 2. old elderly, ancient, aged, venerable.


hobble v. 1. limp hitch, shamble, falter, dodder, walk lamely, stagger, *shortleg. 2. restrict fetter, hinder, hamper, *hamstring, cripple, impede, handicap, inhibit.

hobgoblin n. bogey, bugbear, apparition, evil spirit, *spook, puck, elf, imp, fairy.
hock v. pawn.
hockey n. ice hockey, field hockey, sport.

**WORD FIND**

**ICE HOCKEY**

avoid being scored against while short-handed: kill a penalty
bumping opponent away from play: check, body check
cup: Stanley
disk: puck
drop of puck by referee between two players: face-off
fake a move to shake off opponent: deke
free shot on goal: penalty shot
goalie: goalie
hard, driving shot: slapshot
holding crook of opponent's stick to stop movement: hooking
illegally striking opponent with stick: slashing, spearing, high sticking
illegal shot from behind center red line: icing
penalty situation in which team has a one-man advantage: power play
positions: center, forwards, wings, backline, defensemen
rectangle in front of goal: crease
roughness penalty, excessive: roughing
two goals scored by one player in a single game: hat trick
vehicle that restores ice surface: Zamboni

**hocus-pocus** n. magic, trickery, legerdemain, sleight-of-hand, prestidigitation, hoax, conjuring, deception, incantation, *abracadabra, mumbo jumbo, gibberish.


**hooligan** n. 1. pig, swine, *oinker, shoat, piglet, sow, boar. 2. glutton gourmand.
hog v. Sl. be greedy, take all, monopolize.

**hold** n. influence, grip, control, sway, pull, effect, *clout.
hold v. 1. grip, clutch, grasp, clench, carry, embrace, squeeze, palm, cradle, handle, wield.
hold up n. 1. armed robbery *stickup, heist. 2. delay, gridlock, red tape, wait, pause, stoppage, bottleneck, congestion.
holiday n. celebration, festival, commemoration, fiesta, jubilee, holy day, observance, anniversary, vacation, day off, day of rest, long weekend. *Overrated disturbances of routine.—Edward Lucas.

**holy** a. acting as if one is more virtuous than another, self-righteous.
We were sickened by his hypocritical, holier-than-thou judgments.

**holistic** a. [ho LIS tik] encompassing an entire integrated system, as opposed to an individual part.
Holistic medicine seeks to look at the entire mind/body connection in addition to the disease site.

**holler** v. yell, bellow, thunder. see SHOUT

**hollow** n. depression, concavity, indentation, cavity, dent, dimple, sink.

**holow** a. 1. empty, vacant, void, unfilled. 2. concave deep-set, indented, sunken, cavernous.

*hobgoblin - hollow*
less, useless, insincere. *ant. 1. full, teeming, replete. 2. convex. 3. meaningful, important, profound.

holocaust n. destruction, annihilation, genocide, mass killing, massacre, carnage, extermination, catastrophe, disaster, devastation, conflagration, firestorm, inferno.

holy a. godly, divine, sacred, hallowed, sacred, sanct, consecrated, blessed, saintly, virtuous, religious, righteous, pious, faithful, spiritual. *ant. ungodly, unholy, profane, diabolical, demonic.

HOMAGE n. [(H) ÄM - ij] something done, said or given to honor or show respect for another. We paid homage to the president with our salute. *syn. honor, respect, tribute, exaltation, esteem, admiration, reverence, allegiance, obeisance, deference, recognition.


homegrown a. native, homespun, homemade. *ant. foreign.


homely a. 1. ugly plain, unattractive, *short on looks. 2. simple plain, unpretentious, unsophisticated, homely, modest, folksy, informal, comfortable. *ant. 1. beautiful, pretty, handsome. 2. pretentious, sophisticated, showy.

homemade a. homespun. *ant. storebought.

homemaker n. housewife, house husband, housekeeper, mother, domestic, household manager, domestic manager.

homesick a. nostalgic, wistful, heartick, longing, yearning, pining, lonely for home, alienated, estranged.


homestead n. farm house.

homey a. comfortable, cozy, relaxed, familiar, informal, folksy, domestic, intimate, friendly, unpretentious. *ant. sophisticated, formal.

homicidal a. murderous, bloodthirsty, violent, maniacal. *ant. pacific, peaceful.

homicide n. murder, killing, manslaughter, slaughter, slaying, assassination, *hit, shooting. *see murder

homily n. sermon, lecture, lesson.

hominid n. hominoid, human ancestor, Homo sapien, primate.

HOMOGENEOUS a. [HO mo JEE nee us] made of like or similar elements. *A nation with only one ethnic group is a homogeneous society. *syn. similar, like, identical, kindred, uniform, consistent, unmixed, the same. *ant. heterogeneous, dissimilar.

homosexual n. man, woman, lesbian, invert, bisexual, transsexual. *ant. heterosexual.

homosexual a. gay, lesbian, *queer, bisexual, transsexual, inverted.

homosexuality n. homoeroticism, lesbianism, androphilia, gynophilia, gayness, orientation, same-sex attraction, *gender bending. *see bisexual, homosexual, lesbian, sexuality

WORD FIND
acknowledged, publicly: out; out of the closet anal sex between males, old term for: bugger announce one’s orientation publicly: out appearance of either a male or female, having the: androgyous boy in sexual relationship with man: catamite demanding, loud or flamboyant gay, slang for: diva dresses as female: drag queen dresses as opposite gender and may or may not be gay: cross dresser, transvestite fear of: homophobia female: lesbianism flamboyant, wildly effeminate, slang for: flaming gay man, slang for: fag, queer, queen, femme, molly gender, dresses, behaves, and may be surgically altered as opposite: transgendered, transsexual gender, has sex with either: bisexual grooming, shaving, trimming, term for stylish: manscaping heterosexual male perceived to be gay because of advanced style and grooming: metrosexual hidden tendencies, describing: latent

honorable a. virtuous, scrupulous, honest, moral, ethical, principled, decent, righteous, noble, trustworthy, upright, good. ANT. dishonorable, disreputable, dishonest.

honorary a. honorific, titular, in name only. ANT. actual, earned.

hood n. punk, thug. see hoodlum


hoodwink v. dupe, mislead, deceive, confuse, trick, “pull the wool over one’s eyes, delude, cheat, fool, bamboozle.

hook n. 1. grapple grapnel, crook, catch, hasp. 2. bend arc, hairpin turn.

hooker n. SL. whore, lady of the evening, streetwalker. see prostitute

hooligan n. rowdy, “punk, “tough. see hoodlum

hoopla n. SL. excitement, to-do, fuss, fireworks, brouhaha, bustle, furor, ballyhoo.


hopeful a. 1. optimistic “keeping the faith, looking forward to, anticipating, expectant, confident, sanguine. 2. promising encouraging, bright, favorable, heartening, reassuring, auspicious, propitious. ANT. 1. pessimistic, hopeless. 2. black, bleak, hopeless, foreboding.

hopeless a. 1. futile lost, desperate, irrevocable, bleak, discouraging, vain, foreboding, incurable, threatening, grave, unobtainable, impossible. 2. despairing desperate, demoralized, lost, disconsolate, miserable,
heartbroken, depressed, suicidal, broken, dispirited. *broken, hopeful, bright, promising. ant. 1. hopeful, optimistic, confident, encouraged.

**horde** n. crowd, mass, throng, multitude, mob, pack, swarm, bunch, gang, group, band, press.

**horizon** n. skyline, vista, purview, field of vision, limit, range, offing, azimuth.

**horizontal** a. flat, level, flush, plane, straight, supine, prone, recumbent. ant. vertical, upright.

**horn** n. 1. outgrowth tusk, antler, spike, cornu. 2. see musical instruments

**horny** a. Sl. *hot, lustful, turned on, amorous, passionate, lascivious, erotic, goatish, feverish, salacious, libidinous, sex-crazed, randy, hot as a three-dollar pistol. ant. turned off, frigid.

**horoscope** n. 1. celestial positioning. 2. diagram chart, forecast, astrological forecast.

**horrendous** a. see horrible

**horrible** a. horrendous, terrible, awful, frightful, horrid, appalling, dreadful, horrifying, repulsive, atrocious. ant. wonderful, lovely, charming, delightful.

**horrid** a. see horrible

**horrify** v. dismay, shock, frighten, terrify, appall, scare, *curl one's blood, *curl one's hair, *scare the daylights out of, *make one's skin crawl, *send chills up one's spine, sicken, nauseate, disgust, revolt, fill with morbid fascination, paralyze, petrify. ant. calm, soothe, reassure.

**horror** n. fear, terror, fright, dread, trepidation, dismay, revulsion, disgust, loathing, abhorrence, aversion.

**hors d'oeuvre** n. tidbit, finger sandwich, canape. see appetizer


**piebald or spotted** calico, pinto, dappled, paint

**reddish brown with black mane** bay

**stripe extending down back** eel stripe, dorsal stripe

**white above fetlock** stocking

**white below fetlock** sock

**white marking around nostril** snip

**white marking between eyes** star

**white streak on face** blaze, race

**white with white mane** palomilla

**yellowish cross of sorrel and dun** claybank

**BREEDS**

Appaloosa, Arabian, Cleveland bay, Clydesdale, Dartmoor, Exmoor, French Trotter, Hackney, hunter, Lipizzaner, Morgan, palomino, Percheron, quarter horse, saddlerbred, Shetland, Shire, standardbred, Suffolk, Tennessee Walking Horse, thoroughbred

**GENERAL**

back, highest portion of: withers
bangs: forelock
barnyard play area: paddock
bent-backed: swaybacked, hogbacked
breeding mare: brood mare
breeding period of mare: heat
bushy tail: broomtail
care and feeding of, for a fee: livery
castrated male: gelding
cattle horse: cutting horse
comb: currycomb
command to turn left: haw
command to turn right: gee
cry of: neigh, whinny, snort
disease: staggers, distemper, loco, spavin, heaves
equipment: appointments, breastplate, bridle, bit, cheek straps, crownpiece, throat latch, headband, blinders, cavesson, reins, saddle, halter, hackamore
feeding trough: manger
female under age four: filly
gait: walk, trot, lope, canter, gallop, rack, volt, fox trot
gentle farm horse: dobbin
half-turn: caracole
Indian: pinto, cayuse, mustang
joint above hoof: fetlock
leap, playful four-legged: gambado
leap straight up: capriole
male under age four: colt
measurement of four inches: hand
mythological: Pegasus, centaur
nervous movement sideways or backwards: jib
newborn: foal
nose and mouth area: muzzle
pen: corral
pertaining to: equestrian, equine
race: steeplechase, derby
riding competition: gymkhana
riding pants, boots: jodhpurs
rising and falling in English riding style: posting
shelter: stall, stable
short-legged horse: cob
sideways gait: volt
smooth, refined gait for show: dressage
stand up on rear legs: rear
strong horse used for pulling: draft horse
stud's herd: harras
sweat: lather
trained: broken, bridlewise
trot in place for show: piaffe
upjerk of head: bridle
wild or half-wild: mustang, bronco
winker: blinder

horseman n. equestrian, rider, jockey, roughrider, cowboy, broncobuster.

horseplay n. clowning, foolishness, antics, fun, hijinks, tomfoolery.

horticulture n. gardening, cultivation, agriculture, farming, vegetable growing, floriculture.

hose n. hosiery, stockings.

hospice n. hostel, lodging, shelter.

hospital n. medical center, infirmary, clinic, sanatorium, sick bay, dispensary, ward, institution, treatment facility, hospice. "That blend of penitentiary and third-class hotel."—Henry Sigerist. see doctor, medicine, nurse, operation, surgery

hothouse n. greenhouse, nursery, conservatory.

hound v. chase, nag, badger, harass, pursue, dog, "bug, ride, "hassle, persecute, go after.

house n. home, residence, shelter, abode, habitation, domicile, homestead, castle, mansion, duplex. see architecture, castle, home

WORD FIND
attic access hole: scuttle
beam supporting floor or ceiling: joist
board siding: clapboard
flooring of wood forming geometric pattern: parquet
foundation without basement: slab
frame made of heavy timbers: post-and-beam construction
framing member, vertical: stud
glass-enclosed lookout on top of roof: belvedere
glass: glazing
ornamentation, elaborate: gingerbread
passage between garage and house: breezeway
projection, with window, on sloping roof: dormer
roof dome or domelike structure: cupola

hostility n. 1. unfriendliness antagonism, malevolence, hatred, ill will, enmity, animus, opposition, aggression, venom, bellicosity, virulence, bad blood, anger, nastiness. 2. hostilities war, conflict, dispute, clash. Ant. 1. friendliness, good will. 2. amity, peace.

hot a. 1. torrid blazing, fiery, burning, scorching, steaming, boiling, blistering, roasting, sweltering, feverish, sizzling, sultry, tropical. 2. spicy peppery, sharp, biting, piquant, zesty, pungent. 3. passionate ardent, fiery, intense, fervent, vehement, impassioned, angry, raging, furious, violent. 4. aroused sexually *horny, lustful, lascivious, salacious, libidinous, randy. 5. new and popular trendy, fresh, in vogue. Ant. 1. cold, wintry, frigid. 2. bland, mild. 3. indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm. 4. turned off, repulsed, cold.


hotel n. motel, inn, motor inn, resort, lodging, tavern, hostel, * flop house.

hotheaded a. hot-tempered, quick-tempered, touchy, explosive, volatile, testy, "short-fused, combustible, rash, impetuous. Ant. even-tempered, levelheaded, easygoing.

houthouse n. greenhouse, nursery, conservatory.

hound n. multitude, group, throng, legion, horde, flock, myriad.

hostage n. pawn, captive, security. see prisoner

hostile a. unfriendly, antagonistic, malevolent, bellicose, belligerent, enemy, contrary, aggressive, nasty, contentious, warring, pugnacious, cold. Ant. friendly, warm, amiable, peaceful.
housekeeper - humble

**roof framing member:** rafter, purlin, ridgeboard

**roof overhang:** eaves

**roof walkway:** widow’s walk

**roof with double slope on each side:** gambrel

**roof with four sides, no gables:** hip roof

**roof with two slopes on all four sides:** mansard roof

**stair railing spindles:** balusters

**styles:** adobe, bothy, brownstone, bungalow, cabin, cajun cottage, Cape Cod, chateau, colonial, cottage, Creole townhouse, Dutch Colonial, Elizabethan, English magpie, Federal, gambrel, Georgian, gingerbread, Gothic Revival, Greek Revival, Italianate, octagon, pueblo, Queen Anne, Romanesque, row house, saltbox, Second Empire, split level, Tudor, Victorian

**tile mortar:** grout

**upper wall portion between slopes of roof:** gable

**wall not requiring plaster:** drywall, sheetrock, gypsum wallboard

**window framework:** sash

**window strips or bars:** mullions

**window that projects:** bay window

**housekeeper** n. homemaker, housewife, house husband, domestic, maid, cleaner.

**housewife** n. homemaker, lady of the house, matron, domestic manager.


**hover** v. float, hang, linger, flutter, stay suspended.

**howel** v. wall, waul, bay, bellow, yowl, cry out, bawl, moan, whine, ululate, caterwaul.

**hub** n. center, axis, core, pivot, focal point, *nerve center, heart, middle.

**hubbub** n. noise, uproar, noise, confusion. see HUBBUB

**hum** v. drone, buzz, whir, croon, intone, purr, murmur, sound, throb, bombinate.


**human** a. 1. ANTHROPOID anthropomorphic, manlike, hominine, bipedal, civilized, mortal, 2. see HUMANE

**humane** a. compassionate, kind, sympathetic, merciful, good, understanding, humanitarian, forgiving, pitiful, tolerant, magnanimous. ANT. *inhumane, cruel, unfeeling, vicious, merciless.

**humanitarian** n. good Samaritan, philanthropist, do-gooder, *Robin Hood, altruist, benefactor.

**humanity** n. 1. HUMAN RACE mankind, human kind, men and women, people, the masses, society, man, 2. COMPASSION kindness, goodness, sympathy, benevolence, mercy, magnanimity, goodwill, brotherly love.

**humankind** n. humanity, mankind, human race, anthropoid population, Homo sapiens, family of man, civilized species. "A tribe of animals, living by habits and thinking in symbols; and it can never be anything else."—George Santayana. "A farce."—Mark Twain.

**humble** a. modest self-efficacious, unassuming, unpretentious, reserved, deferential, meek.

**huffy** a. touchy, irritable, easily offended, testy, sensitive, hypersensitive, petulant, peevish, cross, crabby, waspish, nettled, irate. ANT. cheerful, good-humored.

**hug** n. embrace, squeeze, clasp, clinch, "bear hug. "A roundabout way of expressing emotion."—Gideon Wurzd.

**hug** v. embrace, squeeze, clasp, clinch, hold, clutch, "bear hug, take in one's arms, cuddle.

**huge** a. gigantic, colossal, immense, enormous, gargantuan, prodigious, humongous, great, whopping, tremendous, kind-size, titanic, monstrous, massive, jumbo, stupendous, Brobdingnagian, mountainous, monumental, towering, elephantine, staggering, *eclipsing. ANT. tiny, small, miniature, Lilliputian, microscopic.

**hulking** a. heavy, large, clumsy, bulky, unwieldy, ponderous, massive, awkward, cumbersome, weighty, unmanageable. ANT. compact, petite.

**hullabaloo** n. uproar, noise, confusion. see HUBBUB

**hum** v. drone, buzz, whir, croon, intone, purr, murmur, sound, throb, bombinate.
demure, self-conscious, subservient, diffident, obsequious, lowly. 2. lowly shabby, simple, plain, ordinary, poor, undistinguished, rough, plebian, humdrum, unrefined, inconsequential. **ant.** 1. arrogant, pretentious, haughty, proud, conceited. 2. rich, superior, ostentatious, illustrious, distinguished.

**humble** v. degrade, deflate, *take the wind out of one’s sails, *bring down a peg, shame, humiliate, demean, disgrace, *make one feel small, *make one eat humble pie. **ant.** exalt, *put on pedestal.


**humid** a. moist, damp, wet, vaporous, muggy, steamy, clammy, sticky, *close, dank, sultry, foggy, misty. **ant.** dry, arid.

**humiliate** v. embarrass, mortify, shame, disgrace, chagrin, *make a fool out of, abash, put to shame, degrade, deflate, demean, humble, abase. **ant.** honor, exalt, *put on pedestal.

**humiliation** n. embarrassment, mortification, shame, disgrace, chagrin, degradation, deflation, humbling, humble pie, losing face, *put-down, belittling. **ant.** honor, exaltation.

**HUMILITY** n. [hyoo MIL uh tee] humble-ness, modesty, the absence of arrogance or pride. *She accepted the award with great humility.* syn. humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness, lowliness, meekness, reserve, diffidence, sheepishness, obsequiousness, self-abasement. *Nothing else but a right judgment of ourselves.*—William Law. "A noble mind in a low estate."—Jane Porter. **ant.** arrogance, pride, haughtiness.

**hunger** n. appetite, starvation, famine, ravenousness, voraciousness, famishment,*sweet tooth, *munchies, stomach pains, desire, craving, longing, yen, want, need, lust, drive, thirst. “The best sauce in the world.”—Miguel de Cervantes. **ant.** satiety.

**hungry** a. starving, famished, ravenous, malnourished, peckish, voracious, hankering, *got the munchies, *could eat a horse, craving, salivating. **ant.** full, sated, gorged.

**hunk** n. 1. chunk lump, piece, clod, slab, block, portion, square, loaf, glob, slice. 2. attractive male *stud, *beefcake, Adonis, sex symbol, *looker, *he-man, *dreamboat, Greek god.

**hunt** n. search, chase, pursuit, trailing, quest, coursing.

**hurt** v. 1. **LOOK FOR SEARCH high and low, ferret out, scour, seek, quest for, leave no stone unturned, turn everything upside down, rummage, probe, fish for, investigate. 2. PURSUE AND KILL hound, trail, chase, track, *beat the bushes, stalk, course, poach.

**hurdle** n. obstacle, obstruction, stumbling block, barrier, impediment, difficulty, complication, block, snag.

**hurdle** v. jump over, clear, vault, leap, spring, hop, bound, negotiate.

**hurt** v. throw, chuck, fling, sling, heave, toss, pitch, lob, launch, catapult, propel.

**hurricane** n. tropical cyclone, cyclone, tempest, monsoon, typhoon, *blow, windstorm, rainstorm. see wind

**WORD FIND**

elderly, in: dowager's hump

**WORD FIND**

calm center: eye

measure of intensity: Saff er-Simpson Hurricane Scale

tide rise, rapid: storm surge
hurried a. hasty, quick, rushed, speedy, swift, breakneck, superficial, cursory, perfunctory, slapdash. **ant. slow, leisurely, careful.
hurry n. haste, speed, swiftness, rush, celerity, hustle, dispatch, expeditiousness, hustle.
hurry v. hasten, quicken, pick up the pace, *step on it, rush, run, lose no time, hustle, *get a move on, zip, fly, race, speed, scurry, *make tracks, expedite, *get the lead out, *beat feet. **ant. slow, decelerate, delay.
hurt n. injury, harm, pain, wound, trauma, soreness, ache, pang, *boo-boo, sting, stitch, pinch, twinge, throb.
hurt v. 1. physically injure, harm, pain, torture, wound, damage, punish, abuse, sting, pinch, ache, throb, bite, soar, gnaw, stab, chafe, smart, pierce. 2. emotionally insult, wound, cut to the quick, grieve, anguish, sadden, deflate, affront, offend, abuse, distress, upset, torment, crush, *take over the coals.
hurt a. injured, harmed, pained, wounded, traumatized, sore, aching, stinging, throbbing, bleeding, bruised, stricken, damaged, offended, crushed, devastated, distressed.
hurtful a. injurious, harmful, painful, wounding, traumatizing, deleterious, pernicious, damaging, destructive, cutting, nasty, cruel, spiteful, mean. **ant. helpful, benign, beneficial.
hurtle v. fly, rush, plunge, charge, hurl, scramble, *zip, tear.
husband v. preserve, manage, economize. see conserve
hush n. silence, stillness, peace, quiet, lull, quiétude, vacuum.
hush v. silence, quiet, mute, shut up, stifle, muffle, mute, suppress, gag, shush.
husk n. shell, hull, pod, shuck, peel, covering, case, bark.
husky a. 1. hoarse harsh, rough, throaty, rasping, croaking, whiskey-voiced, gruff, raucous, guttural. 2. brawny muscular, stout, beefy, burly, *Herculean, powerful, strapping, strong, athletic, hefty. **ant. 1. clear, fluid, fluent, shrill. 2. anorexic, scrawny, puny.
hussy n. loose woman, wench, *tart, Jezebel, strumpet, slut, whore, trollopl, minx.

hustler n. Sl. con artist, *rip-off artist, film-flam man, scam artist, grifter, swindler, *shark, thief, fast talker, enterpriser, go-getter.

hut n. shelter, shack, camp, cabin, cottage, lean-to, shed, hovel, shanty, hutch.
hutch n. 1. pen coop, cote, shed, cage, confine. 2. chest box, cabinet, locker, trunk.

hybrid n. cross, crossbreed, half-breed, mixed breed, mongrel, *mutt, composite, mixture, conglomerate, combination, mulatto. **ant. thoroughbred.

hygiene n. cleanliness, hygienics, sanitation, washing, regimen.

hygienic a. clean, sanitary, healthy, pure, disinfected, aseptic, sterile, germfree, prophylactic, wholesome. **ant. dirty, infected, germ-infested.

hymn n. spiritual, psalm, paean, choral, anthem, song of praise, canticle. see song

hype n. Sl. exaggeration, promotion. see hyperbole.

hyperactive a. overactive, wild, uncontrolled, frenetic, unrestrained, uncontrollable, unruly. **ant. calm, sedate, tranquil.

WORD FIND 
related disorder: attention deficit disorder (ADD)


hypercritical a. overcritical, hard to please, severe, fussy, exacting, rigid, strict, overparticular, captious, persnickety, hairsplitting, finicky. **ant. easy to please, unparticular.

hypnotic a. soporific, somnolent, sleep-inducing, sedative, numbing, spellbinding, mesmerizing, mesmeric, entrancing, stupefying. **ant. invigorating, awaking.

hypnotize v. spellbind, entrance, mesmerize, stupefy, bewilder, enchant, enthral, charm, bewitch, sedate, put to sleep.

hypocrisy n. lip service, pretense, insincerity, phoniness, imposture, falsity, pietism, sanctimoniousness, Pharisaism, duplicity, twofacedness, crocodile tears. “A mouth that prays, a hand that kills.”—Arabian proverb. **ant. sincerity, genuineness, honesty.
hypocrite n. pretender, *con, Pharisee, fake, dissembler, phony, tartuffe, deceiver, Janus, whitel sepulchre, Holy Willie, poser.

hypocritical a. insincere, phony, hollow, dishonest, Janus-faced, deceptive, fake, Pecksniffian, pretending, sanctimonious, unnatural, pious, self-righteous, dissembling, artificial, duplicitous, pretentious. ANT. sincere, genuine, real, honest.


HYPOTHETICAL a. [hih puh THEH i kul] assumed, unproven, uncertain. There are numeruous hypothetical explanations for UFOs. SYN. assumed, unproven, uncertain, conjectural, speculative, supposed, presumed, inferred, guessed, academic, theoretical, presumptive. ANT. factual, established, actual, confirmed.

hysteria n. hysteries, frenzy, madness, delirium, craze, panic, mania, anxiety, agitation, fit, outburst.

ICONOCLAST n. [iye KON uh KLÄST] one who attacks popular institutions, beliefs, public figures, etc., or who views such modern icons with skepticism and cynicism. The true iconoclast believes that nothing is sacred. SYN: cynic, skeptic, critic, detractor, nonconformist, image-shatterer, denouncer, disbeliever.

ice n. glaze, icicle, glacier, crystal, sheet. SEE SNOW

WORD FIND
chunk of an iceberg, small: growler
crystals and slush: frazil
drifting ice that has collided and packed with other masses: pack ice
fragments of floating, broken pieces: brash
ice, drift ice
invisible over asphalt: black ice
floating sheet greater than six miles (10k) across: ice field
floating ice sheet less than six miles (10k) across: ice floe
mound of broken ice: hummock
rounds of various sizes: pancake ice

icon n. image, representation, picture, likeness, symbol, idol.
icy a. 1. freezing frozen, frigid, frosty, gelid, glacial, chilly, wintry, biting, cold. 2. unfriendly cold, aloof, distant, chilly, frigid, hostile, stony. ANT: I. tropical, warm. 2. friendly, warm, genial.
idea n. thought, notion, concept, view, plan, design, inkling, scheme, theory, insight, belief, understanding, *brainstorm, inspiration.
ideal n. model, archetype, epitome, paragon, standard, example, acme, ne plus ultra, exemplar, ultimate, inspiration.
ideal a. 1. perfect model, supreme, consummate, exemplary, optimal, classic, faultless, best, excellent, utopian. 2. conceptual imaginary, visionary, fanciful, abstract. ANT: I. imperfect, flawed. 2. real, actual.

idealist n. dreamer, visionary, optimist, Pollyanna, romantic, utopian. "One who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make a better soup."—H. L. Mencken. ANT: realist, cynic, skeptic, pragmatist.
idealistic a. unrealistic, visionary, optimistic, utopian, Pollyannish, dreaming, romantic, naive. ANT: realistic, skeptical, cynical.

identical a. matching, alike, same, indistinguishable, twin, duplicate, corresponding, exact, synonymous, uniform, *carbon copy. ANT: different, distinct, dissimilar.
identify v. recognize, determine, distinguish, know, pick out, place, *tag, *spot, *peg, name, label, earmark.
identity n. individuality, self, oneself, ego, personality, character, identification, uniqueness.
idiocy n. foolishness, stupidity, imbecility, lunacy, craziness, madness, wackiness, absurdity, silliness.
idiom n. language, tongue, dialect, vernacular, lingo, parlando, jargon, colloquialism, expression, phrasing.
idiosyncrasy n. peculiarity, mannerism, quirk, singularity, characteristic, bent, trait, distinction, habit, quality, eccentricity.
idle a. 1. worthless useless, vain, futile, frivolous, unproductive, pointless, irrelevant. 2. unused inactive, out of action, down, still, unemployed, quiet, dead, mothballed, empty, vacant. 3. lazy unemployed, slothful, shiftless, indolent, lethargic, loafing, sluggish, resting. ANT: I. useful, valuable, productive. 2. in use, active, working. 3. active, busy, employed.
idol

n. hero, god, role model, star, superstar, celebrity, luminary, favorite, darling, icon.

idolize

v. look up to, admire, revere, worship, venerate, deify, hero-worship, honor, “put on a pedestal,” worship the ground one walks on.

IDYLLIC

a. [iye DIL ik] pastoral and peaceful; rustic and simple. They chose an idyllic spot to build their house. syn. rustic, charming, peaceful, pastoral, unspoiled, romantic, simple, picturesque, heavenly, blissful. ant. urban, frenetic, noisy.

iffy

a. uncertain, unsettled, doubtful, questionable, “up in the air, dubious, unresolved, tentative, chancy. ant. certain, settled, sure.

ignite

v. 1. LIGHT set fire, burst into flames, touch off, kindle, blow up, put a match to, flare up, burn. 2. excite, arouse, agitate, spark. ant. douse, extinguish, smother.

ignoble

a. dishonorable, base, low, contemptible, despicable, shameful, corrupt, rotten, mean, disgraceful, vile, deplorable. ant. noble, honorable, admirable, good.

IGNOMINY

n. [IG num MIN ee] shame and dishonor. He suffered the ignominy of a jail sentence. syn. shame, dishonor, disgrace, infamy, disrepute, discredit, odium, degradation, loss of face, humiliation. ant. honor, glory.

ignoramus


ignorance

n. stupidity, inexperience, unenlightenment, illiteracy, denseness, naïveté, unfamiliarity, unconsciousness, empty-headedness, innocence, nescience, greenness. “The only slavery”—Ralph Ingersoll. ant. knowledge, experience, intelligence.

ignorant


ignore

v. disregard, overlook, skip, “pass over, slight, nevermind, discount, “turn a deaf ear on, neglect, pay no attention to, “bury one’s head in the sand, “give the cold shoulder. ant. regard, mind, heed.

illicit

n. harm, injury, hurt, pain, trouble, misfortune, damage, evil, misery, calamity, bad luck, tribulation. ant. good fortune.

ill

a. 1. sick ailing, sickly, unwell, afflicted, “laid low, “green around the gills, “under the weather, “out of sorts, “off one’s feed, “out of commission, bedridden, feverish, nauseated, diseased. 2. evil bad, wicked, harmful, malicious, sinful, wrong, nefarious, immoral, foul, nasty. ant. 1. healthy, well, sound. 2. good, moral, kind.

ill-advised

a. unwise, imprudent, misguided, stupid, foolish, short-sighted, harebrained, “half-baked, rash, injudicious. ant. wise, prudent.

ill-at-ease

a. uncomfortable, self-conscious, anxious, nervous, uneasy, apprehensive, awkward, insecure, shy, bashful. ant. relaxed, calm, confident.

illegal

a. against the law, unlawful, prohibited, forbidden, criminal, banned, illicit, outlawed, wrongful, felonious, shady, “black market. ant. legal, lawful, licit.

illegible

a. unreadable, indecipherable, unintelligible, “hard to make out, scrawled, scribbled, clear as mud, “hen scratching. ant. legible, readable.

illegitimate


ill-fated

a. doomed, unlucky, star-crossed. see UNFORTUNATE

illicit

a. unlawful, prohibited, improper. see ILLEGAL.

iliterate

a. uneducated, unschooled, unlettered. see IGNORANT.

ill-mannered

a. rude, beastly, discourteous, impolite, crude, coarse, uncivil, boorish, tacky, rough, vulgar. ant. courteous, mannerly, civil.

ill-natured

a. moody, ill-tempered, contentious, ill-humored, grouchy, irritating, crabby, touchy, sour, surly, waspish, cantankerous. ant. good-natured, easygoing, amiable.

illness

n. sickness, affliction, disorder, malady, ailment, disease, infirmity, syndrome, indisposition, poor health, complaint, “bug, virus. “A great leveler. At its touch, the artificial distinctions of society vanish away”—Max Thorek.

illogical

a. unscientific, unsound, fallacious, senseless, wacky, “screwy, inconsistent, invalid,
incongruous, unreasonable, wrong, irrational, *cockeyed. **ant. sound, correct, logical.

ill-suited a. unsuitable, incompatible. see inap-propriate

ill-tempered a. nasty, moody, explosive, ill-na-tured, contentious, grouchy, irritable, crabby, touchy, sour, surly, waspish, cantankerous. **ant. even-tempered, easygoing, good-natured.

illuminate v. 1. light up brighten, spotlight, radiate, beam, shine. 2. explain elucidate, clarify, throw light on, shed light on, clear up, define, enlighten, expound. **ant. 1. dark-en, dim. 2. obfuscate, muddy, obscure.

illumination n. 1. light luminescence, radiance, radiance, glow, shine. 2. explanation elucidation, clarification, enlightenment, knowledge, instruction, wisdom, insight, understanding.

illusion n. apparition, mirage, hallucination, misperception, pipe dream, vision, phan-tasm, figure of the imagination, delusion, fallacy, deception.

WORD FIND
false image of cliffs and rock faces projected onto sky above shorelines: fata morgana

illusory a. unreal, deceptive, imaginary, false, de-lusory, visionary, hallucinatory, fanciful, spu-rious, chimerical. **ant. real, concrete, true.

illustrate v. 1. make clear explain, demonstrate, illuminate, cite, elucidate, expound, clear up, make plain, describe, clarify, give an example, exemplify. 2. draw depict, paint, portray, sketch, diagram, delineate, decorate, adorn.

illustration n. 1. demonstration exemplification, example, anecdote, story, analogy, sampling, case in point, instance. 2. drawing depiction, painting, portrayal, sketch, diagram, cartoon, reproduction, design, figure, artwork, picture.

illustrious a. famous, renowned, distinguished, celebrated, prominent, eminent, notable, well-known, outstanding, acclaimed, esteemed. **ant. obscure, unknown, undisguised.

ill will n. hostility, animosity, hate, malice, dislike, enmity, antipathy, hard feelings, spite, venom, grudge. **ant. goodwill, friendliness, love.

image n. 1. representation picture, form, likeness, resemblance, imitation, copy, *carbon copy, mirror image, reproduction, facsimile, replica. 2. impression concept, idea, conception, mental picture, perception, thought.

imaginary a. fantasized, fancied, unreal, fan-tastic, visionary, invented, fictitious, *dreamed-up, made-up, conceived, mythical, hypothetical. **ant. real, actual, true.


imaginative a. creative, inventive, original, in-novative, *far-out, artistic, visionary, clever, ingenious, inspired, fanciful, fantastic, sur-real. **ant. unimaginative, unoriginal, prosaic, shallow.

imagine v. 1. picture think of, fantasize, con-ceive, visualize, envision, conceptualize, dream, invent, fancy, create, conjure up. 2. assume believe, think, deduce, expect, con-jecture, suspect, infer, surmise, suppose, guess.


IMBROGLIO n. [im BROL yo] a confusing or complicated situation causing misunderstanding and, sometimes, a fight. The police are experts at disentangling neighborhood imbroglios. **syn. predicament, entanglement, confusion, disagreement, mess, complication, confusion, problem, difficulty, dilemma, quandary, trouble, *Catch-22, stalemate, squabble.

imbue v. infuse, saturate, suffuse, permeate, steep, fill, impregnate, instill, pervade, inspire.

imitate v. copy, mimic, match, emulate, follow suit, ape, impersonate, clone, simulate, replicate, mirror, parrot, caricature, model after.


imitation a. simulated, fake, artificial, synthetic, ersatz, phony, bogus, mock. **ant. authentic, genuine, real.

immaculate a. clean, pure, flawless, *squeaky clean, uncorrupted, spotless, unsoiled, fault-
less, sinless, untainted, perfect, above reproach, pristine, virginal. ant. dirty, unclean, tainted, sinful, defiled.

immaterial a. irrelevant, impertinent, unimportant, insignificant, trivial, inconsequential, meaningless, extraneous. ant. important, vital, central, relevant.

immature a. young, undeveloped, incomplete, unfinished, imperfect, unseasoned, "green, infantile, babyish, childish, juvenile, sophomoric, inexperienced, "wet behind the ears, raw, unfl edged, callow, puerile. ant. mature, adult, experienced, seasoned.

immeasurable a. infinite, boundless, vast, inestimable, incalculable, limitless, unfathomable, inexhaustible, countless, neverending. ant. finite, measurable, limited.

immediate a. 1. instantaneous instant, now, present, current, sudden, prompt, swift, hasty, without delay. 2. near next, close, direct, neighboring, adjacent, adjoining, contiguous. ant. 1. slow, leisurely, eventual. 2. distant, remote.

immediately a. instantly, at once, without delay, now, presently, "in a wink, "in a heartbeat, "ticket-split, forthwith, "pronto, directly, "PDQ, "in a New York minute, "tout de suite, "before you can say "Jack Robinson, "before you can say "Bob's your uncle," "in a jiffy. ant. eventually, later.

immerse v. 1. dip submerge, sink, dunk, douse, duck, plunge, soak, baptize. 2. absorb engross, involve, engage, occupy.

impermeable a. impervious, impermeable, impenetrable, impenetrably, impenetrable, "waterproof, "oilproof, "airproofed, "unpenetrated, "unpenetrating.

impact n. collision crash, bang, striking, slam, bump, smash, blow, whack, crunch, jolt, concussion, thump, rock, meeting, percussion. 2. effect repercussion, force, influence, power, consequences, results, brunt.

imp v. injure, damage, weaken, hinder, debilitate, harm, hurt, lessen, worsen, diminish, undermine, deteriorate, disable, enfeeble. ant. strengthen, improve, fortify.

impale v. pierce, transfix, stab, run through, lance, spear, stick, prick, spike, puncture, skewer.

import v. communicate, make known, inform, tell, announce, pass on, relate, transmit, proclaim, convey, divulge.

IMPARTIAL a. [im PAR shul] completely fair and unbiased. We need an impartial judge to make the right decision. syn. fair, unbiased, neutral, disinterested, just, unprejudiced, objective, detached, equit able, dispassionate, nonpartisan. ant. partial, biased, partisan.
impasse n. dead end, cul-de-sac, deadlock, stalemate, gridlock, *Catch-22, morass, standstill, standoff, dead stop.

impassioned a. passionate, ardent, fervent, intense, fiery, vehement, enthusiastic, excited, burning, torrid, powerful, rousing, emotional. ANT. indifferent, apathetic, cool, dispassionate.

impassive a. emotionless, calm, placid, stoic, stony, cool, indifferent, apathetic, stolid, dispassionate, unfeeling, matter-of-fact, reserved, phlegmatic. ANT. impassioned, ardent, fervent.

impatience n. restlessness, eagerness, agitation, expectancy, *ants in one's pants, restiveness, itchiness, excitement. ANT. patience, calm.

impatient a. restless, eager, agitated, expectant, restive, itching, *antsy, *chomping at the bit, hurried, nervous, anxious, edgy, annoyed. ANT. patient, nonchalant, calm.

impede v. accuse, charge, indict, discredit, incriminate, denounce, impugn, point the finger at.

IMPECCABLE a. [im PEK uh bul] flawless, without fault or sin. The general's record was impeccable. SYN. flawless, faultless, perfect, immaculate, spotless, unblemished, irreproachable, virtuous, sinless, pure. ANT. flawed, imperfect, defective.

impedance n. measure of the degree to which a circuit or device resists the flow of alternating current. ANT. impedance, reactance.

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impediment n. barrier, obstacle, hindrance, block, stumbling block, obstruction, restriction, bar, check, holdup, delay, deterrent. ANT. help, facilitate, advance.

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imperfection n. flaw, fault, defect, deficiency, failing, blemish, shortcoming, malformation, weakness, inadequacy, disfigurement. ANT. perfection, faultlessness.

imperil v. endanger, jeopardize, hazard, *play with fire, risk, chance it, expose, *put one's life on the line. ANT. safeguard, protect.

IMPERIOUS a. [im PEER ee us] domineering and overbearing. He peered down his nose at us with his usual imperious expression. SYN. domineering, overbearing, lordly, arrogant, haughty, high-handed, tyrannical, bossy, authoritarian, commanding. ANT. deferential, mousy, bashful.

IMPERMEABLE a. [im PERM ee uh bul] water or air-tight; impenetrable. An impermeable membrane inside the container kept liquids from leaking out. SYN. impenetrable, watertight, airtight, waterproof, impervious, impassable, nonporous, sealed, leak-proof. ANT. permeable, porous.

impersonal a. unfriendly, detached, remote, distant, cold, businesslike, formal, cool, disinterested, objective, neutral. ANT. friendly, warm, personal.

impersonate v. imitate, ape, caricature, do an impression, mimic, double as, represent, mock, parody, pretend to be.

impertinent a. 1. IRRELEVANT not germane, immaterial, unrelated, extraneous, beside the point. 2. INSOLENT rude, impudent, disrespectful, saucy, brash, inappropriate, fresh, *smart-alecky, *flip, *mousy. ANT. 1. relevant, germane. 2. polite, respectful.

impervious a. inaccessible, dense. SEE IMPENETRABLE.

IMPETUOUS a. [im PECH oo us] acting thoughtlessly or without careful consideration. The impetuous youth drove without brakes and crashed into a wall. SYN. rash, impulsive, headlong, hasty, careless, spontaneous, reckless, foolhardy, precipitate, spur-of-the-moment. ANT. thoughtful, careful, prudent, cautious.

impetus n. incentive, stimulus, spur, motive, spark, instigation, motivation, goad, catalyst, drive, force.

impinge v. trespass, encroach, infringe, invade, intrude.

impious a. irreverent, sacriligious, blasphemous, ungodly, atheistic, irreligious, agnostic, sin- ful, iconoclastic, profane, immoral. ANT. pi- ous, religious, devout.

impish a. mischievous, troublesome, naughty, prankish, devilish, *bratty, rascally, roguish, puckish, pert. ANT. angelic, saintly.
implacable a. inflexible, inexorable, unap- peasable, unforgiving, relentless, merciless, veneful, vindictive, unbending. ANT. placa- ble, merciful, forgiving.
implausible a. unbelievable, improbable, un- likely, incredible, questionable, doubtful, du- bious, inconceivable, farfetched. ANT. plausi- ble, believable, likely, credible.
implement n. tool, utensil, instrument, device, contrivance, mechanism, apparatus, appli- ance, gadget, contraption. SEE TOOL.
implement v. start, fulfill, carry into effect, per- form, accomplish, bring about, execute, en- able.
implicate v. involve, point the finger at, accuse, embroil, name, incriminate, entangle, in- sinuate, connect, associate. ANT. exclud- e, acquit, exonerate.
imputation n. association, involvement, con- nection, link, inference, incrimination, sug- gestion, assumption, ramification.
imply a. [im PLIS it] not expressed explic- itly but implied or suggested. There was an implicit understanding that Joe was guilty. ANT. implied, suggested, unspoken, tacit, in- ferred, understood, unexpressed, deduced, hinted. ANT. explicit, spoken.
implied a. suggested, implicit, unspoken, in- ferred, hinted at, tacit, deduced, alluded to, indicated, insinuated.
implode v. collapse, cave in, fall in, fold.
imprest v. beg, beseech, ask, plead, entreat, ap- peal to, request, pray, supplicate.
imply v. suggest, hint, infer, allude to, indicate, point to, refer, insinuate, signify, mean.
impostor n. a. charlatan, humbug, mountebank, impersonator, charlatan, humbug.
impotent a. [IM puh tunt] powerless, weak, ineffective. Also, unable to engage in sexual intercourse. The marshall was impotent without his six-shooter. SYN. powerless, weak, ineffective, helpless, debilitated, incapacitated, emasculate, prostrate, inadequate, worthless. ANT. potent, strong, powerful.
impound v. confine, hold, retain, keep, imprison, pen, confiscate, seize, take.
impoverished a. poor, destitute, poverty-strick- en, indigent, penniless, impecunious, ru- ined, needy, broke, insolvent, bankrupt, strapped, hard up, receiving welfare, re- ceiving food stamps, living hand to mouth. ANT. rich, wealthy, affluent.
impractical a. unworkable, impracticable, unreal- istic, useless, wild, starry-eyed, chimerical, impossible, unfeasible, speculative, ideal- ical. ANT. practical, workable, viable, realistic, down-to-earth.
impregnable a. unyielding, firm, secure, invin- cible, invulnerable, indestructible, impen- etrable, strong, indomitable. ANT. impractical, yielding, vulnerable.
impregnate v. inseminate, fertilize, fecundate, procreate, make pregnant. "knock up.
impress v. 1. AFFECT influence, move, sway, stir, touch, grab, faze, strike, overwhelm, inspire, excite. 2. IMPRINT dent, indent, stamp, mold, engrave, emboss, mark.
impression n. 1. EFFECT influence, mark, im- pact, feeling. 2. FEELING notion, sense, in- kling, hunch, idea, suspicion, belief, sensa- tion, perception. 3. IMPRINT dent, indenta- tion, stamp, mold, engraving, mark.
impressive a. effective, powerful, striking, awe- some, extraordinary, profound, dramatic, imposing, moving, wondrous, admirable.
imprint - inadvertent

imprint n. impression, stamp, signature, trademark, seal.
imprison v. jail, incarcerate, immure, lock up, confine, cage, impound, put behind bars, *throw in the slammer, hold in custody, hold captive, *send up the river, detain. ANT. release, free, liberate.
improbable a. unlikely, doubtful, questionable, implausible, dubious, unrealistic, unbelievable, impossible, farfetched, unheard of. ANT. probable, likely, reasonable.
impromptu a. unrehearsed, extemporaneous, improvised, ad-lib, off the cuff, unprepared, spontaneous, offhand, *off the top of one’s head, spur-of-the-moment. ANT. rehearsed, prepared, planned.
improper a. unsuitable, inappropriate, unfitting, wrong, out of place, inapt, imprudent, uncalled for, incorrect, indecent, unseemly, indecorous, impolite, indelicate, offensive. ANT. proper, correct, appropriate, fitting.
impropriety n. slip, faux pas, gaffe, mistake, blunder, indecency, misstep, fault, bad taste, bad form.
improve v. make better, better, upgrade, reform, rework, correct, *touch up, *doctor, revise, enhance, mend, fix, refine, polish, enrich, ameliorate, promote, heal. ANT. worsen, damage, impair.
improvement n. enhancement, enrichment, amelioration, betterment, change for the better, progression, advance, upgrade, rectification, furtherance, revision. ANT. worsening, impairment, decline.
im provident a. thriftless, shortsighted, incautious, happy-go-lucky. ANT. prudent, cautious.
improvise v. invent, *wing it, *play by ear, make do, fake it, extemporize, make up, contrive, ad-lib, jury-rig.
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not on purpose, involuntary. **ant.** on purpose, designed, intentional, deliberate.

**inadvisable** a. unwise, ill-advised, foolish, wrong, imprudent, inadvisable, unadvised, injudicious, impetuous, inopportune, reckless, irrational, illogical, senseless, unintelligent, crazy. **ant.** wise, opportune.

**INANE** a. [i NANE] empty, silly or foolish, pointless. *The TV show was poorly written and inane.* syn. empty, silly, foolish, senseless, pointless, fatuous, insipid, thoughtless, ludicrous, stupid, idiotic, mindless. **ant.** deep, profound, intelligent, meaningful.

**inanimate** a. lifeless, dead, nonliving, inert, nonmoving, dull. **ant.** alive, animated.

**inapplicable** a. unsuited, unfit, inapt, irrelevant, immaterial, impertinent, incompatible, inappropriate. **ant.** applicable, suitable, relevant.

**inappropriate** a. unsuitable, unfitting, improper, incompatible, inapt, incorrect, out of line, wrong, uneasily, indecorous. **ant.** appropriate, fitting, suitable.

**inapt** a. see **inappropriate**

**inarticulate** a. mute, incoherent, indistinct, garbled, unintelligible, tongue-tied, speechless, taciturn, reticent, shy. **ant.** articulate, expressive, intelligible.

**inattentive** a. absentminded, daydreaming, *out to lunch, negligent, distracted, unob-servant, faraway, preoccupied, unconscious, heedless. **ant.** sharp, observant, *on the ball, aware.

**inaudible** a. silent, soundless, noiseless, un-intelligible, imperceptible, indistinct, low, muffled, out of earshot, below the threshold of hearing, quiet, still, stone silent, silent as a tomb, silent as the depths of space. **ant.** loud, deafening.

**inaugurate** v. 1. **induct** install, invest, instate. 2. **begin** commence, start, initiate, launch, set in motion, get under way.

**inauguration** n. 1. **induction** installation, investiture, instatement, *squealing in. 2. **beginning** commencement, start, initiation, launch, outset, institution.

**inborn** a. innate, inbred, congenital, natural, indigenous, inherent, inherited, native, in the genes, in the blood. **ant.** acquired, learned.

**inbred** a. genetic, congenital. see **inborn**

**incalculable** a. inestimable, immeasurable, countless, infinite, innumerable, unfathomable, endless, limitless, unknowable. **ant.** measurable, finite, limited.

**incantation** n. magic spell, magic charm, magic formula, hocus-pocus, abracadabra, con-

**incapable** a. unable, inept, incompetent, unskilled, inadequate, insufficient, helpless, impotent, ineffective, unfit, powerless. **ant.** capable, able, competent.

**incapacitated** a. disabled, crippled, handicapped, debilitated, disarmed, put out of action, *hamstrung, paralyzed, immobilized. **ant.** hale, healthy.

**incarcerate** v. jail, imprison, lock up, *throw in the slammer, confine, hold in custody, impound. **ant.** free, release, liberate.

**incasious** a. unwarly, careless, rash, reckless, imprudent, impetuous, injudicious, *devil-may-care, bold, unthinking, impulsive. **ant.** careful, wary, prudent, judicious.

**incendiary** a. rebellious, troublemaking, rabble-rousing, inflammatory, agitating, provocative, stirring, ardent, electrifying, fiery. **ant.** pacifying.

**incense** n. aromatic, scent, pastille, tablet, stick, spice, essence, perfume, joss stick, sandalwood, frankincense.

**incensed** a. enraged, angry, outraged, furious, wrathful, infuriated, *up in arms, mad, pissed, irate, peeved, rankled, indignant, ticked off, fired up. **ant.** calm, unruffled, composed. see **angry**

**incentive** n. motivation, motive, inducement, stimulus, goad, provocation, impetus, spur, consideration, enticement, lure.

**incension** n. start, beginning, origin, outset, birth, commencement, debut, conception, initiation. **ant.** end, close, finish, death.

**INCESSANT** a. [in SES unt] never ceasing, nonstop. *I'm sick of your incessant complaining.* syn. unceasing, neverending, relentless, constant, perpetual, continual, unremitting, unending, persistent. **ant.** infrequent, sporadic, intermittent, occasional.

**incest** n. sexual abuse, molestation, statutory crime.

**incident** n. event, occurrence, happening, experience, affairepisode, occasion, circumstance, matter, scene, encounter.

**incidental** a. casual, accidental, chance, random, odd, *flaky, coincidental, secondary, minor, subordinate, unimportant, insignificant, negligible. **ant.** main, central, basic.

**incidentally** adv. by the way, parenthetically, speaking of that, by the by.

**incinerate** v. burn, cremate, consume, reduce to ashes.

**incinerator** n. burner, furnace, crematory, crematorium, gas chamber.
incipient adj. beginning, commencing, developing, newborn, nascent, initial, embryonic, developing, early.

incision n. slit, slash, scratch, score, gash. See cut


incite v. instigate, spark, prompt, rouse, stir, spur, provoke, goad, inflame, whip up, agitate, encourage, *egg on. Ant. dissuade, dampen, stop.

incivility n. rudeness, discourtesy, disrespect, impoliteness, bad manners, tactlessness, roughness, coarseness. Ant. civility, courtesy, politeness.

inclement adj. rough, stormy, harsh, severe, raw, nasty, foul, violent. Ant. element, mild, nice.

incision n. slit, slash, scratch, score, gash. See cut

inclination n. disposition, tendency, proclivity, bent, penchant, propensity, leaning, drift, bias, predilection, preference.

inclined adj. disposed, prone, tending, liable, likely, predisposed. Ant. unwilling, reluctant, disinclined.

include v. involve, incorporate, comprise, hold, embody, contain, comprehend, take into account, number, accommodate, embrace. Ant. exclude, preclude, omit.

incognito n. in disguise, masked, concealed, clandestine, anonymous. Ant. exposed, revealed, unmasked.


inconceivable adj. unimaginable, unthinkable, unbelievable, incredible, incomprehensible, mind-boggling, hard to grasp, unheard of, fantastic. Ant. believable, reasonable, plausible.

incomplete adj. unfinished, lacking, deficient, wanting, imperfect, immature, short, insufficient, rough, fragmentary. Ant. complete, finished, done.

incomprehensible adj. beyond comprehension, unintelligible, baffling, *beyond me, bewildering, *over one’s head, unfathomable, unexplainable, deep, profound, mysterious, *clear as mud. Ant. clean, plain, understandable.

incompatible adj. unsuited, incongruous, clashing, contrary, contradictory, mismatched, inharmonious, conflicting, opposite, *different as night and day. Ant. compatible, harmonious, suited, *like hand in glove.

incompetent adj. inadequate, incapable, unskilled, inept, unfit, bumbling, useless, unable, out of one’s league, out of one’s element, inexperienced, ignorant, *all thumbs, unqualified, bungling, expert. Ant. competent, skilled, capable, expert.

income n. revenue, profit, gross, net, earnings, pay, *take-home, wages, salary, yield, receipts, gain, proceeds.

incomparable adj. peerless, unequaled, matchless, unrivaled, superior, supreme, beyond compare, superlative, second to none. Ant. run-of-the-mill, average, *just another brick in the wall.

incompatible adj. unsuited, incongruous, clashing, contrary, contradictory, mismatched, inharmonious, conflicting, opposite, *different as night and day. Ant. compatible, harmonious, suited, *like hand in glove.
another brick in the wall. \textit{ant.} conspicuous, distinguished, obvious, *standing out like a sore thumb.

\textbf{inconstant} \textit{a.} irregular, erratic, variable, unstable, changing, intermittent, unsteady,ickle. \textit{ant.} constant, steady, stable.

\textbf{incontrovertible} \textit{a.} indisputable, beyond doubt, established, certain, incontestable, solid, undeniable, irrefutable. \textit{ant.} debatable, questionable, doubtful.

\textbf{inconvenient} \textit{a.} bothersome, troublesome, inopportune, untimely, burdensome, disadvantageous, cumbersome, discommoding. \textit{ant.} convenient, advantageous, timely.

\textbf{incorporate} \textit{v.} include, involve, embody, comprise, unite, join, integrate, consolidate, merge, combine, associate.

\textbf{incorrect} \textit{a.} wrong, in error, inaccurate, erroneous, faulty, false, inexact, fallacious, *way off. \textit{ant.} correct, right, accurate.

\textbf{incorrigible} \textit{a.} [in KAWR ih bul] incapable of improving or becoming reformed. The incorrigible youth was destined for the county jail. \textit{syn.} hardened, hopeless, beyond help, irreformable, irredeemable, lost, intractable, incurable, recidivous, *unbreakable, *dyed in the wool. \textit{ant.} correctable, reformable, curable.

\textbf{incorruptible} \textit{a.} honest, moral, honorable, virtuous, noble, principled, ethical, righteous, irrepiable, innocent, *squeaky clean. \textit{ant.} corrupt, dishonest, immoral, dishonorable.

\textbf{increase} \textit{n.} growth, rise, enlargement, addition, expansion, enhancement, escalation, upsurge, intensification, broadening, burgeoning. \textit{ant.} decrease, reduction, shrinkage.

\textbf{increase} \textit{v.} grow, rise, enlarge, add, expand, enhance, escalate, surge, intensify, broaden, burgeon, amplify, swell, advance, heighten, augment, *snowball, mushroom, multiply, build, inflate, double, triple. \textit{ant.} decrease, reduce, shrink, deflate.

\textbf{incredible} \textit{a.} unbelievable, improbable, inconceivable, farfetched, unimaginable, extraordinary, fantastic, awesome, miraculous, wonderful, astonishing, fabulous, *unreal. \textit{ant.} credible, believable, ordinary.

\textbf{incrédulous} \textit{a.} [in KREH loo lus] unbelieving, skeptical. The cop looked incredulous; clearly he didn't believe the driver's story. \textit{syn.} unbelieving, doubting, skeptical, suspicious, dubious, distrustful, mistrusting, unconvinced, cynical. \textit{ant.} credulous, trusting, believing, gullible.

\textbf{increment} \textit{n.} addition, accession, step, increase, rise, gain, augmentation, accretion.

\textbf{incriminate} \textit{v.} accuse, charge, *point the finger at, blame, involve, implicate, *blow the whistle on, *squeal.

\textbf{incubus} \textit{n.} evil spirit, demon, devil, sex demon, fiend, godlin, hogoblin, nightmare.

\textbf{incur} \textit{v.} contract, acquire, get, gain, come into, bring upon oneself, bargain for.

\textbf{incurable} \textit{a.} fatal, deadly, terminal, uncorrectable, hopeless, inoperable. \textit{ant.} curable, remedial.

\textbf{incursion} \textit{n.} inroad, infiltration, encroachment, advance, penetration, invasion, raid, foray.

\textbf{indebted} \textit{a.} obligated, beholden, bound, owing, appreciative, thankful, grateful. \textit{ant.} free, unbound, independent.

\textbf{indecency} \textit{n.} obscenity, foulness, offensiveness, vulgarity, filthiness, *raunchiness, vulen, incurvility, crudity, impropriety.


\textbf{indecisive} \textit{a.} 1. uncertain wavering, faltering, vacillating, wavilng, irresolute, wishy-washy, hesitant, undecided, *of two minds. 2. inconclusive, unclear, indeterminate, unsettled, *up in the air. \textit{ant.} 1. certain, positive, resolute. 2. conclusive, settled.

\textbf{indeed} \textit{adv.} truly, certainly, surely, verily, by all means, positively, really.

\textbf{indefatigable} \textit{a.} tireless, untiring, inexhaustible, unflagging, energetic, unflagtering, dogged, unremitting, persevering, diligent, tenacious. \textit{ant.} slothful, sluggish, anemic.

\textbf{indefectible} \textit{a.} inexorable, unjustifiable, unforgivable, untenable, weak, insupportable. \textit{ant.} defensible, excusable, justifiable.

\textbf{indefinite} \textit{a.} uncertain, imprecise, ambiguous, undetermined, inexact, vague, indeterminate, unspecified, unknown, indistinct, ill-defined. \textit{ant.} definite, specific, precise, unambiguous.


\textbf{indelicate} \textit{a.} coarse, rough, crude, gross, offensive, indecorous, tactless, unrefined, indecent, immodest, rude, lewd. \textit{ant.} delicate, refined, decent.

\textbf{indent} \textit{v.} dent, depress, dimple, push in, mark, impress, hollow.


indescribable a. beyond words, inexpressible, nondescript, extraordinary, incredible, strange, wondrous.

indestructible a. unbreakable, lasting, durable, permanent, enduring, immortal, deathless. ANT. fragile, delicate, mortal.

indeterminate a. indefinite, inexact, vague, uncertain, inconclusive, unclear, unspecified. ANT. exact, specific, precise.

indicate v. signify, denote, mark, show, point out, express, tell, suggest, demonstrate, imply, designate, specify, symbolize.

indication n. sign, signal, symptom, hint, testimony, evidence, manifestation, intimidation, clue, telling, suggestion, attestation, warning, portent.

indicator n. pointer, dial, gauge, register, sign, guide, index, barometer.

INDICT v. [in DITE] to charge with a crime, accuse. He was indicted by the grand jury. SYN. charge, accuse, arraign, cite, incriminate, impute, prosecute, impeach.

INDICTMENT n. [in DITE munt] a formal charge of a crime, a written accusation. The grand jury handed down an indictment against three gang members. SYN. charge, accusation, imputation, arraignment, incrimination, implication, complaint, blame, allegation, summons, prosecution, impeachment.

indifference a. apathy, disinterest, unconcern, nonchalance, impassiveness, lack of interest, detachment, stoniness, disregard, insensitivity. "The worst sin toward our fellow creatures."—George Bernard Shaw. ANT. interest, concern, passion.

INDIFFERENT a. [in DIF ur un] unconcerned, not interested, apathetic. She didn’t care who won the election; she was indifferent. SYN. unconcerned, disinterested, apathetic, impassive, detached, nonchalant, cool, lukewarm, removed, blasé, uninvolved. ANT. interested, concerned, passionate, involved.


indignation n. anger, fury, wrath, rage, resentment, offense, displeasure, ire, exasperation, irritation, gall. ANT. delight, pleasure. SEE ANGER

indignity n. insult, affront, humiliation, embarrassment, outrage, *slap in the face, abuse, shun, disrespect, *snub.

indirect a. 1. roundabout circuitous, wandering, divergent, tortuous, digressive, deviating, oblique, sidelong. 2. INCIDENTAL secondary, unintentional, ancillary, circumstantial. 3. DISHONEST backhanded, deceitful, sneaky. ANT. 1. direct, straight. 2. primary. ANT. 3. direct, honest, straightforward.

indiscreet a. imprudent, unwise, injudicious, careless, thoughtless, insensitive, hasty, rash. ANT. discreet, sensitive, considerate.

indiscretion n. imprudence, injudiciousness, blunder, impropriety, mistake, gaffe, misstep, faux pas, lapse, *slip, gaucherie, transgression, offense.

indiscriminate a. random, careless, unparticular, casual, uncritical, undiscriminating, haphazard, promiscuous, unmethodical, hit-or-miss, unselective. ANT. discriminating, selective.

indispensable a. necessary, essential, vital, needed, requisite, required, crucial, fundamental, basic, critical. ANT. extraneous, dispensable, superfluous.


indisputable a. irrefutable, incontrovertible, undeniable, clear, beyond doubt, incontrovertible, unquestionable, *open and shut, solid. ANT. questionable, debatable, dubious.

indistinct a. vague, fuzzy, ambiguous, obscure, faint, dim, hazy, unclear, unintelligible, blurry, undefined, out of focus, nebulous, undecipherable. ANT. distinct, clear, sharp, defined.
individual n. person, human being, body, soul, character, man, woman, guy, girl, boy, personality.

individual a. single, separate, distinctive, sole, lone, exclusive, peculiar, particular, unique, singular, characteristic, specific, special, personal. ANT. group, general, common, universal.

individuality n. personality, character, distinction, difference, uniqueness, singularity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, originality, self, temperament.

INDOCTRINATE v. [in DAWK truh nate] to teach or instruct, to transfer one’s beliefs to another. The cult thoroughly indoctrinates new members with its beliefs. SYN. teach, influence, enlighten, train, implant, instill, “beat into one’s head, brainwash, program. ANT. denigrate.

INDOLENT a. [IN duh lunt] lazy. He was homeless because he was indolent, not unlucky. SYN. lazy, idle, slothful, “allergic to work, listless, inactive, shiftless, do-nothing. ANT. industrious, bustling, “go-getting.

indomitable a. invincible, unyielding, unconquerable, unbeatable, insurmountable, dogged, steadfast, staunch, resolute, tough. ANT. yielding, weak, “wimpy.

indubitably adv. certainly, unquestionably, undoubtedly, surely, undeniably, definitely.

induce v. bring on, persuade, encourage, produce, influence, talk into, instigate, incite, prompt, cause, abet, prevail upon, sway, effect.


ind_Put.length inflict, engraft, incise, cut, sew in, inure.

indulge v. gratify, humor, satisfy, spoil, pamper, coddle, accommodate, splurge, treat oneself, “baby oneself.


industrious a. hardworking, bustling, on the go, busy, “busy as a bee, hustling, “high octane, aggressive, productive, assiduous, diligent, dynamic, vigorous, constructive. ANT. indolent, lazy, slothful.

industry n. 1. business manufacturing, enterprise, trade, commerce. 2. hard work effort, industriousness, labor, toil, diligence, enterprise, activity.


ineffective a. ineffectual, impotent, useless, inadequate, incompetent, vain, futile, unproductive, powerless, fruitless. ANT. effective, powerful, potent.

ineffectual a. see ineffective

inefficient a. deficient, unfit, inapt, inept, incompetent, “below par, ineffective, wasteful, time-wasting, slow, disorganized, sloppy. ANT. efficient, effective.

inept a. [in URT] awkward, clumsy, incompetent; unsuitable. Every beginning carpenter is inept. SYN. awkward, clumsy, incompetent, unfit, unskilled, bungling, “all thumbs, ungraceful, oafish, maladroit, wrong, unsuitable, inappropriate. ANT. competent, skilled, graceful, appropriate.

inequitable a. unequal, unfair, uneven, unjust, unbalanced, biased, partial, one-sided. ANT. equal, fair.

inert a. [in ERT] inactive, motionless. The substance had completed its chemical reaction and was now inert. SYN. inactive, still, motionless, lifeless, dead, unresponsive, quiescent, dormant, passive, static, sleepy, sluggish. ANT. active, moving, reactive.

inertia n. inactivity, stillness, lifelessness, quiescence, passivity, stasis, stagnation, paralysis, sluggishness, laziness. ANT. activity, motion, business.

inevitable a. unavoidable, inescapable, inexorable, assured, certain, irrevocable, unacceptable, ordained, fate, designated, predetermined. ANT. avoidable, escapable, preventable.

inexusable a. unforgivable, unpardonable, unacceptable, outrageous, indefensible, unjustifiable, reprehensible, intolerable. ANT. forgivable, understandable, acceptable.

inexhaustible a. 1. unlimited limitless, boundless, infinite, bountiful, measureless, endless. 2. tireless unflagging. ANT. 1. limited, finite. 2. tiring.


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inexperienced  a. green, unseasoned, unfamiliar, unschooled, virgin, unfledged, immature, innocent, young, untrained, raw, callow, ignorant, "wet behind the ears, rookie, naive, unsophisticated.  ANT. practiced, veteran, seasoned, sophisticated.

inexplicable a. unexplainable, mysterious, baffling, puzzling, bewildering, incomprehensible, undecipherable, inscrutable.  ANT. explainable, understandable, explicable.

infallible a. unerring, accurate, unfauling, flawless, perfect, reliable, dependable, trustworthy, foolproof, impeccable.  ANT. fallible, imperfect, erring.

INFAMOUS a.  [IN fuh mus] having a bad or scandalous reputation, notorious.  The infamous gangster went on trial today.  SYN. notorious, disreputable, disgraceful, scandalous, villainous, dishonorable, shameful, wicked, evil, low, wretched, reprehensible, despicable.  ANT. virtuous, illustrious, noble, revered.

infamy n. bad reputation, scandalous reputation, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, shame, villainy, evil, wickedness, notoriety, ignominy, opprobrium.  ANT. honor, nobility, repute.

infant n. newborn, tot, toddler.  SEE BABY

infantile a. babyish, childish, juvenile, immature, spoiled, innocent, young, untrained, raw, callow, ignorant, "wet behind the ears, rookie, naive, unsophisticated.  ANT. practiced, veteran, seasoned, sophisticated.


inflect v. contaminate, poison, taint, pollute, affect, disease, defile, corrupt, befoul.

infectious a. catching, contagious, spreading, communicable, transmittable, transferable, epidemic, pestilential, poisonous, toxic, virulent.  ANT. nontoxic, benign.

inference n. deduction, conclusion, assumption, presumption, corollary, supposition, figuring, guess, reckoning, judgment, interpretation, reasoning.


infernal a. hellish, diabolic, Stygian, fiendish, demonic, satanic, devilish, hateful, outrageous, evil, damned, damnable.  ANT. heavenly, angelic, saintly, godly.

inferno n. hellfire, conflagration.  SEE HELL

infertile a. barren, sterile, unproductive, unfruitful, infecund, impotent, depleted, exhausted, fallow.  ANT. fertile, productive, fecund.

infest v. overrun, swarm, populate, spread, pervade, flood, fill, overwhelm, teem.

infidel n. nonbeliever, atheist, non-Christian, non-Muslim, pagan, heathen, heretic, disseunter, idolater, agnostic.  ANT. believer, follower.

infidelity n. unfaithfulness, disloyalty, betrayal, treachery, perfidy, adultery, cheating, *tow-timing.  ANT. fidelity, loyalty, faithfulness.

infilitrate v. pass through, creep in, penetrate, intrude, impregnate, permeate.

infinite a. endless, boundless, limitless, unlimited, countless, immeasurable, innumerable, inexhaustible, astronomical, vast, immense, never ending, eternal, ceaseless, perpetual.  ANT. finite, limited, ending.

INFINITESIMAL a.  [IN fin i TES uh muh] infinitely small, microscopic.  The odds of winning the contest were infinitesimal.  SYN. infinitely small, microscopic, tiny, minute, imperceptible, negligible, inappreciable, atomic, minuscule, slight.  ANT. gigantic, huge, enormous, great.


infirm a. weak, feeble, sick, faint, shaky, fragile, ailing, frail, debilitated, unsound, powerless, faltering, decrepit.  ANT. strong, robust, sound, powerful.

infirmary n. hospital, dispensary, treatment center, clinic, pharmacy, nurse's station, sick bay, medical facility.  SEE HOSPITAL

infirmity n. weakness, ailment, sickness, illness, handicap, condition, disease, frailty, affliction, malady.  SEE DISEASE, MEDICINE

inflame v. fire, spark, ignite, agitate, excite, incite, impaasion, fan the fire, aggravate, enrage, rile, intensify.

inflammable a. combustible, see flammable

inflammation n. redness, swelling, pain, immune response, tissue irritation, tenderness.

inflammatory a. fiery, explosive, incendiary, provocative, inciting, rabble-rousing, riotous, instigative.  ANT. conciliatory, pacific, mollifying.

inflate v. blow up, swell, increase, dilate, distend, expand, puff up, blow up, stretch, grow, balloon.  ANT. deflate, contract, shrink.
inflation

n. increase, runaway prices, oversupply of currency, stagflation. see economy

inflexible

a. 1. hard unyielding, rigid, firm, stiff, unmalleable. 2. stubborn unyielding, adamant, firm, uncompromising, obstinate, rigid, unbending, intractable, fixed, pigheaded. ant. 1. flexible, soft, malleable. 2. compromising, yielding.

inflict

v. impose, deal out, administer, visit upon, wreak, bring to bear, mete out.

influence

n. power, pull, control, clout, weight, authority, leadership, pressure, force, effect, dominance, sway.

influence

v. sway, control, persuade, move, incline, affect, act on, impact upon, impress, direct, turn, shape, *pull strings, manipulate.

influential

a. powerful, persuasive, weighty, compelling, authoritative, effective, consequential, potent, inspiring, charismatic, forceful, important. ant. unimportant, trivial, meaningless.

influenza

n. flu, *bug, virus, viral infection, respiratory virus, grippe, chills and fever, Hong Kong flu, Asian flu, disease, illness, sickness, bacterial pneumonia, bronchitis.

see disease

WORD FIND

widespread: epidemic, pandemic, outbreak.

influx

n. inflow, arrival, incoming, infusion, pouring, tide.

inform

v. tell, let know, advise, apprise, fill in, enlighten, notify, communicate to, *squeal, *rat on, tattle, snitch, fink.

informal

a. casual, relaxed, unofficial, unceremonious, simple, workaday, down-home, breezy, *laid-back, loose, natural. ant. formal, ceremonious, stiff, official.

information


informative

a. educational, enlightening, instructive, edifying, informational, illuminating, explanatory. ant. unredeeming, unhelpful.

informed

a. educated, knowing, in the know, advised, savvy, up-to-date, au courant, briefed, *up to speed, knowledgeable, enlightened, *up on, conversant with, abreast of. ant. ignorant, unaware.

informant


infraction

n. violation, infringement, breach, lawbreaking, transgression, offense, malfeasance, trespass. see law

infrastructure

n. foundation, base, framework, underpinning, support, structure.

infrequent

a. rare, seldom, occaisional, odd, unusual, exceptional, irregular, limited, *few and far between. ant. frequent, often.

infringe

v. trespass, violate, transgress, intrude, encroach, contravene.

infuriate

v. enrage, anger, *make one’s blood boil, outrage, madden, *burn up, incense, rile, inflame, *get one’s dander up. ant. pacify, mollify.

infuse

v. instill, impart, imbue, inspire, inculcate, fill, ingrain, infect, implant, suffuse, permeate, introduce.

ingenious


ingenuous

a. innocent, naif, juvenile, *babe in the woods, young woman, debutante.

ingenuity

n. cleverness, brilliance, intelligence, resourcefulness, creativity, inventiveness, shrewdness, imagination, skill, proficiency, genius.

INGENUOUS

a. [in JEN yoo us] unsophisticated, unworldly, naive, artless and honest. Most young children are naturally ingenuous. syn. unsophisticated, unworldly, naive, artless, honest, simple, up-front, innocent, childlike, open, sincere, genuine, candid, frank, direct. ant. disingenuous, artful, sophisticated, deceitful, insincere.

ingest

v. swallow, consume, eat.

inglorious

a. shameful, dishonorable, disgraceful, ignominious, odious, scandalous, disreputable, infamous, reprehensible. ant. honorable, commendable.

ingrained


INGRATIATE

v. [in GRA she ate] to court favor with someone or purposely try to get on his or her good side. After the argument she attempted to ingratiate herself with her boyfriend by preparing a special dinner. syn. court, blandish, *kiss up, *brownnose, charm, flatter, *get on one’s good side, *better up, curry favor, cajole, kow tow.

ingratitude

n. ungratefulness, unthankfulness.

ingredient

n. element, component, part, constituent, item.
inhabit v. live, abide, reside, lodge, dwell, occupy, stay at, populate.
inhabitant n. resident, occupant, lodger, tenant, renter, boarder, citizen, native, denizen.
inhale v. breathe, draw a breath, gasp, inspire, sniff.
INHERENT a. [in HEER unt, in HER unt] existing naturally, as an inborn trait, innate, native. The drive to survive is inherent in every living thing. syn. natural, inborn, innate, native, existing, instinctive, hereditary, built-in, ingrained, fundamental, essential. ANT: extrinsic, alien, foreign, unnatural.
inheritance n. legacy, bequest, estate, birthright, endowment, gift heirloom.
inherited a. genetic, inbred, in the genes, hereditary, connate, in the blood, inborn, passed down, innate. ANT: acquired, learned.
inhibit v. hinder, restrain, check, repress, arrest, cramp, hold back, obstruct, constrict, impede, forbid, prohibit. ANT: free, encourage, let.
inhibited a. shy, withdrawn, self-conscious, reticent, reserved, guarded, upright, bashful, self-censoring, stiff. ANT: spontaneous, outgoing, uninhibited.
inhibition n. 1. shyness self-consciousness, withdrawal, reticence, reserve, guardedness, uprightness, bashfulness, self-censorship, stiffness. 2. restraint restriction, hindrance, check, constriction, blockage, prohibition. ANT: 1. spontaneity, outgoingness, unrestraint. 2. freedom, liberty.
inhospitable a. unfriendly, forbidding, unkind, ungracious, hostile, cold, unwelcoming, aloof, unsociable. ANT: hospitable, friendly, warm.
inhuman a. beastly, cruel, inhumane, brutal, cold-blooded, merciless, pitiless, heartless, savage, animal, vicious, barbaric, unfeeling, ferocious, malicious. ANT: human, humane, compassionate, kind.
inhumane a. SEE INHUMAN
inhumanity n. beastliness, cruelty, brutality, cold-bloodedness, savagery, viciousness, barbarity, maliciousness. ANT: humanity, compassion, kindness.
imitable a. unequalled, unmatched, preeminent, incomparable, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed, peerless, supreme. ANT: comparable, similar, surpassed.
iniquity n. wickedness, evil, injustice, sinfulness, wrong, immorality, wrongdoing, godlessness, abomination, infamy, crime. ANT: virtue, righteousness, morality, justice.

initial a. first, original, primary, beginning, earliest, inaugural, opening, commencing, maiden, embryonic. ANT: last, final, closing.
initiate v. 1. start originate, begin, commence, introduce, usher in, institute, launch, establish, kick off, pioneer. 2. teach instruct, train, acquaint with, familiarize with, tutor, train, indoctrinate, inculcate. 3. induct into state, enroll.
initiation n. start, beginning, commencement, entrance, introduction, institution, launch, kickoff, inception, debut, induction.
initiative n. 1. first step first move, start, lead, beginning, kickoff. 2. enterprise ambition, resourcefulness, hustle, drive, get up and go, dynamism, push, aggressiveness.
inject v. insert, introduce, put in, implant, infuse, imbue, inoculate, shoot up, mainline.
injection n. shot, booster shot, inoculation, vaccine, vaccination, infusion, dose.
injure v. harm, damage, hurt, wound, maim, bruise, impair, cripple, weaken, disfigure, mangle, afflict, mutilate, abuse.
injurious a. harmful, damaging, hurtful, wounding, maiming, bruising, impairing, crippling, pernicious, weakening, deleterious, disfiguring, destructive. ANT: healing, helpful, reconstructive.
injury n. harm, damage, hurt, wound, impairment, boo-boo, indignity, disfigurement, scar, abrasion, concussion, dislocation, whiplash.
injustice n. unfairness, inequity, mistreatment, inequality, wrong, injury, crime, miscarriage, outrage, offense, inequity, discrimination, bias, grievance. ANT: justice, fairness, equity.
inkling n. hint, suggestion, indication, glimmer, idea, clue, notion, suspicion, trace.
in n. lodging, hotel, motel, motor inn, motor court, bed and breakfast, hostel, resort, roadhouse.
INNATE a. [I NATE] naturally present, as from birth. Infants have an innate ability to grasp.
inner a. 1. interior inside, internal, inward, central, middle. 2. private personal, intimate, mental, psychic, interior, gut, spiritual, emotional, psychological, secret. ANT: 1. outer, external, exterior. 2. outer, public, surface.
innocence n. 1. freedom from guilt blamelessness, clean hands, virtue, inculpability, clear
innocent  a. 1. FREE FROM GUILT blameless, pure, *clean, inculpable, above suspicion, sinless, unimpeachable, guilt-free, guiltless, uncorrupt, immaculate, irrefutable. 2. SIMPLE, AS A CHILD naive, childlike, harmless, unsophisticated, unsophisticated, unworldly, ingenuous, artless, guileless, pure of heart. "Those who not only are guiltless themselves but who think others are."—Josh Billings. ANT. 1. guilt, unclean hands, corruption. 2. sophisticated, worldly, artful, disengenuous.

innocent - insanity

INQUEST n. [IN kwest] a legal inquiry, such as that made by a coroner to determine the cause of death of one who has died under suspicious circumstances. The inquest officially termed the death suspicious. SYN. inquiry, probe, investigation, hearing, inquisition, examination.

inquire v. 1. ASK question, query, quiz, interrogate, pry, feel out, grill, pump, seek information, cross-examine. 2. LOOK INTO investigate, probe, examine, scrutinize, inspect, *sniff out, study, track down, *leave no stone unturned.

inquiry n. 1. QUESTIONING query, quiz, interrogation, inquisition, *Q and A, grilling, *third degree, cross-examination. 2. INVESTIGATION probe, examination, scrutiny, inspection, study, analysis, exploration.


inroad n. advance, encroachment, intrusion, trespassing, infiltration, foray, onslaught, infringement.


insanity n. mental illness, psychosis, derangement, dementia, schizophrenia, paranoia, madness, lunacy, craziness, unbalance, psychosis, diseased mind, loss of reason. "A perfectly rational adjustment to the insane world."—R.D. Laing. SEE DISEASE, MANIA, NEUROSIS, PHOBIA.

WORD FIND
alcoholic's: delirium tremens, hallucinosis, Korsakoff's psychosis
amnesic flight from reality: fugue state
brain lobe removal treatment: prefrontal lobotomy
conscience, without: antisocial personality, sociopathic
corpse, sexual attraction to: necrophilism
delusion that one is great or powerful: delusions of grandeur
deteriorating behavior due to long-term stress: compensation
emotional agitation, extreme: hysteria

conscience, purity, righteousness. 2. SIMPLICITY naivete, harmlessness, unsophistication, unworldliness, ingenuousness, artlessness, gullibility, unfamiliarity. "The unbounded hope, the heavenly ignorance."—Lord Byron. ANT. 1. guilt, unclean hands, corruption. 2. artfulness, worldliness, sophistication, disengenuousness.


innovator n. creator, pioneer, inventor, groundbreaker, father, architect, trailblazer, discoverer, trendsetter, pacesetter, avant-gardist.

INNUENDO n. [IN yoo EN do] a remark or reference made indirectly that implies something negative. He never insulted the company directly, but by innuendos and subtle hints. SYN. insinuation, oblique remark, intimation, suggestion, hint, allusion, implication, reference, overtone, *winking compliment, veiled sarcasm.

innumerable a. countless, numberless, myriad, *umpteen, incalculable, infinite, untold. ANT. finite, limited, measurable.

inoculation n. immunization, injection, shot, vaccination. SEE DISEASE

inoesparate a. unobjectionable, innocuous, harmless, clean, innocent, quiet, unobtrusive, wholesome. ANT. offensive, objectionable.

inopportune a. untimely, inconvenient, ill-timed, unseasonable, disadvantageous, inauspicious, unfavorable. ANT. opportune, timely.

inordinate a. excessive, immoderate, extravagant, unreasonable, disproportionate, uncalled for, exorbitant, unwarranted. ANT. reasonable, proportionate, moderate.
**insatiable - insolent**

**excessive, irrational talking:** logorrhea

**hands, delusion one has lost one or both:** achiria

**memory loss, profound:** amnesia

**mood swings disorder:** manic-depressive psychosis

**multiple personality:** multiple personality, split personality

**nonstop talking:** logomania

**odor hallucination:** phantosmia

**overeating, pathologic:** hyperphagia

**perception of sights, sounds, smells that aren't there:** hallucination

**persecution, delusions of:** paranoia

**pregnant, delusion that one is:** pseudocyesis

**primitive behavior, reverting to:** atavism

**psychosis involving thought processes, moods, emotion:** schizophrenia

**schizophrenia marked by constant silly grin:** hebephrenia

**shock therapy:** electroconvulsive therapy

**stupor marked by muteness, motionlessness:** catatonia

**unstable or rapidly changing moods:** lability

**insatiable** a. unquenchable, ravenous, voracious, unappeasable, glutinous, greedy, unsatisfiable, wanting, desiring, *hungry for more. ANT. satiable, satisfiable.

**inscribe** v. write, print, engrave, carve, sign, mark, imprint, impress, autograph

**inscription** n. wording, message, statement, epitaph, epigraph, blurb, imprint, impression, signature, autograph, dedication, engraving

**inscrutable** a. unfathomable, mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable, unknowable, indecipherable, hidden, incomprehensible, unreadable, secret. ANT. knowable, readable, obvious.

**insect** n. bug, *creepy crawler, vermin, pest, louse, cootie, flea, gnat, mite, aphid, fly, ant, tick, mosquito, beetle, termite, weevil, horsefly, bee, wasp, hornet, cockroach, midge, no-see-um, earwig, cricket, grasshopper, katydid, praying mantis, ladybug

**insecure** a. 1. unsure, uncertain, anxious, lacking confidence, doubtful, diffident, timid, shy, apprehensive. 2. unsafe, defenseless, vulnerable, unprotected, unguarded, exposed, dangerous, hazardous, perilous, precarious. ANT. 1. confident, sure. 2. safe, guarded, defended, invulnerable.

**insensitive** a. unfeeling, thoughtless, inconsiderate, indifferent, obtuse, callous, unconcerned, hardened, thick-skinned, unrefined. ANT. sensitive, considerate, thoughtful.

**insert** v. put in, inject, implant, introduce, pop in, tuck in, enter, imbed, place, stick, root, inlay, *shoehorn. ANT. remove, extract.

**inside** n. interior, middle, inards, soul, guts, heart.

**INSIDIOUS** a. [in SID ee us] working in a treacherous or sneaky way and quietly producing severe results. Cancer is frequently insidious; by the time victims learn they have it, it may be too late. SYN. treacherous, sneaky, sly, tricky, quietly damaging, guileful, underhanded, subtle, stealthy, slippery, covert, shady, Machiavellian. ANT. overt, blatant, innocuous.

**insight** n. awareness, observation, wisdom, sensitivity, intuitiveness, intuition, understanding, grasp, perception, discernment, sagacity, ken.

**insightful** a. perceptive, intelligent, wise, smart, thoughtful, sharp, understanding, discerning, aware, sensitive, observant. ANT. ignorant, oblivious.

**insignia** n. emblem, badge, mark, patch, decoration, regalia.

**insignificant** a. inconsequential, unimportant, trivial, trifling, meaningless, petty, negligible, *no great shakes, inappreciable, not worth mentioning, piddling, picayune, minor. ANT. important, weighty, meaningful.

**insincere** a. genuine, genuine, honest, *real.

**insinuate** v. imply, suggest, indicate, hint, intimadate, allude, cast innuendos.

**insipid** a. dull, lifeless, bland, Tele- vision programming is growing ever more insipid. SYN. dull, lifeless, bland, rapid, tasteless, prosaic, flavorless, *blah, uninteresting, boring, tiring, colorless, weak, *lame. ANT. interesting, stimulating, exciting, colorful.

**insist** v. demand, require, command, *lay down the law, stand firm, urge, contend, maintain, aver.

**insistent** a. demanding, commanding, tenacious, laying down the law, won't take no for an answer, determined, persistent, standing firm, urging, pushy, dogged. ANT. wishy-washy, undemanding.

**insolence** n. disrespect, boldness, impertinence, impudence, arrogance, nerve, gall, cheek, effrontery, back talk, *lip, *guff, haughtiness. ANT. respect, deference, courtesy.

**INSOLENT** a. [IN suh lunt] boldly disrespect-ful, arrogant. Insolent youths disrupted the class. SYN. disrespectful, bold, impertinent,


**Insouciant** a. carefree, lighthearted, buoyant, happy-go-lucky, untroubled, devil-may-care, airy, free and easy, sunny. **ANT. anxious, troubled, worried.

**Inspect** v. examine, scrutinize, look over, check, eye, scan, study, survey, peruse, probe, *give the once-over.

**Inspection** n. examination, scrutinize, check, scan, study, survey, perusal, probe, *once-over, audit, inventory.

**Inspector** n. examiner, tester, checker, investigator, detective, sleuth, private eye, police officer, assessor, reviewer, auditor.

**Inspiration** n. motivation, stimulus, provocation, prompting, spur, sparking, igniting, idea, *flash, spark, flight of fancy, vision, insight.

**Inspire** v. influence, stimulate, impel, arouse, prompt, motivate, spur, encourage, spark, stir, excite, ignite, inflame, trigger, give rise to. **ANT. discourage, stifle, dampen.

**Instability** a. unsteadiness, unsteadiness, shakiness, imbalance, precariousness, insecurity, variability, inconstancy, impermanence, vacillation, fickleness, capriciousness, volatility. **ANT. stability, equilibrium, steadiness.

**Install** v. put in, place, fix, set, situate, position, locate, establish, induct, instate, inaugurate, invest.

**Installment** n. 1. installation emplacement, fixing, positioning, locating, establishment. 2. segment portion, section, part, fragment, division, chapter, serial.

**Instance** n. example, case, situation, sampling, exemplification, time, particular, occasion.


**Instantly** adv. immediately, at once, instantaneously, now, directly, tout de suite, *PDQ, without delay, forthwith.

**Instigate** v. incite, foment, initiate, urge on, egg on, spur, prompt, goad, start, begin, encourage, *whip up, kindle, spark, rally. **ANT. discourage, stop, check, quell.


**Instill** v. infuse, imbue, implant, imprint, inculcate, indoctrinate, introduce, engender, brainwash, program, inject, impress.

**Instinct** n. 1. drive intuition, impulse, *gut feeling, urge, sense, prompting. 2. **APTITUDE** tendency, bent, knack, talent, proclivity.

**Instinctive** a. innate, inborn, inherent, natural, reflexive, automatic, impulsive, intuitive, unthinking, involuntary, *gut. **ANT. acquired, learned, unnatural.

**Institute** n. institution, organization, company, establishment, society, association, union, school, academy, college.

**Institute** v. begin, establish, set up, found, originate, develop, *usher in, create, organize, launch, fix, introduce.

**Institution** n. 1. see institute 2. custom law, practice, convention, principle, system, code, tradition, bylaw.

**Instruct** v. 1. teach school, train, show how, educate, tutor, enlighten, edify, indoctrinate, inform, drill, acquaint. 2. ORDER command, direct, charge, enjoin.

**Instruction** n. 1. education teaching, direction, training, grounding, tutelage, drilling, enlightenment, edification, indoctrination. 2. command demand, direction, order, directive, mandate, charge.

**Instructive** a. educational, informative, enlightening, edifying.

**Instructor** n. teacher, educator, trainer, tutor, coach, mentor, master, professor, counselor, guide, pedagogue.

**Instrument** n. 1. tool implement, appliance, apparatus, contrivance, device, mechanism, utensil, machine, contraption, *gizmo. 2. see musical instrument 3. means agent, vehicle, medium, tool, way, mechanism.

**Instrumental** a. helpful, useful, effectual, valuable, serviceable, of assistance, contributory, influential, vital, determining. **ANT. unimportant, trivial, useless.

**Insubordinate** a. disobedient, defiant, rebellious, uncompromising, contrary, refractory, uncooperative, dissident, *too big for one's
bristling. **ant.** subordinate, deferential, obedient, compliant.

**insubordination** n. disobedience, defiance, rebellion, noncompliance, noncooperation, dissension, revolt, insurrection, resistance. **ant.** subordination, obedience, deference.

**insubstantial** a. 1. slight flimsy, airy, tenuous, light, gossamer, ethereal, delicate, weak. 2. imaginary unreal, immaterial, intangible, phantom, illusive, impalpable. **ant.** 1. substantial, hefty, real.

**insufferable** a. intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, agonizing, impossible, too much, excruciating, torturous. **ant.** tolerable, bearable.

**insufficient** a. deficient, lacking, inadequate, wanting, short, not enough, incomplete, shy, scant, missing, unsatisfactory, insufficient. **ant.** enough, sufficient, plenty.

**insular** a. [IN sull lur] isolated like an island, detached. *The hermit lived an insular lifestyle.* **syn.** isolated, detached, sequestered, insulated, lonely, cloistered, secluded, cut off, provincial, narrow-minded. **ant.** connected, urban, in touch, broad-minded.

**insult** v. affront, put-down, slight, slap in the face, dig, offense, snub, denigration, abuse, attack, cheap shot, slam, impudence. **ant.** compliment, praise, pat on the back.

**insult** n. a. offensive, abusive, hurtful, disparaging, cutting, disrespectful, derogatory, ridiculing, denigrating, insolent. **ant.** complimentary, flattering, respectful.

**insurance** n. security, protection, guarantee, pledge, assurance, warranty, backing, indemnity, safeguard.

**insure** v. 1. assure secure, make sure, make certain, warrant, guarantee. 2. *underwrite* cover, protect, financially safeguard.

**insurgent** n. rebel, revolutionist, mutineer, insurrectionist, agitator, malcontent, subversive.

**insurmountable** a. insuperable, unconquerable, invincible, unassailable, unbeatable, formidable, impossible, hopeless, impassable. **ant.** surmountable, superable.

**insurrection** n. [in suh REK shun] a rebellion or revolt against established authority. *The insurrection of the masses stunned the king.* **syn.** rebellion, revolt, uprising, revolution, mutiny, sedition, insubordination, coup, overthrow.

**intact** a. whole, undamaged, all together, unbroken, sound, unimpaired, complete, unharmed, unscathed, all in one piece. **ant.** broken, damaged, shattered.

**intangible** a. [in TAN juh bul] that which cannot be physically perceived, impalpable. *The soul is intangible.* **syn.** impalpable, imperceptible, invisible, nonphysical, insubstantial, untouchable, incorporeal, unapparent, immaterial, indefinite, elusive. **ant.** tangible, palpable, physical.

**integral** a. essential, central, basic, indispensable, fundamental, elemental, necessary, component. **ant.** inessential, unnecessary.

**integrate** v. unify, unite, combine, mix, merge, consolidate, combine, amalgamate, fuse, desegregate. **ant.** divide, separate, segregate.

**integrity** n. 1. uprightness goodness, honesty, honor, morality, virtue, character, incorruptibility, rectitude, probity, decency. 2. completeness wholeness, unity, soundness. **ant.** 1. improbity, immorality, dishonor, corruptibility, rectitude, probity, decency. 2. fragment, segmentation, unsoundness.

**intellect** n. brain power, reason, sense, intelligence, brains, comprehension, understanding, wits, judgment, cognition, intuition, aptitude, genius, smarts, mental agility.

**intellectual** n. brain, egghead, thinker, scholar, genius, Einstein, pundit, academic, savant, mental giant, philosopher, highbrow, walking encyclopedia, “know-it-all.” A person educated beyond his intellect.”—Horace Porter. "A man who takes more words than necessary to tell us more than he knows.”—Dwight D. Eisenhower. **ant.** moron, imbecile, ignoramus, idiot.

**intellectual** a. smart, intelligent, *brainy, cerebral, learned, scholarly, educated, well-schooled, literate, bookish, erudite. ant. ignorant, unschooled, illiterate.

**intelligence** n. 1. smartness intellect, mind, brain power, brains, *smarts, *gray matter, IQ, reasoning, sense, comprehension, understanding, wits, judgment, aptitude, genius, brilliance, cleverness, acumen, wisdom, astuteness, sagacity, creativity. “The thing that enables a man to get along without an education.”—Albert Wiggam. 2. information news, report, data, facts, lowdown, surveillance.

**intelligent** a. smart, intellectual, *brainy, brilliant, bright, wise, astute, clever, sharp, knowledgeable, ingenious, perceptive, witty, resourceful, creative, quick, sagacious, having a good head on one’s shoulders, sensible. **ant.** stupid, moronic, dense, ignorant.
intelligentsia n. literati, brains, geniusse, brain trust, intellectuals, academia.
intelligible a. clear, comprehensible, understandable, plain, distinct, unambiguous. ANT. unintelligible, unclear, incomprehensible.
intend v. plan, have in mind, mean at, aspire to, propose, expect, design, figure on, plot, scheme, devise.
intended a. planned, designed, meant, devised, intentional, expected, set, prearranged, deliberate, premeditated. ANT. unintentional, accidental, unplanned.
intense a. concentrated, acute, strong, severe, powerful, deep, extreme, violent, sharp, fierce, potent, high, vivid, passionate, earnest, ardent, fervent, vigorous. ANT. mild, light, weak, gentle.
intensify v. concentrate, strengthen, deepen, sharpen, heighten, magnify, amplify, escalate, raise, "beef up, step up, redouble. ANT. weaken, lighten, diminish.
intensity n. force, concentration, strength, power, magnitude, severity, potency, vigor, depth, volume, ferocity, violence, sharpness, passion, earnestness, ardor, fervor, fervent. ANT. weakness, lightness, emptiness.
intensive a. concentrated, thorough, profound, exhaustive, strengthened, stepped-up, increased, heightened, comprehensive, in-depth. ANT. weakened, diluted, diminished.
intention n. intention, purpose, goal, aim, design.
intend v. plan, have in mind, mean at, aspire to, propose, expect, design, figure on, plot, scheme, devise.
intended a. planned, designed, meant, devised, intentional, expected, set, prearranged, deliberate, premeditated. ANT. unintentional, accidental, unplanned.
inter v. bury, entomb, lay to rest, inhume, consign to the grave. ANT. exhume, dig up.
intercede v. mediate, arbitrate, advocate, plead for, petition for, step in, intervene, interpose.
intercept v. stop, head off, cut off, catch, seize, arrest, check, confiscate, impound.
interchangeable a. switchable, identical, same, equal, convertible, synonymous, reciprocal, mutual.
intercourse n. 1. copulation sexual relations, coitus, lovemaking, mating, carnal knowledge, “Making the beast with two backs”—Shakespeare. 2. communication exchange, interchange, interplay, correspondence, connection, liaison.
interest n. 1. curiosity engagement, attention, engrossment, attraction, notice, regard, concern. 2. share claim, stake, investment, right, involvement, percentage. 3. advantage benefit, welfare, profit, gain. ANT. indifference, boredom, apathy.
interesting a. engaging, engrossing, fascinating, riveting, entertaining, diverting, absorbing, stimulating, intriguing, enthralling, provocative, gripping. ANT. boring, dull, insipid.
interfere v. *butt in, intervene, meddle, interfere, obstruct, intrude, intervene, interpose, horn in, hinder, impede, obstruct.
interim n. meantime, interval, interlude, break, pause, interruption, hiatus, intermission.
interim a. temporary, stopgap, intervening, provisional, makeshift. ANT. permanent, stable.
interior n. inside, center, inwards. ANT. exterior.
interior a. inner, internal, inside, inward, innermost, central. ANT. exterior, outer.
interject v. throw in, insert, interrupt, interpose, introduce.
interloper n. intruder, meddler, trespasser, busybod, outsider.
interlude n. pause, recess, break, intermission, rest, lull, interval, interim.
intermediary n. go-between, mediator, middleman, agent, medium, negotiator, arbitrator, intermediate, referee, interceder, broker.
intermediate a. intervening, in-between, halfway, middle, median, midway, intervening, compromising. ANT. beginning, ending.
interment n. burial, entombment, inhumation.
interminable a. endless, eternal, neverending, everlasting, limitless, ceaseless, continuous, incessant, nonstop, infinite, constant. ANT. fleeting, finite, limited.
intermingle v. mix, blend, combine, commingle, compound, merge, amalgamate, fuse.
intermission n. break, pause, recess, interim, interlude, breather, time-out, rest, lull, interruption.
intermittent a. sporadic, irregular, periodic, off and on, broken, now and then, occasional, alternate, infrequent. ANT. regular, constant.
internal a. inner, interior, within, inside, gut, innate, intrinsic. ANT. external, outer.
international a. worldwide, multinational, global, intercontinental, universal, cosmopolitan. ANT. domestic, local.
INTERNET n. [IN tur net] a national or international network of computers and computer networks. Many people are making connections over the Internet. SYN. computer network, *information superhighway, World Wide Web, the Web, the Net, medium, online.

WORD FIND
abandoned Web site no longer maintained: ghost site, orphan annie
ACK: chatting shorthand for "acknowledge"
address abbreviation, such as .com or .org, at end of URL: domain
address, Web site: URL (Uniform Resource Locator)
ads that create powerful word-of-mouth action: viral advertising
advertisement that takes viewer to sponsor's page: click ad
advertisement trading between Web sites: banner exchange
advertisement, Web page: banner ad, pop-up ad
AFK: chatting shorthand for "away from keyboard"
animation and computation program: applet
articles, collection of related: newsgroup
ASAP: chatting shorthand for "as soon as possible"
BAK: chatting shorthand for "back at the keyboard"
BBN: chatting shorthand for "bye bye now"
BBS: bulletin board system
BCNU: chatting shorthand for "be seeing you"
blinking line on computer screen marking next character location: cursor
BRB: chatting shorthand for "be right back"
browse, search, or move about on the Web: navigate, *surf, *cruise
browsing aid: browser
BTW: chatting shorthand for "by the way"
business deriving income via the Internet: e-business
button that brings one to previous Web page: back button
BWL: chatting shorthand for "bursting with laughter"
C&G: chatting shorthand for "chuckle and grin"
café with computers and Internet access: cybercafé
camera used to send video or pictures over Web: webcam
Capital letters, e-mailing or chatting using all: shouting
clean disks and CD-ROMs with antivirus programs before using: sheepdip
CNP: chatting shorthand for "continued in next post"
code triggered when certain conditions are met, damaging computer: logic bomb
coding data into math for security: encryption
coding mathematics used to secure transactions: cryptography
college or other classroom learning over the Internet: distance learning
commands for creating Web pages, formatting: HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)
communications allowing direct contact, two-way: interactive
compressed file, Windows-based: Zip file, .zip file
connect to a network or Web site: log in, log on
connected to server or Internet: online
connector of networks, electronic: router
conversations, online medium where users can have real time: chat room
converse online in real time: chat; instant message
copying and pirating, illegal removal of components to prevent: cracking
copy-prevention components and illegally traded, software or game stripped of its: warez
correspondence, electronic: e-mail
criminal destruction or disruption of Internet communications: cyberterrorism
CYA: chatting shorthand for "see ya"
CYAL8R: chatting shorthand for "see ya later"
damaging program that makes endless copies of itself: worm
decoding of encrypted messages: decryption
decompress or open a Zip file: unzip
defeater of security components allowing illegal copying of software: cracker
device for photographing hard documents or graphics and transmitting them on to the Internet: scanner
devious marketing trick using false keywords such as "sex" to draw search engines to a Web site: bait and switch
disconnected from server or Internet: offline
discussion forum: newsgroup
discussions, reading but not participating in: lurking
e-mail which must be downloaded, file sometimes sent with: attachment
failure of network resulting in frozen mouse or keyboard: crash; meltdown
FAQS: frequently asked questions
fight between two or more people, online: *flame war*
fighting verbally online: flaming
deadline, online: Web page
format change, rewriting to create a: encoding
fraud, online: cyberfraud
free software: freeware
frequent traveler through: *cybernaut, internaut
FYEO: chatting shorthand for "for your eyes only"
FYI: chatting shorthand for "for your information"
G/S?: chatting shorthand for "gay or straight?"
GG: chatting shorthand for "gotta go"
handwriting recognition software: Graffiti
head page of Web site: home page
host computer, network’s: server
IC: chatting shorthand for "I see"
identification file automatically created and stored on hard drive after visiting Web site: cookie
identification marker used to legally protect original documents from unauthorized use: digital fingerprinting
identification number assigned to every computer on Internet: IP address
identify person online from e-mail address, program or utility that can: finger
ILY: chatting shorthand for "I love you"
IM: chatting shorthand for "instant message"
image or the mechanism that creates it, standardized, compressed: JPG (Joint Photographic Experts Group), .jpg
image transformation effects: morphing
IMHO: chatting shorthand for "in my humble opinion"
IMO: chatting shorthand for "in my opinion"
inaccessible due to technical difficulty: down
incites fights in forums and elsewhere by posting negative comments: troll
inexperienced newcomer to: *newbie
interconnection of two or more computers: network
junk e-mail, unwanted advertisements or: spam
K: chatting shorthand for “kiss”
KIT: chatting shorthand for "keep in touch"
know-it-all, Internet: geek
L8R: chatting shorthand for “later”
large or very powerful computer: mainframe, Cray
lettering style: font
library of stored files: archive
link leading directly to a favorite site: bookmark
link made up of glowing text or graphics that when clicked leads directly to another Web page or site: hyperlink, hotlink
link that leads nowhere or is broken: dead link
link that leads one to an unwanted site for criminal purposes, misleading: fraudulent link
links to related documents, text system used to create: hypertext
list of options to choose on screen: menu, drop-down menu
log of Web sites recently visited: history list
LOL: chatting shorthand for "laughing out loud"
loss of data during transmission: bitloss
M/F?: chatting shorthand for “male or female?”
magazine, electronic: e-zine
mail downloading tool and clock setter: bot, autobot
mail sorter used to block unwanted advertisements: mail filter
mail that is undeliverable, to return: bounce
mailing list server: Listserve
mailing to a single recipient to wreak havoc on server, intentional mass: flooding, mail bomb
manners, online: *netiquette
medium, computer: cyberspace
meeting with participants on video, Internet: video conferencing
message medium: bulletin board
message, put up a: post
miniaturized picture clicked on to display a larger version: thumbnail
money, electronic: *cybercash, e-money
monitoring computer set up to lure hackers, scammers, and identity thieves: honeypot
monitoring computer set up to surf the web for sites that load malicious code: honeymonkey
monitoring of another’s computer to capture secret passwords: sniffing
motion picture file: MPEG (Motion Picture Experts Group)
multimedia links allowing the downloading of graphics, videos, or audio files: hypermedia

music (MP3 files) downloading and trading application: Napster

music storage and transmission in digital format, standard of: MP3

netgroups, giant network of: Usenet

network computer providing multiple services, such as e-mail, for other computers: host

network confined to a single building or floor: LAN (Local Area Network)

network of discussion groups called newsgroups: USENET

network, individual computer connected to a: node

network, in-house company: intranet

network, international: World Wide Web, the Web

networking method used in small areas: ethernet

NTMY: chatting shorthand for “nice to meet you”

OIC: chatting shorthand for “oh, I see”

OMG: chatting shorthand for “oh my god!”

online journal or forum with links to communicate with participants: blog, Web log

overloaded data path resulting in no or slow response from server: congestion

PM: chatting shorthand for “private message”

PMJI: chatting shorthand for “pardon my jumping in”

portion of data transmitted or received, one: packet

processing rates, temporarily holding transmitted data to compensate for differences in: buffering

programming wizard: “hacker, *cracker protocol for transmission and reception, data: HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

protocol of Internet, standard communications: TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet)

record of activity on a Web site: log

reduction of file to speed transmission, electronic: compression

replay Web page for updated content: refresh

representation or picture of specific item that is clicked to activate program or link: icon

ROTF: chatting shorthand for “rolling on the floor”

screen portion one must scroll down to see: below the fold

screen presentation without toolbars, menus, borders: kiosk mode; presentation mode

search system: search engine

searches new Internet resources, program that: crawler, bot, spider

section of a Web page, separate or divided: frame

sex on, pseudo: *cybersex

sexual materials found on: *cyberporn

shopping mall, online: e-mall

short text blogging venue: Twitter

simulation of reality: virtual reality

software copying, illegal: piracy

software, free: shareware

spying and browser-altering software: parasite; spyware

spyware that monitors another’s browsing and infect’s computer with pop-ups: hijacker

stealing a Web page and its files for unauthorized use: pagejacking

stealing identification data to gain access to a secure network: spoofing

stealing material from sites of others: contentjacking

storage and shrinkage, data: compression

storage disk, data and graphics: Zip Disk

store of Web files on hard drive used for quicker access to previously visited Web sites: cache

store, compress multiple files as one: archive

storehouse of related data: database

symbols illustrating sender’s emotional state, shorthand: emoticons

SYS: chatting shorthand for “see you soon”
talk medium and meeting place: chat room
talking with others online in real time: chatting, instant messaging

television online service: WebTV

transfer file from another’s computer to yours: download

transfer file to another’s computer from yours: upload

transmission channel using fiber-optic or coaxial cable, high speed, high capacity: broadband

transmission circuit superior to regular phone circuit: DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)
transmission service via telephone lines: dial-up
TTYL: chatting shorthand for “talk to you later”
underground network who illegally trade copyrighted games and software: darknet
video data transfer technique, live: streaming
virus disguised as a program, hard drive-erasing: Trojan Horse
virus that changes its binary pattern to elude detection: polymorphic virus
virus that hides by copying itself in another location: stealth virus
virus type: strain
virus, self-replicating: worm
viruses, program that weeds out: anti-virus
virus-safe programming language used for Internet use: Java
visits to Web site, tallied: hits
VOD: video on demand
VOIP: voice-over-Internet protocol
WB: chatting shorthand for “welcome back”
Web page combined with someone else’s for enriched content: mashup
Web site architect or graphics designer: Web designer
Web site manager: Webmaster
Web sites, related and linked: Web ring
wi-fi system capable of transmitting 30 miles: WiMax
wire-free Internet access: wireless
wireless Internet access unit: wi-fi
wireless signals from the Internet, system that transmits: wi-fi
WWW: World Wide Web
interpret v. 1. construe read, understand, view, define, explain, explicate, clarify, shed light on, spell out, illuminate. 2. translate transcribe, paraphrase.
interpretation n. understanding, reading, slant, perception, meaning, definition, explanation, view.
interrogate v. question, ask, probe, cross-examine, quiz, query, grill, pump. *give the third degree, inquire, *pick one’s brains.
intertwine v. entwine, tie, interweave, braid, crisscross, cross, mesh, reticulate.
interval n. pause, rest, break, recess, intermission, hiatus, interim, gap, space, period, spell, lull.
intervene v. step in, intercede, interfere, mediate, arbitrate, interpose, come between, obtrude, meddle.
interviewer n. questioner, interrogator, inquirer, inquisitor, prober.
intestines n. bowels, guts, viscera, entrails, inards, alimentary canal.
intimacy n. closeness, fellowship, communion, friendship, understanding, acquaintance, confidentiality, sharing, disclosing, chumminess, familiarity, affection. ANT. alienation, isolation, aloofness, estrangement.
intimate a. 1. personal, private, confidential, privileged, secret, innermost, *gut. 2. close familiar, friendly, acquainted, dear, chummy, personal, bosom. 3. cozy romantic, quiet, comfortable, warm, snug. 4. sexual carnal, adulterous, erotic, impure, lustful. ANT. 1. public. 2. distant, remote, aloof, formal. 3. crowded, loud, uncomfortable.
intimation n. suggestion, hint, clue, inkling, allusion, insinuation, implication, tip, innuendo.

intimidate v. scare, frighten, cow, threaten, daunt, bully, unnerve, terrify, terrorize, awe, appall, silence, coerce, strong-arm, twist one's arm, put the fear of God into.

intimidating a. threatening, inhibiting, demoralizing, scary, frightening, daunting, terrifying, unnerving,emasculating, silencing, powerful, formidable, commanding respect. 
ANT: reassuring, conciliatory.

intolerable a. insufferable, unbearable, unbearable, agonizing, excruciating, unacceptaable, too much, extreme, monstrous, unreasonable, outrageous. ANT: tolerable, acceptable.

intolerant a. bigoted, illiberal, closed-minded, narrow-minded, prejudiced, uncharitable, considerate, biased, chauvinistic, sexist, racist, *homophobic, xenophobic, misanthropic, contemptuous, disdainful, arrogant. ANT: tolerant, liberal, open-minded.

intractable a. intransigent; nobody could negotiate with him and their way deeper into the jungle.


intricate a. complex, complicated, involved, convoluted, knotty, labyrinthine, elaborate, sophisticated, thorny, perplexing, tough. ANT: simple, uninvolved, easy.

intriguing a. interesting, fascinating, captivating, exciting, arousing curiosity, thought-provoking, enthralling, provocative, riveting. ANT: boring, mundane.

INTRINSIC a. [in TRIN sik] naturally or inherently belonging. His success was partially due to an intrinsic aggressiveness. SYN: inherent, natural, essential, innate, internal, inbred, native, inherited, built-in, basic, fundamental, constitutional. ANT: extrinsic, external, outer.

introduce v. 1. Acquaint present, familiarize. 2. START begin, open. *get the ball rolling, launch, set in motion, usher in, lead off, *kick off, initiate. 3. PUT IN insert, add, inject, interject, work in, enter, instill, infuse.

introduction n. 1. START beginning, opening, lead, commencement. *intro, launching, initiation. 2. PREFACE foreword, prologue, preamable, prelude. ANT: 1. end. 2. afterward.

introductionary a. opening, beginning, starting, initial, preliminary, first, inaugural, preparatory, prefatory. ANT: concluding, final.

INTROSPECTIVE a. [IN truh SPEC tiv] observing one's own thoughts, feelings, inner self, etc. Joe was always analyzing his own mind; he was introspective. SYN: introverted, self-analyzing, self-examining, soul-searching, pensive, contemplative, meditative, self-occupied, consciousness-raising, in deep thought. ANO: outer-directed, extraverted.


introduced a. introspective, reserved, bookish, retiring, shy, bashful, taciturn, quiet, solitary, preferring one's own company. ANT: extraverted, outgoing.


intruder n. interloper, trespasser, thief, burglar, prowler, infiltrator, *gate-crasher, invader, unwelcome visitor.


intuition n. sense, sixth sense, hunch, feeling, instinct, insight, *feeling in one's bones, *gut
instinct, *vibes, inklings, perception, discernment, apprehension.


inundate v. flood, deluge, engulf, drown, swamp, submerge, overwhelm, overpower, glut, bury.

inure v. habituate, accustom, harden, desensitize, season, toughen, temper, acclimate.

invade v. encroach, trespass, attack, assault, assail, strike, storm, swarm, blitz, occupy, overrun, intrude, interlope, *gate-crash.

invalid n. sick person, convalescent, cripple, shut-in, patient.

invalid a. 1. NULL AND VOID unenforceable, impotent, nonviable, inoperative, useless, worthless, not binding. 2. FALSE unfounded, wrong, untrue, fallacious, baseless, unsubstantiated, unproven. 3. SICKLY weak, feeble, bedridden, disabled, crippled, infirm, frail. ANT. 1. valid, viable, binding. 2. true, substantiated, correct. 3. strong, able-bodied.

invalidate v. void, nullify, annul, cancel, repeal, countermand, revoke, negate, disqualify, quash. ANT. validate.

invariable a. valuable, priceless, precious, indispensable, helpful, *worth its weight in gold. ANT. worthless.

investment n. financial venture, security, speculation, hedge against inflation, risk, down payment on one’s future, stocks, bonds, mutual fund, commodities, retirement fund, IRA. See bank, economy, money.

invest v. 1. INVEST money, venture, speculate, risk, put money into, *plow profits back into, entrust, *salt away. 2. GRANT power empower, authorize, confer, sanction, enable, license, entrust, ordain, charge. ANT. 1. divest. 2. divest, strip of power.


investigate v. look into, inquire, probe, examine, explore, inspect, research, delve into, review, nose around, scrutinize, sift, muckrake, *check out, *case.

investigation n. inquiry, probe, inspection, inquest, *fact-finding mission, search, analysis, review, exploration, scrutiny, study.

investor n. capital, capitalist, backer, banker, shareholder, stockholder, financier, speculator, developer, risk-taker.

investor n. creator, originator, father, discoverer, designer, deviser, innovator, craftsman, builder, tinkerer, pioneer.

inventory n. stock, goods, supply, reserve, back-log, stockpile, store, backlist, catalog, itemized list, survey, record, itemization, tally, count, tabulation, census, account, register.

invent v. reverse, turn inside out, convert, upend, overturn, transpose, flip over.
invert a. reversed, inverted, opposite, back to front, turned, contrary, transposed. ANT. obverse.

invidious a. insulting, offensive, hateful, malicious, spiteful, hostile, odious, slighting, baleful, discriminatory. ANT. complimentary, flattering, sweet.
invigorating  a. energizing, enlivening, refreshing, stimulating, vitalizing, restorative, bracing, strengthening, animating. **ANT. tiring, somnolent, weakening.**

invincible  a. unconquerable, unbeatable, indestructible, indomitable, invulnerable, impregnable, mighty, powerful, inviolable. **ANT. vulnerable, weak, conquerable.**

invisible  a. imperceptible, imperceivable, impalpable, intangible, hidden, indiscernible, out of sight, unseen, transparent. **ANT. vulnerable, weak, conquerable.**

invitation  n. bidding, summons, call, request, solicitation.

invite  v. ask for, beckon, summon, request, solicit, bid, court, woo, petition.

inviting  a. alluring, enticing, tempting, attractive, captivating, magnetic, seductive, appealing, welcoming, beguiling. **ANT. repulsive, repellant, forbidding.**

in vitro  a. outside the womb, test-tube, artificial.

invoice  n. bill, itemized bill, account, bill of lading, statement, manifest, itemization.

invoke  v. call on, call forth, summon, petition, entreat, request, implore, supplicate, appeal to, conjure, solicit.

involuntary  a. unintentional, reflexive, automatic, instinctive, spontaneous, unpremeditated, unhinging, uncalculated, forced. **ANT. voluntary, intentional, calculated.**

involve  v. include, comprise, engage, contain, incorporate, concern, affect, entail, encompass, comprehend, implicate.

invulnerable  a. indestructible. **SEE INVINCIBLE**

irrelevant  a. inapplicable, neither here nor there, extraneous. **ANT. relevant, pertinent, germane.**

irrecoverable  a. irreparable, salvageable, irreparable, unresolvable, confounding, hostile, incompatible, contrary, at odds, intransigent, inflexible. **ANT. resolvable, compatible.**

irrefutable  a. undeniable, unquestionable, certain, indisputable, sure, proven, incontrovertible, beyond a shadow of a doubt. **ANT. debatable, questionable, moot.**

irregular  a. 1. variable erratic, uneven, fitful, random, sporadic, inconsistent, changeable, disordered, spasmodic. 2. anomalous abnormal, deviant, unusual, odd, unexpected, strange, eccentric, singular, peculiar, quirky. 3. uneaven asymmetrical, crooked, variable. **ANT. 1. regular, consistent, even. 2. normal, typical, usual. 3. even, symmetrical.**

irrelevant  a. impertinent, immaterial, unrelated, beside the point, not germane, unconnected, inapplicable, neither here nor there, extraneous. **ANT. relevant, pertinent, germane.**

irreligious  a. atheistic, impious, faithless, agnostic, un holy, ungodly, profane, heathen, pagan. **ANT. religious, pious, lawful.**


irrepressible  a. unrestrainable, insuppressible, uncontrollable, uninhibited, unbridled, vicarious, lively, effervescent, buoyant. **ANT. disheartened, dispirited, *down.**
irreproachable  a. beyond reproach, blameless, faultless, inculpable, unblemished, above suspicion, *squeaky clean, virtuous, innocent, pure, upright. **ant. reproachable, to blame.

irresistible  a. overwhelming, overpowering, powerful, potent, compelling, invincible, unconquerable, fascinating, charming, alluring, captivating, seductive. **ant. resistible, powerless.


irresponsible  a. careless, unreliable, undependable, devil-may-care, untrustworthy, lax, immature, unaccountable, reckless, capricious. **ant. responsible, dependable, reliable.

IRREVERENT  a. [ir REV ur unt] disrespectful. With today’s irreverent comedians, even the pope is the subject of dirty jokes. **syn. disrespectful, contemptuous, mocking, sneering, *wise, rude, impudent, insolent, insulting, *smart-alecky, impious, blasphemous, profane. **ant. reverent, respectful, civil.

irrevocable  a. irreversible, unchangeable, fixed, final, unalterable, permanent, irretrievable, *carved in stone. **ant. reversible, changeable.

irrigate  v. water, bathe, wash, flush, flood, sprinkle, soak, drench.

irritable  a. grouchy, touchy, cantankerous, irascible, crabby, testy, moody, snappy, grumbling, quick-tempered, petulant, grumpy. **ant. good-humored, good-natured, even-tempered.

irritate  v. 1. annoy *bug, agitate, nettle, disturb, *get under one’s skin, try one’s patience, exasperate, irk, *drive one up a wall, pique, *get on one’s nerves, plague. 2. make sore inflame, aggravate, hurt, chafe, sting, rub, worsen. **ant. 1. please, delight, humor. 2. relieve, soothe.

Islamic  a. Muslim, Moslem, Muhammadan, Mohammedan, Shiite, Sunni. see Religion

island  n. land mass, atoll, islet, isle, cay, key, reef, sand bar.

issue  n. 1. subject, topic, matter, topic at hand, bone of contention, controversy, problem. 2. result, consequence, outcome, end, upshot, conclusion, effect. 3. installment, copy, number.

issue  v. 1. put out, give out, distribute, circulate, dispense, disseminate, deliver. 2. emit, pour forth, emanate, exude, gush, effuse, stream, ooze.

itch  n. 1. urge to scratch, pricking sensation, tickling, irritation, crawling sensation. 2. desire, craving, urge, yen, thirst, hunger, appetite, hankering, passion.

item  n. article, thing, part, piece, bit, element, matter, paragraph, story, feature.

itemize  v. detail, enumerate, count, inventory, tally, list, record, specify, spell out, codify.

itinerant  a. wandering, roaming, traveling, roving, transient, rambling, journeying, wayfaring, vagabond, nomadic, migratory. **ant. rooted, settled.

itinerary  n. route, course, way, tour, path, plan, schedule, agenda, *game plan.
jab v. poke, thrust, punch, hit, strike, prod, stab.
jabber v. chatter, gibber, prattle, babble, “run off at the mouth, yak, prate, palaver.
jacket n. 1. cover case, wrapper, wrapping, sheath, skin, envelope. 2. coat blazer, windbreaker. see coat

WORD FIND
black, waist-length, wide-lapelled: Eton jacket
Eskimo: anorak
fringed deerskin: buckskin jacket
khaki-colored with four large front pockets: safari jacket, bush jacket
knitted, sweaterlike: cardigan
leather flight jacket: bomber jacket
lightweight jacket of waist-length: golf jacket, windbreaker
parka with hood: snorkel
plaid wool: lumber jacket
seaman’s: pea jacket, pea coat, reefer
sleeveless: bolero
winter, insulated: parka
woman’s loose jacket: paletot
wool with blanket-like patterns: mackinaw
World War II army jacket: Eisenhower jacket, battle jacket

JARED a. [JAY did] wearied or worn out, as from overindulgence. He saw it all and grew jaded.
syn. wearied, worn out, tired, sat- ed, played out, exhausted, cloyed, surfeited, dulled, gorged, inured, bored. ANT. enthusiastic, interested.
jagged a. broken, serrated, rough, uneven, ragged, notched, saw-toothed, crenelated, ridged, denticulate. ANT. smooth, even, level.
jail v. imprison, lock up, incarcerate, put behind bars, cage, hold, confine, intern, impound. ANT. release, free, liberate.
jailer n. warden, correctional officer, guard, turnkey, gaoler.


see automobile

jam n. trouble, scrape, bind, *hot water, *pickle, hole, predicament, mess, plight.
jam v. 1. squeeze in cram, ram, pack, stuff, press, wedge, tamp, *squish, squash, overcrowd, *stuff to the gills. 2. clog plug, obstruct, congest, stick, “gum up the works, *bottleneck.
jamboree n. celebration, party, gathering, revelry, festival, outing, carnival, jubilee, “winging.
jangle n. clang, rattle, ring, reverberation, jingle, clatter, clangor, cacophony, racket.
jangle v. clang, rattle, ring, reverberate, jingle, clatter, chime, crash.

janitor n. custodian, caretaker, cleaning man, *super, handyman, maintenance man, superintendent.

jar n. vessel, container, bottle, receptacle, jug.

jar v. 1. shake vibrate, jog, jounce, jolt, shock, jerk, rattle, rock, jiggle. 2. *faze shock, disquiet, disturb, upset, unsettle, shake up, surprise, discompose.

jargon n. 1. lingo vernacular, cant, argot, parlance, tongue, slang, idiom, dialect, phraseology, shop talk, *officialese, legalese. 2. gibberish gobbledygook, mumbo jumbo, nonsence, blather, babble, drivel, twaddle.

jaundiced a. prejudiced, biased, partial, narrow-minded, warped, embittered, jealous, envious, hostile, critical. ANT. impartial, fair-minded.

jaunt n. short trip, excursion, outing, drive, tour, cruise, stroll, *spin, day trip, airing.

jaunty a. sprightly, carefree, buoyant, self-confident, bouncy, frisky, pert, lighthearted, lively, breezy, debonair.

jazz n. music, bop, bebop, fusion jazz, improvisational music, swing, Dixieland, jive, ragtime, barrelhouse, hot jazz, cool jazz, boogie-woogie. “A thrilling communion with the primitive soul, or an earsplitting bore.” —Winthrop Sargent. “Music that will endure as long as
people hear it through their feet instead of their brains.”—John Sousa. See Music

WORD FIND
nonsensical vocalizations: scat singing

jealous a. 1. envious green-eyed, green with envy, begrudging, resentful, desirous, covetous. 2. watchful guarded, proprietary, possessive, protective, vigilant, wary. Ant. 2. trusting.

jealousy n. envy, green-eyed monster, resentment, grudge, begrudging, covetousness, spite, distrust, paranoia, suspicion. “Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.”—Erica Jong. “The fear or apprehension of superiority”—William Shenstone.

jeans n. pants, Levis, Lees, dungarees.

jeer v. mock, taunt, hoot, heckle, scoff, ridicule, sneer, laugh at, tease, hector, deride, boo, hiss. Ant. cheer, applaud, praise.

jeopardize v. endanger, imperil, hazard, risk, put in jeopardy, chance, threaten, tempt fate.

jeopardy n. danger, hazard, peril, trouble, double-trouble, threat, menace, insecurity, exposure, vulnerability, liability. Ant. safety, security.


jerk v. pull, yank, twist, move, thrust, tug, push, shove, jolt, start.

jerrybuilt a. shoddy, flimsy, defective, rickety, unstable, *junky, faulty, unsound, thrown together, cheap. Ant. solid, sturdy, sound.

jest n. joke, gag, wisecrack, witticism, *funny, bon mot, *one-liner, prank, banter, riposte.

jest v. joke, kid, fool, quip, poke fun at, *josh, *pull one's leg, wisecrack, tease, banter, gibe.


Jesus Christ n. Son of God, Savior, teacher, prophet, Messiah, Lord, spiritual leader. See God, Religion.

jet n. 1. See Aircraft 2. spurt gush, stream, fountain, spout, spray, squirt, spring, geyser, spritz.

jet v. spurt, gush, stream, spout, spew, spray, squirt, spring, shoot, discharge, issue.

jet set n. beautiful people, high society, glitteratti, fashionable society, beau monde, elite, *upper crust.

jettison v. eject, dump, get rid of, chuck, expel, cast off, discard, unload, *deep-six, heave.

jetty n. breakwater, sea wall, barrier, groin, riprap.


jewel n. 1. gem stone, precious stone, semiprecious stone, *rock, birthstone, bauble, baquette, bijou, diamond, emerald, opal, ruby, sapphire, pearl. See Gem 2. Rarity treasure, prize, find, pride and joy, work of art, one in a million.


WORD FIND
attachment on chain or necklace: bail
ball threaded with others: bead
birthday, stone representing month of one's: birthstone
black coal used in mourning jewelry: jet
black lacquer, having a shiny: japanned
black rhodium, gold electroplated with: black gold
bulging setting: bombe
buttercups, prongs shaped like: buttercup setting
cairngorn, amethyst, bronze, silver, and gold, old world pieces made of: Celtic jewelry
carving or engraving on a gem: intaglio
chain from which pendant is hung: lavaliere
chain, pocket watch: fob
chain with cup-like links: Brazilian chain
chain with diamond-shaped links: marina chain
chain with slanting links: herringbone chain
chain with square links: box chain
cheap and showy piece of jewelry, any: bauble
clap, ornamental, worn at the waist: chatelaine
coated with thin layer of gold: electroplated
 collar of gold or silver, surrounded by a: bezel setting
corner cuttings: beveled
cut: facet
cut to standard size: calibrated
cut with 58 facets to produce highest brilliance: brilliant cut
darkening of metal during aging: oxidation
death in family, dark jewelry worn to mark: mourning jewelry
domed gemstone, any: cabochon
earring, dangling: drop earring
earring, dangling and showy like a chandelier: chandelier earrings
earring, large, circular: hoop earring
ingraving and carving, art of: glyptography
fake diamond made of rock crystal: Bohemian diamond
fake gemstone glass: paste; rhinestone
fake ruby made of pyrope garnet: California ruby
fasteners, clasps, posts, hooks used in jewelry, all: findings
featherlike, bejeweled ornament worn in hair: aigrette
framework: mounting
French bread, gem cut to resemble: baguette
gold, copper, silver alloy: rose gold; pink gold
gold, copper, silver, and zinc alloy: green gold
gold and iron alloy: blue gold; grey gold
gold and palladium or nickel alloy: white gold
gold plating: gilt
gold, textured: bloomed gold
gold, thin layer of: gilding; gold washed
good luck charm or fetish worn around neck: amulet
hair, 19th century jewelry comprised of locks of: hair jewelry
half moon shaped gemstone: demilune
hairpin, bejeweled: bodkin
illegal tusk material from elephants: ivory
imbedding of gemstones: inlay
imitation: faux
imperfection in gemstone: blemish, flaw, inclusion
irregular pearl or bead: baroque
iridescent shell layer from pearl-bearing mollusk: mother-of-pearl
irritant in oyster to produce pearl, created by human-imbedded: cultured pearl
ivory, imitation: celluloid
fine wire metalwork: filigree
lacy setting: basket
lozenge-shaped: pendalique
magnifying glass used by jeweler: loupe
matching set of jewelry: parure
measure of purity of gold: karat
measuring of a precise amount of gold or silver: assaying
modern slang for big and showy and often diamond-studded: bling
narrow, rectangular cut: baton
necklace over 34 inches: opera necklace
necklaces made of ground shells: heishi
octagon-like cut with 72 facets: Ascher cut
open, pierced mounting like decorative woodwork on stern of old sailing ship: gallery
ornament suspended from chain or necklace: pendant
ornamental metalwork, with scrolls, leaves, flowers: arabesque
oval-shaped cut with pointy ends: marquise cut
pearl used for earring, half: blister pearl, bouton pearl
pin or clasp, decorative: brooch
plastic used during Depression: bakelite
portrait of woman, ornamental pin showing low relief: cameo
rectangular cut with corner and edge facets: emerald cut
rectangular pin: bar pin
round cut with 58 facets: brilliant cut
scrolling made of gold wire, decorative: cannetille
seeds used in some beads in necklaces and bracelets: Job’s tears
smoothing process for stones: tumbling
soften metal by heating, for jewelry-making: anneal
sparkle of stone: brilliance; scintillation
stamp or mark on gold or silver to authenticate purity: hallmark
stone-cutting and polishing for jewelry, art of: lapidary
streaks of color in a gemstone: fire
string of pearls over 40 inches: rope
teardrop pendant with triangular facets: briolette
tiara, jeweled: diadem
unit of weight for diamond or pearl: grain; carat
weight measure for gemstones: carat
yellowish, semi-clear, fossilized tree resin: amber

Jewish a. Semitic, Hebrew, Israelite, Hasidic. See Religion

WORD FIND
languages of Ashkenazic Jews: Yiddish

Jezebel n. whore, hussy, harlot, loose woman, wanton, trollop, witch, harridan.

Jibe v. harmonize, correspond, match, fit, accord, agree, dovetail, conform, square, go together.

jiggle v. wiggle, shake, shimmy, twitch, joggle, jig, bib, vibrate, rock, bounce.
jilt v. reject, dump, cast off, drop, *give the mitt-ten, spurn, break off, forsake, *give the brush off, ditch, *drop a bomb on.
jitterbug n. dance, Lindy Hop, swing dance.
jittery a. shaky, nervous, anxious, trembling, quaking, quivering, tense, uptight, uneasy. ant. relaxed, calm.
job n. 1. task chore, work, project, business, assignment, mission, responsibility, duty, obligation, role, charge, function, errand, venture, commission, burden. 2. employment occupation, business, livelihood, career, trade, post, position, vocation, profession, craft, *racket.
jobless a. unemployed, out of work, laid off, idle, collecting unemployment benefits. ant. employed.
jock n. 1. athlete *macho man, letterman. 2. jock strap athletic supporter.
jockey n. rider, equestrian.
jocular a. joking, humorous, funny, jesting, playful, comical, fun, prankish, droll, jocose, lighthearted, jovial, sportive. ant. serious, grave, grim, solemn.
jocund a. cheerful, gay, blithe, in high spirits, lighthearted, breezy, happy-go-lucky, optimistic, buoyant, genial, merry. ant. depressed, sad, miserable.
jog v. 1. run trot, speedwalk, dash. see run 2. shake jerk, nudge, jostle, poke, jab, prod, bump, tap.
John Hancock n. autograph, name. see signature.

WORD FIND
burned-down end piece requiring clip to hold: *roach
cigar filled with marijuana or marijuana and cocaine: *blunt
cigar filled with marijuana and crack: *woolah
cigar laced with marijuana and dipped in malt liquor: *B-40
clip used to hold burned-down end: *roach clip
smoke, to: *fly Mexican airlines, *puff the dragon, *toke, *toke up

ciphon, to: *fly Mexican airlines, *puff the dragon, *toke, *toke up

joint a. combined, mutual, cooperative, shared, united, concerted, allied, collaborative, collective, hand in hand.
joke n. 1. jest *one-liner, gag, witticism, wise-crack, quip, humor, bon mot, *funny, droll-ery, pun, *rib-ticker, prank, *knee-slapper. *The cayenne of conversation.*—Paul Chatfield. *Sport to one ... death to another.*—William Hazlitt. 2. laughingstock butt, object of ridicule, target, clown, goat. see laughter
jolly a. high-spirited, merry, jovial, cheerful, playful, mirthful, jocular, joyous, glad, gleeful, gay, lively, exuberant. ant. depressed, miserable, somber.
jolt n. jerk, shake, blow, jar, start, jump, jounce, bump, jog, slam, lurch, shock, surprise, *bolt out of the blue, bombshell.
jolt v. jerk, shake, jar, start, jounce, bump, jog, slam, jostle, rock, shock, surprise, stun, stag-ger, *take one's breath away, shake up, startle.
jostle v. bump, push, elbow, shove, nudge, crash, shoulder, crowd, scuffle, *bulldoze, herd.
journal n. chronicle, record, diary, narrative, history, memoir, log, daybook, account, minutes, ledger, register.
journalism n. news-gathering, reporting, writing, news, print media, fourth estate. *The first power in the land.*—Samuel Bowles. see newspaper, magazine
journalist n. reporter, newspaperman/woman, correspondent, writer, newshound, columnist, *Alarmists.*—George Riddell. *Puppets. They simply respond to the pull of the most
journey - jump

powerful strings."—Lyndon Johnson. See newspaper, magazine

journey n. trip, wayfaring, tour, excursion, travel, expedition, odyssey, voyage, drive, journey, peregrination, trek, cruise, safari, adventure, junket, hike.

journey v. travel, take a trip, tour, voyage, drive, cruise, trek, roam, globe-trot, ramble, range, wander.

jovial a. playful, genial, cheerful, merry, mirthful, happy, gleeful, blithe, jocund, glad, high-spirited, effervescent. Ant. miserable, depressed, somber.

jowl n. cheek, jaw.

joy n. happiness, delight, euphoria, high spirits, gladness, bliss, glee, elation, cheer, jubilance, rapture, transport. Ant. misery, depression, desolation, despair.

joyful a. happy, delightful, euphoric, elated, high-spirited, glad, blissful, gleeful, cheerful, jubilant, rapturous, transported, ecstatic, high. Ant. miserable, depressed, despondent.

joyous a. see joyful


Judaism n. see religion

Judas n. betrayer, backstabber, traitor, Judas Iscariot, snake in the grass, rat, weasel, two-timer, Benedict Arnold.

judge n. 1. justice magistrate, jurist, "his Honor, "Nothing but the law speaking."—Benjamin Whichcote. "A law student who marks his own papers."—Henry Louis Mencken. See court 2. arbitrator arbiter, adjudicator, mediator, referee, umpire, conciliator.

judge v. 1. adjudicate try, adjudge, hear, sit, rule, give a verdict, decide, settle, determine, arbitrate, mediate, referee, umpire. 2. estimate guess, surmise, reckon, infer, deduce, gather, arrive, size up. 3. appraise rate, assess, rank, evaluate, value, size up.

judgment n. 1. sense common sense, wisdom, intelligence, prudence, discernment, understanding, savvy, brains, acumen, reasoning. 2. legal decision order, decree, ruling, decision, adjudication, sentence, verdict, award, damages. 3. opinion estimate, determination, appraisal, assessment, deduction, conclusion, conviction.


judicial a. 1. legal judiciary, juristic, forensic. 2. critical careful, thoughtful, analytical, discriminating, discerning, perceptive, keen. 3. unbiased. Ant. 2. obtuse, undiscriminating. See fair

JUDICIOUS a. [joo DISH us] having or using sound judgment. We rely on the Supreme Court to make judicious decisions. Syn. wise, sound, sensible, sage, sagacious, mindful, careful, well-considered, rational, thoughtful, astute, keen, perspicacious, discriminating. Ant. injudicious, senseless, thoughtless, irrational, careless.

judo n. martial art, self-defense technique, throws.

WORD FIND

martial arts: jujitsu, karate, tae kwon do

jug n. vessel, receptacle, container, pitcher, jar, bottle, vase.

JUGGERNAUT n. [JUG ur not] any large, powerful force or institution, sometimes followed with blind devotion. The cult had become a religious juggernaut, sometimes pressured its followers into selling all they owned. Syn. god, idol, object of worship, institution, force to be reckoned with, religion, crusade, movement, tidal wave, monster, colossus, titan, giant, engine, tidal wave.

juice n. fluid, extract, distillation, liquid, serum, sap, nectar, essence, secretion.

juicer n. food processor, blender, mixer, liquefier.

juicy a. 1. moist succulent, dripping, watery, liquid, saturated. 2. interesting provocative, racy, sexy, spicy, sensational, fascinating, colorful, risqué. Ant. 1. dry, dehydrated. 2. dry, dull, bland.

juke joint n. bar, roadhouse, club, tavern, pool hall.

jumble n. mixture, hodgepodge, mishmash, medley, melange, tangle, miscellany, mess, confusion, assortment, goulash, hash.

jumbled a. mixed, scrambled, strewn about, disorganized, cluttered, thrown together, disarranged, tangled, confused, in disarray. Ant. organized, ordered.


jump n. 1. leap hop, bound, vault, hurdle, spring, pounce, rise, leapfrog, buck, frolic, bounce. 2. increase upsurge, advance, upturn, boost.
jump v. 1. LEAP hop, bound, vault, hurdle, spring, dive, pounce, rise, leapfrog, bounce, lunge, buck. 2. RECOIL start, flinch, wince, bolt, jerk. 3. INCREASE surge, advance, escalate, rise, gain, boost.
jumpy a. nervous, restless, jittery, skittish, edgy, on edge, fidgety, *on pins and needles, *having hair-trigger nerves, uneasy, tense. ANT. relaxed, calm, tranquil.
junction n. juncture, convergence, joining, meeting, union, link, connection, crossing, intersection, crossroads, confluence.
juncture n. 1. connection joint, joining, juncture, coupling, hookup, link, seam, convergence, meeting, union. 2. POINT OF TIME moment, point, stage, period. 3. CRITICAL MOMENT crisis, turning point, crossroad, *zero hour, exigency, emergency.
jungle n. rain forest, forest, woods, bush, *the wild, the wilderness.

WORD FIND

descriptive: lush, moss-bearded trees, festooned and encrusted with parasites, tangled gardens, steaming, rampant foliage, leafy mosaic, ferns like lacy parasols, soaring monoliths

flowering parasite growing from cracks of trees: bromeliad, orchid, epiphyte

misty jungle: cloud forest

rotting floor debris: litter

uppermost story: canopy

twine, great: liana

twine, killer: strangler

twine, slang: bush rope

junior a. lower, lesser, subordinate, inferior, minor, secondary. ANT. senior, superior.
junk n. trash, scrap, refuse, waste, rubbish, debris, castoffs, salvage, garbage, crap, remnants, bits and pieces.
junk v. throw out, scrap, heave, dump, discard, dispose of, trash.
junket n. outing, trip, tour, fact-finding junket, excursion, party, banquet.
junk food n. snacks, fast food, processed food.
junkyard n. scrap yard, auto graveyard, dump, salvage yard, refuse yard, recycling facility.
jurisdiction n. 1. AUTHORITY authorization, power, command, sanction, control, dominion, rule, sovereignty. 2. REALM OF AUTHORITY domain, sphere, bounds, province, bailiwick, district, area, territory, reach.

jurist n. lawyer, attorney, attorney-at-law, counsel, counselor, legal advisor, judge, justice, magistrate.
jury n. peers, panel, judges, grand jury, petit jury, inquest, jury of one's peers. SEE COURT

WORD FIND

spokesperson: foreman, forewoman

just a. 1. FAIR impartial, unbiased, equitable, evenhanded, dispassionate, objective, non-partisan, right. 2. RIGHTEOUS upright, decent, virtuous, moral, ethical, honorable, proper, scrupulous, principled, good. 3. DESERVED justified, worthy, merited, earned, due, fitting, rightful. 4. ACCURATE right, correct, precise, sound, valid. TRUE. ANT. 1. unfair, partial, biased. 2. corrupt, immoral, unprincipled. 3. undeserved, uneartned. 4. inaccurate, imprecise.

just adv. 1. only merely, simply. 2. barely hardly, narrowly, *by the skin of one's teeth.

justice n. 1. righteousness virtue, rectitude, uprightness, integrity, honor, honesty, morality, goodness. 2. fairness impartiality, equity, evenhandedness, fair play, objectivity. "To give everyone his due."—Cicero. 3. LAWFULNESS rightness, legitimacy, validity, legality. 4. PENALTY OR REWARD recompense, compensation, reparation, just deserts, retribution. ANT. 1. immorality, dishonor, corruption. 2. unfairness, partiality, bias.

justice of the peace n. magistrate, official, witness, notary public. SEE LAW

justify v. vindicate, absolve, warrant, legitimize, show just cause, substantiate, answer for, defend, rationalize, support, exonerate, excuse.

jut v. project, protrude, stick out, extend.

juvenile n. youngster, kid, boy, girl, youth, minor, teenager, adolescent, lad, lass.

juvenile a. childish, young, immature, childlike, babyish, teenaged, adolescent, pubescent, undeveloped, inexperienced, naive, *wet behind the ears. ANT. adult, old, experienced.

juvenile delinquent n. punk, hooligan, hoodlum, malefactor, rowdy, gangbanger. "Other people's children in trouble."—Jerry Dashkin.

JUXTAPOSE v. [JUK stuh POSE] to place side by side. He had to juxtapose the pieces in order to see where they fit. SYN. appose, place side by side, pair, place parallel to one another.
KAFKAESQUE a. [KAHF kuh ESK] surreal or nightmarish, as the writings of Franz Kafka. As the drug took effect, the captive’s surroundings took on an increasingly Kafkaesque quality. syn. surreal, nightmarish, weird, bizarre, fantastic, freakish, monstrous, unbelievable, dreamy.

keen a. 1. sharp cutting, razor-sharp, knife-edged, honed, pointed. 2. piercing cutting, incisive, penetrating, trenchant. 3. astute acute, sharp, bright, perceptive, intelligent, discerning, quick, shrewd, wise, clever, discriminating. 4. enthusiastic eager, interested, avid, *gung ho, ardent, zealous, *psyched. ant. 1. dull, blunt. 2. shallow, superficial. 3. dull, obtuse, dense, stupid. 4. indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm.

keep v. 1. hold retain, possess, have, own, save, store. 2. take care of maintain, tend, look after, support, board, provide for, protect, mind, guard, watch over. 3. celebrate observe, commemorate, memorialize, regard. 4. restrain keep back, hold in check, prevent, curb, check, obstruct, detain, arrest, stop. ant. 1. throw out, discard, release. 2. neglect, ignore. 3. disregard, ignore. 4. free, let loose, liberate.

keeper n. guardian, protector, custodian, watchman, warden, caretaker, conservator, curator.

keepsake n. memento, reminder, souvenir, memorial, token, remembrance.

keg n. barrel, cask, drum, hoghead, container, tank, butt, firkin, tun.

ken n. perception, understanding, knowledge, cognizance, grasp, comprehension, range of vision.

kernel n. seed, grain, pit, stone, germ, nut, core, essence, heart, gist, center, crux, marrow.

kettle n. cauldron, pot, boiler, vessel, vat, stewpot, teakettle.

key n. 1. solution answer, clue. 2. guide manual, code.

keyboard n. organ, synthesizer. see musical instruments

keystone n. principle, cornerstone, linchpin, support, foundation, ground, basis.

kick n. 1. thrill *bang, *charge, *rush, enjoyment. 2. thrust jolt, recoil. 3. complaint gripe, objection. 4. stimulation zing, bite, punch, snap, potency, power, sharpness.

kick v. 1. boot punt, drop-kick. 2. object complain, gripe, protest, remonstrate, grumble. 3. SL. quit give up, *go cold turkey, stop.

kickback n. SL. percentage, payment, *payola, pay-off, graft, cut, bribe, *money under the table.

kid n. child, juvenile, adolescent, youth, teenager, boy, girl, youngster, tot, lad, lass.


kidnap v. abduct, *shanghai, *snatch, seize, hold for ransom, hijack, skyjack, pirate.

kill v. 1. murder put to death, execute, slay, do in, dispatch, get rid of, assassinate, exterminate, *waste, slaughter, *rub out, destroy. see murder 2. end stop, abort, halt, cease, terminate, turn off, cancel. 3. veto defeat, reject, *give thumbs down, turn down, negate.

killer n. murderer, slayer, assassin, executioner, ripper, homicidal maniac, *hit man, serial killer, gunman. see murderer

killing n. murder, homicide, slaying, manslaughter, execution, extermination, assassination, slaughter, foul play, death, fatality.


kin n. relatives, kinsfolk, kindred, sibling, family, blood relative, relations.

kind n. type, sort, variety, class, order, category, breed, strain, genus, brand, genre.

kind a. nice, compassionate, considerate, good, benevolent, generous, charitable, bighearted, understanding, loving, sympathetic, humane, gentle, *bleedingheart, friendly, soft, merciful, forgiving, Christian, tenderhearted. ant. mean, cruel, cold, brutal.

kindhearted a. see kind

kindle v. 1. set on fire ignite, burn, torch, fuel, inflame. 2. arouse excite, inflame, *fire up, agitate, incite, egg on, stir up, stimulate, fan the fire.
kindly a. kind, nice, compassionate, considerate, good, benevolent, generous, charitable, bigharted, understanding, gracious, loving, sympathetic, humane, gentle, friendly, soft-hearted, merciful, forgiving, Christian. ant. mean, cruel, cold, brutal.

kindly adv. nicely, compassionately, benevolently, generously, charitably, bighartedly, understandingly, lovingly, sympathetically, humanely, gently, mercifully, agreeably. ant. meanly, cruelly, coldly, brutally.

kindness n. 1. niceness compassion, consideration, goodness, benevolence, generosity, charity, bighartedness, understanding, graciousness, love, magnanimity, sympathy, humanity, gentleness, friendliness, mercy, forgiveness. "The golden chain by which society is bound together."—Johann Goethe. 2. good turn good deed, service, accommodation, helping hand, generosity, charity, assistance, relief. ant. 1. meanness, cruelly, coldness, brutality.

kindred a. similar, like, related, matching, corresponding, parallel, close, allied. ant. different, opposite, unrelated.

kinetic a. energetic, dynamic, active, lively, in motion. ant. static, motionless, stationary.


kingdom n. monarchy, realm, empire, dominion, domain, sovereignty, country, nation, territory, turf, sphere.

kink n. 1. curl twist, bend, screw, coil, curlique, crinkle, knot, crimp. 2. muscle spasm cramp, charley horse, knot, stitch, twinge, crick. 3. eccentricity peculiarity, quirk, idiosyncrasy, singularity. 4. difficulty defect, hitch, knot, snarl, glitch, complication.

kinky a. 1. curly snarled, knotted, frizzy, tangled, twisted, matted. 2. perverted bizarre, strange, eccentric, twisted, peculiar, depraved, warped, sick, outlandish, unconventional. ant. 1. straight, smooth. 2. normal, conventional, ordinary.

kinship n. relationship, kin, blood ties, close connection, affinity, association.

kiosk n. booth, stand, stall.

KISMET n. [Kiz met] fate; destiny. His early death was attributed to kismet. syn. fate, destiny, fortune, Providence, what is written in the stars, predestination, lot, portion.
know-how - kudos

know-how n. expertise, skill, capability, ability, experience, savvy, talent, proficiency, knack, flair, command, mastery, "the right stuff." ant: ignorance, inexperience, incompetence.

knowing a. knowledgeable, informed, aware, conscious, perceptive, astute, schooled, educated, learned, enlightened, intelligent, sophisticated, worldly, shrewd, clever, bright, insightful, wise. ant: unenlightened, obtuse, dense.


knowledge n. 1. acquaintance familiarity, awareness, understanding, apprehension, conversance, appreciation, consciousness, cognizance, realization, perception, enlightenment, experience, recognition, memory. "The wing wherewith we fly to heaven."—Shakespeare. "An unending adventure at the edge of uncertainty."—Jacob Bronowski. "The only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns."—J.M. Clark. 2. education schooling, erudition, learning, scholarship, instruction, enlightenment. 3. information facts, data, *lowdown, lore, science, wisdom. ant: ignorance, unfamiliarity, unconsciousness.

knowledgeable a. learned, schooled, well-read, erudite, educated, scholarly, literate, conversant, au courant, experienced, informed, knowing, abreast of, wise, worldly, sophisticated. ant: ignorant, unaware, unschooled.

knurled a. knotty, knobby, bumpy, gnarled, warty. ant: smooth.


kosher a. Sl. all right, okay, proper, correct, acceptable, approved, fitting, permissible, legitimate, permitted. ant: unacceptable.

kowtow v. bow, kneel, stoop, genuflect, bow and scrape, kiss feet, *kiss up, *brownnose, toady, cringe, grovel, fawn.

KUDOS n. [KOOS doz] praise for an outstanding accomplishment. The restaurant critic gave kudos to the chef for a magnificent dinner. syn. credit, praise, honor, glory, fame, acclaim, applause, laudation, esteem, plaudits, recognition, prestige.
lab n. see laboratory

label n. 1. tag sticker, ticket, stamp, sign, brand, name, logo, trademark, seal, identification.
   2. characterization stereotype, classification, generalization, epithet.

label v. 1. tag classify, differentiate, identify, name, designate, ticket, stamp, mark, brand.
   2. characterize stereotype, classify, generalize, brand.


laboratory n. lab, testing room, testing ground, analysis lab, chemistry lab, workshop. see chemistry, science

WORD FIND
acid or alkaline tester: litmus test; litmus paper
airless, enclosed space, any: vacuum chamber
bell-shaped gas holder: bell jar
bent-over neck and bubble-like container, glass vessel with: retort
bottle used for absorbing gasses, multi-necked: Woulff bottle
bowl in which substances are crushed, usually with pestle: mortar
box for hands to work in airtight compartment: glove box
cold surface, produces: cold finger
crushing implement used with mortar: pestle
cup or bowl-shaped vessel holding very hot chemical mixtures: crucible
cylindrical glass vessel: beaker, flask, fleak-er, graduated cylinder, test tube
distiller: still
distilling glass tube within a tube: condenser dropper with vacuum component, kind of: pipette
drying bowl in which air is removed: desiccator
flask, conical: Erlenmeyer flask
gas flame heating apparatus: Bunsen burner
heat released during chemical reactions, measures: calorimeter
liquid density, measures: hydrometer
open dish used for evaporation, flat: evaporating dish
rotates substances to separate individual constituents: centrifuge
shallow dish used to culture cells: petri dish
sterilizer: autoclave
test-tube like vessel: burette
vial, glass: ampule

labored a. strained, with great effort, forced, excessive, overworked, overwrought, stiff, studied, unnatural. ANT. effortless, natural, spontaneous.


labyrinth n. maze, convolution, network, complexity, intricacy, knot, tangle, winding way, Gordian knot.

lace n. netting, mesh, tatting, openwork, web, embroidery, macramé, braid, filigree.

lacerate v. tear, rip, cut, gash, slash, rend, mutilate, stab, mangle, slice, wound.
laceration n. tear, jagged tear, rip, cut, gash, slash, scratch, rent, slice, mutilation, wound.
lack n. want, deficiency, need, dearth, insufficiency, shortage, shortfall, paucity, privation.
   ANT. overflow, excess, abundance.
lack v. miss, need, want, fall short, be found wanting, require.

lackadaisical a. listless, languid, spiritless, indifferent, apathetic, unmotivated, languorous, impassive, lethargic, careless, laid-back, halfhearted, lazy. ANT. eager, spirited, enthusiastic, energetic.
lackey  n. toady, servant, footman, slave, stooge, *brownnose, *yes-man, flunky, underling, inferior.
LACONIC a. [luh KON ik] employing few words, terse. The laconic waiter grunted a one-word reply. SYN: terse, brief, short, concise, to the point, succinct, short and sweet, pithy, curt, taciturn, quiet, reticent. ANTE: loquacious, talkative, wordy, garrulous.
lacquer n. finish, coating.
lacy a. filigreed, webbed, tatted, delicate, meshy, frilly.
lad n. boy, young man, youth, fellow, kid, chap, *dude.
lady n. woman, female, gal, gentlewoman, matron, girl, señorita, mademoiselle. “One who makes a man behave like a gentleman.”—Russel Lynes.
ladylike a. refined, cultured, well-bred, genteel, proper, feminine, courtyardly, dignified, matronly, polite, well-mannered, prim. ANTE: rough, crude, uncouth, boorish, *gross.
lag v. fall behind, wane, ebb, flag, slow, linger, poke, drag, stall, dawdle, delay, trail, dally, procrastinate, *take one's sweet time. ANTE: rush, race, accelerate, surpass.
lagoon n. pool, body of water, shallow, tidal pond.
laggard n. straggler, slowpoke, dawdler, lagger, dallier, *slug.
lair n. den, hole, burrow, cave, nest, hideaway, hideout, retreat, lie, refuge, sanctuary.
LAISSEZ-FAIRE n. [LESS ay FEHR] allowance to do as one pleases without interference, regulation or control, a “hands-off” government policy. The government's laisser-faire policy allows some businesses to set their own rules. SYN: hands-off policy, free enterprise, noninterference, deregulation, inaction, freedom, latitude, *enough rope to hang oneself with.

WORD FIND
bend of a river, cut off: oxbow lake

LAPOON v. [lam POON] to satirize or parody, to ridicule. The comedy troupe loves to lampoon the president. SYN: satirize, parody, mock, ridicule, make fun of, caricature, burlesque, *send up, pasquinade.
lance v. pierce, cut open, incise, stick, prick, puncture, stab.
land n. 1. ground earth, soil, terra firma, turf, sand, loam, dirt. 2. TERRAIN expanse, stretch, sweep, topography, lowland, highland. 3. PROPERTY real estate, grounds, acreage, plot, lot, parcel, holding. 4. COUNTRY, AREA nation, region, motherland, fatherland, old country, district, territory.

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landfill n. dump, toxic waste site, disposal area, hazardous waste dump.
landlord n. landholder, lessor, proprietor, slumlord.
landmark n. guide, marker, milestone, guidepost, beacon, benchmark, watershed.
landscape n. expanse, view, panorama, sweep, vista, scene, scenery, surroundings, prospect.
landslide n. avalanche, mudslide, rockslide, collapse.
lane n. way, path, route, passage, alley, avenue, course, access, road, trail.
language is an unerring index of his nature. "—Laurence Binyon. "The armory of the human mind."—Samuel Taylor Coleridge.
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lantern n. lamp, torch, flashlight. see light
lapse n. 1. slip error, fault, flub, blunder, mistake, omission, oversight, *screwup. 2. gap passage, break, pause, lull, interval, interim.
lascivious a. lustful, expressing lust, Lewd. Her lascivious glance spoke volumes. Syn. lustful, lewd, wanton, licentious, horny, lecherous.
largely adv. mostly, chiefly, mainly, for the most part, principally, by and large, to a great extent, overall, generally.
larger than life a. legendary, storybook, mythical, towering, imposing, impressive, awesome, extraordinary, fabulous, ant. ordinary, down-to-earth.
largest a. generosity, charity, giving, gift-giving, philanthropy, benefaction. Ant. stinginess, cheapness, penny-pinching.
lash v. 1. thrash, whip, beat, flag, switch, strike, flail, flagellate, swat, scourge. 2. censure, rebuke, attack, criticize, tongue-lash, berate, scold, chastise, lambaste, *chew out.
largess a. generosity, charity, giving, gift-giving, philanthropy, benefaction. Ant. stinginess, cheapness, penny-pinching.
leastly adv. lastly, finally, in closing, ultimately.
latch n. lock, catch, hook and eye, bolt, fastening, hasp, clasp.
last a. 1. final, ending, closing, concluding, terminal, ultimate, climactic, finishing, trailing, rearmost. 2. latest, newest, current, recent, up-to-the-minute. Ant. 1. first, beginning, opening, 2. oldest, earliest.
lament n. lamp, torch, flashlight. see light
lap v. lick, splash, slosh, slap, ripple.
large a. big, sizable, great, huge, gigantic, immense, colossal, prodigious, gargantuan, vast, extensive, expansive, roomy, spacious, commodious, capacious, generous. Ant. tiny, small, microscopic, minute, sparse, paltry.
landfill - latch
late a. 1. tardy overdue, behind, delayed, lagging, slow, held up. 2. recent new, modern, current, up-to-the-minute, fresh. 3. deceased dead, extinct, defunct, bygone, former, past, previous. ANT. 1. punctual, on time. 2. early, old. 3. existing, living.

lately adv. of late, recently, a short time ago, now.

LATENT a. [LAYT unt] existing or present beneath the surface, hidden. He possessed a latent talent that only occasionally emerged. SYN. dormant, hidden, under the surface, inactive, quiescent, closet, smoldering, potential, smoldering, undeveloped. ANT. apparent, obvious, active, developed.

lateral a. sideways, sidewise, sidelong, oblique, slanting, glancing, flanking. ANT. perpendicular.

lather n. foam, froth, suds, spume, cream, bubbles.

LATITUDE n. [LAT uh tood] freedom to act without restrictions. The governor was given complete latitude to choose the state’s fate. SYN. freedom, liberty, free hand, carte blanche, license, leeway, slack, room, play, run, independence. ANT. restriction, confinement.

lattice n. framework, openwork, screen, trellis, grid, grating, fretwork.

LAUD v. [LAWD] to praise or acclaim. The critics lauded his latest work. SYN. praise, acclaim, applaud, extol, hail, compliment, sing praises of, cheer, celebrate, commend. ANT. disparage, criticize, denigrate.

laudable a. praiseworthy, commendable, admirable, excellent, exceptional, good, exemplary, superb, worthy, meritorious. ANT. awful, contemptible, terrible, shameful.

laudatory a. commendatory, praising, approving, eulogizing, complimentary, favorable, acclamatory, flattering. ANT. condemning, critical.

laugh n. chuckle, giggle, snigger, snicker, chortle, guffaw, roar, cackle, “tee-hee, horse-laugh, belly laugh,” great gust/gale of laughter, howl, fit of laughter, titter, snort, hoot, raspy chuckle, wheezing chuckle, shriek, scream, squeal, unrestrained laughter.

laugh v. chuckle, giggle, snigger, snicker, chortle, guffaw, roar, cackle, “tee-hee, convulse with glee, double over with laughter, howl, titter, snort, hoot, chuckle hoarsely, shriek, scream, squeal.

laughable a. absurd, ridiculous, hilarious, ludicrous, comical, funny, stupid, silly, sidesplitting, amusing, “a scream, hysterical, nonsensical. ANT. serious, sad, depressing.


launch v. 1. start inaugurate, begin, commence, institute, “start the ball rolling, usher in, break ground, open. 2. set off send forth, propel, discharge, fire off, catapult, set afloat.

launder v. wash, clean, cleanse, scrub, rinse.

laurels n. fame, honor, credit, kudos, renown, glory, praise, laudation, tribute, commendation, recognition.

lavatory n. washroom, toilet, rest room. See bathroom

lavish v. shower, spend, squander, deluge, heap, give, waste, pour, litter, be generous with. ANT. limit, stint.


WORD FIND
evidence that incriminates oneself, refusal to give: taking the Fifth

habitual lawbreaker: scofflaw, recidivist
ignorance of the law is no excuse: ignoratio legis non excusat
job, committing: per se
law: legalese
lawlessness: anarchy
lured into a crime by police: entrapment
punishment, laws regarding: penal code
puritanical or overly strict laws: blue laws
reading of rights rule on arrest: Miranda rule
science and philosophy of law: jurisprudence
second prosecution, law against: double jeopardy
time limit for judicial action: statute of limitations
unjust imprisonment, writ preventing: habeas corpus

lawbreaker n. criminal, violator, felon, offender, outlaw, transgressor, miscreant, delinquent, culprit, malefactor, scofflaw, recidivist.
lawful a. legal, allowable, legitimate, licit, within the law, sanctioned, permissible, constitutional, rightful. **ANT. illegal, unlawful, illicit.**

lawless a. anarchic, ungoverned, unchecked, unruly, felonious, criminal, nihilistic, barbarous, uncivilized, savage, chaotic. **ANT. lawful, civilized, law-abiding.**

lawn n. yard, grass, grounds, turf, sward, greensward, green.

lawsuit n. suit, action, litigation, case, claim, prosecution, dispute. "A machine which you go into as a pig and come out as a sausage."—Ambrose Bierce. See Court


lax a. slack, loose, remiss, careless, negligent, inattentive, devil-may-care, sloppy, casual, inexact, *asleep at the wheel.

laxative n. cathartic, purging agent, physic.

lay n. position, layout, arrangement, configuration, form, orientation.

lay v. 1. put place, set, set down, leave, deposit, rest, position. 2. knock down, fell, level, flatten, floor. 3. produce bear, bring forth, generate, deposit. 4. impose place, exact, assess, levy. 5. sl. copulate.

lay a. amateur, nonprofessional, ordinary, secular, unschooled. **ANT. professional.**

layer n. stratum, thickness, bed, course, tier, ply, fold, overlap, sheet, row, zone.

layman n. amateur, nonprofessional, laic, neophyte, novice. **ANT. professional, expert.**

layoff n. dismissal, discharge, firing, *downsizing, cutback, unemployment.

lazy a. indolent, slothful, unwilling to work, allergic to work, idle, shiftless, malinger ing, sleepy, loafing, inert, unindustrious, unmotivated. **ANT. industrious, enterprising, hardworking, hard-driving, busy as a beaver.**

leach v. drain, pass, percolate out, drip, filter, empty.

lead n. 1. first place edge, top spot, vanguard, jump, head, spearhead, cutting edge. 2. clue tip, hint, indication, sign. **ANT. 1. rear, tail.**

lead v. 1. guide direct, show the way, conduct, usher, shepherd, escort. 2. head command, direct, govern, supervise, run, *take the helm, rule, dominate, take charge. 3. influence persuade, incline, guide, direct, affect, *sell on, prevail upon, prompt, cause. 4. precede go before. 5. excel surpass, outdo, outshine, outperform, head the pack, rank first, stand head and shoulders above.

leader n. head, chief, commander, director, boss, supervisor, manager, captain, maestro, ruler, general, governor, dean, *biggest toad in the puddle, *big cheese, bellwether, pacesetter, pioneer, trailblazer, groundbreaker, vanguard. "A man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do and like it."—Harry S. Truman. "The wave pushed ahead by the ship."—Leon Tolstoy.

leadership n. command, control, direction, guidance, influence, domination, sway, mastery, charisma, potency, authority, counsel, management, supervision, rulership, government, shepherding, pacesetting, trailblazing, supremacy, dominance. "Action, not position."—Donald McGannon. **ANT. subservience, subordination, obedience.**

leading a. foremost, preeminent, chief, main, dominant, supreme, outstanding, greatest, ranking, most important. **ANT. secondary, minor, lesser.**

league n. alliance, association, confederation, federation, coalition, organization, union, affiliation, partnership, fraternity.

leak n. seepage, drip, trickle, oozing, stream, dribble, discharge, opening, rupture, crack, puncture, gash, break, breach.

leak v. 1. discharge seep, drain, drip, trickle, ooze, stream, spurt, dribble, flow. 2. divulge reveal, *spill the beans, disclose.

lean v. 1. incline slant, slope, cant, bend, tilt, pitch, list. 2. rely on depend on, count on for support. 3. tend incline, be disposed, gravitate toward, have a preference for.

lean a. thin spare, emaciated, anorexic, skin and bones, rawboned, gaunt, slim, slender, velvety, skinny, *lean as linguine, malnourished. 2. unproductive meager, poor, scanty, unprofitable. **ANT. 1. fat, plump, rotund. 2. productive, profitable, rich.**

leaning n. tendency, inclination, disposition, preference, proclivity, propensity, bias, weakness, mindset, penchant.

leap v. jump, spring, vault, hop, bound, bounce, hurtle.

leap v. jump, spring, vault, hop, bound, bounce, hurtle, soar, rise, leapfrog.

learn v. 1. acquire knowledge *pick up, master, understand, comprehend, apprehend, grasp, realize, absorb, become educated, memorize,
become versed in, "get the hang of, study, pore over," cram. 2. discover find out, hear, detect, determine, stumble upon.

**learned** a. educated, schooled, erudite, scholarly, literate, well-read, knowledgeable, lettered, intellectual, pedantic, bookish. ant. ignorant, unschooled, illiterate.

**learning** n. education, schooling, enlightenment, study, edification, erudition, research, training, scholarship, cultivation, inquiry, questioning, growth, knowledge. "Dust shaken out of a book and into an empty skull."—Ambrose Bierce. "A companion on a journey to a strange country ... a strength inexhaustible."—Hitopadesa.

**learning disability** n. learning disorder, learning deficit, learning impairment, dyslexia, ADD (attention deficit disorder).

**lease** v. let, rent, hire out, sublease, lend.

**leash** n. lead, line, rein, tether, rope, choker.

**lead** v. tie, restrain, tether, hitch, chain, collar, restrict.

**least** a. smallest, slightest, fewest, minimum, poorest, lowest, minutest, last. ant. greatest, most.


**leave** v. 1. go depart, exit, *split, take one’s leave, vacate, withdraw, *shove off, decamp, flee, *cut out, bid farewell, run along, take off. 2. abandon drop, desert, quit, give up, relinquish, forsake. ant. 1. arrive, come.


**lectern** n. desk, stand, support, ambo.

**lecture** n. 1. talk address, speech, discussion, discourse, oration, disquisition, sermon, lesson, instruction. 2. scold, *dressing down, reprimand, rebuke, criticism, reproach, *talking-to, remonstrance, admonishment, sermon.

**lecture** v. 1. talk give a speech, address, discuss, discourse, orate, give a lesson, give instruction, expound, preach, hold forth. 2. scold, *dressing down, reprimand, rebuke, criticize, reproach, remonstrate, admonish, sermonize, preach.

**ledge** n. shelf, overhang, projection, ridge, mantle, shoulder, outcrop.


**leech** n. parasite, bloodsucker, sponge, gold digger, blackmailer, extortionist, "bum.

**leer** n. salacious look, lascivious look, ogle, lustfully stare, stare, once-over, lecherous look, sidelong glance, sneer.

**leer** v. eye lustfully, eye salaciously, eye lascivously, eye lecherously, stare, give once-over, eye hungrily, ogle, look sidelong, smirk.

**leery** a. wary, guarded, suspicious, distrusting, cautious, chary, skeptical, uncertain. ant. trusting, unsuspecting.

**leeway** n. room, margin, space, latitude, breathing space, elbow room, freedom, slack, range.

**LEFT-HANDED** a. [LEFT HAND ED] referring to an insincere or dubious compliment, one that is actually insulting. She told him he had the ability to sing semiprofessionally, another of her subtle left-handed compliments. syn. insincere, dubious, backhanded, ambiguous, questionable, ironic, veiled, sardonic, mocking. ant. sincere, unambiguous, genuine.

**leftover** n. remnant, remainder, surplus, leaving, scrap, remains, oddments.

**LEFT-WING** a. [LEFT WING] liberal, leftist, radical. Left-wing activists wanted to preserve the entire forest, regardless of the jobs lost. syn. liberal, leftist, radical, progressive, far left, red, communist. ant. right-wing, conservative, rightist.

**legacy** n. [LEG uh see] something passed down from a previous generation or ancestor. Drug abuse is now commonplace, a legacy of the "anything goes" 1960s. syn. inheritance, bequest, heritage, *hand-me-down, gift, heirloom, birthright, carryover.

**legal** a. lawful, licit, allowable, sanctioned, permitted, constitutional, right, just, authorized, legitimate, judicial. ant. illegal, illicit, unlawful.

**legalize** a. make lawful, legitimize, allow, sanction, authorize, decriminalize, permit, license, legislate. ant. outlaw, prohibit.

**legend** n. 1. myth fable, lore, tale, story, fiction, narrative, allegory. 2. celebrity giant, star, superstar, hero, prodigy.

**legendary** a. 1. mythical fabled, fanciful, fantastic, fictional, imaginary, traditional, romantic, epic. 2. remarkable, immortal, great, celebrated, extraordinary, acclaimed, renowned, heroic. ant. 1. actual, real, true-to-life. 2. commonplace, unremarkable.

**legerdemain** n. sleight of hand, deceit.

**legible** a. readable, decipherable, clear, plain, easy-to-read, intelligible. ant. illegible, un-readable.
legion n. mass, multitude, crowd, throng, pack, army, swarm, horde, mob, scores.

legislation n. bill, act, law, statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, charter, constitution. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

legislator n. lawmaker, lawgiver, politician, representative, congressmen, senator, selectman, assemblyman, councilman. SEE POLITICIAN, ELECTION

legislature n. congress, senate, house of representatives, parliament, assembly, council. SEE CONGRESS, POLITICS


leisure n. repose, ease, freedom, liberty, rest, recreation, relaxation, unemployment, idle hours, respite, *downtime. "The time you don't get paid for and enjoy spending."—Hyman Berston. ANT. labor, work, employment.

leisurely a. slow, unhurried, deliberate, casual, relaxed, laid-back, easy, lazy, *poky. ANT. hurried, breakneck, rushed.

lemon n. "dud, "dog, loser, "piece of crap, "hunk of junk, reject. ANT. "piece of work, success.

lend v. 1. loan entrust, let use, accommodate, advance, oblige. 2. impart give, provide, furnish, contribute.

length n. 1. distance span, extent, reach, measure, size, dimension, expanse. 2. duration span, period, term.

lengthen v. stretch, elongate, protract, extend, expand, increase, prolong. ANT. shorten, cut.

lengthy a. long, protracted, drawn out, extended, prolonged, extensive, elongated, interminable, long-winded. ANT. brief, short.

lenient a. soft, mild, easy, merciful, tolerant, permissive, liberal, indulgent, charitable, kind, forgiving, compassionate. ANT. strict, harsh, tough, unforgiving.

leprechaun n. fairy, elf, little old man, dwarf, gnome, brownie, sprite, pixie, goblin.

lesbian n. homosexual, sapphist, gay woman.

lesbian a. homosexual, gay, sapphist. ANT. heterosexual.

lesion n. injury, damage, hurt, wound, sore, trauma, cut, laceration, bruise, contusion, impairment, "boo-boo.

less a. fewer, smaller, slighter, shorter, lower, not as great, inferior, minor, subordinate, lower, secondary. ANT. more, greater, superior.

lessen v. decrease, diminish, reduce, lower, abate, slacken, dwindle, shrink, fall off, cut, contract, downsize, pare, fade, subtract, moderate. ANT. increase, multiply, expand.

lesson n. instruction, class, exercise, lecture, assignment, drill, study, homework, teaching.

let v. 1. allow permit, authorize, enable, grant, *give the go-ahead, *give the green light, give permission, license. 2. lease rent, sublease, hire out, charter.


lethal a. fatal, deadly, mortal, killing, death-dealing, murderous, dangerous, poisonous, pernicious, malignant. ANT. harmless, benign.

lethargic a. drowsy, sluggish, tired, weary, fatigued, listless, sleepy, torpid, languid, *out of it, lazy, slothful, apathetic, somnolent, dragging, comatose. ANT. energized, lively, hyperactive.

lethargy n. drowsiness, sluggishness, tiredness, fatigue, listlessness, sleepiness, somnolence, torpor, languor, malaise, laziness, slothfulness, apathy. ANT. liveliness, vigor, "get-up-and-go.


letters n. belles lettres, learning.

letup n. stopping, pause, cessation, interlude, break, lapse, lull, recess.

levée n. bank, embankment, dam, mound, breakwater.

level n. 1. height elevation, altitude, story, floor, stratum, extent. 2. rank position, grade.

level a. 1. grade smooth, plane, flatten, even out. 2. raze flatten, knock down, fell, wreck, demolish, destroy.

level a. even, flat, flush, plane, uniform, straight, smooth, balanced, equitable, proportionate, in line. ANT. uneven, tilted.

levelheaded a. sensible, reasonable, prudent, composed, even-tempered, cool, calm, self-possessed, unruffled, unflappable, poised. ANT. unreasonable, thoughtless, irrational, wild.

leverage n. weight, influence, *pull, "clout, power, control, upper hand, advantage.

leviathan n. giant, colossus, monster, behemoth, titan, hulk, mammoth, whale, sea monster. ANT. shrimp, midget, gnat.

LEVITY n. [LEV i tee] light or unserious behavior, frivolity. His jokes added much-needed levity to the occasion. SYN. lightness, frivolity,
lightheartedness, foolishness, silliness, buoyancy, mirth, merriment, whimsy, giddiness. *ant. seriousness, gravity, somberness.

levy n. tax, tariff, toll, assessment, duty, revenue, dues, fee, collection, imposition.

levy v. impose, exact, assess, tax, fix, lay on, charge, collect, wrest, tithe.

lewd a. lascivious, lecherous, lustful, libidinous, salacious, licentious, obscene, vulgar, indecent, immodest, suggestive, X-rated, lurid. *ant. chaste, pure, upright, wholesome, clean.

lexicon n. dictionary, thesaurus, glossary, word book, vocabulary.

liability n. 1. responsibility, accountability, burden, blame, obligation. 2. debt, indebtedness, obligation, due, debit. 3. drawback, disadvantage, hindrance, handicap, impediment, encumbrance, millstone, burden. *ant. 1. immunity. 2. asset. 3. advantage, plus.

liable a. 1. responsible, accountable, answerable, obligated, subject, bound. 2. likely, apt, probable, prone, disposed, given, subject, open, susceptible. *ant. 1. immune, exempt. 2. unlikely.

liaison n. 1. alliance, connection, affiliation, hookup, union, association, linkup, communication. 2. love affair, romance, fling, hookup, union, association, linkup, communication. *ant. turned on.

libel n. [LYE bul] published statements that are untrue, malicious, and damaging to one’s reputation. *syn. slander, defamation, smear, malicious gossip, falsehood, dirty lie, yellow journalism, innuendo, aspersions. *see law, newspaper.

libel v. slander, defame, smear, scandalize, malign, denigrate, *drag through the mud, slur, discredit, *give a black eye.

libelous a. slanderous, defamatory, scandalous, denigrating, untrue, false, malicious, injurious, maligning, discrediting, made up. *ant. true, proven, accurate.


liberal a. 1. generous, giving, free-handed, charitable, open-handed, lavish, philanthropic, bountiful, unsparring. 2. abundant, plentiful, ample, copious, rife, rich, lavish, large. 3. nonrestrictive, loose, unrestrictive, free, unrestricted. 4. tolerant, broad-minded, open-minded, unprejudiced, accepting, unbiased, indulgent. 5. progressive, reformist, leftwing, leftist, radical. *ant. 1. stingy, cheap, tightfisted. 2. sparse, skinny, strict, literal. 3. intolerant, prejudiced, close-minded. 4. conservative, right-wing.

liberal arts n. academic disciplines, studies, general education, the trivium and quadrivium, language, literature, philosophy, history, mathematics, science.

liberate v. free, release, emancipate, loose, unshackle, deliver, manumit, unbind, extricate, rescue. *ant. enslave, subjugate, shackle.

liberation n. freedom, liberty, release, emancipation, unshackling, deliverance, manumission, salvation, extrication, rescue. *ant. enslavement, subjugation, imprisonment.

liberty n. freedom, release, emancipation, liberation, autonomy, self-determination, nonrestriction, independence, privilege, license, sovereignty, latitude, unrestraint. “A power to do as we would be done by.”—John Quincy Adams. *ant. enslavement, restriction, restraint.


license n. 1. permit, permission, authorization, entitlement, privilege, grant, right. 2. freedom, liberty, latitude, free hand, indulgence, presumption, immoderation, unrestraint, looseness, excess, boldness. *ant. 1. prohibition, restriction, 2. restriction, restraint.

license v. permit, authorize, allow, sanction, warrant, certify, accredit.

licentious a. lascivious, lewd, immoral, libidinous, wanton, abandoned, lecherous, carnal, promiscuous, lustful, debauched, smutty, unrestrained. *ant. chaste, prudish, wholesome, restrained.

lick n. 1. hit punch, *whack, smack, blow, slap, jab. 2. musical phrase *riff.

lick v. 1. lap tongue, kiss, graze, brush. 2. beat, whip, defeat, trounce, overpower, *shellac, trample.

lid n. cover, top, cap.

lie v. 1. prevaricate, fabricate, fib, falsify, tell a little white lie, perjure, deceive, misrepresented, distort, stretch the truth, fudge, con. 2. rest recline, stretch out, be recumbent, be prone, be supine, sprawl, lounge. ant. 2. stand.


life-and-death a. life or death, critical, crucial, important, vital, consequential, earth-shaking, emergent, pivotal, climactic. ant. inconsequential, trivial.

lifeless a. 1. dead, deceased, extinct, dead as a coffin nail, stone dead, defunct, “down for the count,” comatose, unconscious, inanimate, inert. 2. colorless, dull, lackluster, flat, “blah, insipid, wooden, tiresome, spiritless. ant. 1. alive, living, vital. 2. spirited, lively, colorful.

lifestyle n. way of life, behavior, habits, conduct, orientation, inclinations. see life

lifeline n. lifespan, life expectancy, duration, day, age, being, three-score years and ten.

lifelike a. natural, realistic, true-to-life, faithful, true, graphic. ant. unnatural.

lift v. 1. hoist, elevate, heave, raise, boost, jack up, erect, upraise, hike, heft. 2. steal swipe, pinch, pocket, shoplift, pilfer. 3. remove cancel, annul, rescind. ant. 1. drop. 3. impose.

liftoff n. launch, take-off, blast-off, ignition, firing.

light n. 1. radiance, luminescence, illumination, radiation, glow, shine, incandescence, effulgence, flash, glare, brilliance, glimmer. 2. lamp, beacon, lantern, candle, torch, flare. ant. 1. dark, gloom, blackness.

light v. 1. illuminate, spotlight, shine, irradiate, brighten. 2. ignite, kindle, spark, set fire to, inflame. 3. get down, descend, alight, land, settle, perch. ant. 1. darken, dim. 2. extinguish, douse.

lighten v. 1. reduce, decrease, ease, unload, remove, lessen, empty, disencumber, alleviate, mitigate. 2. lift, cheer, perk up, buoy, gladden. 3. brighten, illuminate, light up, irradiate. ant. 1. increase, burden, weigh down. 2. depress, discourage. 3. darken.

lighthearted a. carefree, cheerful, happy, buoyant, sunny, jovial, playful, upbeat, blithe, glad, untroubled, joyous. ant. downhearted, heavyhearted, grave, depressed.

lightly adv. slightly, softly, faintly, gently, daintily, delicately, sparingly, gingerly, easily, carefully. ant. heavily, ponderously.

lightning n. electrical discharge, bolt, thunderbolt, flash, chain lightning, stroke, jag. see cloud, thunder

WORD FIND
conducting metal rod safeguarding rooftop from: lighting rod
erroneous terms for broad-appearing flashes obscured by clouds: heat lightning, sheet lightning
mysterious flashes appearing above a thunderstorm but not below: blue jet, sprite
likable - lip service

radio noise and static caused by: atmospherics; whistlers

spherical flyer: ball lightning

likable a. winning, agreeable, charming, attractive, nice, pleasing, pleasant, appealing, sweet, good-natured, warmhearted, friendly.

ANT. repellent, mean, unappealing.

like v. 1. fancy enjoy, care for, delight in, *get a kick out of, be partial to, *dig, love, adore, take pleasure in, be fond of, appreciate, relish, *have a soft spot for, esteem. 2. WANT choose, prefer, care, feel inclined. ANT. 1. dislike, hate, abhor, detest.

like a. similar, alike, uniform, approximating, much the same, comparable, corresponding, close, equivalent, homologous, akin. ANT. different, unlike.

likelihood n. probability, good chance, prospect, possibility, potentiality.

likely a. probable, apt, promising, liable, expected, anticipated, plausible, *in the cards, destined. ANT. unlikely, improbable, doubtful.

like-minded a. simpatico, similar, of one mind, of like mind, compatible, in agreement, in accord, en rapport, unanimous. ANT. 1. difference, dissimilarity.

likens v. relate, link, equate. SEE COMPARE

likeness n. 1. resemblance semblance, similarity, correspondence, sameness, uniformity, analogy. 2. facsimile replica, image, representation, depiction, portrait, picture, photo, copy, model. ANT. 1. difference, dissimilarity.

liking n. fondness, fancy, affinity, taste, appetite, inclination, partiality, preference, attraction, *soft spot. ANT. aversion, hatred.

limb n. appendage, member, part, extremity, leg, arm, wing, branch, bough.

limber a. flexible, pliant, elastic, supple, agile, loose, pliable, malleable. ANT. stiff, rigid, inflexible.

limbo n. nowhere. SEE OBLOVION

limit n. boundary, end, extent, margin, maximum, ceiling, border, brink, utmost, farthest reach, termination.

limit v. restrict, bound, confine, put a ceiling on, inhibit, restrain, constrict, hem in, curb, ration, check, circumscribe.

limitation n. restriction, check, curb, impediment, stumbling block, stricture, bar, block, hindrance, handicap, qualification.

limited a. restricted, bound, confined, restrained, checked, circumscribed, controlled, curbed, fixed. ANT. unlimited, unrestricted.

limitless a. unlimited, boundless, unrestricted, infinite, neverending, immeasurable, incalculable, innumerable, vast. ANT. limited, finite.

limp v. hobble, falter, favor one leg, drag one foot, walk lamely, stagger, shuffle, hitch, move haltingly, hop, totter, take mincing steps.

limp a. flaccid, drooping, wilted, soft, slack, flabby, weak, lax. ANT. rigid, firm, stiff, strong.

limpid a. clear, transparent, pellucid, crystal, like glass, translucent. ANT. cloudy, muddy.

line n. 1. long mark score, underscore, underline, stripe, stroke, dash, streak, slash, demarcation. 2. row course, column, series, succession, queue, procession, chain, series, train, string, file, tier. 3. cord string, twine, rope, cable, filament, thread, strand. 4. line of work business, calling, specialty, interest, occupation, profession, *racket. 5. lineage ancestry, descent, breed, stock, pedigree.

lineage n. descent, ancestry, stock, family, strain, bloodstream, genealogy, heredity, succession, extraction.

linger v. stay, remain, hang back, hang around, loiter, dawdle, dillydally, poke about, wait, procrastinate, delay, hesitate.

lingerie n. underclothes, undergarments, underwear, *undies, underthings, panties, bra, teddy, camisole, chemise, garterbelt, negligee.

lingo n. language, dialect, jargon, vocabulary, vernacular, argot, tongue, speech, slang, idiom.

linguist n. polyglot, bilingualist, translator, interpreter.

liniment n. ointment, salve, balm, lotion, embrocation, unguent.

link n. 1. CONNECTION component, section, coupling. 2. ASSOCIATION attachment, tie, connection, bond, contact.

link v. associate, connect, attach, unite, tie, bond, couple, join, splice, bind, relate.

lion n. lioness, king of beasts, carnivore, predator, meat-eater, mammal, quadruped, cub, wildcat, puma, mountain lion, cougar.

lionized v. celebrate, acclaim, glorify, exalt, elevate, idolize, immortalize, worship, revere.

lip n. 1. rim brim, edge, verge. 2. SL. IMPUDENT *mouth, back talk, insolence, rudeness, *sass, *wising off.

LIP SERVICE n. [LIP SER vis] insincere agreement, empty talk or gesture. Politicians pay a lot of lip service to their constituents. SYN.
liquefy  v. dissolve, thaw, melt.
liquid  n. fluid, water, solution, aqua, juice, extract, broth, soup.
liquid  a. fluid, running, flowing, aqueous, wet, moist, watery, juicy, molten. *ANT. solid, dry.
liquidate  v. 1. settle pay off, dispose of, make good, square, satisfy, discharge. 2. close out sell out, convert to cash, sell stock. 3. kill murder, *knock off, slay, *rub out, *bump off, exterminate, assassinate.
liquor  n. liquor, alcohol, flavored drink, cordial, aperitif, appetizer. *ANT. alcohol, cocktail, liqueur, moonshine, wine
lite  a. flexible, limber, pliant, supple, bendable, lithesome, lissome, loose, agile, nimble. *ANT. stiff, rigid.
litigious  a. quick to threaten with or file lawsuits, contentious, quarrelsome. America has become one of the most litigious societies on earth. *ANT. accommodating, compromising, peaceful.
litter  n. trash, rubbish, refuse, garbage, *crap, debris. *ANT. strew, clutter, mess, scatter.
little  a. 1. small tiny, wee, diminutive, minute, pint-sized, undersized, dinky, shrimpy, Liliputian, itty-bitty, minute, puny, microscopic. 2. scant insufficient, few, meager, skimpy. *ANT. brief, fleeting, passing, short, momentary, limited. 4. weak insignificant, inconsequential, ineffective, faint, feeble, powerless, trivial, slight. 5. young immature,

insincerity, empty talk, empty gesture, token agreement, tokenism, show, hollow words, flattery, smooth talk, duplicity.

LIST n. list, listing, repetition, recital, rendition, rundown, account, compilation.
literal  a. exact, true, actual, word-for-word, faithful, real, accurate, verbatim, *to the letter, undeviating, precise. *ANT. figurative, metaphorical, loose, imprecise, paraphrased.
literally  adv. exactly, actually, word-for-word, real, nonfiguratively, faithfully, verbatim, *to the letter, precisely. *ANT. figuratively, metaphorically, imprecisely, loosely.
literary  a. bookish, literate, scholarly, erudite, cerebral, formal, artistic, stuffy.
literate  a. schooled, educated, well-read, able to read and write, scholarly, lettered, knowledgeable, cultured. *ANT. illiterate, ignorant, uneducated.
lithe  a. flexible, limber, pliant, supple, bendable, lithesome, lissome, loose, agile, nimble. *ANT. stiff, rigid.
lithesome  a. see lithe.

LITIGATE v. [LIT uh GATE] to take a dispute to court, to sue. The damaged party threatened to litigate. *ANT. try in court, contest in court, file suit, bring suit, sue, prosecute, bring legal action.
litigation  n. lawsuit, suit, legal action, legal proceedings, prosecution, filing of charges, court case, trial. "A machine which you go into as a pig and come out of as a sausage."—Ambrose Bierce. *ANT. law, court.

LITIGIOUS  a. [li TJI] us quick to threaten with or file lawsuits, contentious, quarrelsome. America has become one of the most litigious societies on earth. *SYN. contentious, quarrelsome, argumentative, combative, belligerent, given to filing lawsuits, *sue-happy, *lawsuit happy. *ANT. accommodating, compromising, peaceful.
litter  n. trash, rubbish, refuse, garbage, *crap, debris. *ANT. strew, clutter, mess, scatter.
little  a. 1. small tiny, wee, diminutive, miniature, pint-sized, undersized, dinky, shrimpy, Liliputian, itty-bitty, minute, puny, microscopic. 2. scant insufficient, few, meager, skimpy. 3. brief, fleeting, passing, short, momentary, limited. 4. weak insignificant, inconsequential, ineffective, faint, feeble, powerless, trivial, slight. 5. young immature,
liturgy n. ritual, service, rite, ceremony, worship.

livable a. habitable, comfortable, satisfactory, adequate, tolerable, homey, *equipped with creature comforts. ANT. unhabitable, intolerable.

live v. 1. exist live and breathe, draw breath, survive, be alive, function, subsist, persist, endure, last. 2. reside dwell, inhabit, occupy, lodge, *hang one’s hat. ANT. 1. die, expire, perish

live a. 1. living alive, breathing, animate, vital, conscious, *alive and kicking, viable. 2. lively energetic, dynamic, hot, operative, active, vigorous, spirited. ANT. 1. dead, inanimate, lifeless. 2. dead, cold.

livelihood n. living, occupation, job, work, employment, trade, profession, vocation, business, source of income, subsistence.


loaf v. 1. fill, pack, stack, stuff, lade, pile, cram, weigh down, saddle, burden, encumber. ANT. unload, empty, unburden.

loaf n. 1. hall entrance, corridor, foyer, vestibule, reception area, anteroom. 2. pressure group special interest group, political action group, influence peddlers, lobbyists.

lobby v. [LAH bee] to try to influence others, especially politicians and their votes. The paper companies plan to lobby in Washington for stronger lumbering rights. SYN. influence, *influence-peddle, *pull strings, persuade, pressure, sway, solicit votes, sell, push, politick.

lobbyist n. special interest representative, pressure group representative, influence peddler, string-puller, power-broker, mover and shaker, persuader. SEE POLITICS

local a. regional, neighborhood, community, municipal, divisional, district, close to home, civic, parochial, provincial, native, limited, narrow, confined. ANT. national, international, worldwide, foreign.

locality n. locale, spot, place, area, neighborhood, position, site, point, region, zone, district.

localize v. confine, limit, narrow, restrict.

locate v. 1. find detect, come across, uncover, discover, place, track down, pinpoint, unearth, root out, sniff out, ferret out. 2. establish settle, occupy, take root, house, take up residence, squat.

located a. situated, stationed, placed, positioned, based.

location n. place, spot, site, position, point, zone, locale, locality, area, neighborhood, district, neck of the woods.

lock n. 1. bolt, catch, padlock, latch, hook, bar, deadbolt, clamp. 2. tress, curl, ringlet, tuft. 

lock v. secure, latch, bolt, padlock, bar, close, shut.

locker n. chest, footlocker, trunk, cabinet, compartment, closet.

locomotion n. motion, movement, progression, traveling, driving, walking. ANT. inertia, stasis.

locution n. phrasing, phraseology, language, idiolect, dialect, pronunciation, accent, brogue.

lodestar a. north star pole star, Polaris. 2. guide ideal.
lodge n. summer house, cabin, camp, cottage, chalet, hostel, resort hotel, hunting lodge.

lodge v. 1. STAY room, house, abode, *put up, reside, live, bunk, *hole up, sojourn. 2. BECOME stuck stick, wedge, fix, catch.

lodger n. guest, tenant, boarder, renter, roomer.

lodging n. accommodation, hotel, motel, inn, bed and breakfast, hostel, boarding house, rooming house, quarters, room and board, pied-à-terre, billet.

loft n. attic, garret, storeroom, upper level, studio, gallery, clerestory.

loft v. throw, toss, launch skyward.

lofty a. 1. VERY HIGH sky high, elevated, soaring, towering, vertiginous, tall, aerial, cloud-kissing, heavenly, celestial. 2. NOBLE OR SUBLIME exalted, elevated, great, grand, esteemed, renowned, celebrated, distinguished, majestic. 3. HAUGHTY arrogant, high and mighty, lordly, supercilious, self-important, *snooty, *stuck-up, *on one’s high horse, *uppity, pompous, proud. ANT. 1. low, earthbound, short. 2. ignoble, low, common. 3. modest, humble, down to earth.

log n. 1. TREE LIMB or TRUNK stump, timber, branch, block, pole, beam, wood. 2. RECORD book journal, register, account, daybook, diary, chronicle.

log v. record, report, enter, note, register, chronicle, take down, keep an account, tally.

loge n. box, balcony, compartment, stall.

logger n. lumberjack, woodcutter, forest worker.


logical a. reasonable, sensible, commonsensical, rational, sound, analytical, intelligent, smart, deductive, scientific, plausible. ANT. illogical, nonsensical, unscientific.

LOGISTICS n. [lo JIS tiks] management of any large operation, military or otherwise, and particularly dealing with procurement, distribution, transport and maintenance of materials and personnel. The logistics of feed-

ing, moving, and lodging 100,000 troops in two days is nightmarish. SYN. management, organization, coordination, maintenance, procurement, upkeep, systematization, governance, handling, direction, husbandry, methodization.

logo n. trademark, logogram, logotype, name, symbol, trade name, emblem, colophon.

loiter v. hang around,linger, idle, lounge, tarry, hover, mill around, poke, *hang, loaf, vegetate, dawdle.

loll v. 1. LOUNGE lean, recline, sprawl, relax, slouch, lie on, repose, hang. 2. DROOP hang, dangle, trail, sag.

lone a. solitary, sole, isolated, lonely, single, individual, unaccompanied, deserted, forsaken. ANT. paired, accompanied.

loneliness n. isolation, emptiness, aloneness, alienation, detachment, remoteness, seclusion, lack of intimacy, heartache, longing for companionship. ANT. intimacy, camaraderie, fellowship.

lonely a. 1. FRIENDLESS feeling empty, lonesome, companionless, lone, forsaken, isolated, solitary, secluded, reclusive, *like a hermit, forlorn, love-lorn, desolate, deserted, abandoned, forgotten, estranged, shut in. 2. REMOTE out of the way, unfrequented, uninhabited, deserted, isolated, secluded, unpopulated, sequestered, cloistered. ANT. 1. befriended, popular. 2. crowded, mobbed, frequented.

loner n. *lone wolf, solitary, hermit, recluse, introvert, outcast, misanthrope.

lonesome a. see lonely

long a. 1. EXTENSIVE extended, expanded, lengthy, elongated, protracted, prolonged, stretched out, drawn out. 2. TAKING TOO MUCH TIME overlong, interminable, long-winded, unending, endless, dragging, tedious. ANT. 1. short, brief. 2. brief, short, concise.

long v. yearn, hunger, desire, crave, thirst, want, hanker, wish for, pine, *lust after, *have the hots for.

longevity n. long life, endurance, staying power, durability.

longing n. yearning, desire, hunger, craving, thirst, want, hankering, yen, wish, *itch.

longing a. yearning, desirous, wanting, craving, hungry, wishful, pining. ANT. content, satisfied.

longshot n. outside shot, outside chance, one in a million chance, *a snowball’s chance in hell.

long-standing a. long-established, deeply rooted, long-lived. ANT. short-lived, new.
long-winded a. wordy, verbose, prolix, *windy, diffuse, rambling, circumlocutory, overlong, endless, interminable. **brief, short, to the point.
look n. 1. expression appearance, face, aspect, bearing, guise, impression, air, fashion. 2. glance glimpse, eye, regard, stare, gander, inspection, *once-over, scrutiny, examination.
look v. 1. see regard, behold, check out, inspect, examine, view, observe, scrutinize, notice, *take a gander, *feast one's eyes on, survey, watch, *eyeball, *get a load of, gaze, stare, glimpse, glance. 2. appear seem, strike one as, exhibit, resemble, manifest.
lookout n. 1. watch guard, eye, vigilance, heed, lookout n. 2. sentinel guard, sentry, watchman, patrol, spotter. 3. lookout station tower, perch, crow's nest, watchtower, observatory.
loom v. appear, take shape, materialize, rise up, emerge, threaten, menace, impend, cast a long shadow. **disappear, vanish, recede.
loop n. circle, ring, hoop, bow, noose, spiral, coil, eyetlet, bend, circuit.
loop v. circle, encircle, ring, wind, coil, curl, knot.
loophole n. escape, evasive route, way out.
loose v. see loosen
loose a. 1. not tight slack, relaxed, lax, limp, baggy, unbinding. 2. unrestrained unbound, unfastened, untied, undone, unrestricted, unconstrained, unsecured, unattached, free. 3. inexact indefinite, imprecise, vague, broad, roundabout. 4. sexually immoral lascivious, licentious, promiscuous, lewd, lecherous, abandoned, debauched, unrestrained, libidinous, perverted, *having the morals of an alley cat. **tight, snug, binding. 2. restrained, bound, tied. 3. exact, precise. 4. chaste, celibate, moral.
loosen v. 1. slacken relax, unbind, ease up, moderate, relieve tension. 2. free untie, unbind, let go, liberate, unfasten, untether, undo, unlock. **tighten, restrict, bind. 2. tie, bind, fasten.
loot n. plunder, spoils, stolen goods, booty, take, haul, pillage.
loot v. plunder, rob, steal, despoil, pillage, *rip off, swipe, lift,ransack, pilfer, burglarize.
looter n. thief, plunderer, pillager, criminal, grabber, raider, ravager, ransacker, pilferer, opportunist.
lop v. trim, cut, remove, prune, sever, truncate, chop off, clip, shear, pare.
lope v. stride, spring, *move right along. see walk
lopsided a. uneven, asymmetrical, one-sided, unbalanced, disproportional, top-heavy, cockeyed, awry, irregular. **even, symmetrical, balanced.
loquacious a. [loh KWAY shus] talkative, gabby. **talky, garrulous, chatty, longwinded, voluble, babbling, verbose, *bigmouthed, *motor-mouthed, **having the gift of gab. **tacturn, reticent, reserved.
lord n. nobleman, master, ruler, monarch, governor, baron, viscount, king.
lordly a. 1. noble grand, stately, dignified, gracious, lofty, princely, regal, royal. 2. haughty arrogant, overbearing, high and mighty, imperious, domineering, insolent, condescending, supercilious, smug, haughty, irregular. **tacturn, reticent. 3. haughty, arrogant, overbearing, high and mighty, imperious, domineering, insolent, condescending, supercilious, smug, haughty, irregular. **tacturn, reticent.
lose v. 1. mislay misplace, lose sight of, lose track of, lose sight of. 2. be defeated fail, fall, *blow it, *flunk, *go belly up, be outclassed, be outdistanced, fall short, surrender, *eat one's dust, *meet one's Waterloo, *take a beating, **tumble down, become a loser, **be humbled, *take a dive, *bomb, flop, *lay an egg, *take a bath. 3. elude evade, escape, avoid, *give the slip, *throw off the trail, outsider, **leave in one's wake. **tacturn, reticent
loss n. 1. cost debit, deficit, debt, forfeiture. 2. see defeat 3. damage deprivation, detriment, disadvantage, harm, injury, impairment, privation, misfortune, destruction, removal. **profit, gain, surplus. 2. win. 3. gain, return.
lost a. 1. misplaced mislaid, missing, disappeared, vanished, gone, strayed, down the drain, irretrievable. 2. off track disoriented, astray, *going around in circles, off-
course, adrift. 3. destroyed, ruined, wiped out, wrecked, obliterated. 4. wasted, squandered, misspent, exhausted. 5. deep in thought, absorbed, dreaming, rapt, preoccupied, engrossed, abstracted, far away. 6. bewildered, confused. **ant. 1. found, uncovered, retrieved. 2. oriented, on course, having one's bearings. 3. preserved, saved.**

**lot** n. 1. parcel of land, plot, acreage, tract, real estate, subdivision. 2. portion share, allotment, allowance, interest, part, percentage. 3. fortune, fate, “hand one is dealt, destiny, portion, status, doom, the way the cookie crumbles. 4. a great deal, much, quantity, piles, slwos, loads, scores, tons, abundance, plenty, oodles.

**lothario** n. womanizer, lady-killer, seducer, rake, lover, “wolf, philanderer, Don Juan, Casanova, Romeo.

**lotion** n. cream, ointment, balm, salve, embrocation, conditioner, liniment, unguent.

**lottery** n. drawing, game of chance, Lotto, sweepstakes, raffle, numbers game, gambling.

**loud** a. 1. blaring, earsplitting, deafening, piercing, thundering, booming, stentorian, intense, clamorous, noisy, vociferous. *enough to wake the dead, powerful, roar-n.

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**loudmouthed** a. bigmouthed, obnoxious, blustering, bellowing, vociferous, boisterous, strident, clamorous. **ant. reticent, shy, quiet, taciturn.**

**lounge** n. 1. lobby, waiting room, reception room, anteroom. 2. cocktail lounge club, bar, saloon, disco.

**lounge** v. relax, recline, lie about, repose, stretch out, sprawl out, loll, loaf, vegetate, idle, laze.


**lovelorn** n. loveless, forsaken, lovesick, spurned, bereft, rejected, jilted.

**lovely** a. beautiful, pretty, attractive, exquisite, fair, gracious, winning, charming, handsome, good-looking, comely, fetching, captivating, pleasing, graceful, nice, personable. **ant. ugly, repulsive, hideous.**

**loving** a. affectionate, warm, tender, giving, fond, devoted, caring, doting, kind, friendly, demonstrative, solicitous, passionate, amorous, romantic, sexual, erotic, ardent. **ant. hateful, mean, cold, brutal.**


**lover** n. 1. sweetheart, flame, steady, “honey,” significant other, mate, sex partner, significant other, stud, Romeo, beau, boyfriend, girlfriend, mistress, lothario, Don Juan, Casanova, heartthrob. 2. fan, aficionado, devotee, enthusiast, buff, “freak, “bug, “nut.


**love** v. 1. adore, be fond of, cherish, worship, hold dear, treasure, idolize, think the world of, like, be crazy about, long for, desire. 2. *make out, hug, cuddle, neck, embrace, make love, romance, have sex, engage in foreplay, “have the hots for.** **ant. 1. hate, dislike, loathe, detest.**

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low-browed - lumber

shallow, expended, running out. 3. unhappy depressed, melancholy, *bummed out, miserable, blue, downhearted, dejected, glum, discouraged, sad, heavyhearted. 4. small, little, paltry, slight, modest, slim, puny, deficient, humble. 5. mean despicable, bad, evil, base, depraved, contemptible, disgraceful, wretched, reprehensible, ignoble, vulgar, nasty. 6. quiet hushed, subdued, soft, muted, muffled, whispered, murmur. 7. poor plebian, humble, lowborn. 8. lowly, inferior, under, lesser, secondary, minor, subordinate, junior. 9. inferior, humble, modest, common, ordinary, plain, simple, poor, plebian, proletarian, baseborn, obscure. 10. uneducated, uncultivated, unso phisticated, vulgar, unschooled, ignorant, illiterate. 11. refined.

lower v. 1. drop bring down, let down, let fall, depress, descend, submerge, dip, sink. 2. reduce decrease, diminish, lessen, downgrade, depreciate, modify, cut, slash, shorten, soften, abate, relieve. 3. humble degrade, dishonor, shame, humiliate, disgrace, debase, demean. 4. raise, lift, elevate. 5. increase, redemn. 2. increase, enlarge, expand.

lower a. inferior, under, lesser, secondary, minor, subordinate, junior. 12. higher, superior.

low-key a. subdued, understated, subtle, restrained, toned down, mellow, muted, quiet. 13. loud, intense, blatant.

lowly a. inferior, humble, modest, common, ordinary, plain, simple, poor, plebian, proletarian, baseborn, obscure. 14. superior, high-born, lofty.

loyal a. faithful, trustworthy, true, allegiance, tried and true, true-blue, devoted, patriotic, dedicated, staunch, reliable, dependable. 15. disloyal, unfaithful, treacherous.

loyalty n. faithfulness, allegiance, devotion, dedication, patriotism, fidelity, duty, honor, reliability, dependability, steadfastness, staunchness, trustworthiness. 16. disloyalty, backstabbing, treachery, perfidy.

LSD n. lysergic acid diethylamide, hallucinogen, drug. 17. acid, blotter, blue cheer, California sunshine, dots, electric Koolaid, yellow, pearly gates, tabs, strawberry fields, yellow, beast, blue, heaven, blue microdot, blue moons, Lucy in the sky with diamonds, Zen, barrels. See DRUG WORD FIND

supplier: *travel agent
user: *acid head

lubricant n. grease, oil, coating.

lubricate v. grease, oil, slicken.

lucid a. [LOO sid] clear, easy to understand. Also, clearheaded. The report was straightforward and lucid. Syn. clear, crystal-clear, transparent, understandable, comprehensible, plain, intelligible, easy to grasp, distinct, apparent, obvious, unambiguous, clear-headed, rational, of sound mind, sensible. Ant. unclear, cloudy, unintelligible, irrational.

Lucifer n. Satan, archangel. See Devil.

luck n. 1. fortune fate, chance, lot, destiny, wheel of fortune, Fortuity, happenstance.

lucky a. fortunate, blessed, auspicious, providential, propitious, fortuitous, by chance. Ant. unlucky, unfortunate.

lucrative a. [LOO kruh tiv] producing profit or riches. His oil business turned out to be highly lucrative. Syn. profitable, profit-producing, wealth-producing, income-producing, remunerative, money-making, high-paying, gainful, prosperous, rewarding, worthwhile. Ant. unprofitable, money-losing, unprosperous, income-draining.

lucr n. money, riches, wealth.

ludicrous a. [LOO di krus] laughable, absurd. The medical beliefs of the early Victorians were often ludicrous. Syn. laughable, absurd, ridiculous, stupid, preposterous, comical, hilarious, outlandish, crazy, silly, uproarious, nonsensical, cockamamy. Ant. serious, sensible, respectable.

lug v. carry, drag, haul, tow, schlepp, hump, tug, pull, tote.

luggage n. baggage, trunks, carry-on, suitcases, valises, packs, bags, gear, effects.

lukewarm a. unenthusiastic, halfhearted, cool, apathetic, indifferent, tepid, impassive, uncaring, uninterested. Ant. enthusiastic, passionate, hot.

lull n. quiet period, calm, pause, letup, break, quiet, respite, hush, spell, breather, silence.

lull v. calm, soothe, reassure, sedate, pacify, quiet, put to sleep, tranquilize, allay. Ant. agitate, arouse, excite.

lulu n. Sl. *dilly, *corker, dandy, humdinger, doozy, ripsnorter, something to write home about.

lumber n. timber, wood, planks, boards, two-by-fours, milled wood, studs, posts, beams.
lumber v. clump, plod, stump, trudge, stamp, *clomp, drag, waddle, move heavily, move awfully.

lumberjack n. logger, woodcutter.


luminous a. 1. BRIGHT glowing, aglow, shining, illuminated, lighted, brilliant, radiant, lit, resplendent, luminescent, lustrous. 2. CLEAR understandable, lucid, comprehensible, intelligible, perspicuous, plain, obvious. ANT. 1. dark, dim, black. 2. cloudy, confusing, vague.

luminox n. oaf, clod, *klutz, *big ape, lumphead, lout, clodhopper.

dlump n. clump, chunk, mass, gob, ball, hunk, piece, bulk, scrap, protuberance, swelling, bulge, prominence, node, knot.


lush a. rich, luxurious, luxuriant, profuse, dense, thick, flourishing, prolific, abundant, green, verdant. ANT. sparse, scanty, thin.


lust v. desire, want, hunger for, long for, crave, itch for, pant after, *have the hots for, ache for, be consumed with desire.

luster n. shine, glow, gloss, sheen, radiance, shimmer, gleam, burnish, glint, brilliance, dazzle. ANT. dullness, drabness.

lustrous a. shining, glowing, bright, glossy, radiant, shimmering, gleaming, burnished, glinting, brilliant, dazzling. ANT. dull, drab.

lusty a. vigorous, hearty, strong, robust, hardy, full of life, hale, energetic, healthy, vital, virile. ANT. weak, sickly, frail.

luxuriant a. 1. lush teeming, vigorous, abundant, profuse, rich, luxurious, dense, thick, copious, overgrown. 2. extravagant excessive, florid, ornate, busy, overdone, rococo, showy, sumptuous. ANT. 1. sparse, thin, stingy. 2. understated, plain.

luxurious a. rich, extravagant, sumptuous, splendid, plush, ostentatious, fancy, indulgent, posh, lush, immoderate, *ritzy, comfortable, sensuous. ANT. poor, shabby, shabby.


lying n. dishonesty, untruthfulness, prevarication, deceit, fibbing, dissembling, fabrication, storytelling, insincerity, mendacity. "A form of creativity; talking the truth is being only a reporter."—Eric Hoffer. ANT. honesty, truth-telling.

lyric a. songlike, poetic, musical, melodic, melodious, tuneful, mellifluous.

lyrical a. expressive, emotional, soulful, deep, heartfelt, rhapsodic.

lyricist n. songwriter, songsmith, poet, composer.
MACABRE a. [muh KAHB ruh] gruesome, ghastly, denoting the horrors of death. *The macabre account of torture and murder was a bestseller.* SYN. gruesome, ghastly, horrifying, horrible, grim, grisly, deathly, morbid, frightful, lurid, eerie, ghostly, spooky, unearthly.

macaroni n. pasta, shells. SEE PASTA

MACHIAVELLIAN a. [MAK ee uh VEL ee un] deceitful and crafty, wily. *The politician was Machiavellian in his dealings with rivals.* SYN. deceitful, crafty, wily, duplicitous, expedient, cunning, scheming, conniving, devious, sly, unscrupulous. ANT. honorable, straightforward, honest.

MACHINATION n. [mak uh NAY shun] a plot or scheme, especially of devious intent. *He won the nomination through behind-the-scenes machinations.* SYN. plot, plotting, scheme, scheming, engineering, string-pulling, design, contrivance, ploy, maneuver, artifice, *skulduggery, *backdoor dealing, device.

machine n. mechanism, apparatus, device, appliance, engine, motor, contraption, vehicle, *workhorse, automaton, robot, gadget.

machinery n. SEE MACHINE

machismo n. masculinity, virility, manliness, dominance, strength, fierceness, aggressiveness, fearlessness, potency, toughness.

macho a. masculine, virile, dominant, strong, fierce, fearless, manly, aggressive, potent, tough, swaggering, cocky. ANT. weak, effeminate, *wimp.

macrocasm n. world, cosmos, universe, all creation. ANT. microcosm.

mad a. 1. insane crazy, psychotic, psychopathic, schizophrenic, "nuts, deranged, demented, "out of one's mind, unstable, unbalanced, "loony, "off one's rocker, "mental, "wacky, foolish, harebrained. SEE INSANITY 2. ANGRY enraged, furious, infuriated, incensed, irate, peeved, irritated, annoyed, vexed, "tickied, enflamed, "pissed, livid, "gone ballistic. SEE ANGRY ANT. 1. sane, rational, stable, of sound mind. 2. pleased, delighted, happy.

madcap a. reckless, wild, impulsive, crazy, rash, imprudent, foolish, foolhardy. ANT. prudent, sensible, cautious.

maddening a. infuriating, aggravating, exasperating, enraging, galling, provoking, riling, troubling, irritating, annoying, outrageous, frustrating. ANT. encouraging, settling, fulfilling.

made-up a. fictional, fictitious, invented, fabricated, contrived, thought up, dreamed up, concocted. ANT. true, factual, real.

madhouse n. insane asylum, "loony bin, mental hospital, "laughing academy, mental institution, psychiatric hospital, "nuthouse, "booby hatch, chaos, bedlam.

madman n. psychopath, psychotic, "psycho, lunatic, schizophrenic, manic, sociopath, "sicko, *kook, "nut.

madness n. insanity, craziness, psychosis, lunacy, schizophrenia, dementia, derangement, mental illness, "nuttiness, mania, delusion of grandeur. "That reckless fire."—Edmund Gosse. "A common calamity; we are all mad at some time or other."—Johannes Mantuanus. SEE NEUROSIS, MANIA, PHOBIA, INSANITY

maelstrom n. 1. whirlpool vortex, eddy, swirl, Charybdis. 2. agitation turmoil, turbulence, uproar, madness, confusion, unbalance.

maestro n. master, conductor, composer, master musician, music teacher, instructor.

Mafia n. "the mob, Cosa Nostra, organized crime, the underworld, Black Hand, the Syndicate, gangland.

WORD FIND
advisor to chief: consigliere
arrested: pinched
blackmail or scare someone for money: shakedown
business enterprises: loan sharking, money laundering, drug trafficking, gambling, labor racketeering, counterfeiting, extortion, prostitution, gangland killings
chief: boss, capo, chairman, don
code of silence: omerta
crime family: borgata, brugad
euphemism: waste management business, garbage business

gambling profits without declaring on taxes, to take: skim

gun: piece

gun, carrying a: heavy, packing

inducted into the Mafia: made

informer: canary, rat, squealer

interest paid to loan sharks: juice

intimidates, threatens, beats up, or kills; one who: enforcer

legal protection for testifying against: Witness Protection Program

loans money at exorbitant interest rate: loanshark

low-ranking member: soldier

member of: goodfella, Mafioso, mobster, wiseguy

membership in: the books

mistor of Mafia member: comare

money paid to shut someone up: hush money

murder, to: whack, hit, burn, put a contract out on.

powerless wannabe: empty suit

profit, illegal: graft

ruling members: administration

second-in-command: caporegime, underboss

slipping away by various means from someone who may be following on foot or in a car: cleaning

soldiers, group of: crew

stolen car: bent car

stolen goods: swag

stolen goods, one who receives or sells: fence

surveil one's comings and goings: clock

underling, stupid: babbo

works with but is not yet “made”: associate

magazine n. periodical, publication, journal, digest, monthly, weekly, quarterly, *rag, review, *slick.

magic n. 1. supernatural powers wizardry, witchcraft, sorcery, black magic, necromancy, conjuring, mysticism, voodoo, hoodoo, occultism, diabolism. 2. trickery legerdemain, sleight-of-hand, prestidigitation, hocus-pocus, *smoke and mirrors, conjuring. see occult

WORD FIND

gold from metal art: alchemy

magic words: incantation, abracadabra, presto, mumbo jumbo, sesame

symbol: pentacle

magical a. enchanting, bewitching, charming, spellbinding, mesmerizing, entrancing, fascinating, hypnotic, seductive. ant. ordinary.

magician n. 1. one with supernatural powers wizard, sorcerer, witch, necromancer, mystic, conjurer, warlock, Merlin, shaman. 2. trickster prestidigitator, illusionist, legerdemainist, sleight-of-hand expert, Houdini.

magistrate n. civil officer, administrator, justice of the peace, judge, justice.

MAGNANIMOUS a. [mag NAN uh mus] high-minded or noble, quick to forgive and not hold grudges. John was magnanimous in his loss, conceding that his opponent was the better man. syn. noble, forgiving, high-minded, big, generous, liberal, tolerant, charitably, ungrudging, benevolent, chivalrous. ant. grudging, petty, unforgiving.


magnetic a. drawing, pulling, attractive, irresistible, arresting, tugging, grabbing, seductive, alluring, captivating, charismatic. ant. repellent, repulsive.

magnetism n. attractiveness, charisma, drawing power, hold, irresistibility, charm, appeal, dynamism, animal magnetism, sex appeal, pull.

magnificent a. grand, beautiful, stately, glorious, exalted, spectacular, grandiose, wonderful, splendid, majestic, imposing, awe-inspiring, elegant, gorgeous, sumptuous, breathtaking. ant. modest, humble, *nothing to write home about.

magnify v. enlarge, blow up, intensify, enhance, increase, expand, amplify, *beef up, heighten, concentrate, exaggerate, blow out of proportion, overstate. ant. minimize, reduce, diminish.

magnitude n. 1. size extent, greatness, bigness, dimensions, vastness, measure, mass, volume, expanse, bulk. 2. importance influence, consequence, weight, degree, moment, significance, import, enormity, prominence. ant. 1. smallness. 2. insignificance.

maharishi n. guru, spiritual guide, mystic, teacher.

maid n. maid, girl, miss, lass, virgin, schoolgirl, damsel, *jailbait, *chick.

maid a. new, untried, virgin, fresh, first, inaugural, initial, original. ant. old, hackneyed, *old hat.
mail n. letters, postcards, correspondence, post, packages, parcel post. *junk mail, circulars, *snail mail, dispatch.

mail v. post, send, dispatch, address, ship, transmit, *fax, send it UPS, e-mail, *snail mail.

mailman n. letter carrier, mail carrier, postal carrier, mailwoman, postman.

main v. crotchet, handicap, mutilate, disable, hurt, injure, wound, incapacitate, mangle, hamstring, dismember, damage, break.

main a. principal, chief, primary, central, prime, major, critical, important, head, predominant, foremost, essential, crucial, outstanding. **Ant. secondary, minor, subordinate, lesser.

mainly adv. principally, chiefly, primarily, predominantly, essentially, mostly.

mainstay n. chief support, backbone, anchor, pillar, strength, prop, staff, foundation, buttress.

mainstream a. prevailing, general, average, typical, standard, predominant, main, principle, middle-of-the-road, primary. **Ant. extreme, fringe, radical.

maintain v. 1. keep up look after, service, repair, mend, care for, take care of, sustain, preserve, conserve. 2. continue with carry on, prolong, keep, keep going, keep alive, sustain, perpetuate, support. 3. assert declare, hold, contend, state, claim, testify, affirm, insist, argue. **Ant. 1. neglect, let go, destroy. ruin. 2. stop, quit, kill, end. 3. deny, disavow.

maintenance n. 1. upkeep servicing, repair, care, grooming, preservation, conservation. 2. sustenance support, livelihood, income, allowance, alimony, child support.

majestic a. grand, stately, lofty, dignified, regal, princely, kingly, imperial, distinguished, patistical, imposing. **Ant. modest, humble, lowly.

majesty n. grandeur, stateliness, loftiness, dignity, regalness, magnificence, nobility, splendor.

major a. 1. bigger larger, greater, chief, superior, dominant, main, principal. 2. important chief, principal, primary, foremost, top, critical, outstanding, significant. **Ant. 1. smaller, lesser. 2. minor, secondary.

majority n. 1. the most greater part, preponderance, bulk, more than half, mass, lion’s share. 2. adulthood voting age, age of consent, maturity, manhood, womanhood, drinking age. **Ant. 1. minority, less than half, few. 2. minority, childhood.

make n. brand, kind, variety, model, style.

make v. 1. form construct, fabricate, create, originate, concoct, manufacture, build, assemble, compose, produce, devise, shape, fashion, *slap together, cook up, brew. 2. cause bring about, effect, effectuate, start, generate, produce, do, accomplish. 3. force compel, impel, coerce, prevail upon, press, pressure, oblige, railroad, arm twist, *strong-arm, require. 4. elect appoint, vote in, designate, name, assign, install. 5. earn bring in, clear, *take home, gross, net, reap, gain. **Ant. 1. disassemble, dismantle, destroy, obliterate. 5. spend, pay, *blow, lose.

make-believe n. fantasy, imagination, pretending, dream, fancy, fiction, invention, pretense.


make-up n. 1. cosmetics foundation, rouge, blush, greasepaint, beauty aid, mascara, face paint. 2. character genetic heritage, nature, personality, disposition, temperament, individuality, composition, sums of one’s parts.

maladjusted a. maladapted, unadapted, unfit, neurotic, disturbed, *messed up, *warped, abnormal, stressed. **Ant. adjusted, adapted, normal, fit.


malady n. disease, disorder, illness, sickness, ailment, affliction, infirmity, disability, complaint, infection, *bug.

MALAISE n. [ma LAYZ] uneasiness or queasiness, especially that which manifests itself at the start of an illness. He fell into a state of malaise and rarely got off the couch. Syn. uneasiness, queasiness, weakness, sickness, tiredness, exhaustion, *the blues, discomfort, lassitude. **Ant. vigor.

malaria n. infectious disease, mosquito-borne disease, illness, sickness, malady, ague.

malky n. Sl. rot, poppycock, baloney, bull. See nonsense.

malcontent n. complainer, faultfinder, grumbler, whiner, *belllyacher, grouch, rebel.

malcontent a. discontented, dissatisfied, unsatisfied, unhappy, disgruntled, rebellious, complaining, faultfinding. **Ant. content, satisfied.

male n. man, gentleman, guy, fellow, buck, *dude, boy, brother, father. **Ant. female, woman.

male a. masculine, manly, *macho, virile. **Ant. female, feminine.

malediction n. curse, damning, imprecation, execration, anathema, vilification. **Ant. blessing, best wishes.

MALEVOLENT a. [mu LEV uh lunt] malicious, wishing harm on others. He was severely
abused as a child and had a malevolent disposition. SYN. malicious, mean, vicious, nasty, hostile, spiteful, evil, malignant, vindictive, hateful, wicked, venemous, bitter. ANT. kind, benevolent, warm, bighearted.

malformation n. abnormality, deformity, anomaly, mutation, irregularity, freak, monster, monstrosity.

malformed a. deformed, misshapen, distorted, mutated, grotesque, irregular, crooked, misproportioned, freakish, stunted, hunchbacked. ANT. well-formed, perfect, impeccable.


MALICE n. [MAL iss] the desire to hurt others, ill will. The humiliating loss filled him with malice. SYN. ill will, spite, maliciousness, hatred, malevolence, evil intent, malignance, venom, animosity, bitterness, vengefulness, viciousness, bad blood, meanness. ANT. love, compassion, kindness.

malicious a. spiteful, hurtful, vicious, malignant, malevolent, hateful, bitter, venemous, nasty, mean, wicked, pernicious, vengeful, harmful. ANT. loving, kind, compassionate, benevolent.

malign v. defame, slander, denigrate, disparage, vilify, run down, *bad-mouth, mudsling, insult, smear, revile, *drag one’s name through the mud, slur.

malignant a. 1. deadly, lethal, fatal, harmful, virulent, metastatic, cancerous, pernicious. 2. malicious, malevolent, hostile, hurtful, harmful, evil, wicked, spiteful, vicious. ANT. 1. benign, harmless. 2. kind, helpful, friendly.

malingering n. shirker, slacker, loafer, clock-watcher, idler, *faker.

mall n. 1. SHOPPING CENTER shopping complex, shopping mecca, shopping plaza, strip mall, marketplace. 2. PROMENADE walk, alameda, esplanade.

malleable a. 1. pliable flexible, movable, plastic, moldable, yielding, soft. 2. impressionable changeable, moldable, adaptable, susceptible, teachable, *like putty in one’s hands, tractable, docile. ANT. 1. rigid, inflexible, hard. 2. intractable, unchangeable.

malnutrition n. nutrient deficiency, protein deficiency, malnourishment.

malodorous a. stinking, *stinky, smelly, noxious, offensive, foul, fetid, nasty, strong, reeking, putrid, rotten, rank, vile, nauseating. ANT. sweet-smelling, flowery.

malpractice n. incompetence, negligence, unprofessional conduct, misconduct, impro
essential, imperative, *a must. ANT. elective, optional, unnecessary.

**man-eater** n. cannibal, anthropophagite. See Monster

**maneuver** n. 1. MOVE strategy, scheme, artifice, gambit, tactic, ruse, dodge, feint, subterfuge, ploy, play, machination. 2. MILITARY MANEUVER exercise, deployment, war game, tactics, movements, operations, flaming maneuver.

**maneuver** v. 1. MANIPULATE scheme, engineer, machinate, plot, intrigue, contrive, *finagle, *pull strings. 2. GUIDE direct, handle, steer, drive, navigate, negotiate, pilot, jockey.

**mangle** v. mutilate, cut, tear, hack, rip, lacerate, slice, slash, disfigure, crush, bruise, maim, damage.

**mangy** a. shabby, filthy, dingy, dirty, ragged, scruffy, seedy, sordid, wretched, poor. ANT. fine, new.

**manhandle** v. strong-arm, dominate, abuse, arm-twist, rough up, bully, beat up, mistreat, *belt, *slug, batter, push around.

**mania** n. craze, obsession, mental disorder, compulsion, fixation, preoccupation, desire, passion, fascination, madness.

**WORD FIND**

alcohol: dipsomania
animals: zoomania
books: bibliomania
cats: ailuromania
children: pedomania
dancing: choreomania
death: necromania
dogs: cynomania
eating: sitomania
fire: pyromania
flowers: anthomania
food: phagomania
genius, delusion one is: sophomania
horses: hippomania
kill, desire to: dacnomania
money: chrematomania
nakedness: gymnomania
night: noctimania
pleasure: hedonomania
sex: nymphomania, aphrodisiomania
sleep: hypnomania
solitude: automania
stealing: kleptomania
sun: heliomania	
talking: logomania
travel: hodomania
washing: ablutomania
wealth: plutomania

**women:** gynemania

**woods:** hylomania


**manifest** v. show, reveal, make plain, expose, exhibit, materialize, display, illustrate, express, bring to light, demonstrate. ANT. hide, conceal, cover up.

**MANIFEST** a. [MAN uh FEST] obvious, visible, evident. That he was sincere was manifest. SYN. obvious, visible, evident, clear, plain, apparent, distinct, showing, glaring, in full view, unmistakable, prominent. ANT. invisible, unapparent, uncertain, ambiguous.

**manifestation** n. form, demonstration, evidence, exhibition, display, indication, example, illustration, expression, proof, testimony.

**MANIFESTO** n. [MAN uh FES toh] a public declaration of political doctrine and intentions. The new government produced a written manifesto of their beliefs. SYN. proclamation, declaration, promulgation, notice, notification, announcement.

**manifold** a. varied, various, multifold, multifarious, multiple, multifaceted, diverse, miscellaneous, numerous. ANT. simple, one-dimensional.

**manipulate** v. 1. HANDLE operate, work, wield, use, finger. 2. FINAGLE *pull strings, contrive, influence, plot, scheme, machinate, engineer, jockey, trick, *wangle, *wheel and deal.

**mankind** n. See MAN

**manly** a. masculine, brave, strong, courageous, macho, virile, tough, potent, red-blooded, *two-fisted, daring, unflinching, heroic, gritty, fearless, aggressive, chivalrous, muscular, husky. ANT. effeminate, *wimpy, mousy, feminine, weak.

**man-made** a. artificial, synthetic, manufactured, fabricated, handmade, unnatural, fake. ANT. natural, real.

**manner** n. 1. STYLE way, mode, fashion, method, system, pattern, custom, practice. 2. BEHAVIOR air, way, conduct, deportment, as-
pect, bearing, mien, posture, appearance, demeanor.

mannered a. affected, unnatural, pretentious, put-on, posed, phony, artificial, *fake, studied, calculated. ANT. natural, genuine.

mannerism n. habit, idiosyncrasy, quirk, peculiarity, trait, tic, characteristic gesture, affectation, put-on.

mannerly a. polite, courteous, well-behaved, civil, gracious, considerate, refined, nice, proper, respectful, gentlemanly, ladylike, polished. ANT. rude, ill-mannered, discourteous.

manners n. courtesy, civilities, decorum, graciousness, etiquette, politeness, formalities, social graces, good form, refinement, gentility. "The final and perfect flower of noble character."—William Winter. "The art of making those people easy with whom we converse."—Jonathan Swift. "Oil that lubricates social contacts."—Leon Harrison. ANT. rudeness, bad manners, impoliteness, roughness.

mansion n. manor, estate, chateau, villa, palazzo, castle, stately home, *showplace, *dream house, *spread. see house

manslaughter n. killing, slaying, homicide. see murder

manual n. handbook, guidebook, instructions, directions, *how-to, bible, reference, primer, textbook. see book

manufacture v. 1. make produce, mass-produce, fabricate, assemble, build, create, formulate, construct, fashion, hammer out, turn out, cast, forge. 2. concoct make up, invent, think up, fabricate, devise, lie, embellish, *tell a tall tale.

manufacturer n. maker, builder, producer, mill, assembler, assembly plant.

manure n. dung, excrement, *crap, droppings, mulch, waste matter, *do do, *cow chips, fertilizer, compost

manuscript n. script, text, book, composition, story, document, article, typewritten pages, hard copy.

many n. a lot, abundance, scores, tons, *scads, a bunch, multitude, myriad, *galaxy, *heaps, profusion. ANT. a few, none.

many a. abundant, several, numerous, countless, multitudinous, innumerable, plentiful, copious, "umpteen. ANT. few.

map n. chart, plan, plot, graph, relief map, atlas, street guide.

maple n. tree, acer, deciduous tree.

mapmaker n. cartographer, mapper, topographer, surveyor.

mar v. disfigure, spoil, damage, impair, injure, blemish, deface, deform, mangle, ruin, wreck, scar, crack.

marathon n. cross-country race, footrace, endurance run, long distance race.

maraud v. raid, plunder, ransack, pillage, loot, ravage, prey upon, wreak havoc on, despoil, assault.

marauder n. raider, attacker, plunderer, pillager, looter, pirate, ransacker, thief, robber.

march v. step in time, pace, tramp, tread, parade, goose-step, walk, promenade, file, plod, strut.

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helmsman, boatswain, deckhand. See naval officer, navy, ship, boat

marionette n. dummy, doll. See puppet

marital a. wedded, matrimonial, married, conjugal, connubial, nuptial. Ant. single.

maritime a. oceanic, sea, aquatic, pelagic, nautical, seagoing, oceangoing, naval, marine.

mark n. 1. line, spot, or blemish streak, tick, blot, impression, trace, blotch, dot, stain, smudge, imprint, score, scratch, cut. 2. characteristic sign, hallmark, indication, symptom, symbol, brand, badge, signature, proof, evidence. 3. standard norm, rule, criterion, scale, yardstick, gauge. 4. target goal, aim, end, objective, object, bull's-eye.

mark v. 1. blemish streak, blot, leave an impression, blotch, dot, stain, smudge, splotch, mar, imprint, score, scratch, cut. 2. characterize distinguish, brand, stamp, imprint, identify, label, indicate, symbolize, denote.

marked a. noticeable, obvious, distinct, conspicuous, clear, apparent, prominent, outstanding, striking, glaring, pronounced. Ant. indistinct, undistinguished.

market n. store, mart, shopping center, grocery store, outlet, mall, stall, stand, emporium, exchange.

market v. sell, peddle, hustle, offer for sale, hawk, wholesale, retail, exchange, trade, advertise.

marksman n. sharpshooter, crack shot, dead shot, good shot.

maroon v. strand, abandon, leave behind, cast away, desert, put ashore, forsake, isolate.

marriage n. union, wedding, matrimony, coupling, wedlock, tie, bond, nuptials, "wedded bliss, "tying the knot, merger. "An armed alliance against the outside world."—Gilbert Keith Chesterson. "The high sea for which no compass has yet been invented."—Heinrich Heine. "Fever in reverse: it starts with heat and ends with cold."—German proverb.

"A field of battle, not a bed of roses."—Robert Louis Stevenson. See divorce, wedding

WORD FIND
aft er death of fi rst spouse: digamy
broker, Jewish: schatchen
divorce: dissolution
estrangement: alienation of affections
failing: *on the rocks
forced, due to sexual misconduct: *shotgun wedding
hater of: misogynist
hatred of: misogamy
intrerracial: miscegenation, mixed marriage
invalidation of: annulment

long-term cohabitation without benefi t of wedding: common-law marriage
loveless couple joined for benefi ts other than affection: marriage of convenience
man uninterested in: confirmed bachelor
man who has sexually unfaithful wife: cuckold
married to more than one spouse: bigamy, polygamy
married to one spouse: monogamy, monogyny, monandry
outside the bonds of marriage: extramarital
property brought into by woman: dowry
seventh-year temptation: *seven-year itch
unfaithfulness in: infidelity
vow: troth
with others: open marriage


marsh n. bog, swamp, fen, bayou, everglade, estuary, moor, wetland, quagmire, slough. See lake

WORD FIND
gas: methane
hollow: swale
plant: reed, sedge, cattail, bulrush

marshal v. order, arrange, array, manage, direct, coordinate, organize, distribute, deploy, dispose, guide.

marshy a. boggy, swampy, fenny, wet, soggy, spongy, mucky, Ant. dry, arid.

martial a. military, militant, warlike, hostile, combative, aggressive, bellicose, antagonistic, Ant. peaceful, civil.

martinet n. disciplinarian, drillmaster, taskmaster, *whip, tyrant, slavedriver, authoritarian, stickler.

martyr n. sufferer, self-sacriﬁer, *poor me.


"The only way in which a man can become famous without ability."—George Bernard Shaw.

marvel n. wonder, miracle, prodigy, sensation, spectacle, *sight to behold, *mindblower, phenomenon, rarity.

marvel v. wonder at, stand in awe, be awestruck, be astonished, gape at, stare at with wonder, be amazed.
marvelous a. 1. wonderful sensational, phenomenal, miraculous, amazing, astonishing, surprising, extraordinary, awesome, wondrous, stunning, supernatural. 2. great excellent, fabulous, fantastic, fine, splendid, superb, *super, terrific, "out of this world, wonderful. ANT. 1. "ho-hum, ordinary, banal, everyday. 2. lousy, terrible, bad.

masculine a. manly, macho, virile, male, strong, tough, powerful, muscular, dominant, potent, butch, bold, *gutsy. ANT. effeminate, feminine, "wimpy, weak.

mash v. smash, crush, pulp, squash, scrunch, grind, press, pulverize.

mask n. disguise, cover-up, facade, masquerade, veil, concealment, false front.

mask v. disguise, cover up, hide, conceal, veil, camouflage, cloak, screen, masquerade.

mason n. stoneworker, bricklayer, stone mason.

mass n. 1. matter body, lump, solid, hunk, chunk, pile, bulk, mound, load, block, heap, deposit, gob, wad, accumulation, collection, aggregation, conglomerate, assemblage, host, number, assortment, crowd. 2. size, magnitude, bulk, weight, volume, dimension, greatness.

massacre n. slaughter, mass killing, bloodbath, indiscriminate killing, wholesale slaughter, carnage, butchery, decimation, annihilation, genocide. see murder

massacre v. slaughter, kill, butcher, slay, annihilate, decimate, kill off, liquidate, wipe out, exterminate, eliminate. see murder

massage n. rubdown, back rub, kneading, manipulation, *Rolfing.

massage v. rub, knead, stroke, press, roll, flex.

masses n. common people, working class, lower class, peasantry, plebeians, proletariat, hoi polloi. "Mute, inglorious men and women who made no noise of themselves in the world."—Philip Howard. "The nondistinctive bulk of human kind—the average man."—Robert Zwiecky. ANT. upper class, aristocracy, elite, royalty, "upper crust.

massive a. huge, large, tremendous, stupendous, colossal, enormous, prodigious, extensive, immense, gigantic, gargantuan, staggering, monstrous, monumental, towering. ANT. tiny, microscopic, miniscule.

master n. 1. expert pro, professional, "ace, authority, "whiz, veteran, "old hand, master hand, proficient, mentor, teacher. 2. chief overseer, boss, commander, director, ruler, manager, governor, leader, head, lord, *top dog, *biggest toad in the puddle. ANT. 1. amateur, beginner, tyro, rookie. 2. subordinate, employee, underling.

master v. learn, "get the hang of, "get down, understand, "know backwards and forwards, "know inside and out, become proficient in.

master a. 1. expert proficient, skilled, experienced, professional, accomplished. 2. main principal, great, dominant, chief, leading, ruling, commanding. ANT. 1. unskilled, rookie, inexperienced, amateur. 2. secondary, subordinate, minor.

masterful a. expert, proficient, skilled, accomplished, experienced, crack, "crackerjack, virtuoso, dexterous, adroit. ANT. amateurish, bumbling, inept.


masterpiece n. masterwork, magnum opus, chef d’oeuvre, pièce de résistance, tour de force, "jewel in the crown, showpiece.

mastery n. 1. control command, rule, domination, authority, power, sway, upper hand, influence. 2. expertise proficiency, command, skill, prowess, knowledge, ability, facility, virtuosity. ANT. 1. submission, subservience. 2. ineptness, ignorance.

masturbation n. self-gratification, onanism, autoerotism, self-abuse.

match n. 1. equal equivalent, mate, double, twin, fellow, duplicate, peer, counterpart. 2. couple pair, pairing, partnership, duet. 3. contest competition, meet, bout, game, tournament, duel, rivalry.

match v. equal, go together, look alike, parallel, correspond, make a pair, mirror one another. ANT. clash, oppose.

matching a. twin, paired, like, coordinating, corresponding, identical, duplicate, of a set. ANT. clashing, opposing, unlike.

matchless a. unequalled, unparalleled, peerless, incomparable. ANT. comparable, akin, "on par with.

mate n. partner, twin, counterpart, fellow, double, equal, one of a pair, peer, sidekick, alter ego, companion, "buddy, friend, lover, spouse, colleague.

mate v. pair up, couple, join up, marry, wed, breed, procreate, copulate.

material n. 1. substance matter, stuff, medium, components, constituents, ingredients, elements, stock. 2. textile fabric, cloth, dry
material - maybe

goods. 3. data facts, information, notes, text, documentation.

material a. 1. physical palpable, tangible, touchable, solid, concrete, corporeal, bodily, real, nonspiritual. 2. important relevant, significant, consequential, weighty, fundamental, germane, momentous, vital, crucial. ant. 1. spiritual, impalpable. 2. immaterial, irrelevant, unimportant.

materialistic a. acquisitive, greedy, “keeping up with the Joneses,” “like a yuppie.”

materialize v. appear, take shape, come to be, emerge, turn up, rise, issue, come about, develop, form, manifest, accomplish, realize. ant. disappear, vanish, fade away.

maternal a. motherly, parental, nurturing, protecting, caring, devoted, doting, sheltering, loving. ant. uncaring, cruel.


matrimony n. holy wedlock. see marriage

matron n. 1. mature woman middle-aged woman, matriarch, dame, dowager, widow. 2. warden head mistress, supervisor, housemother, governess.

matronly a. dignified, sedate, mellow, mature, serious, motherly.

matted a. tangled, snarled, twisted, knotted, full of snags, “like a rat’s nest, uncombed, messy, disheveled.

matter n. 1. substance material, stuff, body, medium, element, object. 2. affair issue, concern, situation, question, subject, doing, business, topic, happening, episode. 3. consequence importance, weight, significance, import, gravity, magnitude. 4. trouble difficulty, problem, dilemma, upset, distress.

matter-of-fact a. unemotional, prosaic, dry, businesslike, dull, plain, unexciting, “cold-blooded, sober, phlegmatic, impassive, straightforward, direct. ant. emotional, passionate.

mature v. grow, season, develop, ripen, bloom, flower, “come of age, grow up, evolve, settle down, mellow.

mature a. 1. adult fully grown, full-grown, full-fledged, ripened, in bloom, seasoned, developed, in one’s prime. 2. wise and experienced seasoned, practiced, responsible, dependable, independent, self-sufficient, set-tled. ant. 1. immature, juvenile, young. 2. immature, dependent, callow.

maturity n. 1. adulthood manhood, womanhood, majority, age of consent, full bloom, full growth, development, completion, perfection. 2. wisdom and experience responsibility, dependability, reliability, independence, self-sufficiency, seasoning, sophistication, refinement. “The ability to live in someone else’s world.”—Oren Arnold. “The day you don’t need to be lied to about anything”—Frank Yerby. “The ability to postpone gratification.”—Sigmund Freud. “The day you have your first real laugh at yourself”—Ethel Barrymore. ant. 1. immaturity, childhood, infancy. 2. imperfection, incompleteness, dependence, irresponsibility.


maul v. beat, injure, tear, lacerate, bruise, pound, batter, pummel, rough up, “clobber, trounce, thrash, manhandle.

mausoleum n. tomb, sepulchre. see grave, cemetery

maverick n. independent, nonconformist, vanguard, trendsetter, trailblazer, pioneer, dissenter, eccentric, rebel, individual, “lone voice in the wilderness. ant. follower, “one of the herd, conformist.


maximum n. top, height, zenith, peak, pinnacle, climax, culmination, high point, extreme, most, optimum, limit. ant. minimum, bottom.

maximum a. highest, greatest, biggest, top, most, maximal, supreme, utmost, paramount. ant. minimum, least, smallest.

maybe adv. possibly, perhaps, perchance.
mayhem n. destruction, violence, brutality, injury, chaos, pandemonium, havoc, disorder, confusion. **ant. calm, order.

maze n. labyrinth, convolution, meander, tangle, knot, puzzle, jungle, confusion, perplexity, muddle, bewildermment.

meadow n. field, grassland, pasture, range, prairie, plain, lea, veldt, mead. **see grass, flower

WORD FIND
descriptive: Audubonesque tableau of birds and flowers, grasses undulating in the breeze, windblown timothy, Irish green meadow, tawny tussocks of Autumn

open spot in a forest: glade

meager a. scanty, sparse, scarce, thin, bare, lean, insufficient, inadequate, poor, lacking, skimpy. **ant. plentiful.

meal n. repast, *feed, feast, banquet, fare, *grub, breakfast, lunch, dinner, supper, brunch, *eats, spread, food, mess, chow, K ration, entree.

mealy-mouthed a. euphemistic, insincere, indirect, mingling, delicate, overnice, prim, over-subtle, roundabout, honeyed, vague. **ant. direct, blunt, straightforward.

mean n. average, norm, happy medium, par, middle, rule, median. **ant. extreme.

mean v. 1. have in mind intend, plan, think of, expect, propose, aim, anticipate, want. 2. signify denote, indicate, designate, stand for, represent, symbolize, express, imply.

mean a. 1. nasty unpleasant, obnoxious, cruel, vicious, hurtful, rude, malicious, *dirty, rotten, rough, sour, unkind, contemptible, hostile, insulting, petty, ignoble, spiteful, brutal. 2. stingy miserly, cheap, penny-pinching, ungenerous, tight, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly. 3. poor shabby, low, second-rate, ingenerous, tight, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly. 4. average normal, medium, middle, median, mid, intermediate. **ant. 1.

meantime, at the same time, simultaneously, while, during, concurrently.

measles n. viral disease, contagious disease, illness, affliction, sickness.

meaty a. sl. paltry, skimpy, meager, scanty, poor, puny, trifling. **ant. large, substantial, generous.

measurable a. quantifiable, quantitative, calculable, assessable, computable, gaugeable, determinable. **ant. immeasurable, infinite.

measure n. 1. extent share, portion, part, allowance, allotment, division, quantity, quota, sum, ration, extent, dimension, scope, span, capacity, volume, magnitude. 2. standard rule, gauge, benchmark, model, yardstick, scale. 3. action act, step, course, procedure, means, expedient, move.

measure v. gauge, weigh, take dimensions, survey, quantify, figure, calculate, compute, appraise, size, figure, calibrate, judge.

measurement n. measuring, gauging, estimation, calculation, computation, assessment, dimension, volume, depth, capacity, height, width, weight, mass, density, length, magnitude.

meat n. 1. flesh beef, veal, fat, pork, chicken, ham, bacon, sausage, venison, mutton, pastamari, hamburger, blubber, chop, loin, roast, cut, flank, steak, cutlet, rasher, sirloin, food. 2. gist heart, crux, essence, core, nub.

meaty a. meaningful, rich, *heavy, full of substance, profound, rich, pithy, weighty, deep. **ant. trivial, frivolous, light.

meat-eating a. carnivorous, flesh-eating, predatory, bloodthirsty. **ant. herbivorous, vegetarian.

mecca n. center, hub, destination, goal.

mechanical a. 1. technological power-driven, motor-driven, machine-driven, automated, *robotic. 2. skilled with one's hands dexterous, deft, proficient, handy. 3. expressionless automatic, robotlike, emotionless, unfeeling, impersonal, matter-of-fact, lifeless. **ant. 1. manual, hand-powered. 2. inept, bumbling, clumsy. 3. emotional, feeling, spontaneous.
**mechanism** n. machine, motor, generator, device, contrivance, servomechanism, apparatus, gear, component, instrument, gadget.

**mechanize** v. automate, motorize, rig, equip.

**medal** n. medallion, decoration, citation, ribbon, award, badge, testimonial, recognition.

**meddle** v. interfere, "stick one's nose in where it doesn't belong," butt in, intrude, interlope, intervene, impose, horn in, *kibitz. ANT. mind one's business, "stick to one's own knitting."

**meddlesome** a. interfering, intrusive, meddling, officious, obtrusive, presumptuous, busybody, *snoopy, *kibitzing. ANT. restrained, indifferent.

**media** n. press, communications industry, news industry, radio, television, publishing, reporters, paparazzi. SEE NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE, RADIO, TELEVISION, BOOK, INTERNET

**median** a. middle, mid, central, mean. ANT. outer, extreme.

**mediate** v. [MEE dee ATE] to take an intermediate position and help settle differences between two or more parties. Better to have a third party mediate than to call in expensive lawyers. SYN. settle, conciliate, compromise, reconcile, bring to terms, negotiate, referee, umpire, resolve differences, moderate.

**mediation** n. settlement, peaceful intervention, conciliation, compromise, reconciliation, negotiation, refereeing, moderating, making peace.

**medicine** n. medication, medicament, remedy, cure, elixir, preparation, drug, wonder drug, pharmaceutical, antibiotic, pill, inoculation, vaccine, physic, dose, treatment, therapeutics. "Consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease."—Voltaire. "A conjectural art."—Celsius. SEE ALSO BIRTH, DISEASE, DOCTOR, HOSPITAL, OPERATION, PREGNANCY

**WORD FIND**

**MEDICINES AND DRUGS**

acid neutralizer: antacid, bicarbonate of soda

alcohol, solution of: tincture

allergy reliever that counters histamine: antihistamine

analgesic: acetaminophen, aspirin, codeine, ibuprofen, morphine, opium

angina, relieves: nitroglycerin

antibiotic: amoxicillin, ampicillin, erythromycin, penicillin, streptomycin, sulfamethoxazole, tetracycline

bacterial infection treatment derived from fungus: antibiotic

blood clotting, prevents: anticoagulant, heparin

blood serum containing antibodies: gamma globulin

blood vessel constrictor: vasoconstrictor

blood vessel widener: vasodilator

body's natural immune protein: antibody

book listings of: pharmacopoeia

breathing passages, opens: bronchodilator

cancelling out of one drug's effects by another: antagonism

circulation, steps up: epinephrine, adrenalin

cough suppressant: antitussive, codeine

cure-all: panacea, catholicon

diabetes victim's blood sugar regulator: insulin

dropper: pipette

epilepsy, seizure medication: diazepam, Dilantin

fever reducer: antipyretic, febrifuge

heart activity, decreases: beta blocker

heart stimulant: digitalis

itch reliever: antipruritic

laxative: cathartic, purge

malaria drug: quinine

motion sickness reliever: Dramamine

muscle-building hormone: steroid

nonprescription: over-the-counter

ointment: salve, unguent, balm, emollient

organ transplant, fights rejection of: immunosuppressant

painkiller: analgesic, Demerol, methadone

Parkinson's disease, controls: L-dopa

phlegm, helps bring up: expectorant

polio vaccine: Sabin vaccine, Salk vaccine

quack: patent medicine, nostrum

reduced effectiveness of medicine over time: tolerance

relieves symptoms but does not cure disease: palliative

simulated: placebo

skin, applied to: topical

sleep, induces: hypnotic, soporific

spasm reliever: antispasmodic

study of medicines: pharmacology

tranquilizer: Librium, Miltown, Thorazine

ulcer medicine: Xantac, antacid

urine, increases excretion of: diuretic

vaccine for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus: DPT

vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella: MMR

vessel: ampule, phial, vial

vomiting, induces: emetic

**PROCEDURES, SEE ALSO OPERATION**
alcohol, drug, toxin removal from body: detoxification, *detox
allergy test: patch test, scratch test
blood cell count: blood count
blood filtering to aid kidney function: dialysis
brain scan by tomography: PET scan, positron emission tomography
brain's electrical activity reading: electroencephalogram, EEG
breast X-ray or imaging: mammography
broken bone alignment by force: traction
cancer treatment with X-rays, beta rays, gamma rays: radiation therapy
chemical or drug treatment for cancer: chemotherapy
choking maneuver: Heimlich maneuver
CPR: cardiopulmonary resuscitation
determination of disease: diagnosis
EEG: electroencephalogram
EKG: electrocardiogram
everal imaging: CAT scan (computerized axial tomography)
evaluation, general: workup, physical
fat sucked out, plastic surgery method: liposuction
feeling for body abnormalities by hand: palpation
heart exam through ultrasound imaging: echocardiography
heart fitness test: stress test
heart's electrical activity reading: electrocardiogram, EKG
imaging internal body with magnetic field: magnetic resonance imaging, MRI
intravenous introduction of blood: transfusion, IV
microorganisms, lab examination of body's culture: pathology
prediction of disease outcome: prognosis
prioritizing of most critical patients first: triage
stone destruction by sound waves: lithotripsy
tapping body part to aid in diagnosis: percussion
tissue removal for examination: biopsy
tube insertion in body part for drainage, diagnosis, etc.: intubation
uterine fluid removal during pregnancy: amniocentesis
uterine or cervical cancer test: Pap test
X-ray image live on screen: fluoroscopy
bladder probe: cystoscope
bleeding, stops profuse: hemostat
blood filtering machine aiding kidney function: dialysis machine
blood pressure cuff: sphygmomanometer
breathing apparatus: respirator, resuscitator
colon discharge bag: colostomy bag
colon probe: sigmoidoscope
decompression chamber: hyperbaric chamber
ear probe: otoscope
electrocardiogram machine: electrocardiograph
gown, green surgical: *scrubs, scrub suit
grasper: forceps
hammer used to check reflexes: plessor, percussion hammer
holds body cavity open: speculum
internal probe: endoscope
joint probe: arthroscope
knife: bistoury, lancet, scalpel
knife, electrical: radio knife
larynx probe: laryngoscope
listening device, diaphragm: stethoscope
needle and syringe: hypodermic
photographs internal body by radiation: X-ray machine
pole on which medicinal fluids are hung: IV pole, *ivy pole
pump used in heart surgery: heart-lung machine
rectal probe: proctoscope, sigmoidoscope
respiratory recorder: spirometer
sterilizer, instrument: autoclave
stretcher: gurney
stomach probe: gastroscope
tissue retractor: retractor
tissue scraper: curette
tongue, moves out of the way: tongue depressor
trachea probe: bronchoscope
tube drain: catheter
X-ray screen: fluoroscope
FIELDS OF MEDICINE
aging: geriatrics, gerontology
anesthesia: anesthesiology
animal: veterinary medicine
behavioral effects of drugs: psychopharmacology
birth: obstetrics, tocology
blood: hematology
bones: osteology, osteopathy, orthopedics
children: pediatrics
cosmetic and reconstructive surgery: plastic surgery
digestive system: gastroenterology
disease identification: diagnostics
disease: pathology, etiology
ears, nose, and throat: otolaryngology
ears: otology
epidemics: epidemiology
eyes: ophthalmology, optometry
feet: podiatry
female reproductive system: gynecology
gums: periodontics
hearing: audiology
heart: cardiology
hormones, glands: endocrinology
internal disease, noninvasive treatment of: internal medicine
joints: arthrology
kidneys: nephrology
liver: hepatology
lungs and breathing: pulmonology
malformations: teratology
mental diseases, disorders: psychopathology, psychiatry
muscles: myology, orthopedics
needles, Chinese: acupuncture
nervous system: neurology
newborns: neonatology
obstetrics and gynecology: ob-gyn
poisons: toxicology
rectum, anus, and colon: proctology
rheumatic disease: rheumatology
sexually transmitted diseases: venereology
skin: dermatology
skull: craniology
spinal alignment: chiropractic
stomach: gastrology
teeth: dentistry, orthodontics
viruses: virology
whole body treatment: holistic medicine
X rays, radiation: radiology

musical instrument: lute, lyre, rebec
peasant: serf, villein
political and social system: feudalism
singer: minstrel, troubador
sport: tilting, jousting
tax paid to a lord: tallage
town, village: bourg
tunic: gipon, jupon
yard: toft

mediocre a. fair, okay, ordinary, middling, so-so, okay, passable, tolerable, run-of-the-mill, garden-variety, ‘fair to middling, second-rate, poor, pedestrian, undistinguished. ant. superior, first-rate, exceptional, outstanding.
meditate v. think, reflect, muse, contemplate, ruminate, ponder, brood, chew over, deliberate, focus on, cogitate, weigh, mull over.
meditation n. deep thought, reflection, contemplation, musing, rumination, cogitation, concentration, reverie, chewing over, mulling over.
medium n. 1. means vehicle, agency, mode, channel, way, instrument, mechanism. 2. atmosphere air, environment, element, climate, surroundings, setting. 3. clairvoyant psychic, telepathist, necromancer, seer, mindreader.
medium a. mean, middle, midway, intermediate, median, average, moderate, par, standard, fair, ordinary, normal. ant. extraordinary, extreme, unusual.
medley n. mixture, hodgepodge, miscellany, jumble, mélangé, assortment, potpourri, mishmash, variety, assortment, mixed bag.
meek a. mild, gentle, docile, compliant, peaceful, passive, tame, patient, timid, shy, spineless, deferential, submissive. ant. aggressive, pugnacious, rebellious, domineering.
meet v. 1. encounter happen upon, come upon, run across, ‘bump into, chance upon, face, see. 2. make acquaintance shake hands with, get to know, say hello to, greet. 3. join connect, touch, converge, unite, cross, abut, intersect. 4. assemble gather, congregate, convene, get together, muster, collect. 5. fulfill satisfy, execute, handle, perform, carry out, discharge, dispose of. ant. 1. miss, avoid. 3. separate, disconnect. 4. disperse, break up. 5. shirk, fall short, renge.
meeting n. 1. encounter engagement, confrontation, rendezvous, collision, convergence. 2. assembly gathering, conference, powwow, congregation, convention, get-to...
mélange n. mixture, hodgepodge, miscellany. 

melt v. liquefy, dissolve, soften, deliquesce, thaw, defrost.

membrane n. layer, sheet, covering, lining, film, tissue, skin, sheath, mucosa.

memento n. souvenir, keepsake, remembrance, reminder, token, memorabilia, record, memorial.

meme n. see memorandum

memorabilia n. mementos, token, souvenir, keepsakes, remembrance, collectible, reminder, records, archives, annals.

memorable a. unforgettable, important, momentous, critical, crucial, historic, powerful, leaving an indelible image, noteworthy, extraordinary, striking, remarkable, “red-letter,” meaningful, “once in a lifetime. \(\text{mend} v.\) fix, repair, restore, correct, patch up, doctor, rectify, recondition, remedy, heal, cure, right.

members, associates, enrollment, constituency, rolls, roster, rank and file, fellowship, brotherhood, sisterhood, society, club, body, fraternity.

memory n. 1. recall recollection, remembrance, retention, retrospection, reminiscence, photographic memory, eidetic memory, hypermnesia, calling to mind. “The library of the mind.”—Francis Vel-Gourand. “What God gave us so that we might have roses in December.”—James Barrie. “The warder of the brain.”—Shakespeare. 2. reminder image, recollection, picture, thought, vision. \(\text{melancholy} a.\) depressed, downhearted, blue, dejected, sad, dispirited, low, glum, “down in the dumps,” “bummed out, heartsick, forlorn, disconsolate, gloomy, miserable, despondent. \(\text{meme} n.\) see memorandum

memorandum n. memo, note, reminder, message, notice, dispatch, minute, tickler.

memorial n. monument, statue, shrine, marker, monolith, reminder, commemoration, record, inscription.

memorial a. remembering, commemorative, retrospective.

memorize v. remember, commit to memory, store, learn by rote, learn by heart, retain, imprint on one’s mind.

menace n. threat, danger, hazard, peril, danger, troublemaker, sword of Damocles.

menace v. threaten, scare, frighten, intimidate, terrorize, endanger, daunt, imperil.

menacing a. threatening, scary, frightening, intimidating, terrorizing, dangerous, hazardous, looming, hanging over one’s head. \(\text{melody} n.\) tune, song, “ditty, musical arrangement, refrain, line, run, lyric, passage, *hook.”

melt v. liquefy, dissolve, soften, deliquesce, thaw, defrost.

member n. associate, enrollee, constituent, fellow, brother, sister, affiliate, part, element, component, segment.

membership n. members, associates, enrollment, constituency, rolls, roster, rank and
mendacious a. dishonest, lying, false, deceptive, misleading, deceitful, fraudulent, untruthful, dissembling. ANT. honest, truthful.

menial a. low, servile, mean, humble, common, subservient, unskilled, abject, ignoble, obsequious. ANT. highborn, superior, noble, arrogant.

menopause n. change of life, climacteric.

mental a. 1. INTELLUCTUAL cerebral, cognitive, thinking, phrenic, reasoning, of the mind, psych, psychological. 2. OF MENTAL ILLNESS mentally ill, disturbed, deranged, psychotic, insane, mad, neurotic, psychiatric, phobic, "nutty, crazy.

mentality n. attitude, outlook, view, opinion, state of mind, "mind-set, way of thinking, reasoning.

mental hospital n. psychiatric hospital, insane asylum, mental health treatment facility, recovery center, psychiatric ward, "madhouse, "nuthouse, "loony bin, "laughing academy.

mental illness n. emotional disorder, personality disorder, neurosis, psychosis, maladjustment, schizophrenia, delusions, phobia, mania, insanity, nervous breakdown. SEE INsanity, phobia, mania

mention n. reference, remark, referral, utterance, comment, note, acknowledgement, statement, indication, suggestion.

mention v. refer, remark, speak of, allude to, cite, bring up, comment on, touch on, make note of, acknowledge, indicate.

MENTOR n. [MEN tur] a teacher, guide, coach, or advisor. She couldn't have succeeded without her mentor. SYN. teacher, guide, coach, advisor, guru, master, instructor, trainer.

menu n. bill of fare, selection.

mercenary n. soldier of fortune, "hired gun, professional soldier, legionnaire, hired hand.

MERCENARY a. [MUR suh ner ee] working for monetary gain and no other reason. His motivation for fighting in the war was purely mercenary. SYN. monetary, selfish, money-grubbing, greedy, venal, acquisitive, for financial gain. ANT. altruistic, idealistic.

merchandise n. goods, products, wares, stock, commodities, vendibles, line, stuff.

merchandise v. buy and sell, trade, advertise, "move, market, deal in, traffic, distribute, wholesale, do business in.

merchant n. trader, wholesaler, retailer, dealer, shopkeeper, salesman, businessman, jobber, vendor, hawk.

merciful a. compassionate, forgiving, humane, humanitarian, kind, charitable, sympathetic, sparing, lenient, pitying, mild, gentle, soft-hearted. ANT. merciless, unfeeling, brutal, pitiless.

merciless a. uncompassionate, unforgiving, inhumane, unfeeling, brutal, coldhearted, hardhearted, heartless, pitiless, stony, mean, callous, cruel, ruthless. ANT. merciful, compassionate, kind.

MERCUrial a. [mur KYOOR ee ul] quick or quick to change, volatile. She was known for her fickle, mercirial manner. SYN. quick, changeable, volatile, unstable, quick to change, flighty, unpredictable, erratic, "blowing hot and cold, capricious, "up and down, lively. ANT. stable, predictable, constant.

mercy n. compassion, forgiveness, humanity, kindness, charity, sympathy, pity, lenience, clemency, softheartedness, quarter. "Nobility's true badge."—Shakespeare. ANT. cruelty, meanness, cold-bloodedness.

mere a. nothing more than, insignificant, trifling, little, small, minor, only, simple, bare. ANT. significant, great, major.

merge v. unite, combine, blend, consolidate, become partners, unify, marry, join, fuse, mix, confederate, join forces. ANT. separate, split, diverge.

merger n. consolidation, incorporation, alliance, combination, partnership, union, marriage, joining, fusion. ANT. separate, split, parting.

meridian n. zenith, apex, highest point, crowning point, acme, peak, pinnacle, summit, climax, culmination. ANT. low point, nadir.

merit n. worth, worthiness, value, quality, virtue, excellence, integrify, credit.

merit v. deserve, be worthy of, earn, have coming to, be entitled to, rate.

meritorious a. praiseworthy, commendable, honorable, good, worthy, admirable, laudable, deserving, exemplary, noble. ANT. unworthy, reprehensible, despicable.

merriment n. fun, gaiety, frolic, joy, celebration, good times, enjoyment, mirth, laughter, jollity, sport. ANT. misery, gloom, depression.

merry a. fun, cheerful, gay, mirthful, joyful, celebratory, jovial, jolly, laughing, happy, rollicking, festive, blithe, carefree. ANT. miserable, gloomy, depressed.

merry-go-round n. carousel.

mesa n. plateau, tableland, butte.

mesh n. net, netting, network, web, webbing, screen, strainer, plexus, openwork, grid, grille, lattice.

mesh v. engage, fit, interlock, come together, enmesh, dovetail, interweave, entangle.
mesmerize v. hypnotize, spellbind, entrance, enrapture, *cast a spell on, put under, enchant, bewitch, fascinate, *do a Svengali.


message n. 1. communication note, word, communiqué, notice, memo, wire, dispatch, bulletin, missive, intelligence. 2. theme meaning, idea, moral, point.

messenger n. courier, runner, carrier, bearer, emissary, envoy, herald, delivery person.

messy a. cluttered, jumbled, disordered, in disarray, littered, unsightly, filthy, dirty, chaotic, untidy. ANT. clean, neat, tidy.

METAMORPHOSIS n. [MET uh MOR fuh sis] a change of form, transformation. We studied the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly. SYN. change, transformation, transmutation, conversion, metastasis, alteration, evolution, transmogrification, mutation, rebirth.

METAPHOR n. [MET uh for] a figure of speech comprised of a word or phrase that transfers its meaning to another use, as a means of illustration. We are drowning in paperwork is a metaphor and not meant to be taken literally. SYN. figure of speech, analogy, likening, image, simile, trope, symbol. *The language of poetry.—Raphael Kraus.

metaphorical a. figurative, symbolic, analogous, poetic. ANT. literal, actual.

METAPHYSICAL a. [met uh FIZ i kul] not of the physical world, supernatural. *The astronomer uses hard science along with the metaphysics to understand the universe. SYN. incorporeal, supernatural, transcendental, philosophical, abstract, theoretical, immaterial, impalpable, speculative, spiritual. ANT. physical, concrete, material.


meteor n. meteorite, fireball, bolide.

meteoric a. dazzling, brilliant, flashing, fleeting, ephemeral, short-lived, brief, sudden, swift.

meteorology n. weather science, weather forecasting, weather prediction. SEE CLOUD, STORM

method n. 1. technique way, system, mode, style, formula, process, manner, means, procedure, program, course. 2. design order, arrangement, plan, scheme, regularity.

methodical a. systematic, orderly, ordered, constant, efficient, regular, precise, machine-like, robotic, routine, step by step, structured. ANT. loose, unmethodical, casual.

methodology n. methods, procedures, practices, science, designs, programs, processes, techniques, mode, systems.

meticulous a. careful, detail-oriented, scrupulous, painstaking, precise, finicky, exact, particular, demanding, perfectionist. ANT. lax, casual, careless, sloppy.

meter n. trade, profession, line of work. SEE OCCUPATION

metropolis n. capital, city, municipality, downtown, urban sprawl, megalopolis. SEE CITY, NEW YORK

mettle n. character, courage, heart, *what one is made of, spirit, *guts, strength, spunk, *grit, makeup, nerve, backbone, resolve.

miasma n. effluvium, vapor, gas, fog, cloud, mist, pollution, smog, stench, reek, methane.

microbe n. SEE MICROORGANISM

MICROCOSM n. [MYE kruh KOS um] a miniature world or reality. Bangladesh is a microcosm of a much greater population problem. SYN. miniature world, miniature reality, little world, miniature universe. ANT. MACROCOSM.

microorganism n. microbe, germ, *bug, bacillus, bacterium, virus, pathogen.

microscopic a. tiny, minute, infinitesimal, invisible to the naked eye, miniscule, imperceptible, *wee. ANT. MACROSCOPIC, IMMENSE.


middle n. center, midpoint, halfway point, midsection, mean, epicenter, bull's-eye, thick of things, core, focal point. ANT. PERIPHERY, MARGIN, EXTREME.

middle a. central, median, center, mean, halfway, intermediate, between, inside, equidistant. ANT. OUTER, PERIPHERAL.

middle age n. mid-life, middle years, forties. "The old age of youth and youth of old age."—Nunally Johnson.

middle class n. bourgeois, bourgeoisie, common people, hoi polloi, Middle America, citizenry, working class. "The backbone of a country."—Robert Zwiecky.

middler n. go-between, intermediary, broker, agent, mediator, wholesaler.

middle-of-the-road a. moderate, *on the fence, neutral, noncommittal, nonpartisan. ANT. radical, leftist, rightist, liberal, conservative.

middling a. okay, so-so, fair, medium, adequate, moderate, mediocre, tolerable, nothing to
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mindless a. brainless, stupid, witless, imbecilic, oblivious, unintelligent, asinine, idiotic, moronic, sophomoric, "bubble-headed. ant. intelligent, brainy, brilliant.

mind reader n. psychic, mentalist, telepathist, clairvoyant.

mindset n. attitude, disposition, view, opinion, perspective, leaning, way of thinking, feeling, sentiment, position, stance.

mine n. quarry, deposit, excavation, shaft, tunnel, pit, vein, lode, claim, diggings, bonanza. see cave

WORD FIND
claim: stake
coal cart: corf
coal dust: culm
combustible gasses in: firedamp
discovery of ore: strike
drain: sump
entranceway: adit, portal
flume for washing out gold ore: sluice
fraudulently scatter minerals about to deceive prospective buyer: salt
miniscule a. tiny, small, wee, minute, microscopic, micro, mini, miniature, little, trifling, trivial, insignificant, pint-sized, infinitesimal. ant. gargantuan, gigantic.

minister n. 1. clergyman cleric, pastor, preacher, parson, deacon, priest, ecclesiastic, man of the cloth, reverend, servant of God, rabbi, father. see clergyman, religion 2. administrator diplomat, ambassador, envoy, consul, cabinet member, official, delegate, secretary.

minister v. administer, tend, attend, serve, care for, accommodate, wait on, help, comfort, relieve, nurse.

minor n. child, juvenile, youth, adolescent, teenager, "teenybopper, kid, schoolboy, schoolgirl. ant. adult.

minor a. small, trivial, insignificant, slight, light, low grade, trifling, piddling, bush-league, secondary, inconsequential. ant. major, severe, extreme, significant.

minstrel n. troubador, singer, musician, lyricist, bard, balladeer, poet.

minute n. sixty seconds, moment, instant, twinkle, jiffy, wink of an eye, "two shakes of a lamb's tail. see time

minute a. tiny, miniscule, microscopic, infinitesimal, teeny, atomic, molecular, small, wee, micro, mini, little, trifling, trivial, insignificant, pint-sized, "itsy-bitsy, puny, miniature, negligible. ant. huge, gigantic, massive, gargantuan.

MINUTIAE n. [mi NOO uh] trivial details. Don't be so concerned with minutiae. syn. trivia, trivial details, unimportant details, trifles, minor details, inessentials, nonessentials, useless information.

miracle n. act of God, divine act, supernatural event, marvel, wonder, spectacle, phenomenon, sensation. "The dearest child of faith."—Johann W. Goethe. "An event which creates faith; that is the purpose … of miracles."—George Bernard Shaw. "Life itself."—Christopher Fry. "Every cubic inch of space."—Walt Whitman. see god, religion, faith

WORD FIND
location of several: Lourdes
study of: thaumatology

minimum a. minimal, least, smallest, lowest, slightest, bottom. ant. maximum, maximal, greatest.

minion n. follower, sycothant, dependent, subordinate, flunky, "lap dog, "kiss-up, "brownnose, "yes-man, fawner, lackey, toady.

miniscule a. tiny, small, wee, minute, microscopic, micro, mini, miniature, little, trifling, trivial, insignificant, pint-sized, infinitesimal. ant. gargantuan, gigantic.
miraculous  a.  divine, supernatural, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous, phenomenal, sensational, anomalous, supermundane, magical, superhuman, unearthly, freakish, extraordinary, mind-blowing, *unreal. ANTI. ordinary, everyday, pedestrian.
misfire  n.  playfulness, trick, misbehavior, trouble, devilment, deviltry, *hell, shenanigans, naughtiness, funny business, horseplay, spéiglerie. 2. HARM damage, in-jury, destruction, sabotage, nuisance.
mischievous  a.  naughty, impish, devilish, prankish, roguish, playful, troublemaking, rascally, sportive, boyish, puckish. ANTI. angelic, well-behaved, saintly.
misconception  n.  erroneous notion, wrong idea, misunderstanding, distortion, misinterpretation.
miss  v.  fail, fizzle, miss, *shoot a blank, backfire.

miscellaneous  a.  varied, assorted, mixed, sundry, diversified, heterogeneous, multiform, motley. ANTI. uniform, homogenous.
misfit  n.  nonconformist, lone wolf, *square peg in a round hole, individual, *queer duck, *fish out of water, oddball.

misfortune  n.  bad luck, adversity, trouble, *bad break, trial, tribulation, setback, calamity, affliction, reversal, hardship, blow, disaster, tragedy. *Knives, that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle."—Herman Melville. ANT. good luck, fortune, blessing, godsend.

misgiving  n.  uncertainty, apprehension, qualm, doubt, hesitation, uneasiness, question, fear, distrust, suspicion. ANT. certainty, trust, confidence.

misguided  a.  misled, ill-advised, misinformed, led astray, mistaken, faulty, wrong, erroneous, *led up the garden path, *barking up the wrong tree, *off. ANT. well-advised, correct.


mishap  n.  accident, miscarriage, misadventure, *screw-up, blunder, mistake, mishap, calamity, casualty.

mishmash  n.  hodgepodge, jumble, conglomerate. SEE MISCALINARY.

misinform  v.  mislead, lead astray, misstate, misguided, misrepresent, distort, lie, deceive.

misinterpret  v.  misconstrue, misread. SEE MISUNDERSTAND.

misjudge  v.  miscalculate, misread, overestimate, underestimate, overrate, underrate, err, mistake, misconstrue, misunderstand.

mislead  v.  lead astray, misinform, misguided, deceiving, *lead down the garden path, bamboozle, delude, *give the bum steer, take in, *pull the wool over one’s eyes.

mismake  v.  see MISHANDLE.

mismatch  n.  see DISPARITY.

mosogynist  n.  woman-hater, male chauvinist, misanthrope, sexist.

mispalce  v.  lose, lose track of, mislay, displace.

misrepresentation  n.  distortion, misstatement, falsification, fabrication, misquote, *stretch, perversion, adulteration, lie, exaggeration. ANT. truth, accuracy.

miss  n.  young lady, girl, lass, maiden, gal, young woman, mademoiselle.

miss  v.  1. FAIL fall short, pass over, overlook, *drop the ball, miscalculate, bobble, *blow it, *choke, muff. 2. LONG FOR pine for, yearn for, ache with nostalgia, think of fondly. ANT. 1. succeed, catch, see.

mismatchen  a.  deformed, malformed, grotesque, distorted, misproportioned, contorted, monstrous, ugly. ANT. well-formed, perfect.

missle  n.  rocket, projectile, trajectory, ballistic missile, air-to-air missile, ground-to-air missile, guided missile. SEE AMMUNITION, BOMB.

WORD FIND

air-to-air: Sidewinder, Falcon, Sparrow
anti-armor, wire-guided: TOW missile
antiship cruise missile: Harpoon
antitank: Hellfire missile, Maverick
camera-guided: AGM-142, Have Nap missile
electronic beam, guided by: beam rider
explosive portion: warhead
guided missile: cruise missile, Tomahawk
intercepts enemy missiles: Patriot
intercontinental missile: MX, Titan
multiple warhead missile: MIRV
propulsion unit, additional: booster
radar installations, homes in on: HARM
shoulder-fired: Stinger
silo-deployed, three-stage nuclear missile: Minuteman
tank-mounted: Shillelagh
underwater, launched from: Polaris, Poseidon, Trident II

missing  a.  lacking, absent, elsewhere, lost, gone, away, wanting, removed, mislaid, out of sight, unaccounted for, *AWOL. ANT. here, present.

mission  n.  task, undertaking, assignment, object, objective, charge, duty, quest, errand, job, enterprise, calling.

missionary  n.  evangelist, proselytizer, preacher, clergyman, minister, messenger.

missive  n.  letter, message, note, dispatch, communication, memo, report, word, bulletin, *fax.

misspent  a.  wasted, squandered, misapplied, thrown away, *down the drain, *blown, prodigal. ANT. well spent, productive.

misstatement  n.  misrepresentation, inaccuracy, misquote, distortion, mistake, falsification, perversion, lie, *blooper.

misstep  n.  error, slip, mistake, wrong move, gaffe, lapse, faux pas, trip, transgression, blunder, oversight.

mist  n.  vapor, fog, drizzle, fine rain, cloud, steam, spray, brume, moisture, haze, smog. SEE CLOUD, FOG, RAIN.


mistake  v.  err, blunder, *flub, miscalculate, misinterpret, goof, omit, overlook, misunderstand, underestimate, overestimate, *botch, miss, misconstrue, confuse.
mistaken a. wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, off, inexact, imprecise, erroneous, in error, fallacious, ✉ wide of the mark, confused, ✉ all wet, ✉ off base, misinformation, unsound. ANT: correct, right, accurate.
mistreat v. abuse, maltreat, wrong, rough up, manhandle, brutalize, disrespect, ✉ step on, ✉ walk all over, bully. ANT: coddle, dote on.
mistreatment n. abuse, maltreatment, disrespect, cruelty, brutality, torture, manhandling, rough treatment. ANT: coddling, kindness.
mistress n. 1. matron madam, authority, head, matriarch, head of the household. 2. lover concubine, courtesan, sweetheart, kept woman, girlfriend, ✉ other woman.
mistrust n. distrust, suspicion, doubt, uncertainty, skepticism, apprehension, misgiving, wariness, qualm, leeriness. ANT: trust, confidence, faith.
mistrust v. distrust, suspect, doubt, have misgivings, question, apprehend, fear, have reservations. ANT: trust, believe in, have faith in.
misty a. vaporous, drizzling, foggy, moist, gauzy, cloudy, filmy, murky, steamy, hazy, fuzzy, shrouded, nebulous. ANT: clear, transparent.
misunderstand v. misinterpret, misconstrue, misapprehend, misconceive, get the wrong idea, misread, misjudge, miscalculate, ✉ get signals crossed. ANT: understand, get, see.
misunderstanding n. 1. MISINTERPRETATION misapprehension, the wrong idea, confusion, mix-up, misconception, mistake, misreading, false impression. 2. ARGUMENT disagreement, difference, dispute, rift, quarrel, dissention, squabble, ✉ falling-out.
misuse n. misapplication, abuse, misuseage, corruption, misemployment, perversion.
misuse v. misapply, misuse, abuse, corrupt, pervert, mistreat, wrong.
MITIGATE v. [MIT uh GATE] to lessen the effect or severity of something. Mitigate the pain of a sprain by elevating the injured ankle. SYN. moderate, lessen, diminish, soften, reduce, alleviate, allay, lighten, check, blunt, ease. ANT: exacerbate, aggravate, worsen.
mix n. mixture, blend, combination, combo compound, amalgamation, composite, variety, potpourri, goulash, mélange, medley.
mix v. 1. BLEND combine, mingle, compound, amalgamate, jumble, suffuse, conglomerate, unite, join, merge. 2. SOCIALIZE fraternize, hobnob, ✉ work the room, mingle. ANT: 1. separate, divide. 2. be aloof, snub, ✉ be a wallflower.
mixed bag n. assortment, miscellany, odds and ends, medley, hodgepodge, melange, mishmash, jumble, potpourri.
mixed-up a. confused, muddled, lost, befuddled, perplexed, puzzled, confounded, misunderstanding. ANT: clear, ✉ with it.
mixture n. SEE MIX
moan n. groan, cry, lament, wail, sigh, plaint.
moan v. groan, cry, lament, wail, sigh, grumble, complain, grieve.
moot n. trench, fosse, foss, ditch, gully, defense. SEE CASTLE
mob v. crowd, throng, swarm, surround, jostle, elbow, descend upon, attack.
mobile a. movable, moving, portable, locomotive, fluid, transportable, on the move, traveling. ANT: stationary, immobile.
mobilize v. ready, organize, summon, muster, assemble, call up, call to arms, round up, marshal, rally, activate. ANT: immobilize, disperse.
mobster n. good. SEE GANGSTER
mock v. 1. RICIDULE make fun of, taunt, challenge, laugh at, ✉ poke fun at, kid, tease, scoff, jeer, burlesque, ✉ thumb nose at. 2. IMITATE mimic, impersonate, caricature, ape, parrot, ✉ do, burlesque, lampoon, parody. ANT: 1. show respect, honor, ✉ put on a pedestal.
mock a. imitation, fake, artificial, counterfeit, simulated, mimic, ✉ bogus, make-believe, substitute, sham. ANT: true, genuine, real.
mockery n. 1. JOKE laughingstock, farce, travesty, ✉ butt, fool, sham. 2. RICIDULE taunting, kidding, disrespect, derision, scoffing, contempt, sport. ANT: 2. respect, honor, reverence.
mode n. 1. WAY manner, method, technique, style, practice, approach, procedure, methodology, form. 2. FASHION style, look, vogue, trend, rage, craze.
model n. 1. REPLICA mockup, dummy, prototype, miniature, copy, imitation, facsimile. 2. IDEAL standard, exemplar, archetype, pattern, paragon, mold, role model, prototype. 3. FASHION or ARTIST’S MODEL poser, sitter, subject, dummy.
model v. 1. FASHION shape, mold, design, construct, base, cast. 2. SHOW show off, wear, display, parade.
model a. ideal, standard, exemplary, classic, perfect, archetypal. ANT: flawed, imperfect.
modem n. modulator/demodulator, electronic device, peripheral, data converter, translator.  
see computer

moderate n. *middle-of-the-roader, nonliberal, nonconservative, centrist. ant. radical, conservative, liberal.

moderate v. 1. lessen soften, mitigate, restrain, check, tone down, control, regulate, reduce, slacken, ease, blunt. 2. preside over control, oversee, chair, mediate, referee, lead, emcee, govern, supervise. ant. 1. intensify, increase, aggravate.

moderate a. 1. temperate reasonable, sensible, judicious, balanced, equable, conservative, restrained, neutral, unexceptional, middling, not extreme. 2. mild calm, gentle, soft, low-key, quiet. 3. average medium, mediocre, so-so, fair, middling, ordinary, intermediate, mean, common. ant. 1. extreme, severe, excessive. 2. harsh, severe, violent. 3. exceptional, outstanding, extraordinary.

moderation n. temperance, happy medium, middle ground, discretion, restraint, judiciousness, forbearance, sobriety, golden mean. "Nothing to excess."—Anacharsis. "The silken string running through the pearl—chain of all virtues."—Thomas Fuller.

moderator n. master of ceremonies, emcee, chairperson, referee, speaker, presiding officer, mediator.

modern a. contemporary, up-to-date, new, neo, now, current, today, *cutting edge, *leading edge, *mod, fresh, late, up-to-the-minute, *hot, fashionable, modish, trendy, *in, in vogue, progressive. ant. out of date, outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated, ancient, antique, passé.

modernize v. update, renovate, remodel, revamp, redesign, streamline, retool. ant. antiquate.

modest a. 1. unassuming humble, self-effacing, reserved, demure, unpretentious, down to earth, shy, blushing, bashful. 2. ordinary humble, limited, moderate, medium, simple, plain, small, unpretentious, homely, adequate, middling, fair, unexceptional. ant. 1. arrogant, pretentious, *full of oneself, vain. 2. exceptional, extravagant, ostentatious.


modicum n. bit, small amount, speck, little, iota, shred, snippet, drop, ounce, atom, whit, particle. ant. lot, *truckload.

modify v. 1. change alter, rework, correct, adjust, vary, innovate, reshape, reform, convert, moderate, transform, tweak, *fiddle with. 2. lessen limit, moderate, reduce, soften, tone down. ant. 2. increase, intensify.

modish a. fashionable, stylish, in vogue, chic, trendy, *in, up-to-the-minute, *hot, *all the rage, smart, fresh. ant. old-fashioned, dated, passé.

modulate v. adjust, regulate, tune, fine-tune, attitude, balance, moderate, equalize, soften, tone down.

modus operandi n. mode of operation, method, technique, system, workings, means, way.


moist a. damp, wet, watery, humid, muggy, dewy, dank, steamy, misty, foggy, drizzly, rainy, clammy. ant. dry, arid, dehydrated.

moisten v. dampen, wet, moisturize.

moisture n. dampness, wetness, humidity, mugginess, dew, steam, mist, fog, drizzle, rain, liquid. ant. dryness, aridity.

moisturizer n. cream, lotion, oil, salve, emollient.

mold n. 1. form cast, pattern, stamp, shape, impression, die, outline, cut, model. 2. fungus mildew.

mold v. 1. shape form, cast, make, fashion, forge, sculpt, model, construct. 2. influence model, shape, guide.

moldly a. musty, stale, decayed, rotting, moldering, crumbling, mildewed, decomposing. ant. fresh, new, in good shape.

mole n. spot, nevus, blemish, birthmark, freckle, blotch, discoloration, beauty mark.

molest v. 1. physically or sexually abuse, violate, rape, *feel up, accost, fondle, make an advance, solicit, approach, *paw, assault, mistreat. 2. bother trouble, annoy, besiege, torment, plague, harass, upset, beset, irritate, pester, disturb.

MOLLIFY v. [MOL uh FY] to soothe, soften, or appease. We gave the toddler a stick of gum to mollify him. syn. soothe, soften, appease, pacify, tranquilize, mellow, calm, tame, gentle, tone down, mitigate, blunt, ease. ant. aggravate, intensify, exacerbat.
mollycoddle
v. pamper, coddle, baby, cosset, indulge, wait on, spoil.
molt
v. shed, cast off, slough off, exuviate, exfoliate, peel.
molten
a. melted, liquefied, red-hot, smelted, igneous, volcanic. **ant. frozen, hardened.

mom
n. see mother
moment
n. 1. instant minute, second, hour, point in time, *twinkling, time, *jiffy, short time, *wink of an eye, flash, *two shakes of a lamb’s tail, date. 2. importance consequence, weight, significance, import, gravity, concern, substance, magnitude. **ant. 2. unimportance, insignificance.
momentarily
adv. shortly, in a second, immediately, briefly, any moment now.
momentary
a. brief, fleeting, short-lived, transitory, ephemeral, transient, instantaneous, passing. **ant. long-lived, long, prolonged.
momentous
a. important, consequential, weighty, of great moment, significant, decisive, critical, crucial, pivotal, earthshaking, vital. **ant. insignificant, trivial, unimportant.
momentum
n. impetus, force, push, drive, thrust, energy, impulse, go, speed.
monarch
n. ruler, king, queen, autocrat, emperor, empress, sovereign, crowned head.
monarchy
n. kingdom, sovereign state, autocracy, absolute monarchy.
monastery
n. abbey, friary, cloister, religious community, convent, nunnerly, priory, retreat, hermitage.
monetary
a. pecuniary, financial, capital, fiscal.
money

WORD FIND
Afghanistan: afghani
Albania: lek
Algeria: dinar
American Samoa: dollar
Andorra: euro
Angola: kwanza
Anguilla: dollar
Antigua and Barbuda: dollar
Argentina: peso
Armenia: dram
Aruba: guilder (also florin or gulden)
Australia: dollar
Austria: euro

Azerbaijan: manat
Bahamas: dollar
Bahrain: dinar
Bangladesh: taka
Barbados: dollar
Belarus: ruble
Belgium: euro
Belize: dollar
Benin: franc
Bermuda: dollar
Bolivia: boliviano
Bosnia and Herzegovina: marka
Botswana: pula
Brazil: real
British Virgin Islands: dollar
Brunei: ringgit (Bruneian dollar)
Bulgaria: lev
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Cambodia: riel
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Canada: dollar
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Cuba: peso
Cyprus: euro
Czech Republic: koruna
Denmark: krone
Djibouti: franc
Dominica: dollar
Dominican Republic: peso
East Timor: dollar
Ecuador: dollar
Egypt: pound
El Salvador: colon
Equatorial Guinea: franc
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Tonga: paʻanga
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Turkey: lira
Turkmenistan: manat
Tuvalu: dollar
Uganda: shilling
Ukraine: hryvnia
United Arab Emirates: dirham
United Kingdom: pound
United States and its territories: dollar
Uruguay: peso
Uzbekistan: som
Vanuatu: vatu
Venezuela: bolivar
Vietnam: dong
Virgin Islands: dollar
Zambia: kwacha
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money-making a. profitable, lucrative, paying, gainful, successful. ANT. unprofitable.

mongrel n. mixture, crossbreed, mutt, hybrid, half-blood, half-breed, cur. ANT. purebred, thoroughbred.

moniker n. Sl. nickname. SEE NAME

monitor n. overseer, watchdog, supervisor, observer, advisor.

monitor v. oversee, watch over, observe, *keep an eye on, check, supervise, police, scan.

monk n. brother, monastic, friar.


monopoly n. control, corner, domination, cartel, bloc, exclusive possession. "The octopus."—Frank Norris.


monotony n. sameness, uniformity, boredom, dullness, tedium, routine, humdrum, repetition, dreariness, flatness. ANT. change, variation, excitement.

monster n. 1. UNNATURAL BEAST creature, mutant, miscreation, ogre, freak of nature, monstrosity, boogieman, brute, thing, *it, *lab experiment, dragon, drake, sea serpent, kraken, hydra, Loch Ness Monster (Nessie), Champ (Lake Champlain), yeti, Bigfoot, abominable snowman, Frankenstein, werewolf, vampire, ghoul, ghoblin, hobgoblin, zombie, incubus, succubus, troll, basilisk, harpy, centaur, griffin, gargoyle, chimera, Gorgon, Medusa, Minotaur, Phoenix, Cerberus, Argus, Cyclops, Pluto, Sphinx, Orpheus, Python, Pan, roc, demon, orc, satyr, hellhound, alien, extraterrestrial, little green man, man-eater, Godzilla, the Blob, B-movie monster (Roger Corman Creation). 2. GIANT colossus, behemoth, Gargantua, Goliath, titan, leviathan, mammoth, Brobdingnagian. ANT. 2. dwarf, midget, runt, baby.

monstrosity n. SEE MONSTER

monstrous a. 1. GROTESQUE hideous, abnormal, mutated, unnatural, repulsive, freakish, teratoid, weird, wild, outlandish, bizarre, otherworldly, beastly, frightful, shocking. 2. HUGELY gigantic, gargantuan, colossal, stupendous, hulking, enormous, titanic, immense, mammoth, towering. 3. EVIL atrocious, satanic, revolting, heinous, hateful, gruesome, loathsome, vile, horrible. 4. OUTRAGEOUS shocking, incredible, ridiculous, astonishing. ANT. 1. normal, natural, beautiful. 2. tiny, wee, small. 3. good, moral, angelic. 4. normal, reasonable.
**Montage** n. hodgepodge, jumble, patchwork, mosaic, mishmash, potpourri, miscellany, arrangement, scheme.

**Monument** n. 1. Memorial statue, pillar, column, monolith, obelisk, tower, stone, plinth, shrine, pyramid, tombstone, headstone, marker, cross, mausoleum, cenotaph, effigy, ossuary, sepulchre, solum, weeper. See cemetery 2. Notable achievement landmark, magnus opus, masterpiece, masterwork, chef d'œuvre, watershed.

**Monumental** a. massive, huge, prodigious, colossal, towering, grand, exalted, enduring, permanent, outstanding, exceptional. *Ant.* tiny, microscopic, insignificant, forgettable.

**Moo** v. low, bellow.


**Mood** n. state of mind, frame of mind, spirit, temper, humor, vein, mind, disposition, caprice. See anger, anxiety, depression, fear, happiness, sadness.

**Moody** a. temperamental, touchy, grouchy, labile, gloomy, glum, petulant, unpredictable, cranky, *running hot and cold. *Ant.* stable, predictable, even-tempered, constant.


**Moonlight** n. moonshine, moonbeams, albedo, effulgence, luminescence, radiance.


**Moonstruck** v. crazed, deranged, demented, possessed, loony, insane.

**Moor** n. heath, peat bog, scrubland, swamp, tundra, wasteland, marsh, prairie.

**Moorings** n. slip, port, harbor, anchorage, dock, marina, wharf, berth, landing, pier.

**MOOT** a. [MOOT] subject to discussion or debate. Whether or not abortion is morally acceptable is a moot question. *Syn.* debatable, arguable, disputable, contestable, questionable, open to question, controversial, at issue, unsettled, theoretical, academic, conjectural. *Ant.* indisputable, uncontestable, resolved.
moral  a. 1. righteous virtuous, ethical, good, upright, scrupulous, honorable, honest, principled, trustworthy, fair, decent, conscientious, correct, aboveboard, just. 2. sexually virtuous chaste, immaculate, pure, innocent, respectable, squeaky clean. Ant. 1. immoral, unethical, unprincipled, corrupt, evil. 2. promiscuous, loose, wild.

morale  n. spirit, resolve, attitude, confidence, mood, state.

morality  n. righteousness, goodness, integrity, virtue, decency, fairness, honesty, conscientiousness, honor, respectability, responsibility. "A terribly thin covering of ice over a sea of primitive barbarity."—Karl Barth. "To enjoy and give enjoyment, without injury to yourself or others."—Nicolas Chamfort. "Feeling temptation but resisting it."—Sigmund Freud. Ant. immorality, evil.

moralize  v. preach, sermonize, pontificate, lecture, pass judgment, climb on one's moral soapbox, look down one's holier-than-thou nose.

moral  a.

morals  n. ideals, standards, mores, scruples, principles, ethics, ethos, manners.

morass  n. 1. marsh bog, swamp, fen, quagmire, wetland, mire, slough, wallow. 2. entanglement mess, mix-up, jam, predicament.

morbid  a. unhealthy, unholy, gloomy, or gruesome. He had a morbid fascination with death. Syn. unhealthy, sickly, pathological, morose, gloomy, black, depressed, somber, melancholy, neurotic, sick, gruesome. Ant. healthy, wholesome, happy.

mortas  n. 1. morphine, narcotic, pain killer, pain reliever, anesthetic, opiate, bang, locus, joy dust, white nurse. See drug, narcotic.

morass  n. See stupid

morose  a. gloomy, glum, sullen, melancholy, sour, dour, ill-humored, austere, saturnine, stern, scowling, lugubrious, surly. Ant. cheerful, upbeat, sunny.

morphine  n. narcotic, pain killer, pain reliever, anesthetic, opiate, bang, locus, joy dust, white nurse. See drug, narcotic.

mortification  n. humiliation, shame, embarrassment, chagrin, humbling, humble pie, disgrace, loss of face.

mortify  v. humiliate, embarrass, shame, humble, disgrace, dismay, deflate, bring down, take down a notch, belittle. Ant. honor, exalt, worship.

moribund  a. dying, expiring, failing, wasting away, on one's deathbed, terminal, circling the drain, sinking fast, at death's door. Ant. robust, healthy, vital.

morning  n. dawn, daybreak, sunup, sunrise, A.M., forenoon, the holy light of dawn.

moron  n. imbecile, idiot, simpleton, retardate, dope, dolt, nitwit, dullard, dunce, dummy, lamebrain, lunkhead, meathead, chowderhead, airhead, maroon, one with the IQ of a woodchuck, one who cuts with a dull tool, one who is one or two bricks shy of a load, one slower than a glacier, one as dense as a post, one as numb as a flounder, one who is dead from the neck up. Ant. genius, savant, Rhodes scholar, Mensa member, rocket scientist.

moronic  a. dumb, addle-brained, bovine, asinine. See stupid

mortgage  n. contract, pledge, title, deed, lease, loan agreement. See money

mortician  n. undertaker, funeral director, embalmer. See funeral

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mortuary  n. funeral home, funeral parlor, morgue, charnel house, crematorium. See funeral
mosaic n. inlay, collage, tile-work, marquetry, parquetry, miscellany, jumble, hodgepodge.
mosey v. shuffle, saunter, pad, amble, stroll. see walk
Moslem n. Muslem, Muslim, Mohammedan. see religion
mosque n. temple, church, house of worship, house of God, sanctuary.

WORD FIND
prayer tower: minaret

moss n. lichen, liverwort, Irish moss, Spanish moss, club moss, peat moss.
most a. greatest, largest, nearly all, majority, *lion's share, maximum, utmost, unsurpassed, unequalled, furthest. ant. least, smallest, lowest.
mostly adv. for the most part, principally, chiefly, mainly, by and large, on the whole.
mot n. witticism, quip, bon mot, repartee, riposte.
mote n. speck, particle, fragment, bit, flake, grit.
motel n. motor court, inn, motor inn, roadhouse, *stop and drop. see hotel
moth-eaten a. 1. threadbare tattered, ragged, holey, worn-out, decrepit. 2. old-fashioned outmoded, outdated, antiquated, out of style, obsolete. ant. 1. fresh, new, pristine. 2. recent, contemporary.
mother n. 1. mom matriarch, parent, matron, nurturer, caregiver, *hand that rocks the cradle, foster mother, adoptive mother, mother-in-law, *mama, *mum, *mumsy, *old lady. 2. source origin, originator, womb, cradle. “What God made because He could not be everywhere.”—Adapted from Jewish proverb. “God’s deputy on earth.”—Rahel Varnhagen. see family
mother v. nurture, raise, rear, bring up, parent, foster, nourish, protect, nurse, care for, overprotect, spoil, smother, coddle.
motherhood n. maternity, mothership.
motherland n. native land, home land, *the old country.
motherly a. maternal, nurturing, doting, protective, solicitous. ant. neglectful, abusive.
motif n. theme, pattern, subject, leitmotif, idea, strain, device, form, concept.
motion n. 1. action movement, change, moving, transition, drift, shift. 2. a proposal recommendation, suggestion, proposition, submission, offering.
motion v. gesture, gesticulate, point, nod, beckon, shrug, pantomime.
motionless a. unmoving, still, inert, static, lifeless, tranquil, dead, frozen, paralyzed, inanimate, stationary, immobile, becalmed, fixed, quiet, idle.
motion picture n. picture show, *flick. see movie
motivate v. impel, induce, move, stimulate, spur, goad, encourage, challenge, incite, prompt, inspire, start, arouse, *hold out a carrot, *light a fire under, galvanize, serve as a catalyst, *give a good, swift kick. ant. discourage, deflate, *take the wind out of one’s sails, dishearten.
motivation n. incentive, enticement, reason. see motive
motive n. motivation, purpose, reason, incentive, stimulus, rationale, driving force, grounds, enticement, aim, instigation, goal, spur, bribe.
motley a. heterogeneous, diverse, many-colored, assorted, miscellaneous, varied, variegated, kaleidoscopic, patchwork, jumbled, multifarious. ant. similar, uniform, homogeneous.
motor n. engine, power plant, dynamo, turbine, generator, transformer, transducer, *workhorse. see aircraft, automobile, machinery

WORD FIND
Types: internal combustion motor, diesel, Wankel, rotary, steam, double-overhead cam, two-stroke, four-stroke, V-6, V-8, four-barrel, slant, transverse, supercharged, turbocharged, inboard-outboard.
alternating current producer: alternator
carburetor replacement system: fuel injection
cooler air to carburetor: choke
coolerant: antifreeze, ethyl glycol
cooling system: fan, radiator, thermostat, water jackets, water pump
cylindrical plugs that move up and down, compresses air-fuel mix: pistons
distributes electricity to spark plugs: distributor
drive train: clutch, transmission, driveshaft, distributor
energy unit: horsepower, rpm (revolutions per minute)
exhaust burner: catalytic converter, afterburner, turbocharger
filters dirt and dust: air filter, fuel filter, oil filter

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frame: chassis
friction reducers: bearings
fuel vaporizer: carburetor
heat exchanger: radiator
knocking: ping, detonation
main framework containing cylinders: engine block
main rotating shaft: crankshaft
overtaxing of: red-lining
piston housing: cylinder
sputtering after ignition turned off: dieseling
turning force of motor: torque
valve operator: camshaft

motor
v. drive, cruise, ride, tour, steer.

motorboat n. speedboat, power boat, outboard, cruiset. see boat, ship

motorcade
n. parade, procession, caravan, cavalcade.

motorcycle

WORD FIND
accelerator: throttle
engine shutoff: kill switch
model: Honda, Harley Davidson, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Triumph, Indian
safety bar, passenger: sissy bar
seat: saddle

motor home
n. trailer, mobile home, RV, camper, *tin can.

motorist
n. driver, commuter.

motorized a. powered, mechanized, automatic.

mottled a. variegated, streaked, dappled, piebald, pied, spotted, shaded, motley, splotchly, marble-patterned, flecked, particolored. ant. monochrome, uniform.

motto
n. maxim, adage, aphorism, saying, proverb, axiom, truism, principle, slogan, epigram, saw.

mound
n. heap, pile, mass, knoll, hump, hummock, hillock, dune. see hill

mount
v. 1. ascend climb, go up, scale, surmount. 2. increase grow, pile up, burgeon, accrue, swell, mushroom, multiply, proliferate, balloon, accumulate.

mountain
n. peak, alp, mount, summit, pinnacle, highland, elevation, ridge, pike, sea-mount, volcano, butte, mesa, plateau, massif, matterhorn, monadnock, nunatak, uprissing, cliff. “The palaces of nature.”—Lord Byron. ant. valley, dale, dell, crater. see hill

mountaineer, mountaineering, mountainous, volcano

WORD FIND

air: rarefied
base: piedmont
bowllike hollow carved by glacier: cirque
chain: cordillera, range, sierra
cloud: banner
crest: arete
descriptive: bell-shaped, flinty, spired
elevation above 4800 ft.: alpine
erosion resistant: monadnock
flat-topped: butte, mesa, plateau
formation: orogeny
frozen fog: rime ice, verglas
glacial ice, surrounded by: nunatak
glow at sunrise/sunset: alpenglow
gully: couloir
humpback: shoulder
lake: tarn
lee: rain shadow
low between summits: saddle
needlelike peak: aiguille, matterhorn
nymph: oread
oxygen deprivation: mountain sickness
pass: col, defile
peak: horn, summit
ranges, multiple: cordillera
ridge: arete, hogback, sawback, spur
rounded: knob
rubble: scree, talus
saddle: col
sea: seamount
shadow illusion: specter of the brocken
side: flank
snow collapse: avalanche
steep, weathered rock: crag
study: orography
vestigial nubbin: inselberg

mountaineer
n. highlander, uplander, Sherpa, mountain climber, rock climber, adventurist.

mountaineering
n. mountain climbing, ascending, surmounting, scaling, rock climbing.
 Wortfind

climbing without mechanical aids: freeclimbing

dangerous overhang of ice and snow: cornice
descend by rope: rappel
diagonal ascent: slab
makeshift shelter: bivouac
narrow, vertical passageway: chimney
oxygen deprivation: mountain sickness
ring that connects ropes to pitons: carabiner
securing or playing out rope: belaying
short rope ladder: etrier
sideways movement across slope: traverse
sideways rope traverse: pendulum
spike, wedge, or peg used to secure climber: piton
staff: alpenstock
toothed, metal traction attachment: crampon
zigzag to counter steep slopes: switchback

mountainous a. alpine, alpine. Ant. flat, level.

Wordfind

descriptive: rugged, towering, lofty, vertiginous, cloud-capped, supernal, washboard ranges: cordillera, sierra

mounted a. 1. seated astride, in the saddle. 2. a. FITTED attached, seated, backed. Ant. 1. dismounted. 2. unattached, loose. See mounting.
mounting n. frame, backing, support, seating.
mounting v. growing, piling up, expanding, accruing, burgeoning, mushrooming, proliferating, accumulating, multiplying, snowballing. Ant. diminishing, shrinking.
mourn v. grieve, lament, bemoan, pine, bewail, rue, despair, miss, deplore, languish, agonize, yearn, ache, suffer, anguish.
mourner n. the bereaved, griever, survivor.
mournful a. sorrowful, bereft, desolate, woeful, heavyhearted, downhearted, forlorn, griefstricken, anguished, heartsick, inconsolable, aching with nostalgia, disheartened, prostrate. Ant. cheerful, sunny, joyous.
mourning n. grieving, sorrowing, lamentation, lamenting, bereavement, grief, anguish. Ant. rejoicing, celebrating. See death, funeral

Wordfind

dress of: black, veil, sackcloth, mourning band, widow's weeds, mouse n. 1. rodent vermin, field mouse, pocket mouse, vole. 2. sissy coward, milquetoast, shrinking violet, weakling, *wimp, *wuss.
mousy a. timid, quiet, shy, timorous. Ant. bold, aggressive.
mouthful n. bite, spoonful, morsel.
mouth off v. spout off, vociferate, vituperate, harangue, taunt, rant, rave, sass, *wise off.
mouthpiece n. spokesman, spokeswomen, PR person, attorney.
mouthwash n. mouth rinse, breath freshener, gargle.
mouth-watering a. salivary, appetizing, savory, succulent. Ant. unappetizing, distasteful.
mouthy a. loudmouthed, vociferous, ranting, obnoxious, sassy. Ant. meek, quiet, mute.
movable a. portable, transportable, fluid. See mobile.
mov e v. 1. set or be in motion transport, change places, impel, propel, advance, lug, haul, budge, relocate, push, pull, go, come, travel, proceed, walk, run, fly. 2. change residences relocate, transfer, pull up roots, evacuate, emigrate, migrate, fly the coop. 3. affect the emotions touch, stir, arouse, play on one's sympathies, pluck or tug at the heart-strings, strike a nerve, melt the heart, stimulate, disturb. 4. Propose put forth, recommend, urge, offer, submit.
movement n. 1. motion action, stirring, activity, advancement, propulsion, ascension, descent, retraction, flight. 2. campaign grassroots movement, crusade, undertaking, drive popular front, fundraiser, push. 3. musical passage section, part, sequence, division, piece.
mover n. shipper, trucker, moving company.
actor/small role: bit player, cameo appearance, extra
actor who is partially created by computer
make-up effects: synthespian
advertising/promotional clip: trailer
aerial shot: crane shot
animation created with clay characters and
stop-action photography: claymation
award: Academy Award, Oscar
black-and-white to color process: colorization
box office smash: *boffo
captioned drawings of planned camera
shots: storyboard
clapper: slate
closeup, extreme: detail shot
colored lens or gelatin: filter
combination of two or more images on
film: composite shot; superimposition
computer program breathing life into dig-
itally created characters: Massive
computer-generated imagery: CGI
daytime run movie: matinee
digital special effect that metamorphoses
person or thing: morphing
digitally recorded body movements of ac-
tors placed in digital landscape: motion
capture
directs actors and technicians: director
double scene effect: split screen
dream sequence waviness effect: ripple dis-
solve
dummy taking hit for actor about to be
killed, shot with: substitution shot
electrician assistant: best boy
electrician in charge of lights: gaffer
end of shooting for the day: wrap
fade out effect: dissolve
fade: dissolve; fade in, fade out; washout
fast frame nearly too quick to see: flash
frame
fast motion, run camera at slower speed
to create: undercrank
ghost effect achieved through reflected
image, superimposed: ghosting
gunshot wound effect: squib
handheld camera with anti-shake mecha-
nism: Steadicam
head of financing and hiring: producer
joining of two pieces of film: splice
journals of the industry: trades, Variety,
Hollywood Reporter
keyhole or binoculars, shield placed
over lens to create illusion of looking
through: mask
library film: stock footage
lip synchronization on short loops of film:
looping
location finder: location scout
moving shot: dolly shot, trucking shot
music of: score
night scenes shot in daylight with darken-
ing lenses: day-for-night photography
object: prop
one frame at a time to give illusion of move-
ment, object or thing moved and shot:
stop-action photography
past, scene from character's: flashback
photographer, motion picture: cinematog-
rapher
prints from day's shooting: dailies, rushes
proposal of movie to financiers: pitch
publicity: publicist
puppets of animals, humans, monsters,
electronically controlled: animatronics
real-time compression shot: time-lapse
photography
record dialogue and sound effects: dub,
Foley
rolling credits at end of movie: crawl, clos-
ing credits
scene pushes another out of the way, effect
when: pushover; wipe
scene-combining special effect, illusionary:
blue screen; matte shot; superimposition
scenery painted on glass, shot through:
glass shot
script continuity: script supervisor
set or prop assistant: grip
sets and costumes head: art director
shadow casting screen: gobo; scrim
slow motion, run camera at fast speed to
create: overcrank
sound effects room: Foley studio
sound recorder: sound technician, Foley
artist
stop-action combined with live-action us-
ing split screen techniques: dynamat-
ion
stop-action photography: pixillation
stuck in pre-production limbo and sold to
another studio, movie: in turnaround
studio and outside shooting area: lot,
backlot
superimposition effect: blue screen, matte
shot
test audience, screen a movie for a: test screen
wardrobe assistant: dresser
wide side-to-side shot: pan
widening shot: pull-back
wide-screen film process: Cinemascope
writer: screenwriter, script doctor
writer's outline: treatment
zooming in effect: zoom shot

moving a. 1. IN MOTION going, coming, motion- ing, transporting, proceeding, advancing, ascen- ding, descending, retracting, reversing. 2. relocating transferring, vacating, pulling up roots, roaming, migrating, flying the coop. 3. EFFECTING THE EMOTIONS touching, stirring, rousing, stimulating, striking a nerve, plucking at the heartstrings, heart- wrenching, gut-wrenching. ANT. 1. stationary. 2. settled, fixed. 3. blunt, soporific, un- emotional.
mow v. cut, trim, shear, clip, scythe, hack, reap. see harvest
moxie n. Sl. courage, pluck, guts, mettle, chutz- pah, *balls.
much n. great quantity, a lot, abundance, pro- fusion, plethora, myriad, deluge, scores, wealth, bonanza, tons, *oodles, *all the tea in China. ANT. nothing, zero, pittance.
much a. 1. TO A GREAT DEGREE or EXTENT im- portant, remarkable, considerable, signifi- cant, paramount, impressive, critical, of consequence. 2. in great quantity abun- dant, plentiful, ample, sufficient, profuse, lavish, generous, considerable, copious, lib- eral, sizable.
muck n. 1. manure dung, compost, fertilizer, *crap, ooze. 2. scandalous information lowdown, *skinny, slander, gossip, *dirt, *goods. see muckraking
MUCKRAKER n. [MUCK raker] one who in- vestigates and reports corruption. Newspapers train their best reporters to be muck- rakers. SYN. whistle-blower, investigative journalist, *keyhole journalist, exposé, gos- sipmonger, scandalmonger, mudslinger, debunker.
MUCKRAKING n. [MUCK raking] investigat- ing and reporting corruption. Muckraking can sometimes be a journalist’s most danger- ous job. SYN. whistle-blowing, investigating, exposing, *digging for dirt, gossipmonger- ing, scandalmongering, *dragging through the mud, defaming, character assassinating.
mud n. mire, muck, ooze, sludge, slime, clay, slush, silt, dirt, wallow, organic matter.
muddle v. mix up, stir up, jumble, disorder, fumble, blunder, puzzle, scramble, ensnarl, confuse, turn upside-down, mess up, foul.
ANT. order, organize, neaten, clarify
muddled a. confused, befuddled, incoherent, addled, bewildered, disoriented. ANT. lucid, clear-headed.
muddy a. mucky, miry, sloppy, silty, slimey, slushy, gooey, dirty, oozy, soggy, swampy, boggy, soiled, filthy, grubby, organic, sedi- mentary. ANT. clean, pristine, spotless.
mudslinging n. smear campaign, slander, defa- mation, scandalizing, libeling, name-calling, dragging one’s name through the mud, *po- litical parry and jab. ANT. compliment, praise, tribute.
muff v. bungle, botch, fumble, drop the ball, *blow it, stumble, *choke, fail, miscalculate, slip, trip up, *screw up. ANT. succeed, accom- plish.
muffin n. bread, roll, biscuit, scone, bran muff- in, corn muffin.
muffle v. stifle, deaden, dampen, mute, tone down, silence, soften.
muffler n. 1. CLOTHING scarf, neckerchief, ascot. 2. NOISE-ABSORBING DEVICE baffle, mute, si- lencer.
mug n. 1. DRINKING VESSEL Stein, tankard, flag- on, cup, toby, goblet. 2. FACE countenance, pust, grimace, mug shot. see face
mugging n. holdup, assault, rob, purse-snatch, strong-arm, *jump, *stick up.
muggy a. humid, damp, moist, sticky, close, clammy, steamy, sultry, dank, sweltering, oppressive. ANT. dry, arid.
mulatto n. mixed breed, half-breed, hybrid, cre- ole, octoroon, quadroon.
mule n. hinny, jackass, donkey, burro, jenny.
mulish a. obstinate, headstrong. see stubborn
mulk v. ponder, reflect, think, consider, meditate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, contemplate, marshal one’s thoughts, chew, brood, muse, cogitate.
multicolored a. polychromatic, parti-colored, spectral, variegated, kaleidoscopic, mottled, dappled, striped, streaked. ANT. monochro- matic. see colored
multifaceted a. 1. MANY-SIDED many-faced, manifold, 2. INTRICATE complex, complicat- ed. ANT. 1. one-sided. 2. simple.
multifarious a. manifold, diverse, multitudi- nous, various, multifaceted, heterogeneous, multiplex. ANT. limited.
multinational a. international, global, conti- nental, worldwide, multicultural. ANT. local.
multiple a. many, manifold, numerous, multitudinous, several, plural, various, duplex, triplex, sundry, myriad. ant. single, lone.
multiply v. 1. to add, increase, compound, duplicate, triple, quadruple, burgeon, proliferate, grow, spread, mushroom. 2. produce offspring, propagate, procreate, generate, breed. see reproduce
multitude n. mass, throng, bunch, horde, legion, flock, mob, crowd, swarm.
mum a. silent, mute, tight-lipped, speechless. ant. effusive, talkative.
mumble v. mutter, maund, mormur, speak indistinctly, whisper, talk to oneself, *talk into one’s chin/beard, drone. ant. project, articulate, shout, roar.
mummify v. dry, shrivel, preserve, desiccate, embalm, swaddle.
mummy n. corpse, cadaver, the embalmed, the entombed, *stiff.
munch v. chew, bite, crunch, snack, nosh, chomp, nibble, gnaw. see chew, eat
munchies n. Sl. 1. see snack 2. see appetite, hunger
mundane a. 1. ordinary everyday, common, banal, trite, humdrum, routine, prosaic, stale, pedestrian. 2. earthly, worldly, terrestrial, material, physical, human. ant. 1. extraordinary, rare, exceptional. 2. spiritual, divine, out of this world.
municipal a. civic, civil, metropolitan, city, urban, local, community, town; self-governing. see city, town
municipality n. city, town, village, metropolis, district, borough, suburb, bedroom community, precinct, parish, hamlet. see city, town
munificient a. generous, lavish, extravagant, bountiful, openhanded, philanthropic, liberal. ant. cheap, niggardly, tightfisted.
munitions n. ammunition, weapons, bombs, ordnance, arsenal.
mural n. wall painting, panorama.
murder n. homicide, manslaughter, slaying, killing, assassination, shooting, execution, knifing, lynching. “One murder makes a villain, millions a hero.”—Beilby Porteus.

WORD FIND
accidental or unintentional: involuntary manslaughter
automobile, from: drive-by shooting
brother: fratricide
ethnic group or race, of: genocide
father: patricide
gang-related: gangland killing, drive-by shooting, contract killing, *hit
hired: contract killing
infant: infanticide
(in the) heat of passion without malice aforethought: manslaughter, crime of passion
mass slaughter: massacre
mother: matricide
planned: premeditated, first-degree murder
rage, motivated by sudden: crime of passion, manslaughter
random act: *wilding
self: suicide
serial: serial killing
sister: sororicide
surprise, politically motivated: assassination
suspected: foul play
unplanned with malice aforethought: second-degree murder

murk n. darkness, gloom, shadow, haze, fog, mist, brume. see fog
murky a. 1. gloomy dark, dismal, dusky, dreary, gauzy, funereal, somber, hazy, misty, foggy, brumous. 2. obscure unclear, vague, nebulous, esoteric, veiled, hidden, obscurated, occult, mysterious, arcane, impenetrable. ant. 1. sunny, bright, clear. 2. clear, distinct, in plain view.
murmur n. mutter, whisper, sigh, coo, purr, mumble, sough, purl.
murmur v. mutter, whisper, sigh, coo, speak softly, purr, mumble.
muscle n. abductor, adductor, flexor, constrictor, extensor, tendon, sinew, fiber, tissue, thew, brawn. 2. strength, power, force, weight, brawn, heft, might, leverage, *elbow grease, *oomph. ant. 2. weakness, flaccidity, impotence.
WORD FIND
abdominal support: abdominal obliques, rectus abdominis, transversus abdominis
ankle bender: plantaris
anus: sphincter ani
arm extension, rotation, flexion: latissimus dorsi, pectoral, supinator
back/body bender: rectus abdominis
back straightener: longissimus
breathing: diaphragm, serratus
chewing, clenching: masseter
disease of muscle wasting: muscular dystrophy
ebrow/brow: corrugator, epicranial
frowning mouth: depressor, risorous
goosebumps: erector pili
head bender: longus capitus, rectus capitus
head rotator: head oblique
jaw: buccinator
kissing (puckered) lips: orbicularis oris
knee flexor: hamstring
lack of muscle coordination: ataxia
leg muscle aiding balance: soleus
leg/thigh extender: quadriceps
muscle pain: myalgia
penis erector: erector penis
rump: gluteus maximus, medius, and minimus
shoulder: deltoid, trapezius
swallowing: constrictor of pharynx
testicle elevator: cremaster
tongue extender: genioglossus
upper arm: biceps, triceps
vocal cords: cricothyroid
withering muscles from lack of use: atrophy
wrist benders: flexor carpi radialis, flexor carpi ulnaris
wrist straighteners: extensor carpi radialis, extensor carpi ulnaris

muscle v. Sl. jostle, *bull, ram, shoulder, shove, cow, buffalo, plow through, bulldoze, elbow one’s way, strong-arm:

muse n. inspiration, genius, creativity, talent.
muse v. ponder, meditate, reflect, ruminate, consider, mull over, brood, cogitate, chew, weigh, study, think about, turn over in one’s mind, deliberate, speculate.
mush n. 1. BOILED MEAL corn meal, hasty pudding, porridge, cereal, gruel, mash. 2. EXCESSIVE SENTIMENT treacle, pap, schmaltz, melodrama, bathos, *corn.
mushroom n. fungus, toadstool, meadow mushroom, truffle, champignon, champagne, death cup, shitake, morel.
mushy a. sentimental, maudlin, gushy, *lovey-dovey, saccharine. ANT. unfeeling, cold.

WORD FIND
GENERAL MUSIC TERMS
above correct pitch: sharp
arrangement: composition
bar: measure
beats per measure: meter
below correct pitch: flat
changing key of composition: transposing
chord with notes played individually in quick succession: arpeggio, broken chord
closing passage: coda
connection between two musical passages: bridge
dual melody: counterpoint
emphasis on a particular note: accent
highly skilled musician: virtuoso
horizontal lines on which notes are written: staff
informal rock or jazz session: jam
in-tune, pleasant-sounding: consonance
key and meter signs: signature
lowest notes or voice: bass
multiple notes played simultaneously: chord
multiple rhythms played simultaneously: polyrhythmic
out of tune, harsh-sounding: dissonance, discord
pause or silence: rest
performance of multiple song portions: medley
performing music on sight: sight reading
performing rights society: BMI
performing without notes: by ear
return to the original theme: reprise
school of music: conservatory
science of sound properties: acoustics
second or third highest voice class: alto
section or verse repeated: refrain
short composition: bagatelle
short melodic phrase on jazz or rock guitar: riff, lick
study of music: musicology
teaching of pitch and rhythm recognition: ear training
trumpeting intro: fanfare
words of song: lyrics
written music for movie or play: score
SYMPHONIC TERMS
composition of arias, duets, choruses in several movements: cantata
final movement: finale
instrumental composition preceding opera, oratorio, or play: overture
instrumental composition with movements in varied keys, tempos: sonata
instrumental composition with several movements of dance music: suite
one section of a composition: movement
orchestra or musical society: philharmonic
polyphonic composition sung sequentially by two or more vocalists: fugue
work or composition of a composer: opus

MUSIC DIRECTIVES
boldly: fiero
comically: burlesco
decrease in volume: decrescendo
delicately: delicato
fast tempo: allegro, presto
loudly, very: fortissimo
moderate tempo: andante
mournfully: funerale
slow: adagio
slow, extremely: adagissimo
softly: soto voce
softly, sweetly: dolce
softly, very: pianissimo
spoken: parlando
volume, half the singer’s normal: mezzo voce
volume, increase in: crescendo
wildly: furioso

musical n. revue, musical comedy, burlesque, Broadway production, show.
musical a. melodic, rhythmic, harmonious, lyrical, soulful, choral, spiritual, mellifluous, symphonic, sonorous, euphonic. Ant. dissonant, cacophonous, discordant, noisy.
musical instrument n. woodwind, stringed instrument, percussive instrument, keyboard instrument, brass, *noisemaker.

WORD FIND
KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS
accordion with button keyboard: concertina
automatic piano: player piano
bell-like soundmaker in “Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy”: celesta
electronic sound recreator: synthesizer
organ, steam whistle: calliope
piano, full-sized: grand piano
piano, largest: concert piano
piano, predecessor: clavichord, harpsichord
piano, slang: *eighty-eights, *ivories
piano, small grand: baby grand
piano, space-saving: upright
plucked instead of struck by hammers: harpsichord
squeezebox, handheld: accordion, *squeezebox
wind or electric-generated keyboard: organ
PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS
bell: campanella
block, wooden: wood block, clog box
Caribbean tinkling drum: steel drum
crackers, wooden stick: claves
clappers clicked rhythmically: castanets
cow’s bell: cowbell
crash, sizzlemaker: cymbal
Cuban drums played with fingers, hands: bongos
drum for rolls, flourishes, fills: tom-tom
hanging cymbal struck with mallet: gong
kettle drum: timpani
largest, booming drum: bass drum, *kick drum
rasping gourd: guiro
rat tat tat beatkeeper: snare drum
rattling skeleton-soundmaker: xylophone
seed-filled gourd: maraca
xylophonelike with resonant tubes: marimba
xylophonelike with steel bars: glockenspiel, bell lyre
STRINGED INSTRUMENTS
Appalachian lap instrument: dulcimer, zither
barrel organ: hurdy gurdy
bowed, quivering four-string: violin
country twanger: banjo
dulcimer struck with small hammers: hammer dulcimer
electric guitar, slang: *axe
guitar, hollow-bodied: acoustic
guitar, low-voiced four-string: bass
guitar, very small: ukelele
harplike: lyre
Hawaiian guitar with nasal tone: Hawaiian guitar
heavenly sounding 46-string: harp
Japanese national instrument: koto
lute, East Indian long-necked: sitar
lute, small four string: mandolin
middle ages guitar: lute
rasper, husky: cello
violin, large, velvety or husky-sounding: viola
zither: dulcimer
WIND INSTRUMENTS
Alps horn: alpenhorn
alto clarinet with upcurving bell: basset horn
bass tuba: helicon, sousaphone
brass instrument with three keys, flaring bell: trumpet
clarinet nickname: *licorice stick
clarion blasters: brass
cornet with wider bore: flugelhorn
double-reeded woodwind: oboe
elephant tusk horn: oliphant
English flute: recorder
flute, small: fife, piccolo
flute, whistles: recorder, flageolet, fipple flute
jazz woodwind: saxophone
*licorice stick, reeded: clarinet
military horn: bugle, cornet
pan pipes: pan flute
potatolike whistle: ocarina
sad, comedic soundmaker: bassoon
Scottish skirling and droning windbag: bagpipes
slide horn: trombone
trumpet with high pitch: Bach trumpet
tuba, tenor: euphonium
wooden: woodwind

music hall n. auditorium, concert hall, amphitheater, dance hall.
musician n. performer, player, artist, singer, vocalist, instrumentalist, minstrel, session artist, studio musician, longhair, bard, drummer, guitarist, bassist, flutist, violinist, troubadour. see singer
musing a. meditative, thoughtful, reflective. ant. oblivious.
musket n. breechloader, flintlock, blunderbuss. see gun
muss v. mess up, tousle, tangle, disarrange, ruffle, rumple, crumple, wrinkle, dishevel, scramble, disorder, throw into disarray. ant. neaten, order, organize, smooth.
must n. 1. requirement imperative, necessity, need, prerequisite, obligation, essential, exigency, fundamental. 2. mustiness mold, mildew, fungus, dry rot.
must v. have to, obligated to, required to, should, have no choice, compelled, forced, have no alternative, doomed to, bound. see necessary

WORD FIND
descriptive: wings of a B-52, twitchy, rat’s nest
dual crescents: mistletoe
long and drooping over chin: horseshoe, Fu Manchu
long and thick with turned-up ends: Hindenburg
M-shaped: regent
neat, thin line: pencil line, Clark Gable
rectangular with squared ends: boxcar, toothbrush, Charlie Chaplin, Hitler
T, forms with chin tuft: Roman T
thick and overgrown over lip: walrus, soupstrainer
turned-up: handlebar, Hindenburg, Kaiser, waxed, waxed and twiddled
V-shaped: chevron

mustang n. range horse, wild horse, bronco, bronc, cayuse.
muster n. assembly, gathering, congregation, turnout, review, line up, group, bunch, troupe, company.
muster v. assemble, gather, summon, call the roll, mobilize, convoy, marshal, convene, rally, collect, congregate, huddle, line up. ant. disperse, fallout, scatter, disband.
muster, pass v. *make the grade, *come up to snuff, pass inspection, *measure up, *come through with flying colors, *stand the test, *come up to scratch.

music hall - muster
musty adj. 1. mouldy, dusty, stale, decaying, crumbling, tainted, rancid, spoiled. 2. worn out, antiquated, stale, old, aged, moss-grown, obsolete, old-fashioned, moth-eaten, passé. **ant.** fresh, unspoiled, vibrant. 2. new, modern, fresh.

mutant n. deviation, mutation, alteration, miscreation, freak of nature.

mutation n. deviation, mutant, alteration, variation, modification, miscreation, metamorphosis, transformation, accident of nature.

mute v. muffle, deaden, dampen, silence, stifle, tone down, still, quiet. **ant.** amplify.

mute adj. speechless, silent, aphonetic, wordless, mum, voiceless, tongue-tied, uncommunicative, closedmouthed, still. **ant.** talkative, loquacious, communicative.

mutilate v. tear apart, dismember, disfigure, maim, deform, rip to shreds, amputate, cut up, hack, butcher, castrate, tear limb from limb.

mutilated adj. dismembered, amputated, torn limb from limb, castrated, disfigured, maimed, deformed.

mutinous adj. rebellious, subversive, riotous, insurrectionary, insurgent, revolutionary, seditious, traitorous, insubordinate, malcontent. **ant.** dutiful, subservient, compliant, cooperative.

mutiny n. rebellion, revolt, riot, uprising, overthrow, overthrow, takeover, coup, strike.

mutiny v. rebel, revolt, rise up, riot, subvert, overthrow.

mutter v. mutter, mumble, whisper, grunt, maunder, *talk into one’s beard/chin, talk under one’s breath, grumble, whisper, *mutter under one’s breath, grousse, complain.

mutual adj. reciprocal, give-and-take, interchangeable, common, joint, related, shared, communal. **ant.** singular, sole.

mutual fund n. stock fund, bond fund, growth fund, investment fund. see money

muzzle n. 1. snout jaws, nose, mouth, chops. 2. restraint bind, bit, bridle, strap.

muzzle v. restrain, restrict, stifle, silence, censor, shut up, mute, suppress, still, inhibit, squelch, harness.

myopic adj. see nearsighted


mysterious adj. unknown, unexplainable, inexplicable, enigmatic, inscrutable, cryptic, unfathomable, secret, mystical, weird, arcane, esoteric, puzzling, dark. **ant.** knowable, obvious, clear, explainable.


mystic n. seer, soothsayer, palm reader, prophet, astrologer, sorcerer, witch, astral projectionist, new age follower, *past-life.

mystical adj. inscrutable, inexplicable, intuitive, spiritual, ethereal, metaphysical, transcendental, incorporeal, extramundane, otherworldly, supernatural. **ant.** corporeal, earthly, scientific.

mysticism n. occultism, supernaturalism, cabalism.

mystify v. bewilder, perplex, puzzle, confuse, baffle, confound, hoodwink, *bamboozle, *inconspicuous. **ant.** clarify, explain, clear up.

mystique n. aura, air, charisma, character, glamour, ambience, persona, charm, attraction, fascination, appeal, magnetism.

myth n. 1. story legend, tale, fable, allegory, fiction, parable. 2. untruth, foolishness, fiction, nonsense, old wive’s tale, misconception, fallacy, superstition, falsehood.

mythical adj. mythological, fabled, fictitious, fabulOUS, imaginary, fanciful, fantastical, storybook. **ant.** actual, true, real, factual. see monster

WORD FIND

Argonauts leader who retrieved Golden Fleece: Jason

arts, nine goddesses of the: Muses

beautiful man: Adonis

bisexual: Hermaphroditus

dawn, goddess of: Aurora, Eos

dog with three heads guarding underworld: Cerberus

dreams, god of: Morpheus

earth, goddess of: Gaea

earth on his shoulders: Atlas

eclatasy, god of: Dionysus

eyed beast, hundred: Argus

god, god of: Vulcan

fire, stolen from gods: Prometheus

fish and man combined, controlled waves: Triton
flowers, goddess of: Flora
flying horse created from Medusa's blood: Pegasus
forbidden box of human misery, opened by: Pandora
forever reaching for fruit and water: Tantalus
giants, race of: Titans
giant with one eye: Cyclops
god ruler: Zeus
gold, touch turned things to: Midas
gorgon, most famous: Medusa
heel, hero with vulnerable: Achilles
horse and human combined: centaur
laurel tree, turned into: Daphne
loved his own reflection and was changed to a flower: Narcissus
love, goddess of: Venus
love, god of: Cupid, Eros
marriage, god of: Hymen
Medusa, slew: Perseus
messenger of gods: Mercury
minotaur, slew: Theseus
moon and forest goddess: Diana
moon, goddess of: Luna, Diana, Selene
mother, married his: Oedipus
oracle of Apollo: Delphic oracle
prophetess who was never believed: Cassandra
punishment, goddess of: Nemesis
Rome, founder of: Romulus
sea, god of: Poseidon
sisters of hideous form who turned onlookers to stone: Gorgons
sisters three who control human destiny: the Fates
sleep, god of: Hypnus, Somnus
stone, rolled incessantly up hill: Sisyphus
strongman: Hercules
sun, flew too near and melted wings: Icarus
sun, god of: Helios
twin protectors of seagoers: Castor and Pollux
unavenged crimes, three snake-haired females who punish guilty: Furies
underworld, god of: Hades, Pluto
victory, goddess of: Nike
war, god of: Mars
whirlpool, turned into: Charybdis
wisdom, goddess of: Minerva
Zeus, beautiful daughters of: Graces
nab v. grab, snatch, seize, catch, grasp, snare, steal, snag, arrest, collar, apprehend, trap, *nail. ANT. release.
nadir n. low point, base, depth, floor, bottom.
nag v. 1. COMPLAIN scold, needle, badger, whine, carp, harass, grouse, henpeck, heckle, berate, irritate, find fault. 2. TROUBLE distress, worry, prey on, torment, bother, disturb.
nail n. 1. fingernail claw, talon. 2. fastener spike, brad, pin, rivet, staple, hobnail, tenpenny, box nail, finishing nail, roofing nail.
nail v. 1. DRIVE pound, anchor, fix. 2. CATCH catch red-handed, nab, apprehend, seize, *pinch.
naive a. unsophisticated, innocent, unsuspecting, uneducated, simple, ingenuous, childlike, inexperienced, unseasoned, unworldly, unschooled, trusting, gullible, immature, *wet behind the ears. ANT: sophisticated, experienced, wise, worldly.
NAIVETÉ n. [ni eev TAY] or [ni EEV uh TAY] childlike innocence or unsophistication, lack of insight and experience. The con man took advantage of her obvious naiveté. SYN: inexperience, childishness, innocence, simplicity, ingenuousness, artlessness, simple-mindedness, credulity, gullibility. ANT: sophistication, worldliness, experience.
namby-pamby n. sissy, pansy, mama’s boy, weakling, milquetoast, *wimp, *wuss.
name n. 1. APPpellATION nickname, given name, surname, Christian name, epithet, designation, title, sobriquet, *moniker, *handle, *pet name, diminutive, pseudonym, pen name, non de plume. 2. REPUTATION character, repute.
name v. 1. CHRISTEN dub, call, title, nickname, denominate, style, self-style. 2. DESIGNATE delegate, appoint, nominate, pick.
namedropper n. status seeker.
namless a. anonymous, untitled, unknown. ANT. named, known.
namely adv. specifically, to wit, that is, i.e.
nanny n. nursemaid, nurse, wet nurse, mammy, babysitter, governess.
nap n. 1. SNOOZE doze, siesta, catnap. SEE SLEEP 2. FIBER fuzz, weave, fluff.
nap v. SNOOZE, doze, catnap, “catch forty winks, *catch some shuteye; *drop off. SEE SLEEP 2. FIBER fuzz, weave, fluff.
napalm n. incendiary, explosive, flammable gel, *Zippo.
nape n. scruff.
napkin n. linen, wipe, serviette, moist towelette.
nappy a. hairy, downy, shaggy, fuzzy, kinky, woolly, fleecy.
narcissist n. egotist, braggart, peacock.
NARCISSISTIC a. [nar sis SIS tic] vain, excessively interested in one’s self. AN egotistical, narcissistic man won’t make a good husband. SYN. vain, self-centered, egotistical, egocentric, conceited, self-worshipping, self-infatuated, egomaniacal, self-absorbed, *wrapped up in oneself.
narcotic n. drug, opiate, soporific, sedative, tranquilizer, anesthetic, pain reliever, hypnotic, depressant, *downer, morphine, heroin, codeine, opium, hashish. SEE DRUG, MARIJUANA
narrate v. recount, tell, describe, recite, chronicle, report, portray, relate, detail.
narration n. recounting, telling, description, chronicling, portrayal, detailing, account, summary.
narrative n. account, description, tale. SEE STORY
narrator n. storyteller, chronicler, reporter, author, relater, recounter, raconteur, *voice-over.
narrow v. attenuate, hone, diminish, thin, lessen, contract, constrict, compress, squeeze.
narrow a. 1. SLIM slender, thin, lean, spare, slight, attenuated. 2. CONFINED cramped, tight, scant, sparse, meager, incapasious,
close, incommodious, pinched. 3. narrow-minded prejudiced, bigoted, intolerant, small-minded. Ant. 1. fat, broad, wide. 2. capacious, roomy, spacious. 3. liberal, open-minded, tolerant.

narrow-minded a. small-minded, closed-minded, bigoted, prejudiced, blind, myopic, short-sighted, tunnel-visioned, one-sided, intolerant, pigheaded, biased, deaf to reason. Ant. broad-minded, liberal, tolerant.

nasty a. 1. dirty, filthy, foul, soiled, unclean, revolting, gross, offensive. 2. indecent obscene, immoral, slutty, sleazy, lewd, licentious, offensive, vulgar, coarse, crude, raunchy, "morals of an alley cat. 3. mean ill-tempered, disagreeable, ugly, surly, malicious, spiteful, hateful, vicious. Ant. 1. clean, unsoiled, washed. 2. decent, wholesome, pure, chaste. 3. good-humored, good-natured, kind-hearted, friendly, amiable.

nation n. 1. country state, federation, republic, commonwealth, union, empire, sovereignty. 2. people race, populace, natives, tribe, ethnic group. See Politics

national a. federal, nationwide, interstate, coast-to-coast. Ant. local, regional.


nationality n. nativity, citizenship, tribe, clan, race, extraction, native home, lineage, bloodline, ancestry.

native a. aboriginal, innate, indigenous, domestic, native-born, local, "homegrown. Ant. foreign, distant.

native land n. homeland, motherland, mother country, fatherland, the old country, birthplace.

natty a. dapper, neat, trim, smart, spruce, chic, sharp, "spiffy, *snazzy, "dressed to the teeth, "dressed to the nines. Ant. sloppy, unfashionable. See Fashion

natural a. 1. made by nature organic, wild, pure, untouched, untamed, unspoiled, uncultivated, unrefined, primitive, primordial. 2. real genuine, authentic, true. 3. inherent instinctive, innate, genetic, inherited, natural-born. 4. unaffected unstudied, unpretentious, spontaneous, real, sincere, earthly, down to earth, ingenuous. "A very difficult pose to maintain."—Oscar Wilde. 5. normal typical, usual, characteristic. Ant. 1. unnatural, refined, processed, man-made, synthetic. 2. phony, unreal, unnatural. 3. learned, extrinsic. 4. affected, studied, pretentious, phony.

naturalist n. zoologist, botanist, field observer, environmentalist.

naturally adv. 1. by nature innately, instinctively. 2. of course as one would expect, characteristically, normally.

natural selection n. survival of the fittest, evolution, Darwinian law.

nature n. 1. character makeup, constitution, personality, essence, identity. 2. disposition temperament, temper, spirit, personality. 3. physical world cosmos, universe, creation, environment, ecology, evolution, chaos, regeneration, natural forces, the wild, the great outdoors, Mother Nature. "The never idle workshop."—Mathew Arnold. "The art of God eternal."—Dante. "The living, visible garment of God."—Johann W. Goethe "God under a disguise."—A.E. Taylor. 4. kind class, type, sort, species, stripe, category, brand.

naughty a. 1. bad, mischievous, disobedient, prankish, impish, full of the devil, wayward, unruly, unmanageable, disrespectful. 2. indecent nasty, lewd, obscene, improper, offensive, immoral. Ant. 1. clean, unsoiled, washed. 2. decent, wholesome, pure, chaste. 3. good-humored, good-natured, kind-hearted, friendly, amiable.

nausea n. nausea, qualm, indigestion, sickness, upset stomach, bellyache, motion sickness. See Vomit

nauseate v. sicken, disgust, "grog out, turn one's stomach, revolt, disgust, "make one want to vomit.

nauseating a. See Nauseous

nauseous a. nauseating, unsettling, sickening, revolting, repulsive, loathsome, disgusting.

nautical a. maritime, marine, naval, oceangoing, seagoing. See Navigation, Navy, Ocean, SAIL, SHIP

navel n. umbilical, "belly button, "innie, "outie.

navigate v. steer, direct, plot, con, pilot, skipper, guide.

navigation n. course plotting, course charting, guiding, piloting, steering, conning, manning the helm, taking bearings, seamanship, celestial navigation, dead reckoning.

navigator n. course plotter, pilot, chartman, helmsman, seaman, aviator, explorer. See Sailor

navy n. fleet, armada, flotilla, sea force, argosy, convoy, marine defense, squadron, task force, merchant marine. See Ship, Submarine

WORD FIND
aircraft carrier runway: flight deck
aircraft carrier, slang: "flat top, "floating city
antimine vessel: minesweeper
antitorpedo defense: torpedo defense net
battleship nickname: floating fortress
boundary marker for mineswept area: dan buoy
disguised as merchant ship: Q ship
fuel ship: oiler, tanker
group of ships: convoy, squadron
guns/weapons of the same size or caliber: battery
heavily armed vessel: battleship
high-speed warship: destroyer
hostile shore position: beachhead
medical ship: hospital ship
mine clearing: mine sweeping
mining ship: mine
missile-armed: guided missile cruiser, guided missile destroyer
multipurpose vessel: ocean station ship
nuclear-powered submarine: Trident
officer: chief warrant officer, ensign, lieutenant, lieutenant commander, commander, captain, rear admiral, vice admiral, admiral, fleet admiral
patrol torpedo boat: PT boat
readiness condition: general quarters
sonic locator device: sonar
submarine detector: sonobuoy
two or more ship divisions: squadron
vessel that lays dan buoys: dan runner
warship capable of acting independently: frigate

naysayer n. pessimist, oppositionist, dissenter, opponent, critic, prophet of doom, defeatist.
Nazi n. fascist, nationalist.
Neanderthal n. barbarian, savage, brute, animal, troglodyte, caveman.
near v. approach, close in, advance, move toward.

nearing a. approaching, coming toward, closing on, converging, impending. ANT. receding, leaving.
nearly adv. almost, not quite, just about, all but, virtually, well-nigh, roughly, about.
near miss n. near hit, close call, narrow escape.
nearsighted a. myopic, shortsighted, *blind as a mole, *blind as a post, *blind as a bat. see vision

neat a. 1. orderly tidy, trim, shipshape, spotless, spruce, immaculate, spic-and-span. 2. fastidious meticulous, exacting, natty, spiffy. 3. Great Sl. *cool, *neato, good, excellent. ANT. 1. disorderly, untidy, sloppy, messy. 2. sloppy, unkempt. 3. bad, awful. see clean
neaten v. tidy, arrange, order, fix up, clean up, smooth out, spruce up.
neatly adv. orderly, tidily, in good order, uniformly, smoothly, cleanly.
NEBULOUS a. [NEB u luss] cloudy, vague, or unclear. The paper was filled with nebulous guidelines. SYN. cloudy, misty, hazy, obscure, unclear, shrouded, veiled, vague, indistinct. ANT. clear, distinct.
necessarily adv. inevitably, of necessity, as a matter of course, perforce, like it or not, unavoidably, inescapably.
necessary a. essential, vital, needed, required, called for, requisite, prerequisite, mandatory, imperative, compulsory, fundamental, obligatory. ANT. unnecessary, unneeded, unessential.
necessity n. must, essential, vital component, requirement, obligation, requisite, prerequisite, necessity, essential, obligation. see extra, luxury, inessential.
necklace n. chain, strand, choker, beads, pearls, locket, pendant, lavalier, torque, collar. see jewelry
necktie n. tie, ascot, cravat, bow tie, string tie, jabot, four-in-hand, Windsor, half-Windsor.
 necromancy n. sorcery, communing with the dead, black magic, conjuring, mysticism, Satan worshiping.
necropolis n. graveyard. see cemetery
need n. 1. poverty destitution, indigence, penury, privation. 2. requirement requisite, prerequisite, necessity, essential, obligation. 3. lack want, dearth, paucity, insufficiency, shortage.
need v. require, must have, want, call for, lack, have use for, hunger for, desire, covet, got to have, can't live without.

needless a. unnecessary, pointless, uncalled for, unwanted, nonessential.
neddlework n. needlepoint, embroidery, sewing, stitching, darning, knitting, crocheting, tatting, quilting, point lace, gros point, petit point, cross-stitch, weaving.


NEFARIOUS a. [NI FAIR ee us] evil, wicked. They committed murders and other nefarious acts. SYN. evil, wicked, villainous, heinous, iniquitous, detestable, vicious, infamous, sinister, bad, abominable, shameful.

negate v. invalidate, nullify, cancel out, neutralize, void, annul, repeal.

negation n. contradiction, denial, repudiation, refutation, cancellation.

negative n. no, nay, not.

negate v. denying, nullifying, voiding, invalidating, opposing, vetoing, contradictory, contrary, conflicting, inverse.

negative attitude n. pessimism, cynicism, *chip on one's shoulder, doubt, prophecy of doom, lack of confidence.

neglect n. laxness, disregard, thoughtlessness, inattentiveness, carelessness, slackness, oversight, negligence, dereliction, indifference. ANT: care, regard, conscientiousness.

neglect v. disregard, ignore, overlook, slight, shirk, omit, pass over, discount, make light of, be remiss, *lie down on the job, forget, let slip, let slide, brush aside, *blow off. ANT: regard, consider, care for.

neglectful a. careless, remiss, derelict, negligent, inattentive, slack, lax, inconsiderate, delinquent, sloppy. ANT: careful, conscientious, mindful.

negligeé n. nightgown, nightie, chemise, robe, peignoir, deshabille.

negligence n. disregard, carelessness, dereliction, laxness. SEE NEGLECT

negligent a. careless, derelict, inattentive, delinquent, lax, slack, remiss, disregardful, thoughtless, inconsiderate, forgetful, casual, nonchalant, devil-may-care. ANT: caring, responsible, fostering, conscientious, attentive.

negligible a. minute, minimal, insignificant, inconsequential, trifling, nominal, piddling, paltry, imperceptible, unimportant, minor, trivial, microscopic. ANT: sizable, significant, considerable.

negotiate v. 1. BARGAIN deal, dicker, haggle, arbitrate, mediate, settle, arrange, transact, conciliate, compromise, come to terms, finally, work out, *give one's shirt but keep one's pants, *hash out a deal. 2. PASS THROUGH OR OVER surmount, get around, cross, clear, forge through, ford, maneuver, step nimbly around.

negotiation n. mediation, arbitration, bargaining, give and take, dickering, compromise, haggling, counteroffering.

negotiator n. mediator, arbitrator, diplomat, haggler, middleman, go-between, intermediary, *wheeler-dealer.

Negro n. black, colored person, negroid, negress, African American, Afro-American.

neigh n. whinny, nicker, whicker.


neighboring a. friendly, sociable, hospitable, personable, harmonious, helpful, convivial. ANT: inhospitable. SEE FRIENDLY

neither here nor there adj. irrelevant, beside the point, impertinent, not germane, immaterial.

nemesis n. 1. just punishment retribution, comeuppance, just deserts, vindication, revenge, vengeance, ruin, downfall, Waterloo. 2. AVENGER bane, adversary, opponent, rival.

neologism n. new word, new term, new expression, *buzz word, new meaning, new interpretation.


NEPOTISM n. [NEP uh tizm] favoritism shown to relatives in work, politics. Joe got work through his father's nepotism. SYN. favoritism, partiality, bias, discrimination. "A $10 word meaning to stow your relatives in a soft berth."—Ilka Chase.


nervy center n. control center, headquarters, HQ, command post, plexus.

nervous a. 1. WEAK impotent, powerless, helpless. 2. MEEK spineless, cowardly, timid, reticent. 3. COOL nonchalant, collected, unruffled, unperturbable, undisturbed, self-possessed, self-controlled. ANT: 1. potent, pow-
nerve-racking

nerve-racking a. distressing, stressful, disturbing, trying, grating on the nerves, aggravating, frazzling, jarring, irritating, disquieting. 

ANT: soothing, calming, relaxing.

nerves n. tension, stress. See anxiety


nervous breakdown n. nervous prostration, emotional collapse, *burnout, nervous exhaustion, clinical depression, hysteria.


nervousness n. anxiety, tension, stress, excitement, fluster, jitters, *butterflies, apprehension, uneasiness, angst, stage fright, *the shakes. ANT: relaxation, calm, serenity, tranquility.

WORD FIND descriptive/symptoms:

throat-clearing, gulping, teeth-grinding, hand-wringing, pacing, nail-biting, stomach-knotting, hyperventilation, nervous tics and twitches, sweating.


nest n. aerie, roost, *wattle and daub construction. See bird


nestle v. curl up against, snuggle, cuddle, huddle, nuzzle, *spoon together.

net n. 1. mesh webbing, seine, screen, trawl, network, lacework, dragnet, purse net, butterfly net, snare. 2. profit earnings, gain, take-in, take-home, remainder. 3. internet *information superhighway, *infobahn.

net a. take-home, after taxes, ultimate, final, remaining.


nettlesome a. irritating, annoying, aggravating, vexatious, vexing, disturbing, perturbing, irksome, rankling, thorny. ANT: pleasing, delightful, relieving.

network n. 1. interlacing netting, mesh, webbing, lacework, latticework, reticulum. 2. organization affiliations, chain, system, order, interconnection, relationship. 3. channels labyrinth, circuitry, plexus, terminal system.

network v. associate, make connections, hobnob, connect, fraternize, *rub elbows, *drum up leads, interconnect, affiliate, consort with, enterprise.

neurosis n. nervous disorder, personality disorder, emotional disorder, mental illness, disordered thinking, maladjustment, dysfunction, anxiety. “The result of a conflict between the ego and the id; the person is at war with himself.” —Sigmund Freud. See fear, insanity, mania, neurotic, phobia, psychotherapy

WORD FIND accidental nature: accident-prone aversion to people: misanthropy aversion to women: misogyny avoid people, places, things, tendency to: avoidant personality disorder body is deformed or defective, false belief that one's body dysmorphic disorder collapse, nervous: nervous breakdown combat neurosis: shell shock, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome daughter's sexual attraction to father: Electra complex death, excessive fear of: necrophobia depression, seasonal: SAD, seasonal affective disorder dieting to the point of emaciation: anorexia nervosa dieting with binging and forced vomiting: bulimia emotional disorder, any: affective disorder fantasizing to escape reality: escapism fault-finding, passively hostile character: passive-aggressive personality fear, irrational: phobia fire-setting, fascination with: pyromania genitals, compulsion to expose: exhibitionism health and symptoms, dwelling excessive-ly on: hypochondria heart attack, excessive fear of: cardioneurosis infant or childlike behavior, return to: infantilism
inferiority, feelings of: inferiority complex, low self-esteem
isolation from others: withdrawal
nervous unease, apprehension: anxiety
obsession or crazed desire: mania
panic, prone to: panic disorder, panic attack
passive acceptance of another’s vices and abuse: codependency
past, dwelling excessively on the: alethia
penis will retract into abdomen and cause death, irrational fear seen in China: koro
poor-me personality: martyrdom
pregnancy, imagined: pseudocyesis
presence even though nobody is there, sensing: anwesenheit
psychological disturbances converted to physical symptoms: conversion disorder
rapid breathing due to anxiety: hyperventilation
reality, denial of: denial, defense mechanism
repeated thoughts, rituals: obsessive-compulsive disorder
ritual that must be carried out: compulsion
self-love, excessive: narcissism
steal, compulsion to: kleptomania


neutral a. 1. impartial, uninvolved, nonpartisan, unbiased, nonaligned, uncommitted, indifferent, *riding the fence, dispassionate, disinterested, unaffiliated, detached. 2. noncombative, uninvolved, peaceful, pacificist. 3. colorless, uncolored, drab, achromatic, pale, vague, white, black, gray. ANT. 1. partial, biased, involved. 2. combative, taking sides. 3. colorful.

neutralize v. counteract, offset, negate, cancel, dilute, counterbalance, nullify, disarm, deactivate.

neverending a. perpetual, infinite, timeless, everlasting, forever, eternal, endless, relentless, persistent, continual. ANT. finite, ending.
nevertheless adv. nonetheless, notwithstanding, in any event, still, yet, be that as it may.
new a. 1. current, recent, fresh, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, contemporary, novel, modern, latest, *cutting edge, *hot. 2. pristine, fresh, virginal, green, maiden, newborn. 3. unfamiliar, unheard of, unknown, strange, peculiar, untried, untested, unexplored, experimental. 4. renewed, restored, revised, remodeled, revised. 5. additional, further, more, supplementary. ANT. 1. out-of-date, old, dated. 2. old, used, stale. 3. familiar, known, tried-and-true.

newborn n. infant, neonate, weanling, suckling, nursling, babe, baby, *bambino.


“News is almost by definition bad news.”—Marquis W. Childs. “When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news.”—Charles A. Dana. “The first rough draft of history.”—Philip Graham. SEE NEWSPAPER

newscast n. broadcast, telecast, dispatch, bulletin.

newscaster n. broadcaster, reporter, news anchor, announcer. SEE NEWSMAN

newsletter n. bulletin, report, journal, publication.

newsman/newswoman n. reporter, journalist, investigative reporter, anchor, stringer, correspondent, photojournalist, muckraker, *newshound.


“A circulating library with blood pressure.”—Arthur Baer. “A device for amusing one half of the world with the other half’s troubles.”—Leonard Levinson.
number of copies sold each day: circulation
personal opinion piece: editorial
prepare for printing: put to bed
reporter’s name line: byline
reference room/files: morgue
short news item: squib
short stock item: filler
story in pictures: photojournalism
story’s point of origin: dateline
story’s point of view: slant
syndicated pieces, press releases, prewritten material: canned copy
trite publicity piece: puff piece
trivial news period: silly season
wire services: Associated Press, Reuters

newsworthy a. notable, important, remarkable, momentous, significant, consequential, weighty. ANT. insignificant, trivial.

New York City n. the Big Apple, Manhattan, Gotham, metropolis, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, Harlem, Staten Island. "A city where everyone mutinies but no one deserts."—Harry Hershfield. "A beautiful catastrophe."—Charles Jeanneret.

next adv. following, succeeding, successively, ensuing, later, upcoming, coming up, *on the horizon.

nibble v. chew, munch, snack, nosh, bite, pick at, peck at, gnaw.
nice a. 1. appealing pleasing, attractive, agreeable, pleasant, satisfactory, desirable, enjoyable. 2. likable charming, kind, considerate, gracious, amiable, sweet, well-mannered, genial, cordial, kind, thoughtful, good-hearted. 3. upright virtuous, moral, chaste, genteel, seemly. 4. refined delicate, proper, correct, seemly, appropriate. ANT. 1. unpleasant, unattractive, undesirable. 2. unlikable, rude, mean, nasty. 3. immoral, unseemly. 4. unrefined, indecent.
niche n. notch, corner, cranny, nook, pigeonhole, cubbyhole, recess, hollow.
nick n. notch, slit, gouge, indentation, scratch, cut, score, slit, gash, scrape.
nickname n. pet name, moniker, *handle, diminutive, cognomen, appellation.
nightclub n. night spot, club, lounge, disco, discotheque, dance club, cabaret, supper club, comedy club, roadhouse, music hall, singles bar, honky-tonk, speakeasy, casino, *juke joint, "watering hole. "A place where the tables are reserved and the guests aren’t"—Fred Casper.
nightmare n. 1. bad dream incubus, succubus, phantasmasgoria, hallucination, hypnagogic imagery, night terrors, night sweats, *night frights. 2. ordeal hell, horror, calamity, trial, tribulation, "horror show. see DREAM

nightmarish a. surreal, terrifying, ethereal, horrific, creepy, ghastly, otherworldly, unreal, weird, hallucinatory, Kafkaesque, hellish. ANT. comforting, soothing.
nihilism n. 1. denial and rejection renunciation, disbelief, atheism. 2. anarchy lawlessness, subversion. 3. nothingness nonexistence, void.
nimble a. 1. agile spry, sprightly, deft, quick, lithe, light-footed, surefooted, swift, facile. 2. quick-witted alert, quick, sharp, quick-thinking. ANT. 1. clumsy, plodding, slow. 2. dull, slow, *dense.
nip v. bite, nibble, pinch, cut, snap, squeeze.
NIRVANA n. [nur VAHN uh] a state of abolute bliss or spiritual enlightenment. *Achievement of nirvana was the mystic’s goal. SYN. enlightenment, awakening, bliss, oneness, perfection, tranquility, heaven, blessedness, paradise, ecstasy. see HEAVEN

nit-pick v. split hairs, quibble, pettifog, niggle, *make a federal case out of nothing.
nitty-gritty n. Sl. heart of the matter, crux, core, the facts, gist, kernel, root, *brass tacks, *bottom line.
nitwit n. dimwit, idiot, simpleton. see MORON

nobility n. 1. eminence prominence, fame, rank, aristocracy, pedigree, peerage, upper class, noblesse, blue blood, elite, ruling class, First Family, king, queen, emperor, empress, prince, princess, marquis, earl, duke, lord, viscount, baron, baroness, knight, chevalier, squire, count, countess. 2. integrity gentility, honor, morality, virtue, chivalry, character, moral fiber. see ANCESTRY, ARISTOCRACY, ROYALTY

noble a. 1. eminent renowned, famous, illustrious, distinguished, preeminent, esteemed,
acclaimed, celebrated. 2. of high moral character moral, virtuous, chivalrous, idealistic, magnanimous, lofty, heroic, honorable, principled, decent, forthright, gallant, exemplary, ethical, scrupulous, humane, benevolent, valorous. "All nobility in its beginnings was somebody's natural superiority"—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 3. belonging to nobility aristocratic, highborn, princely, royal, blue-blooded, pedigreed, to the manor born, regal, titled, patrician. 4. having excellent qualities superior, grand, stately, splendid, majestic, regal, august, superb. ant. 1. unknown, obscure. 2. immoral, low, dishonorable, ignoble. 3. plebian, common, lower class, working class. 4. inferior, poor, shoddy.
nocturnal a. night, nighttime, nightly, night-prowling, night-roaming, night-loving.
node n. greeting, acknowledgement, gesture, signal, consenting nod. see greeting
nod v. 1. greet or acknowledge recognize, salute, incline the head, bow. 2. consent to agree, concur. 3. fall asleep doze off, drop off, nap.
noise n. clamor, din, uproar, racket, cackles, ruckus, disturbance, blare, babel, blare, hullabaloo, outcry, tumult, crack, boom, bang, thud, crash, thump, blast, thunder, roar, bellow, rip, eruption, rumble, explosion, shot, detonation, reverberation, pop, clang, clank, clunk, twang, jingle, jingle, ring, tone, plop, kerplunk, plunk, trill, peep, tinkle, whistling, ululation, warble, chirp, rattle, screech, scream, wail, shriek, squeal, shout, snap, crackle, crunch, sizzle, buzz, hiss, fizzle, honk, bleat, trumpeting, whir, clatter, scrape, grate, rasp, tick, grind, drone, hum, murmur, purr, sigh, ripple, swish, splash, whoosh, honk, echo, static, white noise, feedback, distortion. ant. silence, peacefulness, stillness, hush. see loud, sound
noiseless a. silent, still, soundless, hushed, noiseless as the vacuum of space, noiseless as a tomb. ant. loud, boisterous. see quiet, silence
noiseproof a. soundproof, insulated
noisome a. 1. harmful, injurious, hurtful. 2. malodorous, foul-smelling, stinky, smelly, fetid, reeking, rank, rancid, putrid. ant. 1. beneficial, benign. 2. fragrant.
noisy a. clamorous, cacophonous, blaring, strident, shrill, uproarious, riotous, turbulent, deafening, ear-shattering, nerve-racking. ant. peaceful, silent. see loud
nomad n. Bedouin, wanderer, gypsy, itinerant, rover, roamer, rambler, vagabond, transient. see traveler
nomadic a. wandering, roving, rambling, migratory, vagrant, drifting.
nom de plume n. pseudonym, pen name, assumed name, nom de guerre.
nomenclature n. terminology, classification, naming, vocabulary, taxonomy.
nominal a. 1. in name only titular, so-called, professed, self-styled, purported, supposed. 2. slight minor, small, trivial, minimal, inconsequential, trifling, insignificant. ant. 1. actual, real, genuine. 2. considerable, large, exorbitant.
nominate v. choose, select, appoint, propose for election, submit for approval, delegate, name, designate.
nomination n. selection, choice, proposal, naming, designation. see appointment
nominee n. candidate, appointee, aspirant, officer-seeker, runner, party favorite.
nonaggression n. pacifism, nonviolence, passivity, irenicism, *dovishness.
NONCHALANT a. [non shuh LAUNT] having a cool or casual attitude, lacking concern. Fred's nonchalant manner proved he wasn't nervous at all. syn. blasé, casual, cool, devil-may-care, lackadaisical, composed, detached, apathetic, insouciant, self-possessed, poised, carefree, disinterested, unconcerned. ant. earnest, anxious, concerned.
nonconformist a. undecided, guarded, cautious, "on the fence, equivocal, playing it safe, "playing it close to the vest, indecisive, wary. ant. committed, decisive, definite.
noncompliant a. inconsistent, disobedient, rebellious, insubordinate, unruly, rejecting, dissenting. ant. compliant, assenting, agreeable.
nonconforming a. independent, "straying from the herd, individualistic, "marching to the beat of a different drummer, unorthodox, radical, disobedient, nonadhering, deviant. ant. conforming. "falling in step, obedient.
nonconformist n. maverick, rebel, insubordinate, Bohemian, dissenter, heretic, individualist, free spirit, eccentric, deviant, renegade, hippie, yippie, beatnik, *skinhead, *square peg in a round hole. ant. conformist, *sheep, lamb, follower.
nondescript a. 1. indescribable undistinguishable, unclassifiable, amorphous, undistinctive, hard to describe, plain, vague, *blending into the woodwork, *as distinctive as a plain, brown wrapper. 2. DRAB unremarkable, colorless, common, dull, bland, *blah, prosaic. ANT. 1. distinctive, distinguishable, eye-catching. 2. remarkable, colorful, eye-catching.

nonessential a. unnecessary, extraneous, unimportant, unneeded, uncalled for, unrequired, superfluous, expendable, dispensable, extra. ANT. essential, required, basic, indispensable.

nonexistent a. nonexistent, fictitious, null, void, made-up, make-believe, imaginary, mythical, groundless, extinct, dead, defunct, hypothetical, immaterial. ANT. real, tangible.

nonpartisan a. independent, unbiased, neutral, impartial, nonaligned, unaffiliated, objective, unprejudiced, *on the fence, open-minded, individualistic. ANT. partisan, aligned, left wing, right wing, conservative, liberal.

nonplus v. perplex, bewilder, flummox, confound, baffle, *put at a loss, dumbfound, disorient, fluster, rattle, daze, disconcert, discompose, take aback.

nonprofit a. not for profit, funded, underwritten, supported, sponsored, public service, subsidized, charitable, philanthropic, benevolent. ANT. profitable, lucrative.


normally adv. usually, typically, conventionally, traditionally, regularly, customarily, generally, as a rule, under normal circumstances.

Northern Lights n. aurora borealis, solar wind.

North Star n. Polaris, polestar, lodestar.


nose bleed n. epistaxis.

nose job n. rhinoplasty, plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery.

nosh v. snack, nibble, taste, pick at, munch. SEE EAT

nostalgia a. [nuh STAL juh] a longing for the past or for one’s home, homesickness. We drove through our childhood neighborhood and ached with nostalgia. SYN. longing, yearning, sentimentality, reminiscence, pining, remembering, mourning, aching,
nostalgic - nourishing

nostalgic. "A seductive liar."—George Ball.
yn Daze."—Leonard Bossard.
notary (public)
notarize
notable
nostalgic
nosy
nostrum
notation
not born yesterday
a. Sl. wise, experienced,
not born yesterday
a.

clever thing to say."—Will Durant. 2. non-
existence void, vacuum, oblivion, nothing-
ness, inexistence, emptiness, nonentity, nul-


nothingness n. nonexistence, nothingness, void, vacuum, vacancy. see nothing


notorious


notorious


nourish v. feed, nurture, fortify, sustain, foster, promote, suckle, support.
nourishing a. nutritious, fulfilling, filling, fortifying, sustaining, alimentary. ant. inedible, unhealthy.
nourishment n. nutriment, food, sustenance, subsistence, vitamins and minerals, aliment, viands, daily bread, feed.
nouveau riche n. new rich, parvenu, upstart, *yuppie, status seeker, arriviste.

WORD FIND
characters are real persons under fictitious names: roman à clef
cheap novel of yesteryear: dime novel, penny dreadful
highbrow: literary novel
historical romance: gothic, bodice ripper, Regency romance
imaginative: sword and sorcery, fantasy, sci-fi, space opera
lengthy chronicle of a family or society: roman à fleuve
mystery: whodunit, police procedural
rags to riches: Horatio Alger story
real events, based on: docudrama
ridiculing life: satire
young person’s maturation: Bildungsroman, come-of-age story

novel a. new, first of its kind, unusual, newfangled, fresh, original, unfamiliar, innovative, offbeat, unique, unprecedented, unheard of. Ant. old hat, old-fashioned, trite.
novelist n. storyteller, fiction writer, creative writer, freelance writer, wordsmith, teller of tales, *hack. See author, writer
novelty n. 1. something new innovation, departure, original. 2. fad craze, *all the rage, *the “in” thing, *the latest thing. 3. gadget *doodad, *whim-wham, trille, knickknack, trinket, *gimcrack.
novena n. prayers, devotions, recitations.
novitiate n. 1. trial period training period, probation, initiation, apprenticeship, indoctrination. 2. novice beginner, amateur, neophyte.
now adv. 1. the present at this moment, today, this instant. 2. immediately at once, this minute, this instant, straightaway, without delay, *chop chop.
now and then adv. once in a while, occasionally, now and again, from time to time, *once every blue moon, intermittently, sometimes.
nozzle n. spout, valve, conduit, snout, sprinkler head.
NUANCE n. [NOO ahns] a subtle difference, variation, or gradation. The color nuances in the painting became more apparent the closer we looked. Syn. subtlety, gradation, shade, shading, variation, distinction, refinement.
nub n. knob, protuberance, lump, bump, bulge.
nubbly a. lumpy, knotted, studded, knobbed, textured. Ant. smooth, slick.
nuclear a. atomic, subatomic, thermonuclear.
nuclear bomb n. atomic bomb, A-bomb, hydrogen bomb, H-bomb, thermonuclear bomb, fission bomb, nuclear warhead, neutron bomb, megaton weapon, kiloton weapon, *nuke, *the big one, *physics package, *peacekeeper. See explosion, missile, nuclear fission, nuclear fusion

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absorption of radioactive material after blast: contamination
bellowing cloud after blast: mushroom cloud
blast effect that causes damaging electrical surges: electromagnetic pulse
bomb portion of missile: warhead
bomb with blast yield equivalent of millions of tons of TNT: megaton weapon
bomb with blast yield equivalent of thousands of tons of TNT: kiloton weapon
fiery side effect of blast: firestorm
illness from fallout: radiation sickness
kills people, leaves buildings intact: neutron bomb
location of detonation at, below, or above ground: ground zero
minimum fissionable material necessary for chain reaction: critical mass
penetrate deep underground, able to: earth penetrator
precipitation of radioactive material: fallout, rainout
splitting of atom: fission
spreads radiation only, low-cost, low-tech bomb that: dirty bomb
unit of radiation: rem
weapon with augmented radiation properties: salted weapon

nuclear energy n. atomic power, fission power.
nuclear fission n. atom-splitting, atom smashing, atomic reaction.
nuclear fusion n. atomic fusion.
nuclear physics n. particle physics, quantum physics, atomic science, quantum mechanics.
nuclear reactor n. atomic reactor, core reactor, breeder reactor.
nuclear weapons n. weapons of mass destruction, atomic weapons. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB
nucleus n. core, kernel, center, heart, pith, nut, deuteron, proton.
nude a. naked, unclothed, bare, stripped, "au naturel, disrobed, "in the buff," in the raw, "without a stitch, "in one's birthday suit, "wearing nothing but goosebumps.
nudge v. push, poke, prod, shove, jerk, elbow, tap. SEE TOUCH
nudist n. naturist, Adamite, gymnosophist, "free spirit.
nudity n. nakedness, "the buff, "the altogether, "undress.
nugget n. lump, chunk, hunk, piece, bit, clump. SEE GOLD, ROCK
nuisance n. 1. annoyance irritation, plague, vexation, trouble, inconvenience, bother, pain, thorn in one's side. 2. pest "pain in the neck, "nudnik, bane, bore. ANT. 1. pleasure, joy.
nuke n. Sl. nuclear bomb, nuclear reactor, nuclear power plant. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB
nuke v. Sl. 1. bomb destroy, wipe out, obliterate, "blow back to the stone age, incinerate, "fry, "grease, "wax, "smoke. 2. Sl. microwave cook, heat, warm.
nul a. invalid, not binding, inconsequential, ineffectual, worthless, valueless, insignificant. ANT. valid, effectual, valuable. SEE VOID
nullify v. cancel, annul, negate, invalidate, repeal, revoke, veto, kill, neutralize, counteract.
numb a. 1. benumbed unfeeling, deadened, dead, insensate, anesthetized, insensitive, paralyzed, stunned, narcotized, stupefied. 2. insensitve apathetic, unfeeling, indifferent, uncaring. ANT. 1. feeling, sensitive, responsive. 2. empathetic, feeling, receptive.
number n. 1. digit numeral, integer, cipher, round number, whole number, fraction. 2. amount sum, total, count, aggregate, tally, quantity, score.
number v. count, tally, enumerate, add up,paginate, reckon, tick off, compute, figure up, calculate, account, audit. SEE ADD
number cruncher n. Sl. statistician, "bean counter, accountant, tabulator, calculator, computer, adding machine, "stat basher.
numberless a. innumerable, countless, infinite, incalculable, myriad, endless, many, "ump-teen, measureless, copious. ANT. numbered, finite, limited.
numerous a. many, myriad, copious, plentiful, innumerable, a lot, profuse, numberless, plenty, "scads, several, manifold, "ump-teen, considerable, rife. ANT. few, little, sparse.
nuskmull n. dolt, idiot, "blockhead. SEE MORON
nun n. sister, prioress, ecclesiast, abbess, virgin, contemplative, mother superior, reverend mother.
nunnery n. convent, abbey, cloister, sisterhood, priory.
nuptial a. matrimonial, marital, bridal, conjugal, conubial.
nuptials n. marriage ceremony, marriage, wedding, matrimony, espousal.
nurse n. medical technician, medical assistant, caregiver, attendant, registered nurse (R.N.), licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), certified nurse's aid (C.N.A.), nurse practitioner, charge nurse, scrub nurse, orderly, therapist, "candystriper.
nurse v. 1. care for tend, attend, treat, aid, minister to, medicate, "provide TLC. 2. breastfeed suckle, wet-nurse.
nursenmaid n. nanny, wet nurse, babysitter, governess.
nursery n. 1. child care center day care center, nursery school, preschool. 2. MATER- NITY WARD 3. green house hot house, cold frame, hot bed.
nursing home n. convalescent home, "old folks home, rest home, retirement facility.
nurture n. raising, fostering, guidance, care, rearing, training, education.
nurture v. nourish, care for, sustain, cultivate, foster, raise, bring up, rear, mother, educate. SEE FEED
nut n. 1. seed kernel, fruit, peanut, "goober, acorn, chestnut, hazelnut, walnut, pinon, Brazil nut, almond, beechnut, pecan, filbert.
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nutrient n. vitamin, mineral, nutriment, food, protein, carbohydrate.
nutrition n. nourishment, sustenance, balanced diet, alimentation.
nutritionist n. dietician, diet consultant.
nutritious a. nourishing, sustaining, nutritive, body-building, alimentary, fortifying, healthy, wholesome, *good for you. ANT. unwholesome, unhealthy.

nuzzle v. snuggle, cuddle, nestle, lie close, hug, embrace.
nylons n. stockings, hosiery, hose.
nymph n. spirit, sprite, goddess, maiden, dryad, oread, naiad, mermaid. SEE FAIRY
nymphomania n. lustfulness, goatishness, erotic mania, carnal desire, prurience, concupiscence, libidinosness, satyrasis.


oak n. acorn tree, shade tree, hardwood. See forest, tree

oar n. paddle, scull, pole, blade, rudder pole.

oasis n. 1. spring watering hole, wadi, fertile area, desert arbor, *island Eden. 2. refuge sanctuary, retreat, haven, sanctum, asylum.

oath n. 1. pledge promise, vow, declaration, swearing, word of honor, guarantee, affirmation. 2. swear word curse, profanity, expletive.

obdurate a. hardened, hard, hard-hearted, callous, heartless, unsympathetic, unmoving, stubborn, obstinate, unyielding, intractable, inflexible, dogged. ANT. feeling, tractable, flexible.

obedience n. compliance, acquiescence, submission, deference, subservience.

obedient a. obeying, submissive, compliant, acquiescent, tractable, obsequious, amenable, dutiful, nonresistant, servile, subservient, scraping, prostrate, docile, *at one’s beck and call, *wrapped around one’s little finger, *under one’s thumb, *whipped, conforming. ANT. disobedient, insubordinate, rebellious.

obedience n. gesture of respect bow, curtsey, genuflection, salaam, kneeling, salute. 2. deference homage, worship, respect, reverence, subservience, servility, obsequiousness, fawning, sycophancy. ANT. 1. *thumbing one’s nose. 2. disrespect, irreverence, insolence.

obedient a. deferential, respecting, reverent, servile, worshipping, obsequious. ANT. disrespectful, irreverent, insolent.

obedient n. monolith, shaft, column, monument, pillar, pylon, needle, tower.

obese a. fat, overweight, corpulent, plump, rotund, stout, chubby, roly-poly, blubbery, paunchy, pleasingly plump, full-figured, elephantine, *sleek as a walrus. ANT. slim, lithe, skinny. SEE FAT

obesity n. corpulency, plumpness, rotundness, stoutness, paunchiness, portliness, chubbiness, overweight, fatness. SEE FAT

obey v. comply, follow orders, acquiesce, submit, yield, mind, heed, abide, relent, concur, serve, do one’s bidding, carry out one’s wishes, toe the line, *bend over backwards, knuckle under. ANT. disobey, defy, rebel.

OBFUSCATE v. [ob FUS kate] to darken, obscure or make unclear, confuse. His irrelevant arguments served only to obfuscate the issue. SYN. obscure, confuse, muddle, darken, cloud, conceal, confound, bewilder, cover up, hide, camouflage. ANT. clear up, clarify, elucidate.

obituary n. obit, death notice, necrology. See death, eulogy

object n. 1. thing item, subject, article, entity. 2. purpose aim, intent, goal, objective, target, end.

object v. disapprove, protest, oppose, demur, inveigh, except, remonstrate. ANT. approve, accept, agree, support.

objection n. disapproval, protest, remonstrance, disagreement, exception, complaint, criticism, admonition, dispute, opposition, grievance, dissatisfaction, grip, *kick. ANT. acceptance, agreement, approval.

objectionable a. offensive, revolting, disagreeable, unbecoming, undesirable, unpleasant, inappropriate, uncalled for, unsatisfactory, out of line, unacceptable. ANT. acceptable, agreeable.

objective n. purpose, goal, intent, end, aim, target, object, quarry, point.

objective a. unbiased, fair, unprejudiced, unemotional, disinterested, detached, indifferent, impersonal. ANT. biased, partial, see fair

objectivity n. disinterest, neutrality, detachment, indifference, distance, fairness, evenhandedness, dispassion.

objective n. dissenter, resistor, protester, dissenter, naysayer, detractor, challenger, rebel, critic, opponent, dissident.
objet d’art n. object of art, figurine, vase, curio.

see knickknack

objurgate v. scold, rebuke, berate, chastise, chide, upbraid, reproach.

oblige v. bind, pledge, compel, force, constrain, commit, require, necessitate, behold, indebted, contract. ant. free, release.

obligated a. bound, beholden, indebted, required, constrained, committed, obliged, pledged, contracted. ant. released, freed, unbound.

obligation n. duty, promise, pledge, contract, responsibility, requirement, charge, commitment, bond, liability, burden.

obligatory a. required, necessary, binding, requisite, mandatory, imperative, essential, compulsory, peremptory. ant. unrequired, unnecessary.

oblige v. 1. accommodate serve, help out, favor, lend a hand, cater to, gratify. 2. necessitate compel, force, bind.

oblige a. 1. required compelled, bound, forced. 2. indebted.

oblige n. 1. slanting sloping, inclined, tilting, leaning, angled, deviating, askew, canted, crooked, diagonal, listing. 2. indirect evasive, devious, sly, underhanded, disingenuous, surreptitious, deceptive. ant. 1. straight, level, horizontal. 2. straightforward, honest, open.

obliterate v. 1. erase expunge, wipe out, rub out, deface, scratch out, delete, blot out, remove. 2. destroy annihilate, eliminate, eradicate, exterminate, do away with, incinerate, wipe out, decimate. ant. 1. put in, enter, put in bold print, insert. 2. build up, fortify, create.

obliviou s n. [uh BLIV ee un] the state of being totally lost and forgotten. Most people fear that their names will be lost to oblivion after death. syn. the forgotten, nothingness, void, "never-never land", inexistence, amnesia, unconsciousness.

"The swallowing gulf."—Shakespeare. ant. prominence, fame, notoriety. see emptiness

obnoxious a. offensive, objectionable, loathsome, odious, unpleasant, disagreeable, disgusting, revolting, hateful, insulting, repugnant, deplorable. ant. pleasant, agreeable, pleasing.

obscene a. 1. offensive repulsive, foul, gross, indecent, unsavory, lewd, shameless, vulgar, revolting, distasteful, indecent, lurid. 2. inciting lust licentious, pornographic, salacious, lewd, lascivious, nasty, smutty, "raunchy", prurient, licentious, naughty. ant. 1. respectable, inoffensive, decent. 2. pure, chaste, prudish, puritanical.

obscurity n. 1. indecency vulgarity, smut, lewdness, indecency, filth, ribaldry. 2. swear word four-letter word, oath, cuss word, curse, expletive. ant. 1. decency, propriety, propriety. 2. euphemism, polite word.

obscure v. 1. make indistinct conceal, obstruct, hide, camouflage, muddy, obfuscate, cloud, confuse. 2. darken dim, cloud, shroud. ant. 1. make distinct, define, make clear, spotlight, expose. 2. lighten, brighten.

obscure a. 1. indistinct vague, faint, ambiguous, inconspicuous, unclear, indiscernible, imperceptible, hazy, nebulous, undisguised, hard to make out. 2. dark gloomy, dusky, murky, dim, hazy, shadowy. 3. little known unknown, unseen, elusive, inconspicuous, unheard of, remote, unsuspected, insignificant. ant. 1. distinct, clear, defined. 2. bright, sunny, light. 3. famous, well-known, notorious.

OBSEQUIOUS a. [uh SEE kwee us] servile, fawning, or overly compliant. The bully and his obsequious underlings started a brawl. syn. servile, fawning, abasing, submissive, sycophantic, deferential, compliant, "brownnosing", "apple-polishing", "kissing up", "bootlicking", "ring-kissing", toadying, "falling all over oneself to please", ingratiating. ant. domineering, lordly, disrespectful.

obsequy n. funeral rite, ceremony, service. see eulogy, funeral.

observable a. perceptible, perceivable, palpable, noticeable, obvious, evident, in plain view, distinct. ant. hidden, obscure, camouflaged.

observance n. 1. custom rite, ritual, ceremony, celebration, commemoration, remembrance, memorial. 2. observation watching, notice, attention, scrutiny, lookout, inspection, examination. 3. abiding by adherence, compliance, heeding, obeying, regarding. ant. 3. disregard, breach, noncompliance.

observant a. watchful, attentive, noticing, perceptive, keen-eyed, aware, sharp-eyed, alert,
mindful. *ant. overlooking, daydreaming, ignoring.

**observation** *n.* 1. observing noticing, seeing, perception, observance, examination, attention, viewing. 2. remark comment, assertion, sentiment, opinion, observance, account, declaration, thought, judgment. 3. noting recording, sizing up, measuring, scrutiny, assessment.

**observatory** *n.* observation post, lookout, watchtower. See Astronomy.

**observe** *v.* 1. watch see, look at, notice, view, eye, examine, study, behold, *get a load of,* *take a gander at.* 2. abide by adhere, respect, recognize, follow, obey, heed, honor, maintain, regard, acknowledge, comply. *ant. 1. ignore, neglect, overlook. 2. disregard, disrespect, ignore.

**observer** *n.* lookout, watcher, eyewitness, spectator, onlooker, bystander, examiner.

**obese** *a.* preoccupied, haunted, beset, possessed, hound, harass, torment, plague, occupy, dominate, *prey on one’s mind.* *ant. ignore, forget, exorcise.

**obsessed** *a.* preoccupied, haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troubled, immersed in,* *gaga over, gripped, preoccupied,* haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troubled, immersed in,* *gaga over, gripped, preoccupied,* haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troubled, immersed in,* *gaga over, gripped, preoccupied,* haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troubled, immersed in,* *gaga over, gripped, preoccupied,* haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troubled, immersed in,* *gaga over, gripped, preoccupied,* haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, *hang up, troublesome, obsessed, *stuck in one’s nose in,* *pry, *horn in. 2. extrude stick out, protrude, push out, eject, thrust forward.

**obstinate** *a.* stubborn, firm, inflexible, adamant, unyielding, resistant, tenacious, headstrong, unwavering, bullheaded, mulish, pigheaded, hardnosed, dogged, unbending, stiffnecked, cussed, *stubborn as a bobtail mule,* *stubborn as crab grass.* *ant. 1. flattened, smoothed, planed. 2. retiring, reticent, shy, unobtrusive.*

**obstruction** *n.* impediment, obstacle, bar, barricade, block, check, stumbling block, hindrance, restriction, bottleneck, stop. *ant. opening, gap, hole, passage.

**obtain** *v.* get, acquire, procure, gain possession, seize, attain, net, capture, *get one’s hands on,* pick up, harvest. *ant. lose, forfeit, give up.

**obtainable** *a.* available, acquirable, attainable, winnable. *ant. unobtainable, *out of reach.

**obtrude** *v.* 1. intrude impose, *barge in, meddle, interrupt, *but in,* *stick one’s nose in,* *pry, *horn in. 2. extrude stick out, protrude, push out, eject, thrust forward.

**obtrusive** *a.* 1. projecting protruding, prominent, protuberant, jutting out, sticking out. 2. intrusive forward, brash, pushing, meddlesome, interfering, bold, invasive, interruptive. 3. conspicuous glaring, overt, blatant, flagrant, striking, obvious, bald-faced, outrageous. *ant. 1. flattened, smoothed, planed. 2. retiring, reticent, shy, unobtrusive.*

**obverse** *a.* 1. face front, top, head. 2. counterpart opposite, reverse.

**obviate** *v.* preclude, prevent, forestall, avert, avoid, evade, circumvent.

**obvious** *a.* apparent, evident, visible, plain to see, clear, conspicuous, manifest, overt, noticeable, perceivable, glaring, palpable, patent, prominent, unambiguous, *sticking out like a sore thumb,* *goes without saying.* *ant. imperceivable, mysterious, vague, inconspicuous.*

**obviously** *adv.* unmistakably, apparently, evidently, certainly, overtly, clearly.

**occasion** *n.* 1. event happening, affair, function, happening, incident. 2. opportunity chance, opening, golden opportunity, *shot, *crack. 3. celebration holiday, festival, gala, carnival. 4. time juncture, instance, point, case.

**occasion** *v.* cause, give occasion to, produce, bring about, prompt, induce, effect, create, bring to pass. *ant. stop, end, quit.

**occasional** *a.* irregular, once in awhile, sporadic, infrequent, every now and then, periodic, casual, odd, from time to time. *ant. frequent, regular, continuous.

**occasionally** *adv.* now and then, once in awhile, from time to time, periodically, sometimes, infrequently, irregularly, once in a blue
moon, sporadically. **ant.** regularly, frequently, constantly.

**occlude** v. obstruct, close off, shut off, seal, plug, stop, clog, choke, block, fill. **ant.** open, clear, unstop.

**occlusion** n. blockage, obstruction, seal, plug, stop, clog, block. **ant.** opening, hole, clearance.

**occult** n. mystical arts, cabalism, mysticism, occultism, channeling, astrology, voodoo, alchemy, tarot, Ouija board, psychic powers, clairvoyance, exorcism, satanism, devil worshiping, sorcery, witchcraft, telekinesis, telepathy, reincarnation, possession. See **magic**

**occult** a. supernatural, secret, hidden, magical, unexplainable, unfathomable, arcane, mystical, cryptic, esoteric, orphic. **ant.** earthly, tangible, explainable, known. See **mysterious**

**WORD FIND**

affected or demented by unseen forces: touched

assembly headed by a medium who summons spirits: seance

ball of glass hung in window to ward off evil spirits: witch ball

beetle talisman of Egypt: scarab

black magic: black arts, sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry

black magic, one who practices: sorcerer, sorceress, witch, wizard

board game used to summon the spiritual world and answer questions: Ouija board

cards, fortune-telling: tarot cards

castle mirage: fata morgana

celestial bodies, divining one’s fate by position of: astrology

celestial bodies used to predict one’s fate, a chart of: horoscope

celestial pathway divided into 12 astrological signs: zodiac

celestial bodies at a precise time to predict one’s fate, the plotting of: horoscope

Celtic order of priests who acted as prophet or sorcerer, member of: druid

charm to ward off evil: amulet, talisman

coincidence, hidden meaning and interconnectedness of: synchronicity

communications, acting as a medium to receive spiritual: channeling

corpse brought back to life: zombie

crystal ball, read the future by gazing into: scry

curse or spell: hex, whammy

dead, returns from: revenant

demon through prayers and incantations, casting out of: exorcism

evil, magic used for: black magic

evil spirit, occupied by an: possessed

feeling that one has experienced or visited a place in the past life, eerie: deja vu

formula or incantation causing trance state or other prescribed behavior: spell

future by various means, reading the: divination

future, knowledge of what will transpire in the: prescience

future, one who has the ability to predict the: prophet, psychic, seer

future, prediction of what will occur in the: prophesy

future will bring, one who tells what the: soothsayer

future, seeing the: precognition

ghost, noisy, poltergeist

ghost who haunts its living twin: doppelganger

ghostly visitations or appearances: haunting

glass ball used to peer into the future: crystal ball

Haitian religion employing charms and fetishes: voodoo

healing through prayer alone: faith healing

hear the spirit world, ability to: clairaudience

intuition, understanding the spiritual world through: gnosis

intuition, pre-Christians who believed spiritual world could be understood through: Gnostics

language without studying, acquiring of foreign: xenoglossia

letters and characters, mystical: runes

love potion: philter

luck, bad: hoodoo

luck, one who brings bad: hoodoo

luck, thing that brings bad: jinx

magic used for good: white magic

meaning, having a hidden: cabalistic

memory of experiences before one’s existence: past life memories

metal into gold, stone or substance once believed could turn: philosopher’s stone

mind reader: psychic

misfortune, invocation of: curse

move objects with one’s mind, ability to: psychokinesis, telekinesis

Native American mysticism and magic: shamanism

numbers to determine one’s fate, study of: numerology

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object, such as rabbit’s foot, thought to have magical power: charm, fetish, omens and signs, study of: augury, otherworldly: ethereal, palm reader: chiromancer, perceive what cannot be physically seen, ability to: clairvoyance, perceive what cannot be physically seen, one who can: clairvoyant, perception, all things beyond explanation or human: paranormal; the supernatural, psychic ability: ESP, extra sensory perception, sixth sense, third eye, psychic powers, referring to: psi, psychic or other powers, study of: parapsychology, quartz or other transparent mineral used in healing: crystal, radiance surrounding some people or objects, mystical: aura, reader of omens and signs, ancient Roman: augur, receives spiritual messages, person or thing that: medium, channeler, oracle, release of one’s soul from physical body, temporary: out-of-body experience, Satan worship: diabolism, Satanism, Satan worshippers, group of: Satanic cult, science, phony: pseudoscience, sign, magical: sigil, sign of things to come: omen, portent, sorcery and witchcraft: black arts, soul, belief that nature has a: animism, spellbinding: hypnotism, mesmerism, spell utterance: incantation, spiritual world, belief in: mysticism, summon a spirit, to: conjure, thought transference to another: telepathy, time and space eddy through which one may travel to another dimension: vortex, trance, put someone in a: spellbind, travel, spiritual, out-of-body: astral projection, voodoo, form of Brazilian: macumba, voodoo priestess, Haitian: mambo, water by forked divining rod, searching for underground: dowsing, water by forked divining rod, one who searches for: dowser, werewolf, ability to change oneself into a: lycanthropy, witchcraft practiced for the good of the earth and the environment: Wicca, witches, group of 13: coven, witch, male: warlock, written word, spirit communication through medium through: spirit writing

occupancy n. residence, residency, occupation, living, tenancy, inhabitance, inhabitation, stay, tenure, lodging, possession. ANT. leave, vacancy, absence. SEE HOUSE

occupant n. resident, inhabitant, tenant, leaseholder, renter, lodger, dweller, homeowner, owner, lessee.

occupation n. 1. vocation, job, work, career, trade, profession, business, livelihood, calling, pursuit, employment. SEE JOB, WORK 2. occupancy, tenancy, possession, inhabitation. 3. conquest, seizure, takeover, overthrow, subjugation, defeat, possession, rule.

occupied a. 1. engaged, busy, preoccupied, engrossed, absorbed, employed, diverted. 2. inhabited, lived in, settled, taken. 3. conquered, seized, overthrown, possessed, defeated, taken, over, subjugated. ANT. 1. idle, inactive, unoccupied, at leisure. 2. uninhabited, vacant, empty. 3. sovereign, independent, self-rulled.

occupy v. 1. engage, busy, preoccupy, engross, absorb, employ, divert, entertain. 2. inhabit, live in, settle, take, reside in, take up residence. 3. conquer, seize, overthrow, possess, defeat, take over, subjugate, rule. ANT. 1. disengage, make idle, bore. 2. vacate, *fly the coop, leave, relinquish. 3. retreat, relinquish, evacuate.

occurrence n. happening, incident, event, episode, transaction, circumstance, matter, action, experience, affair.

ocean n. sea, the deep, the abyss, deep blue sea, brine, *the drink, *Davy Jones locker, high seas, the seven seas, *bounding main, Neptune, Poseidon, expanse, *unbridgeable horizon, Arctic, Antarctic, Atlantic, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Pacific, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian. "The wavy waste."—Thomas Hood. "A highway between the doorways of the nations."—Franklin Lane. SEE BEACH

WORD FIND
bottom and its creatures: benthic realm, benthos
bottom, one region of: province
CIRCULAR CURRENTS: gyres
CURRENT OF ATLANTIC: Gulf Stream
CURRENT OF PACIFIC THAT DISRUPTS WEATHER PATTERNS: El Niño
Depression in floor: cauldron

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depth between one hundred and one thousand meters: bathyal zone
depth between one thousand and six thousand meters: abyssal zone
depth from six thousand meters down: hadal zone
depth, greatest trench: Marianas Trench
depth measurement of six feet: fathom
eddy that breaks off from main current: meander, ring
flat calm, no wind region: doldrums
foam: spume
glow of sea creatures: bioluminescence
god: Neptune
greyards of ships: Bermuda Triangle, graveyard of the Atlantic
hills: abyssal hills
measurement of depth: bathymetry, sounding
mile, nautical: 6,082.2 feet
mountain chain in Atlantic: mid-Atlantic ridge
mountain chain in Pacific: Emperor Seamounts
mountain: seamount
seaweed region in North Atlantic: Sargasso Sea
sediment deposit, large offshore: submarine fan
shallow area, navigational hazard: shoal
spray: spindrift
study of: oceanography
tide, maximal low and high: spring tide
tide, minimal low and high: neap tide
storm: benthic storm
waves, crash and crest of opposing: cross seas
waves: plunger, spiller, graybeard, swell, eare (tidal bore), tsunami
wave, tidal: tsunami
wind distance and relationship to wave height: fetch


dodgy n. 1. probability chances, likelihood, expectation, prospect. 2. advantage handicap, edge. 3. at odds at sixes and sevens, at loggerheads, in disagreement, misunderstanding, difference of opinion.

odds and ends n. bits and pieces, oddments, miscellany, mishmash, hodgepodge, mélange, mixed bag, assortment, patchwork, remnants.

odds-on-favorite n. front-runner, best bet, chalk horse.

oddity n. curiosity, rarity, quirk, peculiarity, eccentricity, anomaly, freak.

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oddsmaker n. statistician, gambler, bettor, tout.

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defunct, unpowered, down. 3. mistaken incorrect, in error, wrong, inaccurate, erroneous, miscalculated. 4. off duty on holiday, not working, on liberty, on leave. ant. 1. on, attached, touching, astride. 2. on, functioning, running. 3. correct, accurate, right. 4. on duty, working.

offal n. entrails, guts, refuse, rubbish, waste. see garbage

off and on adv. intermittent, alternately, variably, fluctuating, vacillating, starting and stopping, sporadically, irregularly.

off-balance a. 1. off-center uncentered, unbalanced. 2. unstable *tippy, tipping, uncoordinated, leaning, toppling, inclining. ant. 1. centered, balanced. 2. steady, balanced, stable, counterpoised.


off-center a. misaligned, off-balanced, askew, eccentric. ant. aligned, centered.

off-color a. risqué, improper, tasteless, indecent, inappropriate, suggestive, lewd, racy, raunchy, dirty, offensive, indeclicate, gross. ant. tasteful, prudish, respectable, clean.

off course a. strayed, drifted, lost, lost one's bearings. see lost.

offend v. 1. insult affront, annoy, slight, spite, disgust, outrage, mortify, vex, *ruffle one's feathers, *pull one's chain, *rattle one's cage, *rub one the wrong way. 2. do a misdeed break the law, violate, transgress, sin. ant. 1. please, honor, compliment, praise.

offender n. perpetrator, culprit, lawbreaker, sinner, violator, malefactor. see criminal

offense n. 1. insult affront, slight, injury. 2. umbrage resentment, pique, displeasure. 3. misdeed transgression, violation, infraction, misdemeanor, felony, wrongdoing, peccadillo, sin, charge. 4. attack, attackers assault, siege, invasion, charge, raid, offensive, blitzkrieg, blitz, run, attackers, aggressors, invaders, opposing side. ant. 1. courtesy, compliment. 2. delight, honor. 3. good deed, benevolence. 4. defense, retreat, submission. see crime, law

offensive n. attack, invasion, raid, assault, siege, charge, counteroffensive, bombing run, flanking maneuver, blitzkrieg, enfilade.

offensive a. 1. insulting rude, obnoxious, revolting, disgusting, hateful, repugnant, outrageous, discourteous, distasteful, sickening, disagreeable, affronting, abominable, objectionable. see mean, obscene, vulgar 2. aggressive warlike, invading, pugnacious, hostile, attacking, belligerent. ant. 1. pleasing, honoring, respectful, nice. 2. peaceful, pacific, passive, appeasing.

offer n. proffer, proposal, proposition, overture, bid, tender, offering, submission.

offer v. proffer, present, tender, bid, propose, submit, put forward, advance, lay at one's feet, suggest, counteroffer. ant. withdraw, renge, take back. see propose

offering n. contribution, donation, oblation, tithe, sacrifice, grant. see gift


offhand a. 1. impromptu unprepared, casual, *at the spur of the moment, unplanned, extemporaneous, unrehearsed, unpremeditated, ad-lib. 2. brusque curt, blunt, abrupt, informal, terse, casual. ant. 1. rehearsed, prepared, studied. 2. tactful, mannered, polite.

office n. 1. place of business or work area department, headquarters, precinct, bureau, command center, practice, suite, *nerve center, *boiler room, base, room, work station, cubicle, compartment, niche, cubbyhole, pigeonhole, closet. 2. post position, service, role, function, charge, appointment.

officer n. 1. policeman constable, magistrate, deputy, sheriff, peace officer, patrolman, *cop, *fuzz, *John Law. see police 2. official, functionary, officeholder, bureaucrat, commissioner, director, minister, civil servant, secretary, commissar, corporate officer. 3. military officer, MP, commissioned officer, general, commandant, public official, bureaucrat. 2. officer (CEO), file clerk, typist, word processor, billing clerk, data processor.

offcial n. 1. official, functionary, dignitary, administrator, public official, bureaucrat. 2. referee, judge.

official a. authorized, sanctioned, certified, endorsed, approved, vested, accredited. ant. unofficial, unauthorized, not recognized. see legal

officialise n. doublespeak, gobbledegook, federalese, jargon, *bloated English, *gassy prose,
*verbosity, *mush, *tapioca, *departmental

**officiate** v. oversee, preside over, chair, supervise, direct, emcee, referee, judge. see mediate.

OFFICIOUS a. [uh FISH us] offering help or advice when it is not wanted, meddling, especially in a domineering way. His mother-in-law is particularly officious. Syn. meddlesome, obtrusive, intrusive, pushy, interfering, forward, prying, domineering, bossy, overbearing, high-handed, pragmatic. Ant. reserved, unobtrusive, knowing one’s place.

**offing** n. 1. horizon, far distance. see future

**off-key** a. flat, sharp, out of tune, discordant, dissonant. Ant. in tune.

**off-limits** a. restricted, prohibited, forbidden, barred, out of bounds, banned, taboo, unlawful, illegal. Ant. unrestricted, open, free.

**off-line** a. disconnected, logged off, detached, separated. Ant. on-line.

**offset** v. counter, counteract, compensate, balance, neutralize, equalize, even out, cancel out, level out.

**offshoot** n. branch, stem, tendril, sprout, descendant, offspring, heir, spinoff. Ant. stem, branch, stem, tendril, sprout, de- riving, derived, derived.

**offshore** a. seaward, the offing, the high seas, out to sea.

**offspring** n. children, progeny, descendants, brood, heirs, clutch, litter, spawn, seed, young.

**offstage** n. wings, backstage, green room, dressing room.

**off the cuff** a. impromptu, offhand, unrehearsed, extemporaneous, ad-lib, improvised. Ant. rehearsed.

**off the record** a. confidential, not for publication, on the QT, unofficial. *between you and me, and the bedpost. Ant. quotable, public.

**off-white** a. antique white, ivory, blond.

**often** adv. frequently, repeatedly, quite a bit, oft, time and again, regularly, habitually, generally. Ant. seldom, rarely.


**ogre** n. giant, brute, man-eater, boogieman. see MONSTER

**oil** n. crude oil, petroleum, lubricant, motor oil, machine oil, *black gold, *Texas tea, sludge, grease, ooze,lard,oil, fat, vegetable oil, corn oil, olive oil, linseed oil, cod-liver oil, mineral oil.

**oily** a. 1. viscous greasy, slippery, unctuous, oleaginous, fatty, lardy, tallowy, slick. 2. excessively suave slick, smooth, unctuous, honey-tongued, flattering. Ant. 2. sincere, artless, unpolished.

**ointment** n. emollient, salve, unguent, medicament, balm.

**okay** a. all right, correct, fine, *okey dokey, copacetic.


**old** a. 1. aged elderly, venerable, advanced in years, matured, past one’s prime, patriarchal, vintage, seasoned, *at a ripe old age, senior, retirement age. see old age 2. worn out decrepit, dilapidated, crumbling, decayed, deteriorated, shabby, enfeebled, senile. 3. former previous, early, past, bygone, once. 4. long-standing age-old, of the past, from time immemorial. Ant. 1. young, newborn, immature, unseasoned. 2. new, fresh, 3. later, future. 4. recent, new.


**old country** n. motherland, native land, mother country, Europe.

**old days** n. olden times, *yesteryear, horse and buggy days, days gone by, *good old days, days of yore.

**old-fashioned** a. cadaverous, careworn, timeworn, rawboned, craggy, crow’s-feet, fleshy wattle under the chin, gap-toothed, goat-skinned, haggard, hollowed cheekbones, hollowed eye sockets, jaundiced, leathery, liver-spotted, mirthful wrinkles about the eyes, skin like scalded milk, mottled, prune-faced, rheumy-eyed, weathered. Ant. youthful, fresh-faced.

**old-fashioned** a. outdated, outmoded, dated, obsolete, out of style, moss-grown, passé, rusty, antiquated, behind the times, Victorian, *horse and buggy, oldfangled, prehistoric, traditional, conservative, stodgy. Ant. modern, fresh, fashionable. *cutting edge, new, chic.

**old maid** n. spinster, maiden, single woman, virgin.

**old man** n. see OLD-TIMER

**old school** a. traditional, conservative, old-fashioned, old line, ingrained. Ant. innovative, nontraditional.

**old-timer** n. veteran, old hand, senior, mossback, *antique, *fossil, Methuselah, graybeard, centenarian, nonagenarian, octogenarian, sexa-

**old wives’ tale** n. superstition, lore, folklore, belief, myth, fallacy.

**Olympian** n. athlete, world-class athlete, medalist, competitor, champion.

**Olympics** n. Olympic Games, world championships, tournament, contest, challenge, international competition, Olympiad.

**omen** n. augury, portent, sign, precursor, warning, harbinger, forewarning, token, handwriting on the wall, foreboding, premonition, *storm cloud on the horizon.

**OMINOUS** a. [OM un us] pertaining to omens, portentous, foreboding. A dark cloud on the horizon is particularly ominous to one on a sailboat. SYN. portentous, foreboding, dreadful, prophetic, menacing, boding evil, inauspicious, threatening, sinister, cautionary. **ANT.** boding well, encouraging, reassuring.

**omission** n. exclusion, oversight, exception, deletion, neglected item. **ANT.** inclusion, admission.

**omit** v. leave out, exclude, delete, cut, overlook, erase, edit out, forget, preclude, skip, pass over, expunge, neglect, strike out, ignore. **ANT.** include, put in, add to.

**omitted** a. excluded, left out, deleted, overlooked, erased, precluded, forgotten, passed over, expunged. **ANT.** included, put in, added.

**omnibus** n. anthology, compilation, collection, collected works, volume, edition. **SEE BOOK**

**OMNIPOTENT** a. [om NIP uh tent] having unlimited or infinite power. Many dictators strive to be as omnipotent as God. SYN. all-powerful, almighty, supreme, unlimited, godlike. **ANT.** ineffectual, powerless, weak. **SEE GOD, OMNISCIENT**

**omnipresent** a. all-present, pervasive, ubiquitous. **SEE GOD**

**omniscient** a. all-knowing, all-seeing, god-like. **ANT.** ignorant, unseen, blind, unknowing. **SEE GOD, OMNIPOTENT**

**on** prep. 1. **upon** above, touching, in contact with, atop, covering, attached to. 2. **near by** around, beside. **ANT.** 1. off, away from, detached from. 2. away from, distant from.

**off** adv. now and then, intermittently, start and stop. **ANT.** constant, uninterrupted.

**on and on** adv. constantly, continuously, never-ending, relentless, forever, unremitting. **ANT.** finitely.

**onanism** n. masturbation, self-gratification.


**on call** a. standing by, on alert, accessible, at hand, at one’s beck and call, at one’s disposal, at the ready.

**once** adv. one time, one time only, never again. **ANT.** repeatedly.

**once** a. formerly, previously, in the past, at one time, long ago. **ANT.** currently.

**once and for all** adv. finally, decisively, conclusively, positively, at long last.

**once, at** adv. immediately, now, this instant, *pronto, straightaway, forthwith, posthaste, before you can say Jack Robinson/Bob’s your uncle, *lickety-split.

**once in a while** adv. every now and then, every so often, occasionally, periodically, sometimes, *once every blue moon.

**once-over** n. sizing up, inspection, examination, appraising glance, scrutiny, probe, *the eye, *critical eye, *piercing look.

**oncoming** a. approaching, nearing, looming, impending, onrushing, emerging, bearing down. **ANT.** leaving, receding, retreatting.

**on duty** a. on, working, *clocked in, *punched in. **ANT.** *off the clock, off duty.

**one** a. 1. single individual, solitary. **SEE NUM- BER 2.** united undivided, complete, whole. **ANT.** 1. multiple. 2. divided, incomplete.

**one by one** adv. in succession, one at a time, individually.

**on edge** a. jittery, anxious, wired, *hyper. **ANT.** relaxed, calm. **SEE NERVOUS**


**one-liner** n. joke, crack, wisecrack, bon mot, wit-ty remark. **SEE JOKE**

**oneness** n. unity, singleness, togetherness, coalescence.

ONEROUS a. [OHN ur us] burdensome, laborious, or oppressive. We were given the onerous task of moving all thirty acres. syn. burdensome, laborious, oppressive, troublesome, difficult, arduous, formidable, demanding, wearisome. ant. easy, effortless, painless, trouble-free.

one-sided a. biased, partial, prejudiced, unfair, narrow-minded, partisan. ant. fair-minded, democratic.

one-track mind n. obsession, fixation, passion, preoccupation, fascination, single-mindedness.

one-upmanship n. rivaling, bettering, outsmarting, outfoxing, outwitting, outmaneuvering. ant. submission, concession, quitting.

on guard a. defensive, guarded, alert, on one's toes, vigilant, watchful, cautious. ant. asleep, oblivious, nonchalant, carefree.

onion n. shallot, scallion, leek, bulb.

on-line a. connected, wired, networked, plugged in, engaged. ant. off-line, disconnected, independent. see internet

onlooker n. spectator, eyewitness, bystander, observer.

only a. sole, single, lone, solitary.

only adv. singly, solely, alone, solitarily.

on paper adv. theoretically, hypothetically, in theory, in the abstract.

on purpose adv. deliberately, knowingly, intentionally, purposefully, wittingly, consciously, by intent, by design. ant. accidentally, unwittingly, unintentionally.

onrush n. rush, stampede, *blitz, storm, headlong dash, tidal wave, deluge, flood, avalanche.

onset n. 1. start beginning, outset. 2. attack assault.

onslaught n. attack, rush, charge, assault, invasion, *blitz, offensive, strike, incursion, storming.

on tap a. Sl. handy, at hand, in stock, available, at one's fingertips.

on the ball a. Sl. "on the stick, "with it, sharp, quick, "on one's toes, ready, alert, "plugged in. ant. slow; unprepared, asleep.

on the blink a. Sl. broken, "out of whack, "out of kilter, "on the Fritz, "out of commission, in disrepair. ant. functioning, in good repair, working.

on the brink a. Sl. on the verge, on the edge, at the threshold, at the limit.


on the fence a. Sl. undecided, neutral, nonpartisan, noncommitted, half-and-half, "torn, divided, "in the middle of the road, impartial. ant. one-sided, biased, partial, liberal, conservative, left, right.

on the house a. Sl. gratis, free, "on one, no charge, "freebie, compliments of the house.

on the level a. Sl. "on the up-and-up, "for real, legitimate, square, fair, straight, aboveboard, authentic. ant. dishonest, illegitimate, *BS, on the make, "on the prowl, out for.

on the nose a. Sl. bulls-eye, precisely, exactly, "on the money.

on the wagon a. Sl. sworn off, sober, "dry, abstinent, abstemious.

on the whole a. Sl. for the most part, mostly.

on trial adv. under examination, in litigation, before the court, up for investigation.

onus n. burden, responsibility, load, weight, duty, task, obligation.

onward adv. ahead, forward, forth, on beyond, frontward, advancing, along.

oodles n. slew, lots, piles, "scads, "zillions. see many

oomph n. Sl. 1. energy vigor, muscle, power, "elbow grease, exertion. 2. sex appeal *it.

ooze n. mud, sludge, muck, mire, slime, "goo, *crap.

ooze v. exude, flow, seep, percolate, squeeze out, discharge, bleed.

opaque a. iridescent, rainbowlike.

OPAQUE a. [o PAKE] impossible to see through or impossible to understand. The windows in the limo were opaque; nobody could see through them. syn. impervious, clouded, murky, misty, blurred, nebulous, filmy, hazy, foggy, nontransparent, obscure, vague, abstruse, unclear. ant. transparent, clear, translucent, lucid.

open v. 1. to make an opening unlock, unlatch, undo, unseal, unscrew, uncork, loosen, free, untie, breach, broach, tear down, puncture, slit, pierce, rupture. 2. spread unfold, unfurl, unroll, lay out. 3. begin commence, start, inaugurate, initiate, launch, "get the ball rolling. ant. 1. close, shut, cover, stop up, seal. 2. fold, roll up, ball up. 3. end, close, finalize.

open a. 1. unclosed unsealed, accessible, agape, unlocked, unobstructed, ajar, clear, yawning. 2. exposed uncovered, unprotected, open to view, unenclosed, unconcealed. 3. spread out unfolded, unfurled, unrolled, laid out. 4. open to the public accessible, open for business, in operation, ready
to serve. 5. fair-minded receptive, open-minded, unbiased, unprejudiced. 6. honest or candid frank, sincere, blunt, communicative, revealing, disclosing, intimate, *real. ant. 1. closed, shut, sealed, unaccessible. 2. covered, hidden, concealed, 3. folded, bunched up. 4. closed. 5. close-minded, narrow-minded, biased. 6. reserved, uncommunicative, secretive.

open-air a. outdoors, outside, alfresco.

open-and-shut a. simple, easy, obvious, incontrovertible, cut and dried, guaranteed, clear-cut, beyond argument, indisputable, *in the bag, *sewn up, cinched. ant. arguable, moot, disputable, complex, convoluted, difficult.

open-ended a. unlimited, undetermined, unrestricted.

opener n. 1. mechanical opener key, skeleton key, can opener, corkscrew, drill, punch, gouge, awl, borer, reamer, trepan, jimmy, crowbar, glasscutter, *jaws of life. 2. opening act warmup act, supporting act.

open-eyed a. 1. watchful vigilant, hawk-eyed, eagle-eyed, awake, alert, wary. 2. wide-eyed saucer-eyed, pop-eyed, goggle-eyed, spellbound, enthralled, wonderstruck, thunderstruck, bug-eyed. ant. 1. inattentive, lax, sleepy-eyed, unguarded. 2. sleepy-eyed, droopy-eyed.

openhanded a. generous, charitable, giving, unselfish, munificent, altruistic, beneficent, magnanimous. ant. stingy, tightfisted, pennypinching, cheap.

openhearted a. 1. candid frank, sincere, open, straightforward, honest, ingenuous, genuine, *from the heart, *real. 2. kindhearted good-hearted, soft-hearted, benevolent, compassionate, warm, humane, *Christian. ant. 1. aloof, insincere, dishonest. 2. mean, cruel, cold, brutal.

opening n. 1. hole gap, orifice, slot, aperture, chasm, crack, rift, hollow, lacuna, gateway, doorway. 2. beginning start, commencement, initiation, introduction, inauguration, launch, *kickoff. 3. vacancy position, chance, availability. ant. 1. closure, occlusion, blockage, seal. 2. ending, closing, finale.

opening a. beginning, starting, commencing, initiating, introducing, inaugurating, launching, *kicking off. ant. closing, ending, finalizing.

open-minded a. receptive, amenable, unbiased, impartial, broad-minded, tolerant, understanding, liberal-minded, sympathetic, reasonable. ant. close-minded, narrow-minded, intolerant, dogmatic, bigoted.

opera n. musical, melodrama, libretto, drame lyrique. "When a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding, he sings."—Edward Gardner. "A magic scene contrived to please the eyes and the ears at the expense of the understanding."—Lord Chesterfield. see music, singing, song, voice

WORD FIND

bass voice, sweet and light: basso cantante
booming bass voice: basso profundo
brilliant and pure vocal tone: bel canto
comical opera: buffa
composition with several arias, duets, cho-ruses: cantata
false high pitch of male: falsetto
highest range of male voice: tenor
highest singing voice: soprano
lead female singer: prima donna, diva
lead male singer: primo uomo
light opera: operetta
long composition of religious theme presented without scenery, costumes: oratorio
long vocal solo piece: aria
low, comical voice: basso buffo
lowest female voice: contralto
lowest male voice: bass
male castrated in seventeenth, eighteenth centuries to retain high singing voice: castrato
manager or director of opera company: impresario
midrange male voice: baritone
repetition of theme sung in succession by two or more: call and answer
short vocal solo: cavatina

operable a. viable, serviceable, workable, feasible. ant. inoperable.

operate v. 1. function work, perform, act, conduct, manage, carry on, do, run. 2. perform surgery amputate, incise, excise, transplant, cauterize, cut open, explore, bypass, suture, stitch up. see operation

operation n. 1. exercise project, action, campaign, maneuver, organization, venture. 2. running performance, working, discharge, functioning. 3. surgical procedure surgery, incision, excision.

WORD FIND

anesthetic used in localized area: local anesthetic
appendix removal: appendectomy
birth delivery through abdomen: caesarian section, C-section
blood vessel graft to improve blood flow: bypass
boring hole in skull: trepanning
brain, removal of front portion: lobotomy
brain, spinal cord or nerve surgery: neurosurgery
breast removal: mastectomy
burning away of abnormal tissue: cauterization
bypass: shunt
cornea incisions to improve vision: radial keratotomy
cutting nerve to relieve pain: denervation
cutting surgically: incising
cyst removal: cystectomy
cerebrovascular, removing portion: stroke
cyst removal: cystectomy
dangerous to remove: dangerous
extreme cold used to destroy abnormal tissue: cryosurgery
fallopian tube closure to prevent pregnancy: tubal ligation
flow of blood to area: anastomosis
gallbladder removal: cholecystectomy
general pain blocker, unconsciousness inducer: general anesthesia
gum surgery: gingivectomy
inhaled anesthetic agent: ether
joint exploration: arthroscopy
kidney removal: nephrectomy
large intestine removal: colectomy
local anesthetic agent: lidocaine, procaine
lung removal: pneumonectomy
nose enhancement: rhinoplasty
pancreas removal: pancreactectomy
passage of tube into body part: intubation
prostate gland removal: prostatectomy
removal of tissue or organ: excision
replacement of organ: transplant
restoring blood vessel flow: angioplasty
scraping of tissue: curettage
sexual intercourse: coitus
sperm-blocking surgery: vasectomy
spleen removal: splenectomy
stitching of wound: suturing
tissue sampling: biopsy
tonsil removal: tonsillectomy
transplant from one body part to another: graft
tumor or mass removal: lpectomy
uterus removal: hysterectomy
violent reaction to transplanted foreign organ: rejection reaction

operative a. functioning, operating, running, working. ant. broken.
opioid n. narcotic, opiate, soporific, tranquilizer, sedative, hypnotic, *downer. see drug, narcotic, opium
opine v. think, reckon, of the opinion, believe, imagine, maintain, suppose, assume, guess.
opinion n. conviction, belief, notion, thought, conclusion, view, idea, judgment, inference, sentiment, feeling, theory, point of view, impression, conception, finding, estimation.
“Truth filtered through the moods, the blood, the disposition of the spectator.”—Wendell Phillips.
opinionated a. biased, prejudiced, dogmatic, headstrong, obstinate, pigheaded, convinced, close-minded, narrow-minded, one-sided. ant. open-minded, broad-minded, tractable, neutral.
opponent n. adversary, enemy, rival, competitor, antagonist, foe, contender, nemesis, *sparing partner. see enemy
opportune a. timely, favorable, advantageous, fortuitous, felicitous, expedient, auspicious, suitable, appropriate, fitting, apropos, apt, seasonable, correct, right. ant. inopportune, unfavorable, untimely, unseasonable.
opportunism n. exploitation, expediency, *go-getting, *making hay while the sun shines, *striking while the iron is hot.
opportunistic a. gold digger, operator, *go-getter, adventurer, enterpriser.
oppose v. resist, conflict, repulse, confront, repel, counter, contest, refuse, dispute, contradistinct, disapprove, reject, contravene, go up against. ant. support, embrace, advance, advocate, concur.
opposite n. reverse, contrary, inverse, antithesis, counterpart, *other side of the coin, *flip-side. ant. twin, mirror image, duplicate.
opposite a. facing, face to face, vis à vis, inverse, obverse, contrary, contradictory, antithetical, reverse. ant. corresponding.
opposition n. 1. opposing individual or group adversary, opponent, rival, antago-
níst, competitor. 2. resistance repulsion, antagonism, conflict. 3. obstruction hindrance, impediment, restriction, check. ant. 1. proponent, advocate, partnership, collaboration. 2. attraction, acceptance. 3. opening, clearance, help, aid.


**OPPRESSED** a. downtrodden, harassed, tormented, persecuted, tyrannized, enslaved, misused, subdued, dominated, saddled, weighed down, burdened, abused. ant. liberated, honored, respected.

**OPPRESSION** n. [uh PRESH un] the keeping or forcing down, especially by abuse of power; tyranny. The inferior leader rules by oppression. Syn. tyranny, subjugation, persecution, suppression, enslavement, domination, coercion, torment, martial law, heavy-handedness, *bullied obeisance. ant. freedom, liberty, justice.

**OPPRESSIVE** a. tyrannical, despotic, domineering, heavy-handed, iron-fisted, severe, harsh, burdensome, ruthless, brutal, abusive. ant. liberating, just, fair.

**OPPRESSOR** n. tyrant, despot, dictator, persecutor, master, slavedriver, martinet, disciplinarian, authoritarian, bully, tormentor, puppetmaster. ant. emancipator.

**OPPROBRIOUS** a. 1. disgraceful shameful, infamous, despicable, dishonorable, hateful. 2. abusive offending, insulting, contemptuous, reproachful, ant. 1. honorable, commendable. 2. complimentary, flattering.

**OPPROBRIUM** n. disgrace, infamy, shame, dishonor, discredit, reproach, stigma. ant. honor, regard, esteem.

**OPPUGN** v. criticize, attack, oppose, controvert, *shoot down, *blow out, *light into, *rake over the coals. ant. concur, compliment, agree.

**OPT** v. choose, elect, decide, pick, elect.

**OPTICAL** a. visual, ocular.

**OPTICIAN** n. optometrist, oculist.

**OPTIMAL** a. best, optimum, favorable, greatest, superlative. ant. worst, terrible.

**OPTIMISM** n. hopefulness, rosy outlook, positive attitude, great expectations, enthusiasm, cheerfulness, anticipation, bullishness, buoyancy, confidence, encouragement. ant. pessimism, negative outlook, gloomy outlook, cynicism.

**OPTIMIST** n. idealist, dreamer, Pollyanna, hoper, *ray of sunshine, positive thinker. *Someone who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way.”—Edward R. Murrow. ant. pessimist, defeatist, killjoy, *gloomy Gus.

**OPTIMISTIC** a. hopeful, forward-looking, sanguine, cheerful, upbeat, expectant, assured, sunny, bullish, confident, anticipating, positive, *up, Pollyannish. ant. pessimistic, gloomy, cynical, negative.

**OPTIMUM** a. optimal, greatest, foremost, most, highest, ideal, utmost, champion, consummated, prime, select, superior, tip-top. ant. worst, lowest, poorest.

**OPTION** n. 1. CHOICE selection, alternative, decision, substitute, preference, election, predilection. 2. THE RIGHT TO BUY OR SELL claim, grant, privilege, prerogative, franchise.

**OPTIONAL** a. elective, discretionary, voluntary, free, open, volitional. ant. obligatory, compulsory, mandatory.

**OPTOMETRIST** n. optician, eye specialist, oculist.

**OPULENCE** n. [OP yuh lence] wealth or luxury. The opulence of Beverly Hills is evident in the homes, stores, and people one observes. Syn. wealth, affluence, riches, prosperity, fortune, luxury, abundance, money, capital, excess, *easy street. ant. poverty, squalor, indigence, privation.


**OPUS** n. composition, score, creation, work, piece, production, volume, title. see book or conj. else, otherwise, alternatively.

**ORACLE** n. prophet, seer, soothsayer, augur, diviner, fortune-teller, prognosticator, sage, priest, authority, judge.

**ORACULAR** a. prophetic, prognostic, Delphic, augural, authoritative, wise, knowing.

**ORAL** a. spoken, verbal, said, voiced, verbalized, articulated, vocalized, uttered. ant. written, mental, telepathic.

**ORANGE** a. reddish-yellow, flaming, salmon, fox, tangerine, peach, pumpkin, tannished sunset, ochre, tiger, apricot, burnt orange, burnt sienna, mandarin, marigold, yellow carmine, Titian, old gold, carrot.

**ORANGUTAN** n. ape, great ape, primate, *man of the forest.
ornate - ordinary

orate v. speak, speakify, lecture, preach, sermonize, pontificate, ‘get up on one’s soapbox, ‘get up on one’s moral soapbox, hold forth, declaim, rhapsodize, moralize, vociferate, bluster, talk, ‘grandstand.

oration n. speech, address, lecture, talk, discourse, recitation, declamation, recital, disposition, monologue.

orator n. speaker, lecturer, preacher, reciter, declamer, sermonizer, pontificator, rhetorician, elocutionist. ‘One who can make men see with their ears.”—Arabian proverb.

oratorical a. rhetorical, eloquent, declamatory, grandiloquent, bombastic, fustian, blustering, ‘rabble rousing, blatherous, silver-tongued.

oratory n. rhetoric, platform rhetoric, public speaking, declamation, eloquence, grandiloquence, speechifying, preaching, sermonizing, elocution, articulation.

orb n. sphere, spheroid, globe, ball, heavenly body, celestial body, moon.

orbit n. circuit, revolution, cycle, circle, course, path, ellipse, ring, flight path, gravitational path, ‘gravitational tether.

orbit v. circle, round, circuit, revolve around, gravitate around, cycle around.

orc n. killer whale, grampus, cetacean, whale.

orchard n. plantation, grove, stand, vineyard, garden.

orchestra n. symphony, ensemble, band, philharmonic, quintet, quartet, combo, group.

see music

orchestrate v. arrange, organize, conduct, lead, coordinate, direct, manage, guide, marshal, command, ‘hold the reins, oversee.

orchestrator n. conductor, director, manager, arranger, organizer, leader, coordinator, commander, overseer, stage manager.

orchid n. epiphyte, flower, ‘moccasin, ‘lady’s slipper, ‘puttyroot, ‘Adam and Eve. see flower

ordain v. 1. to invest with authority install, pronounce, appoint, frock, induct, instate, swear in, consecrate. 2. arrange prepare, put in order. 3. to determine predetermine, preordain, predestine, prearrange, fate, doom.

ordeal n. trial, tribulation, trying experience, difficulty, hardship, nightmare, trial by fire, torture, hell, test, strain, trouble, torment, misery, fiasco. ANT: treat, ‘walk on the beach, joy, pleasure.

order n. 1. a command direction, directive, dictate, demand, mandate, prescription, assignment, bid, enjoiner, fiat, charge. 2. arrangement organization, system, sequence, progression, succession, alignment, grouping, classification. 3. condition state, disposition, shape, repair. 4. reservation to purchase requisition, request, booking, layaway. 5. society or club guild, fraternity, sorority, fellowship, lodge, council, Masons, Knights of Columbus. ANT: 2. disorder, jumble, mess.

order v. 1. give a command direct, dictate, demand, mandate, prescribe, remand, enjoin, assign, bid, charge, instruct, ‘bark out an order. 2. reserve for purchase request, tender, bid, secure, buy, requisition, layaway. 3. to arrange organize, systemize, put in sequence, align, group, classify, alphabetize, index, codify. ANT: 1. request, ask for nicely, beg, supplicate. 3. disorganize, disarrange, mess, jumble, mix up, scramble.

order about v. dominate, badger, nag, command, ‘ride, lord over, henpeck, control, dictate, master, bully, ‘put under one’s thumb. ANT: supplicate, ‘cave in, defer.

ordered a. orderly, arranged, well-ordered, systematic, in good form, organized, methodical, shipshape, tidy, neat. ANT: disordered, in disarray, disorganized, messy.

orderly n. hospital attendant, staff, assistant, nurse’s aid.

orderly a. 1. organized systematic, arranged, well-ordered, in good form, in apple pie order, methodical, shipshape, neat, tidy, trim, uncluttered. 2. peaceful behaved, law-abiding, well-mannered, civil. ANT: 1. disorderly, in disarray, disorganized, messy. 2. rowdy, ill-mannered, riotous, uncivil.


ordinance n. order, command, decree, law, rule, edict, injunction, regulation, fiat, sanction, prescription.

ordinarily adv. usually, normally, as a rule, most of the time, customarily, generally, by and large, regularly, routinely. ANT: rarely, seldom, infrequently.

ordinary a. 1. common everyday, usual, commonplace, conventional, typical, average, normal, medias, routine, customary, general. 2. mediocre run of the mill, so-so, nothing to write home about, banal, humdrum, pedestrian, plain, household, prosaic, bour-
geois, undistinguished, garden-variety. 1. uncommon, unconventional, unusual, out of the ordinary. 2. distinguished, exceptional, extraordinary, significant.

ordinary, out of the a. unusual, uncommon, strange, bizarre, odd, exceptional, off the beaten track, unheard of, incredible, wonderful, unique, one of a kind. ant. ordinary, normal, typical, "par for the course.

ordination n. ordain, holy orders. see church, religion

ordnance n. artillery, weapons, armor, guns, bombs. see arms, munitions

ordure n. excrement, dung, feces, manure, muck, droppings, guano, cow flop, filth, *crap.

ore n. unrefined earth, rock, metal, iron ore, bauxite, lodestone, magnetite, pyrite, tinstone, zincite.

oread n. n. nymph, fairy, mountain nymph.

organ n. 1. musical instrument keyboard, synthesizer, pipe organ, melodeon, reed organ, calliope, harmonium, barrel organ, hurdy-gurdy, accordion. see musical instrument 2. publication journal, newsletter, newspaper, periodical, communique, vehicle, mouthpiece, bulletin. 3. living component part, member, element, heart, lungs, brain, liver, kidneys, bladder, gallbladder, pancreas, large intestine, small intestine, appendix, stomach, uterus.

organic a. 1. living alive, animate, biological. 2. nonchemical, untouched by man. 3. inherent intrinsic, innate, native, natural. ant. 1. inanimate, inorganic, mineral. 2. unnatural, man-made, synthetic.

organism n. life-form, being, creature, animal, plant, cell.

organization n. 1. a united group association, corporation, federation, syndication, union, alliance, company, league, institute, club, guild, corps, confederation, sorority, fraternity, cartel, brotherhood, sisterhood, coalition, affiliation, network, consortium, team. 2. arrangement order, systemization, classification, coordination, ordering, construction, assembling, institution, disposition, standardization. see order


organize v. 1. order arrange, systematize, coordinate, methodize, align, collate, "get it together. *get one's ducks in a row, *get one's act together. see order 2. form formulate, develop, create, bring together, give rise to, found, originate, establish. ant. 1. disorder, jumble, scramble, disorganize. 2. disband, dissolve, break up, disorganize, fold.

organized a. 1. ordered arranged, systematized, coordinated, methodized, aligned, collated, classified, categorized, "ducks in a row, "got one's act together. see order 2. formed developed, created, brought together, founded, originated, established. ant. 1. disordered, jumbled, scrambled, disorganized.

organized crime n. Mafia, Cosa Nostra, mob, underworld, the syndicate, gang, Black Hand.

organized movement n. campaign, drive, crusade, popular front, grassroots movement, lobby, ground swell.

organizer n. coordinator, arranger, developer, creator, originator.

orgasm n. ejaculation, climax, spasm, convulsion, throes, paroxysm, peak, consummation, frenzy, shudder, shiver, quiver, "unfurling waves of pleasure. see love, passion, sex.

orgasmic a. frenzied, abandoned, exhilarated, rapturous, elated, breathless, overcome, blissful, "on cloud nine, "in seventh heaven, flying, "in orbit. ant. unstimulating, frigid.

orgiastic a. bacchanalian, Dionysian, debauched, wild, abandoned, wanton, saturnalian, unrestrained, out of control. ant. reserved, peaceful, chaste.

Oriental n. Far East, Asia, mysterious east, East Indies, Eastern Hemisphere.

orient v. 1. take one's bearings orientate, situate, align, locate, position, fix, face, turn, get the lay of the land. 2. familiarize adjust, acquaint, adapt, acclimate, accustom, reconcile, conform, get used to, habituate, condition.


orientation n. 1. bearings placement, fixing, locating, position, coordination. 2. familiarization adjusting, adapting, conforming, acclimating, accommodation, acculturation. 3. introduction initiation, breaking in, indoctrination, reception, "showing the ropes, welcoming.

orifice n. mouth, aperture, vent, opening, hole, lacuna, pore, cavity, slot, crack, gap, hollow.

origin n. 1. inception source, root, birth, beginning, genesis, commencement, start, fountain. 2. parentage ancestry, lineage, pedigree, extraction, descent, line. ant. 1. end, death, closing.

original n. 1. prototype archetype, model, exemplar, standard, mold, first draft, template.
original - ostensible

2. Character eccentric, oddball, nonconformist.

original a. 1. first initial, primary, earliest, fundamental, rudimentary, beginning, starting, opening, introductory. 2. creative visionary, imaginative, resourceful, inventive, ingenious. 3. fresh or unique new, groundbreaking, visionary, unusual, unconventional, novel, *cutting edge, *new wave, *new school, *new age, extraordinary, unorthodox, singular. **ant. 1. last, final, ending, ultimate. 2. banal, unoriginal, pedestrian, imitative, trite. 3. old, old hat, tired, dull, banal, hackneyed.

originality n. ingenuity, inventiveness, vision, creativity, freshness, creative spark, imagination, novelty, newness, ingeniousness, genius, “blowing fresh wind through a stale art.” *simply a fresh pair of eyes,”—Thom- as W. Higginson. **ant. imitation, plagiarism, orthodoxy, unoriginality.

originally adv. initially, first, in the beginning, at the start, “from the word go.

original sin n. disobedience, fall from grace, eating the apple.

originate v. start, begin, emerge, spring forth, initiate, commence, inaugurate, generate, arise.

origin n. origin, source, birthplace. **see origin

originator n. creator, inventor, father, mother, innovator, instigator, *spark, catalyst, architect.

ornament n. decoration, embellishment, adornment, beautification, dressing, accessory, trimming, garnish, garnishment, festoon, bauble, gewgaw, torsade, tassel, trinket, spangle, knickknack, gimcrack, grill, flounce, filigree, tracery, fillet, gilding, fleur-de-lis, fretwork, stioriation, fluting, tooling, finial, beading, acanthus, palmette, embossing, molding, inlay, relief work, scroll work, checker-work, diamond work, floriation, astragal, swag, mosaic, wainscoting. **see decoration

ornament v. decorate, adorn, dress, garnish, festoon, trim, finish, embellish, beautify.

ornamental a. decorative, garnishing, enhancing, adorning, beautifying.

ornate a. elaborate, showy, flamboyant, florid, aurate, flowery, busy, fussy, fancy, flashy, gaudy, baroque, rococo, arabesque, rich, lush. **ant. stark, plain, simple.


orotund a. 1. resounding, sonorous, booming, resonant, projecting, stentorian, reverberating, thundering, powerful, mighty, rich. 2. grandiose in speech pompous, bombastic, fustian, bloated, grandiloquent. see oration, voice. **ant. 1. quiet, feeble. 2. simple, understated.

orphan n. waif, foundling, stray, motherless child, fatherless child, castaway.

orphanage n. foster home, group home, institution, asylum, refuge.

orphanned a. left motherless, left fatherless, deprived, abandoned, forsaken.

ORTHODOX a. [ORTH uh DOKS] adhering to a particular standard, convention, or doctrine, as in religion or politics; approved, recognized. *their religious practices are orthodox; they are not at all unusual. **ant. accepted traditional, approved, customary, conventional, sound, standard, established, proper, correct, official, right, recognized. 2. ultraconservative or dogmatic strict, straitlaced, purist, puritanical, devout, faithful, fundamental. **ant. 1. unorthodox, radical, unconventional. 2. liberal, flexible, open-to-change, radical, unconventional.

orthodoxy n. 1. belief faith, creed, credo. 2. conformity compliance, obedience. 3. conservatism ultraconservatism, fundamentalism, puritanism, strictness, inflexibility, rigidity. **ant. 2. nonconformity, disobedience, noncompliance. 3. liberalism, flexibility, open-mindedness, tolerance.

Oscar n. Academy award, statuette.

oscillate v. 1. move back and forth swing, alternate, vibrate, pulsate, liberate. 2. be decisive vacillate, fluctuate, waver, hem and haw, change one’s mind, do an about-face, equivocate, be on the fence, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally. **ant. 2. decide, resolve, choose.

oscillation n. 1. moving back and forth swinging, alternating, vibrating, vibration, pulsating, pulsation, librating. 2. indecision vacillation, wavering, hemming and hawing, changing one’s mind, equivocating, blowing hot and cold, shilly-shallying, fickleness, fence-sitting. **ant. 2. decisiveness, settling, resolving.

osmose v. diffuse, dissolve, mix, undergo osmosis.

osmosis n. diffusion, absorption, mixing, co-mixing, blending, comingling, dissolving.

ossified a. hardened, hard, rigid, stiffened, bony.

ossuary n. urn, receptacle, vault.

OSTENSIBLE a. [uh STEN suh bul] seeming or outwardly apparent but possibly mis-
leading. *The Peeping Tom’s ostensible motivation was to make money washing windows.*

**ostentation** n. showiness, pretentiousness, exhibitionism, pomp, display, gloss, affectation, flashiness, flamboyance, swank, putting on airs, immodesty, *glitz, flaunting. ANT. modesty, plainness, inconspicuous, humbleness, restraint, understatement, blending into the woodwork.

**OSTENTATIOUS** a. [AWS ten TAY shus] showiness, pretentiousness, overly ornate. *Her ostentatious finery drew stares as she entered the room.* SYN. showy, pretentious, pompous, affected, flashy, flamboyant, swank, immodest, grandiose, ornate, gaudy, glitzy, *glitzy, foppish, garish, spotlight-seeking.* *Showboating. ANT. understated, subtle, modest.

**ostracism** n. banishment, exclusion, exile, ejection, rejection, expulsion, shunning, blackballing, relegation, disgrace. ANT. inclusion, acceptance, welcoming, embracing.

**OSTRACIZE** v. [AWS truh SIZE] to banish, bar, or shun. *Society tends to ostracize non-conformists.* SYN. banish, bar, shun, exclude, eject, isolate, excommunicate, blackball, regulate, shut out, oust, *give the cold shoulder, cast out, *freeze out, blacklist. ANT. include, embrace, welcome, accept.

**outher** a. 1. different dissimilar, distinct, separate, unrelated, disparate, variant. 2. additional extra, further, supplementary, more, another. ANT. 1. same, alike, similar. 2. fewer, less.

**otherwise** adv. 1. in another way differently. 2. under different circumstances elsewhere, if not, on the other hand.

**otherworldly** a. alien, extraterrestrial, unearthly, unworldy, ethereal, mystical, transcendental, spiritual, supernatural, out of this world, heavenly.

**otiose** a. 1. lazy idle, indolent, slothful, *do-nothing. 2. useless ineffective, futile, worthless, impotent, powerless. ANT. 1. ambitious, active, busy, *go-getting. 2. effective, powerful, useful.

**ottoman** n. footstool, hassock, divan.

**ought** v. should, is fitting, is natural, behoove.

**ouster** n. ejection, removal, expulsion, eviction, banishment, dismissal, discharge, overthrow. ANT. installment, admittance, induction.

**out** a. 1. absent away, elsewhere, gone, not here. 2. extinguished extinct, dead, expired, inoperable, finished, over, done. 3. outmoded obsolete, old-fashioned, passé, out-of-date. 4. unconscious out cold, *out like a light, *down for the count, comatose, anesthetized. ANT. 1. in, here, present. 2. alive, functioning, living and breathing. 3. in, *cutting edge, newfangled, modern. 4. conscious, alert, awake.

**out** n. alibi, escape, excuse, explanation, loophole, dodge.

**out-and-out** a. outright, complete, thorough, total, utter, absolute, arrant, unmitigated, flagrant, blatant, dyed-in-the-wool, downright.

**outback** n. back country, hinterland, wilderness, wilds, *boonies, *sticks, howling wilderness, desert, barrens, wasteland. SEE DESERT.

**outbreak** n. 1. disease spread epidemic, pandemic, manifestation, contagion. 2. outburst eruption, flare up, upheaval, uproar. 3. civil discontent riot, insurrection, revolt, uprising, mutiny.

**outbound** a. outward bound, outgoing, outflowing, departing, leaving. ANT. inbound, coming in, incoming, arriving.

**outbuilding** n. auxiliary building, shed, shack, barn, outhouse.

**outburst** n. eruption, explosion, outbreak, outpouring, flare-up, outcry.

**outcast** n. pariah, exile, castaway, outsider, dregs, untouchable, vagabond, outlaw, orphan, refugee, runaway, *reject.

**outcast** a. driven out, banned, shunned, cast out, rejected, exiled, ostracized.

**outclass** v. surpass, outperform, outshine, outdo, outdistance, better, eclipse, overshadow, outmuscle, dwarf, dominate, *leave in the dust, beat, defeat, rise above, *smoke the competition, out hustle, *leave others swirling in one’s wake. SEE OUTDO.

**out of the closet** a. out, exposed, revealed, disclosed, out into the open, divulged, brought to light, uncovered, unveiled.

**out cold** a. unconscious, *down for the count, anesthetized. SEE OUT
outcome n. result, consequence, aftermath, end, upshot, *payoff, effect, aftermath, wake, recurrence.

outcrop n. rock shelf, mantel, protrusion, obtrusion, bedrock, *knuckle of rock.

outcry n. clamor, uproar, protest, outburst, exclamation, shout, scream, cry, hie and cry, howl, holler, hullabaloo.

outdated a. obsolete, old, antiquated. see outdated.

outdistance v. outrun, outmuscule, outdo, outclass, surpass, overtake, leave behind, "leave in the dust," "smoke the competition. see outdo.

outdo v. outperform, outshine, outdistance, outmuscule, excel, eclipse, dwarf the competition, *leave others swirling in one's wake, dominate, beat, defeat, run circles around, do one better, out-Herod Herod.

outdoor a. out-of-doors, outside, open-air, out in the open, alfresco.

outdoorsman n. sportsman, woodsman, naturalist, environmentalist, camper, hunter, fisherman, trapper, adventurer.

outer a. outside, external, exterior, outlying, peripheral, outward, remote, extrinsic. ant. inner, intrinsic, proximal.

outermost a. outer, outlying, peripheral, outmost, furthest out, remote, fringe. ant. innermost.

outer space n. universe, cosmos, space, infinity, heavens, interstellar space, intergalactic space, void, vacuum, firmament, *great beyond, *wild blue yonder, all creation, macrocosm, nebulous void, galactic realm, solar system. see comet, galaxy, milky way, moon, planet, star, sun, universe.

outfield n. playing field, left field, right field, center field, warning track, "deep," "shallow left," "shallow right. see baseball.

outfit n. rig, gear, kit, trappings, equipment, accoutrements, trousseau, getup, turnout, garb, attire, *togs, duds. see clothing, suit 2. group company, unit, crew, business, enterprise, battalion, troop, corps, detachment.

outfit v. rig, fit out, turn out, equip, provision, furnish, supply, appoint.

outflank v. outmaneuver, outfox, outwit, thwart.

outflow n. efflux, flow, influence, effusion, outpouring, outwelling, emanation, gush, stream, spring.

out-front a. straight, *on the level, *on the square, honest, up front.

outfox v. outwit, outsmart, outguess, *run circles around, outdistance.

outgo n. 1. EXPENDITURE expenses, bills, outlay, disbursement, cost. ant. income, profit, earnings.

outgo v. outdistance, outhustle, outrun. see outdo.

outgoing a. 1. gregarious sociable, extroverted, friendly, amiable, congenial, affable, convivial, companionable, unreserved. see friendly 2. outbound departing, leaving.

outgrowth n. product, byproduct, offshoot, spinoff, offspring, result, consequence, upshot, aftermath.

outhouse n. privy, toilet, latrine, backhouse, outbuilding, *necessary, *crapper.

outing n. excursion, trip, expedition, *spin, jaunt, junket, ride, drive, walk, hike, stroll.

outlandish a. bizarre, weird, strange, odd, queer, freakish, out of the ordinary, alien, quaint, exotic, wild, peculiar, *far-out. ant. ordinary, everyday, usual.

outlast v. outlive, prevail, hold out, endure, stand the test of time, survive, outdistance. see outdo.

outlaw n. criminal, felon, *bad guy, desperado, fugitive, brigand, highwayman, crook, robber, bandit, killer, gunman.

outlaw v. ban, stop, prohibit, bar, proscribe, forbid, make illegal, disallow, restrict, limit. ant. legalize, allow.

outlay n. expenditure, expense, disbursement, cost, outgo, charge, payment, price, fee. ant. income, gain, profit.

outlet n. exit, opening, passage, port, vent, mouth, spout, egress, release, channel, race, conduit. ant. entrance, ingress, intake.

outline n. 1. PROFILE form, configuration, shape, contour, silhouette, figure. 2. SYNOPSIS breakdown, *rundown, plan, draft, framework, rough draft, sketch, *thumbnail sketch.

outline v. rough out, sketch, delineate, summarize, draft, abstract, synopsize, frame.

outlive v. see outlast.

outlook n. 1. LOOKOUT observation post, observation tower. 2. view vista, panorama, sweep, perspective. 3. attitude point of view, *mind-set, viewpoint, standpoint, perspective, frame of mind, interpretation. 4. prospect expectation, hope, anticipation, forecast, future, horizon, probability.

outlying a. remote, distant, peripheral, frontier, rural, suburban, out-of-the-way, secluded, isolated, outer, backcountry, God-forsaken. ant. nearby, neighboring, next-door.
outmoded a. antiquated, obsolete, outdated, old-fashioned, displaced, dated, passé, horse and buggy, old school. ANT. new, newfangled, *cutting edge.

output n. production, productivity, yield, harvest, quantity, work, efficiency, turnout, product, amount.

outrage n. 1. ATROCITY vicious act, violent act, crime, act of savagery, evil, abomination, monstrosity, disgrace, horror, barbarity, wrong. 2. INSULT offense, affront, blow, *slap in the face, indignity, *put down, abuse. 3. ANGER fury, indignation, wrath, rage, *spitting rage. see anger

outrage v. enrage, anger, incense, infuriate, fill with wrath, madden, *make one’s blood boil, provoke, gall, affront, insult, offend. ANT. pacify, tickle, delight.

outrageous a. 1. ATROCIOUS monstrous, vicious, savage, criminal, evil, abominable, disgraceful, inhuman, barbaric, wrong, unspeakable, heinous, wicked. 2. UNREASONABLE excessive, ridiculous, preposterous, exorbitant, unconscionable, immoderate, uncalled for, unrestrained. ANT. 1. normal, standard. 2. reasonable, within reason, fair, moderate.

outright a. out-and-out, downright, complete, total, whole, entire, wholesale, unqualified, unmitigated. ANT. partial.

outside n. outdoors, exterior, face, facade, front, surface, veneer, shell, covering.

outside a. 1. EXTERIOR outer, external, surface, extrinsic, superficial. 2. SLIGHT marginal, slim, remote, unlikely, faint, small. ANT. 1. inside, internal, intrinsic. 2. probable, certain.

outsider n. stranger, alien, foreigner, interloper, *fifth wheel.

outspraken a. vocal, unreserved, frank, blunt, straightforward, candid, plain spoken, uninhibited, unrestrained, *not backwards about coming forward. ANT. shy, reticent, reserved, tacitful.

outstanding a. 1. EXCEPTIONAL extraordinary, superior, distinguished, superb, excellent, standout, great, phenomenal, remarkable, impressive, marvellous, prominent, renowned, noteworthy, sensational, *out of this world. 2. UNRESOLVED overdue, unpaid, unsettled, due, owing in arrears. ANT. 1. ordinary, mediocre, so-so, fair, poor. 2. paid, settled.

outward a. outer, outside, exterior, surface, superficial, visible, apparent, evident. ANT. inward, internal.

outwardly adv. apparently, evidently, superficially, visibly, ostensibly, to the eye. ANT. inwardly, secretly.

outweigh v. surpass, transcend, exceed, dominate, take precedence, overshadow, eclipse, override, *tip the scales, overrule.

outrit v. outsart, outfox, outthink, beat, *put one over on, *get the better of, outdo, outshine, fool, trick, euche.

oval a. elliptical, ovoid, oviform, egg-shaped.


over a. finished, done, completed, closed, terminated, concluded, ended. ANT. beginning, opening, commencing.

over adv. above, overhead, aloft, high. ANT. below, earthward.

overabundance a. excess, glut, surplus, overflow, overkill, plethora, overage, spate, flood, too much, superfluity. ANT. shortage, dearth.

overall a. general, complete, from end to end, blanket, sweeping, comprehensive, long-range.

overbearing a. arrogant, domineering, dictatorial, high and mighty, supercilious, lordly, high-handed, tyrannical, disdainful, pompous, bossy, imperious. ANT. shy, humble, modest, deferential.

overblown a. excessive, exaggerated, inflated, puffed up, overdone, overworked, immoderate, disproportionate. ANT. modest, moderate.

overcast a. cloudy, foggy, murky, *smoggy, hazy, gray, dreary, gloomy, sunless, leaden. see cloud, cloudy

overcome v. defeat, beat, vanquish, conquer, subdue, *get the better of, triumph over, rise above, win, outlast, survive, weather, prevail over, surmount.

overconfident a. arrogant, cocky, cocksure, swaggering, strutting, boastful, egotistical, pompous, headed for a fall, complacent, smug, *full of oneself. ANT. insecure, unsure, self-doubting.

overflow v. spill over, slop over, flood, run over, deluge, drown, sweep, brim, gush, splash, cascade, inundate, engulf.

overhaul v. restore, repair, service, fix, recondition, revamp, rebuild, check, inspect.

overhead n. expenses, costs, outlay, upkeep, disbursement.


overlook v. 1. DISREGARD neglect, pass over, ignore, fail to notice, miss, slight, omit, forget. 2. EXCUSE *look the other way, disregard,
*wink at, let go, let ride, make allowances for, condone, ignore. 3. LOOK DOWN UPON front on, tower above, have a view of.

**overly** adv. excessively, too, exceedingly, unduly, inordinately, immoderately. **ANT**: insufficiently, inadequately.

**overpower** v. overcome, beat, crush, overwhelm, subdue, get the upper hand, get the better of, conquer, vanquish, master, *outmuscle, immobilize, dominate. **ANT**: *give in, *say uncle, surrender.

**overrated** a. overvalued, overesteemed, overestimated, *blown out of proportion, overpraised, exaggerated, oversold, puffed up, *hyped.

**override** v. surpass, prevail over, take precedence, overrule, predominate, outweigh, supersede, cancel.

**overrule** v. rule against, disallow, override, overturn, annul, reverse, countermand, invalidate.

**overrun** v. infest, swarm over, invade, spread over, permeate, cover, inundate, engulf, choke.

**ovesc** v. supervise, manage, watch over, run, look after, direct, operate, boss, govern, rule, regulate, administer.

**overshadow** v. eclipse, dwarf, tower over, outshine, outclass, outdo, dominate, *stand head and shoulders above, *leave in one’s wake, *steal the spotlight/limeelight.

**oversight** n. omission, mistake, negligence, carelessness, inattention, lapse, slip, blunder, slight, slackness.

**overstate** v. exaggerate, inflate, *blow out of proportion, magnify, embroider, hyperbolize, *hype, embellish, play up. **ANT**: downplay, understate.

**overt** a. open, unconcemed, undisguised, obvious, patent, manifest, plain to see, bald, naked, explicit. **ANT**: covert, undercover, concealed.

**overtake** v. pass, *leave swirling in one’s wake, catch up to, outdistance, leave in the dust, reach, gain on, *blow one’s doors off. **ANT**: fall behind, lag behind, drop back.

**overthrow** v. defeat, vanquish, conquer, remove from power, unseat, unhorse, dethrone, dispose, overcome, topple, bring down, overpower.

**overture** n. proposal, offer, introduction, opening, bid, tender, presentation, suggestion, approach.

**overturn** v. 1. BURY turn over, knock over, flip, upset, tip, topple, upend. 2. DEFEAT conquer, vanquish, overthrow, overpower.

**overview** n. survey. see review

**overweening** a. arrogant, proud, cocky, cocksure, overconfident, presumptuous, haughty, disdainful, overbearing, imperious. **ANT**: modest, quiet, timid.

**overweight** a. fat, obese, roly-poly, heavy, corpulent, stout, plump, rotund, blubbery, hefty. **ANT**: anorexic, skeletal, emaciated.

**overwhelm** v. 1. BURY flood, drown, inundate, swamp, engulf, crush, smother, overpower, overflow. 2. OVERCOME crush, devastate, overpower, *blow away, stun, *bowl over, floor, paralyze, stagger, *knock off one’s feet, dumbfound.

**overwhelming** a. overpowering, staggering, crushing, devastating, stunning, paralyzing, dumbfounding, irresistible, awe-inspiring.

**overwrought** a. nervous, excited, agitated, overexcited, *wired, *strung out, *hyper, worked up, in a dither, wound up, riled. **ANT**: relaxed, calm, tranquil.

**owe** v. be in debt, be bound, be under obligation, be in arrears, have a debt to pay.

**own** v. 1. POSSESS have, hold, keep, retain, have the rights to. 2. ADMIT acknowledge, allow, concede, confess, grant, recognize, come clean.

**owner** n. proprietor, possessor, landlord, holder, titleholder, keeper, deed holder.
pace n. 1. step gait, walk, run, stride, carriage. 2. speed velocity, clip, rate, momentum, progress.
pace v. walk back and forth, *wear a rut in the carpet. see walk
pacesetter n. pacemaker, leader, bellwether, pacer.
pacific a. peaceful, appeasing, peace-making, peace-loving, dove-like, gentle, tranquil, serene. ant. hawk-like, pugnacious, belligerent.
PACIFIST n. [PAS uh fist] one who refuses to use force or violence; a peace lover. She was a dyed-in-the-wool pacifist who believed in peaceful resistance. syn. peace-lover, dove, peacemaker, appeaser, *bridge-builder, conciliator, *peacenik, *lover not a fighter, ant-war demonstrator, passive resistor. ant. hawk, fighter, warmonger.
pacify v. appease, mollify, quiet, lull, soothe, calm, tranquilize, placate, assuage, cool, soften. ant. enrage, agitate, infuriate.
pack n. 1. package parcel, load, bundle, packet, load, knapsack, bale. 2. bunch group, mass, collection, crowd, throng, number, mob, flock, herd.
pack v. load, fill, stuff, cram, jam, stow, insert, pile, crowd, compress, ram.
package n. pack, parcel, box, carton, container, bundle, bale, receptacle.
packed a. full, stuffed, crammed, jammed, compressed, chock-full, chock-a-block, filled, overflowing, *bursting at the seams, wall-to-wall, standing room only. ant. empty, vacant.
packet n. parcel, package, bundle, bale, envelope, sheaf.
pact n. agreement, compact, covenant, treaty, contract, understanding, alliance, league, arrangement, deal.
pad n. 1. cushion pillow, mat, padding, bolster. 2. writing tablet notepad, notebook, scratch pad, memo pad.
pad v. 1. stroll saunter. see walk 2. fill out stretch, expand, protract, elaborate.
paddle n. oar, blade, scull, pole.
paddle v. row, scull, oar, pole.

padre n. father, priest, chaplain, parson, minister, cleric.
pagan n. heathen, nonbeliever, infidel, atheist, idolater. see religion
page n. attendant, servant, errand-runner, messenger, *gopher.
pagant n. exhibition, parade, spectacle, show, extravaganza, display, procession, gala, presentation.
paganty n. exhibition, parade, spectacle, show, extravaganza, display, procession, gala, grandeur, splendor, festivity, glitter, ostentation, pomp.
pager n. *beeper, receiver, communication device.
pagoda n. Buddhist tower, memorial, shrine, temple.
pain n. 1. physical hurt ache, suffering, agony, discomfort, sensation, irritation, torture, torment, soreness, tenderness, smarting, twinge, pang, spasm, throbbing, stabbing, burning, sharp pain, chafing, clamping, cramping, searing pain, stitch. 2. mental anguish distress, anguish, misery, torment, anxiety, worry, grief, woe, heartache, travail. 3. sl. pain in the neck pest, bother, headache, annoyance, trouble, nuisance. ant. ease, comfort, relief.

WORD FIND
PHYSICAL PAIN
facial expressions: wince, grimace, teeth-gritting, teeth-clamping, snarl of agony, cringe, clamp eyes shut, pout, wounded look in the eyes, face drawn and pinched, pale, blanched, twisted/contorted in pain, brows furrowed deeply
body language: writhing, thrashing, stiffening, convulsing, throes, doubling over, squirming, cringing, balling fists, gulping, recoiling, rocking in fetal position

pain v. hurt, smart, sting, bother, irritate, harm, excruciate, distress, wound, torture, torment, afflict, annoy.
painful a. hurtful, agonizing, excruciating, torturous, sore, smarting, distressing, tender,
aching, stinging, biting, searing, sharp, uncomfortable, unpleasant, disagreeable, difficult, grievous, trying. *ANT. comfortable, delightful, enjoyable.

**painkiller** n. analgesic, anesthetic, palliative, anodyne, morphine, opiate. See medicine

**painstaking** a. thorough, demanding, exacting, meticulous, careful, precise, fussy, strict, persnickety, assiduous, conscientious. *going the extra mile. *ANT. slack, negligent, lazy.

**paint** n. pigment, dye, coloring, tint, oil paint, latex paint, acrylic, enamel, stain, varnish, primer.

**paint** v. coat, color, tint, daub, dye, brush on, stipple, wash, stain, varnish, prime.

**painter** n. artist, portrait artist, watercolorist, old master.

**painting** n. picture, portrait, landscape, depiction, illustration, work of art, composition, masterpiece, watercolor, still life, fresco, mural, canvas, oil. "Silent poetry."—Simonneces. "A poem without words."—Confucius. "The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic."—Ambrose Bierce. See art

**pair** n. couple, twosome, duo, couplet, matched set, twins, combo, two of a kind.

**pair** v. match, mate, couple, yoke, marry, team.

**pajamas** n. PJs, *jammies, bedclothes, *nightie.

**pal** n. pale, faint, wan, sallow, ashen, anemic, pale, faint, wan, sallow, ashen, anemic, white, colorless, sickly, pasty. *ANT. glowing, flushed, rosy, ruddy.

**palate** n. palate, pasty, palatable, palatable, edible, agreeable, acceptable, innocuous, plain.

**palatable** a. agreeable, acceptable, edible, agreeable, acceptable, innocuous, plain.

**palatial** a. magnificent, luxurious, rich, ornate, majestic, grand, sumptuous, stately, huge, monumental, imposing, noble. *ANT. humble, mean, plain, poor.

**palaver** n. conversation, chitchat, the gab.

**palpable** a. [PAL puh bul] that which can be physically touched or felt, tangible, perceivable. She had no palpable evidence of conspiracy, only her own suspicions. *ANT. imperceptible, spiritual, abstract, invisible.

**palpitate** v. flutter, throb, beat, pound, pulsate, quiver, quaver, shake, twitter, pump, hammer.

**paltry** a. trifling, worthless, measly, insignificant, petty, cheap, slight, piddling, meager, inconsequential, pitiful. *ANT. considerable, significant.

**pamper** v. indulge, overindulge, coddle, mollycoddle, spoil, baby, cater to, *wait on hand and foot, *make things cushy for.


**Panacea** n. [PAN us SEE uh] cure-all. Scientists are still looking for a panacea to stop aging. *ANT. cure-all, catholic, remedy, *fix-all, magic bullet, elixir, nostrum, magic potion.

**Panache** n. [puh NASH] a dashing or flamboyant style. The dancer had great panache. *ANT. humble, mean, plain, poor.

**pandemonium** n. disorder, chaos, uproar, turmoil, confusion, bedlam, anarchy, *hullabaloo, tumult, ruckus. *ANT. peace, calm, order.

**pander** v. cater to, satisfy, *suck up to, indulge, gratify, attend, *play up to, serve, humor.

**panel** n. 1. board sheet, plywood, plank, wall, partition, section, divider. 2. committee council, jury, review board, group, round table, conference, tribunal.

**pang** n. pain, spasm, twinge, ache, stab, throe, twitch, distress, discomfort, misconstruing, anguish.

**panhandle** v. *bum, cadge, *hit up, scrounge. See beg

**panic** n. terror, fear, alarm, fright, hysteria, loss of composure, *shakes, frenzy, consternation, *cold sweat, *sweating bullets, *rush of adrenalin. See fear, fearful

**panic** v. be overcome with fear, *break out in a cold sweat, become hysterical, become paralyzed with fear, freeze up, become unnerved, *sweat bullets, soil one’s drawers, become ad-
renalized, lose control, *lose it, be filled with a sense of impending doom. **ANT: relax, calm, breathe easy. SEE FEAR

**panic disorder** n. panic attack, anxiety attack, hyperventilation, psychological disorder.

**panorama** n. scene, view, picture, landscape, sweep, perspective, vista, range, stretch, spectacle.

**panoramic** a. sweeping, far-ranging, far-reaching, extensive, bird’s-eye, broad, all-encompassing. **ANT: limited, short-sighted, focused.

**pant** v. gasp, breathe, puff, blow, wheeze, huff, huff and puff.

**pantheon** n. temple.

**panther** n. leopard, mountain lion, cougar, puma, cat.

**panties** n. underwear, undies, underpants, briefs.

**pantomime** v. mime, act out, gesture, communicate nonverbally, use body language.

**pantry** n. larder, room, closet, store room, but-tery, cupboard.


**WORD FIND**


**paparazzi** n. photographers, photojournalists, freelance photographers, celebrity stalkers.


**par** n. average, standard, norm, usual, equal footing, mean, parity, equality.

**parable** n. story, allegory, morality play, fable, tale.

**parade** n. procession, march, train, cavalcade, promenade, column, pageant, spectacle, autocade, motorcade, exhibition.

**paradigm** n. [PAIR uh dime] a model or example serving as a base for instruction. The real estate magnate’s investment strategy serves as a paradigm of successful wealth-building. **syn.** model, example, pattern, standard, archetype, ideal, original, prototype, exemplar, standard, classic example.

**paradise** n. heaven on earth, heaven, utopia, Shangri-la, *cloud nine, *Eden, bliss, rapture, joy, euphoria.

**paradox** n. [PAR uh DAWKS] a contradictory statement that is nevertheless true. It was a paradox, the more money he made, the less happy he grew. **syn.** contradiction, self-contradiction, incongruity, inconsistency, anomaly, enigma, reverse, puzzle.

**paragon** n. [PAR uh gawn] a model of excellence. Stephen King is a paragon of the horror fiction genre. **syn.** model, exemplar, standard, ideal, paradigm, archetype, prototype, pattern, role model, cream of the crop, crème de la crème.

**parallel** n. analogy, correspondence, match, twin, mirror image, counterpart, equal, equivalent, duplicate, kin.

**parallel** v. mirror, match, equal, equate, agree, correspond, double, imitate, approximate.
parallel - parole

**parallel**  *a.* 1. side-by-side aligned, abreast, alongside. 2. similar correspondent, matching, alike, akin, analogous. **ant.** 1. perpendicularly. 2. dissimilar.

**paralysis** *n.* immobility, incapacitation, palsy, disability, prostration, loss of sensation, spinal cord damage, insensitivity.

**WORD FIND**

**complete from neck down:** quadriplegia

**lower half of body:** paraplegia

**paralyze** *v.* immobilize, incapacitate, disable, cripple, freeze, prostrate, debilitate, numb, anesthetize, *put out of commission.

**paramedic** *n.* emergency medical technician, EMT, ambulance attendant, medical assistant. **see hospital, medicine**

**paramount** *a.* dominant, supreme, main, foremost, chief, leading, outstanding, principal, prime, highest ranking. **ant.** minor, secondary, least.

**paramour** *n.* lover, mistress, concubine, courtesan, kept woman, suitor, swain, *stud, Don Juan, Casanova, beau, boyfriend, gigolo.

**paranoia** *n.* psychosis, delusions, mental disorder, psychiatric disorder, mental illness, delusions of persecution, delusions of grandeur, distrust, suspicion, wariness.

**paranoid** *a.* psychotic, mentally ill, delusional, feeling persecuted, suffering from delusions of grandeur, psychopathic, suspicious, distrustful, wary. **ant.** trusting.

**paranormal** *a.* supernatural, metaphysical, occult, beyond explanation, mysterious. **ant.** mundane.

**parapet** *n.* barricade, barrier, breastwork. **see castle**

**paraphernalia** *n.* equipment, gear, accoutrements, tackle, stuff, things, apparatus, instruments, rigging, belongings, effects.

**paraphrase** *v.* reword, restate, transcribe, translate, rephrase, interpret, rehash, repeat roughly, summarize, abridge.

**parasite** *n.* leech, bloodsucker, *freeloader, sponge, dependant, moocher.

**parcel** *n.* 1. package, packet, pack, bundle, box, carton, bale. 2. plot of land, tract, acreage, lot, division.

**parcel** *v.* apportion, dole, divide, mete, allot, distribute, *divvy up.

** parched** *a.* arid, dry, dried up, *dry as a bone, dry as a fossil, roasted, dehydrated, withered, wilted, scorched, evaporated, desiccated, baked. **ant.** wet, watery, waterlogged, saturated.

**pardon** *n.* forgiveness, clemency, amnesty, reprieve, release, grace, excusal, acquittal, leniency, mercy, forbearance, exemption. **ant.** condemnation, damnation, punishment.

**pardon** *v.* forgive, condone, excuse, indulge, *look the other way, *wink at, absolve, over- look, tolerate, acquit, let off, exonerate, exculpate. **ant.** punish, condemn, damn.

**pare** *v.* trim, peel, skin, clip, crop, cut down, cut back, decrease, slash, curtail. **ant.** increase.

**parent** *n.* mother, father, nurturer, sire, creator, folks, progenitor, *old man, *old lady, genitor, procreator, forerunner, predecessor, ancestor, begetter, author, inventor, architect. “The bones on which children cut their teeth”—Peter Ustinov. **see father, mother**

**pariah** *n.* outcast, *reject, castaway, exile, refugee, Ishmael, expatriate, undesirable, leper, untouchable.

**parish** *n.* parishioners, congregation, churchgoers, fold, assembly, flock, brethren, archdiocese, diocese, church, district.

**parity** *n.* equality, equivalence, balance, sameness, evenness, par, likeness, symmetry, uniformity, affinity. **ant.** inequality, disparity.

**park** *n.* common, green, village green, playground, grounds, quad, plaza.

**parlance** *n.* language, idiom, lingo, speech, tongue, vernacular, talk, wording, ideolect.

**parlay** *v.* bet, wager, invent.

**parliament** *n.* legislature, congress, assembly, House of Lords, House of Commons. **see government**

**parlor** *n.* living room, sitting room, front room, drawing room, salon.

**parochial** *a.* [puh ROH kee ul] limited in scope, narrow, provincial. *She had a parochial perspective and cared little about the larger view.* **syn.** limited, narrow, provincial, restricted, local, regional, small-town, insular, myopic, prejudiced. **ant.** worldly, national, international, broad.

**parody** *n.* [PAR uh dee] a satirical or humorous imitation of a literary or musical work. *The canine sex magazine, Playdog, was a parody of Playboy.* **syn.** imitation, lampoon, takeoff, mockery, satire, spoof, *send-up, burlesque, mimicry, travesty.

**parody** *v.* imitate, mock, mimic, ape, lampoon, caricature, satirize, ridicule, *take off on, send up, burlesque.

**parole** *n.* release, early release, trial release.
paroxysm

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lag, fall behind, trail. 5. fail, flunk, “blow it. 6. veto, vote down, defeat. 8. accept, take.

**passable** a. 1. traversable, crossable, clear, free, unobstructed, navigable, unimpeded, accessible, penetrable. 2. acceptable, okay, fair, mediocre, adequate, good enough, satisfactory, tolerable, so-so. **ANT.** 1. impassable, blocked, impenetrable. 2. unacceptable, intolerable, unsatisfactory.

**passage** n. 1. access path, course, corridor, hall, thoroughfare, way, door, exit, entrance, passageway, route, channel. 2. excerpt section, extract, quotation, portion, selection, sentence, paragraph, verse, page, chapter. 3. progression, passing, movement, advance, transit, trip. 4. enactment, acceptance, adoption, legislation, legalization, ratification. **ANT.** 3. obstruction, stoppage, blockage. 4. veto, defeat.

**passageway** n. hall, corridor, alley, aisle, passage, gallery, path, walkway, gangway.

**PASSE** a. [pa SAY] old-fashioned, out-of-date. This year’s fashions will soon be passé. **SYN.** old-fashioned, out-of-date, outdated, outmoded, démodé, antiquated, obsolete, stale, old, dated, discredited, unfashionable. **ANT.** fashionable, stylish, *chic, hip, in vogue, fresh.

**passenger** n. rider, commuter, *fare, traveler.

**passion** n. 1. intense emotion, fervor, ardor, intensity, zeal, fire, heat, frenzy, enthusiasm, devotion. "The winds necessary to put everything in motion, though they often cause storms."—Bernard de Fontenelle. 2. anger, rage, fury, towering rage, lather, wrath, *dither, hot blood. 3. love, adoration, fondness, affection, amor, infatuation, ardor, lust, desire, sex drive, eroticism, appetite, aching. 4. intense interest obsession, mania, fixation, fancy, infatuation, liking, craze.

**passionate** a. 1. impassioned, ardent, fervid, fervent, excited, burning, hot, fiery, heartfelt, eager, emotional, enthusiastic, vehement, vigorous. 2. lustful, aroused, *turned on, desirous, *hot, *horny, erotic, amorous, libidinous, romantic, sensual. **ANT.** 1. apathetic, indifferent. 2. turned off.

**passive** a. inactive, unresponsive, dispassionate, lifeless, apathetic, impassive, unemotional, uninterested, spiritless, submissive, yielding, docile, meek, unassertive. **ANT.** active, passionate, responsive.

**passport** n. identification, I.D., proof of citizenship, travel permit, official document, authorization, credentials, visa.

**password** n. code word, secret word, key phrase, countersign, watchword.


**past a.** gone, bygone, over, forgotten, finished, old, historical, ancient, former, passed, never to return, extinct, dead and buried. **ANT.** future, upcoming.

**pastime** n. hobby, diversion, amusement, recreation, avocation, leisure time activity, sport, fun.

**pastor** n. minister, priest, clergyman, reverend, rector, chaplain, preacher, ecclesiastic.


**pastry** n. baked good, sweet roll, cake, pie, tart, cream puff, Danish, turnover, croissant, éclair, doughnut.

**pasture** n. field, meadow, grazing land, grass, grassland, vegetation, pasturage.

**pat** n. tap, stroke, slap, touch, rap, caress, poke. **pat** v. tap, stroke, fondle, slap, touch, rap, caress, poke.

**pat a.** glib, easy, facile.

**patch** n. spot, piece, plot, tract, ground, lot, strip. **patch** v. repair, fix, mend, cover, recondition, sew up, stitch.

**patchwork** n. jumble, hodgepodge, mixture, miscellany, mish mash, conglomerate, mélangé, potpourri, pastiche.

**PATENT** a. [PATE unt] evident, obvious. *We all recognized his statement as a patent lie.* **SYN.** evident, obvious, plain, conspicuous, apparent, clear, open, blatant, glaring, manifest, overt, flagrant, unconcealed, transparent. **ANT.** covert, concealed, subtle.

**patent** n. grant, right, protection, title, registration, license, certificate of origination.

**WORD FIND**

protected right covering literary, musical, or artistic work: copyright
paternal a. fatherly, fatherlike, patriarchal, protective, solicitous. ANT: maternal.

path n. 1. trail. walkway, footpath, walk, way, course, track, shortcut, rut, passage. 2. trajectory.

pathetic a. pitiful, piteous, sorrowful, moving, wretched, grievous, deplorable, lamentable, heartbreakingly poignant, miserable, woeful. ANT: worthy, deserving, meritorious.

pathological a. 1. morbid unhealthy, diseased, disease-borne, infected, contaminated. 2. habitual unhealthy, sick, compulsive.

pathology n. infection, growth, contamination, immune response, immune breakdown, disease, manifestation, malignancy, contagiousness, spread.

pathos n. pity, sadness, poignancy, suffering, heartache, sentiment, bathos.


patient n. sick person, case, outpatient, victim, convalescent, invalid, client.

patient a. steady, enduring, persistent, perseverant, tenacious, diligent, long-suffering, tolerant, imperturbable, easygoing, even-tempered, calm, long-fused, composed, resigned, stoical. ANT: impatient, restless, irritable, exasperated, intolerant.

patio n. courtyard, barbecue area, deck.

PATRIARCH n. [PAY tree AHRK] the male head of a family or group. The tribesmen consulted their patriarch for guidance. SYN. head of household, chief, father, grandfather, elder, senior, ruler, sage, graybeard, wise man, master.

patrician n. aristocrat, nobleman, *blue blood, lord, *silk stocking.

patrician a. aristocratic, highborn, noble, blue-blooded, upper-class, genteel, royal. ANT: plebian, common, lower-class.


patrol v. police, secure, observe, reconnoiter, walk a beat, safeguard, eyeball, keep watch, make the rounds, inspect, *scope out, guard.

patron n. 1. customer shopper, client, buyer, subscriber, regular. 2. supporter backer, sponsor, booster, benefactor, financier, champion, advocate, *angel.

patronage n. 1. support backing, sponsorship, benefaction, financing, aid, subsidy, advocacy, promotion. 2. business trade, purchasing, buying, shopping, commerce, clients, customers, clientele.

patronize v. do business with, buy at, deal with, trade at, frequent, shop at.

PATRONIZE v. [PAY truh nuhz] to talk down to as an inferior; to condescend. He always patronizes those without college degrees. SYN. *talk down to, talk to as an inferior, indulge, condescend, regard loftily, *look down one's nose at, regard superciliously, humor, suffer, endure. ANT: look up to, flatten, *kiss up to, *brownnose.


patter n. *spiel, pitch, *line, chatter, talk, monologue, recitation.

pattern n. 1. design motif, theme, arrangement, composition, figure, scheme, device, decoration, form. 2. model guide, sample, example, exemplar, standard, prototype, mold, archetype, template.

PAUCITY n. [PAW si tee] scarcity, lack. A paucity of funds motivated him to find work. SYN. scarcity, lack, dearth, shortage, insufficiency, absence, sparsity, rarity. ANT: wealth, surplus, excess, glut.


pause n. break, stop, rest, time out, beat, delay, wait, gap, suspension, respite, halt, cessation. ANT: continuation.

pause v. break, stop, rest, take time out, delay, wait, suspend, halt, cease, take a breather. ANT: continue, carry on, proceed.
pave v. surface, blacktop, resurface, tar, overlay, lay asphalt, macadamize, level, cobble.

pavement n. blacktop, asphalt, concrete, surface, road, tar, cobble, paving stones, macadam.

pavilion n. tent, shelter, gazebo, summerhouse, belvedere.

pawn n. tool, instrument, hostage, puppet, dupe, *stooge, patsy, medium, cat's paw.

pawn v. pledge, give as security, *hock, deposit, mortgage, borrow on, venture, gamble.

pay n. wages, salary, earnings, income, *take-home, profit, remuneration, fee, compensation, commission, cut, percentage. see money

pay v. 1. REMIT compensate, disburse, settle, *cough up, *foot the bill, spend, expend, *shell out, *fork over, *pick up the tab, contribute, bankroll, finance, remunerate, reimburse. 2. BE WORTHWHILE be profitable, benefit, profit, serve, be advantageous. 3. SUFFER FOR *pay the piper, answer, atone, be punished. 4. GIVE OFFER, extend.

payback n. return, payment due, benefit, rebate.

payment n. remittance, installment, fee, expenditure, payout, outlay, remuneration, settlement, defrayal, reimbursement, sum, restitution.


peaceable a. peaceful, friendly, gentle, nonviolent, amiable, conciliatory, peace-loving, irenic, mild, pacific, accommodating, dandish, lamblike, easygoing, agreeable. ANT. hostile, belligerent, contentious, aggressive.

peaceful a. 1. HARMONIOUS friendly, pacific, agreeable, peaceable, nonviolent, nonaggressive, conciliatory, accommodating, dandish, easygoing, irenic. 2. QUIET still, silent, hushed, noiseless, tranquil, serene, placid, undisturbed. ANT. 1. warring, hostile, contentious, belligerent. 2. noisy, clamorous, cacophonous.

peacemaker n. diplomat, pacifist, dove, makepeace, conscientious objector, conciliator, negotiator, mediator, intermediary. ANT. hawk, warmonger.

peacock n. peafowl, peahen.

WORD FIND

eye-like spot: ocellus
walk: strut

peak n. top, pinnacle, summit, mountaintop, crest, height, roof, tip, ridge, head, climax, zenith, limit, apex, maximum, acme, high point, crown. ANT. low point, depression, foot.

peak v. crest, climax, *come to a head, culminate, top, reach the zenith, crown. ANT. *bottom out.

peaked a. thin, wan, pale, sickly, gaunt, haggard, emaciated, wizened. ANT. healthy, robust, hearty.

peal n. ringing, reverberation, thunder, boom, rumble, roar, crack, blast, chime, clang, tinnitus, clanging, clanger, toll.

peal v. resound, ring, reverberate, resonate, sound, clang, chime, toll, knell, bong, tinnitus, clanger, rumble, thunder.

peasant n. farmer, laborer, farmhand, serf, vassal, rustic, provincial, commoner, *hick, *hayseed. ANT. aristocrat, nobleman.

pebble n. stone, gravel. SEE ROCK

PECCADILLO n. [PEK uh DIL oh] a minor fault, sin, or offense. The media has a way of flushing out a politician’s every peccadillo. SYN. minor fault, petty offense, infraction, slip, lapse, misdemeanor, indiscretion, transgression, false step, shortcoming, sin, faux pas. ANT. capital offense.

peck v. pick, bite, poke, nibble, dig, prick, jab, rap, flick.

pecking order n. hierarchy, line of dominance, natural order, chain of command, corporate ladder.

peculiar a. 1. UNIQUE distinctive, singular, characteristic, individual, exclusive, special, personal, particular, limited. 2. odd queer, strange, weird, offbeat, different, curious, unusual, bizarre, outlandish, quaint, *off-the-wall. ANT. 1. common. 2. normal, predictable, unsurprising.

peculiarity n. characteristic, singularity, trait, feature, oddity, mark, idiosyncrasy, distinction, quirk.

pecuniary a. financial, monetary, fiscal, money.

pedagogic a. educational, academic, professional, teaching, scholastic, instructional, tutorial, pedantic.

PEDANTIC a. [puh DAN tik] overly precise or scholarly, nit-picking with facts and rules. She was meticulously accurate with facts but...
had little common sense; she was pedantic.  

syn. scholarly, didactic, academic, learned, overprecise, pretentious, pompous, professorial, meritorious, bookish, nit-picking, *hairsplitting.

peddler n. salesman, hawker, vendor, costermonger.

PEDESTRIAN a. [puh DES tree un] unimagni- 

native, dull, ordinary. *The story was trite and 

pejorative, dull, prosaic, ordinary, trite, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, flat, banal, uninspired, uninteresting, mundane, inane. ant. imaginative, original, profound, interesting.

pedigree n. family tree, ancestral record, genealogy, descent, lineage, line, bloodline, parentage, stock, roots, dynasty.

peek v. peep, spy, glimpse, eye surreptitiously, glance, peer, *have a gander.

peel v. pare, skin, husk, strip, scale, exfoliate, desiccate, shock, shell.

peep v. 1. see peek 2. cheep chirp, tweet, pip, twit, chirrup, see bird

peeping Tom n. see voyeur

peer n. equal, fellow, compatriot, compeer, counterpart, equivalent, *bird of a feather.

disparaging, negative, derogatory, deprecatory, belittling, depreciatory, belittled, inferior, second-rate, mediocre.

peerless a. unequaled, unmatched, second to none, incomparable, superior, unparalleled, supreme, best, preeminent, greatest. ant. inferior, second-rate, mediocre.

peevish a. irritable, touchy, cross, cranky, grouchy, snappish, moody, impatient, cantankerous, waspish, ugly, petulant. ant. good-humored, cheerful, easygoing.

peeve v. irk, annoy, irritate, *bug, bother, aggrava- 
tate, *rub the wrong way, nettle, vex, gall.

peculiar a. irritable, touchy, cross, cranky, grouchy, snappish, moody, impatient, cantankerous, waspish, ugly, petulant. ant. good-humored, cheerful, easygoing.

peculiarly, orderly, thoughtfully.

PEJORATIVE a. [pi JOR uh tiv] disparaging, negative. His pejorative remarks upset the teacher.

syn. disparaging, negative, derogatory, depreciatory, belittling, depreciatory, uncomplimentary, demeaning, degrading. ant. complimentary, flattering, favorable.

pell-mell adv: helter-skelter, hastily, carelessly, recklessly, heedlessly, slapdash, hurriedly, abruptly, impetuously, wildly. ant. methodi- 

cally, orderly, thoughtfully.

pellucid a. transparent, limpid, crystal. see clear

pelt n. skin, hide, coat, fur.

pelt v. throw things at, bombard, hurl at, shower, pepper, stone, beat, pound, wallop, belt, pummel, punch, sock, whack, thrash.


penalize v. punish, discipline, correct, fine, impose a penalty on, *throw the book at, sentence, amerce, castigate, handicap, put at a disadvantage, disable, hamstring. ant. reward.

penalty n. punishment, discipline, correction, fine, retribution, sentence, imprisonment, forfeit, damages, handicap, disadvantage.

penance n. repentance, reparation, self-punishment, confession, remorse, retribution, pen- alty, absolution, atonement, mea culpa.

PENCHANT n. [PEN chunt] a strong fondness for something. She had a penchant for cream cheese and bagels.

syn. fondness, liking, taste, inclination, partiality, weakness, leaning, affinity, propensity, attraction, bent, predisposition.

pendent a. hanging, suspended, dangling.

pending a. upcoming, impending, about to happen, imminent, in the offing, forthcoming, on the horizon, coming, approaching, unsettled, unresolved, *up in the air. ant. past, former.

pendulous a. hanging, suspended, drooping, pendent, dangling.

penetrate v. 1. go through pierce, pass into, puncture, prick, bore through, break through, encroach, broach.

2. spread through permeate, pervade, diffuse, infiltrate, saturate, fill, infuse, suffuse.

penetrating a. 1. piercing sharp, intrusive, cutting, biting, mordant, strong, earsplitting.

2. discerning acute, sharp, perceptive, keen, astute, sensitive, aware, intelligent, deep. ant. dull, blunt, muted. 2. imperceptive, shallow, superficial.

penis n. sexual organ, male organ, genitalia, genitals, member, organ of copulation.

penitence n. repentance, sorrow, contrition, remorse, regret, penance, compunction, shame, self-reproach, regret.

penitentiary n. jail, federal prison, penal institution, *slammer. see prison

pen name n. pseudonym, nom de plume, alias.
pennant n. banner, flag, pennon, streamer, banderole, bunting, colors.
peniless a. impoverished, destitute, poor, broke, poverty-stricken, bankrupt, indigent, homeless. ANT. rich, wealthy.
pension n. annuity, retirement benefits, payment, social security, disability income. SEE MONEY
PENSIVE a. [PEN sív] in deep thought, especially about sad things. We remained pensive long after the funeral. SYN. deep in thought, meditative, contemplative, melancholy, withdrawn, ruminative, troubled, wistful, brooding. ANT. carefree, untroubled.
penthouse n. apartment, dwelling, residence.
pent-up a. confined, restrained, curbed, held in check, repressed, suppressed, held-in, bottled-up. ANT. released, relieved, vented.
pensiveness n. apartment, dwelling, residence.
penurious a. miserly, stingy, hoarding, frugal, thrifty, penny-pinching, cheap, parsimonious, tightfisted, mean. ANT. extravagant, wasteful, generous.
peon n. laborer, drudgery, farmhand, peasant, worker, menial, toiler, serf, slave.
pep n. energy, vim, vitality, life, zip, vigor, get-up-and-go.
pepper v. shower, rain on, pelt, bombard, sprinkle.
peppy a. lively, energetic, "zippy, snappy, vivacious, spirited, perkish. ANT. sluggish, lethargic, slothful.
perceive v. 1. see, notice, discern, make out, observe, spot, detect, recognize, apprehend, sense, distinguish. 2. understand, comprehend, read, see, grasp, appreciate, conclude, decipher, judge. ANT. 1. miss, overlook.
percentage n. portion, part, fraction, share, section, cut.
perceptible a. discernible, noticeable, apparent, visible, observable, detectable, distinguishable, obvious, conspicuous, palpable. ANT. imperceptible, unapparent, impalpable.
perception n. awareness, sense, feeling, discernment, apprehension, impression, insight, understanding, comprehension, recognition, cognition.
perceptive a. sensitive, sharp, alert, acute, cognizant, conscious, intelligent, insightful, wise, penetrating, intuitive, "tuneful in, *on the ball. ANT. obtuse, thick, dense, dull.
perch n. roost, stand, seat, post.
perch v. light, alight, roost, rest, settle, sit, squat, nest.
percolate v. filtrate, filter, seep, strain, leach, drip, exude, ooze.
perdition n. damnation, hell, fire and brimstone, destruction, punishment, ruination, loss of the soul.
PEREMPTORY a. [per EM tuh ree] final, as of the last word, with no further argument or action. He made a peremptory order and the meeting was concluded. SYN. final, absolute, ultimate, decisive, imperative, dictatorial, commanding, irrevocable, incontrovertible, unquestionable, authoritative, obligatory, autocratic. ANT. wishy-washy, tentative, inconclusive, indecisive.
PERENNIAL a. [puh REN ee ul] continuous, perpetual, returning again and again. The Wizard of Oz is a perennial favorite with children. SYN. continuous, continual, perpetual, everlasting, recurrent, returning, enduring, unfailling, eternal, undying, immortal. ANT. dying, short-lived, temporary.
perfect v. finish, polish, smooth, "get the bugs out of, "put finishing touches on, refine, accomplish, achieve, realize, complete, consummate, fulfill, effect, culminate.
perfect a. 1. flawless faultless, immaculate, spotless, unblemished, unmarred, superlative, extraordinary, supreme, ideal, exemplary, pure, impeccable, consummate. 2. complete whole, intact, finished, realized, utter. 3. accurate precise, exact, correct, true, right, unerring, letter-perfect, "on target, "dead on. ANT. 1. faulty, flawed, imperfect. 2. deficient. 3. inaccurate, imprecise, wrong.
perfection n. 1. flawlessness excellence, ne plus ultra, precision, idealism, faultlessness, highest form, exacting standard. 2. development achievement, accomplishment, consummation, completion, realization, fulfillment, honing, maturing.
perfectionist n. stickler, nitpicker, fussbudget, quibbler, pedant.
perfidious a. treacherous, traitorous, faithless, unfaithful, disloyal, two-faced, backstabbing, treacherous, double-dealing, dishonorable. ANT. loyal, faithful.
perforate v. pierce, puncture, prick, penetrate, punch, slit, bore, cut, make a hole in.
perform v. 1. do execute, carry out, fulfill, accomplish, act, complete, satisfy, meet, *pull off, discharge. 2. act put on, take on a role, enact, present, exhibit, *ham it up, depict, portray.
performance n. 1. execution carrying out, fulfillment, accomplishment, completion, doing, discharge, realization. 2. show entertainment, presentation, production, exhibition, spectacle, portrayal, depiction, rendition, characterization.
perfume n. fragrance, essence, scent, cologne, bouquet, emanation, aroma. "Any smell that is used to drown out a worse one."—Elbert Hubbard. See odor

WORD FIND
bag of: sachet case: pomander East Indian: patchouli smoking: incense sprayer: atomizer substance used in: musk, ambergris, myrrh, attar, civet, bergamot, castor, orris

PERFUNCTORY a. [pur FUNK tuh ree] performed superficially and unenthusiastically, often as part of a routine. The bank clerk gave me a perfunctory smile. Syn. routine, unenthusiastic, superficial, disinterested, automatic, blasé, unthinking, apathetic, mechanical, cursory. Ant. enthusiastic, intense, careful.
perhaps adv. maybe, possibly, conceivably, per-chance.
perimeter n. border, periphery, circumference, boundary, limit, outline, skirt, rim, edge. Ant. center, middle.
period n. time, interval, span, epoch, age, eon, era, days, season, course.
periodic a. recurrent, repeating, at intervals, sporadic, every so often, intermittent, regular, cyclical, daily, seasonal, weekly, monthly, annually.
peripatetic a. traveling, roving, itinerant, walking, moving, migrant, wandering, nomadic, roaming. Ant. stable, static, stationary.
peripheral a. outside, side, sideline, external, surrounding, neighboring, secondary, minor, incidental. Ant. primary, main.
peripheral n. auxiliary device, component, module, adjunct; modem, printer, monitor.
periphery n. perimeter, outskirts, border, circumference, boundary, limit, outline, skirt, rim, edge. Ant. center, middle, core.
perish v. die, expire, pass away, pass on, *croak, *bite the dust, *buy the farm, *kick the bucket, be destroyed, be killed, meet death, vanish, disappear. Ant. survive, thrive. See die
perishable a. liable to spoil, liable to rot, short-lived. Ant. nonperishable, inorganic.
PERJURY n. [PUR jur ee] lying while under oath in a court of law. He committed perjury on the witness stand. Syn. lying, dishonesty, false testimony, deception, falsification, bearing false witness, untruthfulness, prevarication. See law, court
perky a. lively, jaunty, spirited, energetic, vigorous, vivacious, animated, dynamic, cheerful, lighthearted. Ant. dispirited, plodding, sedate.
permanent a. fixed, lasting, eternal, everlasting, endless, long-lived, perennial, immortal, perpetual, constant, stable, unchangeable, immutable, durable. Ant. temporary, impermanent, short-lived.
permissible a. permitted, allowed, okay, legal, lawful, authorized, acceptable, approved, sanctioned, proper, *kosher. Ant. forbidden, taboo, off limits, wrong.
permission n. authorization, okay, say-so, consent, nod, go-ahead, license, permit, allowance, approval, sanction, endorsement, liberty. Ant. prohibition, denial, refusal, proscription.
permissive a. lenient, indulgent, soft, easy, lax, liberal, accommodating, agreeable, obliging. Ant. strict, restrictive.
permit n. license, permission slip. See permission
permit v. allow, authorize, license, consent, sanction, let, endorse, tolerate, entitle, grant,
give the go-ahead, *okay. **ant. prohibit, refuse, deny, ban.

PERNICIOUS **a. [pur NISH us] destructive, deadly, very harmful. **The pernicious disease affected half the community. **syn. destructive, lethal, deadly, fatal, harmful, ruinous, injurious, hurtful, devastating, mortal, noxious, malignant. **ant. harmless, benign, innocuous.

perpetrate **v. do, perform, carry out, commit, transact, *pull off, execute.

perpetual **a. neverending, everlasting, unending, eternal, continuous, permanent, immortal, nonstop, incessant, ceaseless, ongoing, infinite. **ant. temporary, short-lived, finite.

perplex **v. confuse, puzzle, mix up, *discombobulate, confound, muddle, befuddle, mystify, baffle, bewildering, dumbfound. **ant. clarify, enlighten, *show the light.

PERQUISITE **n. [PUR kwi zit] a special privilege or fringe benefit that comes with a job. **Having unlimited use of the company car was a nice perquisite. **syn. *perk, fringe benefit, privilege, right, extra, bonus, reward, employee benefit.

persecute **v. harass, oppress, torment, afflict, victimize, plague, ill treat, crucify, torture, mistreat, abuse, bully, trouble. **ant. *put on a pedestal, honor, *kiss up to, serve.


persist **v. persevere, continue, carry on, endure, *stick to it, keep up, be steadfast, *hang in there, survive. **ant. give up, quit, die.

persistent **a. persevering, determined, dogged, tenacious, unrelenting, steadfast, resolute, diligent, untiring, stalwart, stubborn, sustained, incessant. **ant. quitting, irresolute.

personable **a. friendly, nice, pleasant, warm, charming, people-pleasing, winning, agreeable, amiable, congenial, good-humored, attractive, magnetic. **ant. unfriendly, aloof.


personal **a. private, individual, own, intimate, familiar, inner, secret, confidential. **ant. public, outer.

personal computer **n. PC, microcomputer. see computer

personality **n. 1. **character temperament, disposition, traits, makeup, identity, individuality, self, ego, psyche. 2. **charisma charm, magnetism, attractiveness, *star quality.

personify **v. embody, symbolize, incarnate, represent, exemplify, anthropomorphize, humanize, illustrate.

personnel **n. staff, employees, crew, workers, members, faculty, work force, labor force.

perspective **n. 1. **vista panorama, outlook, lookout, prospect, view, aspect. 2. **point of view viewpoint, standpoint, position, angle, outlook, frame of reference, turn of mind, *mind-set.

perspire **v. sweat, *break a sweat, glow, secrete, drip, lather, swell, *sweat bullets.

persuade **v. talk into, prevail upon, influence, motivate, induce, cajole, sell on, wear down, urge, *twist one's arm, coax, sway, prompt, brainwash. **ant. dissuade, talk out of, discourage.

persuasive **a. influential, convincing, compelling, effective, powerful, inducing, enticing, seductive, winning, forceful, swaying. **ant. ineffective, unconvincing.

pert **a. impudent, forward, bold, insolent, saucy, fresh, brazen, cheeky, nervous. **ant. polite, shy, deferential.

pertain **v. regard, apply, relate, connect, refer, bear upon.

PERTINENT **a. [PUR tuh nunt] relevant. **Stick to the subject at hand; your side comments aren't pertinent. **syn. relevant, germane, material, applicable, fitting, pertaining, connected, related, apt. **ant. irrelevant, impertinent, immaterial.

PERTURB **v. [pur TURB] to disturb or trouble, to upset greatly. **The student would perturb the teacher with his rebellious attitude. **syn. disturb, trouble, upset, agitate, distress, disconcert, discompose, unsettle, *rattle one's cage, bother. **ant. calm, pacify, quiet.

PERUSE **v. [puh ROOZ] to read or study carefully, to scrutinize. Also, to read through casually. **She made it a habit to peruse the classifieds each morning. **syn. scrutinize, study,
read, examine, pore over, scan, inspect, review, skim, "flip through.

PERVADE v. [pur VADE] to spread throughout, permeate. The odor of cooking fish will pervade an entire household. SYN. spread throughout, permeate, diffuse, saturate, fill up, penetrate, imbue, osmose, disseminate. ANT. dissipate, dispel.

PERVASIVE a. [pur VAY siv] spreading throughout, widespread. The weak economy gave rise to a pervasive disillusionment among the American people. SYN. spreading, widespread, permeating, extensive, far-reaching, broad, general, rampant, epidemic, prevalent.

perversion n. sexual deviation, "kink, fetish, depravity, twist, sickness, abomination.

pest n. annoyance, "pain, "pain in the neck, nuisance, irritant, "headache, bother, gadfly, bore, "thorn in one's side.

pet n. pat, stroke, caress, fondle.

pet a. favorite, beloved, preferred, special, dear.

petite a. small, little, slight, tiny, diminutive, wee, dainty, trim, pint-sized. ANT. huge, extra large, big.

petition n. appeal, request, application, solicitation, treatent, invocation, supplication, prayer.

petition v. appeal, request, ask for, apply for, solicit, entreat, pray for, supplicate.

petrified a. 1. hardened solidified, calcified, mineralized, turned to stone, fossilized. 2. paralyzed with fear terrified, stunned, "scared stiff, transfixed, immobilized, frightened, shocked, stupefied. ANT. 1. softened, dissolved. 2. emboldened, driven to action.

petrol n. gasoline, gas, fuel, petroleum.

petroleum n. oil, gas, natural gas, fuel, hydrocarbon, diesel, butane, propane, kerosene.

petty a. 1. unimportant trivial, insignificant, minor, piddling, frivolous, inconsequential, "two-bit, picayune, trifling. 2. small-minded mean, unreasonable, ungenerous, grudging, hateful. ANT. 1. important, weighty, consequential. 2. big, broad-minded.


phantom n. apparition, spirit, vision, phantasm, presence, specter. SEE GHOST.

pharmacist n. druggist, apothecary, "chemist.

pharmacy n. drug store, apothecary, chemist, dispensary.

phase n. 1. period stage, time, point. 2. aspect side, level, angle.

phenomenal a. extraordinary, remarkable, outstanding, unusual, exceptional, rare, wondrous, uncommon, astonishing, unbelievable, miraculous, out of this world. ANT. ordinary, everyday, "ho-hum.

phenomenon n. wonder, rarity, miracle, spectacle, marvel, sight, sensation, "one in a
million, *one for the books, prodigy, happening.


philanthropic a. charitable, benevolent, giving, humane, humanitarian, altruistic, kind, generous, beneficent, magnanimous. ANT. selfish, miserly, misanthropic.

philanthropist n. humanitarian, giver, benefactor, Good Samaritan, donor, contributor, sponsor, booster, financier. "A rich ... old gentleman who has trained himself to grin while his conscience is picking his pocket."—Ambrose Bierce. ANT. miser, *tightwad, misanthrope.

PHILANTHROPY n. [fi LAN thruh pee] the giving to charity or doing of good deeds for society. She will long be remembered for her philanthropy. SYN. humanitarianism, charity, benefaction, altruism, munificence, generosity, public service, assistance, donation. "The wish to scatter joy and not pain around us."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. ANT. selfishness, miserliness, misanthropy.

philharmonic a. symphonic, orchestral.

philistine n. ignoramus, boor, *yahoo, *lowbrow, barbarian. ANT. highbrow.

philosopher n. deep thinker, logician, Aristotle, Plato, savant, sage, wise man/woman, theorist. "One who aspires to explain away all mysteries, to dissolve them into light."—Henry Amiel. "A blind man in a dark room looking for a black cat which isn’t there."—Lord Bowen.

philosophical a. 1. deeply thoughtful, meditative, logical, cogitative, pensive, reflective, contemplative, deep, profound, learned, abstract, metaphysical. 2. calm and rational, composed, reasonable, tranquil, unruffled, impassive. ANT. 1. shallow-minded, thoughtless. 2. irrational, ruffled.


PHLEGMATIC a. [fl eg MAT ik] dull, hard to excite, lethargic. Tired old Fred couldn’t be moved to action; he was hopelessly phlegmatic. SYN. unexcitable, dull, apathetic, indiffer-ent, disinterested, dormant, unemotional, flat, unresponsive, impassive, lifeless, passive. ANT. excitable, passionate, fervid, responsive.

phobia n. irrational fear, obsessive fear, anxiety, dread, *hang-up, aversion, *thing, neurosis, maladjustment, horror. SEE NEUROSIS, FEAR, INSANITY, MANIA

WORD FIND
alone, being: eremiophobia
animal skin or fur: doraphobia
animals: zoophobia
blood: hemophobia
blushing: erythrophobia
bridges: gephyrophobia
burial alive: taphephobia
cancer: cancerphobia
cats: ailurophobia
children: pedophobia
cold: psychrophobia
confinement in enclosed space: claustrophobia
crowds: demophobia, agoraphobia
dark: nyctophobia
dead bodies, death: necrophobia
death: thanatophobia, necrophobia
defecation: rhyphophobia
depths: bathophobia
dirt: mysophobia
disease: pathophobia
dogs: cynophobia
eating: phagophobia
fire: pyrophobia
flood: antrophobia
foreigners, strangers: xenophobia
germs: microphobia
ghosts: phasmophobia
heights: acrophobia
horses: hippophobia
insects: entomophobia
knives: aichmophobia
marriage: gamophobia
medicine: pharmacophobia
men: androphobia
mice: musophobia
missiles: ballistophobia
money: chrematophobia
monsters: teratophobia
night: nyctophobia
noise: phonophobia, acoustophobia
number 13: triskaidekaphobia

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ocean: thalassophobia
old age: gerontophobia
open spaces: agoraphobia
pain: alopohobia
poison: toxicophobia
precipices: crenmophobia
responsibility: hypengyophobia
ridicule: catagelophobia
robbers: harpaxophobia
sex: coitophobia, genophobia
sharp objects: aichmophobia
sin, committing: peccatiphobia
sleep: hypnophobia
snow: chionophobia
solitude: autophobia
speaking: lalophobia
spiders: arachneophobia
stars: astrophobia
strangers: xenophobia
sunlight: heliophobia
thunderstorms: astraphobia, brontophobia
touched, being: haptephobia
water: hydrophobia
women: gynophobia
work: ergophobia

**phobic** a. anxious, fearful, afraid, irrational, apprehensive, neurotic, conditioned to fear, disturbed, disordered, terrified, scared. ANT. fearless, at ease.

**phony** n. fake, fraud, counterfeit, sham, forgery, imposter, hoax.

**phony** a. fake, counterfeit, sham, fraudulent, bogus, imitation, spurious, specious. ANT. real, genuine, authentic.

**photocopy** v. copy, run off, reproduce, duplicate, replicate, reprint, Xerox.

**photograph** n. photo, picture, print, still, snapshot, close-up, portrait, blowup, shot, *pix, negative, slide, *Polaroid, glossy, composite, photocopy.

**photograph** v. shoot, take, capture on film, snap, film, tape.

**photographer** n. *shutterbug, paparazzo, cinematographer, photojournalist.


**WORD FIND**
altering photos with dye: airbrushing, retouching

border for photo: matte
borderless or faded border photo: vignette
brushup work in lab: airbrush, retouch
chemical solution used in developing: fixer, stop bath
converts light to electricity in scanners, copiers, camcorders: charged coupled device (CCD)
dawn and dusk hours: magic hour
details, bringing out: computer enhancement
dual-image photo: double exposure
electronic: digital photography
electronic memory chip for storing images: card
enlargement for photo: blowup
enlarges photos: enlarger
exposure, long: time exposure
focus range of image: depth of field
glaring photo imperfection: overexposure
illuminate subject from behind: backlight
lab: darkroom
lens aperture setting: F-stop
lens, effects: filter, anamorphic lens, fisheye, long-focus lens, portrait lens, telephoto lens, wide angle lens, zoom lens
lens for photographing tiny objects: macro lens
light facing camera technique: contre jour
light-measuring device: light meter, photometer, exposure meter
microscopic photography: photomicrography
opening in camera lens: aperture
photographers, freelance celebrity: paparazzo, paparazzi
photographs well, subject that: photogenic
room: studio, darkroom
points, individual electronic image: pixels
sensitivity of film to light: film speed
stand, camera: tripod, high hat
three-dimensional photography: holography
three-dimensional photo: hologram, anaglyph

**phrase** n. expression, figure of speech, clause, idiom, saying, catchphrase, wording, saying, motto, slogan.

**physical** n. medical examination, checkup, workup.

**physical** a. material, tangible, solid, concrete, substantial, palpable, corporeal, corporal, bodily, somatic, fleshly, mortal. ANT. spiritual, mental.
physician

n. doctor, M.D., general practitioner, GP, health care provider, D.O., *sawbones, specialist, resident, intern, surgeon, *bones, medic, specialist, surgeon. see doctor, medicine

physique

n. build, anatomy, body, shape, physiognomy, frame, makeup, configuration, musculature.

piano

n. *ivories, keyboard. see musical instrument

picayune

a. trivial, trifling. see petty

pick

n. choice, selection, preference, favorite, prize, elite, cream.

pick

v. 1. choose select, opt for, take, settle on, single out, cull, favor, prefer. 2. pluck harvest, collect, reap.

picket

n. 1. stake pale, paling, post, palisade, upright. 2. guard lookout, sentinel, sentry, patrol, watch.

picket

v. demonstrate, strike, boycott, protest, sit in, march, rally, *make a stink.

pickle

n. bind, jam, *between a rock and a hard place, predicament, *hot water, *sticky situation, fix, scrape.

picky

a. fussy, choosy, discriminating, finicky, hard to please, particular, fastidious, meticulous. ant. easy to please, undiscriminating.

picnic

n. outing, cookout, barbecue, clambake.

picture

n. 1. representation illustration, painting, drawing, likeness, sketch, draft, image, portrait, photo, photograph. 2. see movie 3. epitome perfect example, embodiment, model, essence.

picture

v. imagine, envision, see, call to mind, conceive of.

picturesque

a. scenic, idyllic, vivid, striking, quaint, unique, charming, breathtaking, arresting, colorful, photographic, photogenic. ant. dull, ordinary, *as interesting as a brown paper bag, nondescript.

piece

n. part, portion, component, bit, fragment, segment, fraction, chunk, hunk, slice, parcel

pièce de résistance

n. 1. MAIN COURSE main dish.
2. master work accomplishment, masterpiece, feat, great performance, achievement, master stroke, tour de force, consummation.

pier

n. wharf, dock, landing, quay, anchorage, slip, mooring.

pierce

v. puncture, penetrate, perforate, stick, cut, bore, stab, slit, incise, run through, prick.

piercing

n. body jewelry, body art, belly ring, nose ring. see earrings

WORD FIND

bottom lip, dual piercing resembling fangs under: snake bite
labia of female genitals, piercing with bead or ball through: Christina
lip, ring, ball or gem worn on the: labret
Monroe’s mole, mimicking Marilyn: Monroe; Crawford; Madonna
neck, stud or gem worn in the bottom of: Madison piercing
nipple, in the: nipple ring
nostril, stone or pearl attached to: nose stud
philtrum above lip, piercing worn in: Medusa
ring with tiny opening for insertion of bead: captive bead ring
tongue, shaft through: tongue barbell

piety

n. religious devotion, faith, devoutness, religion, belief, loyalty, godliness, holiness, zeal, reverence. ant. irreligion, ungodliness, unholliness.

piffl e

n. foolishness, nonsense, futile talk, useless words.

pig

n. hog, swine, porker, piglet, shoat, sow, boar.

pigeonhole

n. compartment, niche, hole, recess, nook, cranny, opening, cubbyhole, cell, slot.

pigheaded

a. stubborn, obstinate, headstrong, bullheaded, mulish, unyielding, intractable. ant. tractable, yielding.

pigment

n. coloring, dye, tint, shade, paint, stain.

pigpen

n. pigsty, dump, mess, *disgraceland, cesspool, refuse heap, hovel, hole, swamp, rat hole, hazardous waste dump, wallow.

pile

n. 1. heap mass, load, mound, stack, collection, accumulation, stockpile, quantity, bulk, bank. 2. see post

pile

v. heap, mass, load, stack, stockpile, amass, bunch, mound, pyramid, hoard.

piller

v. filch, steal, thieve, lift, pocket, appropriate, *walk off with, *palm, *rip off.

pilgrimage

n. journey, expedition, sojourn, mission, trip, excursion, *hajj, trek.

pill

n. capsule, tablet, lozenge, drop, pellet, dose.

pillage

n. plundering, plunder, booty, loot, spoils, looting, stealing, robbery, rapine.

acute, boring, mesmerizing, withering. ant. 1. quiet, low. 2. cool, inexpressive.
pillage v. plunder, loot, rob, sack, despoil, steal, thieve, maraud, desecrate.

pillar n. 1. COLUMN post, upright, support, pier, piling, shaft, colonnade, pylon. 2. LEADER supporter, backbone, mainstay, upholder, *tower of strength.

pillow n. cushion, pad, bolster, head support.

pilot n. navigator, flyer, aviator, helmsman, coxswain, captain, wheelman.

pilot v. navigate, fly, steer, direct, guide, *man the helm, drive control.

pimp n. whoremonger, agent, procurer, panderer, *flesh peddler, madam, *hustler.

pimple n. 1. TAB, touch, bit. 3. emergency crisis, plight, annoyingly pious.

pin v. hold down or back restrain, hold fast, immobilize.

pinch n. 1. tweak squeeze, nip, grasp, clamp, cramp, twinge. 2. tiny amount *smidgen, *fl esh peddler, madam, *hustler.


pinnacle n. peak, summit, top, zenith, crown, apex, crest, height, high point, acme, eminence.


pioneer n. 1. FRONTIER PERSON colonist, immigrant, settler, homesteader, squatter, trailblazer, explorer, forerunner, founder. 2. DEVELOPER innovator, inventor, father, founder, trailblazer, groundbreaker, trendsetter. "A nail, driven wherever the country demands."—Vladimir Jabotinsky.

pioneer v. found, trailblaze, invent, father, lead, innovate, break new ground.

PIOUS a. [PYE us] devoutly religious, sometimes hypocritically so. He was always looking down his holier-than-thou nose; he was annoyingly pious. SYN. devout, devoted, religious, holy, zealous, faithful, reverent, spiritual, righteous, self-righteous, holier-than-thou, sanctimonious, hypocritical, unctuous. ANT. impious, irreverent, blasphemous.

pipe n. 1. CONDUIT tube, pipeline, main, duct, line, conveyor, cylinder, passage, drain. 2. SMOKING INSTRUMENT corncob pipe, meerschaum, calumet, hookah, water pipe, *bong.


pipeline n. conduit, tube, passageway, sewer line.

PIQUANT a. [PEE kunt] sharp or stimulating, especially to the taste buds. Also, stimulating to the mind. The sauce and the conversation were delightfully piquant. SYN. sharp, stimulating, pungent, biting, flavorful, zesty, spicy, lively, heavily seasoned, peppery, hot, *having a kick, provocative, exciting, racy, interesting, titillating. ANT. bland, mild, dull, uninteresting, tasteless.

pique v. 1. IRRITATE resent, affront, offend, wound, hurt one's feelings, gall, irk, nettlesome, displeasure. 2. AROUSE excite, whet, stimulate, provoke, *turn on.

piracy n. robbery, hijacking, thievery, stealing, banditry, marauding, commandeering, looting, raiding, swashbuckling.

pirate n. buccaneer, privateer, corsair, freebooter, hijacker, sea robber, sea wolf, Algerine.

WORD FIND
famous: Long John Silver, Blackbeard, Captain Kidd
flag: Jolly Roger, skull and crossbones
ship: privateer, brigantine, picaroon

pistol n. revolver, six-shooter, firearm, *rod, *Saturday night special. SEE GUN

pit n. excavation, hole, abyss, chasm, mine, burrow, cavity, hollow, tomb, grave.

pitch v. 1. GOGUE nick, dent, scratch, pock. 2. PLAY OFF match, vie, oppose, counter.

pitch n. 1. INCLINE slope, slant, grade, steepness, cant, tilt. 2. TONE timbre, key. 3. SALES pitch spiel, patter. 4. THROW delivery, toss, fling, sling, fastball, curve ball, knuckleball, spitball.

pitch v. 1. THROW deliver, hurl, fling, sling, lob, cast, *smoke one by, *throw smoke, *gun. 2. PLUNGE HEADLONG dive, dip, fall, drop, toss, topple, lurch, tumble. 3. ERECT put up, raise.

pitcher n. 1. JUG container, vessel, crewet, pot, ewer, bottle. 2. BASEBALL pitcher hurler, *fireballer, reliever, *closer, ace, *lefty, *southpaw. SEE BASEBALL

pitch in v. help, *chip in, participate, lend a hand, contribute, work.

piteous a. pitiful, pitiable, pathetic, heartbreaking, miserable, sad, wretched, deplorable,
pitfall  

1. trap, snare, booby trap, danger, peril, drawback, stumbling block, hazard, risk, catch.  
2. pitfall.  

pity  

1. compassion mercy, feeling, sympathy, humanity, brotherly love, understanding, commiseration, tenderness, heart, ruth, softheartedness. “The scavenger of misery.”—George Bernard Shaw.  
2. feel sorry for, sympathize, feel compassion for, bleed for, ache for, commiserate, grieve for, console, have mercy on.  

pittance  

*slave wages, insufficiency, modicum, small compensation, merciful, giving, gift, gift, bounty.  

pittance  

*starvation, misfortune, crime, sorry situation, *bummer.  

placard  

1. sign, notice, poster, posting, bill, announcement, advertisement.  

placenta  

organ, afterbirth, fetal life support system.  

placebo  

sugar pill, inert pill, fake, inactive medicine, preparation, control substance, test substance. See medicine.  

placenta  

organ, afterbirth, fetal life support system.  

place  

1. put locate, position, situate, lay, plant, fix, set, install, stand.  
2. identify recognize, remember, recall, put one’s finger on.  

plagiarism  

copying, stealing, imitation, lifting, cribbing, borrowing, cheating. “Stealing a ride on someone else’s train of thought.”—Russell Curran.  

plague  

1. afflication scourge, epidemic, pandemic, outbreak, pestilence, contagion, bubonic plague, Black Death, calamity.  
2. annoyance nuisance, irritant, *thorn in one’s side, aggravation, bother, *pain, headache. See disease.  

plain  

level land, expanse, grassland, field, meadow, prairie, steppe, tundra, savannah, *land as flat and featureless as a Euclidian plane.  

plain  

a. 1. clear evident, obvious, apparent, visible, transparent, open, unmistakable, distinct.  
2. understandable simple, straightforward, clear.  
3. straightforward honest, frank, blunt, undisguised, unvarnished, outspoken, forthright, direct.  
4. unembellished unadorned, undecorated, austere, stark, colorless, severe, simple, *no frills, bare, restrained, understated.  
5. homely ugly, unattractive, *not much to look at, *short on looks.  

plaintive  

a. [PLANE tiv] expressing sadness. The lost fawn gave a plaintive cry.  

plaintive  

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pliant  

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plan v. 1. SCHEME design, outline, plot, set agenda, work out, schedule, program, propose, blueprint, organize, draft, project, map out, ready. 2. INTEND aim, mean, count on, propose.

plane n. aircraft, jet. SEE AIRCRAFT

planet n. world, celestial body, heavenly body, planetoid, sphere, globe, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto. SEE ASTRONOMY, MOON, SPACE

WORD FIND
first planet visibly photographed outside our solar system: Formalhaut-B
forming body: planetesimal
forming, in process of: protoplanet
pathway: orbit
ring of dust around sun from which planet will form: protoplanetary debris
shadow of: umbra
study of: planetology

plank n. board, stud, two-by-four, beam.

plant n. 1. vegetable herb, flower, weed, grass, greenery, perennial, annual, shrub, tree, seedling, shoot, cutting. 2. factory manufacturer, mill, works, yard, foundry, assembly line.

plant v. sow, seed, set, scatter, implant, start, root, transplant, embed, install.

plantation n. farm, cropland, orchard, agricultural site, estate, hacienda.

plastic a. flexible, malleable, pliable, pliant, supple, moldable, yielding, resilient. ANT. hard, unyielding, rigid.

plastic surgery n. cosmetic surgery, reconstructive surgery, facelift, *nose job, rhinoplasty, tummy tuck, eye tuck, chemical peel, liposuction, dermabrasion. SEE MEDICINE

plate n. dish, platter, china, saucer.

plateau n. mesa, tableland, highland, upland. SEE MOUNTAIN

platform n. 1. stage dais, rostrum, podium, stand, scaffold, soapbox. 2. program policies, beliefs, plan, party line, stance, manifesto.


PLATONIC a. [pluh TAWN ik] referring to a love relationship based only on emotion, not sex. They had a strictly platonic relationship. SYN. nonphysical, nonsexual, emotional, spiritual, idealistic, celibate. ANT. physical, sexual, lustful.

platoon n. unit, two squads, group, detachment. SEE ARMY

plaudits n. applause, praise, approval, cheers, kudos, acclaim, raves, standing ovation.

plausible a. believable, credible, reasonable, likely, probable, tenable, sound, possible, feasible. ANT. implausible, unlikely, impossible.

play n. 1. SHOW drama, stage play, production, performance, entertainment, melodrama, musical, comedy, farce, tragedy. 2. FUN amusement, recreation, entertainment, sport, relaxation, game-playing, diversion, frolic, romping, pastime.

play v. 1. HAVE FUN recreate, romp, amuse oneself, engage in sport, *cut loose, *let down one's hair, clown around, kid around, frolic, cavort. 2. COMPETE vie, go up against, contend, pit oneself against. 3. PERFORM portray, take the part of.


player n. 1. COMPETITOR team member, athlete, *jock, contestant, opponent, participant. 2. ACTOR actress, performer, thespian, trouper, *ham.

playful a. frisky, frolicsome, fun, coltish, childish, spirited, lively, jaunty, impish, prankish, mirthful. ANT. sober, serious, grave.


playground n. recreation area, field, yard, park.

playwright n. author, writer, dramatist, screenwriter.

plaza n. square, open area, court, quadrangle, piazza, green, marketplace, mall.

plea n. 1. EXCUSE defense, explanation, justification, alibi, apology, argument. 2. REQUEST appeal, entreaty, begging, petition, solicitation, prayer, supplication.

plead v. beg, appeal, implore, beseech, entreat, solicit, pray, supplicate, petition.

pleasant a. pleasing, pleasurable, enjoyable, gratifying, agreeable, nice, delightful, good, welcome, likable, friendly, sweet, charming, kindly, amicable, cheering, warm, gracious,

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pleasantry - plus

good-natured. ant. unpleasant, painful, miserable, disagreeable.

pleasantry n. quip, kidding, jest, joke, banter, repartee, crack, bon mot, witticism, polite remark, small talk.

please v. 1. make happy gratify, satisfy, gladden, *tickle, suit, delight, cheer, warm. 2. choose want, like, desire, be inclined.

pleasing a. pleasurable, gratifying, pleasant, delightful, agreeable, enjoyable, winning, charming, likable, cheering, friendly, sweet, kindly, amiable, warm, gracious, good-natured. ant. displeasing, disagreeable, unpleasant.

pleasure n. enjoyment, delight, happiness, contentment, elation, euphoria, amusement, joy, bliss, gratification, good feeling. ant. displeasure, pain, misery.

plebian, plebeian a. plebeian lifestyle. ant. aristocratic, noble, highborn.

pledge v. promise, vow, give one's word, guaranty, contract, assurance, agreement. 2. security bond, collateral, guaranty, surety, stake, earnest money.

pledge n. 1. promise vow, word of honor, oath, guarantee, contract, assurance, agreement. 2. security bond, collateral, guaranty, surety, stake, earnest money.


plethora n. [PLETH ur uh] an overabundance. The politician made a plethora of promises. syn. overabundance, excess, profusion, flood, overflow, deluge, surfeit, overkill, *too much of a good thing, glut. ant. shortage, scarcity, dearth.


plod v. 1. trudge walk heavily, tramp, slog, drag one's feet, stamp, stomp, move laboriously, lumber. 2. work steadily drudge, plug away, grind away, slave, sweat, toil.

plot n. 1. area of land lot, tract, parcel, subdivision, piece, patch, acreage. 2. scheme conspiracy, plan, machination, design, intrigue. 3. story theme, narrative, design, action, story line.

plot v. 1. scheme conspire, plan, design, machinate, intrigue, collide, maneuver, *make backstage arrangements. 2. map out chart, draft, lay out, outline.

plow v. break ground, turn over, till, harrow, furrow, cultivate, hoe, dig up, *rototill.

ploy v. maneuver, device, action, trick, move, play, tactic, gambit, stratagem, subterfuge, goal, complication.

pluck n. courage, fortitude, guts, mettle, spunk, backbone, spine, boldness, *balls, nerve.

pluck v. pick, pull out, yank, jerk, harvest, gather.


plug n. 1. stopper cork, bung. 2. good word blurb, advertisement, mention.

plumb v. fathom, probe, explore, sound, *get to the bottom of, delve, penetrate, investigate.

plumb a. vertical, straight down, upright, perpendicular. ant. horizontal.

plummet v. plunge, fall, dive, drop, nose-dive, descend, crash, tumble, *rocket earthward.

plunder n. pillage, robbery, loot, booty, spoils, prize.

plunder v. rob, take, loot, pillage, ransack, appropriate, raid, despoil, sack, rape.

plunge n. drop, fall, dive, descent, nosedive, jump.

plunge v. 1. dive rush, descend, fall, drop, nose-dive, plummet, hustle, pitch, swoop. 2. throw oneself into charge, lunge, dash, leap, shoot, surge, pounce, spring, jump headlong. ant. 1. ascend, rise, go up. 2. proceed slowly, move with caution.

plunk v. throw down, plop.

plural a. more than one, multiple, numerous, many. ant. single, singular.

plus n. extra, bonus, asset, advantage, benefit. ant. liability, negative.

plus a. additional, added, extra, supplementary. ant. minus, negative.
plush a. luxurious, rich, lush, opulent, sumptuous, posh, deluxe, elegant. **ant. stark, austere, plain.**

ply v. work at, practice, engage in, carry on, pursue, follow, employ, use, wield.

pneumonia n. lung inflammation, acute infection, viral infection, disease, pulmonary disease, bacterial infection, illness, sickness. **see disease, medicine**

poach v. trespass, encroach, take game illegally, steal.

poacher n. thief, pilferer, scofflaw, intruder, trespasser, hunter.

pocket n. 1. pouch fob, sack, bag. 2. hollow opening, hole, cavity.


poetic a. romantic, flowery, idyllic, symbolic, metaphoric, musical, melodic, songlike, lyrical, singsong. **ant. prosaic.**


POIGNANT a. [POIN yunt] moving or touching, especially in a painful way. The poignant final scene moved the audience to tears. **syn.** moving, touching, painful, emotional, hearttrending, heartbreaking, soul-stirring, sad, pitiful, pathetic, agonizing. **ant. insipid, vapid, flat, emotionless.**

point n. 1. mark dot, spot, period. 2. location spot, place, position, site. 3. time instant, moment, juncture, stage. 4. tip end, top, nib, head, prick, spike. 5. focus thrust, meaning, idea, core, heart, essence, theme, issue, gist, object. 6. purpose aim, object, goal, end, use, sense, value. 7. argument fact, idea.

poet n. direct, aim, train, level, guide, draw a bead on.

pointed a. sharp, to the point, piercing, penetrating, incisive, cutting, insinuating, trenchant. **ant. vague, meaningless, wishy-washy.**

pointless a. meaningless, senseless, irrelevant, inconsequential, vain, stupid, nonsensical, purposeless, worthless, inane. **ant. meaningful, useful, purposeful.**


poison n. toxin, deadly chemical, venom, germ, miasma, toxic substance, carcinogen, strychnine, cyanide, arsenic, hemlock, lead, carbon monoxide, caustic soda, mustard gas, nerve gas, nightshade. **ant. antidote.**

poison v. contaminate, infect, taint, envenom, make ill, kill, slip a mickey, adulterate, pervert, defile.

poisonous a. toxic, venomous, virulent, carcinogenic, noxious, deadly, lethal, malignant, pernicious, vitriolic, caustic. **ant. healthy, beneficial, benign.**

poke v. 1. hit nudge, prod, push, jab, punch, shove, butt, finger. 2. dawdle loiter, putter, lag, mosey along, drag one’s feet.

poker n. card game, draw poker, stud poker, strip poker.

**WORD FIND**

facial expression: deadpan, poker-faced, wooden, stony

sequence, five cards in: straight

show hands: call
stake: pot, ante, chips, kitty
suit, five cards of same: flush, royal flush
suit, four cards of same: four flush
three of a kind and a pair: full house
withdraw: fold

POLARIZE v. [POH luh RIZE] to take opposing sides. Certain issues have the tendency to polarize Americans. SYN. split, oppose, counter, contradict, take side, conflict, *be on the opposite ends of the spectrum, differ, diverge. ANR. join forces, ally, confederate, merge, unite.

pole n. post, shaft, staff, rod, standard, stick, mast.


WORD FIND
altering of crime scene to mislead police: crime scene staging
arrest: *collar, *bust, apprehend
baton: billy club, nightstick
blood spatter patterns, reading of: blood-stain pattern analysis
blood-revealing chemical: Luminol; orthotolidine solution
bloodstain is human or animal, test to determine if: oucheriony test
bone analysis, department of human: forensic anthropology
book of recorded arrests: blotter
British: bobby
bullet and firearm identification, study of: ballistics
bulletin or criminal alert: APB, all points bulletin
bullets and shells from crime scenes, archive of: Integrated Ballistics Identification System
characteristic technique or style of serial criminal: signature
computer files and data, analysis of suspect's: computer forensics
confession forced under suspect's duress and exhaustion: false confession
consumer fraud, fraudulent checks, counterfeit money, forgeries, dept. handling: bunco-forgery
criminal running free: at large
cruiser's rotating roof light: cherry, beacon

CSU: crime scene unit
defensive spray: pepper spray, Mace
DNA identification technique: DNA finger-printing
dog police: K-9 division
drugs and prostitution squad: vice squad
evidence and facts in a case, all: corpus delicti
false name used by criminal: alias
fingerprinting system: Bertillon system
fingerprints formed by perspiration or body oils which cannot be readily seen: latent fingerprints
fingerprints on adhesive tape, powder and glass cleaner used to enhance: black powder method
fingerprints on bomb fragments and bullet casings, technique revealing: corrosive fingerprint technique
fingerprints, study of: dactylography
fire-starting liquids, any: accelerants
fly most often laying eggs on corpse within hours of death and used to determine time of death: blowfly
French: gendarme
getaway car around and stopping it, technique of spinning: pit maneuver
gun barrel's spiraling grooves used to identify fired bullets: rifling
gun of choice for many patrolmen: .357 Magnum
hand and finger wounds on murder victim: defensive wounds
holding of criminal: detention
hunts criminals for reward: bounty hunter
insect science: forensic entomology
interrogation of criminal: third degree
investigates crime-related deaths: coroner
investigates police wrongdoing: Internal Affairs Division
laboratory analyzing specimens, explosives, toxins, blood samples, hairs, etc.: crime lab; trace analysis division
laboratory tech or specialist: criminalist
lie detector: polygraph
lineup in which true suspect is not included: blank lineup
London police: Scotland Yard
luring one into an illegal act: entrapment
massive convergence of police at a particular site to make a group arrest: swoop
massive, organized crackdown of crime in one area: sweep
method of operation, criminal’s: MO, modus operandi
microphone, carrying a concealed: *wired
military: MP
murder dept.: homicide division
nails used to puncture getaway car’s tires, mat of: spike strip
narcotics officer: narc
navy ship officer: master-at-arms
networking search for criminal: dragnet, manhunt
overseer of police: commissioner
paramilitary squad: S.W.A.T., Special Weapons and Tactics
photo of criminal: mug shot
pin-like hemorrhages under eyelid of victim, indicative of strangulation or asphyxiation: petechial hemorrhages
plaster cast taken of object for evidence: moulage
pollens, study and identification of: palynology
reading of rights, rule: Miranda rule
record of criminal’s arrests, convictions: rap sheet
register criminal at jail: book
reward for capture: bounty
search criminal’s body: frisk
search, permission to: search warrant
section of city covered by one station: precinct
shocking gun: stun gun; Taser
soil and stone analysis: forensic geology
stolen cars are stripped of parts, garage where: chop shop
substances and drugs, device that identifies: gas-chromatography mass spectrometer
surveillance: stakeout
take law into their own hands: vigilantes
teeth as identification, study of: odontology
vehicle: cruiser, squad car, prow car, *paddy wagon, Black Maria

polite a. well-mannered, courteous, gracious, civil, considerate, thoughtful, courtly, behaved, gentlemanly, ladylike, refined, nice, diplomatic. ANT. rude, discourteous, boorish, ill-mannered.
politeness a. ”One half good nature and the other half good lying.”—Mary Little. “Consists in being easy about oneself, and in making everyone about one as easy as one can.”—Alexander Pope.
politic a. diplomatic, prudent, tactful, discreet, delicate, shrewd, smooth, judicious. ANT. tactless, rude, cloddish.
political a. governmental, civic, civil, bureaucratic, administrative, legislative, executive.
political action committee n. PAC, special interest group, lobby, lobbyist, power brokers, influence peddlers, backers, bankrollers. see politics, government
politically correct a. socially acceptable, inoffensive, sensitive, sanitized, multiculturally sensitive, oversensitive, empathic, considerate, diplomatic, tactful, politic, self-censoring, mealy mouthed. ANT. politically incorrect, offensive.
politician n. public servant, office holder, political, civil servant, legislator, lawmaker, democrat, republican, congressman, senator, representative, bureaucrat, *baby kisser. “Trustees of the people.”—Grover Cleveland. “A dealer in promises.”—Gabriel Chevalier. see congress, election, government, politics

policy n. custom, code, course, procedure, “the book, rule, guideline, method, line of action, way, system.
polish n. 1. SHINE sheen, brilliance, gloss, finish, luster, buff, glaze, varnish. 2. REFINEMENT cultivation, finish, grace, elegance, poise, savoir faire, suavity. ANT. 1. tarnish, grime. 2. imperfection, awkwardness, coarseness.
skilled, respected politician: statesman
sob story suckers: bleeding heart liberals
southern conservative democrats: boll weevils
veterans: old guard
weakened politician after loss of election: lame duck

politics n. government, political science, legislature, civics, affairs of state, statesmanship.

ambiguos language used by politicians:
- doublespeak
- weasel words

analyst, observer, political: pundit
appointment, cushy political: political plum
backscratching, reciprocal political: log-rolling

breaking the law to make a point, protest:
civil disobedience
cause, one who works for:
- activist
- corruption, profit from:
- graft

demand of the people to carry out some action:
mandate
dissenting group within larger body:
- faction
- splinter group

engage in: politick
expert investigative panel: blue-ribbon panel

group with common cause or goal:
- bloc
- hands-off  economic policy: laissez-faire

heartland of America, how issue is received:
- play in Peoria

hedge or be wishy-washy on issue:
- waffle

hysterical investigation, finger-pointing:
- McCarthyism, witch hunt

influence group or attempt to influence vote:
- lobby

influences politician's vote on issue:
- lobbyist

poltergeist n. ghost, "thing that goes bump in the night," *spook*, doppelganger. See ghost
polygamy n. bigamy, group marriage, polygyny.
see marriage
pomp n. splendor, show, display, grandeur, spectacle, pageantry, ceremony, ostentation, pomposity. ant. simplicity.
pompous a. pretentious, egotistic, self-important, arrogant, haughty, supercilious, overbearing, condescending, patronizing, inflamed, overblown, ostentatious. ant. modest, humble, down to earth.
poncho n. cloak, raincoat, garment.
pond n. marsh, bog, lagoon, pool, fish pond. see lake
ponder v. think about, weigh, consider, deliberate, contemplate, meditate, ruminate, reflect, cogitate, evaluate.
ponderous a. heavy, bulky, unwieldy, massive, prodigious, awkward, cumbersome, clumsy, laborious. ant. handy, lightweight, pocket-sized.
pontificate v. [pawn TIF i KATE] to preach or lecture, especially in a dogmatic way; sermonize. He liked to pontificate on the dangers of beer. syn. preach, lecture, sermonize, harangue, hold forth, moralize, get up on one’s moral soapbox, admonish, declaim.
pool n. 1. puddle pond, lagoon, spring, swimming hole, reservoir. see lake 2. combination association, collective, trust, consortium, union, collation. 3. funds *pot, *kitty, bank, reserves.
pool v. combine, share, consolidate, merge, ally, join together.
poor a. 1. destitute poverty-stricken, impoverished, indigent, *strapped, *broke, bankrupt, *down and out, *hard up, homeless. 2. inadequate lacking, deficient, unsatisfactory, subpar, second-rate, inferior, insufficient, sorry, low grade, substandard, cheap, pitiable, wanting, shabby, shoddy. 3. unfortunate pitiful, pitiable, pathetic, hapless, miserable, unlucky, wretched. ant. 1. rich, wealthy, well-off, 2. superior, first-rate, superb. 3. lucky, fortunate, blessed.
pop v. bust, explode, blow up, bang, crack, report, blow, go off.
pope n. pontiff, bishop of Rome, patriarch, vicar of Christ. see church, religion

WORD FIND
ambassador: nuncio
answer to question of doctrine: rescript
cape: fanon, mozsella
court: Curia
court office: datary
crown: tiara
decree: decratal
electing group: Sacred College of Cardinals
envoy: legate
head piece: miter
letter to bishops: encyclical
meeting to elect new pope: conclave
office or jurisdiction of: papacy
residence: Vatican
succession of popes: papacy

popular a. 1. well-liked favorite, in demand, sought after, crowd-pleasing, in style, in vogue, *all the rage, beloved, *boffo, celebrated, renowned. 2. common general, public, standard, conventional, universal, prevailing. ant. 1. unwanted, outmoded, disliked. 2. uncommon, limited.
popularity n. approval, esteem, regard, acclaim, favor, adoration, acceptance, appeal, idolization, demand, fame.
population n. inhabitants, residents, populace, census, citizenry, people.
populous a. crowded, dense, overpopulated, *crawling with people, mobbed, *wall to wall, *elbow to elbow, swarming. ant. vacant, unpopulated.
porch n. veranda, stoop, steps, portico, gallery, deck.
pore v. read, study, peruse, look over, examine, review, scrutinize.
pornography n. smut, obscene materials, X-rated materials, erotica, adult material, sexually explicit material, filth, dirt magazines, blue movie, skin flick.
port n. harbor, dock, pier, wharf, berth, anchorage, landing, mooring, quay, haven.
portable a. transportable, movable, transferable, conveyable, light, compact, pocket-sized, handy. ant. immovable, fixed, unwieldy.
portal n. entrance, doorway, gate, ingress, passageway, threshold.
portend

**portend** v. bode, foretell, predict, presage, forewarn, foreshadow, augur, herald, harbinger, point to, bespeak.

**PORTENT** n. [POR tent] a sign of things to come, a forewarning. A storm cloud on the horizon is one portent sailors should take seriously. syn. sign of things to come, forewarning, omen, harbinger, herald, augury, indication, threat, presage, *handwriting on the wall.

**portentious** a. ominous, foreboding, threatening, menacing, doomed, prophetic, inauspicious, unpromising. **ant.** reassuring, encouraging.

**portion** n. part, share, cut, section, division, ration, measure, segment, parcel, hunk, chunk, serving, allotment.

**portly** a. stout, large, corpulent, fat, round, plump, spherical, obese, pudgy. **ant.** thin, anorexic, skinny.

**portray** v. depict, represent, characterize, limn, caricature, profile, mimic, delineate, simulate.

**possess** v. have, own, hold, enjoy, control, retain, occupy, be blessed with, keep, maintain.

**possessed** a. bedeviled, bewitched, haunted, cursed, crazed, entranced, under a spell, enthralled, demonized.

**possibility** n. chance, likelihood, odds, feasibility, prospect, probability, plausibility, eventuality, hazard.

**possible** a. feasible, doable, conceivable, attainable, imaginable, obtainable, viable, potential, probable, likely. **ant.** impossible, unlikely, unthinkable.

**post** v. 1. strike a pose position, posture, stand, stance, attitude, air, mien, guise, pretense, facade.

**postpone** v. delay, defer, suspend, put off, put on hold, shelve, *issue a rain check, cancel.

**postscript** n. P.S., P.P.S., epilogue, appendix, addendum, conclusion, closing thought, afterthought.

**postulate** n. assumption, supposition, presumption, theory, hypothesis, guess, speculation, fundamental.

**POSTULATE** v. [POS chuh LATE] to assume without proof. Astronomers postulate that extraterrestrial life exists in the universe. syn. assume, suppose, guess, theorize, hypothesize, figure, posit, surmise, take for granted, speculate.

**posture** n. 1. stance position, pose, carriage, bearing, aspect, attitude, deportment. 2. attitude stand, point of view, viewpoint, outlook, opinion. 3. posture pose, stance, attitude. 4. job post, office, function, duty, responsibility, appointment. 5. status standing, class, eminence, station, stature, prestige.

**positive** a. 1. certain absolute, express, explicit, definite, unqualified, categorical, sure, emphatic, precise, specific, firm. 2. beneficial, useful, good, constructive, helpful, practical. **ant.** uncertain, qualified, equivocal. 2. negative, deleterious.

**positively** adv. absolutely, certainly, surely, definitely, undeniably, categorically, doubtlessly, unquestionably, emphatically.

**possess** v. have, own, hold, enjoy, control, retain, occupy, be blessed with, keep, maintain.
potable n. drink, beverage.

potable a. drinkable, fit to drink, palatable, pure, non-toxic, clean. ANT. toxic

potato n. tuber, *spud, yam.

potential a. effective, powerful, strong, fertile, vital, dynamic, cogent, vigorous, compelling, forceful, *packing a punch, virile, influential, moving, weighty, efficacious. ANT. impotent, weak, powerless, helpless, ineffectual.

potentiate n. ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor, king, prince, crowned head, president, chief, ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor.

potential n. capability, untapped ability, capacity, *makings, possibility, promise, prospect, *sleeping giant.


powerful a. 1. physically strong mighty, potent, energetic, brawny, muscular, *built, *strapping, robust, vigorous, hulking, massive, *built like an ox. 2. authoritative, effective commanding, dominant, in control, influential, controlling, potent, capable, forceful, preeminent, important, *carrying a lot of weight, *having a lot of clout, puissant. ANT. 1. weak, feeble, *wimpy, emasculated. 2. powerless, unimportant, submissive, helpless.

powerless a. weak, impotent, helpless, prostrate, incapacitated, emasculated, debilitated, ineffective, incapable, paralyzed. ANT. powerful, potent, effective.

practical a. useful, realistic, utilitarian, sensible, down-to-earth, sane, workable, practicable, functional, serviceable, pragmatic. ANT. impractical, unworkable, unrealistic.

practically adv. just about, nearly, almost, virtually.

practice n. 1. training repetition, drilling, rehearsal, discipline, preparation, conditioning. 2. habit routine, way, custom, fashion, manner, method, system, procedure, mode, wont, convention. 3. profession occupation, firm, business, work, trade, clientele.

practice v. 1. train drill, rehearse, prepare, condition, discipline, perfect, exercise, polish, refine. 2. carry out do, perform, observe, follow, employ. 3. work at be employed with, pursue, ply, specialize.

practitioner n. professional, expert, specialist, master, pro, agent, artist, novice, hobbyist, doctor, nurse, scientist.

PRAGMATIC a. [prag MAT ik] actual, practical, real-world, as opposed to the theoretical or speculative. He looked for pragmatic solutions, not daydreamed ideals. SYN. actual, practical, real-world, down-to-earth, utilitarian, workable, sensible, sober, hard, hard-nosed. ANT. theoretical, idealistic, unrealistic.
prairie n. grassland, plain, meadow, veldt, pasture, tundra. see field

praise n. compliments, commendation, applause, acclaim, good words, approval, tribute, recognition, laudation, exultation, cheers. "That which makes good men better and bad men worse."—Thomas Fuller. "The sweetest of all sounds."—Zenophon. ant. condemnation, disapproval.

praise v. commend, compliment, flatter, applaud, acclaim, approve, pay tribute, laud, extol, hail, boost, put in a good word for. ant. condemn, criticize, disparage.

praiseworthy a. commendable, admirable, laudable, meritorious, worthy, fine, honorable, sterling, excellent. ant. contemptible, despicable, awful.

prank n. practical joke, trick, antic, mischief, *cheap trick, gag, caper, sport, shenanigans.

prattle n. chatter, babble, blather, twaddle, drivvel, jabber, blabbing.

pray v. plead, petition, bow one’s head, appeal, supplicate, implore, entreat, say grace, ask forgiveness, give thanks.

prayer n. pleading, petition, appeal, supplication, imploring, entreaty, request, thanksgiving, grace, benediction, worship, litany, communion with God. "A window to heaven."—Israel Baal Shem Tob. "A ladder on which thoughts mount to God."—Abraham Heschel. "A direct approach to the throbbing heart of the universe."—Israel Bettan. see church, clergy, religion

PRECEDE v. go before, antedate, antecede, usher in, preface, lead, predate, forerun, head up. ant. follow, succeed, ensue.


PRECEDENT n. [PRES uh dunt] a prior instance that serves as an example, model, or guideline, especially an earlier case in a law matter. The lawyer found numerous precedents to help support his case. syn. example, model, guideline, standard, prior instance, classic example, pattern, paradigm, exemplar.

preceding a. previous, prior, earlier, foregoing, antecedent, former, aforementioned, preliminary, erstwhile. ant. following, upcoming, succeeding.

PRECEPT n. [PREE sep] a rule to live by; maxim. He lived by the precept, “Live and let live.” syn. rule to live by, maxim, principle, direction, commandment, rule, axiom, canon, tenet, motto, guideline.

precinct n. division, subdivision, district, neighborhood, section, quarter, zone, ward, *neck of the woods.

precious a. 1. costly valuable, priceless, inestimable, expensive, high-priced, rich. 2. beloved dear, loved, adored, treasured, cherished, worshipped, idolized, darling, esteemed, favorite. 3. fastidious overrefined, particular, finicky, overnice, fussy, affected, unnatural, pretentious, flowery, dainty. ant. 1. cheap, worthless. 2. despised, hated. 3. sloppy, careless, clodish.
precipice n. drop-off, cliff, ledge, height, brink, vertiginous overlook, bluff, escarpment.

PRECIPITATE v. [pri SIP i TATE] to cause to happen sooner than desired or expected. The embargo precipitated the rise of oil prices. syn. hasten, quicken, speed, expedite, accelerate, advance, trigger, instigate, drive, impel.

precipitate a. hasty, rash, headlong, rushed, hurred, sudden, abrupt, impetuous, reckless, impatient. ant. considered, planned, expected.

precipitous a. sheer, high, vertiginous. see steep

precise a. 1. exact accurate, specific, pinpoint, correct, on the button, on the nose, right, on the mark, definite, faithful, literal, flawless. 2. fastidious finicky, fussy, scrupulous, particular, meticulous, exacting, punctilious. ant. imprecise, inexact, approximate, rough, loose. 2. careless, casual.

precision n. exactness, accuracy, perfection, correctness, fidelity, faithfulness, rectitude,Swiss watch accuracy, attention to detail. ant. inaccuracy, approximation.

PRECLUDE v. [pre KLOOD] to prevent something from happening. A felony conviction precludes any chance for running for public office. syn. prevent, stop, make impossible, foil, avert, thwart, rule out, forestall, hinder, inhibit. ant. facilitate, allow.

precocious a. [pre KO shus] advanced or mature for one's years. The precocious child composed a symphony by the time he was ten-years-old. syn. advanced, mature, premature, ahead of one's peers, progressive, bright, early-blooming, intelligent, gifted, developed. ant. immature, behind, slow to develop, late-blooming.

precognition n. clairvoyance, vision, ESP, extra sensory perception, premonition, sixth sense, intuition, fortunetelling, divination, prophecy, prediction.

preconception n. preconceived notion, pre-judgment, assumption, presumption, prejudice, predisposition.

PRECURSOR n. [pre KUR sur] something that comes before, forerunner. A rainy April is the precursor of May flowers. syn. forerunner, harbinger, herald, predecessor, usher, vanguard, antecedent, groundbreaker, trailblazer.

predator n. hunter, carnivore, meat-eater, stalker, victimizer, killer, beast, prowler, raptor, bird of prey.

predatory a. eating, attacking, hunting, carnivorous, bloodthirsty, predacious, bestial, voracious, rapacious, omnivorous. ant. pacific, peaceful.

predecessor n. forerunner, precursor, antecedent, ancestor, forebear, forefather. ant. descendant, successor.

predestination n. predetermination, fate, God's plan, God's design, God's will, destiny, karma, kismet, doom.

predetermined a. preplanned, fixed, arranged, fated, destined, doomed, preordained, preset, settled, decided. ant. uncertain, up for grabs.

predicament n. difficulty, scrape, bind, mess, plight, trouble, jam, pickle, hole, strait, hot water, pinch, corner.

predict v. prophecy, forecast, foresee, foretell, divine, prognosticate, augur, envision, read the signs, guess.

prediction n. prophecy, forecast, prognostication, prognosis, guess, augury, divination, expectation, intuition.

PREDILECTION n. [PRED uh LEK shun] a natural liking or preference. She had a predilection for ginger snaps. syn. liking, fondness, preference, partiality, predisposition, inclination, propensity, penchant, leaning, bias, prejudice. ant. aversion, dislike.

predispose v. make susceptible, influence, bias, sway, prejudice, impress, prime, affect, bend. Predominant

predominant a. dominant, superior, leading, ruling, controlling, paramount, top, preeminent, ranking, supreme, chief. ant. subordinate, secondary, minor, inferior.

preeminent a. dominant, superior, surpassing, unsurpassed, unrivaled, foremost, major, supreme, peerless, incomparable, unparalleled, number one, top. ant. inferior, subordinate, minor.

PREEMPT v. [pre EMPT] to take the place of another beforehand by rights. The World Series will preempt normal TV programming. syn. appropriate, take away, usurp, claim, bump, assume, seize, commandeer.

prefabricate v. preconstruct, preassemble.

preface n. foreword, prologue, introduction, prelude, preamble, overture, opening. ant. epilogue, postscript.

preface v. introduce, begin, start, open, initiate. ant. close, end.

prefer v. favor, choose, select, pick, opt for, be partial to, lean toward, desire, single out. ant. reject, pass on, dislike.

preference n. 1. first choice favorite, choice, selection, desire, inclination, pick, leaning,
partiality. 2. priority advantage, precedence, edge, *leg up.

**pregnancy** *n.* gestation, fertilization, incubation, *the family way, parturiency. see baby, birth

**WORD FIND**


**prejudicial** *a.* encouraging preconceptions, damaging, misleading, delusive, misleading, presumed, biased, predetermined. _ANT._ unbiased.

**preliminary** *a.* introductory, preparatory, initial, first, preceding, antecedent, opening, precursory. _ANT._ ending, final.

**prelude** *n.* introduction, preface, preamble, beginning, opening, overture, warm-up, prologue.

**premature** *a.* early, too soon, unready, green, immature, undeveloped, unripe, precipitate, hurried, *half-baked, jumping the gun, untimely. _ANT._ late, overdue, behind.

**premeditated** *a.* planned, prearranged, calculated, mapped out, studied, conscious, thought-out, intentional, deliberate, willful. _ANT._ spur-of-the-moment, in the heat of the moment, spontaneous, unplanned.

**premier** *n.* debut, opening night, first showing.

**premise** *n.* hypothesis, argument, postulate, proposition, foundation, theory, supposition, basis, assertion.

**premium** *n.* reward, bonus, prize, gift, incentive, *carrot, extra, gravy, fringe benefit, perk.

**premonition** *n.* foreboding, presentiment, forewarning, feeling, *gut feeling, hunch, apprehension, intuition, bad vibes, omen, portent.

**preoccupied** *a.* busy, occupied, engaged, involved, immersed, absorbed, *wrapped up, engrossed, removed, lost in thought, deep in thought.

**preparation** *n.* making ready arrangement, development, priming, establishment, groundwork, anticipation, *prep work, preparation, framework, setting up, grooming, training. _2._ concoction compound, mixture, composition, drug, prescription.

**prepare** *v.* ready, prime, groom, arrange, do groundwork, *prep, set up, anticipate, plan, develop, smooth the way, train.

**preponderance** *n.* dominance, supremacy, bulk, weight, predominance, *lion's share, biggest
part, majority, prevalence. *ant. lesser part, minority.

preposterous *a. absurd, ridiculous, outrageous, ludicrous, asinine, foolish, silly, nonsensical, crazy, insane, impossible, unbelievable, unthinkable. *ant. logical, reasonable, sensible.

PREREQUISITE *a. [pree REK wuh zit] required, necessary. *Math may always be a prerequisite course. *syn. required, necessary, demanded, essential, imperative, called for, obligatory, mandatory, needed. *ant. elective, unnecessary.

PREROGATIVE *n. [pree ROG uh tiv] a right or privilege. *It was her prerogative to close the store whenever she wished. *syn. right, privilege, choice, authority, liberty, freedom, advantage, license, exemption.

preschool *n. nursery school, day care center, kindergarten.

prescribe *v. direct, order, ordain, set down, recommend, dictate, assign, select, advocate, exact, rule.

prescription *n. order, direction, recommendation, directive, instruction, requirement, preparation, concoction, medicine, drug, dose.

presence *n. 1. attendance existence, occupancy, being, residence, proximity. 2. poise confidence, bearing, air, demeanor, charisma, personality, carriage, self-assurance, aura.

presence of mind *n. calm, coolness, coolheadedness, clearheadedness.

present *n. 1. here and now today, now, this instant. 2. gift offering, favor, benefaction, donation, premium, gratuity, give-away, bonus.

present *v. 1. introduce have one meet, acquaint. 2. exhibit display, show, demonstrate. 3. put forward advance, pose, submit, proffer, *trot out for inspection, offer, profess, declare. 4. give hand over, confer, bestow, award, entrust, donate, submit.

present *a. 1. current contemporary, existing, immediate, at hand, present-day, modern, at this moment. 2. here at hand, in attendance, nearby, on hand, within reach. *ant. 1. past, bygone, previous. 2. absent, away.

presentable *a. groomed, dressed, neat and clean, fit to be seen, acceptable, respectable, suitable, *decent, passable. *ant. sloppy, disreputable, unsuitable.

presentation *n. performance, exhibition, show, production, demonstration, display, offering, gift, bestowal, award, pitch.
presumably - prim

famous, illustrious, impressive, influential. *ant. unknown, disrespected.

presumably adv. probably, ostensibly, likely, in all probability.

presume v. 1. assume take for granted, think, guess, surmise, suppose, believe, take it, postulate, consider. 2. dare venture, take liberties, have the audacity, overstep, go too far.

prevention n. 1. assumption thinking, supposition, guess, belief, suspicion, conjecture, hypothesis, premise. 2. forwardness effrontery, audacity, gall, boldness, daring, *check, nerve, insolence.

PRESUMPTUOUS a. [pree ZUMP choo us] overly bold or confident and taking too much for granted. It was quite presumptuous of her to take the blue ribbon before the winner was even announced. *syn. bold, nervy, confident, audacious, forward, *ballys, rude, cocksure, brazen, lordly, arrogant, egotistical, insolent, pompous. *ant. unassuming, modest, humble.

pretend v. 1. make believe play act, imagine, put on, suppose. 2. feign fake, bluff, simulate, "put on, dissemble, fool, deceive, act, sham, counterfeit, affect.

PRETENSE n. [PREE tens] a falsification, put-on, show or affectation. *His claim of being rich was only a pretense to impress women. *syn. falsification, put-on, show, affectation, imposture, fake, display, act, charade, showing off, facade, simulation, masquerade, positing, ruse, trick. *ant. truth, reality, honest.

PRETENTIOUS a. [pree TEN shus] putting on airs, especially of importance or grandness, ostentatious. *They were a bunch of pretentious snobs. *syn. affected, self-important, bragging, showy, ostentatious, boastful, pompous, assuming, conceited, "la-di-da, vainglorious, snobbish, "highfalutin. *ant. down-to-earth, unassuming, natural, modest, humble.

pretex n. excuse, front, *story, alibi, cover, alleged reason, *song and dance, subterfuge, guise.

pretty a. attractive, comely, beautiful, lovely, nice-looking, cute, appealing, eye-catching, foxy, becoming, ravishing, fair, handsome. *ant. ugly, plain, homely.

pretty adv. fairly, moderately, reasonably, passably, adequately.

prevail v. 1. win over overcome, dominate, best, succeed, triumph, conquer, master, *come out on top. 2. predominate be widespread, be prevalent, abound, preponderate. *ant. 1. lose, fail, give up. 2. be rare.

prevailing a. superior, dominant, affective, prevalent, widespread, general, preponderant, predominant, universal, popular, current, principal, reigning, in style. *ant. outmoded, disappearing, failing.

prevalent a. prevailing, common, widespread, abundant, extensive, general, popular, pervasive, rampant. *ant. rare, uncommon, infrequent.

Prevaricate v. equivocate, evade the truth. see lie

prevent v. stop, prohibit, preclude, avert, stave off, arrest, *nip in the bud, thwart, bar, check, restrict, block. *ant. allow, facilitate, cause.

prevention n. stoppage, prohibition, preclusion, arrest, restriction, blockage, deterrence, obstruction, forestalling, interception.

previous a. prior, earlier, preceding, past, antecedent, anterior, erstwhile, aforementioned. *ant. future, succeeding, upcoming, ensuing.

previously adv. earlier, in the past, before, hitherto, formerly, once, at one time, a while ago.

prey n. victim, the hunted, mark, quarry, kill, spoil, *sitting duck.

prey v. hunt, kill, victimize, eat, devour, feed on, attack, pounce, consume, exploit, use.

price n. cost, asking price, sticker price, charge, retail, wholesale, bill, expense, value, rate, assessment, appraisal, outlay, "damage.

priceless a. invaluable, precious, valuable, dear, expensive, *worth its weight in gold, *worth all the oil in Arabia, costly, prized, treasured. *ant. cheap, "dime a dozen, worthless.

prick v. pierce, stick, puncture, impale, jab, stab, cut, perforate, lance.


priest n. father, minister, clergyman, man of the cloth, ecclesiastic, vicar, padre, chaplain, pastor, deacon. "Crutches for the crippled life of the soul."—Franz Kafka. see clergyman, preacher

priesthood n. ministry, clergy, the cloth. see church, religion

prim a. formal, proper, demure, correct, Victorian, straightlaced, prissy, prudish, upright,
stiff, decorous. **ant.** loose, wild, unrefined, informal, casual.

**PRIMA DONNA** **n.** [PREE muh DONN uh] a moody, complaining, and egotistical person. Also, the lead female vocalist in an opera. 
*Her success made her an unappealing prima donna.*

**syn.** 1. spoiled brat crybaby, *snot, witch, grouch, loudmouth, temperament-ual whiner, princess, egotist, *hell on wheels, *jerk. 2. *star headliner, soloist, lead vocalist.

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**primarily** **adv.** mainly, in the first place, fundamentally, first and foremost, principally, chiefly, largely.

**primary** **a.** 1. *first* original, earliest, primal, primordial, introductory, initial, beginning. 2. *main* principal, chief, basic, essential, fundamental, first, capital, major. **ant.** I. secondary, succeeding. 2. minor, secondary.

**primate** **n.** simian, hominid, ape, monkey, pros-imian, chimpanzee, gorilla.

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**primitive** **a.** 1. ancient original, earliest, primal, primordial, primitive, ancient, earliest, antediluvian, pristine. **ant.** I. modern, recent, modern.

**PRIMITIVE** **a.** 1. *ancient* original, earliest, primal, primordial, primitive, ancient, earliest, antediluvian, pristine. **ant.** I. modern, recent, modern.

**primeval** **a.** primal, primordial, prehistoric, primitive, aboriginal.

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**primordial** **a.** see primary

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prisoner - proclamation

reforming of prisoner: rehabilitation
return to life of crime after prison: recidivism
section holding those sentenced to death: death row
ship: brig
smuggler of contraband: *mule
solitary confinement cell, slang for: the hole
spousal relations visit: conjugal visit
store inside: commissary
ten year sentence: dime
transfer of prisoner to other jurisdiction: extradition
trouble-making prisoner: agitator
war camp: concentration camp
youth: reformatory, reform school

prisoner n. see prison

PRISTINE a. [pris TEEN] unspoiled or pure, as something in its original state. The pristine mountains of Alaska should be left forever wild. SYN. unspoiled, pure, untouched, virginal, natural, primitive, primordial, unsullied, uncorrupted, clean. ANT. spoiled, ruined, sullied.

privacy n. solitude, separation, concealment, secrecy, isolation, sequestration, seclusion.

private a. 1. personal secret, internal, confidential, intimate, individual, nonpublic, own. 2. secluded isolated, sequestered, reclusive, secret, concealed, cloistered, hermitlike, remote, solitary. 3. undisclosed secret, *under wraps, quiet, confidential, *hush-hush. 4. restricted off-limits, closed to the public, exclusive. ANT. 1. public. 3. public, announced, out in the open. 4. public, unrestricted, open.

privation n. deprivation, need, want, scarcity, lack, poverty, hardship, destitution, indigence. ANT. wealth, affluence.

privilege n. right, advantage, due, favor, entitlement, perquisite, liberty, prerogative, benefit, birthright.

privileged a. entitled, favored, empowered, exempt, immune, sanctioned, authorized, accommodated, given preferential treatment. ANT. disadvantaged, underprivileged.

privity n. latrine, toilet. see outhouse

prize n. award, winnings, reward, title, blue ribbon, medal, trophy, loving cup, decoration, laurel, honors, jackpot, haul, stake, spoils, booby prize.

prize v. value, regard highly, esteem, appreciate, hold dear, cherish, treasure.

prize a. award-winning, winning, choice. see best

probability n. likelihood, chance, prospect, possibility, odds, expectation, outlook.

probable a. likely, *odds-on, reasonable, expected, anticipated, possible, presumed, plausible, *in the cards, foreseeable. ANT. unlikely, improbable, implausible.

probation n. trial period, test period, suspension of sentence.

probe n. investigation, examination, inquiry,quisition, exploration, study, scrutiny, feeler.

probe v. investigate, examine, inquire, look into, explore, study, scrutinize, analyze, check out, poke about, interrogate.


problematic a. 1. difficult hard, tricky. 2. questionable doubtful, debatable, uncertain, unsettled, dubious, disputable, moot, suspect, hard to believe, *full of holes, undetermined. ANT. 1. easy, simple. 2. certain, settled.

procedure n. method, manner, process, course, sequence, steps, mode, practice, formula, way.

proceed v. go, go ahead, go on, continue, progress, move on, carry on, get on with. ANT. stop, halt, suspend.

proceedings n. business, matters, *doings, activities, affairs, transactions, agenda, minutes.

proceeds n. take, earnings, income, profit, receipts, gain, revenue, gross, net, gate, box office. see money

process n. method, workings, operation, modus operandi, procedure, course, sequence, technique, formula, way, steps, stages, mechanism.

process v. work, refine, handle, prepare, treat, convert, cook, cure, deal with.

procession n. parade, train, column, caravan, cavalcade, file, march, cortege, motorcade.

proclaim v. announce, declare, state, make known, profess, voice, broadcast, herald, advertise. ANT. hush up, cover up.

proclamation n. announcement, declaration, pronouncement, notice, statement, profession, manifesto, decree, edict.

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**proclivity** n. inclination, tendency, propensity, disposition, predilection, penchant, weakness, leaning, bias. *ant. aversion, dislike.*

**procrastinate** v. put off, stall, delay. *drag one's feet, 'shilly-shally, postpone, dawdle, temporize, prolong, procrastinate, play for time. *ant. 'get cracking, 'get a move on, expeditize. "The art of keeping up with yesterday."—Don Marquis.

**procreate** v. produce, beget, reproduce, breed, parent, propagate, spawn, mother, father, engender, bear.

**procure** v. get, obtain, acquire, secure, come by, get one's hands on, get hold of, pick up, appropriate, buy, purchase, score.

**prod** v. poke, jab, shove, elbow, finger, punch, *goose, nudge, shove, goad, urge, rouse, motivate, spur, provoke, incite, move.


**profane** v. desecrate, defile, debase, disrespect, violate, blaspheme, corrupt, taint, abuse. *Ant. reverent, respect, worship.*

**profanity** n. swear word, swearing, cuss word, cussing, bad word, *four-letter word, dirty word, oath, expletive, obscenity, blasphemy, irreverence. *Ant. polite word, euphemism, reverence.*

**profess** v. 1. affirm declare, assert, admit, proclaim, tell, state, acknowledge, confess, avow, announce. 2. to claim insincerely purport, allege, pretend, feign, fake, simulate, *swear up and down.

**profession** n. 1. occupation line of work, trade, vocation, calling, work, career, business, employment, specialty, job, métier. 2. affirmation announcement, declaration, assertion, admission, proclamation, statement, confession, claim, pretense.

**professional** n. expert, master, pro, *old hand, veteran, specialist, virtuoso, maven, journeyman, *crackerjack. *Ant. amateur, dabbler, hobbyist.*

**professor** n. teacher, academic, instructor, educator, *prof, faculty member, doctor, lecturer, fellow, sage, *brain. see college

**professorial** a. pedantic, pedagogic, scholarly. see academic, college


**profile** n. 1. outline side view, figure, contour, form, silhouette, delineation. 2. biography review, sketch, thumbnail sketch. 2. characterization, portrait.
profit n. gain, income, proceeds, net, revenue, return, yield, benefit, *take, earnings, *bottom line, *take-home. ANT. loss, red ink. SEE MONEY
profit v. gain, benefit, yield, take, earn, make money, clear, *clean up, *make a killing, reap, *make a bundle, advance, better, learn. ANT. lose, suffer, go bankrupt.
profitable a. lucrative, money-making, paying, cost-effective, worthwhile, rewarding, productive, gainful, fruitful, remunerative. ANT. unprofitable, costly, unproductive.
PROFLIGATE a. [PROF luh git] shamelessly immoral. Also, extravagant and wasteful. His profligate lifestyle left him penniless and miserable. SYN. immoral, shameless, debauched, wild, wanton, degenerate, promiscuous, fast, loose, abandoned, unbridled, extravagant, wasteful, excessive, prodigal, lavish, immoderate. ANT. moral, virtuous, principled, thrifty, economical.
PROFOUND a. [pro FOUND] deep or intense, either physically, intellectually, or emotionally. Her theory of galactic formation was quite profound. She remembered the profound sadness of the day. SYN. 1. intellectual deep, intelligent, thoughtful, wise, insightful, abstruse, heavy, penetrating, esoteric, enlightened, scholarly, difficult, complex. 2. emotional heartfelt, deep, intense, acute, sincere, keen, heartrending, soul-stirring, moving. 3. thorough comprehensive, complete, utter, far-reaching, total, absolute. 4. bottomless sunken, fathomless, abysmal. ANT. superficial, shallow, mindless. 2. insincere, unfeeling. 3. partial, slight. 4. shallow.
PROFUSE a. [PRO FYOOS] pouring out freely or excessively. Her profuse apologies fell on deaf ears. SYN. pouring forth freely, abundantly, excessive, free-flowing, overflowing, generous, copious, plentiful, extravagant, lavish, immoderate, prodigal. ANT. sparse, thin, limited, meager, moderate.
PROFUSION n. [pro FYOO zhun] a great pouring forth, or a great amount. A profusion of daisies colored the meadow. SYN. outpouring, overflow, great amount, abundance, lavish amount, extravagant supply, bounty, quantity, cornucopia, multitude, excess, flood, plethora. ANT. dearth, lack, scarcity.
progeny n. children, offspring, young, issue, descendants, successors, lineage, stock, posterity. ANT. parents, ancestors, forebears.
prognosis n. forecast, prognostication, projection. SEE PREDICTION
prognosticator n. seer, diviner, forecaster. SEE PROPHET
program n. 1. AGENDA schedule, order of business, card, bill, slate, lineup, plan, docket, calendar, timetable. 2. BROADCAST show, production, presentation, performance, telecast, drama, sitcom, musical. SEE TELEVISION 3. PROCEDURE plan, course, scheme, way, approach. 4. COMPUTER PROGRAM software, instructions. SEE COMPUTER
progress v. move forward, develop, grow, gain, improve, make headway, evolve, advance, upgrade, improve, perfect. ANT. regress, decline, recede, retreat.
progression n. progress, succession, sequence, cycle, forward march, headway, continuance. ANT. regression, recession.
progressive a. forward-looking, modern-minded, prodevelopment, cutting edge, twenty-first century, advancing, liberal, visionary, revolutionary, evolutionary, reformist, dynamic. ANT. conservative, unchanged, static, abiding, regressive.
prohibit v. forbid, disallow, proscribe, interdict, ban, outlaw, restrict, prevent, stop, preclude, constrain, block, restrain, deny, put a stop to, “put a lid on. ANT. allow, authorize, sanction, permit.
prohibition n. ban, interdiction, proscription, nix, embargo, restriction, outlawing, disposal, blockage, taboo. ANT. permission, allowance, authorization.
project n. venture, undertaking, enterprise, job, work, campaign, occupation, assignment, task, plan, scheme, proposal.
project v. 1. PLAN propose, calculate, predict, estimate, forecast, scheme, envision, conceive, draft, outline. 2. JUT bulge, stick out, overhang, protrude. 3. THROW hurl, cast, shoot, propel, fling, launch.
projection n. 1. ESTIMATE calculation, prediction, forecast, guess, approximation, figure. 2. JUT protrusion, overhang, prominence, bump, bulge, extension, shelf.
PROLETARIAT n. [PROH li TAIR ee ut] the industrial working class or working class. The proletariat are speaking out against higher taxes. SYN. industrial working class, work-
ing class, laborers, blue-collar workers, com-
moners, lower class, rank and file, plebians, bourgeoise, the masses, hoi polloi. ANT. up-
per class, ruling class, nobility, royalty, aristo-
crats.

PROLIFERATE v. [proh LIF uh RATE] to mul-
tiply, increase, or spread at a fast rate. Mush-
rooms proliferate on moist ground. SYN. mul-
tiply, increase, spread, reproduce, breed, *mushroom, grow rampant, *run riot, bur-
goan, escalate, teem, *snowball, metastasize. ANT. decrease, die out.

PROLIFIC a. [proh LIF ik] richly productive, fertile. A prolific author, he once wrote three books in one year. SYN. productive, fertile, fruitful, generative, creative, fecund, bountiful. ANT. sterile, unproductive, barren.

prologue n. preface, introduction, foreword, opening.

prolong v. extend, draw out, drag out, protract, stretch, lengthen, expand, sustain, perpetu-
ate. ANT. shorten, curtail, cut short.

promenade n. walk, walkway, avenue, footpath, course, mall, stroll.

prominence n. 1. RENOWN fame, distinction, eminence, reputation, notability, standing, importance, greatness, celebrity. 2. JUTTING bump, projection, bulge, extrusion, emi-
ience, peak, swelling, protrusion, protuber-
ance, hump, lump. ANT. 1. obscurity, ano-
myny. 2. depression, indentation, hole.

prominent a. 1. RENOWNED famous, emi-

nent, distinguished, notable, celebrated, well-known, important, great, acclaimed. 2. STICKING OUT jutting, projecting, conspicu-
ous, standing out, outstanding, glaring, ob-
vious, striking, bulging. ANT. 1. obscure, un-
known, anonymous. 2. inconspicuous, in-
dented.

promiscuous a. sexually active, sexually indis-
criminate, oversexed, fast, loose, easy, wild, whorish, of easy virtue, wanton, lustful. ANT. celibate, chaste, virginal.

promise n. 1. WORD OF HONOR word, vow, pledge, oath, commitment, assurance, war-

ranty, guarantee, contract, swearing. 2. PO-
tential hope, prospect, expectation.

promise v. 1. GIVE ONE’S WORD pledge, vow, swear, commit, assure, *cross one’s heart and hope to die, take an oath, warrant guar-
ante. 2. GIVE HOPE of suggest, indicate, portend, bode, bespeak, show signs of.

promising a. encouraging, hopeful, full of promise, favorable, bright, up-and-coming.

promote v. 1. PUBLICIZE sell, advertize, *talk up, plug, tout, back, *hype, push, ballyhoo, trumpet, sing praises. 2. FURTHER advance, foster, boost, support, cultivate, lift. 3. UP-
GRADE one’s RANK advance, raise, *kick up-
stairs, move up, graduate. ANT. 1. criticize, condemn, censor, *bad-mouth. 2. retard, in-
hbit, discourage. 3. demote, downgrade.

promoter n. supporter, backer, advocate, organizer, publicist, booster, champion, sponsor, proponent.

promotion n. 1. PUBLICITY selling, advertisement, plugging, touting, backing, *hype, ballyhoo, hoopla. 2. UPGRADE IN RANK gradua-
tion, *kick upstairs, move up, advance, raise. ANT. 1. condemnation, criticism, *bad-mouth-
ing, censoring. 2. demotion, downgrade.

prompt v. urge, provoke, incite, goad, evoke, cue, stimulate, induce, spur, initiate, prod, arouse, push.

prompt a. quick, punctual, timely, swift, rapid, immediate, expeditious, meteoric. ANT. late, slow, leisurely.

promptly adv. at once, immediately, quickly, swiftly, in timely fashion, punctually, pronto, expeditiously, directly, *PDQ. ANT. eventual-
ly, sooner or later, slowly.

PROMULGATE v. [PROM ul gate] to pro-
claim or state publicly, publish. The compa-

ny will promulgate its new policies soon. SYN. proclaim, announce, make known, publish, broadcast, declare, communicate, spread the word, present, herald.

prone a. 1. LYING FLAT prostrate, recumbent, supine, horizontal, face-down. 2. INCLINED disposed, given, bent, likely, of a mind to, liable, apt. ANT. 1. erect, upright, vertical. 2. disinclined.

pronounce v. 1. DECLARE announce, say, assert, decree, proclaim, report, state. 2. ARTICU-
LATE enunciate, say, vocalize, utter, sound, express, frame a word.

pronounced a. distinct, unmistakable, conspicu-
ous, clear, striking, outstanding, promi-

nent, bold, plain, obvious. ANT. inconspicu-
ous, subtle, concealed, hidden.

pronouncement n. declaration, statement, an-
nouncement, assertion, proclamation, de-

gree, notification, manifesto.
proof n. evidence, verification, confirmation, authentication, corroboration, validation, certification, substantiation, testimony, facts.

proofread v. copyedit, blue pencil, edit, read, check for errors.

prop n. support, brace, buttress, pillar, stanchion, upright, beam, post, column, joist.

prop v. hold up, carry, support, shoulder, brace, gird, buttress, shore, stand, lean against.


propagate v. 1. breed reproduce, multiply, generate, beget, engender, raise, mother, father, proliferate. 2. spread disseminate, promulgate, broadcast, publish, circulate, dispense.

propellor n. prop, screw, blade, rotor, driver.

propensity n. [proh PEN si tee] a natural inclination. She had a propensity for Swedish meatballs. SYN. tendency, leaning, bent, partiality, taste, liking, weakness, penchant, predilection, disposition, proclivity. ANT. aversion, dislike.

proper a. 1. suitable appropriate, suited, befitting, apt, right, fit, apropos, correct, sensible. 2. seemly decent, genteel, polite, correct, politically correct, mannerly, nice, decorous, acceptable, fitting, comme il faut, refined. 3. peculiar distinctive, distinguishing, own, individual, specific, personal. ANT. 1. unsuitable, ill-fitting, wrong. 2. seemly, rude, impolite.

property n. 1. possessions belongings, *things, effects, goods, assets, wealth. 2. real estate land, acreage, estate, plot, lot, house. 3. characteristic quality, feature, attribute, trait, distinction, mark, trademark.

prophecy n. prediction, foretelling, forecast, augury, divination, soothsaying, presage, prognostication, presentiment, second sight, revelation. "Dreaming on things to come."—Shakespeare. See divination.

prophesy v. predict, foretell, forecast, augur, divine, presage, prognosticate, soothsay, foresee, portend.

prophet n. predictor, fortuneteller, forecaster, augur, diviner, prognosticator, soothsayer, seer, astrologer, oracle, prophet of doom, Cassandra. "He who conjectures well."—Euripides.

prophetic a. predictive, oracular, foretelling, mantic, premonitory, augural, prognostic, prescient, portentous, ominous.

propitious a. [proh PISH us] favorable, auspicious. Some claim that a full moon is a propitious time to plant. SYN. favorable, auspicious, promising, opportune, timely, good, advantageous, fortunate, conducive, providential. ANT. adverse, inopportune, unfortunate, bad.

propontent n. [proh PO nunt] a supporter, backer, or advocate. The politician is a vocal proponent of environmental protection. SYN. supporter, backer, advocate, exponent, champion, upholser, endorser, friend, booster. ANT. opponent, detractor, critic.

proportion n. 1. ratio amount, size, dimension, portion, scale, volume, fraction, measure, degree, division, percentage, quota, relationship. 2. balance symmetry.

proportions n. measurements, size, area. See dimensions.

proposal n. suggestion, recommendation, presentation, idea, proposition, pitch, tender, plan, scheme, offer, bid.

propose v. 1. suggest recommend, present, pitch, tender, submit, proffer, advance, offer, proposition, make a bid, put forth for consideration. 2. ask for hand in marriage *pop the question, affiance.

proposition n. 1. offer proposal, suggestion, submission, presentation, plan, scheme, offer, bid.

proprietor n. owner, landlord, landlady, deed holder, master, lord of the manor.

propriety n. [proh PRYE e tee] proper behavior, decorum, good manners. The children conducted themselves with unexpected propriety. SYN. properness, proper behavior, decorum, good manners, conformity, seemliness, propriateness, politeness, good form, gentility, etiquette. ANT. impropriety, rudeness, bad manners.

propulsion n. force, driving force, energy, power, thrust, accelerating force, push.

pro rata adv. proportionately, in proportion.

prosaic a. [proh ZAY ik] dull, ordinary, flat. His was a prosaic story, the normal details of a quiet life. SYN. dull, ordinary, flat, unimaginative, *ho-hum, blah, colorless, stale, humdrum, monotonous, trite, tedious. ANT. interesting, colorful, imaginative.
PROSCRIBE v. [proh SCRIBE] to outlaw, ban, condemn. *The church proscribes pornography.* SYN. outlaw, ban, prohibit, condemn, denounce, forbid, reject, exile, boycott, embargo, banish. ANT. accept, allow, permit.

prosecute v. file legal proceedings against, try, bring suit, sue, bring to trial, litigate, take to court, seek redress, arraign, indict. SEE COURT, LAW, LAWYERS.

proselytize v. espouse, persuade, talk into, convert, convince

prospect n. 1. Outlook expectancy, possibility, likelihood, anticipation, chance, speculation, probability, hope. 2. View panorama, scene, vista, outlook, aspect, look out, perspective.

prospect v. search, explore, look for, seek, probe, pan.

prospective a. future, expected, likely, forthcoming, anticipated, possible, potential, coming, on the horizon, destined, probable. ANT. unlikely, far-fetched.

prospector n. mineral hunter, rock hunter, rockhound, miner, gold panner, soughound, wildcat driller, wildcatter, forty-niner.

prospectus n. financial statement, investment summary, program, plan.

prosper v. succeed, grow, thrive, make a fortune, do well, get ahead, get rich, bear fruit, arrive, *make a killing, *hit the jackpot. ANT. fail, go bankrupt, *go belly up.

prosperity n. success, growth, fortune, wealth, riches, affluence, boom times, *life of luxury, *easy street, plenty. "An instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped."—Calvin Coolidge. ANT. poverty, failure, bankruptcy.

PROSTITUTE n. whore, hooker, call girl, street walker, woman of ill repute, lady of the evening, working girl, harlot, slut, *hustler, fille de joie, trumpet, trollop, demimonde, tart, tramp, *ho.

WORD FIND
act, one sexual: *trick
agent: pimp
bought off, willingness to be: venality
customer: *john, *trick
district: red-light district
euphemism: adventuress, escort
group: demimonde
group of concubines: harem

homosexual: *chicken
homosexual’s old male customer: *chicken hawk
hostess mistakenly thought to be, Japanese: geisha
male, upper class: gigolo
mistress: concubine
mistress of rich man: courtesan
proprietor of brothel: madam
ring of rich man: convent
solicit customers: pander
undercover: escort service, massage parlor

protest v. sell one’s body, sell oneself out, lower oneself, demean oneself, degrade, cheapen, misuse, abuse.

protocol n. code of conduct, rules of conduct, formalities, conventions, custom, propriety,
good form, etiquette, decorum, diplomatic code, manners.

**prototype** *n.* model, pattern, original, archetype, standard, exemplar, paradigm, first, forerunner, antecedent, *mockup.

**PROTRACT** *v.* [proh TRACT] to prolong, stretch out, lengthen. *They expect another protracted war in the Middle East.* SYN. prolong, stretch out, draw out, lengthen, extend, *drag out, elongate, sustain, keep going, pad.

**protrude** *v.* stick out, jut out, project, extrude, stand out, obtrude, bulge, swell, pop, overhang.

**protuberance** *n.* bump, projection, prominence, jut, protrusion, outgrowth, bulge, swelling, node, lump, excrescence.

**proud** *a.* 1. PLEASED WITH Ourselves self-satisfied, self-respecting, *swollen with pride, honored, dignified, great, big, puffed up, standing tall, winning. 2. ARROGANT *full of oneself, *cocky, egotistical, pretentious, vainglorious, lordly, pompous, conceited, haughty, *bigheaded, strut ting. ANT. humble, modest, ashamed, low, humiliated.

**prove** *v.* confirm, verify, evince, demonstrate, corroborate, confirm, validate, substantiate, establish, show, bear out, document, authenticate. ANT. disprove, discredit, invalidate.


**provide** *v.* supply, furnish, contribute, cater, provision, outfit, equip, stock, offer, bring, produce, accommodate, take care of, give, lend, render, donate.

**provident** *a.* prepared, farsighted, ready, cautious, foresighted, prudent, shrewd, economical, frugal. ANT. unprepared, shortsighted.

**province** *n.* 1. TERRITORY division, district, region. 2. RESPONSIBILITY duties, functions, bailiwick, sphere, concern, jurisdiction, department.

**PROVINCIAL** *a.* [pruh VIN shul] having a narrow outlook, as one from a small town or province, rustic. *Their provincial concerns excluded the needs of outsiders.* SYN. narrow, limited, small-town, unsophisticated, rustic, rural, countrified, insular, parochial, local. ANT. worldly, universal, metropolitan, cosmopolitan.

**provision** *n.* 1. SUPPLY furnishing, accoutrement, outfitting, providing, giving, stock, stores, food. 2. PREPARATION prearrange-

**prive** *v.* trim, clip, thin, reduce, dock, lop, snip, cut, crop, shorten.

**prune** *v.*
prurient  a. lustful, lewd, libidinous, salacious, lascivious, sexual, lecherous, *horny, carnal.  
*ant. prudish, puritanical, prim.

pry  v. 1.  *stick one's nose in interfere, meddle, intrude, snoop, be nosy, *butt in, interlope.  
2. open wrest, force open, pull apart, lift off, raise, lever, prize, jimmy.

psalm  n. hymn, song.

pseudonym  n. assumed name, alias, pen name, nom de plume, a.k.a., stage name, professional name.

psych  n. soul, intellect, mind, self, ego, spirit, subconscious, anima.

psyched  a. Sl. excited, *pumped, aroused, *rarin' to go, inspired, charged, eager, *fired up,  
*wired, roused, *on fire, stimulated.  
*ant. discouraged, demoralized.

psychiatrist  n. doctor, psychoanalyst, psychologist, *head doctor, therapist, *shrink, *headshrinker, mental health practitioner.  "Someone who will listen to you as long as you don't make sense."—Maxwell Hyman.

psychic  n. intuitive, mind-reader, sensitive, clairvoyant, medium, telepath, supersensory, prophet, mystic, ESP practitioner, channeler.  
see DIVINATION, OCCULT

WORD FIND
burning of images into a subject's mind by psychic power: thoughtography

cards pictured with geometric shapes, used to test for ESP: Zener cards

crime-solver: psychic detective

disease, cures: intuitive healer; faith healer

dishonest "reading" of someone's mind by previously eavesdropping or fact-gathering: hot reading

divination method through which object owned by subject is touched by medium to form a connection: psychometry

divining future through crystal ball or other reflective surface: scry

hear things nobody else can, ability to: clairaudience

moving objects by mind power alone: psychokinesis

natural but heightened ability to read people's expressions and body language, without ESP: hypersensory perception

outlandish pseudosciences believed uncritically by masses, process through which: communal reinforcement

past, travel in one's mind to the distant: past life regression

reading of someone's mind and background, with no previous information: cold reading

perceive what others cannot, ability to: clairvoyance

psychic powers, referring to: psi

seeing or knowing what will occur in future: precognition; prescience; second sight; sixth sense; having a third eye; prophecy

spirits, acting as a medium to communicate with: channeling

skeptic's term for acceptance of psychic's reading by eager-to-believe subjects: subjective validation

skeptic's term for the broad scattering of interpretations and impressions psychics give to land upon something meaningful with a subject: shotgunning

skeptic's term for taking credit for predicting an event—with overly broad statements—after the fact: shoehorning

travel to distant locations through mind power: astral projection

psychobabble  n. jargon, lingo, vernacular, vocabulary, phraseology, *gobbledygook, mumbo jumbo.

psychological  a. mental, of the mind, conscious, subconscious, unconscious, psychic, cognitive, intellectual, emotional, cerebral.

psychology  n. study of the mind, study of the soul, mental life, human behavior. see delusion, insanity, neurosis, psychotherapy

WORD FIND
bias blinding one to a faulty belief: belief bias effect

criminal defendants, evaluation of: forensic psychology

conditioned or learned response: Pavlovian response

mismatch of internal beliefs or emotion and one's behavior: cognitive dissonance

primitive behavior, reverting to: atavism

school characterized by the importance of data-gathering through observation and experimentation: behaviorism

experimenter bias that through unconscious manipulation brings about desired test results: Rosenthal effect

sham pill causing negative effect: nocebo

sham pill causing positive effect: placebo
study of same subjects over many years: longitudinal study
study of past studies to arrive at a consensus: meta analysis
weather as it affects human behavior, study of: biometeorology

psychopathic a. psychotic. see insane, psychotic
psych out v. Sl. intimidate, trouble, *play with one’s head, confuse, unnerve, demoralize.
psychotherapy n. counseling, therapy, psychoanalysis, talk therapy, life coaching, treatment, rehabilitation, rehab, psychiatric treatment. see delusion, insanity, mania, neurosis, phobia, psychiatry

WORD FIND
acting without thinking: impulsiveness
alleviation of anxiety through harmless frightening of client: implosive therapy
aloofness, due to apathy, denial, or intellectualization: detachment
animal instincts and urges of the self: the id
anxiety, condition of chronic free-floating: generalized anxiety disorder (GAD)
attributing one’s own faults to someone else: projecting
behavioral expression of an internal conflict: acting out
belief, near-delusional: overvalued idea
bland presentation of self, due to depression: blunted affect, flat affect
blocking out of unpleasant thoughts: repression
body positioning, distance, and orientation as a give-away to inner feelings; body language; proxemics
brain damage marked by short attention span, insensitivity, rudeness: frontal lobe syndrome
breathing, rapid, anxious: hyperventilation
change of thinking and perception, therapeutic and positive: cognitive therapy
changing of thoughts, perceptions, and behaviors to treat depression: cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)
childlike belief in wishful thinking and meaningful coincidences: magical thinking
cleansing, psychological: catharsis

combat, psychological fallout from: post traumatic stress disorder; shell shock
conscience, one having little or no: sociopath, antisocial personality
confusion between dreams, fantasy, and reality: paramnesia
conversational tangents, going off into irrelevant: derailment
cutting or burning of self as expression of anxiety, rage: self-mutilation
deference, approval-seeking: submissiveness
depression after childbirth: postpartum depression
depression, mania, disorder cycling between: bipolar disorder
depression manifesting in winter: seasonal affective disorder (SAD)
deterioration due to long-term stress: decompensation
defiance, abuse, and criminal behavior starting in adolescence: conduct disorder
defiant hostility in children, severe: oppositional defiant disorder
diagnostic, classification tool used by mental health professionals: Diagnostic Statistical Manual
dreams, hidden meaning of: latent content
degocentric drama queen or king: histrionic personality
dego-protecting thought process: defense mechanism; denial
emotional mastery: emotional intelligence; emotional quotient; EQ
ending of distress due to counseling or acceptance: closure
euphoria or mild mania with impaired judgement: hypomania
exposure therapy for phobias, incremental: desensitization
exhaustion, stress, disillusionment with work: burnout
extinguishing of a phobia or phobic thought process: extinction
eye movement, therapy involving rapid: Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
facial expressions that give someone away, fleeting: microexpressions
facial features, determining personality through: physiognomy
false or insane belief about oneself or the world: delusion
fantasy sometimes mixed with fact that becomes memory of an event: confabulation
faulty or irrational belief shared by two: folie a deux
 gambling, out-of-control: pathological gambling
grief and emptiness from kids leaving home: empty nest syndrome
fears, condition of out-of-control and irrational: panic disorder
Freudian school of the unconscious mind and childhood conflict resolution: psychoanalysis
helplessness and dependence, condition characterized by: dependent personality disorder
hidden motives, therapy that reveals client's: insight therapy
hostage sympathizes and aids kidnappers, syndrome in which: Stockholm syndrome
hostility, subtle acting out of inner: passive-aggressiveness
hypnosis, therapy employing: hypnotherapy
illness, fakes: malingerer
immature or primitive behavior, returning to: regression
inept personality: inadequate personality
influence of statements made by respected or charismatic person: power of suggestion
inkblot figures used to reveal unconscious: Rorschach test
instability, impulsiveness, and unpredictability, disorder marked by: borderline personality
instinctual impulses modified to socially acceptable behavior: sublimation
inward-focused personality: introvert
isolation and reserve, extreme: withdrawal
dysfunctional family relationships: psychobabble
jealousy and suspicion of infidelity, neurosis characterized by extreme and irrational: Othello syndrome
losing train of thought or speech due to anxiety: blanking out; blocking
love of oneself, excessive: narcissism
maladjusted behavior: dysfunction
manic speech leaping from topic to topic: flight of ideas, pressured speech
measuring tool for depression severity: Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression
memory erasure of painful past events: psychogenic amnesia; retrograde amnesia
memory that hides a true one, false: screen memory
mistrust of others, extreme or irrational: paranoid personality disorder
monitoring of environment for signs of danger, extreme and habitual: hypervigilance
mood instability: lability
multiple clients simultaneously, with: group therapy
multiple mental problems: comorbidity
muscle spasm indicating possible anxiety: nervous tic
negative reputation or branding, due to mental illness: stigma
nervousness or fear without an apparent cause: free-floating anxiety
neurotransmitter critical for feelings of well being: serotonin
outward or outgoing personality: extrovert
overblown feelings of self-worth: grandiosity
overeating, pathological: hyperphagia
overexposing a phobic person to the feared object to cure them: flooding
pain originating from psychological distress: somatization
pain that is chronic or severe and has no identified cause, condition marked by: psychogenic pain disorder; psychosomatic; psychophysiological disorder
past, dwelling excessively on the: alethia
people, disorder characterized by magical thinking and extreme fear of: schizotypal personality disorder
people-hater: misanthropist
perception of reality matches that of therapist, when: consensual validation
persecution ideation, not quite delusional but extreme: paranoid ideation
personality tends to be maladaptive, condition in which: personality disorder
personalities, having more than one: multiple personality
personality trait test: Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory; Myers-Briggs Type Indicator
physical causes, science of behaviors brought on by: organic psychiatry
pleasure from pain inflicted on oneself, derives: masochist
point of view of others, inability to see: egocentrism
poor me sacrificial who seeks constant sympathy: martyr
potential despite flaws and difficulties, living to one's full: self-actualization
punishments and unpleasant associations to change behavior, therapy utilizing: aversion therapy
reverse psychology: paradoxical psychology
rage, condition of adolescent, uncontrolled: intermittent explosive disorder
rationalization of disturbing thoughts through mental gymnastics: intellectualization
recall of a past trauma, abnormally powerful: hypermnnesia
relationships, condition in which one has no interest in: schizoid personality disorder
relaxation training through blood pressure, heart, and brain monitoring: biofeedback training
reward system, changing behavior through: positive reinforcement
rigid and exacting personality, overly: compulsive personality
ritualistic disorder of repeated handwashing or other repetitive behaviors: obsessive-compulsive disorder
role-playing group therapy: Gestalt therapy; psychodrama
screaming, therapy involving intense: primal scream therapy
self in psychoanalytic theory, the rational component of the: ego
self-worth dependent on one's significant other: relationship-contingent self-esteem
sex, condition in which one is sickness by: sexual aversion disorder
shock therapy for severely depressed patients: electroconvulsive therapy
shutting down emotional reactions to contain stress: numbing
stress converted to physical or emotional symptom: conversion
stress converted to physical or emotional outburst or paralysis: conversion reaction
stress that is chronic and intense after traumatic experiences: post traumatic stress disorder
suggestion, vulnerability to power of: suggestibility

therapy based on cultivating optimism and gratitude: positive psychology
unacceptable thoughts to unconscious, moving: suppression
unhealthy relationship in which one is manipulated by the other's neurosis or substance abuse: codependency
utterance revealing speaker's true feelings, inadvertent: Freudian slip
woman-hater: misogynist
word association game used to reveal the unconscious: free association

psychotic a. psychopathic, mentally ill, demented, disturbed, *nuts, delusional, unstable. ant. clear-headed, sane, healthy. see insane
pub n. tavern, bar, public house, saloon, alehouse
puberty n. adolescence, teen years, sexual maturation, development, awkward years, pubescence.

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WORD FIND
boy's change of voice: ponticello

public n. community, people, society, citizens, populace, masses, nation, *man/woman in the street, everyone.
public a. 1. common community, communal, popular, mutual, general, universal, open, unrestricted, accessible. 2. known not private, open, plain as day, visible, overt, undisguised, disclosed, publicized. ant. 1. private, restricted, exclusive. 2. private, confidential, secret.
publish v. issue, print, circulate, put out, distribute, promulgate, report, broadcast.
pucker v. purse, crease, wrinkle, contract, fold, crinkle.
puddle n. pool, wallow, drink, run-off, splash.
pudgy a. fat, dumpy, tubby, stout, roly-poly, chubby, squat, overweight, chunky. ant. thin, skinny, anorexic.
pugnacious a. [pug NA shus] given to fighting, combative. The pugnacious bully was the terror of the school. SYN. combative, quarrelsome, belligerent, given to fighting, aggressive, contentious, bellicose, antagonistic, militant. ANT. peaceful, passive, pacifist, meek.

pulchritude n. prettiness, attractiveness, loveliness. SEE BEAUTY

pull v. 1. tug yank, tow, jerk. 2. influence clout, power, weight, sway, authority.

puff n. breath, whiff, huff, wind, gust, draft, waft, blow, expulsion, cloud, smoke, vapor.
puff v. blow, breathe, inhale, exhale, huff, pant, wheeze, gust, draw, suck.
puffy a. swollen, baggy, inflated, bulging, puffed up, distended, bloated, billowy. ANT. deflated, flat.

PUGNACIOUS a. [pug NA shus] given to fighting, combative. The pugnacious bully was the terror of the school. SYN. combative, quarrelsome, belligerent, given to fighting, aggressive, contentious, bellicose, antagonistic, militant. ANT. peaceful, passive, pacifist, meek.

punctual a. on time, prompt, on schedule, *on the dot, timely, dependable, reliable. ANT. late, tardy.
punctuate v. emphasize, accentuate, stress, underscore, underline, accent, mark.
puncture n. hole, opening, cut, slit, perforation, rupture, leak, *flat, *blowout.
puncture v. pierce, prick, cut, open, rupture, slit, perforate, put a hole in.

PUNDIT n. [PUN dit] one who is an authority, a learned man or woman. The political pundit gave a witty and insightful lecture to a delighted audience. SYN. authority, expert, learned man/woman, sage, scholar, know-it-all, professional observer, master, savant.

PUNGENT a. [PUN junt] sharply flavorful or sharp-smelling. Also, sharp or biting in language or speech. Both the meal and the conversation were pungent. SYN. 1. spicy sharp, biting, acrid, harsh, bitter, acid, stinging, strong, acerbic, piquant, flavorful, peppery. 2. biting acid, penetrating, piercing, pointed, salty, spicy, hot, peppery, scathing, caustic, sharp-tongued. ANT. bland, mild, dull.


WORD FIND
cross, nailed to: crucifixion
court of law meting out unusual punishments in the Middle Ages, secret: star chamber
ignoring and purposefully avoiding someone: shunning
running through rows of men who strike: run the gauntlet
substitution for punishment of Prince, English court: whipping boy
whip, multi-thonged: scourge


puerile - punishment

puerile a. childish, immature, young, juvenile, infantile, babyish, callow, silly, sophomoric, foolish. ANT. mature, adult, serious.
WORD FIND

beheader: guillotine

board with head and hand holes to lock in
and humiliate offender in public: pil-

lory

eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth: talion

frame with ankle, wrist holes to lock in of-

fender: stocks

hanging, instrument of: gallows, gibbet

illegal: cruel and unusual

isolation from others: solitary confi nement

neck, iron collar tightened around:
garrote

ruler or stick to punish children: ferule

soles of feet, beating with stick:
bastinado

stretching device: rack

tar and feather: tar and feather

vigilantes, execution by: lynching

yoke fastened around neck, Chinese:
cangue

punitive - put

purge v. cleanse, remove, clean out, eliminate,
clear, purify, excrete, expel, banish, *dump,
eradicate, get rid of, exercise.
purify v. clean, cleanse, sanitize, sterilize, clari-
fy, purge, decontaminate, wash, filter, refine, distill.
puritanical a. straitlaced, strict, severe, austere,
rigid, stiff, stuffy, prim, narrow. ANT. wild,
loose, fast, permissive.
purloin v. filch, thief, pilfer. SEE STEAL
purple a. violet, plum, lavender, lilac, amethyst,
mauve, orchid, dahlia, fuchsia, royal, raisin,
magenta, hyacinth, heliotrope.
purport v. mean, claim, profess, allege, hold,
maintain, pretend.
purpose n. 1. INTENTION aim, intent, object,
objective, motivation, motive, goal, design.
reason, plan, driving, force, point. 2. deter-
mination resolve, will, single-mindedness,
drive, persistence, tenacity.
purposeful a. resolved, determined, deliberate,
intent, committed, decided, resolute, fixed,
persistent, tenacious. ANT. un意大意, pur-
purposeless.
purposely adv. on purpose, deliberately, inten-
tionally, consciously, by design, knowingly,
willingly, calculatedly. ANT. unintentionally,
unknowingly, accidentally.
purse n. 1. POCKETBOOK handbag, clutch, wal-
let, pouch. 2. PRIZE award, sum, winnings,
jackpot, stake.
purse v. close, press, pucker, contract.
pursue v. 1. CHASE go after, run down, *tail,
follow, give chase to, track, trail, hunt down,
bird dog, stalk, *shadow. 2. STRIVE for seek,
work for, go after, contend for, aspire to, aim
for, try for.
push n. 1. SHOVE thrust, propulsion, nudge,
prod, poke, advance, drive, force. 2. AMBI-
tion drive, aggressiveness, determination,
*oomph, vigor, energy.
push v. 1. SHOVE thrust, propel, nudge, prod,
poke, advance, drive, force, butt, press, ram,
muscle, shoulder. 2. URGE impel, goad, in-
cite, prod, egg on, spur, pressure, motivate,
compel, provoke. ANT. 1. pull, yank, tow.
pushover n. weaking, *wimp, *wussy, mouse,
invertebrate, *lightweight.
pushy a. aggressive, bumptious, obnoxious,
domineering, bossy, controlling, officious,
overbearing. ANT. passive, submissive, defer-
tial.
put v. 1. SET place, position, deposit, stick, rest,
lay, plunk, plop, drop, insert, park, situate,
center. 2. express phrase, word, present, state, say, articulate, pose.

*putrefy* v. rot, decompose, spoil, decay, *go bad, deteriorate, taint, molder, *die.

*putrid* a. rotten, decomposing, spoiled, decayed, *gone bad, deteriorated, tainted, rancid, moldy, stinking, rank. *ant. fresh, sweet, preserved.

*putter* v. tinker, fiddle, *poke about, *mess about, trifile, *monkey with, toy, dawdle, fritter.

*puzzle* n. mystery, conundrum, problem, poser, riddle, enigma, maze, labyrinth.

*puzzle* v. perplex, confuse, bewilder, stump, baffle, mystify, confound, befog, *bamboozle.

*puzzling* a. perplexing, confusing, bewildering, stumping, baffling, mystifying, confounding, mysterious, enigmatic. *ant. decipherable, understandable.

*pygmy* n. Negrillo, nomad, Akka, Batwa, Mbuti.

*pygmy* a. miniature, dwarf, midget, tiny, small, undersized, toy, stunted, Lilliputian.

*pyramid* n. monument, memorial, landmark, architectural wonder, mausoleum, burial shrine, heap, construction, ziggurat.
quack n. charlatan, fraud, fake, pretender, masquerader, humbug, *phony, imposter, mountebank, *con artist.
quagmire n. 1. bog, mire, morass, slough, fen, swamp, marsh, quicksand, ooze. 2. difficult or inextricable situation, hole, predicament, quandary, plight, corner, impasse, pinch, strait, mess, entanglement.
quail v. cower, draw back, flinch, cringe, recoil, wince, shrink.
quaint a. unusual, curious, strange, peculiar, charming, old-fashioned, antique, picturesque, whimsical, eccentric. ant. modern, usual.
quake v. tremble, shudder, shiver. see shake
qualification n. 1. modification, restriction, limitation, stipulation, condition, requirement, proviso, caveat. 2. ability, capability, skill, *the right stuff, attribute, competence, aptitude, eligibility, requisite.
qualified a. 1. able, capable, skilled, *having the right stuff, attribute, competence, eligibility, requisite. 2. modified, limited, conditional, provisional, contingent, confined, circumscribed. ant. 1. unqualified, incompetent, inadequate, ineligible. 2. unconditional, unqualified.
qualify v. ready, measure up, certify, make fit, entitle, make eligible, prepare, *make the cut, suit, ground, endow, enable, license.
QUALIFY v. [KWOL uh FYE] to modify or restrict. She qualified her answer. SYN. modify, restrict, limit, soften, confine, tone down, temper, mitigate.
quality n. 1. attribute, feature, characteristic, mark, trait, element, nature, property, peculiarity, quirk. 2. excellence, value, superiority, distinction, worth, merit, perfection, eminence, caliber, stature, standing, class, virtue.
quantum n. quality, portion, amount, mass, percentage, fraction.
QUANTUM LEAP n. [KWAN tuhm LEEP] a radical change, departure or new direction. The discovery took us a quantum leap forward. SYN. radical change, sea change, departure, new direction, advance, jump, progress, reverse, flip flop, shift.
quarrel n. dispute, disagreement, argument, fight, difference of opinion, spat, contention, row, altercation, squabble, controversy, tiff, debate, bickering, run-in, falling-out. ant. agreement, accord.
quarrel v. dispute, disagree, argue, fight, differ, clash, *lock horns, bicker, squabble, debate, battle, wrangle, feud, contend. ant. agree, *see eye-to-eye, accommodate.
quarrelsome a. argumentative, contentious, belligerent, combative, controversial, fiery, peppery, pugnacious, contrary, disagreeable. ant. peaceful, agreeable, accommodating.
quarry n. 1. prey, target, victim, prize, game, the hunted. 2. pit, mine, excavation, rock quarry.
quarry v. 1. prey, target, victim, prize, game, the hunted. 2. pit, mine, excavation, rock quarry.
quartermaster n. district, neighborhood, barrio, precinct, section, region, zone. 2. mercy, compassion, clemency, lenience, pity, forgiveness.
quarters n. lodging, accommodations, abode, shelter, housing, dwelling, domicile, room, place, residence, barracks.
quash v. quell, suppress, crush, put down, subdue, squelch, stamp out, squash, defeat.
quassy a. nauseated, qualmish, sickly, seasick, *green around the gills, *under the weather, out of sorts.
queer a. 1. odd, strange, weird, bizarre, unusual, abnormal, out of the ordinary, singular, funny,
quicken, quibble, quick, quickly, questionable, question, quest, query, quell

*off the wall, quaint, extraordinary. 2. homosexual, gay, lesbian. **normal, ordinary, usual. 2. heterosexual. see homosexual.

quell v. subdue, crush, put down, defeat, stamp out, conquer, suppress, quash, vanquish, end, silence.

quench v. 1. extinguish put out, douse, smoother, snuff out, subdue, suppress, quash, quell. 2. satisfy one's thirst slake, satiate, "hit the spot, sate, refresh, cool.

querulous a. fault-finding, complaining, critical, hard to please, caviling, whining, fretful, petulant. ant. easy to please, content, easygoing.

query n. question, inquiry, enquiry, interrogatory.

query v. ask, question, inquire, look into, interrogate, enquire, quiz, probe, pump, investigate, cross-examine.

quest n. search, seeking, hunt, pursuit, enterprise, adventure, exploration, expedition, mission, crusade.

question n. 1. inquiry, enquiry, query, interrogatory, examination, investigation, poser. 2. uncertainty doubt, controversy, misgiving, hesitation, debate, confusion. 3. issue matter, subject, problem. ant. 1. certain, settled. 2. believable, legitimate smart, quick to catch on, sharp, smart, acute, shrewd, savvy, bright, intelligent, quick on the uptake, clever. ant. dull, stupid, dense.

quiet n. silence, peace, hush, stillness, calm, soundlessness, noiselessness, tranquility, serenity, lull. "Noise you don't mind."—Leonard Levinson. ant. noise, racket, uproar, din.

quiet v. hush, shush, silence, shut up, muffle, tone down, soften, squelch, muzzle, "put a lid on," keep down to a low roar.

quiet a. 1. soundless silent, still, peaceful, hushed, soft, quiescent, inaudible, low, muted, noiseless, "as silent as the vacuum of space," "as silent as a crypt," "quiet enough to hear a pin drop." 2. not talkative close-mouthed, silent, taciturn, reserved, mute, tight-lipped, not big on small talk. 3. calm tranquil, peaceful, motionless, undisturbed, still, serene, placid, halcyon. ant. 1. noisy, loud, deafening. 2. loquacious, talkative, motor-mouthed. 3. turbulent, wild.

quintessence n. 1. essence heart, pith, soul, distillation. 2. paragon, model, exemplar, cream, "crème de la crème.

quip n. witty remark, witticism, jest, gibe, crack, bon mot, wisecrack, joke, retort, repartee.

quirk n. peculiarity, oddity, characteristic, trait, mannerism, idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, twist, kink.

quit v. 1. stop give up, discontinue, break off, end, "call it a day, cease, desist," "knock off," "halt," "pack in," "hang it up," give notice. 2. leave depart, abandon, withdraw, "cut out, take off, relinquish, surrender, bow out, walk out on, drop, leave flat, forsake, resign from. ant. 1. start, begin, commence. 2. take up, remain, maintain, sustain.

quite adv. completely, entirely, totally, fully, wholly, very, really, truly, surely.

quiver v. 1. speed up accelerate, expedite, hurry, speed, hasten, hustle. 2. enliven stimulate, invigorate, stir, arouse, revive, animate, awaken, strengthen. ant. 1. slow down, mire, bog down. 2. kill, deaden.

quickly adv. speedily, fast, expeditiously, swiftly, hastily, rapidly, hurriedly, briskly, full-tilt, pronto, "quicker than greased lightning. ant. slowly, slothfully.


quick-witted a. alert, "on the ball, nimble, sharp, smart, acute, shrewd, savvy, bright, intelligent, quick on the uptake, clever. ant. dull, stupid, dense.

quixotic a. [kwik SOT ik] idealistic or romantic in a foolish or impractical way, like the fictional character Don Quixote. He had
long entertained the quixotic notion of giving children the vote. SYN. idealistic, romantic, foolish, impractical, unrealistic, dreamy, utopian, fanciful, chimerical, *starry-eyed, visionary, chivalrous. ANT. practical, down-to-earth, realistic.

**quiz**

* n. test, exam, examination, pop quiz, questioning, multiple choice, Q&A, catechism.

* v. test, examine, question, grill, ask, query, pump, inquire, interrogate, cross-examine.

**quizzical**

a. 1. questioning perplexed, inquisitive, confused, puzzled, inquiring, curious, searching, unbelieving, bewildered, lost. 2. teasing ridiculing, mocking, derisive, impudent, insolent, joking.

**quota**

n. portion, share, cut, ration, allowance, percentage, lot, part, piece, dole, measure.

**quotation**

n. quote, passage, citation, excerpt, saying, selection, extract, reference.

**quote**

v. cite, parrot, recite, paraphrase, repeat, excerpt, refer to, extract, reference.
rabbī n. master, teacher, clergymen, clergywomen. see religion

WORD FIND
school: yeshiva

rabbit n. bunny, jackrabbit, hare, doe, buck.
rabble n. crowd, mob, the masses, commoners, people, lower classes, proletarian, rank and file, hoi polloi, horde. “The dregs of the people.”—Cicero. “The venal herd”—Juvenal. ant. upper class, ruling class, aristocracy.
rabid a. raging, berserk, manic, crazed, deranged, mad, zealous, extreme, *nuts, violent, fanatical, *foaming at the mouth. ant. sane, reasonable, moderate.
race n. 1. people; ethnic group, nationality, line, tribe, breed, stock, clan, folk, strain. 2. sprint dash, run, marathon, footrace, heat, relay, contest, meet, steeplechase, derby.

WORD FIND
AUTO RACING
aerodynamic wing or wedge that improves car handling: spoiler
broadside crash into competitor’s car or wall: T-bone
bumber-to-bumper pressure tactic: dogging
coveted front inside position at start: pole position
curve or tight turn: ess-turn, hairpin turn, chicane
custom-built, nonstock race car: formula car, Indy car
drag race, beat competitor in: shut down
drag racing car: dragster, rail, funny car
driving directly behind lead car to create fuel-conserving vacuum: drafting, slipstreaming
flag alerting hazardous car to leave the track: black flag
flag, end of race: checkered flag
flag, final lap: white flag
flag, go: green flag
flag, hazard: yellow flag
flag, stop: red flag
flag warning of competitor on one’s tail: blue flag
formula car race: Grand Prix
long-distance competition: rally
low edge of track: apron
NASCAR: National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
noncompeting pacesetter at start of race: pace car
parachute, release at end of drag race: *hang out the laundry
passing method creating vacuum on lead car: slingshot
pass one track-length ahead of competitor: lap
pit crew’s head mechanic: crew chief
production car: stock car
racing tires: *shoes, *slicks
running start: flying start
service area: pit
service mechanics: pit crew
steel support network protecting inside of car: roll cage
steel support tube protecting inside of car: roll bar
straightaway in front of grandstand: chute
straightaway race: drag race
THOROUGHBRED HORSE RACING
barrier: starting gate, post
betting away from the track: offtrack betting
betting system: pari-mutuals
bugle call: Boots and Saddles
castrated male horse: gelding
close finish: photo finish, blanket finish
costumes, riders’: colors, silks
crouching riding posture: monkey crouch
drug horse illegally: hop
escorts horses to post: outrider
exercise or practice run: airing
favored to win: chalk horse
first two finishers, bet on: quinella

flag, stop: red flag
flag, end of race: checkered flag
flag, final lap: white flag
flag, go: green flag
flag warning of competitor on one’s tail: blue flag
formula car race: Grand Prix
long-distance competition: rally
low edge of track: apron
NASCAR: National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing
noncompeting pacesetter at start of race: pace car
parachute, release at end of drag race: *hang out the laundry
passing method creating vacuum on lead car: slingshot
pass one track-length ahead of competitor: lap
pit crew’s head mechanic: crew chief
production car: stock car
racing tires: *shoes, *slicks
running start: flying start
service area: pit
service mechanics: pit crew
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hold back horse to keep it from winning: stiff
horse that does well on muddy track: mud-
der
info sheet: dope sheet
insider with “inside” information on horse: tout
length: eight to nine feet
mile, one-eighth of: furlong
money, horse that fails to finish in the: also-
ran
money-losing horse: hayburner
observation ring: walking ring
odds board: tote board
officials: clerk of the scales, stewards
pasture or saddling enclosure: paddock
peripheral visions blockers, horse’s: blink-
ers
rider: jockey
saddle and other horse equipment, collective term: tack
short race: sprint
stable assistant: groom
straightaway, farside: backstretch
straightaway in front of grandstand: home-
stretch
surrounded position: pocket
three-year-old horse: sophomore
three-year-olds, race for: derby
track condition, broken into clods and hoofprints: cuppy
track condition, freshly harrowed: deep
track condition, hard and fast: pasteboard
track
two-year-old horse: juvenile
underrated horse: sleeper, dark horse
weight, adding to equalize competition: handicap
weight assigned to horse in handicap race: impost
weighing of jockeys with tack: weigh-in, weigh-out
whip: gad, leather
winners of two races, correctly picking: daily double
winning Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes: Triple Crown
winning of three races by same jockey on one program: hat trick
win one’s first race: break maiden, graduate
win without prodding or whipping the horse: armchair ride
withdrawal of entrant: scratch

racism n. prejudice, discrimination, bigotry, bias, segregation, apartheid, intolerance, white supremacy.
racist n. bigot, white supremacist, black supremacist, xenophobe, Ku Klux Klan mem-
ber, klansman.
racist a. bigoted, prejudiced, white supremacist, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, intolerant.
rack n. frame, framework, stand, holder, scaffolding, grating, hack, flake.
racket n. 1. noise din, clamor, uproar, commotion, clatter, disturbance, pandemonium, hubbub, babel, cacophony. 2. CRIMINAL AC-
TIVITY bootlegging, fraud, swindling, loan-
sharking, graft, extortion, corruption, brib-
ery, blackmail.
raconteur n. storyteller, teller of tales, spinner of yarns. see author, novelist
racy a. 1. suggestive risqué, spicy, bawdy, im-
modest, off-color, dirty, indecent, porno-
graphic, ribald. 2. LIVELY spirited, energet-
ic, vigorous, zesty, exciting, peppy, vivacious.
ANT. 1. modest, wholesome, G-rated. 2. dull sluggish, *dead.
RADAR n. Radio Detecting and Ranging System, tracking device, scanning system. see air force, airplane, airport, automobile

WORD FIND
air surveillance, early warnings system: AWACS, Airborne Warning and Control System
image: blip
police radar detection device: *fuzzbuster
sound: beep, racon

radiant a. 1. SHINING bright, glowing, beaming, gleaming, luminous, refulgent, resplendent, brilliant, incandescent. 2. HAPPY bright, beaming, glowing, joyous, joyful, cheerful, sunny. ANT. 1. dull, dim, dark. 2. gloomy, black.
radiate v. shine, illuminate, glow, beam, pour out, shoot out, spread out, diffuse, throw off.
radiation n. emission, energy, particle stream, nuclear decay, fallout, nuclear energy.
radical n. extremist, fanatic, zealot, revolution-
ist, leftist, left-winger, iconoclast, noncon-
formist. “A man with both feet firmly plant-
ed in the air”—Franklin Delano Roosevelt. ANT. conservative, moderate.
radical a. 1. FUNDAMENTAL basic, rudimentary, elemental, foundational. 2. EXTREME thorough, extremist, severe, progressive, fanati-
radio n. receiver, "boom box," "ghetto blaster, Marconi, CB, crystal set, ham radio, walkie-talkie. "Television without eyestrain."—Max Gralnik.

WORD FIND
AM: amplitude modulation
amateur two-way radio enthusiast: ham
brief quote from someone in the news: soundbite
broadcast sent from other station or network: feed
DJ: disc jockey
FM: frequency modulation
identification letters: call letters
morning and evening time when commuters listen: drive time
obnoxious radio show: shock radio
overseas political radio of United States: Voice of America
range of radio frequencies: band
station that only rebroadcasts other stations’ shows: translator
switch used by DJ to block cough or sneeze from going over the air: cough button
type of programming: format
unlicensed station: pirate station

radius n. extent, range, scope, sphere, compass.
ragefish a. careless, unconventional, casual, wild, bohemian, rakish, vulgar, low, tawdry. ANT. prim, conventional, *straight-laced.
gragged a. tattered, frayed, in shreds, worn, threadbare, shaggy, moth-eaten, torn, full of holes, seedy, shabby, jagged. ANT. smooth, whole, new.
railroad v. push through, force through, rush through, expedite.

rain n. precipitation, rainfall, mist, drizzle,izzle, sprinkle, spit, shower, cloudburst, downpour, squall, thundershower. *gully washer, deluge, drencher, *cats and dogs, torrent, *rain of biblical proportion, sleet, hail. see: cloud, fog, snow.

WORD FIND
moisture content of air: humidity
precipitation, all types of: hydrometeors
rain and evaporation cycle: hydrologic cycle
rain driven by wind: scud
study of: hyetography
sudden heavy rain: spate
temperature at which moisture condenses into rain: dewpoint

rain v. precipitate, fall, pour, drop, sprinkle, shower, spit, mist, *come down in buckets, drizzle, weep, *rain pitchforks.

rainbow n. spectrum, arc, band.

WORD FIND
bull’s-eye-like rainbow caused by diffraction of sunlight through cloud around the shadow of an airplane: glory; corona

raise n. increase, advance, pay hike, boost, promotion, jump.

raise v. 1. LIFT elevate, hoist, erect, run up, jack up, heighten, heave, loft. 2. INCREASE escalate, inflate, enlarge, heighten, magnify, amplify, boost, *jack up, double, triple, quadruple. 3. AROUSE stir up, rouse, start, activate, awaken, whip up, provoke, spur, incite. 4. REAR bring up, parent, cultivate, nurture, foster, breed. ANT. 1. lower. 2. decrease, devalue, lower. 3. dampen, inhibit. 4. abandon.

RAISON D’ÊTRE n. [ray ZON DET ruh] reason for being. Protection of the company’s proprietary interests was given as the security’s system raison d’etre. SYN. reason for being, justification for being.

rake n. roué, playboy, lecher, swinger, *make-out artist, womanizer, Casanova, Don Juan, Lothario, wolf, philanderer.

RAKISH a. [RAKE ish] dashing, jaunty. Also, highly sexual or debauched. A rakish gentleman entered the room, and all the women stared at him. SYN. dashing, jaunty, sporty, stylish, debonair, dapper, chic, sharp, debauched, oversexed, wanton, lecherous, flirtatious. ANT. frumpy, out of style, unkempt, upright, gentlemanly, chaste, virginal.

rally n. 1. GATHERING meeting, pep rally, assembly, meet, convention, revival, session, celebration. 2. COMEBACK resurgence, revival, recovery, renewal, road to recovery, renaissance, rebound. ANT. 2. collapse, decline, loss, death, turn for the worse.

rally v. 1. GATHER meet, convene, assemble, reassemble, mobilize, summon together, collect, get together, unite, call to arms. 2. RECOVER come back, surge, resurge, rise again, revive, renew, rebound, bounce back, turn around, come around, rejuvenate, *get a second wind. ANT. 1. disperse, break up. 2. decline, lose, die, take a turn for the worse.

ram n. slope, incline, rise, grade.

ram v. drive, hammer, slam, bang, smash, butt, crash into, hit head-on, beat, tramp.

ramble v. roam, wander aimlessly, drift, rove, range, stroll, traipse, meander, stray, walk, saunter, hike.

rambling a. digressive, discursive, circuitous, wordy, verbose, prolix, circumlocutory, roundabout, desultory. ANT. concise, to the point.


RAMIFICATION n. [RAM uh fuh KA shun] a consequence, effect, or result. One ramification of unbridled terrorism is outright war. SYN. consequence, effect, result, outgrowth, offshoot, product, end, upshot, complication.

ramp n. slope, incline, rise, grade.
rampage n. outbreak, fury, uproar, blowup, rage, tempest, storm, running amuck, *warpath, furor. ANT. calm, peace, contentment.
rampant a. growing, spreading, uncontrolled, rife, widespread, out of hand, unchecked, out of control, unbridled, epidemic. ANT. contained, limited, under control.
rampart n. fortification, bulwark, defense, barrier, embankment, earthwork, wall, breastwork. SEE CASTLE
ramshackle a. rickety, falling apart, shaky, broken down, tumble-down, dilapidated, crumbling, derelict, decrepit. ANT. sound, solid, rock-solid.
ranch n. cattle farm, range land, grange, plantation, *spread.
rancid a. spoiled, rotten, stale, rank, reeking, bad, fetid, stinking, sour, foul, disgusting, putrid. ANT. sweet, fresh, mouth-watering.
RANCOR n. [RANG kur] long-lasting hatred and ill will. The two parties were divided by rancor. SYN. hatred, ill will, malice, spite, bitterness, animosity, enmity, malevolence, resentment, vindictiveness. ANT. goodwill, friendliness, affection, love.
random a. haphazard, casual, chance, accidental, unplanned, arbitrary, fortuitous, desultory, blind, hit-or-miss, aimless. ANT. planned, designed, premeditated.
range n. scope, extent, reach, limit, sphere, sweep, parameters, boundary, area, radius, expanse, territory. SEE MOUNTAIN
range v. roam, travel, wander, meander, rove, traverse, drift, cross, ramble.
rangy a. gangling, lank, lanky, slender, long-legged, *split high, leggy, thin, skinny. ANT. squat, stout, fat.
rank v. classify, align, group, station, grade, arrange, order, rate, position, sort.
rank a. 1. offensive stinking, strong, rancid, foul, bad, fetid, reeking, nauseating, revolting, rotten. 2. luxurious luxurious, lush, rich, vigorous, overgrown, flourishing, dense, prolificating, coarse. ANT. 1. sweet-smelling, sweet-tasting, mild, pleasant, fresh. 2. sparse, barren.
rant v. rave, *sound off, shout, yell, roar, holter, *spout off, fume, vociferate, bluster, declaim. ANT. whisper, murmur, *talk under one’s breath.
rap n. 1. knock tap, hit, blow, stroke, slap, cuff, punch, belt. 2. music *hip hop, urban black music, street music, inner city music. 3. SL. conversation dialogue, spoken word, talk. 4. SL. blame punishment, flak, responsibility. SEE PUNISHMENT
WORD FIND
STREET, RAP, AND HIP HOP SLANG
ad libbed rap lyrics: freestyle
agree or be friends with: down on, down with
attractive: fly
bigot, white: cracker
breakdancer: b-boy, b-girl
bullet: cap
crazy: wack
crimes as part of a gang, commit: gang-bang
dance: breakdancing, hip hop, popping, and locking
disrespect: dis
fight or kill, to: bang
friend from the neighborhood: homeboy, homegirl, homey
good: def, fresh
group one hangs out with: crew, homeboys, homeys, posse
home: crib
lowrider: car that rides low due to altered suspension
neighborhood: hood
playboy: player
prostitute: ho
qualities, having several great: all that
rear: booty
relax: chill
rich, excellent: phat
rob someone: jack
music with violent or ganster-related lyrics: gangsta rap
sexually, a woman who is promiscuous or aggressive: freak
sexual relations, have: freak
up, what's: word up
RAPACIOUS a. [ruh PAY shus] plundering, predatory. The rapacious pirates stole everything of value. SYN. plundering, predatory,
thieving, marauding, pillaging, greedy, grasping, ravenous, voracious, savage. **ant.** generous, kind-hearted, kindly.

**rape** *n.* sexual assault, molestation, forcible intercourse, ravishment, overpowered, violation, *date rape, deflowering, plundering, pillage, sacking.

**rape** *v.* molest, sexually assault, ravish, *force oneself on, attack, overpower, violate, deflower, defile, have one’s way with, plunder, pillage, sack.

**rapid** *a.* fast, swift, quick, fleet, speedy, expeditious, mercurial, hasty, winged, *quicker than greased lightning. **ant.** slow, slothful, leisurely.

**rapport** *n.* harmony, agreement, *seeing eye-to-eye, common ground, closeness, understanding, affinity, compatibility, *simpatico, *good vibes. **ant.** hostility, alienation, *bad vibes, disagreement.

**rapt** *a.* 1. Enraptured carried away, transported, raptorous, ecstatic, euphoric, emotional, joyous. 2. Engrossed absorbed, captivated, preoccupied, deep, *wrapped up, spellbound, entralled, oblivious, fascinated. **ant.** depressed, dejected, downhearted. 2. Distracted, bored, disinterested.

**rapture** *n.* ecstasy, euphoria, elation, joy, happiness, bliss, transport, heaven, exultation. **ant.** depression, misery, melancholy.

**rare** *a.* 1. Uncommon infrequent, scarce, unusual, unique, exceptional, *few and far between, extraordinary, singular, *once in a blue moon, at a premium, *scarce as hens’ teeth, seldom found. 2. Excellent superlative, superior, fine, exquisite, select, choice, first-class, priceless, precious. 3. Undercooked half-cooked, bloody, red, raw, uncooked. **ant.** 1. Common, frequent, abundant, usual. 2. Poor, inferior, bad. 3. Well-done, burned.

**rarely** *adv.* seldom, hardly ever, almost never, *once in a blue moon, once in a while, infrequently, scarcely. **ant.** often, frequently.

**rascal** *n.* scoundrel, scamp, rogue, knave, imps, rapscallion, devil, cad, cur, *bastard, *SOB.

**rash** *a.* incautious, reckless, impulsive, thoughtless, careless, hasty, injudicious, devil-may-care, unwary, foolhardy. **ant.** cautious, careful, judicious.

**rash** *v.* scrape, grate, scratch, rub, file, grind, scour, abrade.

**raspy** *a.* scratchy, rough, whiskey-voiced, hoarse, harsh, gritty, grating, gravelly. **ant.** smooth, soothing, pleasant.

**rat** *n.* 1. Rodent vermin, pest, mammal, scavenger. 2. Informer squealer, fink, stool pigeon, backstabber.

**rate** *n.* 1. Amount degree, proportion, ratio. 2. Price fee, charge, cost, value, expense, levy, duty. 3. Speed tempo, pace, velocity, progress, flow.

**rate** *v.* appraise, estimate, evaluate, assess, rank, score, grade, weigh, value, deem, classify.

**rather** *adv.* moderately, pretty, somewhat, fairly, relatively, kind of, more or less.

**RATIFY** *v.* [RAT uh fi*] to approve or pass officially. They plan to ratify the amendment today. **syn.** approve, pass, sanction, support, affirm, endorse, authorize, back, warrant, *rubber stamp. **ant.** disapprove, veto, invalidate. **see** politics.

**rating** *n.* rank, score, grade, mark, class, classification, evaluation, assessment.

**ratio** *n.* proportion, relationship, percentage, quota, distribution.

**ration** *v.* proportion, allot, allocate, mete out, dole out, divide, *divvy up, split up.

**rational** *a.* sane, reasonable, of sound mind, clear-thinking, sensible, levelheaded, sober, *with it, lucid, logical. **ant.** irrational, unreasonable, nonsensical, insane.

**rationalize** *v.* justify, explain away, account for, make excuses for, intellectualize.

**rattle** *v.* clatter, vibrate, jangle, clink, clang, clank, knock, jingle, bang.

**raucous** *a.* loud, noisy, rowdy, boisterous, riotous, strident, vociferous, blaring, uproarious, clamorous. **ant.** quiet, still, silent.

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ravine  n.  gully, gorge, gulch, arroyo, valley, ditch, wash, chasm, coulee.

ravishing  a.  attractive, enchanting, alluring, entrancing, gorgeous, bewitching, beautiful, captivating.  ant. repulsive, ugly, disgusting.

raw  a.  1. uncooked rare, bloody, underdone. 2. natural unrefined, unprocessed, virgin, crude, rough, undressed, unfinished. 3. inexperienced untrained, green, unseasoned, immature, callow, untested, new, ignorant, unschooled. 4. sore inflamed, tender, sensitive, abraded, exposed, open, bare, chafed. 5. cold chilly, bitter, damp, bleak, freezing, nippy, biting.  ant. cooked, well-done. 2. refined, processed, milled. 3. experienced, trained, seasoned. 4. healthy, calloused, numb. 5. warm, pleasant, balmy.

rawboned  a.  lean, gaunt, wasted, hollow-cheeked.  ant. corpulent, obese. see thin

raze  v.  tear down, level, flatten, destroy, topple, demolish, wreck, knock down, fell.  *total.
reach  n.  distance, extent, range, grasp, span, stretch, sweep, compass, play.
reach  v.  1. arrive at come to, enter, *hit town, get in, get to, land. 2. extend the hand thrust out, stretch out, outstretch, strain. 3. touch grasp, get hold of, clutch, grab, seize, make contact, secure. 4. amount to extend, attain, arrive at.
react  v.  respond, act, counter, recoil, reciprocate, answer, return, acknowledge, reply.
reaction  n.  response, comeback, answer, feedback, counteraction, reaction, reflex, reciprocation, acknowledgement, recoil, backlash, fallout, repercussion.
reactionary  a.  retrogressive, right wing. see conservative
read  v.  1. to interpret the printed word comprehend, understand, construe, interpret, decipher, translate, peruse, scan, skim, pore over, flip through. 2. utter recite, deliver.
readable  a.  legible, decipherable, intelligible, understandable, clear, plain.  ant. illegible, incomprehensible.
readily  adv.  quickly, without delay, unhesitatingly, immediately, promptly, *at the drop of a hat, willingly, cheerfully, freely, *on the spur of the moment.  ant. hesitantly, slowly, reluctantly.
ready  v.  prepare, set up, prime, equip, prep, fit, gear up, warm up.
ready  a.  1. prepared in place, primed, set, equipped, *all systems go, *on one's toes, on call, expectant. 2. unhesitating willing, eager, prompt, enthusiastic, cheerful, inclined, game. 3. clever sharp, keen, intelligent, bright, smart, astute, quick.  ant. 1. unprepared, *flat-footed, ill-equipped. 2. hesitant, unwilling, slow. 3. slow, dull.
real  a.  actual, genuine, authentic, true, factual, valid, legitimate, bona fide, honest-to-goodness, tangible, physical, material, sincere.  ant. unreal, fictitious, counterfeit, phony, insincere.
realistic  a.  1. practical down-to-earth, pragmatic, reasonable, *having both feet on the ground, unromantic, sober, sane. 2. representational lifelike, true-to-life, faithful, photographic, graphic, exact.  ant. 1. impractical, idealistic, unrealistic. 2. fake, rough.
realize  v.  1. understand apprehend, comprehend, get, recognize, be cognizant of, grasp, appreciate, perceive, conceive, discern, see. 2. achieve fulfill, accomplish, effectuate, complete, utilize, pull off, attain, carry out.
really  adv.  truly, honestly, in fact, certainly, surely, literally, indeed, verily.
realm  n.  area, domain, sphere, region, empire, kingdom, dominion, territory, zone, field, reach, world, arena, orbit.
reap  v.  gather, harvest, collect, bring in, pick, pluck, cut, gain, obtain.
rear  v.  raise, bring up, grow, nurture, foster, breed, parent, train, groom.
rear  a.  back, posterior, hind, tail, aft, last.
reason  n.  1. explanation justification, grounds, motive, rationale, cause, why, occasion, excuse, basis. 2. thinking ability analysis, intellect, intelligence, wisdom, sense, smarts, logic, judgment, deduction, wit, brains. "The only oracle of man."—Ethan Allen. "A harmony among irrational impulses."—George Santayana.
reason  v.  think, deduce, analyze, apply logic, judge, cogitate, draw conclusions, use one's head, deliberate, rationalize.
reasonable  a.  sensible rational, sane, logical, intelligent, sound, thoughtful, levelheaded, judicious, commonsensical, well-advised. 2. moderate fair, within reason, conservative, judicious, equitable, evenhanded, right, unextreme, temperate.  ant. 1. unreasonable, irrational, nonsensical. 2. extreme, immoderate.
reasoning  n.  analysis, deduction, induction, thinking, thought, logic, inference, rationale, deliberation, cogitation, rationalization.
reassure  v.  assure, fill with confidence, encourage, bolster, hearten, buck up, embolden, put
one's mind at ease, comfort.

rebate n. reimbursement, bonus, discount. see refund

rebel n. revolutionary, insurrectionist, malcontent, nonconformist, dissenter, insurgent, mutineer, iconoclast, anarchist, independent, opponent, traitor, young Turk.

rebellious a. revolutionary, defiant, disobedient, resistant, iconoclastic, nonconforming, insurgent, insurrectionary, mutinous, recalcitrant, seditious, riotous, ungovernable.

rebellion n. revolt, revolution, defiance, insurrection, disobedience, insurgency, resistance, dissent, opposition, uprising, mutiny.

rebound v. bounce back, spring back, recover, return, recoil, ricochet, boomerang.

rebuff v. refuse, snub, brush off, reject, spurn, slight, repel, check, repulse, *give the cold shoulder.

rebuke v. [ri BYOOK] to reprimand or criticize harshly. He was rebuked for losing the documents. syn. criticize, reprimand, admonish, *chew out, berate, reprove, reproach, censure, scold, *call on the carpet, *jump down one's throat, *rake over the coals.

REBUKE n. a. revolutionary, defiant, disobedient, resistant, iconoclastic, nonconforming, insurgent, insurrectionary, mutinous, recalcitrant, seditious, riotous, ungovernable. ant. conforming, passive, *following the herd, docile, obedient.

RECALCITRANT a. [ri KAL si trunt] defiant, disobedient. The recalcitrant mule had to be gently coaxed.

recall n. recollection, memory, remembrance, reminiscence.

RECAP n. recapitulation, summary, rehash.

RECAPITULATE v. repeat, summarize, recount, review, restate, refresh, recap, go over again.

recent a. late, now, current, fresh, modern, today, present-day, hot, new, up-to-date.

RECESSION n. recession, deflation, deflation, disinflation.

recently adverb recently, formerly, hitherto.

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RECEIVER n. receiver, greeter, secretary, office worker.

receptive a. open, accepting, open-minded, accessible, favorable, amenable, inclined, hospitable. ant. closed, close-minded, unreceptive, cold.

RECEIVE v. receive, take possession, acquire, collect, be given, obtain, pocket, gain, come by, inherit. 2. experience, undergo, encounter, suffer, endure, bear, sustain, meet with. 3. take in.

RECEIVER n. 1. receiving acknowledgement, welcome, greeting. 2. party function, gathering, levee, soiree.

receptionist n. holder, container, vessel, repository, box, basket, bin, bag.

RECEIVED v. 1. receive, take possession, acquire, collect, be given, obtain, pocket, gain, come by, inherit. 2. experience, undergo, encounter, suffer, endure, bear, sustain, meet with. 3. take in.

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reciprocal  a. mutual, interchangeable, exchanged, alternate, interdependent, *give-and-take, corresponding, shared. ANT. independent, autonomous.

reciprocate  v. give and take, interchange, exchange, return in kind, trade, repay, share, swap, retaliate, *scratch each other's back.


recite  v. repeat, read, deliver, narrate, speak, tell, perform, report, relate.

reckless  a. incautious, careless, devil-may-care, heedless, headlong, breakneck, wild, daring, foolhardy, rash, negligent. ANT. cautious, careful, responsible.

reckon  v. 1. FIGURE UP add up, count, compute, total, tally, calculate, estimate. 2. SUPPOSE think, surmise, imagine, gather, guess, presume, figure, fancy.

reckoning  n. count, computation, figuring-up, totaling, tally, calculation, estimate, bill, account, statement, charge.

recline  v. lean back, lie back, lounge, stretch out, lie down, repose, sprawl.


reclusive  a. solitary, secluded, isolated, lone, hermitic, cloistered, unsocial, withdrawn, misanthropic. ANT. social, gregarious, outgoing, friendly.

recognition  n. 1. IDENTIFICATION realization, detection, discovery, placing, recall, perception, notice, acknowledgement. 2. APPRECIATION acknowledgement, approval, gratitude, esteem, notice, *pat on the back.

recognize  v. 1. IDENTIFY know, place, *peg, distinguish, detect, realize, recall, discover. 2. APPRECIATE acknowledge, show gratitude, honor, salute, approve.

recoil  v. draw back, shrink back, pull back, jump, withdraw, cringe, flinch, wince, start, reel.

recollect  v. remember, recall, call to mind, reminisce, summon, place, evoke. ANT. forget, draw a blank.

recommend  v. suggest, advise, back, endorse, approve, favor, prescribe, tout, *put in a good word for, advocate, sanction, counsel. ANT. disapprove, reject, advise against.

recommendation  n. suggestion, advice, endorsement, approval, prescription, *good word, counsel, testimonial, reference, plug, *word to the wise.

recompense  n. payment, repayment, compensation, remuneration, restitution, reward, reparation, return.

recompense  v. repay, compensate, pay back, remunerate, make restitution, reimburse, reward, return.

reconcile  v. 1. HARMONIZE settle, resolve differences, make up, make peace, conciliate, win over, appease, compromise, accord, *bury the hatchet, mediate. 2. RESIGN ONESELF TO accept, let go, adjust to, take in stride, make the best of it, *roll with the punches. 3. MAKE AGREE square, harmonize, equalize, rectify, straighten out. ANT. 1. war, aggravate, antagonize, offend.

recondite  a. [REK un DITE] beyond the average person's understanding, difficult. Her theories of creation were recondite. SYN. difficult, abstruse, hard, deep, erudite, pedantic, complex, complicated, *over one's head, arcane, incomprehensible. ANT. easy, simple, *child's play.

reconnaissance  n. survey, *look-see, scouting mission, observation, reconnoitering.

reconsider  v. rethink, reevaluate, reexamine, *look at in a different light, change one's mind, think twice, review, amend.

record  n. 1. HISTORY register, account, chronicle, transcription, log, journal, minutes, archives, documentation, diary. 2. PERFORMANCE HISTORY track record, book, résumé, *stats. 3. RECORDING disc, album, *45, *hot wax, single, LP, CD. SEE MUSIC

record  v. register, chronicle, transcribe, take down, write down, log, take minutes, document, enter, set down, keep an account of. ANT. erase, delete.

recording  n. tape, CD, audio tape, record, LP, cassette.

recount  v. tell, narrate, repeat, describe, *recap, detail, run down, relate, review.

recoup  v. recover, get back, regain, make up for, compensate, reimburse, replace.

recover  v. 1. GET BACK reclaim, retrieve, win back, retake, recoup, resume. 2. GET BETTER get well, restore one's health, regain one's strength, convalesce, heal, recuperate, come around, rally, *pull through. ANT. 1. lose. 2. take a turn for the worse, relapse, fail.


recruit  v. enlist, enroll, draft, induct, round up, muster, hire, sign up.
rectify v. correct, adjust, right, amend, fix, remedy, revise, straighten out, square, calibrate.

recumbent a. lying down, reclining, prone, flat, supine, prostrate, stretched out, sprawled.  
ANT. erect, standing, upright.

recuperate v. get better, get well, recover, convalesce, heal, come around, mend, rally, pull through, get back on one’s feet.  
ANT. *take a turn for the worse, relapse, fail, *circle the drain.

recur v. repeat, happen again, reappear, reoccur, return, come back, persist.

recurrent a. repeating, repetitive, reappearing, returning, persistent, frequent, regular, periodic, cyclical, chronic.  
ANT. infrequent, erratic, *out-of-the-ordinary.

red a. crimson, blood, cherry, brick, ruby, vermilion, wine, blush, coral, ruddy, scarlet, rose, salmon, fuchsia, maroon, carmine.

redeem v. 1. cash in recover, collect on, trade in, exchange, claim, turn in, convert. 2. deliver from sin alone, reform, rehabilitate, absolve, save, make up for, make amends.

RED HERRING n. something that diverts attention away from another issue; an object of deliberate distraction. The threat of communism was a red herring employed to make the voters forget about the president’s misconduct.  
SYN. distractor, distraction, smoke-screen, show-stealer, diversion, diversionary tactic, dodge, false trail, attention-grabber.


REDOLENT a. [RED uh lunt] fragrant. We closed our eyes and inhaled the smells of the redolent sea shore.  
SYN. fragrant, aromatic, scented, sweet-smelling, odoriferous, smelling, evocative, reminiscent.  
ANT. reeking, putrid, fetid.

REDRESS n. [REE dress] a setting right, compensation for a wrong. They will seek redress for the damages done.  
SYN. compensation, reparation, amends, recoupment, satisfaction, righting, restitution, correction, payment.

redress v. rectify, set right, correct, remedy, compensate, make reparations, make restitution, satisfy, put right, square.


reduce v. 1. lower lessen, decrease, cut, diminish, scale down, shorten, lighten, subtract, contract, trim, deflate. 2. demote downgrade, lower in rank. 3. soften temper, ease, moderate, dilute, mitigate, mellow, modify. 4. subdue conquer, vanquish, crush, overpower, put down, break.  
ANT. 1. increase, heighten. 2. promote, upgrade. 3. intensify, strengthen. 4. surrender, retreat.

REDUNDANT a. [ri DUN dunt] more than what is needed, repetitive, wordy. His speech was long-winded and redundant.  
SYN. excessive, unnecessary, superfluous, repetitious, more than enough, inessential, long-winded, de trop, wordy, verbose.  
ANT. necessary, indispensable, concise.

reef n. bank, bar, sand bar, ridge, shoal, atoll shelf, ledge, coral reef.

reck n. stench, odor, stink, fetor.

reck v. stink, smell, *smell to high heaven, steam, vaporize, permeate.

reel v. stagger, sway, lurch, spin, pitch, waver, teeter, whirl, rock, fall back.

refer v. 1. make reference cite, allude, point to, touch on, mention, quote, speak of, bring up. 2. send, direct, point, assign, recommend. 3. regard, deal with, involve, concern, apply, pertain, cover.

referee n. *ref, umpire, judge, arbitrator, mediator, intermediary, go-between, moderator.

reference n. 1. mention, citation, allusion, quotation, notice, implication, intimation. 2. recommendation testimonial, endorsement, good word, certification.

refined a. 1. cultivated cultured, polished, perfected, finished, civilized, genteel, gentlemanly, courtly, ladylike, polite, well-bred, elegant. 2. cleansed purified, washed, filtered, strained, processed, clarified, distilled.  
ANT. 1. unrefined, coarse, crude. 2. unrefined, unpure, rough, raw.

refinement n. cultivation, culture, polish, perfection, finish, elegance, civility, gentility, graciousness, good breeding, urbanity, delicacy.  
ANT. roughness, coarseness, crudeness, vulgarity.

reflect v. 1. throw back mirror, echo, reverberate, rebound, resonate, percuss, resound, return. 2. consider think, contemplate, ponder, ruminate, deliberate, weigh, meditate, cogitate, muse.

reflection n. 1. mirror image image, counterpart, impression. 2. consideration contemplation, meditation, deliberation, rumi-
nation, thought, cogitation, pondering, mus-

reforestation n. correction, change for the better, im-
provement, advancement, betterment, renov-
ation, progress, rectification.

refractory n. penal institution, correctional facility, reform school, training center. see

prison

refrain v. do without, forgo, forbear, abstain, es-
chew, stop, resist, pass on, *swear off, desist.

ANT: indulge, take up.

refresh v. 1. renew freshen, rejuvenate, invigo-
rinate, revitalize, restore, revive, breathe new life into, vivify. 2. stimulate jog, activate, arouse, awaken, prompt, remind, cue. ANT: 1. wear out, drain, tire, sap. 2. dull, inhibit.

refreshing a. 1. renewing freshening, reju-
venating, invigorating, revitalizing, restor-
ing, reviving, bracing, energizing. 2. new fresh, different, original, novel. ANT: 1. tiring, draining, sapping. 2. old, unoriginal.

refreshment n. fortification, *pick-me-up, nourishment, sustenance, food, drink, bite, snack.

refrigerate v. chill, cool, ice, freeze, air-condition.

refuge n. shelter, retreat, safe haven, hiding place, hideout, asylum, sanctuary, cover, security, protection.

refugee n. emigrant, expatriate, defector, emigré, runaway, evacuee, outcast, alien, fugitive.

refund n. reimbursement, rebate, return, repay-
ment.

refund v. pay back, reimburse, rebate, return, repay, settle, recompense, satisfy.

refurbish v. renovate, fix up, freshen up, bright-
en up, clean up, recondition, restore, renew, rejuvenate, revamp.

refusal n. no, rejection, *thumbs down, nix, veto, nonacceptance, denial, turndown.

refuse n. waste, trash, rubbish, litter. see gar-
bage

refuse v. say no, reject, *give thumbs down, nix, veto, deny, turn down, decline, demur, dis-
approve, spurn. ANT: okay, accept, agree.

REFUTE v. [ri ‘FYOUOT] to prove or argue to be wrong. They refuted his theories. SYN: dis-
prove, prove false, confute, controvert, con-
tradict, rebut, discredit, *shoot full of holes, counter. ANT: support, corroborate, prove.

regal a. royal, stately, kingly, majestic, noble, princely, august, queenly, lordly. ANT: lowly, plebian.

REGALE v. [ri ‘GALE] to delight, amuse, or en-
tertain. He regaled us with his adventures during the war. SYN: delight, amuse, enter-
tain, enthral, enchant, divert, captivate, humor, charm.

regalia n. finery, attire, outfit, dress, livery.

regard n. 1. look gaze, attention, heed, stare, mind, glance. 2. consideration thought, concern, care, attention, heed, awareness. 3. esteem respect, affection, liking, fondness, approval, admiration, appreciation. 4. matter aspect, point, detail. ANT: 2. thoughtlessness. 3. disregard, disrespect, dislike.

regard v. 1. look at heed, watch, see, behold, eye, observe, take in, notice, pay attention to. 2. consider take into account, think of, look upon, deem, view, judge.

regardless adv. in any event, anyway, anyhow, at any rate, nevertheless, nonetheless.

regime n. administration, government, leadership, rule, command, party, management, power.

regiment v. organize, systematize, coordinate, standardize.

region n. area, territory, zone, locality, location, district, place, ward, quarter, province, vicinity, spot, realm.

register n. record, list, book, entry, ledger, roll, daybook, registry, roster, diary.

REGRESS v. [re GRESS] to go back, reverse, progress backwards. His behavior began to regress to that of a child. SYN: retrogress, go back, revert, retreat, degenerate, backslide, retrograde, ebb. ANT: progress, advance.

regret v. self-reproach, remorse, penitence, sor-
row, self-condemnation, contrition, pangs of guilt, conscience, second thought, qualm.


regret n. self-reproach, remorse, repentance, sor-
row, self-condemnation, contrition, pangs of guilt, conscience, second thought, qualm.

regret v. be sorry for, *look back and kick one-
self for, lament, bemoan, rue the day, have pangs of conscience, have second thoughts, never forgive oneself, repent, hate oneself for.

regretful a. sorry, contrite, ashamed, apologetic, conscience-stricken, guilty, penitent, self-re-
proachful, *sadder but wiser. ANT: unrepent-
ant, *having no qualms, brazen.

regretable a. lamentable, unfortunate, shame-
ful, grievous, deplorable

regular a. 1. normal usual, customary, conven-
tional, typical, routine, everyday, tradition-
al, average, stock, ordinary, standard. 2. or-
derly symmetrical, balanced, ordered, harmony-
ous, even, aligned, straight, uniform. 3. consistent habitual, fixed, undeviating, recur-
current, set, established, daily. ANT: 1. irreg-
ular, abnormal, unconventional. 2. disorderly,
regulate - relentless

asymmetrical, uneven. 3. sporadic, irregular, infrequent.

regulate v. 1. govern control, manage, direct, administer, run, maintain, oversee. 2. balance equalize, adjust, time, moderate.

regulation n. 1. control government, management, adjustment, supervision, direction, moderation, tuning, timing. 2. rule law, ordinance, statute, code, requirement, order, commandment, instruction, canon.

regurgitate v. throw up, heave, puke. see vomit

rehabilitate v. restore, reclaim, *rehab straighten out, improve, reform, change transformation, save, redeem, change one's ways.

rehearse v. practice, go over, run through, prepare, perfect, drill, train, *have a dry run, tune up, *jam.

reign n. rule, power, dominance, dominion, sovereignty, sway, dynasty, governance, leadership, tenure, control, regime.

reign v. rule, hold power, be in power, govern, command, manage, administer, hold sway, lead, control, dominate, run the show.

reimburse v. pay back, repay, recompense, compensate, refund, make restitution, make good, settle, indemnify.

rein n. harness, bridle, control, restraint, guide.

rein v. stop, slow, restrain, control, guide, bridle, curb, check.

reinforce v. strengthen, fortify, *beef up, harden, stiffen, bolster, buttress, prop, toughen, support. ant. weaken, soften, undermine, cripple.

REITERATE v. [see IT uh RATE] to go over again, repeat. Some students nodded off when the professor reiterated for the second time. syn. go over again, repeat, *recap, reexamine, restate, rehash, belabor, retell.

reject n. castoff, outcast, discard, second, irregular, pariah, loser.

reject v. *nix, refuse, repulse, pass on, turn down, *give thumbs down, brush off, *give the cold shoulder, *turn one's nose up at, spurn, shun, repudiate, veto, rebuff, *spit upon, *kiss off, jilt. ant. accept, embrace, approve, *give thumbs up.

rejoice v. be full of joy, be happy, be glad, celebrate, revel, be elated, exult, jump for joy, glory, delight. ant. grieve, lament.

rejoinder n. answer, reply, comeback, response, retort, repartee, rebuttal, countering.

rejuvenate v. renew, restore, revive, invigorate, *breathe new life into, regenerate, revitalize, refresh, reanimate. ant. tire, sap, drain.

relapse n. recurrence, reappearance, *turn for the worse, setback, decline, regression, fall, deterioration. ant. remission, improvement, progress.

relate v. 1. recount tell, narrate, detail, state, report, communicate, describe, give an account of, repeat. 2. connect correspond, correlate, associate, link, pertain, apply, have to do with, concern, bear upon. 3. identify with empathize, understand, *stand in another's shoes.

related a. associated, connected, correlated, linked, allied, affiliated, akin, kindred, cognate. ant. independent, unrelated, unlike.

relation n. association, connection, affiliation, link, relationship, kinship, alliance.

relationship n. association, friendship, alliance, kinship, affiliation, marriage, liaison, connection, rapport.

relative n. relation, kin, family member, kinsman, sibling, blood relative, cognate, mother, father, brother, sister, *kissing cousin, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, in-law. ant. stranger.

relative a. 1. comparative proportional, comparable, relating to, respective. 2. pertaining pertinent, relative, germane. ant. 1. dissimilar, unlike. 2. unrelated, *like apples and oranges.

relax v. 1. to loosen up be at ease, *take it easy, rest, unwind, let oneself go, calm down, *let one's hair down, take a break, laze. 2. slacken, loosen, ease off, loosen, diminish, relieve, lighten, moderate. ant. 1. get wound up, tense, labor, *drive oneself into the grave. 2. tighten, tense up, wind up.


release n. liberation, emancipation, liberty, freeing, deliverance, discharge, loosing, dismissal, acquittal, letting go. ant. imprisonment, incarceration, capture.

release v. let go, discharge, free, liberate, emancipate, deliver, loose, dismiss, acquit, untie, unshackle.

relegate v. consign, assign, delegate, entrust, commission.

relen v. soften, let up, yield, give up, slow, ease off, mitigate, relax, slacken, drop, come around, bend, reduce.

RELENTLESS a. [ri LENT liss] unremitting, incessant, pitiless. The enemy bunkers took a relentless pounding. syn. unremitting, incessant, persistent, sustained, pitiless, merciless,
unrelenting, hard, cruel, unflagging. **ant.** relentless, brief, mercifully short, sparing.

**relevant** *a.* relating, pertinent, applicable, germane, to the point, material, relative, apropos, connected, apt. **ant.** unrelated, beside the point.

**reliable** *a.* dependable, trustworthy, responsible, conscientious, faithful, unfailing, constant, steady, trustworthy. **ant.** unreliable, undependable, irresponsible.

**reliance** *n.* confidence, dependence, trust, belief, credit, certainty, security. **ant.** distrust, insecurity.

**relic** *n.* ruin, antique, antiquity, artifact, remnant, remains, vestige, souvenir.

**relief** *n.* release, alleviation, easing, relaxation, mitigation, soothing, amelioration, succor, letup, respite, palliation, balm, help. **ant.** intensification, aggravation, worsening.

**relieve** *v.* 1. ease, alleviate, release, comfort, free, relax, mitigate, soothe, palliate, assuage, diminish, quell. 2. set free, unburden, take over, stand in for, substitute for, replace, release, spell.


**WORD FIND**

**CHRISTIANITY**

abandonment of one’s faith: apostasy

Adam and Eve’s sin of eating from tree of knowledge: Original Sin

admitting sins to priest in Roman Catholic Church: confession

amending sacrament: penance

amends for sins: atonement

amen: to trust

angel, high: archangel

angel, second order: cherubim

ascent to heaven, Christ’s: Ascension

battle, location of final: Armageddon (mountain of Megiddo)

biblical texts questioned by some denominations: apocrypha

birth of Christ or Second Coming: Advent

blessed with gift of tongues, healing, or prophecy: charismatic

blessing at end of service: benediction

bread and wine, body and blood of Christ, sacrament of: Eucharist, Communion, Holy Communion, Mass

bread wafers: host

casting out of church due to transgressions: excommunication

container or chest holding Ten Commandments: Ark of the Covenant

crucifixion of Christ, commemoration: Good Friday

cursing of God: blasphemy

declaration by Pope that deceased person is blessed and worthy to pray to: beatification

declaration by Pope that deceased person is saint following beatification: canonization

disserter: heretic

disbelief: apostasy

divine enemy of Christ: Antichrist, the beast

faith, statement of: Apostles’ Creed

fellowship: communion

forgiveness of sins: absolution

forty-day period before Easter: Lent

funeral mass, Roman Catholic: requiem

God, seeing: beatific vision

gospel, one of twelve who spread: apostle

guardian or protector of specific group: patron saint

healing illness through prayer: faith healing, laying on of hands

Hebrew Bible: Old Testament

Holy Land: Israel, Palestine

kneel in worship: genuflect

laws, ecclesiastical: canon

Lamb of God icon: Agnus Dei

Last Supper, day of: Maundy Thursday

Lent, first day of: Ash Wednesday

literal interpretation of Bible, believing in: fundamentalism

nonbeliever: atheist

non-Christian: infidel

offense to God: abomination

oil, apply: anoint

oil used in Catholic confirmation: chrism

Old Testament scrolls: Dead Sea Scrolls

overlooking of transgressions in Roman Catholic Church: dispensation

prayer: Angelus

prayer beads: rosary

presiding priest at Holy Communion: celebrant

questioner or doubter: agnostic
repentance for sins: contrition
revelation of future in Bible: Apocalypse
rising of soul after death: resurrection
rites: sacraments
sacred, make: consecrate
Second Coming will arrive soon, denomination believing: Seventh Day Adventist, Second Adventists
sect: denomination
sex, priest’s vow to abstain from: vow of celibacy
song from biblical text: canticle
spread of word throughout the world: evangelism
study of religion: theology
tongues, denomination known for some members who speak in: Pentecostal Church
tongues, speaking in: glossolalia
Virgin Mary: Madonna
washing before ceremonies: ablutions
water immersion ceremony: baptism
wise men’s visit to Christ’s birth, commemoration of: Epiphany
JUDAISM
candelabra used to mark Chanukah: menorah
discrimination against Jews: antisemitism
eight-day festival commemorating exodus of Jews from Egypt: Passover
festival of lights commemorating victory of Maccabees over the Syrians: Chanukah
food fit to be eaten: kosher
God, name of: Jehovah, Elohim, Yahweh, YHWH, Adonai
holy day devoted to prayer, fasting: Yom Kippur
Jewish New Year: Rosh Hashanah
minister: rabbi
morning and evening prayer: Shema
non-Jew: gentile
Old Testament of Bible: Hebrew Bible, Torah
prayer leader in synagogue: cantor
rabbinical writings, interpretations, and the Torah collectively: Talmud
skullcap worn by Jewish men: yarmulka
strict, orthodox Jews known for earlocks, black coats: Chasidim, Hasidim
thirteen-year-old’s rite of adulthood: bar mitzvah
twelve- or thirteen-year-old girl’s rite of adulthood: bat mitzvah

ISLAM
adherent: Moslem, Muslim
authority on Muslim law: ayatollah
call to prayer from minaret of mosque: azan
daily call to prayers: adhan
fit to eat, according to dietary laws: halal
God: Allah
holy war, fighting for Islam: jihad
month of fasting: Ramadan
Muhammad’s birthplace: Mecca
night of forgiveness: Lailat-ul-Bara’h
non-Moslem: infidel
“Peace be upon you”: Salam Alaikum
pilgrimage to Mecca: hajj
prayer leader in mosque: imam
prayers required five times per day: Salat
prophet of God and founder of Islam: Muhammad
requirements of Islamic religion: five pillars of Islam
rule that women must keep covered in public: purdah
sacred stone at Mecca: Black Stone
sacred text: Koran
HINDUISM
black god, avatar of Vishnu: Krishna
communal house: ashram
elephant-headed god, symbol of luck: Ganesha
incarnation of a god: avatar
god of creation: Brahma
god of life and death: Shiva
god of love and desire: Kamadeva
god of rain and war: Indra
god who will come to destroy the world: Kalki
meditation word or phrase repeated to clear head: mantra
mental, physical exercises to achieve well-being: yoga
merchant caste: Vaisyas
nonviolence doctrine: ahimsa
peasant, servant caste: Sudras
peasants outside of caste system: Untouchables
priestly caste: Brahmin
release from endless reincarnation: moksha
spiritual teacher: guru
supreme being: Vishnu
yoga adherent: yogi
warrior caste: Kshatriyas
what goes around comes around, doctrine of: karma
worship: puja
BUDDHISM
Chinese Buddhism, enlightenment through meditation: Zen
domed Buddhist shrine: stupa
enlightenment, path to: dharma
enlightenment, sudden achievement of: satori
festival: Wesak
moral rules: five precepts
nonviolence doctrine: ahimsa
one devoted to seeking enlightenment: bodhisattva
spiritual awakening, bliss: enlightenment, bodhi, nirvana
spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism: Dalai Lama
suffering, belief that everything leads to: dukkha
word or phrase repeated during meditation: mantra

religious a. 1. pious devout, godly, spiritual, faithful, churchgoing, theological, righteous, God-fearing, reverent, saintly. 2. careful, scrupulous, exact, conscientious, rigorous, meticulous. ANT. 1. atheistic, nonbelieving, impious. 2. careless, slack.
RELINQUISH v. [ri LING kwish] to give up, let go, or renounce. He will relinquish his office in thirty days. SYN. give up, let go, renounce, abandon, quit, drop, surrender, forswear, leave, forswake, surrender, abdicate, resign. ANT. hold, keep, maintain.
relish n. pleasure, enjoyment, appreciation, liking, love, fondness, fancy, zest, satisfaction, gusto.
relish v. enjoy, take pleasure in, like, love, be fond of, appreciate, savor, adore, revel in, luxuriate in, *dig. ANT. hate, find distasteful, detest.
recollect a. hesitant, unwilling, disinclined, slow, unenthusiastic, hanging back, leery, wary, cautious, averse, loath. ANT. eager, willing, enthusiastic.
rely v. depend, count on, bank on, have confidence in, trust, entrust, put faith in, bet on, swear by. ANT. doubt, mistrust.
remain v. stay, wait, sit tight, stay put, hold, endure, continue, abide, keep on, persist. ANT. go, leave, change.

remainder n. the rest, leftover, remnant, remains, balance, surplus, residue, overage.
remark n. comment, commentary, word, observation, statement, note, thought, mention, utterance, reflection.
remarkable a. outstanding, extraordinary, noteworthy, noticeable, unusual, exceptional, phenomenal, unique, striking, impressive, rare. ANT. usual, ordinary, common, everyday.
remedial a. healing, corrective, restorative, curing, therapeutic, curative. ANT. harmful, detrimental.
remedy n. cure, treatment, medicine, restorative, cure-all, panacea, corrective, therapy, relief, antidote, elixir, prescription, drug.
remedy v. cure, treat, medicate, fix, restore, correct, relieve, revive, counteract, neutralize, alleviate, help, doctor. ANT. aggravate, exacerbate, poison, infect.
remember v. 1. recall, recollect, call to mind, reminisce, think back, retrospect, conjure up, summon, memorize, commit to memory, retain, learn. 2. keep in mind, bear in mind, don’t forget. ANT. 1. forget, draw a blank, have amnesia.
remind v. bring back, bring to mind, spur one’s memory, make remember, ring a bell, awaken memories.
reminisce v. think back, retrospect, recollect, remember, *ache with nostalgia, live in the past.
REMISSE a. [ri MISS] lax or negligent in performing one’s responsibilities. He has long been remiss in his duties. SYN. negligent, careless, lax, slack, neglectful, sloppy, lazy, inattentive, delinquent, irresponsible, derelict. ANT. responsible, careful, dutiful.
remission n. abatement, arrestment, lessening, subsiding, reduction, reprieve, letup, diminution, waning, quelling, stoppage, alleviation.
remit v. send, forward, transmit, mail, discharge.
remnant n. remainder, leftover, remains, excess, extra, surplus, leaving, residue, scrap, odds and ends, relic, vestige.
remodel v. make over, redesign, rebuild, refurbish, redo, renovate, overhaul, retrofit.
REMONSTRATE v. [ri MON’ strate] to object to or protest against. The demonstrators continued to remonstrate outside the mayor’s door. SYN. object, protest, argue against, challenge, criticize, take issue, expostulate, take exception, oppose, denounce. ANT. go along with, assent, agree.

remote a. 1. distant far-off, far-flung, isolated, secluded, God-forsaken, outlying, lonely, removed, out-of-the-way, inaccessible. 2. unlikely slight, faint, small, improbable, outside. 3. aloof distant, removed, cold, detached, faraway, withdrawn, uninterested. ANT. 1. close, at hand, nearby. 2. likely, significant, probable. 3. intimate, warm, close.

remove v. 1. take off eject, expel, extract, throw off, cut off, move, transfer, get rid of, oust, withdraw, uproot, disconnect, erase, expunge. 2. do away with kill, assassinate, oust, withdraw, uproot, disconnect, erase, throw off, cut off, move, transfer, get rid of, oust, withdraw, uproot, disconnect, erase, expunge. 3. intimate, warm, close. ANT. close, at hand, nearby. likely slight, faint, slim, small, improbable, outside. 3. aloof distant, removed, cold, detached, faraway, withdrawn, uninterested.

render v. 1. present deliver, give, hand over, furnish, submit, tender, provide, impart. 2. cause to be make. 3. perform recite, represent, interpret, portray, play, treat, depict.

rendezvous n. meeting place, gathering place, appointment, engagement, date, meeting, tryst.

rendition n. rendering, version, interpretation, performance, presentation, arrangement, depiction, portrayal.

renegade n. rebel, turncoat, traitor, apostate, betrayer, double-crosser, defector, deserter, revolutionist, Benedict Arnold.

RENEGE v. [ri NIG] to go back on one's word, to fail to follow through on an agreement. If they renge on the deal, we will sue for breach of contract. SYN. go back on one's word, break promise, default, back out, *weasel out, *cop out, backpedal. ANT. fulfill, make good, satisfy.

renew v. begin again, resume, make a fresh start, restore, rejuvenate, refresh, recondition, re-vitalize, replenish, regenerate, reinvigorate, *breathe new life into.

RENOUNCE v. [ri NOUNS] to give up, repudiate, wash one's hands of. She renounced her belief in astrology. SYN. give up, abandon, reject, *swear off, relinquish, quit, desert, disavow, forswear, disown, repudiate, *turn one's back on, *divorce oneself from. ANT. embrace, hold dear, claim.

renovate v. renew, revamp, fix up, recon-struction, restore, remodel, refurbish, redecorate, *give a face-lift, modernize, update.

renew n. opening, split, rip, tear, hole, slit, fissure, rift.

rent v. lease, let, sublet, hire, charter, contract for.

renunciation n. renouncement, rejection, abandonment, relinquishment, repudiation, disavowal, spurning, forswearing. ANT. acceptance, embracement.

repair v. fixing, mending, restoration, service, reconditioning, patching, alignment, overhaul, correction, tune-up.

repair v. 1. fix mend, restore, recondition, patch, rebuild, reconstruct, align, overhaul, adjust, tinker with. 2. go move, head for, proceed, retire.

REPARTEE n. [REP er TAY] witty comebacks, a series of quick and witty replies, clever conversational exchange. He was famous for his brilliant repartee. SYN. witty comebacks, snappy comebacks, witty replies, witty rejoinders, banter, quip, sally, lively exchange, badinage, give-and-take, jesting, riposte, mot. "A duel fought with the points of jokes."—Max Eastman. "Something we think of 24 hours too late."—Mark Twain.

repast n. meal, food and drink, feast, banquet, eats, *feed, spread, *bite.

repay v. pay back, reimburse, return, make up for, compensate, square, requisite, refund, rebate, settle, even the score, reciprocate.

repeal n. revocation, abrogation, rescission, annulment, nullification, voiding, invalidation, withdrawal, cancellation.

repeal v. withdraw, revoke, cancel, declare null and void, rescind, abrogate, invalidate, annul, abolish.
repeat n. repetition, replay, rebroadcast, rerun, rehash.
repeat v. 1. reiterate, restate, say again, recap, recapitulate, parrot. 2. do again duplicate, remake, reproduce, redo, echo. 3. tell recount, relate.
repel v. 1. repulse push back, force back, ward off, resist, drive away, fend off, check, refuse, spurn, reject, snub, “give cold shoulder.” 2. disgust “turn off, sicken, revolt, appall, “turn one’s stomach, “gross out, “make one’s flesh crawl. ANT. 1. welcome, embrace, accept. 2. attract, delight, please.
repellent a. repulsive, disgusting, revolting, appalling, sickening, nauseating, offensive, repugnant, obnoxious.
repent v. feel sorry, be remorseful, be contrite, be conscious-stricken, rue the day, apologize, ask forgiveness, lament, deplore, be penitent.
REPERCUSSION n. [REE pur KUSH un] an effect or consequence of some action. Opening the borders to free trade will create serious repercussions. SYN. effect, consequence, result, reaction, fallout, outcome, aftermath, impact, backlash, echo.
repetition n. duplication, repeat, rerun, replay, reiteration, recapitulation, recurrence, “broken record, rote, reprise.
repetitious a. repetitive, redundant, tautological, wordy, long-winded, verbose, boring, tedious, recurring. ANT. concise, to the point, spare.
replace v. 1. take the place of succeed, follow, supersede, supplant, stand in, “step into one’s shoes, fill in for. 2. return put back.
replenish a. fill, supply, refill, stock, restore, replace, provision, top off, reload.
REPLETE a. [ri PLEET] filled, full, plentiful. The cellar was replete with wine bottles. SYN. full, filled, plentiful, abundant, crammed, stuffed, packed, glutted, “chock-full, loaded. ANT. empty, vacant, bare.
reply n. answer, response, reaction, acknowledgment, comeback, return, rejoinder, retort.
reply v. answer, respond, react, acknowledge, come back, return, rejoin, “shoot back, retort.
report v. 1. communicate give an account, state, give news, give message, detail, “give blow by blow, bring word, give rundown, summarize, announce, describe, tell, recount, relate. 2. turn in tell on, “rat on.
reporter n., newsman, newswoman, journalist, member of the press, member of the media, correspondent, newscaster, feature writer, snoop, scribe. SEE NEWS
repose n. rest, sleep, ease, relaxation, quiet, respect, peace, tranquility, leisure, break.
repository n. depository, warehouse, vault, storehouse, store room, archives, museum, depot, magazine, library, safe, safe deposit box.
repossess v. reclaim, take back, recover, regain, retrieve.
REPREHENSIBLE a. [REP ri HEN sub bul] that which deserves criticism or rebuke. The criminals’ actions were reprehensible. SYN. blameworthy, reproachable, sinful, shameful, felonious, villainous, criminal, heinous, wicked, unforgivable, disgraceful, ignoble, despicable. ANT. praiseworthy, honorable, virtuous, noble.
represent v. 1. stand for symbolize, denote, express, exemplify, typify, embody, personify, betoken, act as, serve as. 2. depict portray, render, picture, evoke, describe, mirror, illustrate. 3. serve as an agent act on behalf of, speak for, stand for, be proxy for, “go to bat for.
representative n. agent, proxy, stand-in, spokesperson, “mouthpiece, advocate, delegate, envoy, emissary, surrogate, congressman, councilman.
representative a. characteristic, typical, illustrative, model, symbolic, exemplary, indicative. ANT. atypical, unusual, different.
repress v. keep down, hold down, control, hold in, check, restrain, contrain, crush, curb, suppress, stifle, subdue, shut up.
rephrase n. postponement, suspension, escape, relief, stay, stay of execution, remission, delay, abeyance.
reprimand n. rebuke, scolding, admonishment, reproach, “bawling out, censure, chastisement,
*tongue-lashing, upbraiding, castigation. **ANT. approval, praise.

**reprimand** v. rebuke, scold, admonish, reproach, *bawl out, censure, chastise, *give a tongue-lashing, upbraid, castigate, *rake over the coals. **ANT. approve, praise, commend.

**reproach** n. retaliation, *eye for an eye, revenge, vengeance, retribution, redress, vindication, counterattack.

**REPROACH** n. [ri PROOV] blame, criticism. *She was above reproach.*

**reproach** v. accuse, blame, rebuke, criticize, shame, discredit, scold, condemn, reprimand, censure, disapproval, disgrace. **ANT. approval, credit, praise.

**reprove** n. sinner, criminal, villain, *bad guy, lost soul, profligate, miscreant, degenerate, scoundrel, evildoer, lowlife. **ANT. angel, saint.

**reprobate** a. bad, immoral, corrupt, unprincipled, wicked, depraved, degenerate, evil, miscreant, foul. **ANT. good, virtuous, moral.

**reproduce** v. 1. COPY duplicate, replicate, redo, photocopy, reprint, clone, imitate, counterfeit. 2. PROPAGATE breed, spawn, multiply, engender, procreate, proliferate.

**reproduction** n. 1. COPY duplicate, replication, photocopy, reprint, clone, imitation, counterfeit, *mirror image, twin. 2. PROPAGATION procreation, breeding, proliferation. **ANT. I. original, model, master.

**reproof** n. rebuke, censure. **SEE** REPROACH

**REPROVE** v. [ri PROOV] to give or show one’s disapproval. *She reproved the workers for making too much noise.* **SYN.** disapprove, rebuke, reproach, scold, admonish, censure, reprimand, condemn. **ANT. approve, praise, credit.

**REPUDIA TE** v. [ri PYOO dee ATE] to reject, have nothing to do with. *She repudiated his views.* **SYN.** reject, renounce, have nothing to do with, disown, cast off, disapprove, spurn, refuse, disavow, disclaim, deny. **ANT. embrace, accept, support.

**repugnant** a. offensive, distasteful, obnoxious, repulsive, repellent, revolting, disgusting, foul, sickening, nauseating. **ANT. delightful, pleasing, appealing.

**repulse** v. 1. REPEL drive back, hold off, resist, check, defend, defeat. 2. DISGUST offend, repel, revolt, sicken. 3. REJECT rebuff, refuse, spurn, snub, *give cold shoulder. **ANT. embrace, welcome, pull in, draw. 2. delight, please, appeal. 3. invite.


**reputable** a. respectable, in good repute, esteemed, well thought of, acclaimed, honorable, honest, legitimate, principled, *on the up and up, reliable. **ANT. disreputable, questionable, shady.

**reputation** n. repute, character, name, regard, stature, renown, *word of mouth, standing, *approval rating, estimation, *credit rating.

*"A bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it for himself."—Emma Carleton.*

*"What people gossip behind your back."—Henry Banks.*

**repute** n. **SEE** REPUTATION

**reputed** a. supposed, regarded, believed, assumed, presumed, alleged, thought, rumored. **ANT. proven, actual.

**request** n. petition, solicitation, question, application, want, desire, beseech, plea, demand.

**request** v. ask, petition, solicit, apply, appeal for, seek, *put in for, beg, demand.

**requisition** n. mass, service, memorial, eulogy, elegy, dirge, hymn, composition.

**require** v. 1. need, want, lack, miss, be short of, be deficient in, desire. 2. DEMAND order, command, obligate, command, insist on, compel, direct, dictate.

**requirement** n. necessity, must, essential, need, imperative, requisite, prerequisite, condition, term, provision, dictate.

**requisite** n. **SEE** REQUIREMENT

**requisite** a. required, essential, prerequisite, needed, necessary, imperative, obligatory, called for. **ANT. optional, elective, voluntary.

**RESCIND** v. [ri SIND] to repeal or abolish. *They rescinded the order.* **SYN.** repeal, abolish, revoke, cancel, reverse, invalidate, declare null and void, annul, recall. **ANT. uphold, confirm, defend, shore up.

**rescue** n. saving, recovery, delivery, extrication, relief, release, liberation, salvation, heroics.

**rescue** v. save, recover, deliver, extricate, relieve, release, liberate, free, bail out, retrieve, *save one’s bacon.

**research** n. fact-finding, investigation, inquiry, *digging, legwork, study, probing, sifting, *detective work, delving, *R&D. "The process of going up alleys to see if they are blind."—Marston Bates. *"If you steal from
one, it’s plagiarism, if you steal from many, it’s research.”—Wilson Mizner.

researcher n. prober, investigator, data specialist, analyst, scientist, experimenter, medical detective, scientific detective, medical sleuth, tester, clinician, scholar.

resemblance n. likeness, similarity, sameness, correspondence, closeness, semblance, parallel, uniformity, affinity, analogy. ANT. difference, dissimilarity, contrast.

resemble v. look alike, mirror, double, be similar to, match, bear a resemblance to, approximate, mimic, echo. ANT. contrast.

resent v. take offense, be offended, be indignant over, take exception to, dislike, bristle, harbor resentment, *get one’s nose out of joint, seethe over. ANT. appreciate, like, delight in.

resentment n. offense, indignation, displeasure, annoyance, outrage, disgust, umbrage, rank, corrosion, bitterness, pique, hard feelings.

reservation n. 1. RESERVE preserve, sanctuary, territory, enclave, tract, habitation, settlement. 2. BOOKING retaining, place, *lock. 3. QUALIFICATION condition, limitation, stipulation, reluctance, qualm, second thoughts, hesitancy.

reserve n. 1. STORE cache, savings, *nest egg, stockpile, backlog, reservoir, *ace in the hole, *something for a rainy day. 2. SILENCE silence, self-restraint, aloofness, shyness, inhibition, guardedness, distance, coolness.

reserve v. 1. SAVE hold, hoard, store, stockpile, lay up, stash, *keep for a rainy day, conserve, *squirrel away. 2. BOOK retain, secure, engage.

reserved a. self-restrained, quiet, silent, aloof, taciturn, reticent, shy, bashful, inhibited, guarded, distant, cool. ANT. loud, demonstrative, loquacious.

reside v. 1. LIVE dwell, stay, inhabit, lodge, abide, domicile, occupy, take up residence, *hang one’s hat. 2. EXIST be inherent, be present, lie in, dwell.

residence n. home, habitation, house, abode, domicile, place, living quarters, address, dwelling, lodging, apartment, condo. SEE HOUSE

resident n. inhabitant, occupant, lodger, tenant, citizen, denizen, inmate.

residue n. remainder, rest, remnant, leftovers, dregs, scum, refuse, leavings.

resign v. 1. QUIT step down, leave, abdicate, give notice, drop out, bail out, walk out, *hang it up, renounce. 2. RESIGN ONESELF TO accept, live with, submit, endure, comply, *grin and bear it, tolerate.

resignation n. 1. QUITING retirement, termination, withdrawal, leaving, notice, abdication. 2. ACCEPTANCE submission, acquiescence, tolerance, endurance, reconciliation, passivity.

reserved a. accepting, submissive, acquiescent, tolerant, enduring, reconciled, passive, unresisting, stoical, long-suffering. ANT. unaccepting, rebellious, resisting.

resilient a. elastic, flexible, rebounding, springy, pliable, rubbery, bouncy, supple, recovering quickly. ANT. rigid, inflexible, stiff.

resist v. fight, oppose, withstand, defy, repel, repulse, hold off, stand up against, thwart, check, weather. ANT. surrender to, yield, give in, *cave in to.

resistance n. fight, opposition, defiance, repulsion, withstand, repellation, rebuff, refusal, blocking.

RESOLUTE a. [REZ uh LOOT] determined, resolved. When it came to quitting smoking, Frank was resolute. SYN. determined, resolved, fixed, firm, intent on, steady; tenacious, decided, purposeful, strong-willed, *dead set on, earnest, persevering. ANT. weak-minded, irresolute, *wishy-washy.

resolution n. 1. DETERMINATION decidedness, purpose, resolve, tenacity, perseverance, dedication, willpower, earnestness. 2. RESOLVING solution, sorting out, working out, outcome, end, upshot, settlement, finding. 3. PLAN proposition, proposal, motion, objective.

resolve n. determination, resolution, purpose, decidedness, intention, earnestness, firmness, steadfastness, will, stick-to-itiveness.

resolve v. 1. DETERMINE decide, make up one’s mind, fix, intend, settle, will, *stick to one’s guns. 2. SETTLE solve, straighten out, clear up, harmonize, work out, *iron out, answer.

resonant a. resounding, reverberant, vibrant, echoing, loud, ringing, booming, full, rich, sonorous. ANT. tinny, tinkling, muted.

resonate v. echo, reverberate, resound, ring, vibrate, boom, have far-reaching effects, impact, have deep consequences.

resort n. vacation spot, hotel, motel, *tourist trap, mineral springs, park, club, retreat.

resort v. turn to, use, utilize, take up, employ, have recourse to.

resound v. echo, reverberate, ring, repeat, clang, resonate, peal, vibrate, thunder.
resourceful  a. inventive, clever, creative, ingenuous, handy, quick, imaginative, capable, versatile, adaptable. *Ant. unimaginative, incapable, helpless, inefficient.

respect  n. 1. REGARD honor, esteem, deference, admiration, reverence, consideration, fear, veneration, awe, appreciation. 2. POINT detail, sense, aspect, way, regard. 3. REFERENCE relation. *Ant. 1. disrespect, disregard, contempt.

respect  v. 1. REGARD highly honor, esteem, defer to, idolize, admire, revere, look up to, fear, venerate, view with awe, appreciate. 2. OBEY comply.

respectable  a. 1. WORTHY OF RESPECT admirable, estimable, worthy, reputable, honorable, dignified, good, esteemed, strong, decent, principled, correct, proper. 2. FAIRLY LARGE appreciable, substantial, decent, sizable, tolerable, goodly. *Ant. 1. disreputable, despicable, bad. 2. tiny, small, paltry.

respectful  a. deferential, regardful, courteous, reverential, submissive, obsequious, polite, well-mannered, obliging, obedient. *Ant. disrespectful, irreverent, disobedient.

RESPITE  n. [RES pit] a rest or break from something. The rain provided respite from the heat. Syn. rest, break, relief, lull, breather, something.

respond  v. act, react, answer, come back, reply, acknowledge, feedback, retort.

response  n. reaction, answer, comeback, reply, acknowledgement, feedback, retort.

responsibility  n. 1. DUTY charge, obligation, burden, onus. 2. ACCOUNTABILITY liability, culpability, answerability. 3. CONSCIENTIOUSNESS dependability, reliability, maturity, trustworthiness. "The price of greatness."—Winston Churchill. A detachable burden easily shifted to the shoulders of God, Fate, Fortune, Luck, or one’s neighbor.—Ambrose Bierce.

responsible  a. 1. ACCOUNTABLE liable, culpable, answerable, at fault, to blame, incumbent, duty-bound, beholden, bound. 2. CONSCIENTIOUS dependable, reliable, mature, dutiful, trustworthy, adult, grown up, sensible, rational. *Ant. 1. *off the hook, unaccountable, irresponsible. 2. immature, unreliable, undependable.

responsive  a. reactive, reacting, active, respondent, reflexive, reciprocal, receptive, answering. *Ant. unresponsive, inactive.

rest  n. 1. RELAXATION inactivity, break, ease, respite, recess, sleep, slumber, nap, repose, breather, time-out, lull, pause, *downtime. "The end and reward of toil."—James Beattie. 2. REMAINDER balance, remains, excess, surplus. 3. BASE stand, holder, seat, bed, cradle.

rest  v. 1. RELAX take a break, recess, sleep, slumber, nap, repose, take a breather, take a time-out, lounge, stop, hold up, pause, *put feet up, retire, *crash, catch one’s breath, *recharge one’s batteries. 2. LIE lay, sit, stand, set, lean, prop. *Ant. 1. hustle, bustle, *do double-time, work, *break a sweat.

restful  a. quiet, peaceful, relaxing, tranquil, recharge, restorative, serene, calming. *Ant. restless, stressful, tiring, exhausting.

restoration  n. compensation, recompense, redress, amends, reimbursement, remuneration, indemnity.

restaurant  n. eatery, dining establishment, steakhouse, café, *greasy spoon, luncheonette, diner, cafeteria, drive-in, hamburger stand, commissary, *fast-food joint, nightclub, supper club, bistro.


restore  v. renew, bring back, fix, recondition, rejuvenate, rehabilitate, revive, refresh, put in good repair, regenerate, overhaul.

restrain  v. hold, limit, check, arrest, contain, restrict, muzzle, suppress, bridle, hamper.

restrict  v. limit, confine, check, restrain, curb, impede, inhibit, constrain, hamper, circumscribe, bind, hem in.

restriction  n. limit, limitation, circumscription, proscription, check, curb, control, confinement, restraint, *no-no, rule, regulation, provision, condition.

result  n. outcome, effect, consequence, upshot, product, byproduct, end, aftereffect, fruit, outgrowth, fallout, denouement.

result  v. issue, arise, happen, develop, ensue, eventuate, stem, occur, come about.

resumé  n. employment history, vita, curriculum vita, work history, biographical outline, *bio.

resume  v. continue, proceed, go on, begin again, carry on, return, pick up where one left off, restart.

resurgence  n. revival, rise, return, rebirth, renewal, resurrection, renaissance. *Ant. death, petering out, decline.
retaliate v. strike back, get even, pay back, avenge, revenge. *even the score, reciprocate, *give tit for tat. Give measure for measure, *take an eye for an eye. ANT. *turn the other cheek, overlook.

retard v. hinder, slow, delay, obstruct, block, impede, check, detain, hamper, restrict, handicap.


retention a. [RET i sunt] reserved, quiet, restrained. He tended to be reticent and barely spoke more than three words at a time. SYN. reserved, quiet, restrained, taciturn, close-mouthed, shy, bashful, silent, uncommunicative. *clammed up, retarding. ANT. loquacious, *motor-mouthed, talkative.

retinue n. entourage, train of attendants, cortège, court, personnel, escort, following.

retire v. leave, retreat, withdraw, depart, exit, part, run along, turn in, go to bed, *call it a day, *hit the sack, quit, resign.

retiring a. shy, bashful, backward, withdrawn, unsociable, shrink, quiet, reserved, recluse, keeping to oneself, private, solitary, preferring one's own company. ANT. outgoing, gregarious, sociable.

retort v. reply, answer, comeback, snappy comeback, counter, rejoinder, repartee, rebuttal, riposte.

return v. 1. come back go back, put back, reappear, rebound, recoil, boomerang, reverse, retreat, backtrack, recur, revive, resurrect, reinstate, restore, replace, double back, retread one's steps. 2. PAY BACK reciprocate, require, retaliate, replace, reimburse, recoup. 3. GAIN show a profit, yield, proceeds, net, income, gain, revenue. 4. RESPONSE come back, answer, rebuttal, retort, reply, rejoinder, riposte, repartee.

reunion n. reuniting, homecoming.

revamp v. renovate, revise, fix up, repair, make over, refurbish.

reveal v. disclose, expose, show, divulge, uncover, bring to light, make known, lay bare, bring out into the open, tell, confess, *let the cat out of the bag, *spill the beans, declassification, *declassify. ANT. conceal, cover.

revel v. celebrate, delight in, *party, *party hearty, take pleasure, *cut loose, rejoice, make merry, *whoop it up, enjoy, *get a kick out of, be festive, carouse, *have a ball, bask.

revelation n. disclosure, eye-opener, exposé, exposition, news, divulgement, announcement, broadcast, bombshell, *bolt from the blue, flash, shock.

revelry n. merry-making, partying, celebration, rejoicing, festivity, gaiety, carousel, romping, carrying on, *good times.


revoke v. retaliate, take vengeance, avenge, *even the score, *take an eye for an eye, give
measure for measure, repay, reciprocate, vindicate, settle accounts, get back at.

**revenue** n. return, income, gain, yield, proceeds, net, gross, earnings, receipts, profit, cash flow, wages, salary. See money

**reverbamate** v. echo, reecho, resound, resonate, ring, vibrate, have repercussions, have an aftereffect, recoil, rebound, bounce back.

**REVERE** v. [ri VEER] to look up to, respect, and honor highly. The mayor was greatly revered in the community. SYN. respect, honor, look up to, esteem, worship, venerate, idolize, *put on a pedestal, admire, exalt, think highly of, *kiss up to. **rant. disdain, despise, look down on.

**reverence** n. respect, honor, esteem, worship, veneration, idolization, admiration, exaltation, awe, homage, regard. **rant. irreverence, disrespect, contempt.

**reverent** a. respectful, deferential, honoring, admiring, awed, reverential, venerating, adoring, worshipping. **rant. disrespectful, irreverent, impertinent.

**REVERIE** n. [REV ur ee] daydreaming, fantasizing. I called her name twice, but she was deep in reverie. SYN. daydreaming, fantasizing, musing, contemplation, deep thought, woolgathering, flight of fancy, trance, abstraction.

**reversal** n. repeal, overturning, upset, withdrawal, retraction, about-face, turnaround, switch.

**reverse** n. 1. OPPOSITE inverse, converse, counterpart, antithesis, other side of the coin, mirror image, back, rear, *flip side. 2. setback defeat, check, reversal, turnabout, misfortune, misadventure, mishap, disaster, catastrophe, contretemps. **anti. front, opposite, inverse, converse, contrasting, contrary.

**revert** v. go back, return, regress, backslide, degenerate, retrogress, relapse, deteriorate, hark back.


**revile** v. scold, abuse, tongue-lash, curse, *jump down one's throat, *rip up one side and down the other, lambaste, upbraid, vilify, disparage. **rant. commend, praise, compliment.

**revise** v. correct, improve, change, amend, edit, *blue pencil, tighten, rewrite, polish, rectify, redraft, modify.

**revision** n. second draft, corrected version, amended version, editing, tightening, cutting, rewriting, polishing, modification.

**revival** n. rebirth, return, restoration, renaissance, rejuvenation, revitalization, resurrection, new dawn, new day, reawakening.

**revive** v. breathe life into, resuscitate, bring back to life, rescue from the brink of extinction, *bring around, wake up, reawaken, rejuvenate, renew, recharge, refresh, vivify, rally, recover.

**revoke** v. abolish, repeal, withdraw, rescind, annul, cancel, abrogate, nullify, void, declare null and void, recall. **rant. maintain, uphold, *beef up.

**revolt** n. rebellion, refusal, revolution, insurrection, uprising, mutiny, resistance, protest. See Revolution

**revolt** v. 1. Rebel refuse to cooperate, rise up against, resist, protest, mutiny, riot, oppose, defy, insurgent, boycott. 2. **disgust** sicken, turn one's stomach, appall, nauseate, *make one's flesh crawl, repulse. **rant. comply, obey, accept, 2. delight, please.

**revolting** a. disgusting, repulsive, sickening, repugnant, gross, offensive, abhorrent, *stomach-turning, foul, obnoxious. **rant. delightful, pleasing, appetizing.

**revolution** n. 1. REBELLION uprising, mutiny, revolt, insubordination, insurrection, breakout, uproar, riot, anarchy, coup, coup détat, takeover, overthrow, unrest, turmoil. "A phoenix rising like a flame from the bodies of the wretched"—Luis Cernuda. "An abrupt change in the form of misgovernment"—
Ambrose Bierce. “A thought in one man’s mind.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2. rotation circle, orbit, lap, circuit, cycle, spin.

**revolutionary** a. 1. rebellious mutinous, insubordinate, riotous, resistant, insurrectionary, subversive. 2. new progressive, radical, innovative, ‘cutting edge’ novel, advanced.

**revolve** v. circle, orbit, go around, rotate, spin, wheel, gyrate, twirl, whirl.

**revulsion** n. disgust, repugnance, aversion, loathing, nausea, detestation, distaste, abhorrence, hatred. **ant. liking, attraction.**

**reward** n. prize, payment, award, winnings, return, compensation, recompense, honor, bonus, requital, remuneration. **ant. punishment, penalty.**

**reward** v. pay, award, compensate, recompense, honor, remunerate, reimburse, tip. **ant. penalize, punish.**

**rewarding** a. compensating, worthwhile, enriching, fulfilling, satisfying, paying dividends, productive. **ant. unrewarding, unfulfilling.**

**rhapsodize** v. gush, rave, speak with passion, wax poetic, dramatize, deliver breathlessly, get carried away, play up, ham it up, enthuse.

**RHETORIC** n. [RET ur ik] words and their artful employment in speech or writing. Also, high-blown language that says nothing. The crowd listened to the usual political rhetoric. **syn. expressiveness, eloquence, command of language, articulateness, fluency, elocution, *way with words, grandiloquence, magniloquence, bombast, *hot air, fustian, verbosity, *BS.**

**rhetorical** a. 1. expressive articulate, eloquent, fluent, persuasive, well-said, *silver-tongued. 2. grandiloquent magniloquent, bombastic, fustian, verbose, pretentious, high-sounding, oratorical, inflated. **ant. 1. inarticulate, awkward, stumbling, 2. understated, simple, subtle.**

**rhyme** n. poem, verse, lyric, limerick, ode, al n.

**rhythm** n. beat, meter, cadence, swing, tempo, pulse, downbeat, backbeat, throb, flow.

**RIBALD** a. [RIB uld] vulgar, earthy or coarse, especially with sexual humor. The men sat around the bar and told ribald jokes. **syn. vulgar, earthy, lewd, dirty, obscene, risqué, off-color, indecent, pornographic, X-rated, gross.** **ant. wholesome, decent, G-rated, *clean**


**riches** n. wealth, money, affluence, opulence, possessions, fortune, *big bucks, treasure, property, abundance, resources. “A great slavery.”—Seneca. “A contented mind.”—Mohammed. “Not the end, but a change of worries.”—Epicurus. **ant. poverty, indigence, want. see money**

**rickety** a. shaky, wobbly, unstable, unsteady, teetering, tottering, fragile, *jerry-built, *tumble-down. **ant. stable, sturdy, rock-solid, sound.**

**ricochet** v. rebound, bounce off, recoil, glance, deflect.

**rid** v. free, do away with, get rid of, purge, throw out, clear, clean, evict, disencumber, relieve, remove.

**riddle** n. puzzle, question, poser, *brainteaser, *stumper, mind-boggler, complexity, conundrum, knot, rebus, enigma, mystery.

**ride** n. drive, cruise, trip, excursion, spin, jaunt, outing.

**ride** v. 1. travel cruise, tour, motor, commute, tool, move, float, journey, be carried along. 2. tease torment, harass, *give a hard time, pester, make fun of, plague, ridicule, *kid.

**rider** n. addition, amendment, supplement, clause, attachment, appendix, codicil.

**ridge** n. 1. crest hill, spine, hogback, pinnacle, rise. 2. raised area line, wale, rib, seam, cord, corrugation, seam, wrinkle, fold.

**ridicule** n. mocking, joking, taunting, teasing, making fun of, derision, poking fun at, laughter, needling, caricature, sarcasm. “The fume of little hearts.”—Alfred Lord Tennyson. “These paper bullets of the brain.”—Shakespeare. “The weapon of those who have no other.”—Hubert Pierlot. **ant. honor, veneration, respect, homage. see joke**

**ridicule** v. make fun of, laugh at, poke fun at, mock, make the butt of a joke, taunt, tease, deride, needle, caricature, belittle, lampoon, roast. **ant. honor, venerate, respect, pay homage to.**

RIFE a. [RIFE] abounding, widespread, commonly occurring. The show was rife with black humor. syn. widespread, abounding, abundant, plentiful, copious, profuse, numerous, bursting, overflowing, prevalent, teeming, rampant, thick. ant. scarce, scant, rare.

riffraff n. rabble, *dregs of society, peasants, commoners, hoi polloi, rank and file, lower class, *scum of the earth.

rifle n. carbine, shotgun, musket, firearm. see gun

rifle v. search, rummage, turn inside out, ransom, steal, strip, loot, thief.

rift n. 1. opening fissure, cleft, crack, rent, split, crevice, fracture, breach, fault, tear. 2. falling-out between friends parting of the ways, split, separation, schism, break, disagreement, estrangement, breakup.

rig n. equipment, outfit, gear, tackle, apparatus, rigging.

rig v. 1. equip fit out, gear up, furnish, outfit, suppl, set up, accoutre, clothe, appoint, array, slap together. 2. manipulate fix, tamper with, falsify, arrange, machine, contrive.

right n. 1. privilege authority, prerogative, power, claim, license, title, birthright, say, favor, freedom, due. 2. good virtue, morality, morals, righteousness, justness, justice, integrity, uprightness, honor, correctness.

rightful a. correct fixing, straighten out, amend, make right, mend, repair, doctor, rectify, adjust, remedy, redress, balance. 2. put back in upright position turn over, flip over. ant. 1. *mess up, *screw up, ruin. 2. capsize, *on the money, *on the mark, *on target, exactly, truly, perfectly, faithfully, flawlessly, unerringly. ant. 1. morol, dishonestly, unjustly. 2. incorrectly, inaccurately, imperfectly.

righteous a. good, right, virtuous, moral, ethical, honest, honorable, just, fair, upright, noble, saintly, innocent, angelic. ant. bad, wicked, immoral, wrong.

rightful a. right, just, fair, moral, ethical, proper, fitting, appropriate, legitimate, authorized, lawful. ant. wrong, illegitimate.

right stuff n. qualifications, credentials, experience, courage, *guts, bravery, drive, talent, abilities, skills.

rigid a. 1. unyielding inflexible, hard, stiff, unbending, firm, nonpliant, unmanageable. 2. strict severe, exacting, harsh, uncompromising, inflexible, unaccommodating, stern, stringent, *bullheaded. ant. 1. yielding, flexible, pliable. 2. *easy, compromising, accommodating, flexible.

rigmarole n. babble, blather, gobbledygook, drivel, *rot, claptrap, *bilge, hogwash, bull, twaddle. see nonsense

rigor n. harshness, severity, hardness, hardship, rigidity, roughness, toughness, difficulty, trial, strictness, inflexibility.

RIGOROUS a. [RIG us] harsh, severe, strict. Life in the Arctic is rigorous. syn. harsh, severe, strict, hard, tough, brutal, stringent, trying, austere. ant. easy, undemanding, soft.

rim n. edge, border, margin, perimeter, brink, fringe, verge, ring, hem, lip, brim, skirt.

ring n. 1. circle band, loop, hoop, orbit. 2. finger jewelry band, wedding band. see diamond, jewelry 3. arena ring, circus ring, bowl, coliseum. 4. group or gang mob,
band, circle, party, bloc, association, bunch, syndicate, outfit, coterie, clan. 5. clang dinging, chime, reverberation, knell, peal, tinnitus Nabulation, tinkle, toll, jingle.

WORD FIND
broad band: cigar band
central stone surrounded by smaller ones, ring with: cluster ring
engraved with loving verse, popular in 15th, 16th, 17th centuries: posy ring
graduation from school, marking: class ring
hands clasped together, characterized by two: fede ring
insignia, monogram or coat of arms, inscribed with: signet ring
Irish ring symbolizing friendship, engagement, or marriage, traditional: Claddagh ring
large and showy set with various stones: cocktail ring
matching engagement and wedding ring: bridal set
second ring worn in front of more valuable ring to protect it from loss: guard ring

ring v. 1. clang ding, dong, bong, chime, reverberate, knell, peal, tinnitus Nabulation, tinkle, toll, jingle. 2. announce herald, signal, trumpet, broadcast. 3. circle loop, orbit, encircle, circumscribe, encompass, surround, go around, gird. ringleader n. leader, chief, boss, *head honcho, *big cheese, instigator, orchestrator. rinse v. wash, wet, cleanse, clean, soak, flush, irrigate, drench, splash, immerse. riot n. 1. uprising disorder, outburst, demonstration, anarchy, uproar, protest, melee, commotion, turbulence, ruckus, rebellion, revolt, insurgency, donnybrook, free-for-all, distemper, civil unrest. 2. something hilarious *scream, *laugh-a-minute, panic, howl. rise v. 1. ascend go up, climb, lift, elevate, levitate, mount, scale, soar, go skyward, stand, get up. 2. increase grow, jump, gain, upswing, hike, enlargement, expansion, upscale, raise. risk n. danger, hazard, threat, peril, jeopardy, uncertainty, *thin ice, gamble, chance, insecurity. risk v. endanger, hazard, face a threat, imperil, put oneself in jeopardy, face uncertainty, expose oneself, leave oneself vulnerable, gamble, chance it, *take a shot in the dark, *roll the dice.
risqué a. suggestive, racy, daring, dirty, improp-
er, ribald, off-color, indecent, vulgar, bawdy,
* spicy, * blue, crude, provocative, lewd. ANTe-
clean, G-rated.
rite n. ceremony, ritual, exercise, observance,
solemn act, procedure, practice, custom, formality, liturgy.
ritual n. ceremony, rite, exercise, observance,
solemn act, procedure, practice, custom, formality, tradition.
ritzy a. Sl. elegant, luxurious, posh, sumptuous,
* classy, high-class, deluxe, * swank, * snazzy,
fancy. ANTe. low-class, shabby, poor.
rival n. competitor, opponent, combatant, ad-
versary, contestant, contender, challenger,
motl, equal, enemy. ANTe. colleague, partner,
colleague, friend, ally.
rival v. compete with, equal, match, * go head to
head against, * come up to, oppose, vie, con-
tend, contest, challenge, emulate.
rival a. competing, combating, contesting, con-
tending, opposing, vyi. ANTe. allied, sup-
porting.
rivalry n. competition, contest, vying, opposition,
mach, equaling, struggle, clash, contention, one-on-one, * fight for supremacy,
emulation.
river n. waterway, tributary, branch, estuary,
stream, brook, creek, feeder, torrent, rap-
ids, freshet, rill. * A wet highway. *—Leonard
Levinson. see lake, waterfall

WORD FIND
artificial channel: sluice
brook, tiny: rill, runnel
cross a: ford
dam: weir
deposits of silt left behind by: alluvium
eddy that is foaming and violent: souse hole
embankment protecting against flooding: levee
fear of water: hydrophobia
flooding, area nearby that is susceptible
to: floodplain
intertwined with several branches: braided river
island in: holm
loop of water sometimes separated from
main river: oxbow
mill wheel, turns: millrace
ocean between high banks: fiord
passage of smooth water between rocks: tongue
rate of descent: gradient
referring to riverbank area: riparian
referring to rivers: fluvial
ridge of sand or silt: bar
rotating current: eddy
science of water in motion: hydraulics
sediment left in triangular mound at
mouth of: delta
shallow area surrounded by deeper water: shoal
shallow stream with ripples made by cob-
bles or rocks: riffle
slow-moving deep water: pool
standing wave among rapids: * rooster, * hay-
stack
steep, narrow stretch of descending water:
chute
surrounding area contributing water: wa-
tershed
tidal: estuary
underground: aquifer, groundwater
upwelling or mounding water current: boil
waterfall: cataract
winding section: meander, bend

rivet v. 1. fasten bolt, pin, tack, secure, link, couple. 2. fix one’s attention fascinate,
enthrall, grip, engage, occupy.
riveting a. gripping, fascinating, enthral-
ing, engrossing, occupying, spellbinding, mes-
merizing, keeping one’s attention, entranc-
ing. ANTe. boring, dull, bland.
road n. street, avenue, lane, thoroughfare, track,
boulevard, highway, freeway, parkway,
causeway, expressway, turnpike, interstate,
rout, * main drag, artery, alley, pavement.
see automobile

WORD FIND
bump to check speed: speedbump
circle: rotary, cloverleaf, roundabout, circus
cliff edge road: corniche
concrete highway divider: jersey barrier
curve: ess, hairpin
dead-end: cul-de-sac, blind alley, impasse
descriptive: ribbon
dividing area of highway: median strip, is-
land
edge: shoulder
elevated: skeway
French: rue
German expressway with no speed limit: autobahn
German: strasse
hole: chuckhole, pothole
overhead crossover: overpass
paving material: macadam, cobblestone, gravel, blacktop, asphalt
ringing a city: beltway
shoulder: berm
smoothing vehicle: grader, steamroller
Spanish: via
traffic jam: gridlock
zigzagging mountain road: switchback

roam v. wander, travel, wander aimlessly, ramble, rove, range, meander, stray, drift, gad about.

roar n. howl, bellow, yowl, growl, shriek, bay, cry, yell, bawl, thunder, rumble, explosion, boom, detonation, report.

roar v. howl, bellow, yowl, growl, shriek, bay, cry, yell, bawl, thunder, rumble, explode, boom, detonate, blast.

roast v. 1. bake, cook, brown, broil, barbecue, sear. 2. ridicule, make fun of, make sport of, put down, *rib, *kid, insult, slam, tease, taunt.

rob v. 1. steal, burglarize, burgle, hold up, stick up, *mug, *heist, thieve, filch, *swipe, loot, purloin, pilfer. 2. deprive, withhold, do out of.

robber n. crook, thief, *mugger, bandit, criminal, petty thief, *second-story man, housebreaker, hijacker.


robe n. bathrobe, gown, cassock, garment, vestment, kimono, caftan, toga, frock.

robot n. automaton, mechanical man, android, automated machine, golem, cyborg.

robust a. hale, hearty, strong, vigorous, healthy, sturdy, fit, hearty, tough, potent, strapping, muscular, virile. ANT. weak, sickly, fragile.

rock n. 1. stone, boulder, pebble, rubble, cobblestone, gravel, bedrock, crag, granite, ore. 2. rock and roll, rhythm and blues (R&B), metal, heavy metal, disco, rockabilly, acid rock, punk rock, boogie, doo-wop, funk, fusion, hip-hop, rap, new wave, Motown, pop, psychedelic, reggae, surf music. See music

WORD FIND
altered or metamorphosed by heat and pressure: metamorphic
arrow heads and knife blades, used for Native American: chert
bedrock, material lying over: overburden
bend in rock strata, a: fold; anticline, syncline
break or large crack in continuous rock formation: fault
broken pieces cemented with other types of rock: breccia
broken rock layer used as breakwater or bank: riprap
building material made of quartz, feldspar, and mica: granite
cliff base or steep slope, accumulation of stones at: scree, talus
cluster of particles, pebbles, and gravel held together by clay: conglomerate
conglomerate: breccia, conglomerate
continuous layer of rock at or near surface of ground: bedrock
cup-shaped fold of rock: dome
cuts and polishes, one who: lapidary
deformed quartz from massive pressure of nuclear blast or meteorite impact: shocked quartz
desert area of eroded ridges, peaks, mesas: badland
digestion aid for animal: gastrolith
digestion, swallowed to aid in animal: gastrolith
drawing or carving on: petroglyph
earth material from which useful commodities can be extracted: ore
eroded rocks rising 6 or more meters, formed by one mass over time: tor
erosion of an embankment, pile or layer of broken stones used to help control: riprap
erosion of large rocks into littles ones over time: weathering
fool’s gold: pyrite
formation, process of: lithification
fossilization process: mineralization
fossilized tree resin: amber
fossilized wood turned to stone: petrified wood
fracture filled with minerals: vein
glacial “roadway” marked by telltale scars, scrapes, gouges: glacial pavement
glacial deposit of rocks and gravel: drift, drumlin, esker
glacier, scratch or gouge caused by: striation
glacier-deposited rock: till, drift, boulder train
ground layer: bedrock
inselbergs, piles of boulders formed by the weathering out of: koppies
jutting out of bedrock: outcrop
layering of sedimentary rock: stratification
layers of: strata
layers or beds of: strata
limestone topography full of sinkholes and caverns: karst
limestone, metamorphosed: marble
line of boulders following historical path of glacier: boulder train
long formation of igneous rock intruded into fissure of another rock: dike
magma or lava, formed by: igneous
mass containing gems or fossils: matrix
mass of sedimentary nature, often egg-like in shape, with fossil inside: concretion
massive igneous formation stretching for miles under mountain range: batholith; pluton
metamorphic rock similar to granite: gneiss
metamorphosed by heat, pressure: metamorphic rock
mineral-lined: geode
molten: lava, magma
molten: magma, lava
mountain reduced to rocky nubbin over time: inselberg
nano-plankton, rock comprised of: diatomite
non-native rocks or boulders transported over long distances by glacier: erratics
oldest known rocks made from organic matter: stromatolites
organic matter, sedimentary rock containing: carbonaceous
pertaining to: petrous
plant matter, sedimentary rock comprised of compressed and aged: coal
poop, petrified animal or dinosaur: coprolite
projecting: outcrop, ledge, knuckle, shelf
quartz crystals lining inside of rock, layer of: druse
quartz crystals, cavity that may become lined with: vug
quartz crystals, rock lined with: geode
river, material deposited by: alluvium
sand, bonded: sandstone
sand, silt, organic material, made from: sedimentary rock
seashells, formed from deposits of: limestone, chalk; calcium carbonate
settled mud, silt, sand, pebbles, and organic matter, rock made of: sedimentary sheets, layered and transparent, characterized by: mica
space, from: meteorite
spark producer when struck with steel: flint
study of: petrology
turn into stone: petrify
volcanic ash, made from compressed: tuff
volcanic floater: pumice
volcanic fragments, containing: pyroclastic
volcanic glass: obsidian
volcanic origin, porous rock of: scoria
volcanic rock: igneous, pumice, obsidian, basalt
windblown materials, rock that is polished or shaped by: ventifact
windblown sand, shaped by: ventifact

rock v. roll, pitch, swing, wobble, sway, seesaw, jiggle, lurch, teeter, totter, undulate.
rocket n. missile, projectile, spacecraft, space capsule. See missile, spacecraft
rocket v. soar, shoot up, fly skyward, skyrocket, climb, "take off like a shot, whiz, zoom.
rock the boat v. St. "make waves, disturb, protest, "make a stink, complain, stir things up, challenge the status quo, "upset the apple cart, agitate, rebel.
rocky a. 1. stony flinty, craggy, rugged, jagged, petrous, gravelly, pebbly, bouldered, cobbled. 2. "tippy shaky, teetering, wobbly, tottering, unsteady, unstable. ANT. 2. stable, steady.
rococo a. ornate, ornamented, florid, "busy, profuse, involved, elegant, baroque, overdone, tasteless. ANT. simple, plain, unadorned.
rod n. stick, pole, shaft, cane, baton, bar, switch, mace, scepter.
rogue n. scoundrel, rascal, cad, knave, bastard, creep, scamp, villain, rapscallion, "SOB, ne'er-do-well, cur, "cheat. ANT. "goody-two-shoes, "choirboy, "Dudley Do-Right.
roguish a. unscrupulous, cheating, dishonest, unprincipled, knavish, villainous, two-timing, crooked, mischievous, impish, devilish, prankish, fun-loving. ANT. scrupulous, upstanding, honest, principled.
roll v. cloud, muddy, agitate, stir up, disturb, churn up.
role n. function, office, character, characterization, impersonation, part.
role model n. hero, heroine, good example, mentor, god, goddess, idol, star, superstar, one to look up to.
roll n. bread, bun, brioche, scone, bagel, biscuit.
roll v. 1. spin, revolve, rotate, twirl, gyrate, circle, wheel, twist, spiral, reel, pivot, trundle. 2. thunder reverberate, rumble, roar, resound, resonate, boom. 3. wind coil, ball, furl, twine.

rollicking a. lively, frisky, playful, jolly, carefree, mirthful, jovial, spirited, rip-roaring, romping, boisterous. ANT. subdued, sad, depressed.

romp v. play, frolic, cavort, frisk, roll, gambol, prance, fool around, revel.

room n. 1. compartment, chamber, cubicle, living space, cell. 2. space, clearing, clearance, expanse, play, elbowroom, opening, range, leeway, latitude.

romp v. 1. dig up, unearth, forage, nose about, sniff out, uncover, pry out, grub. 2. cheer support, back, boost, applaud, hail, *egg on.

roots n. ancestry, lineage, background, heritage, birthplace, genealogy, family tree.

romantic a. 1. loving, amorous, passionate, sentimental, demonstrative, affectionate, tender, ardent, *hot, lustful, overemotional, *cow-eyed, *mushy, saccharine. 2. adventurous, exotic, exciting, fabulous. 3. not practical, quixotic, fanciful, unrealistic, idealistic, dreamy, farfetched, starry-eyed, visionary, fantastic. ANT. 1. antagonistic, warring, hateful. 2. humdrum, boring. 3. practical, realistic, down-to-earth.

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root n. 1. taproot, rootstock, radish, tuber. 2. source, basis, seat, germ, heart, soul, root, essence, nucleus, foundation, mainspring, origin, fountain.

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rooster n. perch. see nest


rose a. 1. pink, ruddy, reddish, blooming, glowing, flushed, roseate, rubicund, sunburned, *apple-cheeked. 2. optimistic, encouraging, positive, promising, hopeful, favorable, auspicious, bright, sunny. ANT. 1. pale, sallow, wan, pallid, ashen. 2. pessimistic, bleak, black, gloomy.

rope n. cord, cordage, line, strand, hemp rope, cable, painter, hawser, lanyard, shroud, ratline, guy, bungee cord, lariat, lasso, bola, tether, jump rope, hangman's noose.

rosemary a. spacious, large, capacious, commodious, voluminous, extensive, sizable, broad, wide, long, open. ANT. cramped, tiny, confined.

rot n. 1. decay, spoilage, putrefaction, putrescence, decomposition, corrosion, deterioration, mold, blight. 2. Sl. nonsense rubbish, *crap, *baloney, *twaddle, *hogwash. see nonsense


rotary a. revolving, turning, spinning, twirling, gyrating, rolling. ANT. stationary.

rotate v. 1. go round, revolve, spin, twirl, gyrate, wheel, turn, pivot, roll, circle, twist. 2. alternate switch, replace, exchange places.

rote (by) adv. from memory, by heart, mechanically, by routine.

roost n. ceiling, top. see house

romance n. 1. love affair, relationship, *fling, liaison, amour, pair bonding, *affaire d'amour, courtship. 2. love story, novel, melodrama, *bodice-ripper, story, fantasy, fairy tale, fiction, epic. 3. adventure, love, excitement, glamour, fantasy, exoticism, mystery.

romantic a. 1. loving, amorous, passionate, sentimental, demonstrative, affectionate, tender, ardent, *hot, lustful, overemotional, *cow-eyed, *mushy, saccharine. 2. adventurous, exotic, exciting, fabulous. 3. not practical, quixotic, fanciful, unrealistic, idealistic, dreamy, farfetched, starry-eyed, visionary, fantastic. ANT. 1. antagonistic, warring, hateful. 2. humdrum, boring. 3. practical, realistic, down-to-earth.
rotten  a. 1. decayed, spoiled, putrefied, putrid, decomposed, *gone bad, rancid, sour, tainted, foul, rank, stale, stinking, corroded. 2. immoral, nasty, corrupt, dishonest, evil, disgraceful, vicious, unscrupulous, bad, despicable, dirty, mean. *ant. 1. fresh, good. 2. good, honest, nice.


rough  a. 1. irregular, bumpy, uneven, course, jagged, scaly, craggly, lumpy, wrinkled, corrugated, broken, shaggy, fuzzy, bristly. 2. violent, stormy, tempestuous, fierce, riotous, ferocious, intense, wild, furious, bumpy, rocky, choppy. 3. rude, coarse, unrefined, crude, impolite, uncouth, vulgar, boorish, indelicate, bad-mannered, ungentlemanly, unladylike, gruff. 4. unfinished, raw, basic, crude, imperfect, unprocessed, rough-hewn, inexact, preliminary. 5. approximate, imprecise, inexact, *ballpark, *thumbnail, sketchy, quick. *ant. 1. regular, smooth, level. 2. smooth, mild, easy, gentle. 3. polite, refined, cultured, genteel. 4. finished, perfected, refined, perfected. 5. exact, precise.


round up  v. gather, assemble, corral, muster, herd, amass.

rouse  v. stir, arouse, stimulate, wake, awaken, get going, *fire, rally, move, motivate, spur, prod, excite, goad, electrify. *ant. tranquilize, put to sleep.

rousing  a. stirring, lively, brisk, spirited, energized, electrifying, enthusiastic, vigorous, stimulating. *ant. sleepy, tired, dead.


routh  v. defeat overwhelmingly, overwhelm, conquer, humiliate, beat, whip, thrash, shut out, vanquish, *skunk, *wipe the floor with, *shellac.

route  n. way, course, passage, road, street, highway, path, trail, beat, round, itinerary, shortcut.

route  v. direct, steer, dispatch, guide, channel, conduct.

routine  n. custom, habit, pattern, treadmill, matter of course, convention, *beaten path, rut, *grind, method.

routine  a. usual, daily, everyday, regular, habitual, customary, accustomed, normal, typical, standard, predictable. *ant. unusual, irregular, abnormal.

rove  v. ramble, wander, roam, range, drift, stray, meander, gad about, travel aimlessly, hike.


row  v. 1. quarrel, argue, fight, disagree, dispute, *have a run-in, *have a falling-out, wrangle, conflict, *have a tiff. 2. paddle, scull, oar, stroke. see boat.


rowdy  a. rough, quarrelsome, loud, noisy, boisterous, unruly, coarse, raucous, wild, roughhouse, rambunctious, trouble-making. *ant. mild, quiet, gentle.

royal  a. regal, kingly, queenly, princely, noble, lordly, majestic, aristocratic, imperial, monarchical, stately, sovereign. *ant. plebian, common.
royalty n. sovereignty, kingship, queenship, regality, majesty, aristocracy, nobility, stateliness.

rub n. 1. massage rubdown, stroke, kneading, caress, patting, petting, friction. 2. obstacle hindrance, check, barrier, obstruction, difficulty, catch, snag.

rub v. massage, rubdown, stroke, knead, caress, pat, pet, apply friction, brush, buff, wipe, burnish, abrade, scour, scrub.

rubber-stamp v. approve, okay, endorse.


rubdown n. kneading. See massage

RUBE GOLDBERG DEVICE n. any overly elaborate contraption, especially that employed for a very simple procedure, named after the cartoonist who drew such devices. The young inventor constructed an elaborate Rube Goldberg device to make lemonade automatically. Syn. contraption, contrivance, rig, apparatus, mechanism, appliance, gadget, *whatchamacallit, *thingamabob, *thingamajig.

rub the wrong way v. annoy, *bug, *ruffle one’s feathers. See irritate

ruckus n. disturbance, uproar, commotion, hubbub, rumpus, upheaval, turbulence, racket, outburst.

ruddy a. red, reddish, healthy, glowing, pinkish, *apple-cheeked, blooming, flushed, rosy, rubicund, rosy-cheeked, sunburned. ANT. pale, pallid, wan, ashen.

rude a. 1. discourteous bad-mannered, unmanly, impolite, ungracious, inconsiderate, coarse, insulting, ungentlemanly, unladylike, crude, vulgar, tactless, fresh, indelicate, brutal, brusque, rough. 2. crude, roughly fashioned rough-hewn, primitive, unfinished, unrefined, raw, simple, ill-formed, makeshift. 3. barbarous ignorant, savage, unrefined, uncivilized, uncultured, uncouth, wild, brutalish. 4. violent harsh, abrupt, rough, fierce, uproarious, savage. ANT. 1. courteous, polite, mannerly, gracious, tactful. 2. finished, refined, fully developed. 3. civilized, cultured. 4. gentle, mild, soft.

rudeness n. discourtesy, bad manners, impoliteness, inconsideration, coarseness, lack of grace, conduct unbefitting a gentleman/lady, crudeness, vulgarity, tactlessness, freshness, brutality, impudence, insolence. “The weak man’s imitation of strength.”—Eric Hoffer.

rudimentary a. elementary, basic, fundamental, primary, beginning, initial, original, embryonic, early, undeveloped, incomplete. ANT. advanced, developed.

rudiments n. fundamentals, first principles, elements, basics, essentials, ABCs, beginnings.

rue v. regret, be remorseful, lament, *be sick about, deplore, repent, bemoan, fret over, be sorry for, grieve.

rueful a. mournful, regretful, sorry, grieving, contrite, remorseful, *sick at heart over, heartsick, doleful, lugubrious, woeful. ANT. happy, proud, joyous.


ruffle n. frill, trim, edging, flounce, pleat, border, ruff.

ruffle v. 1. wrinkle mess up, rumple, crinkle, crease, ripple, tousle, dishevel, disturb. 2. irritate annoy, disturb, *rattle one’s cage, *rub the wrong way, *get on one’s nerves, *get under one’s skin, *pull one’s chain, upset, aggravate, unsettle, nettle, chafe. ANT. 1. smooth, arrange.

rug n. carpet, mat, runner, floor covering, broadloom, area rug, throw rug, braided rug, shag carpeting.

rugged a. 1. uneven, rough irregular, bumpy, jagged, wrinkled, broken, craggy, unlevel, rocky, weathered. 2. rough-faced weathered, wrinkled, lined, stone, strong, leathery, hard. 3. stormy tempestuous, violent, rough, harsh, severe, inclement. 4. strong powerful, robust, brawny, stout, hearty, big, tough, muscular, burly. ANT. 1. smooth, flat, level. 2. baby-faced. 3. calm, balmy, mild. 4. weak, *wimpy, skinny.

ruin n. 1. remains of a collapsed or decayed building or city remnants, wreck-age, vestige, relics, debris, rubble. “Time’s slow finger written in the dust.”—Anna Barbauld. 2. destruction downfall, collapse, ruination, undoing, failure, decay, devastation, doom, fall, desolation, skies, extinction, Waterloo.

ruin v. destroy, wreck, devastate, wipe out, demolish, decimate, desolate, smash, crush, lay waste, bankrupt, defeat.

ruinous a. destructive, devastating, decimating, desolating, crushing, catastrophic, catalympic,
ruins - rush

disastrous, fatal, deadly, bankrupting. *See prosperous, fruitful.

ruins n. See ruin

rule n. 1. Regulation law, statute, bylaw, ordinance, guideline, practice, policy, code, order, edict, tenet, principle, doctrine, precept, maxim. 2. Custom habit, routine, practice. 3. Reign control, authority, command, leadership, sovereignty, dominion, domination, government, power, administration.

rule v. 1. Govern reign, control, assert authority, command, hold power, administer, lay down the law, run the show, hold the reins, *call the shots, supervise, dominate. 2. Determine judge, adjudicate, settle, find, deem, hand down a decision.

rule out v. Exclude. See eliminate

ruler n. Leader, governor, administrator, sovereign, king, queen, prince, monarch, dictator, chief, tyrant, autocrat. See government

ruminant v. [RoO muh NATE] To think over or meditate on. He went to his room to ruminante. Syn. Think over, meditate, turn over in one’s mind, deliberate, chew over, weigh, ponder, contemplate, cogitate, reflect on, muse.

rummage v. Search through, fish for, go through, ransack, turn over, hunt, turn inside out, root, comb.

rummy adj. Drunkard, drunk, lush. See alcoholic

rumor n. Talk, whisper, *pass on, leak.


rumple v. Wrinkle, mess up, muss up, crinkle, crumple, crease, ripple, fold, furrow, be-draggle, dishevel.

rumor n. Disturbance, commotion, uproar, ruckus, tumult, stir, upheaval, noise, ado, storm.

run n. 1. Sprint race, footrace, jog, dash, rush, clip, burst of speed, flight, bound, trot, gallop. 2. Trip, especially one taken regularly, journey, route, tour, round, spin, excursion, circuit. 3. Period course, spell, span, interval, stretch, term. 4. Course progression, passage, flow.


runaway n. Fugitive, escapee, deserter, refugee, truant.

rundown n. Summary, outline, recap, synopsis, sketch, briefing, abstract, short version.


run-in n. Fight, quarrel. See argument


run out v. Deplete, expire, exhaust, finish, end, close, stop, dry up.

run n. Dwarf, pygmy, midget, shrimp, half-pint, Lilliputian, pipsqueak, peewee.

runaway n. Airstrip, landing strip, taxiway. See airport

rupture n. Break, crack, burst, split, fracture, tear, rift, rip, cleavage, fissure, rent.


rush n. 1. Hurry speed, swiftness, haste, race, expedition, bustle, dispatch, flurry, hus-
tle, quickness. 2. run dash, charge, sprint, storm, stampede, scramble, race. **Ant.** 1. crawl, *snail’s pace, glacial pace.*

**rush** v. 1. HURRY race, hustle, bustle, dash, make haste, *step on it, get the lead out, zoom, fly, sprint, scurry, scamper, hotfoot it, tear. 2. assault, blitz, storm. 3. pressure push, hurry. **Ant.** 1. crawl, *go at a snail’s pace, move slower than a glacier.*

**rust** n. oxidation. See *Corrosion*

**rust** v. oxidize, decay, crumble. See *Corrode*

**rustic** n. country person, country cousin, farmer, hick, yokel, bumpkin, hillbilly, hayseed.

**RUSTIC** a. [RUS tik] rural, simple, plain. They lived a rustic lifestyle. **Syn.** rural, backwoods, country, agrarian, pastoral, bucolic, Arcadian, simple, plain, unrefined, unsophisticated, natural. **Ant.** urban, sophisticated, citified.

**rustle** v. shuffle, swish, crinkle, crepitate, sigh, brush, whisper, flutter.

**rusty** a. 1. oxidized, decayed. 2. out of practice stiff, impaired, out of shape, below par, unfit. **Ant.** 2. practiced, trained, skilled.

**rut** n. 1. furrow track, groove, trench, cut, trough, score, channel, ditch. 2. routine same-old same-old, pattern, treadmill, grind.

**ruthless** a. cruel, pitiless, merciless, heartless, brutal, vicious, mean, cold, unfeeling, savage, hard, callous, barbarous, ferocious. **Ant.** compassionate, caring, merciful, soft.

Sabbatical n. leave, rest, vacation, holiday, break. See Vacation

Sabre n. fencing weapon, cutlass, blade. See Sword

Sable a. black, dark brown, ebony, jet, raven, dark.

Sabotage n. destruction, demolition, treachery, obstruction, wrecking, impairment, undermining.

Sabotage v. destroy, demolish, wreck, *blow up, obstruct, impair, undermine, cripple, *gum up the works, *put out of commission, *put out of action, subvert.

Saboteur n. agent provocateur, terrorist, bomber, subversive, demolition expert, revolutionary, anarchist, fifth columnist.

Saccharine a. [SAK uh rin] excessively or sickeningly sweet. The happy ending was too saccharine for me. Syn. sweet, excessively sweet, sickeningly sweet, sugary, syrupy, honeyed, nauseating, cloying, nauseating, cloying, nauseating, cloying. Ant. bitter, sour, acid.

Sack n. bag, pouch, satchel, knapsack.


Sacrament n. rite, ceremony, ritual, vow, pledge, oath, baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, penance, holy orders, matrimony.


Sacred Cow n. something granted immunity from attack or disparagement. Social Security is the politician's sacred cow. Syn. idol, sensitive issue, juggernaut, object of worship, hero, god, goddess, protected interest, protected institution, taboo object.

Sacrifice n. offering, concession, loss, relinquishment, surrendering.

Sacrifice v. give up, trade off, forfeit, let go, offer, surrender, relinquish, dispose of, cede, forgo.

Sacrilege n. [SAK ruh lij] violation of something held sacred. Taking the Lord's name in vain is a sacrilege. Syn. violation, desecration, profanation, blasphemy, disrespect, mockery, impiety, irreverence, sin.

Sacrilegious a. in violation, profane, impious, blasphemous, disrespectful, irreverent, godless, unholy, sinful. Ant. Holy, reverent, pious.


Saddle n. seat, western saddle, English saddle, mount, pad, perch, see horse.

Word Find

Part: pommel, cinch, cantle, girthing, stirrup, latigo

Sadistic a. [suh DIS tik] enjoying or being sexually aroused from dominating or inflicting pain on others. The sadistic dicta-
tor liked to torture his detractors. SYN. cruel, domineering, bossy, strict, harsh, dictatorial, aggressive, commanding, disciplinary, severe, nasty, dirty, perverse, *raunchy, sadomasochistic. ANT. masochistic.

sadness n. downheartedness, sorrow, depression, melancholy, misery, unhappiness, cheerlessness, woefulness, gloom, despondency, broken heart, heavy heart, *the blues. ANT: happiness, joy, euphoria, elation.

safari n. hunting expedition, hunt, journey, trek, caravan, shoot, campaign.

safe n. strongbox, safety-deposit box, money box, vault.

safe a. 1. secure *out of harm’s way, out of danger, *out of the woods, out of danger, *out of harm’s way, out of danger, *out of the woods, out of danger, *out of harm’s way, out of danger, *out of the woods, out of danger, *out of the woods, safe and sound, sheltered, protected, guarded, invulnerable, *home free, *in the clear, impregnable. 2. HARMLESS innocent, innocuous, tame, risk-free, okay, secure, sure. 3. CAUTIOUS careful, conservative, wary, prudent, reliable, dependable, circumspect, guarded. ANT: 1. in danger, in peril, *on thin ice, vulnerable. 2. harmful, dangerous, risky. 3. imprudent, out of control.

safeguard n. protection, shield, security, defense, precaution, guard, screen, safety measure.

safeguard v. protect, shield, secure, defend, take a precaution, guard, screen, take a safety measure, assure, insure.

safekeeping n. protection, security, preservation, care, custody, guardianship.

safety n. security, protection, shelter, invulnerability, sanctuary, refuge, safe haven, safe harbor, immunity. ANT: danger, hazard, peril.

sag v. droop, sink, hang, wilt, slump, bow, dip, settle, bend.

saga n. story, narrative, adventure, tale, legend, myth, epic, chronicle, history, romance, roman-fleuve.

SAGACIOUS a. [suh GAY shus] shrewd, sharp, having a keen power of judgment. The sagacious police officer sized up the situation quickly. SYN. shrewd, sharp, judicious, intelligent, acute, keen, discerning, wise, sage, smart, quick, perceptive, savvy, insightful. ANT: stupid, undiscerning, slow.

sagacity n. intelligence, good judgement, sharpness, astuteness, judiciousness, wisdom, perceptiveness, insight. ANT: stupidity, dullness, dull-wittedness.


sage a. wise, intelligent, smart, savvy, learned, astute, sagacious, sensible, judicious, sapient, discerning. ANT: stupid, imbecilic, dense.

sail v. ply the seas, cruise, ride the bounding main, pilot, navigate, skipper, tack, float, drift, shove off, cast off. SEE: boat, navy, sailboat, ship

WORD FIND
change tack: come about
close to the wind: luffing, close-hauled
come about: hard alee
crew member: hand
dead calm area of sea: doldrums
fin used in place of keel: centerboard, daggerboard
lean of vessel while sailing: heel
line fitting on deck: chock
line fixture with prongs: cleat
lines and wires: rigging
line used to hoist sail: lanyard
mast, aft-most: mizzenmast
mast, angle of: rake
mast housing on deck: tabernacle
mooring bow line: painter, bowline
overhead: aloft
pennant, yacht club: burgee
race: regatta
rigging, mast: forestay
roll up sail: furl
rope stairway to aloft: ratlines
sail, adjust angle of: trim
sail, aftermast, rigged fore-and-aft: spanker
sail, forward, triangular: foresail, jib
sail, large forward: Genoa
sail, largest: mainsail
sail, large, three-cornered: spinnaker
sail, lower a: strike, take in
sail, L-shaped: bloopers
sail, raise a: hoist, set
sail, reduce main: reef
sail set forward of mast, any: headsail
sail, square, set abeam: square-rigged
sail, triangular, fore-and-aft-rigged: Bermudarigged, Marconi-rigged
sail used in weak winds: drifter
seat used for worker aloft: bosun’s chair
shallow water, sailing in: gunkholing
sideways, moving: crabbing, making leeway
spar, large vertical sail: mast
spar on bow to which headsail is attached: bowsprit
spar on which bottom of sail is attached: boom
steers, crew member who: helmsman
tack downwind: jibe
tack upwind: beat
vessel, tri-hulled: trimaran
vessel, twin-hulled: catamaran
wind indicators made of yarn tied to shrouds: telltales
wind-protected side of vessel: lee, leeward
wind, run before the: scud
wind, sail with the: run
wind, side of boat taking: windward
wires that stabilize mast: shrouds
world, sail around the: circumnavigate
zigzagging course to counter wind: tacking

sailboat n. boat, vessel, craft, pleasure craft, yacht, windjammer. See boat, navy, sail, ship

WORD FIND

TYPES
fast nineteenth century freight and transport: clipper
fifteenth–sixteenth century Spanish: caravel
fore-and-aft-rigged vessel with two or three masts: schooner
Oriental: sampan, junk
single-masted: sloop, cutter
small, two-masted vessel: ketch
Spanish square-rigger of fifteenth–eighteenth century: galleon
square-rigged warship of eighteenth–nineteenth century: frigate
square-rigger with three or four masts: bark
tri-hulled: trimaran
twin-hulled: catamaran
two-masted: brigantine
warship, fast, small: corvette

sailor n. mariner, seafarer, seaman, navy man, sea dog, navigator, salt, shelfback, skipper, helmsman, hand, first mate, midshipman, quartermaster, petty officer, bosun. See navy

WORD FIND
bag: ditty bag
dance: hornpipe
hat: sou’wester, watchcap
inexperienced: lubber
kidnap: shanghai

living quarters: forecastle
one who brings bad luck: Jonah
rebellion: mutiny
song: shanty, chantey
yes: aye-aye


WORD FIND
declare a: canonize
image: icon
patron saint of children: Nicholas
patron saint of sailors: Elmo
patron saint of the handicapped: Giles
qualify one for sainthood: beatify
study of: hagiography
tomb: shrine
worship: hagiolatry

saintly a. Christian, good, faithful, godly, pious, holy, angelic, spiritual, religious, devout, moral, pure, righteous, virtuous. Ant. unholy, immoral, sinful, wicked.
sake n. 1. behalf welfare, good, gain, interest, advantage, regard. 2. purpose reason, object, end, goal, aim.
salousious a. lustful, *horny, lecherous, libidinous, lewd, prurient, obscene. Ant. chaste, virginal, celibate, abstinent.
salad n. greens, vegetarian fare, lettuce and tomato, cress salad, endive salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, fruit salad, potato salad.
salary n. pay, wages, earnings, income, compensation, remuneration, *take-home, stipend.
sale n. 1. selling trade, exchange, transfer, vending, marketing, transaction. 2. reduction in prices discount, cut, clearance sale, bargain pricing.
salesman/woman n. merchantiser, peddler, pitchman, solicitor, vendor, drummer, clerk.

SALIENT a. [SAYL, yunt] standing out, prominent, outstanding. He wrote down the most salient points of the lecture. Syn. prominent, outstanding, conspicuous, striking, important, weighty, noticeable, primary, significant, glaring. Ant. inconspicuous, unimportant, insignificant.
saliva n. spit, spittle, drool, sputum, salivation, slobber, slaver.
sallow a. pale yellow, yellowish, sickly, jaundiced, pale, pallid, wan. Ant. rosy, glowing, ruddy.
sally n. 1. RUSH charge, attack, assault, blitz, foray, sortie, raid, offensive, onslaught, thrust. 2. Quick remark witticism, quip, *come-back, banter, repartee, mot.
sally v. rush out, charge, storm, raid, assault, attack, blitz, drive.
salon n. 1. SOCIAL ROOM front room, reception area, saloon, drawing room, hall, living room. 2. HAIR-DRESSING ESTABLISHMENT parlor, beauty shop, spa, hairdresser’s.
salty a. 1. saline brackish, briny, heavily seasoned. 2. sharp piquant, pungent, biting. 3. earthy coarse, ribald, off-color, risqué, dirty, racy. ANT. 1. fresh, clean, potable. 2. bland, mild. 3. decent, G-rated, proper.
salubrious a. healthy, wholesome, salutary, beneficial, good for. ANT. unhealthy, harmful.
salutary a. healthy, healthful, wholesome, salubrious, beneficial, good for one. ANT. unhealthy, harmful.
salutation n. greeting, hail, hello, salute, *howdy, address.
salute v. recognition, respects, greeting, obeisance.
salute n. recognition, respects, greeting, obeisance.
salvage v. save, rescue, recover, reclaim, recondition, redeem, recycle. ANT. dump, waste, squander.
salvation n. saving, rescue, deliverance, redemption, release, liberation, emancipation, conversion.
salve n. ointment, balm, emollient, unguent, cream, lotion, liniment.
salve v. soothe, ease, assuage, smooth over, relieve, alleviate, heal.
salvo n. discharge, firing, gunfire, broadside, fusillade, volley, cannonade, bombardment, hail, shower.
same a. 1. IDENTICAL alike, ditto, equal, matching, twin, duplicate, comparable, equivalent, similar, corresponding. 2. UNCHANGED changeless, constant, steady, unvarying. ANT. 1. contrasting, different, unlike. 2. changed, varied.
sample n. part, piece, bit, example, fragment, segment, cross section, portion, *swatch, *demo, bite, taste.
sample v. try, experience, partake, test, taste, *take a cross section.
sanctify v. make holy, consecrate, bless, anoint, hallow, glorify, exalt, beatify, canonize, dedicate. ANT. desecrate, profane.
sanctimonious a. [SANGK tuh MOH nee us] pretending to be holy and righteous. We were sick of his sanctimonious preaching and left. SYN. self-righteous, holier-than-thou, hypocritical, *up on one's moral soapbox, affected, overpious, unctuous, preachy, *goody-goody, false.
sanction n. authorization, approval, permission, confirmation, endorsement, *okay, accreditation, warrant, license, consent. ANT. veto, *no, disapproval.
sanction v. authorize, approve, permit, confirm, endorse, *give the okay, accredit, warrant, license, consent. ANT. veto, disapprove, prohibit.
sanctioned a. authorized, approved, permitted, confirmed, *okayed, accredited, warranted, licensed, consented. ANT. prohibited, reject-ed, vetoed.
sanctity n. holiness, sacredness, saintliness, godliness, inviolability, spirituality, righteousness, piety, purity. ANT. wickedness, godlessness.
sanctuary n. 1. HOLY PLACE church, temple, chapel, sanctum, altar, shrine. 2. REFUGE asylum, haven, retreat, safe harbor, hideaway, shelter. 3. ANIMAL CONSERVATION AREA reserve, reservation, preserve, game preserve, wild animal park.
sandwich n. club, grinder, hero, Italian, BLT, hoagie, poor boy, Reuben, *Dagwood, submarine, canapé, PB&J, open-faced sandwich, doubledecker, *fluffernutter, grilled cheese sandwich.
sane a. of sound mind, rational, lucid, clear-thinking, right-minded, composure, cool, cool-headedness, cool, cool-blooded, coolness. Even in a crisis, she had a certain sang-froid that people respected. SYN. composure, coolness, cool-headedness, cool, cool-blooded, equanimity, calmness, presence
of mind, equilibrium, poise, grace under pressure. _ant._ anxiety, tenseness, hysteria.

**sanguinary** _a._ 1. bloody bloodied, bloodstained, gory. 2. bloodthirsty murderous, savage, predatory, homicidal, out for blood, brutal, slaughterous.

**SANGUINE** _a._ [SAN gwinn] cheerful, upbeat, optimistic. Also, reddish or ruddy, as a complexion. _She appeared sanguine most of the day._ _syn._ 1. cheerful, upbeat, optimistic, buoyant, happy, positive, spirited, hopeful, lighthearted, confident. 2. reddish, ruddy, rubicund, glowing, blooming, scarlet, florid. _ant._ 1. miserable, depressed, pessimistic, hopeless. 2. pale, pallid.

**sanitarium** _n._ sanatorium, resort, health spa, hospital, institution, baths, asylum.

**sanitary** _a._ clean, hygienic, healthy, uncontaminated, antiseptic, disinfectcd, germ-free, sterile, sterilized, wholesome. _ant._ dirty, germ-ridden, unsanitary, unhealthy.

**sanitize** _v._ clean, sterilize, disinfect, make antiseptic.

**sanity** _n._ saneness, sound mind, rightmindedness, mental stability, mental health, "all one's marbles, rationality, sense, levelheadedness, good judgment, lucidity," *both ears in the water._ _ant._ insanity, psychosis, craziness, instability.

**Santa Claus** _n._ Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kriss Kringle, Father Christmas.

**sap** _v._ weaken, exhaust, undermine, drain, wear out, enervate, enfeeble, deplete, impair, bleed dry, suck dry, dehydrate. _ant._ invigorate, energize, strengthen.

**sapient** _a._ sagacious, sage, discerning, intelligent, smart. _ant._ dim-witted, stupid, unwise.

**sappy** _a._ Sl. silly, foolish, corny, fatuous, sentimental, "mushy, maudlin._ _ant._ unfeeling, cold-hearted.

**sarcasm** _n._ mockery, jeering, snideness, ridicule, scorn, irony, satire, contempt, *cut, *dig, wisecrack, put-down. _ant._ compliment, praise, approval.


**SARDONIC** _a._ [sar DON ik] mocking or sarcastic, bitter. _She has had enough of his sardonic observations._ _syn._ mocking, sarcastic, bitter, nasty, disdainful, contemptuous, *cutting, cynical, jeering, *smart-mouthed, *smart-alecky, *wise, *wise-ass, acid, biting. _ant._ complimentary, positive, sweet.

**sash** _n._ band, ribbon, belt, tie, scarf, cummerbund.

**sashay** _v._ strut, swagger, parade, glide, roll one's hips, wiggle pertly, slink, sway, bounce. _see WALK.

**sassy** _a._ saucy, flippant, *mouthy. see IMPUDENT.

**Satan** _n._ the Devil, Lucifer, Prince of Darkness, Beelzebub, Mephistopheles, fiend, demon, Lord of the Flies, Old Harry, Apollyon. _see DEVIL.

**satanic** _a._ demonic, devilish, evil, wicked, hellish, infernal, diabolical, fiendish, black-hearted, malevolent, vicious. _ant._ godly, angelic, saintly.

**satchel** _n._ bag, valise, sack, suitcase.

**sate** _v._ satisfy, fill. _see SATIATE.

**satellite** _n._ moon, planetoid, orbiter, space station, weather satellite, spacecraft, "Sputnik, *Skylab.

**satiate** _v._ fill, satisfy, sate, slake, stuff, gorge, gratify, quench, glut, overload, "pig out, cloy.


**satirical** _a._ ridiculing, mocking, lampooning, sarcastic, ironic, "kidding, smart-alecky, tongue-in-cheek, farcical, burlesque, cynical. _ant._ earnest, solemn, sincere.

**satirize** _v._ ridicule, mock, lampoon, parody, caricaturize, "kid, burlesque, "take off on, make fun of, make sport of.

**satisfaction** _n._ 1. fulfillment gratification, pleasure, contentment, enjoyment, delight, happiness, reward. 2. settlement compensation, restitution, repair, recompense, reimbursement, redress, indemnity. _ant._ 1. dissatisfaction, discontent.

**satisfactory** _a._ okay, acceptable, good enough, all right, sufficient, adequate, pleasing, fulfilling, suitable, up to scratch. _ant._ unsatisfactory, insufficient, unacceptable.

**satisfy** _v._ 1. fulfill gratify, please, content, delight, make happy, reward, "fill the bill, quench, appease. 2. meet fulfill, answer,
equal, match, comply. 3. assured convince, persuade. 4. settle discharge, make up for, compensate, make restitution, clear, pay off. **ant.** 1. dissatisfy, discontent. 2. come up short, *miss the mark.

**satisfying** a. fulfilling, gratifying, pleasing, contenting, delightful, rewarding, quenching, satiating, *filling the bill, *hitting the spot. **ant.** unfulfilling, lacking, unsatisfying.

**saturate** v. soak, imbue, fill, drench, souse, wet through, permeate, impregnate, suffuse, pervade, drown. **ant.** drain, dehydrate, dry.

**saturnine** a. gloomy, morose, depressed, sorrowful, glum, sullen, sulky, downhearted, hopeless, dour, moody. **ant.** happy, cheerful, sunny.

**savant** n. lech, debaucher, playwright, *horny little devil, profligate, rake, wolf, womanizer, Don Juan, Casanova. **ant.** *choir boy, celibate.

**sauce** n. gravy, dressing, relish, condiment, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, Mornay sauce, white sauce, soubise.


**saunter** v. stroll, walk leisurely, *mosey along, amble, pad, shuffle, promenade, dawdle, stray, meander. see walk

**sauté** v. quick fry.

**savage** n. primitive, aborigine, brute, barbarian, beast, monster, animal, cave man, Neanderthal, wild man, killer. *Animals in human shape.*—Bernard de Fontenelle.

**savour** v. taste, smell, enjoy, relish, *smack one's lips over, luxuriate in, appreciate.

**savvy** n. St. know-how, *smarts, understanding, shrewdness, intelligence, knowledge, experience, proficiency, grasp, awareness. **ant.** stupidity, ignorance.

**saw** v. rend, rip. see cut

**saw-toothed** a. jagged, serrated, serrate, notched. see cut

**saying** n. maxim, proverb, truism, adage, aphorism, epigram, cliché.

**savings** n. security, reserve, *something for a rainy day, hoard, investment, *nest egg, bank account, pile, treasure, amassed wealth.

**savior** n. liberator, deliverer, lifesaver, emancipator, messiah, Jesus Christ.

**SAVOIR FAIRE** n. [SAV wahr FEHR] social know-how. He always knew what to say; he had great savoir faire. **syn.** social know-how, sophistication, cultivation, worldliness, graciousness, suavity, smoothness, social grace, poise, urbanity, tactfulness, diplomacy. **ant.** tactlessness, chumpsiness, awkwardness.

**savor** n. taste, flavor, tang, scent, odor, aroma, smell.

**savor** v. taste, smell, enjoy, relish, *smack one's lips over, luxuriate in, appreciate.
scale v. climb, ascend, mount, clamber up. ANT. descend.
scap v. cheat, rob, *rip off.
scamp n. rascal, mischief-maker, troublemaker, imp, rogue, scoundrel, scalawag, knave, prankster, *little devil.
scamper v. run, hurry, scurry, scramble, dash, rush, sprint, dart, scuttle, scoot. ANT. saunter, *mosey along, creep.
scan v. look at, scrutinize, study, survey, examine, inspect, search, scour, peruse, check, glance at, skim, *flip through, *thumb through, browse, *. give the once-over.
scaletic application, traction, depression, osteotomy.
scaletic n. plaster-framed eye, strabismus, squint, squinting, squinty, cross-eye, convergent strabismus.
scaletic adjective a. squinting, squint, squinty, convergent strabismus.
scaletically adverb *in an unperceived manner.
scaletiness n. squint, squinty, convergent strabismus.
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scatter v. strew, sprinkle, litter, spread, scatter, distribute. 2. separate, rout, disperse, diffuse, dispel. ANT. gather, assemble, amass.
scafe n. 1. DISFIGUREMENT scab, pockmark, scar tissue, scratch, line, cut, gash, cicatrix, mark. 2. EMOTIONAL DAMAGE psychological wound, trauma, reminder, stigma, flashbacks.
scarcely adverb barely, merely, only, just, hardly.
scaresome a. rare, uncommon, scanty, scant, insufficient, in short supply, *scarce as hens' teeth, not enough, meager, inadequate, at a premium, tight. ANT. plentiful, bountiful, overabundant.
scarred adjective a. scarred, scarredly, scarredly, scarredly.
scarcely adverb barely, merely, only, just, hardly.
scaresome n. rareness, insufficiency, shortage, short supply, meagerness, inadequacy, dearth, paucity, need, poverty, sparsity.
scar v. frighten, unnerved, terrify, alarm, panic, daunt, shock, appall, *put the fear of God into, petrify, paralyze, *send chills down one's spine, *make one's hair stand on end, spook, *scare the bejesus out of, *curl one's hair, *make one's blood run cold, *adrenalinize, intimidate, horrify, fill with dread. ANT. reassure, encourage, embolden.
scarecrow n. malkin, straw man.
scaf n. muffler, neckpiece, bandanna, ascot, boa, tippet.
scath ing a. harsh, searing, caustic, biting, acid, bitter, severe, vitriolic, cutting, sharp, nasty, pointed, brutal. ANT. mild, bland, gentle.
scaresome n. 1. DROPPING water, oil, imposition, drop, site, spot. 2. VIEW scenery, panorama, vista, landscape, prospect. 3. SECTION act, cut, episode, part. 4. DISPLAY OF EMOTION tantrum, fit, *spectacle, *blowup, outburst.
scaresome a. picturesquely, beautiful, panoramic, breathtaking, grand, spectacular, awe-inspiring, quaint. ANT. nondescript, ugly, unsightly.
scaresome n. odor, smell, fragrance, aroma, essence, bouquet, stink, whiff, trace, redolence, incense.
scaresome a. odorous, smelling, aromatic. SEE FRAGRANT
schedule n. agenda, program, timetable, calendar, roster, docket, plan, lineup, itinerary, slate.
scaresome n. 1. PLAN plot, stratagem, ploy, machination, intrigue, conspiracy, maneuver. 2. SYSTEM arrangement, organization, order.
scaresome a. crafty, underhanded, sneaky, artful, tricky, conniving, calculating, sly, foxy, slippery. ANT. artless, innocent.
SCHISM n. [SIZ um] a separation within a group, due to disagreement over a particular issue. A schism has formed in the church over the abortion issue. SYN. separation, split, division, rift, splintering, break, faction, disjunction, fragmentation. ANT. unification, union, harmony.
schlep v. Sl. drag oneself, drag, lug, carry.
scholarly a. learned, knowledgeable, educated, studious, erudite, literate, well-read, intellectual, academic, bookish, pedantic, *brainy. ANT. ignorant, uneducated, stupid, empty-headed.
scholarship n. 1. knowledge education, erudition, learning, schooling, edification, enlightenment, pedantry. 2. grant student aid, gift, endowment, fellowship.
school n. 1. educational institute academy, high school, elementary school, university, college, institution of higher learning, alma mater, seminary. 2. system method, style, belief system, doctrine.
school v. educate, teach, instruct, train, enlighten, edify, indoctrinate, tutor.
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WORD FIND
agriculture: geoponics, agrology
air, moving objects through: aerodynamics
air: pneumatics
animal, prebirth development: embryology
animals: zoology
aviation: aeronautics
birds: ornithology
building design: architecture
caves: speleology
cells: cytology
chemicals, applied: chemical engineering
chemistry of life processes: biochemistry
civilization, uncovering facts about early: archeology
classification, plant and animal: taxonomy
classification, plant and animal: taxonomy
climate: climatology
color: chromatography
crime: criminology
cycles, natural: chronobiology
discovery: geology
discovery: seismology
discovery: tectonics
discovery: thermodynamics
discovery: physics
discovery: epidemiology
fish: ichthyology
flows: hydraulics
strongs, animal: paleontology
heredity and genes: genetics
human beings: anthropology
human beings, extinct: paleoanthropology
gene manipulation: genetic engineering, eugenics
life processes: biology
lines, angles, planes, etc.: geometry
machinery: mechanics
mapping of terrain: cartography
metals: metallurgy
monsters: teratology
motion: dynamics
plants: botany
plants, ornamental: horticulture
population studies: demography
primitive societies: ethnography
societies and social behavior: sociology
sound: acoustics
space, study of: cosmography, cosmology
time: chronometry, horology
water: hydrography
weather: meteorology

scientific a. systematic, provable, exact, empirical, physical, material, observable, mathematical, technical, technological. ANT. unscientific, spiritual.
scientist n. researcher, expert, authority, investigator, analyst, scientific detective, probe, scholar, inquirer, examiner, tester, scientific sleuth, experimenter, lab technician. SEE SCIENCE
scintilla n. particle, trace, iota, hint, bit, speck, atom, whit, drop, spark.
SCINTILLATING a. [SIN tuh late ing] sparkling, flashing. Also, brilliant, as of wit. The scintillating conversation made the party a success. SYN. 1. SPARKLING glittering,
brilliant, glinting, glimmering, twinkling, gleaming, shimmering, flashing. 2. witty clever, brilliant, effervescent, lively. ANTAG. dull, lackluster.

scion n. offspring, descendant, child, heir, successor, offshoot, shoot.

scoff v. jeer, mock, ridicule, deride, snicker at, laugh at, gib, dismiss, belittle, *pooh-pooh, discount, knock. ANTAG. respect, accept, praise.

scold v. berate, rebuke, upbraid, reprimand, reproach, *blast, *jump down one's throat, find fault, vituperate, *chew out, *give hell, *take to task, castigate, *take over the coals, *rip into, *let have it with both barrels, *bawl out. ANTAG. commend, praise, give a pat on the back.


scout v. dart, scurry, skedaddle, hurry, *move it.

scope n. area, range, extent, span, reach, compass, radius, breadth, sphere.

scorch v. burn, blacken, char, singe, parch, sear, shrivel, brown, toast, blister.

score n. 1. tally count, points, sum, total. 2. GRADE mark. 3. MUSICAL COMPOSITION arrangement, chart. 4. GROOVE nick, notch, cut, gash.

score v. 1. succeed, triumph, achieve, win, *rack up, *chalk up, *nail it, *hit it. 2. cut, cross-cut, hatch, gouge, nick, notch, gash, slit.

scores n. many, multitude, lots, throng, mass, myriad, crowd, legion. ANTAG. few, hardly any.

scorn n. contempt, disdain, hatred, loathing, disgust, distaste, derision, sneering, arrogance, scoffing, mocking. ANTAG. admiration, respect, esteem.

scorn v. regard with contempt, disdain, despise, detest, hate, loathe, look down on, reject, spurn, revile, mock, ridicule. ANTAG. admire, look up to, respect, like.


scour v. 1. scrub clean, wash, rub, abrasive, brush, wipe. 2. SEARCH OUT comb, rummage, range over, pass over, *turn upside-down, *leave no stone unturned, look high and low.

scouger n. punishment, torture, torment, affliction, plague, misery, tribulation, curse.

scourge v. punish, torture, torment, affliction, plague, chastise, curse, beat, whip, flog, thrash.

scout n. spy, patrol, outrider, advance man, reconnoiterer, picket, lookout.

scout v. spy, reconnoiter, *have a look see, survey, investigate, explore, observe, patrol, *check out.

scow n. barge, flatboat.

scowl n. angry look, irritated look, frown, glower, *black look, *dirty look, glare, knitted brow, nasty look, lower. SEE ANGRY.

scowl v. frown, glower, glare, shoot an angry look, shoot an irritated look, *give a dirty look, *shoot daggers. SEE ANGRY.

scraggly a. scruffy, ragged, uneven, irregular, straggly, rough, *like a rat's nest, ungroomed. ANTAG. neat, trim.

scraggy a. skinny, lean, scrawny, bony, thin, slender, gaunt. ANTAG. *hefty, *lanky.

scramble n. run, dash, struggle, climb, race, scuffle, competition.

scramble v. 1. CLAMBER climb, crawl, struggle, rush, dash, run, race, scuffle, compete for, strive for. 2. MIX jumble, stir up, disorder, mingle, tangle, confuse.

scrap n. 1. BIT fragment, piece, shred, chip, speck, slice, hunk, chunk, particle, end. 2. SALVAGE junk. 3. FIGHT argument, quarrel, *tiff, conflict, tussle, altercation, disagreement, squabble, brawl.

scrap v. throw out, drop, ditch, get rid of, discard, junk, *deep-six, jettison.

scrape n. scratch, scuff, abrasion, graze, scar. 2. DIFFICULT SITUATION predicament, trouble, dilemma, quandary, fix, pickle, *mess, *hole.

scrape v. scratch, scuff, abrasive, graze, scar, scour, rasp, shave, skin.

scrappy a. game, aggressive, pugnacious, plucky, gritty, contentious. ANTAG. *wimpy, *meek.

scratch n. cut, laceration, incision, scar, abrasion, scrape, gash, line, score.

scratch v. 1. CUT lacerate, incise, scar, abrasive, scrape, gash, score, graze. 2. ELIMINATE cancel, drop, delete, erase, withdraw, strike.

scrawl v. scribble, scratch, *hen-scratch, doodle.

scrawny a. skinny, thin, lean, slender, *skin and bones, emaciated, anorexic, bony, gaunt, malnourished, spare, rawboned, *could slip through a flute and not sound a note. ANTAG. brawny, big, beefy, fat.

scream n. cry, shriek, yelp, yell, hysterical cry, stranded cry for help, wail, squeal, squall.

scream v. cry, shriek, yelp, cry out hysterically, wail, screech, ululate, let out a stranded cry, sing out, bawl, howl, squeal, squall.
**screech** v. see scream

**screen** n. 1. partition divider, shield, covering, wall, fence, curtain, veil. 2. mesh net, strainer, grating, lattice.

**screen** v. 1. partition divide, shield, cover, block, wall off, fence off, veil. 2. sort out cull, *weed out, sift, filter, strain, eliminate, winnow.

**screw** v. 1. twist wind, turn, wrench, corkscrew, crank. 2. cheat *rip off, take advantage of, defraud, *give the shaft, swindle, extort, chisel. 3. have sexual intercourse, mate, *make love, copulate.

**screw up** v. mess up, bungle, blow it, botch, *flub up, goof up, mismanage, mishandle, *drop the ball, *choke.

**screwy** a. odd, queer, peculiar, eccentric, *nuts. see crazy

**scribble** v. scrawl, scratch, *hen-scratch, doodle, dash.

**scribe** n. scrivener, transcriber, calligrapher, writer, clerk.

**scrimp** v. be frugal, economize, save, be cheap, *pinch pennies, *squeeze nickels, skimp, be stingy, stint. ant. squander, *blow, spend.

**script** n. 1. handwriting writing, longhand, cursive, calligraphy, penmanship. 2. story dialogue, text, screenplay, manuscript.


**scrounge** v. dig for, hunt for, beg, scare up, forage for, bum, track down, *scrape up, panhandle.

**scrub** n. shrubs, bushes, trees, brush, thicket, bush.

**scrub** v. scour, wash, clean, rub, swab, brush, *clean with elbow grease, wipe, mop.

**scruff y** a. shabby, grubby, straggly, unkempt, untrimmed, unwashed, mangy, bedraggled, *like a rat’s nest. ant. neat, tidy, trim, groomed.

**scrumptious** a. tasty, mouth-watering, pleasing. see delicious

**scruple** n. hesitancy, doubt, qualm, misgiving, second thought, pang, apprehension, caution, reluctance, *little voice.

**SCRUPULOUS** a. [SKROO pyuh lus] proper and highly principled, careful to do the right thing, meticulous. *He was a scrupulous businessman.* SYN. proper, principled, moral, upright, ethical, honest, upstanding, careful, meticulous, punctilious, painstaking, exacting, particular, fussy. ant. unscrupulous, unprincipled, dishonest, sloppy.

**SCRUTINIZE** v. [SKROOT uh NIZE] to look at very closely. *She scrutinized the will for her name.* SYN. look at, examine, inspect, study, pore over, *eyeball, peruse, explore, probe, *scorch with one’s eyes. ant. overlook, pass over, disregard.

**scrutiny** n. inspection, close look, examination, treatment, surveillance, study, probing, perusal, investigation, *eyeballing, search, exploration. ant. quick glance, quick glimpse.

**scuba diving** n. skin diving, snorkeling.

**scuff** v. see scrape


**scuffle** v. struggle, fight, tussle, scrap, *rumble, brawl, *mix it up.

**sculpture** n. 1. statue statuary, bust, figure, figurine, bronze, carving, abstract. 2. carving chiseling, molding, stonecutting. "An art that takes away superfluous material."—Michelangelo. "Mud pies which endure."—Cyril Connolly.

**WORD FIND**

bizarre human or animal figure: grotesque
chip off stone: stun
frame, framework: armature, butterfly
Greek statue of marble: acrolith
larger than life-size sculpture: heroic, colossal
low relief: bas-relief
medium: marble, clay, bronze
projection: relief
smaller than life-size sculpture: statuette
tool: bushhammer, calipers, mallet, rasp
trim: fettle

**scum** n. 1. dross refuse, film, layer, froth, residue. 2. Lowlife *sleazebag, riffraff, *dregs of society.

**scurrilous** a. vulgar, indecent, abusive, offensive, insulting, obscene, gross, foulmouthed, dirty, raunchy, *gutter-mouthed, nasty.

**scurry** v. scamper, run, race, hurry, scuttle, dash, scoot, sprint, dart, hasten, bolt, fly.

**scurry** a. mean, contemptible, despicable, low. ant. admirable.

**scull** v. 1. run scurry, scamper, race, hurry, dash, scoot, sprint, dart, hasten, bolt, *beat feet. 2. abandon scrap, scrub, scratch, quit, desert.
scuttlebutt  n. Sl. rumor, gossip, word, grapevine news, talk.

sea  n. ocean, the deep, *briny deep, *bounding main, *Davy Jones’s locker, high seas, surf, rolling sea. see beach, ocean

seafarer  n. seaman, mariner. see sailor

seal  n. 1. STAMP symbol, emblem, imprint, impression, logo, authentication, insignia, imprimatur. 2. FASTENING adhesive, sealant.

seal  v. 1. FASTEN secure, shut tight, lock in, waterproof, make airtight, plug. 2. SETTLE assure, determine, decide, ensure, clinch, make certain, confirm.

seam  n. closure, connection, juncture, stitches, suture.

seaman  n. seafarer, mariner. see sailor

seamy  a. sordid, unpleasant, squalid, disagreeable, rough, unwholesome, unsavory, objectionable, revolting, dirty. ant. pleasant, decent, good.

seance  n. communion with the dead, spiritual contact, session, sitting, conjuring.

sear  v. scorch, burn, brown, singe, toast, char, sizzle, wither, dry up, parch, shrivel, wilt.

search  n. hunt, exploration, quest, probe, investigation, *shakedown, *frisking, scrutiny, investigation, study, rummaging, foraging, researching.


searching  a. penetrating, piercing, probing, sharp, intent, deep, inquisitive, curious, quizzical. ant. cursory, uninterested.

searching  n. isolation, sequestration, segregation, privacy, hiding, shelter, solitude, sanctuary, retreat, quarantine.

seclusion  n. withdrawal, breakup, defection, renunciation, separation, split, expatriation, pullout, disaffiliation. ant. join, merging, federation.

seclude  v. isolate, sequester, hide, segregate, insulate, go into retreat, withdraw, quarantine.

secluded  a. isolated, sequestered, segregated, insulated, cloistered, reclusive, private, hidden, sheltered, lonesome, remote, deserted, solitary, quarantined. ant. public, open, frequented.

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secondary  a. lesser, inferior, subordinate, minor, ancillary, subsidiary. ant. main, first, primary.

second  n. instant, tick of the clock, wink, *heartbeat, moment, flash, twinkling, jiffy, *nothing flat.

second  v. support, back, root for, side with, advocate, further. ant. oppose, contradict, dispute.

secondary  a. lesser, inferior, subordinate, minor, ancillary, subsidiary. ant. main, first, primary.

second-hand  a. previously owned, used, handed down, old, broken-in, pre-owned. ant. new.


secrecy  n. concealment, covertness, confidentiality, privacy, surreptitiousness, stealth, hiding, underhandedness, sneakiness, silence. ant. overt, publicity, openness.

secret  n. confidence, classified information, privileged information, *skeleton in the closet, mystery, enigma.
secret  a. concealed, hidden, covert, confidential, private, surreptitious, furtive, stealthy, underhanded, sneaky, quiet, silent, hush-hush, under wraps, classified, undisclosed, clandestine, mysterious, cryptic, secluded, sequestered, out-of-the-way, undercover. **ant. overt, public, open.

secretary  n. office worker, typist, word processor, receptionist, file, stenographer, bookkeeper, *guy/gal Friday, *desk jockey. see office worker

secrete  v. 1. hide, conceal, stow away, closet, seclude, shroud, veil, bury, harbor, stash. 2. release discharge, emit, excrete, ooze, exude.

secretive  a. private, tight-lipped, close-mouthed, silent, evasive, surreptitious, furtive, covert, clandestine, sneaky, backdoor, stealthy, cryptic, mysterious. **ant. open, overt, public.

sect  n. section, segment, division, group, denomination, order, cult, division, clique, splinter group.

sectarian  a. partisan, party-minded, factional, denominational, cultish, cliquish, parochial, provincial, narrow-minded. **ant. broad-minded, nonpartisan.

section  n. part, segment, piece, component, slice, hunk, chunk, parcel, quarter, division, fragment, fraction, unit, share, district, region, neighborhood, community, ward, precinct, borough.

sector  n. section, segment, division, group, class, district, area, zone, region.

SECULAR  a. [SEK yuh lur] unrelated to religion or the church, worldly. **The church organist sometimes played secular music.** syn. worldly, nonreligious, laic, lay, profane, earthly, temporal, mundane. **ant. religious, ecclesiastical, spiritual.

secure  v. 1. get obtain, procure, acquire, pick up, attain. 2. bind tighten, tie down, lock up, fasten, fix, attach, set, anchor, stabilize. 3. safeguard defend, shield, shelter, protect.

secure  a. 1. safe sheltered, protected, defended, immune, out of harm’s way, unsailable, invulnerable, in the clear, in safetykeeping. 2. confident self-assured, carefree, untrodden, certain, definite, settled. 3. firm stable, strong, fast, locked, set, tight, fastened, bound, anchored, tied down. **ant. 1. unsafe, insecure, unprotected, vulnerable. 2. insecure, troubled, doubting. 3. loose, unsecured, unlocked.

security  n. 1. confidence fearlessness, assurance, peace of mind, certainty, freedom from worry. 2. protection defense, shield, shelter, safeguard, safety, immunity, refuge, invulnerability. 3. guarantee pledge, assurance, collateral, bond, surety, escrow.

sedate  a. calm, quiet, staid, serious, serene, impassive, sober, dignified, tranquil, placid, grave. **ant. *a nervous wreck, excited, agitated.

sedative  n. tranquilizer, hypnotic, sleeping pill, soporific, depressant, opiate, Demerol, Nembutal.

sedative  a. tranquilizing, calming, relaxing, sleep-inducing, tension-relieving, sedating. **ant. stimulating, exciting.


sediment  n. dregs, grounds, deposit, settling, lees, precipitate.

sedition  n. rebellion, treason, incitement, rabble-rousing, mutiny, insurrection, revolt, subversion.

sedulous  a. diligent, hard-working, busy, industrious, assiduous, tireless, constant, persistent, plodding, dogged, intense. **ant. lazy, lagging, lax.

seductive  a. persuasive, enticing, tempting, alluring, tantalizing, beguiling, attractive, flirtatious, sexy, bewitching. **ant. repellent, repulsive.

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SECRET a. concealed, hidden, covert, confidential, private, surreptitious, furtive, stealthy, underhanded, sneaky, quiet, silent, hush-hush, under wraps, classified, undisclosed, clandestine, mysterious, cryptic, secluded, sequestered, out-of-the-way, undercover. **ant. overt, public, open.

secretary n. office worker, typist, word processor, receptionist, file, stenographer, bookkeeper, *guy/gal Friday, *desk jockey. see office worker

secrete v. 1. hide, conceal, stow away, closet, seclude, shroud, veil, bury, harbor, stash. 2. release discharge, emit, excrete, ooze, exude.

secretive a. private, tight-lipped, close-mouthed, silent, evasive, surreptitious, furtive, covert, clandestine, sneaky, backdoor, stealthy, cryptic, mysterious. **ant. open, overt, public.

sect n. faction, party, group, denomination, order, cult, division, clique, splinter group.

sectarian a. partisan, party-minded, factional, denominational, cultish, cliquish, parochial, provincial, narrow-minded. **ant. broad-minded, nonpartisan.

section n. part, segment, piece, component, slice, hunk, chunk, parcel, quarter, division, fragment, fraction, unit, share, district, region, neighborhood, community, ward, precinct, borough.

sector n. section, segment, division, group, class, district, area, zone, region.

SECULAR a. [SEK yuh lur] unrelated to religion or the church, worldly. **The church organist sometimes played secular music.** syn. worldly, nonreligious, laic, lay, profane, earthly, temporal, mundane. **ant. religious, ecclesiastical, spiritual.

secure v. 1. get obtain, procure, acquire, pick up, attain. 2. bind tighten, tie down, lock up, fasten, fix, attach, set, anchor, stabilize. 3. safeguard defend, shield, shelter, protect.

secure a. 1. safe sheltered, protected, defended, immune, out of harm’s way, unsailable, invulnerable, in the clear, in safetykeeping. 2. confident self-assured, carefree, untrodden, certain, definite, settled. 3. firm stable, strong, fast, locked, set, tight, fastened, bound, anchored, tied down. **ant. 1. unsafe, insecure, unprotected, vulnerable. 2. insecure, troubled, doubting. 3. loose, unsecured, unlocked.

security n. 1. confidence fearlessness, assurance, peace of mind, certainty, freedom from worry. 2. protection defense, shield, shelter, safeguard, safety, immunity, refuge, invulnerability. 3. guarantee pledge, assurance, collateral, bond, surety, escrow.

sedate a. calm, quiet, staid, serious, serene, impassive, sober, dignified, tranquil, placid, grave. **ant. *a nervous wreck, excited, agitated.

sedative n. tranquilizer, hypnotic, sleeping pill, soporific, depressant, opiate, Demerol, Nembutal.

sedative a. tranquilizing, calming, relaxing, sleep-inducing, tension-relieving, sedating. **ant. stimulating, exciting.


sediment n. dregs, grounds, deposit, settling, lees, precipitate.

sedition n. rebellion, treason, incitement, rabble-rousing, mutiny, insurrection, revolt, subversion.

sedulous a. diligent, hard-working, busy, industrious, assiduous, tireless, constant, persistent, plodding, dogged, intense. **ant. lazy, lagging, lax.

seductive a. persuasive, enticing, tempting, alluring, tantalizing, beguiling, attractive, flirtatious, sexy, bewitching. **ant. repellent, repulsive.

secret - seedy
mangy, bedraggled, poor. *ant. luxurious, well-kept, groomed, sparkling.

seek v. 1. look for search for, hunt, "look high and low, cast about for, quest," fish for, "sniff out," ferret out, "leave no stone unturned. 2. inquire request, question, ask for. 3. pursue aim, set one's sights for, aspire to.

seem v. appear, have the appearance of, look like, give the impression.

seeming a. ostensible, apparent, outward, external, assumed, presumable, professed, illusory, quasi. *ant. actual, real.

seemly a. proper, fitting, suitable, appropriate, right, correct, becoming, decorous, prudent, in good taste. *ant. improper, unsuitable, rude.

seep v. leak, ooze, exude, bleed, drip, dribble, issue, sweat, weep, permeate.

seer n. prophet, prognosticator, predictor, psychic, oracle, fortuneteller, forecaster, diviner, medium, soothsayer.

seesaw n. teeter-totter.

seethe v. 1. boil bubble, froth, roll, surge. 2. rage *see red, *get steamed, *do a slow burn, "boil over," blow one's top, fume, be livid, *storm, *foam at the mouth.

segment n. section, piece, part, portion, fragment, division, parcel, bit, element, component, quarter.

segregate v. separate, set apart, isolate, divide, insulate, split up, dissociate, quarantine. *ant. unite, join, integrate, desegregate.

segregation n. separation, apartheid, isolation, division, insulation, splitting up, setting apart, exclusion, quarantine.

seize v. 1. grab take, snatch, grasp, grip, clasp, pluck, catch, embrace, "jump on." 2. confiscate capture, apprehend, arrest, "nail," collar, "nab, commandeer, impound, take by force, appropriate, usurp, kidnap, hijack.

seizure n. 1. apprehension arrest, capture, confiscation, commandeering, impounding, appropriation, kidnapping, hijacking. 2. convulsion fit, attack, throe, paroxysm, epileptic episode, stroke.

seldom adv. rarely, infrequently, hardly ever, "once in a blue moon." *ant. often, frequently.

select v. pick, choose, elect, opt for, single out, prefer, vote for, favor, cull, weed out. *ant. reject, "turn one's nose up at, shun.


selection n. pick, choice, preference, election, favorite, choosing, culling, weeding out, vote. *ant. reject.


self n. ego, individuality, entity, soul, mind, personality, being, character.


self-centered a. selfish, self-absorbed, narcissistic, "thinks the world revolves around one's self, conceited, self-serving, egocentric, egotistical. *ant. other-directed, giving, generous.

self-confidence n. self-assurance, inner strength, positive self-image, coolness, aplomb. "The first requisite to great undertakings."—Samuel Johnson. see confidence


self-defeating a. "shooting oneself in the foot, "cutting off one's nose to spite one's face, defeating its own purpose.


self-image n. conception of oneself, self-esteem, self-regard.

self-important a. conceited, overbearing, arrogant, "bigheaded, egotistical, pompous, swaggering, smug, snobbish, "snotty, "high and mighty. *ant. self-effacing, modest, humble.

selfish a. self-centered, self-serving, greedy, egocentric, egotistical, "wrapped up in oneself, narcissistic, "looking out for number one, "thinks the world revolves around one, "piggish. *ant. giving, other-directed, generous.

selfishness n. self-centeredness, greediness, egocentricity, narcissism. "Consuming happiness without producing any."—Joan Tepperman.
**Self-reliant** a. independent, "standing on one's own two feet, self-sufficient, autonomous, strong. **Ant.** dependent, needy.

**Self-respect** n. self-esteem, pride, self-regard, self-worth, dignity, "the ability to hold one's head up, "the ability to stand tall." "The cornerstone of all virtue."—John Herschell. "The noblest garment."—Samuel Smiles.

**Self-righteous** a. holier-than-thou, sanctimonious, complacent, smug, hypocritical, preachy, "goody-goody, pious, self-satisfied. **Ant.** humble.

**Self-satisfied** a. complacent, smug, pleased with oneself, proud, arrogant, "full of oneself, swelled-headed, bigheaded, content. **Ant.** self-effacing, humble, modest.

**Self-sufficient** a. See **Self-reliant**

**Sell** v. deal, trade, market, wholesale, retail, peddle, vend, offer for sale, unload, auction, barter, hustle. **Ant.** buy, purchase.

**Seller** n. dealer, trader, marketer, wholesaler, retailer, peddler, vendor, merchant, auctioneer, hustler, broker, agent.

**Sell out** v. betray, double-cross, "stab in the back, sell one's soul, do anything for money.

**Semantics** n. [suh MAN tiks] dealing with language and the meanings of words, phrases, etc. They were no longer arguing over hard issues, but semantics. **Syn.** meanings, semiotics, lexicology, lexicography, linguistics, interpretations, connotations.

**Semblance** n. appearance, look, aspect, air, aura, resemblance, bearing, show, face, facade, image.

**Semen** n. seminal fluid, sperm.

**Semester** n. term, period, interval, session, half-year.

**Seminal** a. [SEM uh nul] the first, originating or developmentally important, basic. Little Richard is regarded as a seminal rock and roll singer. **Syn.** first, originating, germinal, innovative, developmental, first of its kind, fresh, pioneering, trailblazing.

**Seminar** n. group discussion, workshop, panel discussion, forum, conference, symposium, meeting, review.

**Send** v. transport, transmit, deliver, transfer, convey, direct, remit, mail, post, ship, relay, wire, shoot, propel, throw, fire off, broadcast. **Ant.** receive, get.

**Send packing** v. show the door, dismiss, discharge, give walking papers.

**Senile** a. disoriented, mentally deficient, forgetful, demented, feebleminded, "slipping, confused, in one's dotage, deteriorating. **Ant.** sharp, lucid, clear-thinking.

**Senior** n. elder, senior citizen, retiree, matriarch, patriarch, grandmother, grandfather, first-born, doyen, superior, dean. **Ant.** junior, inferior, subordinate.

**Senior** a. ranking, superior, chief, preeminent, elder, older, higher, veteran. **Ant.** junior, inferior, les.

**Sensation** n. 1. feeling sense, sensitivity, perception, reaction, response, sound, sight, smell, pain, tingle, itch. 2. excitement public interest, fuss, uproar, hit, wonder, phenomenon. **Ant.** 1. insentientness, anesthesia. 2. apathy, indifference, "hardly a ripple.

**Sensational** a. 1. excellent exceptional, good, superb, "out of this world, fantastic, fabulous, outstanding, extraordinary, marvelous, terrific, wonderful. 2. startling shocking, thrilling, exciting, "mind-blowing, spine-tingling, hair-raising, breathtaking, electrifying, staggering. 3. exaggerated melodramatic, lurid, "tabloid, cheap, "yellow, scandalous. **Ant.** 1. awful, lousy, second-rate. 2. boring, dull. 3. understated, dry.

**Sensationalism** n. exaggeration, melodrama, ludicrous, ridiculous, irrational. *yellow, scandalous. 2. startling surprising, have a feeling, discern, "catch some vibes, notice, "have a gut feeling, suspect.

**Sense** n. 1. **Sensation** feeling, perception, sensitivity, responsiveness, stimulus reception, sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch. 2. Awareness perception, realization, impression, feeling, consciousness, premonition. 3. Intelligence wisdom, judgment, reason, common sense, logic, brains, "smarts, sharpness, understanding, "savvy, intuition. 4. Meaning substance, point, content, gist, interpretation, thrust, essence, core, significance, definition.

**Sense** v. feel, perceive, pick up, get the impression, have a feeling, discern, "catch some vibes, notice, "have a gut feeling, suspect.

**Senseless** a. nonsensical, stupid, brainless, idiotic, foolish, insane, crazy, "nuts, mindless, "wacky, ludicrous, ridiculous, irrational. **Ant.** sensible, rational, smart.
sensibility n. ability to feel, sensitivity, sentience, responsiveness, receptivity, perception, perceptiveness.

sensible a. smart, intelligent, judicious, prudent, rational, logical, sober, sound, levelheaded, realistic, sane, reasonable, down-to-earth. ANT. senseless, nonsensical, stupid.

sensitive a. 1. impressionable responsive, acute, keen, receptive, reactive, conscious, feeling, sentient, sympathetic. 2. easily hurt easily offended, touchy, hypersensitive, testy, thin-skinned, ticklish, irritable. 3. sore tender, painful, hurting, raw. 4. sympathetic compassionate, understanding, empathetic, enlightened. considerate. ANT. 1. insentient, unresponsive. 2. thick-skinned. 3. calloused, numb. 4. insensitive, inconsiderate, dense.

sensibility n. 1. responsiveness feeling, sense, receptiveness, acuteness, keenness. 2. sympathy understanding, compassion, empathy, enlightenment, consideration. ANT. 1. unresponsiveness, insentience. 2. insensitivity, lack of understanding.

sensual a. physical, of the body, bodily, fleshly, voluptuous, sexual, sensuous, carnal, lustful, erotic, lascivious, libidinous, "horny, licentious, lewd. ANT. spiritual, cerebral, of the mind.

sensuous a. stimulating, sensory, luxurious, pleasurable, pleasant to the touch, pleasant to the eye, rich, sumptuous, voluptuous.

sentence n. judgment, decision, punishment, penalty, time, prison term, "stretch up the river, doom.

sentence v. judge, rule, punish, penalize, give a prison term, condemn, term, doom, mete out, imprison, "send up the river, "throw the book at.

sententious a. 1. concise short, pithy, succinct. 2. aphoristic grandiloquent, bombastic, pompous, moralizing, trite. ANT. 1. wordy, long-winded. 2. sensible, meaningful.

sentient a. feeling, sensitive, conscious, perceptive, receptive, responsive. ANT. insensient, unfeeling.

sentiment n. 1. feelings attitude, opinion, thought, leaning, idea, way of thinking, view, emotion, judgment. 2. sentimentalism romanticism, "mushiness, feeling, tenderness, emotion, "hearts and flowers. "Jam without bread."—Sydney Harris. "The poetry of the imagination."—Alphonse Lamartine.


sentinel n. sentry, guard, watch, lookout, picket, patrol, scout.

sentry n. see sentinel.

separate v. remove, break off, divide, disconnect, detach, split, sever, divorce, take apart, single out, segregate, secede, isolate. ANT. connect, attach, join, unite.

separate a. unconnected, detached, disconnect ed, unattached, apart, divided, single, individual, distinct, sole, lone, independent, autonomous. ANT. connected, attached, together, joined.

separation n. division, detachment, disconnection, parting, removal, breakup, split, divorce, segregation, disassociation, rift, secession. ANT. union, connection, attachment.

sept a. infectious, putrid, putrefied, rotting, contaminated. ANT. antiseptic, sterile.

sepulcher n. vault, grave, tomb, mausoleum, crypt, resting place, catacomb. SEE CEMETERY.

SEPULCHRAL a. [suh PUL krul] gloomy, dark, dismal, as of the grave. A sepulchral silence fell over the proceedings. SYN. gloomy, dark, dismal, black, as of the grave, funereal, deathly, morbid, mournful, dreary, heavy, Stygian. ANT. bright, sunny, cheerful.

sequence n. series, order, succession, lineup, progression, array, cycle, train, course, string, round.

sequence v. part two, follow-up, continuation, consequence, aftermath, outcome, epilogue, "spin-off, offshoot.

SEQUEL n. part two, follow-up, continuation, consequence, aftermath, outcome, epilogue, "spin-off, offshoot.

SEQUESTER v. [si KWEST ur] to set apart or isolate, separate. The jury will be sequestered during the trial. SYN. set apart, separate, isolate, seclude, hide away, secrete, remove oneself, withdraw, confine, quarantine.

SERENDIPITY n. [SER un DIP uh tee] accidental good fortune. We located the treasure by pure serendipity. SYN. good fortune, fortune, chance, "Lady Luck, "wheel of fortune, luck, happy chance, happenstance, "toss of the dice, "fluke. ANT. design, plan.

serene a. 1. peaceful tranquil, placid, calm, untroubled, quiet, sedate, halcyon, undis-
turbed, still, composed. 2. CLEAR unclouded, bright, fair, sunny. ANT. 1. wild, violent, agitated. 2. stormy, cloudy.

serenity n. peace, peacefulness, tranquility, placidity, calm, quiet, stillness, composure, coolness, relaxation, unperturbability. ANT. wildness, violence, agitation.

serf n. slave, villein, vassal.

serfdom n. serfdom, serfdom, serfdom.

serene a. [S] submissive or subservient, like a servant or slave. He smiled and nodded in the proper servile manner. SYN. submissive, subservient, yielding, slavish, obsequious, fawning, groveling, deferential, cringing, sycophantic, toady ing. ANT. rebellious, defiant, domineering.

servitude n. slavery, bondage, enslavement, indenture, servitude, subjection, subordination, servitude.

session n. 1. meeting assembly, discussion, hearing, conference, council, legislative session, convention. 2. term period, semester, course.

set n. 1. outfit collection, assemble, array, assortment, arrangement, pair, group, series. 2. theatrical setting scenery, backdrop, props. 3. group clique, circle, class, pack, crowd, gang, clan, fraternity.

set v. 1. place position, put, stick, lay, plant, plop, situate, locate, rest, deposit, station, install, insert, mount. 2. settle upon agree on, determine, decide, arrange, prearrange, fix, schedule, specify, establish, designate. 3. adjust fix, position, ready. 4. harden stiffen, solidify, thicken, congeal. ANT. 1. pick up, remove, lift. 4. soften, loosen, liquefy.

set a. 1. settled agreed on, determined, decided, arranged, prearranged, fixed, scheduled, specified, ordained, ready. 2. usual routine, normal, conventional, fixed, customary, regular. 3. hardened fixed, firm, rigid, stiff, locked, positioned, secured, rooted. ANT. 1. unsettled, undecided. 2. different, unconventional. 3. soft, loose.

setback n. reversal, disappointment, *stumbling block, defeat, blow, loss, trouble, relapse, upset, check, regression, *one step forward and two steps back, *square one. ANT. advance, progress, leap forward.

setting n. scene, scenery, backdrop, environment, surroundings, locale, site, milieu, mise-en-scène, time, place, period.

settle v. 1. put in order arrange, fix, straighten out, resolve, rectify, *iron out, satisfy, clear, end. 2. sit sink, sag, droop, plant oneself, lay, repose. 3. take up residence move to, locate, colonize, populate, set up housekeeping, reside, come to roost, *put down roots, inhabit. 4. sink clear out, clarify, precipitate. 5. relax calm, quiet, soothe, tranquilize, compose, lull, sedate. 6. mediate arbitrate, resolve, negotiate, compromise. ANT. 1. mess up, confuse. 2. rise. 3. pull up roots, fly
settlement

n.
1. community colony, village, outpost, peopling.
2. agreement arrangement, resolution, compromise, negotiation, arbitration, disposition.
3. payment of debt satisfaction, clearance, liquidation.

settler

n.
colonist, homesteader, frontiersman, pioneer, squatter, sooner.

settlements

n.
dregs, sediment, lees.

set-to

n.
fight, fistfight, struggle. see fight

setup

n.
arrangement, configuration, structure, system, organization, format, plan.

set up

v.
1. construct erect, raise, build, put together, assemble. 2. create start, originate, organize, establish, found, institute. ANT. 1. tear down, disassemble, dismantle. 2. terminate, end.

sever

v.
1. cut cleave, split, divide, separate, cut in two, slice, rend, chop off. 2. dissociate break off, separate, cut off, split up, discontinue, drop, divorce, disband. ANT. 1. join, attach. 2. join, unite, reunite.

several

a.
1. a lot a number, quite a few, a handful, considerable, numerous, some. 2. separate distinct, individual, single, respective, particular, personal. ANT. 1. none, few. 2. joint.

severe

a.
1. harsh stern, strict, hard, hard-nosed, uncompromising, unsparing, rigid, unfeeling, merciless, pitless. 2. serious grave, forbidding, stern, unsmilng, grim, austere, cold, stony. 3. grievous serious, acute, violent, nasty, critical, dire, life-threatening, bad, dangerous, fierce, intense, extreme. 4. plain unornamented, spare, bare, stark, austere, undecorated. ANT. 1. soft-hearted, easy, compassionate. 2. lighthearted, smiley, jovial. 3. mild, minor, trivial. 4. ornate, rococo, luxurious.

sew

v.
stitch, mend, tailor, seam, hem, embroider.

sewage

n.
waste, discharge, runoff, foul water, pollution.

sex

n.

WORD FIND
abstinence: celibacy
anal or oral sex on a male: sodomy
aphrodisiac from beetle juice, alleged: Spanish fly
assault: molestation, rape
baby, pleasure derived by acting like a helpless: infantilism
condom, slang for having sex without a: riding bareback
counselor: sex therapist, sex surrogate
dominant woman as sexual pleasurer: dominatrix
ejaculation period when no new ejaculation is possible: post-refractory period
ejaculation, removal of penis from vagina before: coitus interruptus
erection, medical condition of permanent: priapism
erection drug aid: Viagra
expose oneself: flash
exposes himself, one who: flasher
family member, sex with: incest
feces, pleasure from: coprophilia
find a partner and have sex: score
forbidden: taboo
Freudian notion of daughter’s attraction to father, hostility toward mother: Electra complex
frustration in males due to lack of ejaculation, severe sexual: blue balls
group sex: ménage à trois, orgy, threesome, three-way, gang bang, daisy chain
hole through which two males participate: glory hole
hormone, sex drive: testosterone
hymen, slang for: cherry
impotence: erectile dysfunction
insatiable female: nymphomaniac
insatiable desire in females: nymphomania
kissing of another’s entire body as a prelude to: around the world
lesbian sex, referring to: Sapphic
male or female, enjoys sex with: bisexual
murder for sexual pleasure, film showing real: snuff film
nocturnal emission of semen: wet dream
one partner for life, sex with: monogamy
oral sex position, dual: 69
orgasms, exercises to improve: kegel exercises
orgasms, incapable of: anorgasmic
overpowering behavior for pleasure, giving in to another’s submission
overpowering behavior that brings pleasure: dominance
own sex, physically attracted to one’s: homosexual; lesbian; gay
opposite sex, attracted only to: heterosexual partners, interested in having sex with multiple: polyamorous
perversion or fetish, any: paraphilia
pleasure derived from viewing erotic photos: scopophilia
pornography, explicit: hardcore
pornography showing naked models or limited sex acts: softcore
potency, sexual: virility
scent attractant, hormonal: pheromones
sheath to protect against impregnating female, male’s: condom, rubber
standard, woman-on-back position: missionary position
stimulation: titillation
strangling or suffocating oneself for pleasure: autoerotic stranguation, sexual hanging, autoerotic asphyxia
text, ancient Indian sex: Kama Sutra
timing of sex, never: insatiable
urinating on partner, sex act of: golden shower
urine, pleasure from drinking of: urolagnia
vaginal pleasure spot: G-spot (Granfenberg Spot)
virgin, to have sex with a: deflower
warm, relaxed feeling after orgasm: afterglow
warm-up activities: foreplay
watches others for pleasure, secretly: peeping Tom, voyeur
whipping, pleasure: flagellation


sexism n. discrimination, prejudice, chauvinism, sex bias.

sexless a. 1. asexual neuter. 2. having no sex drive frigid, anaphrodisic. ANT. 1. male, female. 2. *horny, hot, nymphomanical, satyrastic.


sexual assault n. rape, molestation, date rape, ravishment, violation, *gang bang.

sexual harassment n. impropriety, flirtation, obscenity, pressure, sexual advances, inappropriate behavior, abuse of power, abuse of office, unprofessional behavior, misconduct, overtures, suggestive comments, exploitation, teasing, indiscreet advances, intimidation, blackmail.

sexually transmitted diseases n. STD, venereal disease, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV, herpes, chancroid, chlamydia, *clap, crabs, yeast infection.

sexy a. *hot, *foxy, charming, alluring, enticing, seductive, magnetic, charismatic, erotic, sensual, attractive, curvaceous, voluptuous, titillating, flirtatious, desirable, irresistible. ANT. repellant, repulsive, *gross, disgusting

shabby a. 1. deteriorated run down, ragged, threadbare, mangy, grungy, ragged, scragglly, scruffy, ratty, seedy. 2. lousy disgraceful, poor, mean, shameful, terrible, bad, miserable, despicable, cheap, shoddy. ANT. 1. new, fresh, sparkling. 2. excellent, good.

shack n. shanty, hut, cabin, hovel, shelter.

shackle n. restraint, handcuff, manacle, fetter, irons, chain, hobble, leg-iron.

shackle v. restrain, fetter, handcuff, *cuff, manacle, chain, hobble, tie. ANT. free, loose, release.

shade n. 1. darkness shadows, cover, dimness, umbra, penumbra. 2. hue tone, color, tint, gradation. 3. blind visor, shutter, drape, curtain, screen. 4. slight difference hint, trace, touch, suggestion, tiny degree, nuance.

shadow v. follow, trail, tail, track, watch.

shadowy a. 1. shadowy dark, cool, covered, shaded. 2. disreputable crooked, questionable, devious, underhanded, dishonest, suspect, slippery, fishy. ANT. 1. sunny, bright. 2. reputable, honest, honorable.

shaggy a. hairy, woolly, furry, hirsute, unkempt, untrimmed, uncombed, snarled, tangled. ANT. neat, trimmed, bald.

shake v. 1. vibrate rock, tremble, quiver, quake, jog, wobble, shiver, convulse, wiggle, tremble, shudder, jounce, rattle, flutter. 2. mix jumble, combine, churn. 3. unnerve upset, discompose, disturb, disconcert, distress,
shaky - sharp-witted

rattle, unsettle, disquiet, daze. **ANT.** 1. stabilize. 3. calm, soothe, put one's mind at ease.

**shaky** a. 1. UNSTABLE unsteady, wobbly, rickety, precarious, loose, wiggly, jerry-built, teetering, unreliable. 2. NERVOUS quivering, tremulous, shivering, jittery, trembling, quaking. 3. QUESTIONABLE doubtful, uncertain, dubious, speculative, unreliable, undependable, suspect. **ANT.** 1. stable, secure, steady. 2. calm, relaxed. 3. certain, sure.

**shallow** a. superficial, surface, lacking depth, skin-deep, slight, weak, lacking character, meaningless, empty, frivolous. **ANT.** deep, profound, in-depth.

**sham** n. counterfeit, fake, imitation, fraud, phony, forgery, humbug, hoax, deception, pretense. **ANT.** *the genuine article, the real McCoy.

**sham** a. counterfeit, false, fake, pretended, imitation, fraudulent, *bogus, phony, simulated, artificial, ersatz, spurious. **ANT.** genuine, real, authentic.

**shaman** n. priest, medicine man.

**shambles** n. disaster area, disarray, pigsty, wreck, devastation, *bomb crater.

**shame** n. disgrace, dishonor, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of face, chagrín, stigma, scandal, infamy, degradation, ill-repute, ignominy, pain, mortification, guilt, remorse. **ANT.** pride, self-respect.

**shame** v. disgrace, dishonor, humiliates, embarrass, degrade, ridicule, mortify, fill with guilt, *take down a notch, debase, scandalize, *take the wind out of one's sails. **ANT.** fill with pride, compliment, honor.

**shamefaced** a. embarrassed, ashamed, disgraced, mortified, red-faced, blushing, hangdog, crestfallen, chagrined, abashed, **ANT.** ashamed, modest, principlined.

**shameful** a. disgraceful, dishonorable, humiliating, embarrassing, mortifying, odious, scandalous, infamous, ignominious, wicked, atrocious, contemptible, despicable, disdainfully. **ANT.** honorable, noble, good.

**shameless** a. conscienceless, unprincipled, immodest, wicked, antisocial, abandoned, unblushing, brazen, bold, outrageous, impudent, disgraceful. **ANT.** ashamed, modest, principlined.

**shanghai** v. abduct. see kidnnap

**Shangri-la** n. utopia, paradise, heaven on earth, Xanadu, Eden.

**shanty** n. shack, hovel, hut, cabin, hutch.

**shantytown** n. slum, ghetto, skid row.

**shape** n. 1. FORM figure, outline, configuration, profile, contour, conformation, structure, lines, mold, frame, cut, pattern. 2. STATE health, fitness, order, condition, trim, fettle.

**shapeless** a. formless, amorphous, irregular, nebulous, indefinite, ill-defined, asymmetrical, vague, misshapen. **ANT.** well-defined, formed, symmetrical.


**share** n. allotment, percent, apportionment, portion, allowance, cut, ration, *piece of the pie, quota, due, parcel, lot.

**share** v. split between one another, *divvy up, divide, allot, allocate, apportion, dole out, ration, mete out, *go Dutch, *give and take. **ANT.** monopolize, *hog.


**sharpen** v. hone, edge, whet, stump, file, grind, taper. **ANT.** blunt, dull, round off.

**sharper** n. swindler, cheat, *con artist, *rip-off artist, crook.

**sharp-tongued** a. acid-tongued, critical, vitriolic, rapier-tongued, biting, cutting, nasty, negative, mean, blunt, frank. **ANT.** diplomatic, nice, mealy-mouthed.

**sharp-witted** a. saber-witted, rapier-witted, quick-witted, keen, acute, intelligent, astute,
*on the ball, bright, smart, alert. ant. dull, slow, stupid, bovine.

**shatter** v. 1. break, burst, explode, smash, crack, blast, break into a million pieces, fracture, split, pop, implode. 2. destroy wreck, devastate, crush, demolish, ruin, *break one's heart.

**shave** v. cut, scrape, graze, trim, shear, crop, clip, mow.

**shawl** n. wrap, covering, manta.

**sheaf** n. bundle, pile, bale, packet, package, collection.

**shear** v. cut, shave, clip, trim, remove, crop, snip, scissor, mow.

**sheath** n. case, scabbard, covering, receptacle, envelope, holder, casing, wrapper, sleeve, membrane.

**shed** n. shack, shanty, hut, lean-to, outbuilding, shelter, hutch, outhouse, storage building, workshop, hangar.

**shed** v. throw off, cast off, drop, discard, slough off, molt, peel, defoliate, exude, discharge, give off, emit, pour forth, radiate, diffuse.

**sheen** n. shine, brightness, luster, brilliance, gleam, glossiness, gloss, glimmer, dazzle, sparkle, burnish, shimmer.

**sheep** n. ram, ewe, lamb, ruminant, ungulate, Merino, Cheviot, Cotswold, Lincoln.

**WORD FIND**

caretaker: shepherd

cleaning solution: sheep-dip

cry: bleat, baa, blat

dog: shepherd, collie, sheltie

flock: fold

leader: bellwether

meat: mutton

sexual period: rut, heat

wool: fleece, karakul

**sheepish** a. embarrassed, chagrined, ashamed, red-faced, blushing, shamefaced, bashful, mortified. ant. proud, bold, puffed up.

**sheer** a. 1. thin diaphanous, see-through, gossamer, transparent, gauzy, airy, delicate, revealing. 2. steep perpendicular, precipitous, vertical, abrupt. 3. absolute utter, complete, outright, out-and-out, pure, unadulterated, unqualified, downright. ant. 1. opaque, thick, heavy. 2. horizontal. 3. qualified, partial, limited.

**sheet** n. 1. coating, piece coat, layer, film, blanket, ply, leaf. 2. linen bed clothing.
shimmer

v. 1. flash, gleam, shine, gleam, gleam, scintillate, gleam, gleam, glitter. 2. waver, ripple, shudder, sway.

shindig

n. *wingding, entertainment, dance. See party

shine

v. 1. light, radiate, glare, blaze, gleam, luminesce, glow, glimmer, flash, illuminate, flicker, glint, sparkle, scintillate. 2. polish, burnish, finish, rub, buff, brighten. Ant. 2. dull, tarnish.

shiny

a. bright, brilliant, gleaming, glittering, gleaming, glossy, polished, lustrous, sparkling, scintillating. Ant. dull, tarnished.

ship

n. vessel, craft, watercraft, boat, *tub, *stormslogger, liner, cruise ship, freighter, ferry, transport. "Being in jail with a chance of being drowned."—Samuel Johnson. See boat, navy, sail, sailor

WORD FIND

accommodations: first-class, cabin class, tourist class
ammunition compartment: magazine
anchor: bower, kedge, sea anchor, stream anchor
anchor chain winder, unwinder: capstan, windlass
anchoring and securing of vessel: mooring anchor rope: hawser
bed: berth
boarding platform: gangplank
body: hull
bottom fin or backbone: keel
bottom, rounded portion of: bilges
bathroom, cabin: small: cuddy
captain: skipper
cargo and debris lost from wrecked ship: flotsam and jetsam
cargo area: hold
cargo conveyance: cargo net
cargo, list of: manifest
chart and navigational instrument room: chart room
compass stand: binnacle
course change: tack
crane, hoisting apparatus: davit, derrick
crew member: hand, mate
crew quarters, structure holding: forecastle
deck: weather deck, poop deck
depth below waterline: draft, draught
drain: scupper
drive: navigate
flag: burgee, jack
floating dock that holds ship for repairs: dry dock
front: bow, prow, fore
hatch: booby hatch, scuttle, companionway
hospital: sick bay
kitchen: galley, caboose, cuddy
knot: 6,080 feet an hour
ladder: jack ladder, ratlines
lean: heel, list
left and right sides (respectively) looking from aft forward: port, starboard
living quarters: cabin
lookout perch: crow's nest
makeshift structure repairs: jury, juryrigging
meal compartment: mess room
merchant ship or fleet of same: argosy
middle: amidships
navigational house: pilot house
numbers of measurements on bow: draft marks
observation platform: bridge
officer: purser, bosun, skipper, captain
officers, upper-class passenger room: state-room
pitch/roll indicator: clinometer
plants and animals living on ship's bottom: foul
porthole cover: deadlight
position finder: Loran
protective shielding made of ropes, tires, etc.: fender, pudding
pulley system: block
pumps, motors, winches, collective term: auxiliaries
pump that removes water: bilge pump
rear: aft, stern, astern
rising and falling fore and aft with waves: pitching
ropes, collective term: cordage
ropes: lanyard
side-to-side motion: roll
steering apparatus: helm; rudder, tiller
steer: navigate, conn
structure above deck: superstructure
supplier: chandler
tarp securer of wood: batten
toilet: head
trailing whitewater: wake
vibrations of bow over waves: panting
waiter: cabin boy
wall, compartment: bulkhead
weight of sand, rocks, concrete, or iron, stabilizing: ballast
weight of water, stabilizing: ballast tanks
width: beam
window: porthole

ship v. send, transport, mail, convey, forward, dispatch, consign.

shipshape a. orderly, trim, tidy. see neat


shirt n. article of clothing, blouse, pullover, jersey, button-down shirt, dress shirt, formal shirt, shirtwaist, T-shirt. see sweater

WORD FIND
African, loose, colorful pullover: dashiki
bare midriff, knotted in front: calypso
false front: dicky
floral print: Hawaiian, aloha shirt
loose-fitting smock: camise
necked, long-sleeved, high: turtleneck
patch pockets, having large: safari shirt, bush shirt
plaid wool: Pendleton
ruffled: dandy
short-sleeved pullover: polo shirt
sleeveless hot-weather or basketball shirt: tanktop
striped sport pullover: rugby shirt
voluminous: blouson
western: cowboy shirt

shiver n. shudder, trembling, quiver, quaver, quake, chill, goosebumps.

shiver v. shudder, tremble, quiver, shake, tremor, quaver, quake, have one's teeth chatter, catch a chill, *break out in goosebumps.

shoal n. 1. shallow sandbar, ridge, reef, ledge, bank, navigational hazard. 2. mass crowd, group, school, swarm, horde.


shoe n. footwear, footgear, loafer, pump, loafer, pump, sneaker, running shoe. see boot

WORD FIND
backless, woman's: mule
back of shoe: cuff
ballet slipper: toe shoe
boat shoes made of canvas and nonskid soles: deck shoes
bottom of: sole
brown and white oxford: saddle shoe
child's: Mary Jane
Chinese, flat-heeled: Chinese
flap: tongue
fringe-tongued shoe with low heel: kiltie flat
high, ankle-supporting sneakers: *high-tops, basketball shoes
high-heeled strapless: pump
high-heeled, strapped: slingback
Indian, leather: moccasin
infant: bootee
instep cover: vamp
lace hole: eyelet
loafer with front slot to hold penny: penny loafer
low-heeled, woman's: flats
low shoe laced over instep: oxford
maker: cordwainer
mender: cobbler
metal tag at end of shoelace: aglet
oxford with holes or perforations for decoration: wing-tip
put on, aid to: shoehorn
raised platform sole, shoe with: platform shoe
removing device: bootjack

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rope-soled canvas shoe, sometimes laced up the ankle: espadrille
sandal-like with wood or cork sole: clog
sandal: clog, flip-flops, Ganymede, gladiatorthongs
sole, narrow portion of: shank
sport traction shoe: cleats
toeless: open-toed shoe
walking shoe, laced: balmoral
white bucks: work shoe, heavy:
brogan, steel-toed shoe

shoo interj. scam, scat, get out, go away.
shoot n. 1. store market, boutique, retail outlet, five-and-dime, emporium, mart, stall, *Mom and Pop operation. 2. workshop studio, atelier.
shortage n. shortfall, deficit, deficiency, dearth, paucity, lack, scarcity, insufficiency, want, famine. ant. glut, surplus, abundance.
shortchange v. *gyp, rook, *pull a fast one. see cheat
shortcoming n. imperfection, fault, drawback, defect, failing, weakness, flaw, peccadillo, inadequacy, liability. ant. strength, strong point, virtue.
short cut n. beeline, direct route.
shorten v. reduce, lessen, cut, abbreviate, condense, diminish, clip, trim, slash, *boil down, edit, contract, shrink, prune. ant. lengthen, stretch, prolong.
shortfall n. deficit, deficiency. see shortage
shortly adv. soon, momentarily, any minute now, any second now, presently, quickly, directly, before you know it. ant. eventually, later.
shortsighted a. 1. nearsighted myopic, *blind as a bat, *blind as a mole, *blind as a post, half-blind, *squinty-eyed. 2. not considering the future unthinking, stupid, myopic, blind, imprudent, rash, reckless, incautious, *unable to see beyond the end of one's nose, having no foresight. ant. 1. farsighted, eagle-eyed. 2. farsighted, thoughtful.
short-tempered a. short-fused, temperamental, touchy, irritable, grouchy, testy, crabby, cantankerous, waspish, cranky, hot-tempered, fiery. ant. long-fused, mild-mannered, easy-going, passive.
shot n. 1. discharge firing, blast, detonation, crack. 2. bullet buckshot, birdshot, slug, ball, pellet, BB. 3. marksman. 4. throw toss, pitch. 5. try attempt, turn, effort, chance, go, *crack, *stab, *the old college try. 6. injection inoculation.
shoulder v. carry, pack, bear, push, shove.
shout n. yell, holler, bellow, roar, cry, scream, exclamation, howl, whoop, shriek, outcry. ant. whisper, murmur, mumble.
shout v. yell, holler, bellow, roar, cry, scream, exclaim, howl, whoop, vociferate, fulminate, thunder, shriek, raise one's voice, cry out. ant. whisper, murmur, mumble.
shove n. push, drive, thrust, elbow, jostle, shoulder, press, nudge.

shove v. push, drive, thrust, elbow, jostle, bulldoze, shoulder, strongarm, muscle, bull, press, propel, move, nudge.

shovel n. spade, scoop, implement, digger, posthole digger, dredge.

shovel v. dig, excavate, spade, scoop.

show n. 1. entertainment exhibition, extravaganza, stage production, spectacle, exposition, program, parade, play, theatrical performance, burlesque, musical, revue, movie, drama, comedy, circus. 2. demonstration manifestation, exhibition, display, presentation. 3. pretense act, facade, front, affectation, pose, semblance, Oscar performance.

show v. 1. exhibit demonstrate, display, present, reveal, expose, unveil, evince, produce, bare, trot out for inspection. 2. appear be visible, manifest. 3. explain instruct, demonstrate, simplify, define, walk through, run through, clarify. 4. guide conduct, direct, usher, point out. Ant. 1. hide, conceal. 2. cover up. 3. mystify, confuse.

show business n. Hollywood, theater, entertainment industry, motion picture industry.

showdown n. clash, confrontation, climax, faceoff, turning point, moment of truth, duel.

shower n. rainfall, downpour, cloudburst, drizzle, sleet, hail, sprinkle, mist, spit, deluge, gully washer.

shower v. 1. rain spray, sprinkle, drizzle, downpour, drizzle, sleet, spat. 2. lavish pour forth, heap.

showoff n. hot dog, braggart, swaggerer, exhibitionist, peacock, showboat, grandstander, bragadocio, blowhard.

show off v. hotdog, brag, swagger, strut, peacock, showboat, grandstand, flaunt, strut one’s stuff.

showpiece n. example, jewel in the crown, masterpiece, work of art, exceptional piece.

showy a. flashy, ostentatious, gaudy, loud, flamboyant, garish, tawdry, cheap. Ant. understated, dull, plain.

shred n. piece, fragment, strip, scrap, ribbon, sliver, snippet, band, tatter, bit.

shred v. rip, cut, tear, fragment, strip, cut to ribbons, snip, tatter, fray.

shrew n. nag, witch, battle-ax, henpecker, ogress, virago, spitfire, harridan, vixen.

shrewd a. smart, clever, astute, sharp, savvy, sagacious, wise, keen, intelligent, discerning.

shrink v. 1. diminish lessen, dwindle, contract, shrivel, compress, deflate, wither, shorten. 2. draw back cower, cringe, recoil, wince, flinch, retreat. Ant. 1. grow, inflate, expand. 2. confront, face.

shrivel v. shrink, wither, dry up, dehydrate, desiccated, waste away, wilt, wrinkle, contract, curl up, wizen, mummify, deflate. Ant. bloom, expand, blow up.

shriveled a. shrunken, withered, dried up, dehydrated, desiccated, wasted away, wilted, wrinkled, wizened, contracted, deflated.

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shrunk a. diminished, contracted, shriveled, compressed, deflated, withered, shortened, wasted away, dehydrated. Ant. enlarged, expanded, puffed up.

shuck v. shell, husk, remove, peel off, slough.

shudder n. tremor, trembling, shake, convulsion, quiver, shiver, quaver, quake, spasm, jerking, twitching.

shudder v. tremble, shake, convulse, quiver, shiver, quaver, get a chill, quake, have a spasm, jerk, twitch.
**shuffle** v. 1. mix, jumble, disorder, shift, interchange, disarrange, displace, mess up. 2. scuff the feet, shuffle, drag one's feet, scrape, limp.

**shun** v. avoid, turn away from, *give the cold shoulder to, dodge, evade, reject, snub, steer clear of, shy away from, eschew, forgo. ANT. embrace, seek out, face.

**shunt** v. divert, turn off, switch, sidetrack.

**shut** v. close, secure, lock, bolt, fasten, seal, slam, draw closed, block, bar, occlude. ANT. open, unlock, unfasten.

**shutout** v. *skunk, *blow out, defeat soundly.

**shuttle** n. orbiter. see spacecraft

**shuttle** v. go back and forth, commute. *go on one's run, shuttlecock, transport to and fro.

**shy** a. 1. bashful, self-conscious, backward, reticent, retiring. diffident, reserved, a wallflower, ill-at-ease, nervous, self-effracient, coy, demure, shrinking, introverted, modest, humble, schizoid, quiet. 2. lacking short, under, deficient. ANT. 1. loud, overbearing, overconfident, bold, brash. 2. replete, abundant.

**shyness** n. bashfulness, self-consciousness, reticence, diffidence, nervousness, coyness, introversion, modesty, humbleness, quietness. ANT. loudness, overconfidence, boldness.

**shyster** n. Sl. petitfogger, unethical lawyer, *ambulance chaser, *fixer.

**sic** adv. thus, as is, as written, so.

**sick** a. 1. unhealthy, ill, unwell, ailing, run down, diseased, *off one's feed, queasy, nauseated, sickly, infected, feverish, pale, pallid, ashen, *circling the drain. ANT. healthy, well, *fit as a fiddle.

**sickness** n. illness, ailment, disease, malady, affliction, infection, *bug, virus, weakness, disorder, syndrome, influenza, flu, pneumonia, quiescence, nausea, upset stomach, fever, infirmity. SEE disease, illness

**side** n. 1. edge border, right, left, brink, margin, flank, front, back, top, bottom, face, aspect, quarter, surface, section. 2. viewpoint aspect, standpoint, angle, facet, position. 3. one of two or more opposing views or groups. party, camp, team, faction, rival, competition, combatant.

**side** a. secondary, minor, incidental, subordinate, lesser, ancillary, flank, *straight man. see Beard

**sideburns** n. burnsides, *mutton chops, whiskers. see beard

**side by side** a. juxtaposing, abreast, cheek by jowl, pari passu.

**side effect** n. by-product, reaction.

**sidekick** n. Sl. companion, friend, alter ego, buddy, pal, colleague, confederate, partner, *straight man.

**sidelong** a. oblique, sideways, lateral. ANT. direct.

**sidesplitting** a. hilarious, hearty, a scream, convulsive. see funny

**sidestep** v. dodge, avoid, evade, elude, sidetrack, bypass, go around, duck, *steer clear, *dance around. ANT. face, confront, meet head-on.

**sidewipe** v. graze, glance off.

**sidetrack** v. divert, digress, turn off, shunt.

**sidewalk** n. pavement, walkway, boardwalk.

**sideways** adv. obliquely, laterally, edgewise, side long, askew.

**siege** n. encirclement, surrounding, investment, blockade, onslaught, offense, attack, campaign.

**siege** v. besiege, lay siege, encircle, surround, invest, blockade, contain, close off, beset, assault.

**sierra** n. mountain range, chain.

**siesta** n. rest, *catnap, snooze. see nap

**sieve** n. sifter, strainer, filter, screen, mesh, colander.

**sift** v. strain, sieve, filter, screen, winnow, comb, separate, sort out, scrutinize.

**sigh** n. exhalation, deep breath, sough, moan, groan, murmur.

**sigh** v. exhale heavily, breathe out, moan, groan, lament.
sight n. 1. EYESIGHT vision, visual perception, eyes. 2. RANGE OF VISION eyeshot, view, focus. 3. SPECTACLE scene, vision, show, curiosity, picture. 4. MESS fright, horror, monstrosity, spectacle.
sign n. 1. INDICATION mark, clue, hint, intimation, suggestion, trace, *dead giveaway, evidence, earmark, signal, symptom, manifestation, beacon, spoor, trail, herald, omen, harbinger, portent, foreshadowing. 2. POSTED INFORMATION signpost, notice, pointer, marker, guiderpost, warning, caution, billboard, placard.
sign v. endorse, write one’s name, inscribe, autograph, authorize.
signal n. sign, indication, alert, indicator, cue, *go-ahead, *thumbs-up, gesture, nod, notice, flare, flag, siren, beacon, foghorn, semaphore.
signal v. indicate, alert, cue, *give the go-ahead, *give a thumbs-up, gesture, nod, warn, shoot off a flare, flag, semaphore.
signature n. autograph, name, inscription, *John Hancock, hand, X, endorsement, authorization, OK, identification.
significance n. 1. IMPORTANCE consequence, weight, consideration, matter, meaning, value, gravity, moment, import, interest. 2. MEANING intent, point, sense, implication, idea, drift. ANT: 1. insignificance, frivolity, unimportance.
significant a. 1. IMPORTANT consequential, weighty, considerable, meaningful, valuable, momentous, major, vital, critical, crucial. 2. MEANINGFUL indicative, suggestive, telling, expressive, symbolic. ANT: 1. insignificant, unimportant, trivial. 2. meaningless.
signify v. mean, denote, represent, indicate, stand for, suggest, imply, express, communicate, symbolize, connote.
sign language n. signing, fingerspelling, ASL, nonverbal communication.
silence v. quiet, still, shut up, hush, gag, muzzle, inhibit, censor, *squelch, strangle, put down, crush, repress.
silencer n. muffler, mute.
silhouette n. outline, profile, contour.
silly a. smooth, satiny, delicate, glossy, sleek. ANT: tough, coarse.
silly a. foolish, childish, infantile, juvenile, asinine, goofy, stupid, nonsensical, idiotic, absurd, laughable, wacky, ridiculous, zany, funny, humorous. ANT: serious, grave, mature.
silt n. sediment, settlings, alluvium, wash.
silver a. sterling, argent, shiny.
silverware n. silver, cutlery, flatware, eating utensils.
similar a. like, comparable, resembling, much the same, kindred, equivalent, akin, homologous, nearly matching, analogous. ANT: dissimilar, different, contrasting.
similarity n. likeness, resemblance, comparison, sameness, equivalence, correspondence, mirror image, semblance, homogeneity, analogy, parity, affinity. ANT: difference, contrast, opposition.
simile n. figure of speech, analogy, comparison.
simmer v. bubble, stew, boil, seethe.
simpatico a. 1. IN AGREEMENT of like mind, compatible, seeing eye to eye. 2. ATTRACTIVE charming, pleasing.
simper n. smirk. SEE SMILE.
simple a. 1. EASY *child’s play, effortless, *cinchy, *a cinch, *a snap, *like falling off a log, *piece of cake, understandable, clear, straightforward, uncomplicated. 2. MERE bare, sheer, pure, utter. 3. Plain unadorned, unembellished, spare, bare, clean, austere, modest, humble, Spartan. 4. INNOCENT artless, unsophisticated, down-to-earth, childlike, natural, naive, ingenuous, honest, real. 5. STUPID foolish, dense, dull, dumb, moronic, slow, bovine, ignorant, witless, *clueless. ANT: 1. hard, difficult, complicated, complex. 2. qualified. 3. ornate, fancy, embellished. 4. sophisticated, artful, disingenuous. 5. smart, sharp, *on the ball.
simply   adv. 1. plainly easily, naturally. 2. merely only, just.
simulate   v. imitate, copy, put on, act, mimic, fake, pretend, assume, pose, feign, affect, counterfeit, sham, replicate.
simulated   adj. imitation, artificial, synthetic, fake, counterfeit, sham, fabricated, make-believe, mock. ant. real, authentic, genuine.
simulation   n. imitation, fake, reproduction, counterfeit, sham, fabrication, copy, mock-up, facsimile. ant. the real thing, *the real McCoy.
simulator   n. virtual reality apparatus, practice vehicle, mockup, model.
simultaneous   adj. concurrent, at the same time, synchronous, coincident, concomitant, parallel, coexisting, *in sync. ant. differing, divergent.
sin   n. offense, transgression, wrong, wrongdoing, evil, crime, felony, violation, fault, immoral act, misdeed, affront to God, vice, peccadillo, wickedness. "The breaking of one's own integrity."—D.H. Lawrence. A departure from God."—Martin Luther. ant. good deed, virtue, kindness.
sin v. do an evil deed, do an immoral act, break a commandment, do wrong, transgress, offend God, commit a crime, fall from grace, trespass, stray from the path of righteousness.
sincere   adj. honest, genuine, real, heartfelt, straightforward, open, ingenuous, up front, *straight-shooting, earnest, forthright, frank, candid, guileless. ant. insincere, phony, fake.
sinewy   adj. tough, strong, muscular, strapping, brawny, burly, athletic, toned, wiry, steely, Herculean. ant. fat, flaccid, droopy, flabby.
sinful   adj. bad, evil, immoral, wicked, wrong, criminal, demonic, corrupt, vile, ungodly, shameful, disgraceful, low. ant. virtuous, moral, upright.
sing   v. *belt out a song, carry a tune, carol, croon, serenade, warble, hum, trill, pipe, cry out, yodel, bellow, sing in a booming voice. see music, opera, singer, song, voice.
singe   v. burn, char, sear, brown, toast, roast, blacken.
singer   n. vocalist, crooner, songster, caroler, *pop star, soloist, recording artist, minstrel, troubador, nightingale, tenor, baritone, soprano, alto, diva, prima donna. see opera, song, voice.
single   adj. 1. one individual, sole, lone, singular, separate, distinct, solitary, isolated. 2. unmarried, unattached, divorced, celibate, available, eligible. ant. 1. many, several. 2. married, wed.
single-handed   adj. unaided, unassisted, alone, independent. ant. assisted.
singles bar   n. bar, lounge, club, *pickup joint, *meat market.
SINGULAR   adj. [SING gyuh lur] unique, one of a kind. Watching Neil Armstrong take the first moonwalk was a singular experience. syn. unique, one of a kind, exceptional, extraordinary, peculiar, unusual, remarkable, rare, odd, strange, different. ant. common, usual, ordinary.
sinister   adj. threatening, ominous, inauspicious, portentious, menacing, black, malignant, malevolent, villainous, bad, evil, wicked, diabolical, satanic. ant. good, auspicious, divine.
sink   n. basin, washbowl, drain.
sink   v. 1. go down, drop, fall, descend, sag, immerse, drown, submerge, dip, settle, slump, plunge. 2. decline decrease, diminish, fall, drop, subside, deteriorate, regress, wane, ebb. 3. cause to sink, swamp, drown, engulf, overwhelm, scuttle. ant. 1. rise, ascend. 2. increase, grow.
sinuous   adj. 1. winding, curving, serpentine, wavy, bending, tortuous, meandering, undulating, coiling, twisting, snaking. 2. devious, crooked. ant. 1. straight, unbending. 2. aboveboard.
sinus   n. channel, cavity, conduit, hollow, canal.
sip   n. taste, swallow, drop, sample, lick, *swig, nip, dram, *hit.
sip v. taste, *slurp, sample, *take a swig, *take a hit, sup, siphon, suck through a straw.
sir n. 1. your majesty. 2. father genitor.
sire n. 1. warning signal alarm, klaxon, whistle. 2. seductress enchantress, temptress, nymph, femme fatale, Lorelei, witch, charm.
sit v. 1. be seated settle, plop oneself down, rest, squat, *take a load off, perch, roost, lounge, recline, straddle, sprawl, deposit oneself. 2. meet assemble, gather, convene, deliberate, be in session, come together.
site n. location, locale, locality, place, spot, position, plot, point, lot, area, grounds, scene, section, whereabouts.
sit-in n. protest, demonstration, strike, rally, shutdown.
sitter n. baby-sitter, nanny, attendant, caretaker, wet nurse.
sitting duck n. easy target, easy pickings, *dead meat, *toast.
situate v. locate, position, place, put, install, set, set up, plant, settle, post, root. ant. move, withdraw, leave.
situated a. located, positioned, placed, installed, set, set up, planted, settled, posted, rooted, established. ant. rootless, transient.
situation n. 1. condition predicament, plight, state, state of affairs, circumstances, position, *ball game, fix, *between a rock and a hard place, *deep doo-doo, *sticky wicket. 2. place locality, locale, location, spot, point, site, position. 3. job employment, position, office, duty, appointment.
sit-up n. exercise, crunch.
six-shooter n. revolver, pistol. see gun
sixth sense n. intuition, *gut feelings, instinct, *feeling in one’s bones, *vibes, extrasensory perception, ESP, second sight, telepathy, clairvoyance.
sizable a. big, large, considerable, great, hefty, *whopping, respectable, king-size, industrial size, huge. ant. small, tiny, piddling.
size n. dimensions, measurements, proportions, scale, extent, area, magnitude, mass, square footage, volume, capacity, amount, stature, breadth, length, height, width, diameter.
size v. measure, gauge, graduate, assess, appraise, survey, size up.
sizzle v. hiss, fry, splutter, sputter, crackle, fizzle.
skate v. slide, glide, glissade, roller-skate, rollerblade, ice skate, figure skate.

WORD FIND
FIGURE SKATING
arena: rink
dance: free dance
figure of three circles: serpentine
figure of two circles: figure eight
flying spin: Arabian
flying spin ending in back camel: flying camel
glide with one skate pointing forward, the other back: spread eagle
jump and splitting apart of legs: split, stag
jump of one and a half revolutions: axel
jump of one revolution: Lutz
jump of three and a half revolutions: triple axel
jump of two and a half revolutions: double axel
jump split and touching of toes: Russian split
jump started off a back inside edge and ended on opposite foot: Salchow
machine that resurfaces ice: Zamboni
moves executed to the sound of music: freestyle, free skating
pair move in which man lifts woman overhead with her legs split: hydrant lift
pair move in which woman is revolved with head held near ice: death spiral
propelling oneself over the ice: stroking spin in an arabesque position: camel
spin with one leg held high overhead: Bielmann spin
turn forward to back: choctaw

skateboard n. board mounted on small wheels and ridden on firm surfaces like concrete.

WORD FIND
axles, front and rear: trucks
back of board: tail
backwards, riding: fakie
curving arc, to skate in a long: carve
fall off and get hurt: slam
front of board: nose
get-together, skateboarding: jam
jump trick made by kicking nose of board: nollie
jump trick made by kicking tail of board: ollie
kicking or flipping the board into the air with toe: kickflip
long skateboard made for cruising as opposed to tricks: longboard
platform of skateboard: deck
pushing with the front foot instead of back: mongo-foot
ramp: bank
ramp park, skateboarding area: skatepark
ramp, U-shaped: half pipe
rotation, half, mid-air: 180
rotation, full, mid-air: 360
rotation while riding fakie (backwards), midair, 360-degree: caballerial
scrape axles on a curb or railing, purposefully: grind
sliding along a rail or ledge: boardslide, railslide
stance with right foot forward on board: goofy-foot


skein n. coil, quantity, hank, ball, loop, twist, clump.
skeleton n. bones, framework, bony structure, scaffolding.

sketch n. 1. drawing draft, outline, rough outline, diagram, blueprint, skeleton, design, plan, brief, synopsis, apercu, survey. 2. skit act, scene, vignette.
sketch v. draw, draft, outline, rough out, diagram, scratch out, block out, design, plot out.
sketchy a. rough, lacking detail, incomplete, unfinished, cursory, brief, crude, preliminary, imperfect, *half-baked.

skew v. twist, distort, pervert, shift, misrepresent, change, falsify, misconstrue, misstate, slant, bias, embellish.
skewer n. pin, spit, brochette.
ski v. schuss, slalom, snowplow, freestyle.

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WORD FIND
breastbone, center: sternum
broken bone: Colles fracture, comminuted fracture, compound fracture, Pott’s fracture
broken bone, sound of: crepitation
broken bones, realignment of: traction, countertraction
check: malar
collarbone: clavicle
connective tissue: cartilage
disease of bones: osteoarthritis, osteofibrosis, osteoporosis, scoliosis
ear bones: incus (anvil), malleus (hammer), stapes (stirrup)
fingers and toes: phalanges
foot bones: metatarsal
forearm: radius, ulna
funny bone between shoulder and elbow: humerus
hand bones: metacarpal

WORD FIND
skid 536

skedaddle - ski


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WORD FIND
skid 536

skid - sport
bump or hump of snow: mogul
bumpy or humpy snow field: mogul field
cross-country: langlauf, Nordic skiing, rambling
form left in snow from fallen skier: sitzmark
freestyle dance: ballet
jump made in crouching position: gelendesprung
jump with skis scissored in midair: daffy lift, covered: gondola
overhang of ice and snow known to cause avalanches: cornice
parallel turn: christie
rifle-shooting and skiing competition: biathlon
ski straight down mountain: schuss
slowing-down or stopping position: snowplow
snow, deep and soft: powder
snow, old granulated: corn
snow with hard surface: crust
turn in which one ski is lifted high in the air: kick turn, royal christie
turns, series of quick: wedeln
uphill sideways walking method: sidesteppling
winding, flagged race: slalom

skid v. slide, slip, sideslip, *burn rubber, swerve, fishtail, glissade.

skill n. 1. ability, expertise, talent, proficiency, command, competence, faculty, know-how, gift, mastery, adeptness, knack, aptitude, dexterity, adroitness, prowess, finesse. 2. trade, art, craft, vocation, profession, forte. ant. 1. inability, incompetence, inexperience.


skim v. 1. cream, clear, remove, top. 2. glance at hastily, read, scan, *speed read, thumb through, flip through, peruse, spot-check, skip over. 3. glide over, skip over, bounce over, graze.

ski n. Sl. X-rated movie, blue movie, *porno flick, dirty movie, adult movie.
skinny a. thin, slender, lean, skeletal, emaciated, bony, scrawny, lank, malnourished, half-starved, raw-boned, gaunt. ant. fat, obese, roly-poly.

skip v. 1. hop bound, spring, leap, caper, romp, jump, cavort, gambol, prance, frisk, bounce. 2. skim bounce, ricochet, skate. 3. overlook pass over, omit, exclude, leave out, forget about, disregard, nevermind, ignore.
skipper n. captain, master, mariner, pilot, seaman, officer. See boat, ship

skirmish n. fight, flare-up, encounter, battle, engagement, conflict, tussle, brush with the enemy, scrimmage, clash, *run-in, fray, heated exchange.

skirmish v. fight, encounter, battle, engage, conflict, tussle, scrimmage, clash, combat, have a run-in, have a heated exchange.

skirt n. 1. border margin, verge, fringe, edge, rim, periphery, perimeter. 2. article of clothing wrap, mini, midi, maxi.

skit n. sketch, vignette, play, playlet, act, parody, takeoff, lampoon.

skittish a. jumpy, nervous, easily frightened, jittery, excitable, anxious, restless, edgy, restive, easily spooked. Ant. calm, relaxed, tranquil, composed.

skulduggery n. sneakiness, trickery, craftiness, deception, deceit, artifice, wile, treachery, machination, underhandedness, conspiracy, foul play. Ant. honesty, innocence.

skulk v. lurk, slink, sneak, prowl, creep, lie back in the shadows, steal, hide, pussyfoot, move stealthily.

skull n. cranium, head, sconce.

skullcap n. cap, zucchetto, yarmulke, beanie, calotte, pileus, swim cap.

skuldugger n. trickery, deception, fraud, subterfuge.


sky n. upper atmosphere, firmament, cloudscape, vault, *the wild blue yonder, welkin, biosphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, exosphere, ionosphere, ether. *The roof of the world.—Willa Cather. *That beautiful old parchment in which the sun and the moon keep their diary.—Alfred Kreymborg. *Earth’s ethereal armor.—Mark Clarke. See astronomy, atmosphere, cloud, space.

WORD FIND

skydiving n. parachuting, freefalling.

WORD FIND

arms at side position to increase speed of freefall: delta position
automatic deployment line attached inside aircraft: static line
auxiliary chute: reserve chute
cord that deploys parachute: ripcord
descent portion without deployment of parachute: freefall
hazard in which chute fails to unfurl completely: streamer
hazard in which chute is turned inside out after deployment: inversion
horizontal soaring: gliding
joining hands with another diver in mid-air: docking
landing area: drop zone
positioning the body for horizontal movement: tracking
small chute that helps deploy main chute: pilot chute
spread-eagle falling position with arms upraised: frog position
steering lines: toggle lines
supervisor of jumps: jumpmaster

skyrocket v. shoot skyward, soar, take off, shoot up, zoom, catapult, *go through the roof, *blast off to the clouds. Ant. nosedive, plunge, plummet, spiral earthward.

skyscraper n. high-rise, *cloudscraper, monolith, building, superstructure.

slab n. piece, hunk, chunk, plank, slice, block.

slack n. excess, play, give, leeway, looseness.

slacken v. slacken, loosen, let up, relax, untighten, ease off, lessen, decrease, diminish, soften, moderate. Ant. tighten, increase.

slack a. 1. slow idle, slow-moving, sluggish, dull, quiet, lethargic, down. 2. loose re-

slake v. quench, hydrate, satisfy, satiate, relieve, gratify, allay, extinguish, alleviate, appease, assuage. ant. aggravate, increase, exacerbate.


slapdash a. careless, hasty, impetuous, haphazard, sloppy, slipshod, casual, harum-scarum. ant. careful, meticulous.


slash n. stroke, swipe, cut, gash, slit, wound, laceration, incision, score, tear.

slash v. 1. cut stroke, swipe, gash, slit, *jag, wound, lacerate, incise, slice, score, tear, hack, rip open, mutilate, open. 2. reduce cut, decrease, drop, lower.

slat n. strip, lath, stave, picket, paling.

slate n. ballot, ticket, list, roster.

slaughter n. massacre, bloodbath, murder, mass murder, butchering, carnage, killing, slaying, mass execution, mutilation. see murder

slaughter v. massacre, murder, butcher, kill, slay, execute, mutilate, savage, decimate, assassinate, annihilate.

slaughterhouse n. abattoir, shambles, butchery, meat-packing house.

slave n. bondman, servant, indentured servant, chattel, drudge, serf, laborer, menial.

slave v. drudge, break one’s back, *work one’s fingers to the bone, toil, labor, grind, sweat, plod, slog, *bust one’s hump.

slavery n. bondage, servitude, forced labor, slave labor, enslavement, captivity, enthrallment, subjugation, serfdom, grind, toil. “A prison for the soul, a public dungeon.”—Longinus. “Yoked with the brutes, and fettered to the soil.”—Thomas Campbell.

WORD FIND
black woman servant who served as mother to white children: mammy
degrading term for slave in nineteenth-century United States: boy
elimination of: abolition
elimination, one who favored slavery’s: abolitionist
field supervisor on plantation: driver, overseer
free from: emancipate, manumit
fugitive slave: maroon
group of slaves tied together: coffle
master’s personal slave: body servant
slave owner: master, massa
subservient, deferential slave, degrading
term for: Sambo, Uncle Tom

slavish a. servile, submissive, subservient, deferential, subject, obsequious, obeisant, fawning, cowering. ant. domineering, intractable, arrogant.

slay v. kill, murder, run through, slaughter, assassinate, execute, "do in, massacre, annihilate, destroy. See murder

sleazy a. Sl. cheap, *scuzzy, dirty, foul, "creepy, raunchy, nasty, sick, gross, "skanky, greasy, oily, disreputable, low, contemptible. ant. high-class, refined, clean-cut, virtuous, wholesome.
sleek a. smooth, shiny, glossy, lustrous, satiny, glistening, groomed, combed, trim. ant. dull, lackluster.

WORD FIND
bedwetting: enuresis
between wakefulness and sleep: hypnagogic
breathing disorder of: sleep apnea
children's waking nightmare: night terrors
deep sleep: sopor, stupor
dream sleep: REM sleep (rapid eye movement)
drowsy: somnolent
excessive: hypersonnia
expert in: somnologist
god of dreams, Greek: Morpheus
god of sleep, Greek: Hypnos
god of sleep, Roman: Somnus
grogginess caused by sleeping too long:
Rip Van Winkle syndrome
hypnotized: trance
inability to: insomnia
inducing sleep: soporific, somniferous, somnolent
internal body clock controlling: circadian rhythm
presleep visions: hypnagogic hallucinations
sex demons of: incubus, succubus
sleeping sickness: narcolepsy, encephalitis
sleepwalk: somnambulate
sleepwalker: somnambulist
twitch of body or leg just before sleep:
myoclonic jerk, hypnagogic jerk
unconsciousness, prolonged: coma

sleep v. slumber, snooze, drowse, "catch some zs, rest, "hit the sack, "get some rack time, go to bed, "conk out, nod off, turn in, "saw wood, "crash, "hit the hay, take a siesta, fall under the spell of Morpheus, hibernate. ant. wake, regain consciousness.
sleeper n. "up-and-comer, "late bloomer, "sleeping giant.
sleepless a. insomniac, restless, wakeful, "wired, "saucer-eyed, "tossing and turning. ant. sleeping, dreaming. "out like a light.
sleepwalker n. somnambulist. See sleep
sleepy a. 1. drowsy tired, exhausted, weary, "dead-tired, fatigued, slumberous, nodding off, "beat, "dopey, lethargic, asleep, somnolent, falling under the spell of Morpheus. 2. inactive idle, still, quiet, dull. ant. 1. awake, refreshed, alert, invigorated. 2. active, bustline, busy.
sleet n. frozen rain, precipitation, hail. See weather

slice n. piece, cut, segment, sliver, wedge, slab, hunk, chunk, rasher, shaving, share, portion.
slice v. cut, segment, section, divide, carve, split, sever, pare, shave.
slip v. give a slap in the face, cut, rebuff, put down, gory, disgusting, repulsive, foul, vile, gross.

slip n. 1. rough, coarse, abrasive. 2. moronic, imbecilic, stupid. 3. clumsy, bumbling, unrefined.

slight a. 1. slight smooth, glossy, satiny, slippery, oily, greasy. 2. clever, tricky, crafty, smart, sophisticated, ingenious, creative, inventive, sharp. 3. suave, urbane, smooth, worldly. Ant. 1. rough, coarse, abrasive. 2. moronic, imbecilic, stupid. 3. clumsy, bumbling, unrefined.

slide n. 1. chute ramp, trough. 2. glide slip, coast, glissade, ski.

slide v. glide, slip, coast, glissade, skid, sled, ski, skate, skim, drop, toboggan.

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slip n. 1. fall trip, stumble, misstep, slide, tumble, spill. 2. error mistake, lapse, slip of the tongue (lapseus linguae), slip of the pen (lapis calami), *Freudian slip, faux pas, blunder, *boner, *howler, oversight. 3. woman’s undergarment petticoat, chemise, lingerie. 4. slip of paper, note, receipt, voucher.

slip v. 1. fall trip, stumble, misstep, slide, tumble, take a spill, topple, lose one’s balance, take a header, go head over heels, flop. 2. make a mistake make an error, err, let slip, lapse, blunder, bungle, *goof, *screw up, *blow it.

slippery a. 1. slick icy, oily, greasy, slimy, waxy, smooth, sleek, satiny, glazed, wet. 2. deceitful deceptive, slick, *like a snake, shifty, dishonest, sneaky, devious, shifty, treacherous, elusive, evasive. Ant. 2. honest, reputable.

slipshod a. careless, slapdash, slap-bang, sloppy, haphazard, shoddy, messy, slovenly, disheveled, bedraggled, unkempt. Ant. careful, meticulous, groomed.

slipup n. error, blunder, *goof. See mistake

slit n. slice, tear, slash, gash, rip, rift, incision, rent, hole.

slit v. slice, tear, slash, gash, rip, incise, pierce, sever, split, rend.

slither v. slip, slide, sneak, crawl, *belly along, wriggle, slink, *snake.

sliver n. splitter, fragment, shaving, bit, snip, shard, segment.

slober v. drool, slaver, dribble, salivate, dribel.


slog v. plod, toil, laboriously make one’s way, labor, grind, trudge, drag, pursue doggedly, put one foot in front of the other, persevere.

slogan n. catchphrase, motto, shibboleth, saying, jingle, battle cry, byword.

sloop n. vessel, craft. See sailboat

slop n. slush, mush, snow, mud, swill, puddle.

slop v. splash, overflow, spatter, splash, gusher.

slope n. incline, inclination, declivity, slant, pitch, grade, gradient, ramp, tilt, cant, lean, tip. Ant. activity.

slope v. incline, slant, pitch, tilt, cant, lean, tip, skew, ascend, descend.

sloppy a. messy, dirty, muddy, slushy, soiled, grubby, grimy, *grungy, wet, splattered, unkempt, bedraggled, slovenly, careless, slipshod. Ant. neat, tidy, orderly, meticulous.

slosh v. splash, slop, spill, overflow, spatter, gusher.

slot n. 1. hole slit, aperture, groove, channel. 2. position opening.

Sloth n. laziness, indolence, idleness, slothfulness, shiftlessness, lack of ambition, sluggishness, lethargy, listlessness, inertia. Ant. get-up-and-go, ambition, drive.


slouch v. hunch, slump, droop, stoop, bend. **ant. stand tall.

slough n. swamp, bog, marsh, backwater, muddy hollow, mire. see SWAMP

slough v. shed, molt, discard, throw off, cast off, get rid of.

slowly a. careless, slipshod, slapdash, sloppy, messy, shabby, bedraggled, unkempt, unroomed, disheveled, untidy. **ant. neat, trim, careful, meticulous.

slow v. decelerate, brake, slacken, taper off, let up, restrain, check, restrict, curb, delay, hinder, moderate, *take one's foot off the gas. **ant. accelerate, speed up, *step on it.

slow a. 1. not fast leisurely, crawling, lagging, *slower than a glacier, *slower than cold molasses, snail-like, sluggish, slothful, plodding, gradual. 2. late tardy, behind, delayed, overdue, detained, belated. 3. not busy inactive, sluggish, quiet, slack, off. 4. prolonged protracted, long, extended, interminable, drawn-out. 5. stupid obtuse, dull, dense, *thick, dim, dim-witted, retarded, moronic, bovine, *out to lunch, *dead from the neck up, *dumb as a box of rocks. **ant. 1. fast, swift, fleet, quick. 2. early, punctual. 3. busy, *hopping, *jumping. 4. brief, short, contracted. 5. intelligent, bright, smart, quick.

slowdown n. downturn, slump, decline, fall-off, slackening, recession, depression, *bottoming out, economic cycle. **ant. boom, upturn, expansion.

slowpoke n. sloth, slug, laggard, snail, dawdler, foot-dragger, procrastinator.

sludge n. mud, ooze, mire, sediment, muck, oil, grease, goo, slime, *gunk, *goop, deposit, sewage, waste.


slugfest n. fight, donnybrook, brawl, battle royal, *rumble, riot.

sluggish a. sluggish, slow-moving, lethargic, listless, dull, sleepy, torpid, dragging, inactive, languid, inert, lifeless. **ant. energetic, fast, lively.

sluice n. channel, passage, waterway, flume, trough, floodgate.

slum n. ghetto, inner city, skid row, shanty town, warren.

slumber n. rest, *snooze, *catch some shut-eye. see SLEEP

slump v. 1. decrease droop, fall off, re-cede, crash, *experience hard times, decline, slip, *go downhill. 2. SLOUCH hunch, droop, sag, bend. **ant. 1. boom, expand. 2. stand tall, straighten.


slur v. 1. slander insult, smear, *give a black eye, cast aspersions, insinuate, affront, *dig, stigmatize, blot, blemish one's name, sully, disparage. 2. mispronounce garble, get tongue-tied. **ant. 1. compliment, praise, commend. 2. enunciate.

dump v. St. sip, suck, slobber.


smack n. slap, blow, clout, slap, sock, hit, crack, spanking, cuff, whack.

smack v. slap, clout, slap, sock, hit, crack, spank, cuff, whack.

smack adv. directly, squarely, exactly, precisely, point-blank.

small a. 1. little tiny, undersized, diminutive, short, wee, tiny, miniature, *pint-sized, *pocket-sized, puny, petite, Lilliputian, dwarf, pygmy, baby, minute, microscopic. 2. slight, paltry, insufficient, meager, insignificant, poor, picayune, modest, trivial. 3. minor, insignificant, trivial, light, trifling, unimportant, inconsequential, bush-league, *rinky-dink. 4. SMALL-MINDED mean, narrow-minded, petty, selfish, cheap, ignoble, vindictive, prejudiced, grudging. **ant. 1. large, huge, gigantic, towering. 2. generous, rich, lavish, considerable. 3. important, major, big, consequential. 4. generous, liberal-minded, noble.

small-minded a. mean, narrow-minded, petty, selfish, cheap, ignoble, vindictive, prejudiced, grudging, **ant. broad-minded, liberal-minded, noble, generous.

small talk n. polite chatter, pleasantry, chit-chat, light talk, idle chatter.


smart v. sting, burn, tingle, throb, hurt, ache, stab.
smart a. 1. INTELLIGENT bright, brilliant, sharp, knowledgeable, educated, *savvy, astute, *brainy, learned, clever, genius, wise, keen, witty, *on the ball. 2. NEAT spruce, trim, groomed, stylish, chic, dapper, natty, elegant, dashing. 3. STINGING harsh, painful, rough, hard, sharp. 4. BRISK vigorous, lively, energetic. ANT. 1. stupid, dumb, retarded, moronic, slow, dense. 2. sloppy, bedraggled, unfashionable, frumpy. 3. soft, gentle, mild. 4. lethargic, slow.


smash n. 1. COLLISION crash, wreck, shattering, breakup, burst, smashup, crack, blow, collapse. 2. SUCCESS winner, hit, sensation, sellout.

smash v. shatter, break, hit, bust, burst, wreck, crack, splinter, pulverize, disintegrate, break into a million pieces, fracture, demolish.

smashing a. great, excellent, extraordinary, outstanding, superb, wonderful, terrific, splendid, exceptional, *spot-on. ANT. 1. lousy, awful, terrible.

smashup n. wreck, collision, accident, *fenderbender. SEE CRASH

smattering n. small amount, slight amount, sprinkling, touch, dash, trace.

smear n. 1. STAIN spot, smudge, blot, mark, splotch, smirch, streak. 2. SLANDER defamation, mudslinging, denigration, slur, aspersion, character assassination, blot, stain, libel. ANT. 2. honor, praise, compliment.

smear v. 1. STAIN spot, smudge, blot, mark, splotch, smirch, streak, dirty, daub, wipe on. 2. SLANDER defame, mudsling, denigrate, cast aspersions, character assassination, blot, stain, libel, drag one's name through the mud. ANT. 1. clean, wash, scrub. 2. honor, praise, commend.

smear campaign n. an underhanded campaign to ruin someone's reputation. The politicians launched smear campaigns against each other. SYN. mudslinging, character assassination, slander, public denigration, defamation of character, maligning, *dragging one's name through the mud.

smell n. 1. SENSE OF SMELL olfaction, perception. 2. ODOR scent, aroma, fragrance, stink, reek, stench, fume, perfume, bouquet, emanation, whiff, essence. SEE ODOR

smell v. sniff, inhale, sample, get a whiff of, sniff, breathe.

WORD FIND

distorted sense of: parosima

hallucination involving: phantosmia

inability to smell: anosmia

pertaining to: olfactory

study of: osmology

smidgen n. bit, tiny amount, iota, trace, speck, sprinkling, pinch, jot, whit, scintilla.


smile v. grin, smirk, beam, smile ear to ear, smile broadly, smile like a Cheshire cat. ANT. frown, scowl.

smirk n. smile, simper, grin, sneer, leer.

smirk v. smile, simper, grin, sneer, leer, make a face.

smite v. strike, hit, *whack, attack, beset, defeat, punish, kill, destroy.

smitten a. taken by, *head over heels, struck, in love, enamored, *swept off one's feet, infatuated, captivated, enthralled, having a crush on, stricken. ANT. repulsed, turned off.

smock n. frock, camise, coverall, shirt, garment.

smog n. air pollution, haze, smoke, fog, pall, particulate, gas cloud, soot cloud, carbon monoxide. ANT. fresh air, *ozone.

smoke n. fume, gas, soot, vapor, exhaust, smog, carbon, reek, smaze, pollution, carbon monoxide.

smoke v. fume, give off exhaust, pollute.

smoked a. dried, cured. ANT. hydrated.

smoke detector n. smoke alarm, fire alarm, fire detector, early warning system.

smokestack n. chimney, flue, funnel, *stack.

smoky a. burning, thick, smoldering, fumin, gassy, sooty, polluted, reeking, choking, hazy, smoggy, foggy.

smolder v. 1. BURN smoke, fume, combust, char.

smoosh v. Sl. kiss, smack.

smooth a. 1. NOT ROUGH even, level, leveled, planed, un wrinkled, unruffled, flush, glossy, glassy, slick, sleek, satiny, silky, velvety, polished, glabrous. 2. UNTROUBLED gentle, calm, serene, uneventful, peaceful, undisturbed. 3. SUAVE slick, urbane, graceful, silver-tongued, *having savoir faire, polished.
refined, practiced, facile, flattering, oily, unctuous. **ant.** 1. rough, bumpy, lumpy. 2. troubled, rough, disturbing. 3. coarse, awkward, simple, bumbling.

**smorgasbord n.** spread, banquet, buffet, feast, meal, appetizers.

**smother v.** 1. suffocate asphyxiate, cut off one's air supply, stifle, choke, strangle, throttle. 2. suppress stifle, hide, conceal, put down, squelch, quash, muffle. 3. extinguish put out, cover, snuff out.

**smudge n.** smear, blot, stain, mark, blotch, streak, blemish, smirch, smudge, spot.

**smudge v.** smear, blot, stain, mark, blotch, streak, blemish, smirch, smudge, spot.


**smurf** n. child's play, *breeze, no problem, *walk on

**smut** n. slap, plop, thump, thud, *crescendo. 2. complicate confuse, make trouble, mess up, *throw a wrench in the works.

**smutty a.** pornographic, obscene, dirty, X-rated material. **ant.** wholesome, G-rated, clean.

**snafu n.** mix-up, *screw-up, mistake, complication, disorder, mess, disaster, chaos, difficulty.


**snare v.** trap, catch, seize, snag, capture, bag. **ant.** en-snare, land.

**snarl n.** 1. growl, rumble, grumble, throaty warning. 2. tangle, knot, kink, twist. 3. complication disorder, confusion, snafu, problem, hitch, catch, difficulty, trouble.

**snarl v.** 1. growl, rumble, grumble, threaten, warn, bare the teeth and raise one's hackles. 2. tangle, knot, kink, twist. 3. complicate confuse, make trouble, mess up, *throw a wrench in the works.

**snatch v.** grab, grasp, seize, take, clutch, grapple, *snag up, pluck, *nab, get one's hands on, wrest, swipe, kidnap.

**snazzy a.** Sl. stylish, sharp, flashy, smart, showy, snappy. **ant.** dowdy, unstylish.

**sneak n.** weasel, snake, *snake in the grass, thief in the night, dastard, *eel, scoundrel, *back-stabber.

**sneak v.** creep, skulk, pussyfoot, stalk, lurk, prow, slither, move stealthily, slink, steal, *weasel.

**sneaker n.** running shoe, *high-top, sport shoe, tennis shoe, boat shoe. see shoe

**sneaky a.** underhanded, sly, secretive, undercover, backdoor, stealthy, *weasely, feline, furtive, surreptitious, clandestine, devious, treacherous. **ant.** open, honest, aboveboard.

**sneeze n.** reflex, ejection, sternutation.

**sneeze at v.** disregard, take lightly.

**snicker n.** snigger, snort, sniggle, giggle, laugh, chuckle, suppressed laugh. see laugh

**snicker v.** snigger, snort, sniggle, giggle, laugh, chuckle, titter, suppress a laugh, tee-hee. see laugh

**snide a.** derisive, sarcastic, malicious, nasty, cutting, insulting, mean, hurtful, low, insinuating, sly. **ant.** nice, friendly, kind.

**sniff n.** inhalation, sniffle, snuffle, snort, breath.

**sniff v.** inhale, sniff, sniffle, sniffle, snort, breathe.

**snigger v.** see snicker

**snip n.** cutting, snippet, piece, scrap.
**snip** v. cut, clip, shear, crop, trim, dock, bob, prune, chop, shave.

**snipe** v. ambush, take potshots, shoot, hunt, attack.

**sniper** n. ambusher, gunman, assassin, shooter.

**snippet** n. cutting, snip, piece, scrap, fragment.

**snippy** a. curt, sharp, insolent, short, snappish, abrupt, impertinent, smart-alecky, brusque.

**snit** n. fit, pique, *tizzy.

**snitch** v. Sl. 1. steal, pilfer, lift, pickpocket, shoplift. see steal 2. inform on, tell on, *rat on, *squeal, *squeal, tattle, turn in.

**snivel** v. cry, whine, sniffle, snuffle, fret, whimper, blubber, boo-hoo.

**snob** n. elitist, *high-hat, *stuck-up, *uppity, putting on airs, pretentious, haughty, conceited, snooty, supercilious, proud, *up on one's high horse, class conscious, above it all, arrogant, hoity-toity, high-falutin, high and mighty.

**snow** n. 1. precipitation flurry, blizzard, storm, sleet, hail, blow. 2. Sl. deceive *buffalo, *bamboozle, mislead, *sell a bill of goods, *fast talk, *pull the wool over one's eyes.

**snowboard** n. board ridden to navigate downhill over snow.

**WORD FIND**

bump or mound of snow on ski trail: mogul
collapse on mountain: avalanche

glacial snow: névé
granules, old, refrozen: corn snow
house of: igloo
old, compacted snow: firn, crust
pellets of: graupel
shelf of snow that collapses and triggers avalanche: cornice
zero visibility due to blizzard: whiteout

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**WORD FIND**

across slope instead of straight down, to go: traverse
airborne, getting: catching air
backward with feet switched, ride: ride fakie
backwards, riding: fakie
crash, fall: bail
crouching position that cuts wind resistance: tuck
flat ground leap without the aid of snow mound: ollie
front of board: nose
half of a half-pipe: quarterpipe
half-pipe groomer: dragon
landing without falling, to make a: stick
legs straightened, to ride with one or both: bone
line attachment: leash
midair bend of knees and grabbing of back of board: flying squirrel air
race on gated course with jumps and turns: boarder cross competition
ramp of snow, U-shaped: half pipe
riding with right foot in the front position: goofy-footed
rotation of 180 degrees: alley-oop
rotation of 360 degrees: caberial
stance in which toes are pointed outward: duckfoot
strike a rock or log: bonk
top edge of a halfpipe wall: lip
turn, to make a: carve
vibrations at high speed, board: chatter

**snowy** a. niveous, wintry.
snub n. slight, affront, *cold shoulder, *slap in the face, rebuff, cut, oversight, neglect, ignoring, insult.

snub v. slight, give the cold shoulder, rebuff, cut, overlook, ignore, neglect, insult, shun, *give the brush-off, pass over, offend.

snuff v. 1. PUT OUT smother, pinch out, douse, extinguish. 2. SNIFF smell, snort.

snuffle v. sniff, breathe, snort, snivel.

snug a. 1. protected, sheltered, under cover, secure, warm, cozy, comfortable. 2. tight, close, body-hugging, close-fitting, restrictive.

snuggle v. cuddle, nestle, nuzzle, hug, curl up, *spoon together, hold close.

so adv. therefore, thus, hence, ergo.

soak v. saturate, wet, drench, douse, sop, impregnate, drown, flood, permeate, submerge, immerse. ant. dry, dehydrate, desiccate.

soaked a. saturated, wet, drenched, sopping, sodden, soggy, drowned. ant. dry, dehydrated.

soap n. detergent, suds, lather, wash powder, cleaning agent, cleanser, solvent, shampoo.

soap opera n. melodrama, show, drama, program, play.

soapy a. sudsy, latherly, bubbly, foamy, frothy, saponaceous.

soar v. fly, rocket, jet, sail, glide, wing, zoom, rise, go skyward, ascend, go aloft, cruise. ant. nosedive, drop, plummet.

soaring a. high, towering, lofty, vertiginous, skyscraping. ant. plummeting.

sober v. sober up, dry out, *go through a detox facility.


sobriety n. abstinence, sobriety, temperance, teetotalism, moderation, self-denial, self-restraint. ant. drunkeness, inebriation.

sobriquet n. nickname, pet name, agnomen, moniker, *handle, assumed name, alias.

sob story n. tale of woe, heartbreaker, plea.

so-called a. professed, alleged, supposed, self-styled, commonly named. ant. actual, proven.

soccer n. football, sport.

WORD FIND

curving pass: banana pass, banana kick, curling the ball, bending the ball
dirty player: hacker
goalie’s long kick: punt
illegal position: offside
issue a card for a foul: book, card, caution
keep the ball in midair by bouncing off body parts: juggling
kick ball between defender’s legs: nutmeg
kick with legs upended high overhead: bicycle kick, scissors kick
officials: linesmen, referee
out-of-bounds sidelines: touch
pass then receive quick return pass: give-and-go
penalty situation in which one team is a man short: power play
positions: back, center back, center halfback, forward, fullback, goalkeeper (goalie), halfback, sweeper, winger
run the ball downfield with one’s feet: dribble
soccer field: pitch
steal the ball from opponent: tackle
stop the ball’s motion with body part: trap, kill
three goals scored by same player in one game: hat trick

sociable a. gregarious, outgoing, extraverted, friendly, amiable, folksy, social, warm, companionable, cordial, approachable, genial.

“the art of unlearning to be preoccupied with yourself.”—Oscar Blumenthal. ant. unfriendly, aloof, cold, reclusive.

social a. 1. communal, public, community, group, common, popular, civil, civic, human. 2. gregarious, outgoing, extraverted, friendly, amiable, folksy, ant. 1. private, 2. aloof, reclusive. see sociable

socialism n. Marxism, communism. see politics

socialize v. be friendly, mix, mingle, fraternize, get together, befriend, associate, entertain, hobnob, *chum with, ant. withdraw, be reclusive, shun.

social security n. retirement income, disability insurance, unemployment insurance, old

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sociopath n. psychopath, antisocial personality, lunatic, maniac, psychotic; *nut case, derailed person, crazy person, mentally ill person.

sock n. stocking, hose, hosiery, footwear.

society n. 1. community, civilization, public, people, mankind, humankind, humanity, populace, culture, the world, the nation. "The vital articulation of many individuals into a new collective individual."—Thomas Carlyle. 2. organization, alliance, association, club, group, sorority, fraternity, brotherhood, sisterhood, affiliation, institution, league, guild. 3. upper class, upper crust, high society, the elite, aristocracy, nobility, gentry, beau monde, haute monde. ant. 3. lower class, working class, hoi polloi, commoners.

sociobase n. stretch, expanse, stretch out, scrape together, scrape up, raise, garner, earn, accumulate, get, gather, procure, amass.

soft a. 1 yielding easily, spongy, squishy, doughy, mushy, fluffy, cushioned, pliable, supple, malleable, flexible, ductile. 2. smooth fine, silky, satiny, downy, velvety, fine, delicate. 3. gentle mild, light, slight, moderate, delicate, faint, mellow, muted, subdued. 4. tender compassionate, kind, softhearted, merciful, easy, easygoing, humane, lenient, forgiving. 5. easy *cushy, simple, plush, *piece of cake, *a snap, *no sweat, unchallenging. 6. fat unfit, untoned, fleshy, blubbery, doughy. ant. 1. hard, rock-hard, solid, unyielding. 2. rough, coarse, abrasive. 3. intense, strong, loud. 4. *hard as nails, merciless, cold, brutal. 5. hard, demanding, challenging, stressful. 6. hard, toned, fit, cut.

soften a. moderate, mitigate, mellow, temper, diminish, ease, lighten, lessen, assuage, mollify, tone down, slacken. ant. harden, intensify, toughen.


softly adv. tenderly, lightly, gently, mildly, slightly, moderately, delicately, faintly, easily. ant. intensely, strongly, loudly.

soft-pedal v. play down, tone down, understate.

soft soap n. praise, cajolery, blarney. see flattery.

soft-spoken a. quiet, low-keyed, gentle. ant. loud, boisterous.


software n. program, *shareware, disk, file management system, instructions, command. see computer.

soggy a. saturated, soaked, sudden, drenched, waterlogged, sopping, poachy, dripping, moist, damp. ant. dry, dehydrated, desiccated.

soil n. earth, dirt, loam, humus, topsoil, ground, clay, terra firma, turf, loess.

soil v. 1. dirty muddy, begrime, stain, smudge, spot, mess, smear, foul, besmirch. 2. disgrace, dishonor, malign, discredit, blot, defame, taint, *drag one’s name through the mud. ant. 1. clean, cleanse, 2. honor, praise.

sojourn v. [SO jurn] to visit or stay somewhere temporarily. She plans to sojourn with her family in California. syn. stay temporarily, visit, stop over, tarry, reside, vacation, lodge, linger, *hang out for awhile.

Sol n. Helios, sun god, the sun.

SOLACE n. [SAWL iz] a comforting or relief from anguish. He took solace in the fact that work would be over in one hour. syn. comfort, comforting, relief, easing, consolation, succor, condolence, encouragement, cheering, buoyance. ant. pain, anguish, exacerbation.

solace v. comfort, console, relieve, ease, console, cheer up, encourage, hearten, *buck up, inspire, buoy. ant. pain, anguish, aggravate.

solarium n. sunroom, sun porch.

solar system n. planetary system. see space, sun.

soldier n. 1. warrior, fighter, fighting man, GI, infantryman, *leatherneck, *grunt, *dogface, service person, airman, marine, sailor, commando, gunner, bombardier, foot soldier, Green Beret, cadet, mercenary, cannon...
sole - solomnambulist


2. SUPPORTER booster, party member, worker, follower, zealot.

sole a. lone, single, solitary, alone, only, exclusive. ANT. several.

solely adv. only, merely, entirely, singly.

SOLEMN a. [SAWL um] serious, earnest, dignified, formal. The funeral was a solemn affair. SYN. serious, earnest, dignified, formal, somber, sober, funereal, "no-nonsense, staid, grave, unsmilng, ceremonious, reverential, sacred. ANT. jovial, frivolous, lighthearted.

solicit v. 1. ask for pleading, beg, appeal, petition, implore, beseech, supplicate. 2. proposition tempt, entice, accost, hustle, *drum up business, tout, hawk, peddle.

SOLICITOUS a. [suh LIS uh tus] concerned, worried, showing one’s concern. SYN. concerned, worried, caring, attentive, troubled, apprehensive, disturbed, anxious, heedful. ANT. unconcerned, untroubled, undisturbed.

solicitor n. attorney, counselor. see LAWYER

solitude n. concern, care, worry, regard, uneasiness.

solid a. 1. hard dense, firm, heavy, thick, rock-solid, compact, concentrated. 2. strong sound, sturdy, stable, substantial, massive, hefty. 3. complete unbroken, continuous, undivided. 4. genuine pure, unalloyed, unmixed. 100 percent, complete. 5. unanimous undivided, of one mind, united, unified. 6. dependable firm, rock-solid, reliable, constant, trustworthy. ANT. 1. fluid, porous, gaseous. 2. flimsy, airy, unstable, delicate. 3. incomplete, broken, interrupted. 4. mixed, alloyed, impure. 5. divided. 6. undependable, shaky, unreliable.

solidarity n. unity, unanimity, union, single-mindedness, oneness, harmony, accord, concord, consensus, strength in numbers. ANT. division, dissension.

solidify v. harden, set, stiffen, cake, concrete, gel, jell, thicken, congeal, clot, coagulate, freeze. ANT. liquefy, melt.

SOLILOQUIY n. [suh LIL uh kwee] the act of talking to oneself. Also, the dialogue of a stage actor revealing his thoughts to the audience. Shakespeare liked to use the soliloquy as a dramatic tool. SYN. monologue, aside, apostrophe. see DRAMA, PLAY

solitary a. lone, alone, lonely, lonesome, single, companionless, friendless, separate, solo, remote, by oneself, isolated, secluded, recluse, desolate, forlorn, sequestered, hermitical, antisocial, cloistered. ANT. social, gregarious, popular, mixing.


solo a. alone, lone, unaccompanied, single-handed, unassisted, unaided. ANT. accompanied, group.

solution n. 1. answer solving, key, explanation, resolution, clarification, uncovering, interpretation. 2. mixture compound, dissolving, blend, combination, emulsion, suspension.

solve v. answer, explain, clear up, figure out, work out, clarify, uncover, crack, fathom, resolve, decode, decipher, *put the pieces together, *put two and two together, unlock, *get to the bottom of, unravel. ANT. mystify, confuse, complicate.

SOLVENT a. [SOL vent] financially stable, able to pay one’s bills. The company remained solvent, even throughout the recession. SYN. financially fit, *out of the red, *in the black, on sound financial ground, profitable, able to pay, able to maintain cash flow. ANT. insolvent, bankrupt, *in the red.

somber a. gloomy, dark, depressing, black, bleak, dreary, mournful, melancholy, funereal, gray, solemn, grave. ANT. bright, sunny, cheerful, jovial.

somersault n. flip, tumble, roll, revolution.


somebody adv. one day, eventually, sometime, sooner or later, one of these days, in the future.

sometimes adv. occasionally, at times, now and then, every now and again, once in awhile, every so often, periodically, intermittently. ANT. never.

somewhat adv. rather, to a certain extent, pretty, fairly, partly, to a certain degree, *kind of, a little.

somnambulist. n. sleepwalker. see SLEEP
somnolent a. sleepy, drowsy, dozy, nodding off, half-asleep, *dopey, sleep-inducing. ANT. wide-awake, alert.

tune, melody, ditty, ballad, serenade, lullaby, hymn, carol, number, *oldie, *golden oldie, *moldy oldie, hit, air, aria, glee, theme song, signature song, *cut, track. The licensed medium for bawling in public things too silly or sacred to be uttered in ordinary speech.—Oliver Herford. See music, opera, SING, SINGER.

WORD FIND
advertising: jingle
award: Grammy
busy vocals with arpeggios, trills, runs, etc.: coloratura
catchy part: hook, chorus
collection: anthology
counterpointing vocal: descant
demonstration recording for contract-seeking musicians: demo
evening: evensong, vesper
funeral: dirge, requiem
improvisation: vamp
instrumental accompaniment, sung without: a cappella
jazz vocalizations imitating instruments: scat
multiple-voiced: polyphonic
multiple-voiced, singing counterpoint: madrigal
multiple-voiced with same lines begun and sung at different times: canon, round
passage: refrain
popular in more than one genre or market: crossover hit
religious or from Scriptures: anthem, canticle, chorale, psalm, hymn
repetition of theme by two or more vocalists: call and answer
song n.
sorrowful
sonorous a. resonant, resounding, deep, booming, loud, reverberating, powerful, full, rich, vibrant. ANT. mute, silent.
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sorcery n. black magic, black art, magic, supernatural powers, witchcraft, necromancy, wizardry, mysticism, Satanism, voodoo, spellbinding, diabolism, conjuring, alchemy.

sordid a. dirty, filthy, foul, rotten, wretched, bad, mean, ignoble, base, seamy, immoral, corrupt, low, wicked. ant. clean, wholesome.

sore n. wound, injury, lesion, cut, laceration, scar, scrape, bruise, abrasion, ulceration, blister, boil, painful area, tender area.

sorrow n. 1. PAINFUL tender, aching, burning, throbbing, stabbing, hurting, smarting, stinging, sensitive, raw, bruised, irritated. 2. ANGRY offended, mad, *pissed, irritated, annoyed, peevd, irked, indignant, resentful. ant. 1. numb, healed. 2. pleased, delighted.

sorrowful a. grieving, grief-stricken, sad, heartbroken, heavyhearted, melancholy, plumb- ing the depths of despair, miserable, woeful, mournful, desolate, pained, depressed. ant. elated, euphoric, happy, joyous.

sorrowing v. 1. MAKE A NOISE vibrate, reverberate, echo, resound, ring, resonate, boom, thunder, detonate, thud, slam, rumble, roar, bang, crash, crack, clap, blare, burst, clangle, chime, ding, ping, jangle, tinkle, buzz, hum, drone, whir, purr, creak, rustle, swish, fizzle, grate, rasp, hiss, rattle, clank, honk, trumpet, squeak, squeal, whisper. 2. seem look, look like, come across, read, give the impression.

soul n. spirit entity, mind, self, ego, psyche, conscience, anima. "A guest in our body, deserving of our kind hospitality."—Hillel. "A portion of the Deity housed in our bodies."—Josephus. "The life whereby we are joined into the body."—Saint Augustine. "A god within each human breast."—Ovid. 2. WARMTH OF EMOTION spirit, feeling. 3. ESSENCE heart, vital part, meat, quintessence, pith, center. 4. PERSON human, being, man, woman, mortal, individual.

soulful a. emotional, with feeling, deep, moving, meaningful. ant. shallow, trivial.

soul mate n. lover, friend, confidante, companion, alter ego.

soul-searching n. introspection, self-examination, self-analysis, reflection.

sound n. SEE NOISE

soundproof a. insulated.


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sound a. 1. IN GOOD WORKING ORDER healthy, fit, whole, solid, *in good shape, intact, strong, perfect, unimpaired, *running like a Swiss watch, normal. 2. STABLE secure, safe, firm, reliable, on solid ground, on solid footing, solvent. 3. ACCURATE valid, sensible, logical, rational, grounded in fact, judicious, true, correct, right-minded, intelligent, commonsensical. 4. ACCEPTED established, orthodox, recognized, *tried-and-true, traditional, standard. 5. THOROUGH solid, complete. ant. 1. unfit, unsound, impaired. 2. unstable, insecure, insolvent. 3. inaccurate, unsound, invalid, nonsensical. 4. new, unacceptable, radical, heterodox. 5. partial, incomplete.

sound bite n. excerpt, snippet, quote, passage.

soundless a. still, mute, quiet. see SILENT

soundproof a. soundproofed, silent, noiseless, insulated. ant. noisy.

soup n. broth, bouillon, stock, consommé, bisque, pottage, chowder, stew, gumbo, borsch, minestrone, split pea, gazpacho, bouillabaisse, lentil soup, vichysoise.
soupçon n. suspicion, trace, suggestion, hint, dash, drop, pinch.
sour v. turn one against, *turn off, disillusion, embitter, disenchant.
sour a. 1. TART acid, vinegary, sharp, *mouth-puckering, bitter, fermented, bad, rank, spoiled, curdled, rancid, repulsive, unpalatable. 2. SURLY cross, bad-tempered, irritable, testy, touchy, nasty, crabby, ill-humored, grouchy, morose. ANT. 1. sweet, sugary, saccharine, fresh. 2. sweet, good-natured, nice.
source n. 1. spring wellspring, fount, fountain, origin, beginning, start, dawn, root, foundation, provenance, derivation. 2. reference authority, author, documentation, database, *horse’s mouth, informant.
souse v. pickle, steep, soak, saturate, brine, marinate, immerse, dunk, plunge, submerge.
soused a. SL. intoxicated, inebriated. see drunk
souvenir n. memento, keepsake, relic, reminder, remembrance, memorial, token, trophy.
sovereign n. monarch, ruler, king, queen, crowned head, prince, autocrat, emperor, empress, czar, overlord, dictator.
SOVEREIGN a. [SAWV run] the greatest, supreme, ruling. Also, independent from the rule of others. We studied the evolution of a sovereign state. SYN. greatest, supreme, ranking, leading, preeminent, chief, ruling, dominant, kingly, queenly, royal, regal, monarchical, imperial, autonomous, independent, self-governing. ANT: dependent, powerless, following, subject.
sovereignty n. supremacy, independent power, authority, domination, dominance, preeminence, rule, jurisdiction. “Some power or other from which there is no appeal.”—Samuel Johnson.
sow v. plant, scatter, seed, broadcast, strew, disperse, spread, imbed, drill.
spa n. resort, health facility, therapeutic facility, health club, bath, tub.
space n. 1. universe outer space, cosmos, infinity, heavens, ether, *eternal horizon, interstellar expanse, *the great beyond, macrocosm, galactic expanse, solar system, galaxy, cooling fires of creation, interstellar regions, void, celestial sphere, vacuum. 2. area room, expanse, range, scope, elbowroom, capacity, volume, territory. see astronomy, moon, planet, sun, universe

WORD FIND
distant, bright, mysterious object: quasar
galaxy we live in: Milky Way
gas cloud, massive: nebula
measurement, unit of: light year, parsec, astronomical unit
outer space begins here, just beyond solar system: termination shock
stars, mass grouping of: galaxy

spacecraft n. rocket, rocket ship, spaceship, shuttle, orbiter, capsule, space probe, satellite, Apollo, Gemini, Mariner, flying saucer, UFO.

WORD FIND
activities of astronaut outside of spacecraft: EVA, extravehicular
activity: spaceswalk
agency: NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Agency
astronaut’s life-support cable used outside craft: umbilical
cancel mission: scrub
cancel mission in progress: abort
cargo: payload
chamber between pressurized and unpresurized compartment: airlock
distant measuring science: telemetry
electronic monitoring systems: avionics
entry into earth’s atmosphere: reentry
firing of thrusters or rockets: burn
flight path: trajectory
fuel: hydrazine, hydrogen peroxide, LOX (Liquid Oxygen)
gravity force equal to earth: g
gravity force in earth orbit: microgravity
gravity slingshot method to boost craft further into space: gravity assist
ground station: tracking station
hazardous flying sand grains: micrometeoroids
independent system on board: module, subsystem
launchpad pit: flame pit
loss of orbital altitude due to earth’s pull: decay
orbit that matches earth’s rotation: geosynchronous orbit
orientation in orbit: attitude
payload, launching into space: deployment
power source: solar cells, photovoltaics see fuel

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propellants that ignite on contact with one another: hypergolic propellants
radio signal from earth to spacecraft: uplink
downlink
radio signal from spacecraft to earth: uplink
rocket, extra lifting: booster
rocket, slowing or reversing: retro rocket
rolling craft to diffuse external heat: barbecue mode
shuttle's nickname: *flying brick
space probe center: JPL, Jet Propulsion Laboratory
space shuttle nerve center: Mission Control
speed of sound, five times the: hypersonic (above Mach 5)
speed of sound: Mach
speed of sound, twice the: Mach 2
timespan within which craft must be launched: launch window
wall: bulkhead

spacious a. roomy, commodious, large, vast, capacious, extensive, immense, voluminous, expansive, uncrowded, generous. ANT. cramped, crowded, confined.
span n. spread, reach, width, length, height, breadth, stretch, distance, period, time.
span v. cross, traverse, extend across, stretch across, reach across, bridge, arch over.
spangle n. paillette, sequin, glitter, bead.
spangle n. panting, breathlessness, labored breathing.
spark v. 1. flash, flicker, scintillate, flare, sparkle, flash, discharge, glint, glimmer, trace, tinge, particle. 2. stimulus, spark plug, goad, spur, motivation, impetus, inspiration.
sparkle v. 1. flash, flicker, scintillate, flare, sparkle, glow, discharge, glint, glimmer. 2. stimulate, ignite, start, activate, goad, spur, motivate, energize, propel, inspire. ANT. 2. extinguish, douse.
spare a. scanty, meager, sparse, modest, spare. ANT. 1. generous, charitable, giving, lavish. 2. rich, abundant.
Spartan a. disciplined, strict, rigorous, demanding, severe, rigid, abstemious, austere, simple, frugal. ANT. undisciplined, lavish, luxurious, *cushy.
spasm n. contraction, convulsion, jerk, twitch, tic, nervous tic, seizure, fit, throe, cramp, shudder, orgasm, cramp.
spasmodic a. convulsive, fitful, spastic, twitching, intermittent, sporadic, periodic, on-and-off, irregular. ANT. regular, steady, continuous.
spat n. dispute, quarrel, disagreement, argument, fight, tiff, row, squabble, *run-in, falling-out, misunderstanding.
spate n. flood, deluge, outpouring, overflow, downpour, freshet, inundation, heavy rain, cloudburst. ANT. drought.
spatter v. splash, scatter, spray, shower, sprinkle, scatter, dot, speckle, dabble, spot.
spawn v. produce young, reproduce, bring forth, generate, engender, bear, give birth to, beget, *hatch, create.
spay v. sterilize.
speak v. 1. utter talk, say, state, mouth, voice, vocalize, articulate, verbalize, communicate, express, enunciate, pronounce, babble, blurt, cry, shout, bellow, shriek, rant, rave, exclaim, mutter, mumble, whine, murmur, whisper, stutter, stammer. 2. make a speech, lecture, give a talk, discourse, orate, address, hold forth, preach, pontificate, deliver a sermon. 3. converse, talk, *shoot the breeze, confabulate. SEE TALK
speaker  n. talker, lecturer, orator, speachmaker, spokeswoman, spokesman, keynoter, spellbinder.

spear  n. lance, javelin, dart, bolt, shaft, harpoon, pike, trident, leister

spear  v. pierce, stab, stick, run through, impale, lance, puncture, harpoon.

SPEARHEAD  v. [SPEER hed] to start, pioneer, or lead. He spearheaded the environmental movement. syn. start, pioneer, lead, *blaze the trail, *get the ball rolling, launch, originate, initiate.

special  a. 1. particular specific, specialized, appropriate. 2. distinguished exceptional, extraordinary, exceptional, staggering, eye-popping, stunning, impressive, dazzling, grand, wonderful, magnificent, awesome, marvelous, glorious. ant. mediocre, dull, boring, *nothing to write home about.

specialist  n. expert, authority, master, professional, connoisseur, ace, virtuoso, scholar, devotee. ant. *jack-of-all-trades, master of none, amateur.

specialize  v. concentrate on, practice, major in, devote oneself exclusively to.

specialty  n. line, forte, area of expertise, specialization, métier, major, bailiwick, profession, skill, strength.

species  n. variety, class, line, type, sort, breed, order, genus, division, stripe, genre.

specific  a. specified, particular, express, designated, explicit, precise, exact, clear, defined, spelled-out, unequivocal, unambiguous, obvious, concrete. ant. vague, indefinite, ambiguous.

specifically  adv. particularly, expressly, explicitly, precisely, specially, exactly, clearly, definitely, especially.

specification  n. detail, particular, item, spec, feature, ingredient, stipulation, measurement, size.

specify  v. be specific, detail, spell out, be precise, name, designate, itemize, define, express, explain.

specimen  n. sample, sampling, example, instance, exemplar, cross section, model, representative, individual.

SPECIOUS  a. [SPEE shus] plausible but invalid, having only the appearance of the truth. Lawyers are adept at putting forth specious arguments. syn. plausible, sophistic, seeming, conceivable, possible, misleading, credible, unsound, ostensible, deceptive, fallacious. ant. true, valid, unquestionable, genuine.
art of word usage: rhetoric, oratory
eccatic: rhapsody
figure of: metaphor, simile, litotes, trope
fluency, expressiveness: eloquence
graduation: valedictory
impairment: dysphasia, speech impediment, dysphonia
incoherent: gibberish, glossolalia
incongruous figure of speech: oxymoron
individual dialect: idiolect
individual dialect quirk: idiologism
informal, conversational: colloquial
insertion of words like “um,” “like,” “you know,” etc.: emolalia
long and tiresome: screed
loss for words, be at a: aporia
loss of: aphasia, muteness
lying, artful: mendaciloquence
modulation, change in tone: inflection
obscuring: obfuscation
pompous: bombast, fustian
pronounce clearly: enunciate
pronunciation, poor or improper: cacology
recall word, inability to: lethologica
showing off one's education through: pedantry
slip of the tongue: lapsus linguae, Freudian slip
speaking easily, fluently: voluble
Sss or Shh sound in: sibilance
style of: elocution, locution
understatement for ironic effect: meiosis
unexpressive: inarticulate
word and sentence construction: syntax
speechless a. tongue-tied, at a loss for words, mute, struck dumb, inarticulate, aphonie, aphasic, voiceless, silent, "choked up. ANT: loquacious, talkative, "motor-mouthed, voluble.
speed n. swiftness, quickness, velocity, fleetness, rapidity, celerity, promptness, acceleration, rush, pace. ANT: slowness, sluggishness.
speed v. rush, hurry, fly, zoom, race, whiz, go like the wind, hustle, dash, tear, sprint, "go like lightning, run, hightail, "go like hell, "floor it, accelerate. ANT: move in slow motion, crawl, drag.
speedy a. fast, quick, rapid, fleet, "quicker than grease lighting, expeditious, hurried, flumbe, prompt. ANT: slow, sluggish, slothlike.
spell n. 1. incantation charm, invocation, hex, jinx, voodoo, hoodoo, magic, enchantment, bewitchment, entrapment, sorcery, mesmerize, hypnotism, trance. SEE OCCULT 2. TIME period, interval, "stretch, course, run, turn, tour, shift, bout, episoide, fit.
spell v. relieve, give a break, take over, stand in for, cover for, take turns.
spellbind v. enchant, entrance, bewitch, mesmerize, hypnotize, charm, fascinate, hold, rivet, enthral, transfix.
spellbound a. enchanted, entranced, bewitched, mesmerized, hypnotized, charmed, fascinated, held, riveted, enthralled, transfixed. ANT: distracted, bored.
spelunker n. cave explorer. SEE CAVE
spend v. exhaust, disburse, squander, pay out, "blow, use up, expend, fritter, consume, dispense, outlay, splurge, "fork over, deplete. ANT: save, conserve, hoard.
spendthrift n. squanderer, "big spender, "free spender, prodigal, profigate, wasted, high roller. ANT: Scrooge, miser, tightfut, "pennypincher.
spent a. exhausted, consumed, burned out, worn out, used up, blown, depleted, expended, drained, prostrate, "beat, "pooped, "fagged out. ANT: refreshed, energized, invigorated.
sperm n. seed, semen.
sperm v. gush, flow, issue, spit, eject, vomit, throw up, disgorge, expel.
sphere n. 1. ball, globe, orb, spheroid, globule, moon, planet. 2. province, range, domain, realm, scope, territory, field, bailiwick, department, turf.
spherical a. globular, spheroid, orbicular, round, oval, elliptical.
sphincter n. constrictor.
spice n. seasoning, flavoring, flavor, herb, condiment, piquancy, zest, "zing, pungency, sharpness, bite, relish, excitement, allspice, angelica, anise, basil, bay leaf, black pepper, bouquet garni, calamint, capers, caraway seed, celery seed, chervil, chicory, chili pepper, chili powder, chives, cilantro, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, cumin, curry, dill, fennel, flaxseed, garlic, ginger, lemon grass, licorice, mace, marjoram, mint, mustard, nutmeg, oregano, paprika, parsley, pepper, peppermint, poppy seed, rosemary, saffron, sage, sweet basil, tarragon, thyme, turmeric, white pepper.
spice v. season, flavor, enliven, enhance.
spick-and-span a. neat, clean, trim, fresh. ANT: untidy.

spider n. arachnid, *daddy longlegs, black widow, tarantula, wolf spider, violin spider, trap-door spider.

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web-spinning appendage: spinneret

spiky a. barbed, spiked, tined, pronged, bristly, hispid, thorny, prickly. ANT. smooth, sleek.

spiral a. helical, coiled, winding, corkscrew, twisted, whorled, spiral, turbinate, volute, curled, scrolled, coileate.

spire n. steeple, belfry, tower, bell tower, fleche, campanile, minaret, shaft, peak, pinnacle.

spirit n. 1. soul consciousness, anima, life breath, mind, psyche, self, heart, ego. “The life of God within us.”—Saint Teresa. “A vital breath of more ethereal air.”—H.W. Longfellow. “An inward flame; a lamp the world blows upon but never puts out.”—Margot Asquith. 2. ghost phantom, phantom, spook, apparition, specter, poltergeist, shadow, supernatural entity, wraith, presence. 3. mood disposition, frame of mind, attitude, humor, feeling, temper, morale, tone, outlook. 4. liveliness vigor, vitality, vivacity, energy, animation, enthusiasm, eagerness, zeal, ardor, courage, bravery. 5. meaning intention, intent, sense, aim, purpose.

spirited a. lively, energetic, dynamic, animated, vivacious, fiery, *charged, eager, enthusiastic, zealous, effervescent, spunky, perky. ANT. dead, slothful, lifeless, dispirited.


spiral a. helical, coiled, winding, corkscrew, twisted, whorled, spiral, turbinate, volute, curled, scrolled, coileate.

spike n. nail, bolt.

spill n. tumble, *header. SEE FALL

spill v. 1. slop overflow, slosh, dribble, pour, run over, brim over, splatter, splash. 2. divulge *spill the beans, *let the cat out of the bag, disclose, make known, reveal, confess, *sing.

spin n. rotation, twirl, roll, twist, revolution, English.

spin v. 1. rotate twirl, roll, revolve, go ‘round, whirl, gyrate, wheel, pivot, reel, pirouette. 2. tell weave, fabricate, narrate, concoct.

spindle n. shaft, rod, pin, axis, axle.

spindly a. thin, slim, slender, scrawny, bony, long, tall, lanky, gangling, weak, frail. ANT. stout.

spindrift n. sea spray, foam, scud.

spine n. 1. backbone vertebrae, spinal column. 2. needle, thorn, prickle, Barb, quill. 3. willpower intestinal fortitude, determination, courage, pluck, resolve. ANT. spinelessness, irresolution.

spineless a. 1. invertebrate. 2. cowardly *wimpy, irresolute, *chicken, weak, weak-willed, timid, lily-livered, without backbone, *gutless, fainthearted. ANT. 2. tough, determined, courageous, resolute.

spin-off n. by-product, offshoot, outgrowth, offspring, derivative.

spinster n. old maid, widow, divorcée, femme sole, single woman.

spiny a. barbed, spiked, tined, pronged, bristly, hispid, thorny, prickly. ANT. smooth, sleek.

spiral n. helix, corkscrew, coil, gyre, curlieque, vortex, whirlpool, eddy, whorl.
**splash** n. 1. **splatter** squirt, jet, spurt, spray, sprinkle, slosh, slop, plop, *kerplunk. 2. small amount drop, touch. 3. **spectacle** display, sensation, show.

**splash** v. splatter, squirt, jet, spurt, spray, sprinkle, slosh, slop, plop, *kerplunk.

**splatter** v. splash, spray, sprinkle spatter, streak, stain.

**splay** v. spread, expand, extend.

**spleen** n. malice, spite, hatred, ill will, hard feelings, venom, resentment, malevolence, petulance, waspishness, groughiness. **ant.** warmth, friendliness, affection, good humor.

**splendid** a. 1. lustrous magnificent, shining, brilliant, splendidiferous, dazzling, gorgeous, luxurious, sumptuous, elegant, *rity, *posh. 2. excellent exceptional, great, fabulous, fantastic, wonderful, outstanding, fine, superb, sterling. **ant.** 1. drab, dull, poor. 2. poor, inferior, awful, lousy.

**splendor** n. 1. brilliance luster, brightness, shine, resplendence, radiance, glitter. 2. magnificence glory, grandeur, pomp, show, spectacle.

**splenic** a. irritable, gourchy, bad-tempered, nasty, waspish, petulant, crabby, grumpy, peevish, sour. **ant.** good-humored, easygoing.

**splice** v. join, unite, wed, weave together, bind, connect, twine, braid.

**splinter** n. sliver, fragment, bit, shiver, shard.

**split** n. 1. break crack, tear, fragmenting, separation, splitting, rip, slash, gash, rupture, rift, cleft. 2. division or difference of opinion schism, dissension, fragmentation, disunion, breach, rift.

**split** v. 1. break splinter, separate, divide, sever, crack, tear, cleave, fragment, rip, slash, rupture, halve. 2. be at odds be at opposite ends of the spectrum, polarize, fragment. 3. divide *divvy up, allocate, apportion, share, mete out, subdivide, distribute. **ant.** 1. join, unite, bind. 2. unite. 3. collect.

**split up** v. break up, separate, divorce, go separate ways, part company.


**splurge** v. sputter, spit, hiss, spatter, *spray, stumble, stammer, stutter, *trip over one’s words.

**split** up.

**spoil** v. 1. damage ruin, destroy, injure, impair, wreck, harm, *mess up, *louse up, demolish, mar, blemish. 2. **overindulge** panper, coddle, mollycoddle, cosset, baby, wait on, cater to, *kill with kindness, overprotect, smother, lavish, shelter. 3. decay rot, putrefy, go bad, decompose, sour, turn moldy,addle, deteriorate. **ant.** 1. enhance, better, improve. 2. harden, be strict with, deprive.

**spoilage** n. garbage, waste, refuse, damaged goods, rotten food.

**spoiled** a. 1. damaged ruined, destroyed, injured, impaired, wrecked, harmed, *messed up, *loused up, demolished, marred, blemished. 2. overindulged panpered, coddled, mollycoddled, *bratty, cossetted, babyed, overprotected, smothered. 3. decayed rotten, putrid, gone bad, decomposed, sour, moldy, added, deteriorated, rancid. **ant.** 1. enhanced, improved. 2. disciplined, hardened, deprived. 3. fresh.

**spoils** n. plunder, booty, property, pillage, loot, winnings, bounty, prize, reward.

**spoilsport** n. killjoy, *wet blanket, marplot, *party pooper.

**spoken** v. uttered, vocalized, said, articulated, voiced, expressed verbally, declared, pronounced, oral. **ant.** unspoken.


**sponger** n. see Sponge

**spongy** a. porous, absorbent, elastic, springy, mushy, boggy, marshy, moist, waterlogged.

**sponsor** n. underwriter, endorser, financier, supporter, backer, *angel, patron, guarantor, advertiser, advocate, champion, godfather, godmother.

**spontaneous** a. unrehearsed, off the cuff, extrtemporaneous, unprepared, spur of the moment, unplanned, impulsive, impromptu, *off the top of one's head, ad-lib, unpremeditated, reflexive, natural, instinctual. **ant.** planned, premeditated, rehearsed, prepared, unnatural.

**spoon** n. parody, satire, *takeoff, *send-up, caricature, lampoon, burlesque, travesty, joke, comedy.

**spoon** v. satirize, parody, *send up, caricature, lampoon, burlesque, travesty.
spook n. ghost, specter, apparition, spirit, poltergeist, phantom, phantom.
spooky a. ghostly, spectral, supernatural, eerie, weird, scary, unnerving, frightening, creepy.
spool n. bobbin, reel, cylinder.
spoon n. eating utensil, implement, silverware, ladle, scoop.
spoon-feed v. pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, baby, indulge, overindulge. see spoil.
spoor n. trail, track, footprints, markings, dropings.
sporadic a. irregular, on and off, infrequent, intermittent, spotty, random, occasional, periodic, erratic, fitful, scattered. ant: regular; steady, constant.
sport(s) n. 1. athletics recreation, pastime, diversion, competitive activity, contest, competition, game, play, amusement, entertainment. “War minus the shooting”—George Orwell. see baseball, basketball, bowling, boxing, bullfight, fencing, football, golf, mountaineering, race, skin diving, skating, skiing, skydiving, soccer, tennis, volleyball, wrestling. 2. object of teasing butt, object of ridicule, laughingstock. *easy target, *fair game, *patsy, ridicule. 3. joking around fun, frolic, teasing, jollity, merriment, *jollification, jollification, jollification, jollification.
sporting a. fair, sportsmanlike, even, equitable, *on a level playing field, gentlemanly, honest. ant: unfair, dishonest.
sportive a. playful, fun, romping, merry, joking, frisky, roguish, frolicsome, gamesome, jaunty, ant: serious, grave, earnest.
sportsman n. *play-by-play man/woman, color commentator, broadcaster.
sportsman n. hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman, adventurist.
sportsmanship n. integrity, honor, honesty, fairness, courtesy. ant: dishonesty, cheating.
sportswear n. casual wear, informal wear.
sporty a. flashy, showy, loud, casual, informal. ant: formal, conservative.
spot n. 1. stain blot, speck, smudge, mark, splotch, discoloration, speckle, dot, patch, daub, smear, smear. 2. location locale, position, point, place, site, area, section, setting, region, space. 3. dilemma bind, *sticky situation, fix, mess, predicament, *pickle, jam. spot v. 1. stain blot, blemish, smudge, mark, discolor, speckle, daub, dirty, splash, sprinkle, fleck, 2. see detect, recognize, make out, pinpoint, discern, spy, sight, catch sight of, find, identify.
spot-check n. random sampling.
spotless a. 1. clean immaculate, unstained, unblemished, untainted, laundered, washed, scrubbed, *squeaky clean, pristine, virgin. 2. irreproachable above reproach, pure, innocent, uncorrupted, above suspicion, *having clean hands, faultless, impeccable, virginal, chaste, *squeaky clean. ant: 1. dirty, filthy, spotty. 2. faulty, defective, tarnished.
spotlight v. light, illuminate, highlight, cast in the limelight, flood, focus on. ant: obscure, conceal, veil.
spotted a. speckled, flecked, spotty, dotted, dappled, mottled, blotched, piebald, guttate. ant: uniform, monochromatic.
spotty a. irregular, sporadic, inconsistent, intermittent, patchy, uneven, erratic, fitful, on again off again, *running hot and cold, variable. ant: consistent, regular, even.
spouse n. mate, husband, wife, groom, bride, partner, companion, consort, *old man, *old lady, *better half.
spout n. nozzle, spile, spigot, faucet, lip, snout, mouth, tube, outlet, jet, discharge, spurt, geyser, squirt.
spout v. 1. flow shoot, jet, discharge, spurt, squirt, gush, pour, surge, emit, spew, issue. 2. rant and rave harangue, *shoot off one’s mouth, *go on and on about, orate, gush.
spay v. wrench, twist, strain, tear ligaments.
spay v. spread, stretch out, spread-eagle, loll, slouch, recline, lounge, slump, lie.
spay n. mist, drizzle, sprinkle, spritz, vapor, shower, *mizzle, spindrift, spume, jet, cloud.
spread n. 1. extension expansion, spreading, increase, mushrooming, growth, broadening, contagion, proliferation, diffusion, span, extent, range, scope, expanse. 2. feast banquet, smorgasbord, meal, buffet.
spread v. 1. unfold open, unfurl, stretch out, stretch, sprawl, splay, uncoil, display. 2. expand extend, increase, mushroom, grow, broaden, proliferate, cover, disperse, pervade, permeate. 3. scatter strew, distribute, random sampling.
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disperse, sprinkle. 4. disseminate broadcast, publicize, trumpet, circulate, publish, promulgate, advertise. 5. apply slather, Daub, smear, paint, plaster. **ant. 1. close, fold, curl, contract. 2. shrink, contract, recede. 3. gather, amass, pile. 4. censor, keep quiet.

**spreadsheet** n. accounting program, bookkeeping program, accounting software. See computer


**spring** a. lively, spirited, gay, energetic, brisk, vivacious, animated, playful, jaunty, chipper, blithe, cheerful, spry. **ant. sluggish, lifeless, glad.

**spring** n. 1. leap, jump, bound, vault, hop, bounce, resilience, elasticity, springiness, recoil. 2. coil shock absorber, spiral, helix, compression spring. 3. well upwelling, gush, fountain, waterhole, *drink, pool, spa, baths. 4. origin wellspring, source, fountain, fount, beginning, motive, impetus. 5. season March, April, May, *rebirth, *new beginning, blossoming time, mating season. "A true reconstructionist."—Henry Timrod.

**spring** v. 1. leap, jump, bound, vault, hop, hurdle, lunge, skip. 2. spring back recoil, rebound. 3. rise *pop up, crop up, emerge, grow, emanate, stem, originate.

**springy** a. elastic, resilient, rubbery, spongy, bouncy, flexible. **ant. stiff, inflexible.

**sprinkle** v. rain lightly, mist, drizzle, spit, spray, shower, dash, smattering, pinch, scattering, dusting. **ant. deluge, downpour.

**sprinkle** v. rain lightly, mist, drizzle, spit, spray, shower, dash, sparge, scatter, dust.


**sprite** n. fairy, elf, pixie, nymph, brownie, gnome, goblin, hobgoblin, leprechaun.

**sprite** n. germinate, grow, shoot, bud, bloom, burgeon, develop, flower. **ant. die, wither.


**spruce up** v. clean up, neaten up, groom, *fix up, *dull up, *spit and polish, *gussy up, primp.

SPRY a. [SPRI] active and nimble, lively. He was surprisingly spry for a ninety-year-old. syn. active, nimble, lively, vigorous, vital, hearty, *peppy, robust, brisk, quick, agile. **ant. lifeless, lethargic, bedridden.

**spry** a. courageous, brave, *gutsy, spirited, game, plucky, gritty, tough, nervy, lionhearted, red-blooded, resolute. **ant. timid, *wimpy, cowardly.


**spur** v. goad, instigate, provide an incentive, spark, stimulate, trigger, prod, jolt, "give a swift kick, prompt, incite, *goose. **ant. put a damper on, discourage, slow.

SPURIOUS a. [SPYOOR ee us] false, counterfeit. The purported Jack the Ripper diary turned out to be spurious. syn. fake, un genuine, bogus, phony, simulated, fraudulent, forged, sham, pseudo, mock, artificial, apocryphal. **ant. genuine, authentic, real.

**spurn** v. reject, refuse, decline, scorn, snub, *give the cold shoulder, *turn one's nose up at, *nix, *give a thumbs down, have no part of, rebuff, disdain, sneeze at. **ant. embrace, accept, welcome.

**spurt** n. 1. squirt jet, rush, gush, spray, spate, geyser, surge. 2. burst of activity rush, surge, flurry, flare-up, spell.

**spurt** v. squirt, jet, rush, gush, spray, surge, well up, spout, ejaculate.

**spudder** v. 1. splutter *spur one's words, spit, stammer, stutter, *gibber-jabber, *trip over one's words, talk excitedly. 2. sizzle spit, crackle, pop, snap.

**sputum** n. spittle, saliva, spit, phlegm, mucus.

**spy** n. intelligence agent, secret agent, undercover agent, double agent, secret service agent, CIA agent, operative, snooper, investigator, *mole, *tail, informer, *private eye, scout. See spying


**spying** n. espionage, intelligence gathering, reconnaissance, infiltration, eavesdropping, bugging.
WORD FIND
agent who does not spy but works to confuse enemy: confusion agent
coded communication, science of: cryptography
code form, put information into: encrypt, encipher
concealed microphone: *bug, listening device
de code: decrypt, decipher
decoding encrypted messages: cryptanalysis
expose as a spy: *blow one’s cover, *burn
group: cell
infiltrator of enemy intelligence agency: mole, double agent
information, secret: classified information, top secret information
International Criminal Police Organization: Interpol
misleading or phony information: disinformation, counterintelligence
penetration into enemy’s affairs: infiltration
safe haven or meeting house: safe house
secret code: cipher, password
traitorous work performed for enemy: collaboration
undercover, secret: covert
U.S. government agency: CIA, Central Intelligence Agency

squabble n. quarrel, dispute, argument, fight, tiff, disagreement, difference of opinion, controversy, row, wrangle. ant. agreement, harmony, accord.
squabbles v. quarrel, dispute, argue, fight, have a tiff, disagree, have a difference of opinion, *lock horns, wrangle, contend. ant. agree, get along.
squad n. group, team, crew, company, unit, platoon, battalion, band, gang, *outfit.
squadron n. 1. group of vessels convoy, unit, two divisions. 2. flight formation escadrille.

SQUALID a. [SKWALL id] filthy or run-down due to neglect. The tenement building was in a squalid section of town. syn. filthy, dirty, foul, unclean, grungy, dingy, grimy, rat-infested, stinking, slummy, run-down, dilapidated, wretched, miserable, seedy, sordid. ant. clean, immaculate, well-kept.
squall n. 1. windstorm gale, blow, gust, blast, tempest, downpour, cloudburst, shower, gale, storm, flurry. 2. disturbance blow-up, furor, tumult, commotion, trouble, fuss. 3.
cry scream, wail, shriek, bawling, yell, yowl, howl, outcry, outburst.
SQUANDER v. [SKWAN dur] to waste. She squandered the last of her inheritance. syn. waste, *blow, be extravagant, fritter away, throw away, *spend like there was no tomorrow, lavish, play the profligate, dissipate. ant. save, conserve, be frugal.
square n. 1. quadrate quadrangle, rectangle, cube, box. 2. plaza park, common, village green, piazza, quadrangle, quad.
square v. 1. even up adjust, align, true, plumb, fix, rectify, straighten, fit, settle. 2. settle one’s accounts pay off, clear, satisfy, discharge, balance, even up. 3. agree correspond, match, dovetail, coincide, synchronize, coordinate, harmonize. ant. 1. misalign, skew. 2. go into debt, be in arrears. 3. disagree, contrast, contradict.
square a. 1. quadrangular four-sided, quadrangle, rectangle, square, box. 2. Sl. old-fashioned *straight, conservative, prudish, conformist, straitlaced, *uptight, prim. 3. even straight, level, true, accurate. 4. honest straightforward, just, on the level, *on the up and up, fair, equitable. ethical. ant. 1. round, circular, triangular. 2. *hip, *cool, *with it, nonconforming. 3. uneven, inaccurate. 4. dishonest, unjust, unethical.
squash v. 1. squash flatten, compress, press, smash, crush, squeeze, compact, crowd, jam. 2. quash bring to an end, stop, bring down, suppress, crush, squelch, *crack down on, *pull the plug on. ant. 2. fortify, strengthen, support.
squat v. crouch, hunker down, sit on one’s heels, sit on one’s haunches.
squatter n. settler, claimant, applicant.
squawk n. 1. cry shriek, screech, call, scream, squeal, crowing, cackle, outcry, howl. 2. Sl. complaint fuss, protest, objection, gripe, shout, yell.
squawks v. 1. cry shriek, screech, call, scream, squeal, crow, cackle, outcry. 2. complain
put up a fuss, protest, object, "cry foul, yell, fume, gripe.
squeak n. cry, peep, cheep, whine, mew, squeal, creak, screech.
squeak v. cry, peep, cheep, whine, mew, squeal, creak, screech.
squeal v. 1. cry scream, whine, shriek, howl, wail, screech, yelp, squeal. 2. Sl. inform *rat on, turn in, *drop a dime on, *snitch, tell, tattle, *sell down the river, *blow the whistle on, betray.
squeamish a. oversensitive, dainty, delicate, queasy, qualmish, prudish, prim, easily offended, easily shocked, "having a weak stomach. ANT. tough, "having a cast-iron stomach, thick-skinned.
squeeze n. embrace, hug, clasp, "clinch, grip, compression.
squeeze v. 1. press compress, squash, squish, crush, contract, tighten, constrict, wring. 2. hug embrace, "bear hug, enfold, take in one's arms, clasp, "clinch. 3. cram crowd, jam, pack, wedge, ram. 4. extort extract, wrest, blackmail.
squelch v. squash, suppress, silence, crush, put down, quash, extinguish, kill, smother, shoot down, defeat. ANT. help, boost, strengthen.
squib n. firecracker, see fireworks
squint v. focus intently, peer at with half-closed eyes, look at narrowly, peer, peep, "screw up one's eyes, skew.
squire n. gentleman, landowner, proprietor, attendant, armor-bearer, servant, valet, escort, gallant, attendant, date, companion.
squirm v. wiggle, wriggle, writhe, twist, turn, twitch, contort, fidget, flounder.
squirt n. spritz, jet, spurt, spray, fountain, stream, gush.
squirt v. spritz, spray, spurt, shoot, spout, jet, stream, discharge, spew, gush, ejaculate.
squish v. compress, flatten, see squash
stab n. 1. prick, pain piercing, puncture, cut, gash, laceration, wound, sharp pain, shooting pain, twinge, pange, searing pain, ache. 2. try shot, crack, attempt, effort, chance, "whirl, "go. SEE STAB IN THE BACK
stab v. pierce, prick, stick, slit, gash, puncture, run through, knife, cut, impale, penetrate, lance, plunge, thrust, gore. SEE KILL, MURDER
stability n. steadiness, sturdiness, firmness, solidity, equilibrium, balance, strength, soundness, permanence, constancy, dependable, reliability. ANT. instability, shakiness, unsteadiness.
stabilize v. steady, secure, firm, equalize, balance, strengthen, root, fix, ground, fortify, brace, set, support. ANT. destabilize, weaken, undermine.
stab in the back n. backstabbing, betrayal, treachery, "doublecross, Judas kiss.
stab in the back v. backstab, betray, "doublecross, backbite, sell out, sell down the river, give the Judas kiss, turn traitor.
stable n. barn, stall, shelter, pen, paddock.
stable a. 1. steady secure, firm, sturdy, equalized, balanced, strong, solid, sound, rooted, fixed, grounded, fortified, branded, set, steadfast, immovable, permanent. 2. mentally sound sane, rational, composed, sensible, of clear mind, composed, self possessed, calm. ANT. 1. unstable, shaky, unsteady, unreliable. 2. unstable, crazy, insane, unbalanced.
stack n. 1. pile heap, mass, mound, hill, load, assemblage, pack, bundle, sheaf, rick, cord, pyramid. 2. smokestack chimney, flue.
stack v. pile, heap, mass, mound, load, assemblage, stockpile, pyramid.
stacked a. Sl. built, curvaceous, full-figured, well-endowed.
stadium n. arena, bowl, sports complex, athletic field, football field, baseball field, ballpark, astrodome, circus, hippodrome, coliseum, amphitheater. SEE SPORT(S)
staff n. 1. stick rod, pole, shaft, walking stick, cane, alpenstock, crook, crozier, truncheon, shillelagh, mace, scepter. 2. assistants employees, work force, crew, team, personnel, help, cadre, cast, faculty.
stage n. 1. platform rostrum, dais, "the boards, podium. 2. theater show business, "show biz, footlights, set, limelight, spotlight, Broadway. SEE THEATER 3. period phase, step, point in time, juncture, moment. 4. level grade, rung, position, echelon, status.
stage v. present, exhibit, put on, perform, produce, arrange, engineer, mount, carry out.
stagecoach n. concord, coach, "mud wagon.

WORD FIND
escort who protected against robbers: shotgun rider, outrider
robber: road agent
section of road between relays of animals: stage
section of road comprised of several drives: division
section of road comprised of several stages:
drive
trunk: boot

stagehand n. grip, callboy. see movie
stagger v. 1. totter reel, sway, stumble, wobble, careen, weave, bob, lurch, falter, pitch. 2. shock bowl over, stun, hit like a ton of bricks, take one's breath away, astonish, overwhelm, blow away, jolt, take aback.
staggering a. stunning, shocking, awesome, overwhelming, astonishing, mind-blowing, mind-boggling, amazing.
stagnant a. unmoving, still, standing, stationary, dormant, inert, dead, foul, stinking, stale, putrid, polluted, dirty. ant. fast-moving, flowing, fresh, clean.
stagnate v. stand, idle, stop, be motionless, lie still, go stale, die, rot, decay, putrefy, deteriorate, stink. ant. move, flow, freshen.

STAGNATION n. [stag NA shun] lack of motion or activity, decline, death. The economy underwent a period of stagnation. syn. motionlessness, inactivity, decline, deterioration, death, stillness, quiet, inertia, dormancy. ant. activity, movement, growth.
stagy a. theatrical, melodramatic, affected, hammy, ostentatious, overdone, showy.

STAI'D a. [STAYD] sedate, restrained, serious. He was a staid, bookish character who rarely laughed. syn. sedate, restrained, serious, sober, solemn, conservative, subdued, quiet, grave, dignified, proper, formal, decorous, settled. ant. wild, abandoned, jovial, frivolous.

stain n. 1. spot discoloration, streak, smear, mark, blotch, speck, splotter, blemish, smirch. 2. dishonor stigma, shame, guilt, taint, disgrace, black eye, odium, infamy, blot.
stain v. 1. spot discolor, streak, smear, mark, blotch, speck, splotter, blemish, smirch. 2. dishonor stigmatize, shame, taint, drag one's name through the mud, disgrace. give a black eye, tarnish, discredit.

stair n. 1. post stick, pale, picket, pole, shaft, peg, upright, boundary marker. 2. prize pot, jackpot, purses, pool, winnings, bet, wager, ante.
stake v. 1. mark off demarcate, bound, limit, delineate. 2. bet wager, risk, venture, chance, gamble, pledge.
stale a. 1. flat, tasteless flavorless, old, bad, musty, dry, hard, unfresh, moldy, bland, vapor, spoiled. 2. unoriginal, old, overused, trite, hackneyed, clichéd, tired, threadbare, old hat, stock, shopworn, dead, banal, vivid, insipid. ant. 1. fresh, tasty. 2. fresh, original, new, imaginative.

STALEMATE n. [STAYL mate] a deadlock or draw. The negotiations ended in a disappointing stalemate. syn. deadlock, gridlock, standstill, Catch 22, impasse, stop, standoff, check, draw, tie.
stall v. hunt, pursue, sneak up on, follow, tail, trail stealthily, creep up on, shadow, track down, terrorize.
stall n. 1. compartment booth, stable, pen, shelter, cubicle, cell, cubby hole, stand, kiosk, enclosure, room, chamber. 2. delaying tactic evasion, footdragging, stonewalling, ruse, subterfuge, ploy.
stall v. 1. delay play for time, drag one's feet, stonewall, slow down, postpone, filibuster, dillydally, procrastinate, waste time, hem and haw, put off, temporize. 2. shut down conk out, break down, run out of gas, sputter and die. ant. 1. rush, hurry, expeditiously. 2. start, run, perform.
stallion n. stud, stallion. see horse

stalwart n. supporter, staunch supporter, loyalist, upholder, mainstay.
STALwart a. [STALL wurt] strong, firm, brave, resolute. The senator was a stalwart member of the Republican party. syn. strong, firm, robust, powerful, hearty, vigorous, brave, courageous, tough, fearless, daring, valiant, heroic, resolute, determined, steadfast, staunch, unflinching, unwavering, tenacious. ant. weak, fearful, irresolute, half-hearted, spineless.

stamina n. endurance, wind, fitness, heart, strength, staying power, energy, vigor, aerobic power, steam, conditioning, legs, intestinal fortitude. ant. weakness, lack of fitness.
stammer v. stutter, splutter, hem, trip/stumble over one's words, speak haltingly, falter.
stamp n. 1. imprint mark, seal, impression, symbol, brand, hallmark, emblem. 2. characteristic kind, type, variety, sort, class.
stamp v. 1. stomp tramp, trample, step on, beat, pound. 2. imprint mark, seal, impress, brand, label, engrave, print, emboss. 3. characterize brand, style, tag, distinguish, classify.
stampede n. rush, mad dash, flight, run, race, panic, scattering.

WORD FIND
slow or stop stampede by making cattle circle around: mill
**stamping ground** n. stamping ground, haunt, hangout.

**stamp out** v. extinguish, snuff out, crush, put out, squelch, stop, kill.

**stance** n. position, posture, standpoint, viewpoint, attitude, stand.

**stanchion** n. support, beam, post, upright, brace.

**stand** n. 1. resistance defense, counter, repulsion, opposition. 2. position, stance, view, viewpoint, standpoint, attitude, belief, point of view, policy. 3. platform stage, dais, podium, rostrum, lectern, witness box. 4. grandstand bleachers, seats. 5. kiosk booth, stall, counter. 6. table holder, rack, shelf, cradle.

**stand** v. 1. rise to one’s feet stay on one’s feet, be erect. 2. endure take, put up with, withstand, suffer, abide, tolerate, bear, weather, brave. **ant.** 1. sit, recline. 2. *cave in, collapse, buckle.

**standard** n. 1. criterion guideline, norm, measure, model, ideal, rule, gauge, mean, median, specification, yardstick, principle, regulation. 2. flag ensign, banner, pennant, streamer, Old Glory, Stars and Stripes, Union Jack.

**standard** a. regular, conventional, normal, stock, accepted, established, customary, classic, orthodox, usual, traditional, *run-of-the-mill, general, basic, *garden variety. **ant.** unconventional, unusual, out of the ordinary.

**standardize** v. normalize, regulate, systematize, homogenize, equalize, regulate.

**standby** n. fill-in, substitute, backup, replacement, stand-in, understudy, pinch hitter.

**stand for** v. mean, represent, signify, denote, symbolize, indicate.

**standing** n. 1. status position, rank, stature, place, class, station, reputation, repute, place in the pecking order, prestige, eminence, importance. 2. duration longevity, time, tenure.

**standoff** n. draw, tie, deadlock, gridlock, stalemate.

**standoffish** a. aloof, cool, cold, reserved, withdrawn, reticent, remote, distant, unsociable, antisocial, unfriendly, unapproachable, snooty, snobby, haughty. **ant.** friendly, warm, sociable.


**stand pat** v. resist, resist change, stay put, *stick to one’s guns, *stand one’s ground, hold out, *die hard.

**standpoint** n. point of view, P.O.V., position, perspective, viewpoint, stance, outlook, belief, opinion, attitude.


**stanza** n. stave, quatrain, sextain, triolet, verses.

See Music

**staple** n. chief commodity, essential product, primary product, necessary product, basic, fundamental, essential, necessity.

**staple** a. principle, leading, main, basic, fundamental, chief, foremost, vital, important, necessary, essential. **ant.** secondary, minor, unnecessary.


**WORD FIND**

**brightness measurement:** magnitude

**brightness, star with variable:** variable star

**bright star:** Sirius, Polaris

**chain of galaxies stretching across universe:** Great Wall

**chart of positions:** ephemeris

**closest:** Proxima Centauri

**cloudy, gassy birthplace of:** nebula

**collapsed star with massive gravity forces:** black hole, neutron star, pulsar

**concealment by another celestial body:** occultation

**constellation, group of stars not belonging to any:** asterism

**cool red star of massive proportions:** red giant

**double star that may appear as one:** binary effect that reveals whether star is approaching or receding: Doppler effect

**erupting, brightening star:** nova

**exploding star:** supernova

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galactic-like superobject at ends of universe: quasar
galaxy, nearby: Andromeda
group of stars forming a distinctive configuration: constellation
group of stars in which earth is located: Milky Way galaxy
group of stars or island universe: galaxy, globular cluster
hazy group too distant to be seen with naked eye: stardust
mapping of: uranography
motion unrelated to earth’s rotation: proper motion
referring to: stellar, astral
shooting star: see meteor
tiny star with immense mass: white dwarf
twinkling of: scintillation
X-ray emitting: pulsar

star v. headline, be featured, lead.
star a. leading, prominent, outstanding, stand-out, celebrated, main, famous, renowned, illustrious. ANT. unknown, secondary.
starch n. 1. stiffness formality, rigidity, prudishness, decorum, manners, primness, propriety. 2. energy vigor, pep, vitality, drive, spirit. ANT. 1. casualness, informality, stuffiness. 2. slowness, lethargy.
starchy a. stiff, formal, rigid, prudish, decorous, mannered, prim, a model of propriety, stuffy, strict, conservative, puritanical. ANT. casual, informal, relaxed.
star-crossed a. doomed, unfortunate, unlucky, ill-destined, ill-fated, damned, cursed, condemned. ANT. fortunate, lucky, blessed.
stardom n. superstardom, notoriety, fame, acclaim, greatness, renown, celebrity status, prominence. ANT. anonymity, oblivion.
stare n. gaze, gawking, ogling, eyeballing, glare, withering stare, glower. SEE ANGRY
stare v. watch, gaze, gawk, gape, ogle, eyeball, glare, *rubberneck, peer, fix one’s gaze on, *burn holes with one’s eyes, *scorch with one’s eyes, *regard saucer-eyed, stare down. SEE ANGRY
stargazing n. see astronomy
stark a. 1. bare, desolate, unadorned, undecorated, plain, simple, Spartan, austere, bald, naked, stripped, barren, bleak, empty, deserted. 2. utter, sheer, downright, outright, absolute, complete, unmitigated, out-and-out. ANT. 1. ornate, adorned, decorated. 2. partial, mitigated.
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**state** v. say, declare, assert, put forth, utter, voice, express, articulate, deliver, announce, speak, avow.

**stately** a. dignified, majestic, grand, august, imposing, distinguished, regal, royal, impressive, elegant, formal, palatial, ceremonial. **ant. undignified, cheap, modest, poor.**

**statement** n. declaration, assertion, announcement, utterance, pronouncement, comment, remark, profession, proclamation, communication, verbalization, articulation, revelation, testimony, affidavit, deposition.

**state-of-the-art** a. cutting edge, leading edge, twenty-first century, advanced, new, modern, ultramodern, up-to-the-minute, trend-setting. **ant. antiquated, old-fashioned, outdated.**

**statesman** n. politician, diplomat, elder statesman, legislator, solon. "Somebody old enough to know his own mind and keep quiet about it."—Bernard Baruch. See **politician**

**static** n. 1. electrical interference atmospherics, discharges, noise. 2. criticism flak, grief.

**STATIC** a. [STAT ik] unmoving, stationary. Electric batteries are a static source power. Syn. unmoving, motionless, stationary, inactive, fixed, still, constant, inert, stagnant. **ant. dynamic, active, moving.**

**station** n. 1. depot terminal, terminus, stop, end of the line, transfer station, substation. 2. post battle station, assigned area, department, position, location. 3. headquarters base, command post, nerve center, office. 4. social standing status, class, position, rank, caste, grade, footing.

**stationary** a. fixed, unmoving, immobile, motionless, static, anchored, rooted, at a standstill, stable, still, inert. **ant. moving, mobile, on the move.**

**stationery** n. letterhead, writing papers, envelopes.

**statistician** n. statistician, demographer, pollster, number cruncher.

**statistics** n. facts, hard data, stats, numbers, percentages, the book, track record, dope. "The heart of democracy."—Simeon Strunsky. "Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital."—Aaron Levenstein.

**statue** n. statuette, sculpture, figure, figurine, colossus, bust, monument, icon, acrolith, rendering, carving, see sculpture.

**statuesque** a. tall, graceful, dignified, well-proportioned, beautiful, handsome, imposing, majestic, stately, like a Greek god.

**statuette** n. figurine, Oscar.

**stature** n. 1. height tallness, size, length, measurement. 2. standing status, rank, position, importance, eminence, station, development, growth, prestige.

**status** n. 1. condition state, shape. 2. rank position, standing, station, class, place in the pecking order, place on the corporate ladder.
der, stature, grade, rating, prestige, distinction, eminence.

STATUS QUO n. the present state of affairs. They weren't interested in progress but in the preservation of the status quo. syn. present state of affairs, current situation, existing condition, state, present reality, norm.

statute n. regulation, law, rule, ordinance, legislation, edict, act, bill. see politics, law

staunch v. staunch, stop, close off, seal, lessen.

STANCH a. [STAWNCH] strong, steadfast, loyal. Her father was a staunch Republican. syn. strong, rock-solid, firm, steadfast, unwavering, resolute, faithful, tried-and-true, unflinching, devoted, stalwart, reliable, constant, red-blooded, dyed-in-the-wool. ant. weak, uncommitted, irresolute, unfaithful.

stave off v. ward off, hold off, fend off, avoid, repel, block.

stay n. 1. stop stopover, holiday, visit, sojourn. 2. postponement delay, suspension, deferment, reprieve.

stay v. 1. stop halt, freeze, remain, wait, abide, pause. 2. visit stop over, sojourn, lodge, live, dwell, reside. 3. continue endure, last, persist, abide.

staying power n. endurance. see stamina

STEADFAST a. [STED fast] constant, fixed, resolute. He remained steadfast until the end. syn. constant, fixed, firm, resolute, resolved, steady, dedicated, devoted, loyal, faithful, settled, firm, persevering, stalwart. ant. irresolve, unfaithful, wavering.

steady v. stabilize, secure, firm, balance.

steady a. 1. solid fixed, stable, rock-solid, balanced, secure, anchored. 2. constant unchanging, unwavering, continuous, incessant, unceasing, unremitting, nonstop, endless, perpetual, regular. 3. frequent regular, habitual, long-standing, loyal, faithful. 4. calm composed, controlled, cool, collected, levelheaded, self-possessed, poised. 5. reliable dependable, stable. ant. 1. unstable, insecure, shaky, wobbly. 2. constant, irregular, broken. 3. rare, infrequent. 4. nervous, shaky, agitated. 5. unreliable, flighty, unstable.

steak n. cut of beef, sirloin, T-bone, filet mignon, porterhouse.

steal v. 1. take burgle, burglarize, rob, filch, pocket, shoplift, thief, *rip off, walk off with, swipe, pilfer, *pinch, purloin, misappropriate, lift, embezzle. 2. sneak creep, prowl, skulk, slip, pussyfoot.

stealth n. secrecy, sneakiness, surreptitiousness, coverty. ant. open, loud, public, conspicuous.

stealthy a. secret, secretive, sneaky, surreptitious, covert, sly, furtive, clandestine, undercover, feline, quiet. ant. open, loud, public, conspicuous.

steam n. 1. vapor heat, condensation, moisture, cloud, mist, fog, fume, exhalation, gas. 2. power energy, force, muscle, horsepower, drive, vigor, strength.

steamship n. paddlewheeler, sidewheeler, liner, river boat, *floating palace.

steed n. charger, stallion. see horse

steel v. harden, toughen, inure, brace, fortify, strengthen.

steely a. strong, tough, hard, hardened, severe. ant. soft, pliant.

steep v. 1. soar, saturate, imbue, souse, douse, drench, sop, marinate, bathe, immerse, submerge.

steep a. 1. precipitous sheer, high, abrupt, vertical, vertiginous, dizzying, *steep enough to scare a mountain goat, sky-high, lofty. 2. expensive high, costly, exorbitant, unreasonable. ant. 1. gradual, horizontal. 2. cheap, low-priced, reasonable.

steeped n. spire, minaret, belfry. see tower

steer v. guide, direct, navigate, *man the helm, drive, pilot, take the wheel, skipper, captain, point, plot a course, *be in the driver's seat.

stein n. see mug

stellar a. 1. of the stars astral, starry, galactic. ant. star. 2. outstanding excellent, shining, splendid, chief, leading. ant. 1. terrestrial. 2. mediocre.

stem n. stalk, branch, shoot, petiole, pedicel.

stem v. 1. arise rise, originate, issue, spring, emanate, derive. 2. stop check, dam, plug, curb, end, arrest, slow down, staunch, block.

stench n. smell, odor, stink, reek, fetor, foulness, rankness, rottenness, malodor.

stenctorian a. loud, booming, thunderous, powerful, resonant, deafening. ant. quiet, low.

step n. 1. footstep footfall, stride, gait, pace, tread, walk, hobble, forward movement, footprint. 2. doortstep stair, tread, riser, rung. 3. act action, maneuver, process, measure, phase, stage. 4. level grade, degree, rung.

step v. stride, walk, shuffle, carry oneself, pad, tread, saunter, march, ambulate, trapse, trudge, plod, slog, hobble, limp, tiptoe. see run, walk

step down v. resign, quit, abdicate, retire.
steppe n. plain, grassland, savanna, wasteland.

stereo a. binaural, stereophonic. ANT. mono.

STEREOTYPE n. [STER ee oh tipe] a fixed idea, impression, or characterization that ignores individuality, a habitual but often inaccurate characterization. Her misconception was based on a stereotype. SYN. preconceived notion, type, faulty characterization, classification, convention, mold, average, stock character, cliché. ANT. individual.

sterotype v. characterize, *paint with a broad brush, *tar with a broad brush, pigeonhole, typecast, generalize, brand, label, prejudge, categorize.

sterile a. 1. UNPRODUCTIVE barren, fruitless, childless, infertile, infecund, impotent, fallow, unfertile. 2. GERM-FREE antiseptic, disinfected, pure, sanitary, aseptic, clean. 3. DULL bland, uninteresting, lifeless, unstimulating. ANT. 1. productive, fruitful, fecund. 2. infected, unsanitary. 3. interesting, lively.

sterilize v. 1. DISINFECTION purify, cleanse, decontaminate, sanitize, autoclave, fumigate, kill germs. 2. GELD castrate, emasculate, spay, fix, alter, neuter.

sterling a. excellent, superb, A-1, first-rate, high-quality, superior, supreme, choice, select, the best, superlative, meritorious. ANT. poor, inferior, second-rate.

stern a. 1. HARD severe, strict, authoritarian, tough, rigid, harsh, frowning, hard-nosed, critical, demanding, dour, iron-handed, sober, grim, austere. 2. FORBIDDING grim, black, dour, grave, cold, icy, frowning, hard, steely, stony. ANT. 1. soft, easygoing, permissive. 2. friendly, warm.

stevedore n. loader, lumper, longshoreman, dockworker.

stew n. soup, mishmash, goulash, *mulligan stew. 1. simmer, bubble, heat, seethe, boil. 2. TACKY adhesive, viscid, viscous, sticky, gummy, gluey, glutinous, *clingy. 2. HUMID muggy, steamy, sultry, clammy, hot. 3. TROUBLESOME difficult, awkward, tricky, delicate, ticklish, thorny, painful. ANT. 1. dry. 2. dry, cool. 3. simple, easy, painless.

stiff a. 1. RIGID inflexible, unyielding, unbending, hard, firm, rock-solid, inelastic, impliable, tight, taut. 2. TIGHT sore, not limber, cold, arthritic. 3. THICK dense, solidified, firm, viscous. 4. STRONG powerful, potent, intense, brisk, vigorous. 5. HARSH severe, punitive, merciless, tough, stringent, extreme, sharp. 6. FORMAL awkward, wooden, forced, unnatural, labored, self-conscious, *uptight, constrained, prim. 7. DIFFICULT formidable, hard, challenging, laborious, heavy, trying, complicated. ANT. 1. soft, flexible, yielding, pliable. 2. loose, limber, warmed-up. 3. thin, loose, watery. 4. gentle, mild. 5. soft, easy, merciful. 6. relaxed, *folksy, spontaneous, warm. 7. easy, simple, unchallenging.

stiffen v. harden, firm, firm up, tighten, thicken, congeal, set, gel. ANT. loosen, soften, liquefy.

stile v. 1. SUFFOCATE smother, choke, asphyxiate, strangle, throttle. 2. SUPPRESS repress, stop, check, curb, squelch, silence, shut up, still, quash, squash, put an end to, scotch.

STIGMA n. [STIG muh] something that brands one with a negative reputation, mark of disgrace, or shame. He fought hard to escape the stigma of mental illness. SYN. mark of shame, disgrace, brand, blemish on one's reputation, blot, taint, scar, odium, dishonor, *black eye, reflection.
STIGMATIZE v. [STIG muh tize] to brand with a characterization that detracts from one's reputation. It's easy to stigmatize the learning-disabled with negative labels. syn. brand, characterize, disgrace, ruin one's reputation, defame, *give a black eye, label, mark with shame.

stiletto n. knife, blade. see dagger.

still n. silence, quiet, hush, peace, tranquility, serenity, calm, motionlessness. ant. racket, noise, bustle.

still v. silence, hush, quiet, shut up, muzzle, subdue, calm, becalm, soften, tranquilize, pacify. ant. amplify, intensify, agitate.

still a. 1. silent quiet, hushed, noiseless, soundless, peaceful, tranquil, serene, *quiet as a mausoleum, *quiet as the grave, *silent as the vacuum of space, mute, subdued. 2. motionless becalmed, lifeless, static, unmoving, inert, dormant, idle, quiescent, dead. ant. 1. noisy, uproarious, loud, deafening. 2. scantly inadequate, insufficient, sparing, meager, skimpy, paltry, *measly, lean. ant. 1. generous, charitable, giving. 2. generous, abundant, plentiful.

stint n. stench, smell, odor, reek, foulness, malodor, fetor, *BO, putridness.

stink v. 1. SMELL reek, fume, offend, *smell to high heaven. 2. BE BAD *suck, *bite, *bite the big one, be lousy.

stinking a. stinky smelling, offensive, malodorous, odiferous, fetid, foul, rank, noisome, spoiled, putrid.

stinted adj. pompous, overly dignified, affected, wooden, pretentious, bombastic, stiff, pedantic, grandiloquent, mannered, formal. ant. casual, natural, *folksy.


stimulate v. excite, rouse, energize, spark, stir, invigorate, initiate, prompt, *turn on, jolt, revive, incite, instigate, goad, prompt, *light a fire under, *fire up, *fan the flames, galvanize. ant. depress, *turn off, tranquilize.

stimulating a. exciting, rousing, energizing, stirring, invigorating, bracing, exhilarating, heart-quickening, pulse-quickening, *adrenalizing, interesting, fascinating, thought-provoking, titillating, provocative, gripping, enthralling. ant. soporific, somnolent, boring.

stimulus n. incentive, incitement, provocation, impetus, goad, spur, filip, motive, push, spark, stimulant, impulse, *shot in the arm, *good swift kick, catalyst. ant. tranquilizer, soporific, depressant.

sting n. 1. INJURY inflicted by insect or animal bite, wound, venom, poison. 2. PAIN burning, tingling, smarting, soreness, hurt, irritation, twinge, pang, painful sensation. 3. POLICE ENTRAPMENT *sting operation, *come-on. 4. SCAM swindle, *con, *illicit, *grift, *suckering.

stingy a. 1. CHEAP tight, tightfisted, miserly, *penny-pinching, niggardly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, stingy, thrifty, frugal. 2. SCANTY inadequate, insufficient, sparing, meager, skimpy, paltry, *measly, lean. ant. 1. generous, charitable, giving. 2. generous, abundant, plentiful.

stipend n. payment, allowance, wage, salary, fee, compensation, remuneration, honorarium, earnings.

stipulate v. [STIP yoo late] to specify a requirement, especially in a formal agreement or contract. He stipulated in the contract that work would begin on the first of the month. syn. specify, lay out, require, spell out, detail, fix, set terms, contract, condition, designate.

stipulation n. specification, requirement, agreement, condition, obligation, article, demand, provision, proviso, item.

stir n. commotion, excitement, tumult, uproar, hullabaloo, ado, fuss, furor, pother, turmoil, bustle.

stir v. 1. MIX mingle, blend, commingle, churn, whip, beat. 2. MOVE shake, wiggle, shift, budge, jiggle, flutter. 3. EXCITE move, disturb, stimulate, rouse, electrify, spark, *work up, galvanize, prompt, awaken.

stirring a. rousing, moving, exciting, stimulating, electrifying, exhilarating, inspiring, *mind-blowing, dramatic, soul-stirring. ant. boring, soporific.

stitch n. sew, fasten, thread, suture.

stock n. 1. MERCHANDISE inventory, products, goods, supply, assortment, variety, array, range, stockpile, reserve, hoard. 2. FARM ANIMALS livestock, herd, flock, horses, cows, pigs. 3. ANCESTRY lineage, family, bloodline, pedigree, heritage, extraction. 4. INVESTMENT
shares, security, mutual fund. see stock market 5. raw material, main ingredients, makings, fixings, essence, broth, foundation.

**stock** v. supply, provision, fill, provide, equip, stockpile, furnish, lay in.

**stock** a. common, in ready supply, in stock, *off the shelf, *run-of-the-mill, plain, *garden variety, everyday, overused, tired, trite, hackneyed. **ant.** original, fresh, custom-made.

**stockade** n. enclosure, fort, palisade, pen, prison, jail.

**stocking** n. sock, hose, nylon.

**stock market** n. stock exchange, stock brokerage, American Stock Exchange, Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ. see business, money

**WORD FIND**

agent who buys, sells on behalf of another: broker

Amex: American Stock Exchange

average daily price of thirty blue-chip companies: Dow-Jones Industrial Average

Big Blue: IBM, International Business Machines

Big Board: New York Stock Exchange

blue chip: common stock of a large, high-quality company

broker's frequent trading of client's stocks to generate more commissions: churning

buyer and seller: trader

buying from one market, selling to another at higher price: arbitrage

buying just before price drops, selling just before rise: whipsaw

buying strategy that is opposite from what most others do: contrarian

collapse of market: crash

collecting stock certificates as a hobby: scripophily

company's history, earnings, finances, circular of: prospectus

credit, buying securities on: buying on margin

Corporate credit information, company that publishes: Dun and Bradstreet

declining market: bear market

diversified stock investment: mutual fund

dividends paid preferentially over common stock, stock with: preferred stock

dollar, stocks selling under a: penny stocks

earnings distribution: dividend

electronic display of trading activity: ticker

expert: analyst

Fed, the: Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve Bank

51 percent of company's voting shares, owning: controlling interest

growing or rising market: bull market

high-quality, high-profile company's stock: blue chip

high-risk investing: speculating, taking a flyer

high-risk trader: speculator

holdings, investor's portfolio

inexperienced investor: lamb

inflated market, downward trend that corrects: correction

investment services, ratings, index, company that offers: Standard and Poor's

load: service or sales charge

membership on an exchange: seat

moving assets to another investment: rollover

optimistic about economy: bullish

order to buy or sell at predetermined price: option, stop order

OTC: over the counter

overlooked stock with great potential: sleeper

pessimistic about economy: bearish

plunge dramatically, day on which stock prices: Black Friday, Black Monday

poorly performing stock: dog, turkey

private company offering shares for the first time: going public

privileged information, one who has access to: insider

privileged information, trading on: insider trading

purchase large volume of stock to control its price: corner, corner the market

reflects market as a whole, individual stock that: barometer, bellwether

skirt lengths, theory that market rises and falls with women's: hemline theory

speculating on a company takeover: arbitrage

stock owner: shareholder

stock's price divided by earnings per share: price-earnings ratio

takeover blackmail: greenmail

takeover of company with borrowed money: leveraged buyout
takeover, one who attempts a company: raider, shark
unstable: volatile

stockpile n. supply, reserve, hoard, store, amassment, nest egg, larder, cache, stash.
stockpile v. stock, hoard, store, reserve, amass, cache, stash, squirrel away, save, lay in. ANT. expend, spend, deplete.
stocky a. thickset, short, heavy, stout, sturdy, *built like a plug, stubby, pudgy, squat, husky. ANT. skinny, tall, lean, lanky.

stoagy a. uninteresting, drab, *blah, dull, tedious, *dull as dishwater, dull, Dry, stuffy, formal, staid, old-fashioned. ANT. exciting, lively, *hip, wild.

STOIC a. [STOH ik] showing indifference toward pain, grief, pleasure, or any other emotion. Although he was bleeding profusely, the accident victim remained stoic. ANT. emotional, impassive, cool, philosophical, stony, dispassionate, apathetic, disinterested, stolid, detached, resigned. ANT. emotional, passionate, hysterical.

stoke v. stir, turn the coals, tend, fill, refuel.

STOLID a. [STAW lid] showing little emotion, impassive. The prisoner remained stolid throughout his sentencing. ANT. emotionless, impassive, stoic, stoical, indifferent, apathetic, stony, disinterested, dull, phlegmatic, stupid, bovine. ANT. hysterical, emotional, wild.


WORD FIND
backing up of food into esophagus, causing pain: reflux, pyrosis, heartburn

digestive chemical: gastrin, hydrochloric acid, pepsin

infant's stomachache: colic

inflammation: gastritis

lesion caused by too much acid: ulcer

muscular contractions that push food out of: peristalsis

rumbling: borborygmus

soupy mixture made from digested meal: chyme

tube leading to stomach: esophagus

upset: nausea, queasiness, indigestion, dyspepsia

stomp v. stamp, tramp, crush, squash, kill.

stone n. rock, boulder, pebble, granite, cobblestone, gravel, craig, jewel, gemstone, gem, precious stone, semiprecious gem, *ice, birthstone, bijou, diamond, emerald, sapphire, ruby, pearl, topaz, amethyst, tourmaline, onyx, garnet, zircon. SEE ROCK

WORD FIND
bits and pieces: rubble, spall, grit
capstone on ancient monument: dolmen
cutter: mason
cutter, polisher, engraver: lapidary
cutting, polishing, engraving, art of: lapidary

evacuation pit: quarry

fire-starting: flint
giant: boulder, megalith
globular stone with a crystal-lined center: geode

memorial pile or trailmarker: cairn

piles found on mountain slopes: scree, talus, cairn

polishing: pumice

sharpening: whetstone


stoned deaf a. *deaf as a post, hard of hearing, hearing-impaired.

stonewall v. impede, obstruct, be closemouthed, *clam up, stall, refuse to cooperate.

stonewall a. hard, cold, unfeeling, merciless, pitiless, indifferent, heartless, uncaring, callous, tough, harsh, severe, stony. ANT: soft, *soft hearted, sympathetic, compassionate.

stooge n. foil, dupe, pawn, flunky, victim, dummy, underling.

stool n. 1. seat footstool, ottoman, bar stool. 2. *piece excrement, dropping, waste, *crap.

stool pigeon n. informer, spy, *narc, decoy.

stool n. porch, platform, portico, veranda.
stoop v. 1. bend over bow, crook, crouch, lean forward, tilt, slouch, slump, nod. 2. lower oneself degrade oneself, sink, condescend, disdain, demean oneself, resort.

stop n. 1. halt cessation, termination, suspension, discontinuance, standstill, freeze, let up, end, intermission, interlude. 2. stopover destination, sojourn, visit, layover, depot, station, terminal. Ant. 1. start, commencement, progression.

stop v. 1. halt cease, terminate, suspend, discontinue, stand still, freeze, hold it, let up, end, arrest, turn off, shut down, quit, finish, break, stay. 2. staunch stanch, plug up, stem the flow, seal, check, block, occlude, choke off. 3. obstruct impede, restrain, block. 4. defeat put down, check, put an end to, crush, quash, silence. Ant. 1. go, proceed, continue. 2. open, unplug. 3. clear the way. 4. strengthen, fortify, help.

stopgap a. makeshift, temporary, emergency, provisional, improvised, substitute, jury-rigged, impermanent. Ant. permanent.

stoppage n. 1. stop halt, close, ending, shutdown, layoff. 2. obstruction blockage, impediment, check, hindrance, obstacle.

stopper n. cork, plug, bung, tap, tampion.

storage n. stowage, stockpile, storehouse, storeroom, cache, arsenal, depot, bin, silo, granary, repository.

store n. 1. shop market, mart, retail outlet, *Mom and Pop operation, emporium, *five and dime, supermarket, department store, mall, factory outlet, boutique, convenience store, drugstore, thrift shop, business establishment, canteen, PX. 2. supply stock, stockpile, reserve, savings, inventory, provisions, hoard, cache, *nest egg, stash.


storekeeper n. shopkeeper, grocer, proprietor, merchant.

storeroom n. repository, depository, cache, warehouse, depot, arsenal, silo, granary, buttery.

storm n. 1. weather disturbance cloudburst, thunderstorm, thundershower, *thunder-boomer, electrical storm, deluge, downpour, *gullywasher, squall, tempest, gale, windstorm, hurricane, monsoon, tropical storm, typhoon, tornado, whirlwind, cyclone, *twister, snowstorm, northeaster, blizzard, hailstorm, blow, inclement weather. See cloud, rain, precipitation, snow, wind. 2. uproar controversy, outburst, disturbance, brouhaha, furor, eruption, hubbub, attack, hysteria, outcry, squall.

WORD FIND
fair weather spot in center of storm: eye of the storm
line between clashing air masses: front
raising of shoreline water during storm: storm surge
sandstorm of North Africa, India, Middle East: Haboob
whirlwind over water that sucks up funnel of water: waterspout

storm v. 1. rain blow, squall, rage, pour, thunder, boom, thunder and lightning, snow. 2. charge attack, assault, rush, blitz, blitzkrieg, assault, invade, besiege. 3. rage blow up, lose one's temper, rant and rave, fume, *throw a fit, roar, bellow, *go on the rampage, *go ballistic.

stormy a. turbulent, wild, tempestuous, violent, rough, windy, squally, blustery, howling, pouring, raining, snowy, inclement. Ant. calm, becalmed, balmy, mild.


WORD FIND
category of: genre
long, pointless story with anticlimactic ending: shaggy dog story
real-life feeling given to characters, setting: verisimilitude
warning, story given as a: cautionary tale

storyteller n. raconteur, author, writer, novelist, narrator, spinner of yarns, historian.

stout a. thickset, fat, big, obese, portly, stocky, husky, rugged, sturdy, corpulent, heavy, heavyset, strong, bull-like, brassy, hulking, hefty. Ant. skinny, anorexic, bony, puny.

stove n. range, oven, microwave, toaster oven, heater, wood stove, furnace.
stow v. pack, store away, put away, load, stash, deposit, save, stockpile, cram, wedge, stuff.
straddle v. 1. BRESTRIDE sit astride, split. 2. TAKE BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE straddle the fence, hedge, waffle, *talk out of both sides of one's mouth. ANT. 2. be committed.
strafe v. pepper, gun down, spray with bullets, bombard, fire on.
straggle v. stray, wander, ramble, meander, deviate, drift, range, rove.
straggler n. stray, wanderer, lagger, late arrival.
straight a. 1. UNBENT undeviating, linear, direct, even, vertical, horizontal, in line, plumb, square, aligned. 2. HONEST straightforward, frank, candid, upfront, forthright, trustworthy, reliable, sincere. 3. UNDELUTED pure, whole, unmodified, unmixed, *neat. 4. CONTINUOUS nonstop, unbroken, sustained, uninterrupted, consecutive, constant. 5. ORDERLY in good order, neat, arranged. 6. Sl. *SQUARE conventional, conformist, conservative. ANT. 1. bent, curving, wavy, deviating. 2. dishonest, unreliable, insincere. 3. diluted, mixed, modified. 4. interrupted, broken. 5. messy, sloppy. 6. *hip, unconventional, *cool, wild.
straightforward a. honest, frank, candid, upfront, forthright, direct, plain, explicit, aboveboard, unambiguous, open. ANT. dishonest, insincere, ambiguous.
strain n. 1. STRESS tension, pressure, force, pull, tightness, exertion, effort. 2. INJURY sprain, muscle pull, wrench, cramp, twist. 3. ANCESTRY lineage, extraction, bloodstream, stock, pedigree, family, descent, descendants, breed. 4. TRACE hint, suggestion, streak, shade, touch, suspicion.
strain v. 1. STRETCH tighten, draw tight, pull, exert, overexert, tax, force, struggle, labor. 2. INJURE sprain, pull a muscle, wrench, cramp, twist. 3. DISTORT stretch, exaggerate. 4. FILTER sieve, screen, sift, refine, percolate.
strained a. labored, forced, unnatural, stiff, studied, affected, uneasy, tense. ANT. relaxed, natural.
strait n. narrow, channel, waterway, inlet. SEE STRAIT
straitjacket v. confine, immobilize. SEE RESTRAIN
straitlaced a. prudish, prim, strict, severe, upright, proper, puritanical, rigid, stiff, stuffy, priggish. ANT. wild, immoral, *fast.
strait n. difficulty, plight, emergency, predicament, dilemma, bind, hot water, mess, jam, hole.
strand n. thread, fiber, filament, line, string, cord, hair.
strand v. maroon, run ashore, run aground, beach, wreck, abandon, leave in the lurch.
strange a. 1. FOREIGN alien, exotic, unfamiliar, otherworldly, new, novel, remote, outlandish. 2. UNUSUAL weird, peculiar, odd, bizarre, uncommon, unconventional, singular, atypical, queer, outlandish, uncanny, extraordinary, curious, funny, eccentric, *far out. 3. UNEASY ill, ill at ease, uncomfortable, odd, peculiar, disoriented, out of place, out of sorts. 4. REMOTE reserved, distant, aloof, reclusive. ANT. 1. familiar, everyday, common. 2. usual, typical, conventional. 3. normal. 4. friendly, gregarious, sociable.
stranger n. unknown, outsider, foreigner, alien, *new kid in town, interloper, *just another face in the crowd. ANT. friend, acquaintance.
strangle v. 1. choke throttle, strangulate, asphyxiate, suffocate, *cut off one's wind, garrote, hang, smother. 2. SUPPRESS stifle, repress, check, curb, restrict, stop, squelch, silence.
strap n. thong, cord, lash, band, rein, halter, leash, belt, strop.
strap v. tie, tie down, bind, lash, secure, truss, tether, fasten.
strapped a. penniless, *broke, destitute, impoverished, poverty-stricken, needy, *down to one's last dime. ANT. wealthy, *rolling in dough.
strapping a. well-built, tall, husky, athletic, brawny, muscular, sinewy, rugged, powerful, fit, healthy, hearty, robust. ANT. puny, sickly.
stratagem n. trick, scheme, plan, ploy, subterfuge, maneuver, set-up, machination, artifice, deception, tactic, play.
strategic a. essential, crucial, critical, vital, important, key, decisive, significant, tactical. ANT. unimportant, inconsequential.
strategy n. plan, *game plan, design, procedure, blueprint, plot, scheme, approach, machination, tactic.
stratified a. layered, laminated, multileveled.
STRATUM n. [STRAT um] a layer or level, as that of sedimentary rock or a socioeconomic group. He came from the upper stratum of society. SYN. 1. LAYER level, grade, bed, stratification, seam, tier. 2. CLASS station, standing, position, rank, echelon, *upper crust.
straw in the wind n. indication, indicator, sign, omen, portent, harbinger.
straw vote n. poll, opinion poll, unofficial vote.

stray n. wanderer, rover, waif, orphan, vagabond, lost pet, maverick.

stray v. 1. wander roam, rove, drift, range, get lost, ramble, straggle, meander. 2. go wrong deviate, digress, err, go astray, go off course, be in error.

streak n. 1. stripe mottle, marking, bar, line, dash, smear, slash, stroke, ray, vein. 2. trait strain, nature, characteristic, idiosyncrasy, touch, trace, tendency, vein.

stream n. 1. brook creek, river, tributary, branch, freshet, creek, rill, runnel, watercourse, waterway, beck. see river 2. series succession, steady flow, torrent, outpouring, flood, deluge.

street n. road, avenue, lane, thoroughfare, boulevard, drive, *main drag, artery, highway, alley, dead end, route, pavement, rue, via.

streetcar n. tram, trolley, rail coach.

streets people n. the homeless, transients, street urchins, gamins, vagrants, derelicts, *bag ladies.


strength n. 1. power force, vigor, muscle, brawn, punch, *oomph, horsepower, might, energy, potency, drive. 2. mental toughness stability, mental health, intestinal fortitude, courage, *guts, *nerve, character, endurance, durability, will, willpower, tenacity, backbone, grit. 3. solidity impregnability, durability. 4. intensity concentration, potency, power, effectiveness, forcefulness. ant. 1. weakness, impotency. 2. weakness, instability, cowardice, timidity. 3. flimsiness. 4. weakness, impotence.

strengthen v. fortify, prop, beef up, reinforce, bolster, buttress, harden, temper, steel, shore up, intensify, heighten. ant. weaken, undermine, sap.

strenuous a. vigorous, hard, arduous, demanding, difficult, laborious, backbreaking, *ball-busting, tough, Herculean, burdensome, taxing. ant. easy, simple, effortless.

stress n. 1. strain tension, pressure, anxiety, nervousness, disquiet, fear, worry, dread, burden, intensity. “Nature’s fight or flight mechanism overburdened by modern society’s prohibition against fighting and fleeing”—Harmon Maxwell. 2. emphasis accent, force, importance, weight. ant. 1. relaxation, peace, tranquility.

stress v. emphasize, accent, underscore, underline, accentuate, highlight, *spotlight, play up.

stress out v. fill with tension, tax one’s nerves, unnerve, disquiet, agitate, overburden, frighten, worry, make anxious, *adrenalize. ant. relax, tranquilize, calm.

stretch n. 1. extension expansion, elongation, reach. 2. expand area, run, spread, tract, space, distance, sweep, area, extent. 3. duration spell, time, period, span, run, interval, tour of duty, term. 4. exaggeration. ant. 1. contraction, retraction.

stretch v. 1. extend expand, elongate, reach, protract, lengthen, span, traverse, inflate, prolong, drag out. 2. strain force. 3. exaggerate. ant. 1. contract, retract.

stretcher n. litter.

strew v. spread, scatter, sprinkle, disperse, broadcast, distribute, diffuse, sow. ant. gather, amass.

stricken a. afflicted, affected, beset, struck, hit, wounded, injured, hurt, burdened, plagued.

strict a. 1. exact complete, accurate, perfect, precise, faithful, meticulous, unerring, absolute. 2. stringent punctilious, exacting, particular, fussy. 3. authoritarian disciplinary, firm, stern, rigid, hard-nosed, tough, dour, demanding, rigorous, puritanical, nonsensical. ant. 1. inexact, loose, broad. 2. loose, easy, permissive.

structure n. censure, *slam. see criticism

stride n. step, gait, pace, walk.

stride v. step, step, walk, swagger, strut, tread, trudge, pace, march, trapse. see walk

strides n. progress, advancement, headway.

STRIDENT a. [STRI dunt] shrill, harsh. His strident screaming got the governor’s attention. syn. shrill, harsh, loud, noisy, vociferous, raucous, grating, piercing, strident, high-pitched. ant. silent, quiet, hushed, soft.

strife n. conflict, discord, dissent, fighting, contention, controversy, struggle, squabbling, war, clash, contest, feud, unrest. ant. accord, peace, harmony.

strike n. 1. military assault attack, offensive, bombing, bombardment, air strike, onslaught, raid, invasion. 2. labor dis-

striking a. noticeable, outstanding, remarkable, conspicuous, impressive, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, arresting, awesome, prominent, astounding. **a. inconspicuous, unnoticeable.

string n. 1. cord twine, rope, strand, thread, line, yarn, fiber, filament, gut. 2. series succession, row, chain, train, file, progression, procession.


stringy a. fibrous, ropy, long, thin, sinewy, wiry.

strip n. 1. length, cutting, piece, swath, band, section, segment, ribbon.

strip v. 1. undress disrobe, peel off, slip out of, shuck, bare, divest, remove one's clothing, doff, drop one's drawers. 2. remove peel, decorticate, excoriate, pare, uncover. 3. deprive dispossess, rob, plunder.

striped a. band streak, line, bar, strip, stroke, slash, striation, mark, chevron. 2. type kind, sort, ilk, variety, style, breed, race, strain. 3. welt wheal, wale.

striping n. sprig, youth, adolescent, young man, lad.

strive v. try, make an effort, struggle, labor, toil, apply oneself. *bust one's hump, *break one's back, drive oneself. *burn the midnight oil, *work one's fingers to the bone, go after, fight.

strong a. 1. physically powerful mighty, muscular, athletic, rugged, strapping, robust, fit, able-bodied, brawny, stalwart, Herculean, *strong as a bull, *strong as a locomotive, virile, fit, hale, healthy, hearty. 2. having strength of character moral, upright, ethical, secure, self-confident, courageous, plucky, tough, *thick-skinned, independent, hardened, resilient. 3. strong-willed determined, resolute, staunch, firm, tenacious, strong-minded, *having a mind of one's own. 4. durable well-constructed, well-built, solid, sturdy, heavy-duty, tough, impregnable. 5. formidable powerful, mighty, challenging, tough, intense, *big-time, *major league. 6. intense potent, concentrated, severe, harsh, bright, deep, undiluted, acute, sharp. 7. earnest fervent, enthusiastic, impassive.

strong-arm v. twist one's arm, intimidate physically, beat, punch, coerce, force, lean on, squeeze.

strongbox n. safe, chest, lockbox, cof fer, vault.

stronghold n. fortification, fort, fortress, defensive position, citadel, castle, bastion, bulwark, battalion. rampage, see castle

strong-willed a. strong-minded. see strong

structure n. 1. building construction, edifice, erection, skyscraper, high-rise, tower, bridge, dam. 2. organization arrangement, make-up, framework, shape, form, configuration, construction, infrastructure, composition, fabric.

struggle n. 1. effort exertion, strain, labor, toil, striving, work, grind. *long haul, *never ending battle, trial. 2. conflict fight, contention, battle, tug of war, strife, war, tussle, rivalry, combat. **a. 1. a cakewalk, **a snap, *a breeze.

strum v. strum, stroke, pick, pluck.

strummet n. strum, stroke, pluck.

strut n. 1. COCKY GAIT swagger, promenade, cakewalk, peacock walk, prance. 2. brace support, upright, prop, bolster.

strut v. swagger, sashay, peacock, *strut one's stuff, show off, parade, promenade, cake-walk. 2. brace support, upright, prop, bolster.

stubble n. stub, stubble, whiskers, bristles, beard, *five o'clock shadow, growth. see beard

stubby a. short, thickset, stocky, squat, pudgy, *built like a fireplug, heavyset, stout. ANT. tall, gangling, skinny.

stucco n. plaster, cement.

stuck-up a. snobbish, haughty, arrogant, snooty, uppity, conceited, *carrying one's nose in the air, high hat, hoity-toity, snotty. ANT. down-to-earth, folksy, modest, humble.

stud n. 1. COCKY GAIT swagger, promenade, cakewalk, peacock walk, prance. 2. brace support, upright, prop, bolster.

stup end, butt, piece, remainder.

stubby a. short, thickset, stocky, squat, pudgy, *built like a fireplug, heavyset, stout. ANT. tall, gangling, skinny.

stump v. thrum, stroke, pick, pluck, pick.

stump n. harlot, whore, hussy, slut, tramp, trollop, *lady of the evening, *call girl, streetwalker. SEE PROSTITUTE


study v. read, pore over, *bone up on, *crack the books, learn by rote, *cram, go over, *burn the midnight oil, scrutinize, review, examine, research, inquire, survey, analyze, instruct oneself, memorize, learn, train, weigh, consider, ponder, think about, concentrate on.

stuff n. 1. MATERIAL raw material, substance, things, contents, *nuts and bolts, elements, makings, debris, *crap, cloth, fabric. 2. BE LONGINGS effects, things, possessions, *junk, gear, paraphernalia, goods, trappings, objects. 3. ESSENCE substance, character, *the right stuff, heart, core. 4. FOOLISHNESS rot, idiocy. SEE NONSENSE

stuff v. 1. LOAD PACK cram, ram, jam-pack, fill, squeeze, wedge, crowd, press. 2. GORGE glutonize, glut, gormandize, *pig out, surfeit, sate, *stuff to the gills.

stuffed a. crammed, full, loaded, filled, jam-packed, full, replete. ANT. empty, deficient.

stuffing n. fill, wadding, padding, inards.

stuffy a. stale close, oppressive, poorly ventilated, stifling, airless, suffocating. 2. STODGY prim, straitlaced, dull, conservative, staid, old-fogyish, stiff, starched. *square, old-fashioned, *button-down. ANT. 1. fresh, breezy. 2. wild, casual, fun-loving.

stumble v. 1. TRIP slip, fall, stagger, lose one's balance, totter, pitch, *take a spill, *take a header, tumble. 2. TRIP OVER ONE'S WORDS slip, blunder, flub, bungle, trip over one's tongue, *get hung by the tongue. 3. STUMBLE UPON chance upon, come upon, bump into, meet, hit.

stumbling block n. roadblock, impediment, hindrance, obstacle, barrier, obstruction, drawback, hurdle, bar, snag.

stump n. butt, stub.

stump v. baffle, perplex, puzzle, confound, be wilder, mystify, confuse, muddle.


stunned a. dazed, stupefied, shocked, paralyzed, nonplussed, dumbfounded, *bowed over, *floored, *blown away, *seeing stars,
overwhelmed, astonished. ANT. composed, unruffled.


stunt v. check, dwarf, hinder, impede, restrain, shorten, slow, arrest, restrict.

stuntman n. daredevil, double, stunt double, acrobat.

stunted a. dwarf, dwarfed, pygmy, undersized, runty, short, miniature, stubby. ANT. over-sized, giant, towering.


stupefy v. stun, daze, stagger, knock out, numb, *floor, shock, paralyze, astound, amaze, astonish.

stupefying a. great, gigantic, huge, prodigious, gargantuan, colossal, vast, titan, immense, monstrous, massive, overwhelming, astonishing, breathtaking, spectacular, staggering, mind-boggling. ANT. tiny, puny, modest.


stupor n. shock, paralysis, numbness, stupefaction, insensibility, daze, bewilderment, trance, dreaminess, lethargy, torpor, dullness, apathy. ANT. clearheadedness, sharpness, lucidity, alertness.

sturdy a. 1. WELL-CONSTRUCTED strong, solid, rock-solid, well-built, built to last, rugged, tough, sound, stable, stout, muscular. 2. FIRM resolute, unyielding, uncompromising, steadfast, staunch, determined, fixed, tenacious. 3. PHYSICALLY STRONG hardy, vigorous, fit, healthy, strapping, robust, hale. ANT. 1. flimsy, rickety, jerry-built, unstable. 2. irresolute, indecisive. 3. weak, unhealthy, unfit.

stutter v. stammer, splutter, *trip over one’s own words, *get hung by the tongue, falter, hesitate, stumble.

style n. 1. MANNER mode, design, way, type, form, sort, kind, variety, genre, method, cut, expression, execution. 2. DISTINCTION flair, voice, technique, originality, character. “The dress of thoughts.”—Lord Chesterfield. “A man’s style is his mind’s voice.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. “The creation of one’s own language.”—Roger Hemings. 3. STYLISHNESS high fashion, fashion, vogue, rage,fad, craze, trend.


STYMIE v. [STI mee] to impede or thwart. Travel was stymied by a traffic jam. SYN. impede, thwart, obstruct, stop, block, check, foil, prevent, hinder, frustrate, throw up a stumbling block, get in one’s way.

SUAVE a. [SWAHV] smooth in social interactions, gracious, tactful, and diplomatic. He made everyone feel at ease; he was very suave. SYN. smooth, polished, refined, gracious, urbane, tactful, diplomatic, charming, cultured, worldly, polite, courteously, ingratiating. ANT. coarse, unrefined, rude, clumsy, impolite.

subconscious a. unconscious, unaware. ANT. conscious.

subdue v. 1. CONQUER vanquish, overpower, crush, overthrow, overrun, put down, quell, silence, subjugate, *get the better of, tame. 2. LESSEN reduce, diminish, soften, mellow, moderate, temper, tone down, allay, mollify, mitigate. ANT. 1. surrender, give in, *cave in. 2. increase, intensify.

subject n. 1. TOPIC issue, matter, theme, material, problem, question, point, affair, thesis, lesson, course, study. 2. CITIZEN national, subordinate, follower.

subject v. put through, make vulnerable, expose.
subject a. 1. bound by answerable, governed, controlled, subordinate, owing, under, submissive, dependent, servile. 2. liable prone to, apt to.

ant. 1. ruling, dominating, controlling.

SUBJECTIVE a. [sub JEK tiv] personal, as felt or seen through the eyes of one individual, not objective. It was a subjective opinion, based only on personal observances. SYN. personal, individual, biased, prejudiced, nonobjective, emotional, idiosyncratic, introspective. ANT. objective, impersonal, impartial.

SUBJUGATE v. [SUB juh GATE] to control or bring under one’s power. He felt it was a man’s responsibility to subjugate women. SYN. conquer, control, dominate, boss, lord over, rule, yoke, subject, keep down, *keep under one’s thumb, enslave.


SUBMARINE n. sub, U-boat, submersible, *steel shark, *pigboat.

WORD FIND
body of: hull
crew member: submariner
exhaust and air intake: snorkel
hazard: mine, depth charge, shoal
locator: sonar, sonobuoy
miniature: submersible
missile: torpedo
nuclear-powered: Trident
observation tower: conning tower, bridge
propeller sound that gives presence away: cavitation
rudder that helps sub to submerge: hydroplane
safe haven: submarine sanctuary, submarine haven
scope: periscope
stabilizing rudder: sail plane

SUBMARINE-LIKE OBSERVATION VESSEL: bathyscaphe, submersible
WATER TANKS THAT CONTROL SUBMERGING: ballast tanks

SUBMERGE v. sink, submerge, plunge, immerse, dip, dunk, descend, go down, dive, swamp, drown.

SUBMERSIBLE n. SEE SUBMARINE

SUBMISSION n. 1. surrender capitulation, submitting, compliance, giving in, *caving in, yielding, acquiescence, deference, subordination, subjugation, obedience, compliance. 2. remittance mailing in, handing in. ANT. 1. domination, resistance, rebellion.


SUBMIT v. 1. surrender capitulate, comply, give in, *cave in, yield, acquiesce, defer, *knuckle under, abide by, relinquish, *say uncle. 2. present offer, suggest, propose, put forth, remit, hand in, mail in. ANT. 1. dominate, rule, resist, disobey. 2. rescind, renege.

SUBORDINATE a. [suh BORD in et] inferior or secondary to another. The subordinate members of the group had no power to vote. SYN. inferior, secondary, below, under, junior, *under one’s thumb, minor, lesser, second-class, submissive, subservient, ancillary. ANT. superior, first-class, higher, major.

SUBORN v. SEE BRIESE

SUBPOENA n. [suh PEE nuh] a written order to appear in court. The witness was served a subpoena. SYN. summons, written order, court order, writ, notice, notification, instruction, demand.

SUBPOENA v. summon, serve a court order, serve notice, order to testify, instruct, demand.

SUBSCRIBE v. support, favor, approve, agree to, consent to, believe in, accept, endorse, go along with, sanction. ANT. reject, disapprove, oppose.
subscription n. purchase agreement, sales enrollment.

subsequent a. following, succeeding, later, later, ensuing, future, resultant, next. Ant. previous, preceding, prior.

subsequently adv. later, afterward.

SUBSERVIENT a. [sub SERV ee unt] submissive and compliant, servile, subordinate. The misogynist divorced his wife because she wasn't subservient enough. Syn. submissive, compliant, servile, subordinate, obsequious, deferential, fawning, sycophantic, groveling, cringing, brownnosing, bootlicking. Ant. dominant, dominating, ruling, controlling, rebellious, disobedient.

subside v. sink, fall, lessen, abate, wane, ebb, decline, level off, settle, decrease, recede, die down, ease, diminish, let up, peter out, fade. Ant. rise, increase, intensify.

subsidiary a. secondary, supplementary, auxiliary, subordinate, supportive, in a supporting role, ancillary, accessory, lesser, inferior, minor. Ant. main, major, primary, chief.

subscribe v. aid, support, back, finance, fund, underwrite, sponsor, pick up the tab, foot the bill, bankroll.

subsidy n. aid, support, grant, subvention, appropriation, money.

subsist v. exist, live, survive, get by, maintain be sustained, make ends meet, persist, endure. Ant. die, perish, starve to death.

subsistence n. livelihood, living, support, means of support, means of survival, sustenance, provisions, maintenance, upkeep, sustained, daily bread, survival, existence, endurance.

substance n. 1. matter material, element, stuff, constituent, ingredient, something. 2. reality solidity, substantiality, concreteness. 3. essence meaning, gist, spirit, core, heart, meat, nucleus, thrust, sense, point. 4. bottom line, sum total. 5. wealth resources, possessions, affluence, assets, worth, riches, property.

substance abuse n. drug abuse, addiction, alcoholism, drug dependence, monkey on one's back, huffing. See DRUG

substandard a. inferior, poor, below average, below par, subpar, second-rate, below normal, lousy, shoddy. Ant. superior, first-rate, above par.

substantial a. 1. considerable large, ample, generous, sizable, great, big, healthy, significant, meaningful, goodly, hefty. 2. strong solid, firm, sound. 3. real concrete, actual, physical, material, bodily. 4. important valuable, fundamental, essential. 5. wealthy rich, affluent, well-to-do, well-off, prosperous. Ant. 1. tiny, paltry, insignificant. 2. weak, flimsy, fragile. 3. imaginary, abstract. 4. unimportantal, inessential. 5. poor, impoverished, destitute.

SUBSTANTIATE v. [sub STAN she ate] to prove to be true by showing evidence. The detective tried to substantiate her story with circumstantial evidence. Syn. prove, confirm, authenticate, verify, corroborate, support, validate, demonstrate, attest to, certify. Ant. disprove, refute, discredit.

substantive a. actual, solid, real, substantial. Ant. flimsy, abstract.

substitute n. alternate, fill-in, sub, backup, replacement, stand-in, understudy, temp, double, pinch hitter, second-stringer, bench warmer, surrogate, proxy.

substitute v. alternate, fill in for, sub, replace, switch, stand in, temp, double, pinch-hit, come off the bench, spell, supplant, surrogate.

substitute a. alternate, alternative, backup, temporary, reserve, acting, stopgap. Ant. primary.

SUBTERFUGE n. [SUB tur fyo] a trick or deception, a device used to conceal one's true purpose, actions, etc. The spy used a clever subterfuge to get by the guard. Syn. trick, deception, device, ruse, stratagem, artifice, scheme, evasion, maneuver, dodge, machination, Trojan horse, pretense.

subterranean a. underground, below ground, sunken, subsurface, buried, hidden, secret, concealed, under cover. Ant. above-board, displayed, mainstream.

subtle a. 1. not obvious slight, delicate, faint, fine, suggestive, understated, quiet, inconspicuous, implied, inferred, indirect, insinuated, elusive. 2. thin tenuous, rare, light, slight, airy, ethereal, rarefied. 3. keen sharp, acute, astute, discerning, shrewd. 4. clever sly, skillful, deft, smart, adroit, crafty, sly, cunning. Ant. 1. obvious, conspicuous, heavy, blatant, direct. 2. heavy, dense. 3. dull. 4. stupid, undiscerning.

subtract v. deduct, take away, detract, lessen, remove, withdraw.

suburb n. residential district, bedroom community, suburbia, suburbs, suburban district, hamlet, outskirt, neighborhood, development, division, subdivision, “The home of the middle class.”—Louis Harris. “Where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then
names the streets after them.”—William Vaughan.

**suburbia** n. suburbs, *burbs, residential district, bedroom community, environs, city outskirts.

**SUBVERSIVE** a. [sub VURS iv] contributing to the overthrow or destruction of a government, institution, etc. He was expelled for his subversive actions. SYN. destructive, undermining, insurrectionary, seditious, insurgent, treasonous, traitorous, revolutionary. ANT. helpful, constructive, valuable.

**subvert** v. undermine, destroy, weaken, disrupt, ruin, corrupt, poison, upset, damage, overthrow, topple, destroy. ANT. support, fortify, build.

**subway** n. underground railway, *tube, rapid transit system, tunnel, metro.


ANT. fail, lose, *blow it, flop, *bomb, *lay an egg. 2. precede, antedate. ANT. failing, losing, unfortunate, prior, former.


**successful** a. winning, accomplished, triumphant, victorious, favorable, prosperous, well-off, well-to-do, achieving, thriving, booming, fortunate, lucky, *on top, *making it big, *on top of one's game, profitable, lucrative, meeting one's goals, *climbing the corporate ladder. ANT. failing, losing, unfortunate, unsuccessful.

**succession** n. 1. SEQUENCE series, procession, progression, train, cycle, course, round. 2. ACCESION assumption, rise to power, taking over, crowning. 3. ALLOW tolerance, permit, admit, grant.

**succeeding** a. succeeding, consecutive, following, sequential, ensuing, continuous, one after the other. ANT. inconsecutive, random.

**successor** n. follower, heir, next in line, replacement, descendant.

**SUCCINCT** a. [suk SINKT] brief and to the point, concise. The politicians were asked to keep their speeches succinct. SYN. brief, to the point, concise, pithy, condensed, short, compact, terse, *in a nutshell, *boiled down to its essence, *short and sweet. ANT. wordy, long-winded, prolix, verbose.

**succeed** v. help, aid, assistance, helping hand.

**succor** n. help, aid, assist, relieve, give relief, give a helping hand.

**succulent** a. juicy, moist, fleshy, dripping, pulpy, mushy. ANT. dry, dehydrated.


**suck** v. draw, sip, inhale, slurp.


**sucker** n. 1. DUPE *patsy, *chump, *sitting duck, *pushover, victim, fool, fair game, easy mark. 2. LOLLIPOP


**sudden infant death syndrome** n. SIDS, crib death.

**suddenly** adv. abruptly, unexpectedly, without warning, quickly, *out of the blue, *in a heartbeat, *in a wink, instantly, meteorically, all of a sudden, all at once, *like a flash. ANT. gradually, eventually, slowly.

**suds** n. foam, froth, bubbles, lather, soap.

**sue** v. bring court action, file a lawsuit, prosecute, bring to trial, bring civil action against, litigate against, petition.

**suffer** v. 1. EXPERIENCE PAIN hurt, ache, agonize, be racked with pain, writhe in pain, endure, grieve. 2. EXPERIENCE undergo, endure, bear, encounter, live with, *stick it out, *tough it out, tolerate, withstand. 3. ALLOW tolerance, permit, admit, grant.
suffering


suffice

v. serve, do, satisfy, be enough, be adequate, be sufficient, answer, “fill the bill, “do the trick.

sufficient

a. adequate, enough, plenty, satisfactory, ample, commensurate, passable, acceptable, tolerable, okay, all right. ANT. insufficient, inadequate, unsatisfactory, short.

suffocate

v. smother, choke, stifle, cut off one’s air, strangle, throttle, asphyxiate, burke, garrote, kill, silence.

suffrage

n. right to vote, the vote, voice, franchise. SEE ELECTION

suffuse

v. overspread, spread, bathe, infiltrate, permeate, pervade, fill, saturate, imbrue.

sugar

n. sweetener, sucrose, saccharose, dextrose, fructose, cane sugar, brown sugar, maple sugar, saccharine.

sugarcoat

v. sweeten, gloss over, make agreeable, make palatable, honey, candy. ANT. poison.

sugary

a. 1. sweet-tasting saccharine, candied, honeyed, confectionary. 2. overly nice or sentimental mawkish, sickeningly sweet, flattening, oversweet, cloying. ANT. 1. sour, bitter, acid. 2. curt, frank, abrupt.

suggest

v. 1. PUT FORTH propose, offer, submit, recommend, proffer, advance, “throw out, move, advise. 2. BRING TO MIND imply, insinuate, hint, intimate, allude, evoke, infer.

suggestion

n. 1. PROPOSAL offering, submission, recommendation, idea, thought, proffer, proposition, presentation, tip, counsel. 2. TRACE hint, intimation, insinuation, suspicion, allusion, inference, telltale, reminder, shade, tinge, touch.

suggestible

a. impressionable, pliable, easily manipulated, susceptible, easily brainwashed, naive, gullible, malleable, unguarded, “like putty in one’s hands. ANT. defiant, resistant.

suggestive

a. 1. INDECENT improper, risqué, off-color, racy, bawdy, dirty, sexy, erotic, obscene, ribald, titillating, “raunchy. 2. REMiniscent signifying, evocative, expressive. ANT. 1. respectable, pure, innocent. 2. meaningless.

suicidal

a. 1. SELF-DESTRUCTIVE “harboring a death wish, reckless, rash, clinically depressed, despondent. 2. DEADLY lethal, unwise, reckless. ANT. 1. cautious, joyful. 2. careful, safe.

suicide


WORD FIND

agreement by two or more: suicide pact

Japanese dive-bombing in World War II: kamikaze

Japanese ritual of disembowelment: hara-kiri, seppuku

one who commits: felo-de-se

suit


suit v. 1. BEFIT satisfy, meet one’s requirements, meet one’s needs, “fill the bill, be appropriate, accommodate, please, conform, fit. 2. ADAPT fit, adjust, tailor, change, proportion, modify.

suitable

a. fitting, fit, befitting, appropriate, proper, right, correct, acceptable, apt, meet, becoming, seemly. ANT. unsuitable, improper, unacceptable.

suitcase

n. valise, case, grip, travel case, carryall, overnight bag.

suite

n. 1. SET OF ROOMS penthouse, apartment, flat. 2. ATTENDANTS servants, retinue, entourage, train, company, cortège, court, escort, following, staff.

suitor


sulk

v. mope, pout, wallow in self-pity, “have a pity party, brood, fret, be gloomy, be sullen, put on a long face. ANT. rejoice, jump for joy.

sulky

a. sullen, gloomy, down in the mouth, mooping, pouting, self-pitying, glum, morose, moody, depressed, withdrawn, resentful, dissatisfied. ANT. happy, cheerful, elated.

sullen

a. withdrawn, morose, resentful, sulky, glum, moody, depressed, glowing, petulant, peevish, brooding. ANT. happy, cheerful, jovial.

sully

v. soil, stain, dirty, blemish, smudge, blacken, taint, disgrace, dishonor, defile, corrupt,
*drag through the mud. **ant. cleanse, shine, honor.

**sultry** a. 1. hot, steamy, muggy, humid, sweltering, torrid, baking, tropical, sizzling, *roasting, suffocating, oppressive, fiery. 2. passionsate hot, inflamed, lustful, amorous, *horny, ardent, torrid, erotic, seductive. **ant.** 1. cold, freezing, chilling. 2. turned-off, frigid, cold.

**sum** n. 1. amount, money, cash, quantity. 2. total aggregate, whole, entirety, lot, *whole shebang, *works, mass. 3. gist, essence, point, content, crux.

**summarize** v. run down briefly, encapsulate, condense, outline, give main points, *recap, recapitulate, synopsis, abstract, short version, review, sketch, core.

**summary** n. rundown, brief, gist, synopsis, outline, precis, *recap, recapitulation, compendium, abstract, short version, review, sketch, core.

**sum up** v. close, finish, summarize, review, *recap, recapitulate.

**sun** n. *flaming gasball, star, fireball, flaming orb, sphere, luminary, heavenly body, Sol, Helios, Hyperion, Horus, Ra. "The fire that severs day from night."—Shakespeare. "The glorious lamp of heaven."—Dryden. see star

**sunburned** a. burned, red, "red as a cooked lobster, scarlet, crimson, blistering, peeling. **ant.** pale, lily white.

**Sunday** n. sabbath, the Lord's day. "The golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week."—H.W. Longfellow.

**sunder** v. separate, split, part, sever, break apart, cleave, divide, halve, quarter.

**sundry** a. miscellaneous, assorted, various, divers, diverse, diversified, many, myriad. **ant.** single, uniform.

**sunken** a. hollow, depressed, caved-in, fallen-in, concave, indented, submerged, submersed, drowned, inundated. **ant.** raised, swollen, bulging, elevated.

**sunny** a. 1. clear, bright, radiant, brilliant, cloudless, dazzling, blazing, sunshiny, *golden, *honeyed light, clement. 2. happy, cheerful, cheery, beaming, smiling, optimistic, blithe, light-hearted, joyous, mirthful, buoyant. **ant.** 1. cloudy, gloomy, dark, overcast. 2. grim, gloomy, miserable, unhappy.

**sunset** n. dawn, daybreak, sunup, daylight, break of day, "the holy light of dawn, crack of dawn, cockcrow, twilight.

**sunscreen** n. sunblock, sun cream, lotion, preparation, skin protection.

**suns** n. sundown, dusk, nightfall, evening, gloaming, twilight, eventide. "Like the spreading of a peacock's tail."—John Ashbery.

super  a. excellent, superb, outstanding, extraordinary; great, terrific, sensational, fine, out of this world, *superhuman, superior. ANT. terrible, awful, lousy, inferior.

superabundance  n. overabundance, surplus, excess, glut, plethora, flood, overflow, more than enough, surfeit, oversupply. ANT. shortage, dearth, lack.

superannuated  a. old, worn out, *over the hill; *put out to pasture, past one's prime, outdated. ANT. young, fresh, new, modern, contemporary.

superb  a. excellent, great, superior, superlative, first-class, first-rate, select, choice, magnificent, grand, noble, splendid, super. ANT. poor, inferior, awful.

supercharger  n. blower, compressor, power booster.

SUPERFLIOUS  a. [sub PUR flo us] unnecessary, more than what is needed. They lightened their load by getting rid of all superfluous provisions. SYN. unnecessary, extra, unneeded, excess, surplus, redundant, inessential, nonessential, spare, expendable, more than enough. ANT. necessary, needed, indispensable, vital.

superhighway  n. freeway, autobahn. SEE HIGHWAY

superhuman  a. supernatural, divine, omnipotent, godlike, preternatural, omniscient, otherworldly, extraterrestrial. ANT. subhuman.

superintendent  n. 1. DIRECTOR supervisor, overseer, manager, chief, administrator, boss, head, foreman. 2. CARETAKER custodian, janitor, super, maintenance man.

superior  n. boss, head, senior, chief, leader, *head honcho, *biggest toad in the puddle, master, higher-up, supervisor, CEO, commander in chief, ranking officer, *big cheese. ANT. inferior, junior, *low man on the totem pole, subordinate.

superior  a. 1. higher greater, above, better, supreme, superlative, first-class, first-rate, peerless, excellent, outstanding, *a cut above, *tops, unrivaled, predominant, preeminent, incomparable, *A-1, exceptional.

2. haughty arrogant, snobbish, high and mighty, proud, supercilious, stuck-up, condescending, patronizing, pretentious. ANT. 1. inferior, lower, second-rate, poor. 2. down to earth, humble, modest.

superlative  a. superior, supreme, highest, greatest, best, first-class, first-rate, peerless, excellent, outstanding, *a cut above, *tops, unrivaled, nonpareil, paramount, preeminent. ANT. poor, inferior, worst, lowest.

superman  n. superwoman, god, champion, hero, immortal, idol, Renaissance man, Olympian, Hercules, ironman, giant, *mover and a shaker.

supernal  a. celestial, heavenly, divine, from the sky, ethereal, lofty. ANT. prosaic, down-to-earth, earthy.

supernatural  a. superhuman, otherworldly, unearthly, not of this world, out of this world, supranatural, metaphysical, transcendent, spiritual, paranormal, occult, psychic, heavenly, divine, breaking the laws of nature, miraculous, ghostly, mysterious, unfathomable, incomprehensible. ANT. mundane, earthly, natural, normal.

SUPERSEDE  v. [soo pur SEED] take the place of, replace. The automobile superseded the horse and buggy as a primary means of transportation. SYN. take the place of, replace, succeed, displace, supplant, dethrone, oust, outmode.

supersensitive  a. ultrasensitive, thin-skinned. SEE SENSITIVE

superstar  n. *megastar, idol, celebrity. SEE STAR

superstitious - suppurate

superstitious a. fearful, naive, irrational, deluded, apprehensive, obsessed.
supervise v. oversee, manage, direct, superintend, look after, head, administer, run things, *call the shots, *call the plays, quarterback, command, boss, control, guide, regulate.
supervision n. management, control, direction, superintendence, running, administration, guidance, leadership, regulation.
supervisor n. boss, overseer, manager, director, superintendent, head, administrator, quarterback, commander, guide, regulator, *whip, *CEO, chief, foreman.
supine a. 1. lying down flat on one's back, prone, recumbent, horizontal, laid out. 2. sluggish listless, inactive, lifeless, inert, motionless, *brain-dead, vegetative. ANT. 1. standing, upright. 2. lively, active.
supper v. replace, take the place of, supersede, displace, succeed, oust, dethrone, unseat, bump.
supple a. 1. flexible bendable, pliable, plant, resilient, malleable, elastic, plastic, springy, rubbery. 2. limber lithe, loose, lissom, agile, nimble, willowy. 3. compliant yielding, nonresisting, passive, compliant, acquiescent, easy. 4. adaptable adjustable, flexible, resilient, elastic. ANT. 1. inflexible, hard, rigid, stiff. 2. tight, stiff, out of shape. 3. resistant, rebellious, unyielding. 4. rigid, unchangeable, inflexible.
supplement n. addition, extension, attachment, amendment, addendum, appendix, augmentation, complement, rider, insert, postscript.
supplement v. add to, augment, complement, enlarge, increase, reinforce.
supplementary a. additional, augmenting, attached, appended, supportive, auxiliary, secondary, ancillary. ANT. main, primary.
supplicant n. petitioner, solicitor, applicant, pleader, beggar.
supplicate v. request, pray for, petition, plead, appeal, beg, entreat, ask for, implore, beseech, adjure.
supplication n. request, prayer, petition, pleading, appeal, entreaty, solicitation, application, plea, cry, begging.
supplies n. provisions, stores, issues, rations, stock, necessities, essentials, equipment, victuals, food.
supply n. reserve, stock, stockpile, store, inventory, amount, quantity, provision, fund, hoard, cache, load, mass.
supply v. provide, furnish, stock, fund, provision, equip, outfit, cater, accommodate, contribute, give.
support n. 1. brace foundation, buttress, prop, underpinning, substructure, bed, joist, beam, girder, stanchion, stay. 2. backing help, aid, assistance, hand, lift, encouragement, advocacy, approval, promotion, comfort. 3. subsistence living, sustenance, livelihood, upkeep, provisions, necessities, food, money, child support, alimony.
support v. 1. hold up brace, buttress, prop, shoulder, carry, bear, bolster, sustain, shore up. 2. back help, aid, assist, give a hand, give a lift, sustain, comfort, encourage, bolster, foster, advocate, approve, promote, endorse, subscribe. 3. provide for maintain, pay one’s way, finance, bankroll, subsidize, underwrite, *pick up the tab. 4. corroborate verify, substantiate, confirm, attest, validate, authenticate.
supporter n. backer, advocate, champion, defender, stalwart, helper, proponent, abettor, adherent, fan, benefactor, patron.
supportive a. bolstering, encouraging, helping, helpful, sympathetic, strengthening. ANT. criticizing, denigrating.
support system n. family, friends, allies, social network, contacts, support group, *safety net, companions, morale boosters.
suppose v. assume, presume, figure, expect, think, guess, imagine, reckon, suspect, theorize, believe, conclude, understand.
supposed a. assumed, presumed, figured, expected, thought, guessed, imagined, reckoned, suspected, theorized, believed, understood. ANT. known, proven.
supposition n. assumption, hypothesis, presumption, thought, guess, suspicion, theory, belief, conjecture, postulate.
suppress v. 1. put down stop, crush, quell, squelch, squash, crack down on, subdue, silence, extinguish, kill, put an end to. 2. censor keep quiet, withhold, stifle, keep in the dark, silence, shut up, hide, conceal, check, restrain, curb, *put a lid on, muzzle. ANT. 1. throw fuel on the fire, unleash, free up. 2. broadcast, amplify, publish.
suppression n. crushing, quelling, squelching, squashing, silencing, extinguishing, censorship, smothering, stifling, muzzling, restraint.
suppurate v. fester, discharge, maturate, ooze.
supremacy n. dominance, preeminence, primacy, superiority, transcendence, preeminence, rule, authority, mastery, sovereignty.

supreme a. greatest, superior, preeminent, dominant, leading, transcendent, highest, ultimate, paramount, crowning, preeminent, first, superlative, finest, excellent, utmost, top, ranking, peerless, ruling, chief, sovereign, *eclipsing all others, *overshadowing all others, *standing head and shoulders above all others. ant. worst, lowest, poorest.

surcharge n. fee, overcharge, sum, surtax, additional charge, amount over and above.

sure a. 1. certain definite, assured, doubtless, unquestionable, fixed, set, incontrovertible, positive, conclusive, proven, demonstrated, unmistakable, certified, *beyond a shadow of a doubt. 2. reliable dependable, trustworthy, tried and true, trusty, faithful, steadfast. 3. convinced confident, certain, satisfied, positive. 4. inevitable assured, bound, unavoidable, guaranteed, inescapable, *iced. ant. 1. uncertain, doubtful, questionable, unproven. 2. unreliable, unpredictable. 3. unconvinced, uncertain. 4. uncertain.

surely adv. certainly, doubtless, undoubtedly, absolutely, positively, unquestionably, *beyond a shadow of a doubt, definitely, indisputably.


surety n. security, guarantee, bond, assurance, pledge.

surf n. waves, breakers, rollers, combers, spin-drift, seaspray, swells, foam, swash, rip tide. see beach, ocean

WORD FIND
common wave with convex back: plunger
gray-crested waves: graybeards
hollow between waves: trough
series of waves: train
sound: rote, swash, crash, thunder, lap

surf v. ride the waves, *hang five, *hang ten, Cruise, flip channels, channel surf, explore.

WORD FIND
board, small, foam that can be knelt on: boogie board
choppy, un-rideable waves, describing: blown out
dangerous reversing current: rip current
fall off: wipe out

front of board: nose
giant wave: bomb
hang toes over front of board while riding: hang five, hang ten
inside hollow of wave: barrel, tube
kite, pulled along by kite: kiteboarding, kitesurfing
leap off board just before wiping out: bail out
leave a wave by riding up over the top: kick out
left leg forward, riding with: natural-footed
new surfer with poor skills: barney, jake
ride under a breaking wave: *shoot the tube, *shoot the curl
riding across a wave instead of toward shore: angling
riding on front of board: nose ride
riding with one's back toward shore: forehand
riding with one's back toward wave: backhand
right leg forward, riding with: goofy-footed
sharp turn: cutback
shorts: baggies, jams
show off: *hotdog
sudden rise of swell as it enters shallow water: jacking
surf without a board: body surf
tether: leash
wave twice and three times the surfer's height: double overhead, triple overhead
wave, steepest part of: pocket
weak, low waves, describing: mushy
wipeout caused by front of board dipping into the water: pearl
wipeout in which surfer is driven into the seafloor, severe: over the falls

surface n. exterior, outside, top, skin, shell, facade, face, crust, veneer, finish.
surface v. 1. smooth level, plane, even, pave, finish. 2. arise emerge, break the surface, ascend. 3. become known materialize, come up, come to light.

SURFEIT n. [SUR fi t] an excessive amount, fullness, overindulgence. The baker made a surfeit of cookies for the party. syn. 1. excess surplus, overabundance, superabundance, too much, glut, overflow, flood, inundation, overkill, exorbitance, plethora. 2.
**Surfeit** - **Surrogate**

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<td>Overindulge, stuff oneself, overfill, gorge, satiate, glut, pig out, overdo, cloy, overeat.</td>
<td>Satiety, fullness, satiation, overindulgence, sickness, nausea, disgust, discomfort.</td>
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<td>Surgeon</td>
<td>Medical professional, doctor, physician, specialist, “sawbones.”</td>
<td>An eagle’s eye, a lady’s hand.</td>
<td>Ant: ordinary, everyday, normal.</td>
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<td>Surly</td>
<td>Bad-tempered, sour, moody, rude, nasty, cross, sullen, brusque, dour, ugly, hostile, unfriendly, harsh, short, grouchy, grumpy, gruff.</td>
<td>Friendly, cheery, cheerful, warm, good-humored.</td>
<td>Ant: friendly, cheerful, warm.</td>
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<td>Surmise</td>
<td>Guess, conjecture, imagine, infer, put two and two together, “hazard a guess, conclude, deduce, assess, hypothesize, take a shot in the dark, assume, suppose, speculate, presume, reckon, opine.</td>
<td>Accurate, precise, exacting, pinpoint, ticklish, delicate.</td>
<td>Ant: rough, approximate, inexact.</td>
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<td>Surmount</td>
<td>Go over, climb over, mount, clear, prevail over, get the best of, overcome, conquer, vanquish, subdue, triumph over, master, top.</td>
<td>Oversupply, remainder, residue.</td>
<td>Ant: short-</td>
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<td>Family name, last name, cognomen.</td>
<td>Name</td>
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<td>Surpass</td>
<td>Excel, beat, exceed, outdo, better, outdistance, eclipse, leave the competition swirling in one’s wake, leave in the dust, run circles around, overshadow, trump, put to shame, outperform, outrun, top, transcend, blow one’s doors off.</td>
<td>Excess, surplus, glut, overabundance, overstock, overkill, extra, plethora, spate, oversupply, remainder, residue.</td>
<td>Ant: shortage, shortfall, deficiency.</td>
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<td>Surprising</td>
<td>Unexpected, unforeseen, shocking, sudden, startling, stunning, eye-opening, astonishing, astounding, amazing, breathtaking, out of the blue.</td>
<td>Ant: expected, foreseen.</td>
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<td>Surreal</td>
<td>Strange, bizarre, fantastic, grotesque, weird, nightmarish, Kafkaesque, “far out, reminiscent of the Twilight Zone, odd, queer, peculiar.</td>
<td>Ant: ordinary, everyday, normal.</td>
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<td>Surrealistic</td>
<td>Strange, bizarre, fantastic, grotesque, weird, nightmarish, dreamlike, Kafkaesque, “far out, reminiscent of the Twilight Zone, odd, queer, peculiar.</td>
<td>Ant: ordinary, everyday, normal.</td>
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<td>Surrender</td>
<td>Yielding, submission, giving up, giving in, “crying Uncle, capitulation, throwing in the towel, white flag, relenting, prostration, acquiescence, resignation, relinquishment.</td>
<td>Ant: open, public, overt, conspicuous.</td>
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<td>Surrender</td>
<td>Yield, submit, give up, give in, “cry Uncle, capitulate, throw in the towel, raise the white flag, relent, ‘cave in, prostrate oneself, acquiesce, resign, relinquish, cede.</td>
<td>Ant: defy, hang tough, dig in, fight.</td>
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<td>Surreptitious</td>
<td>Sneaky, secret.</td>
<td>He took a surreptitious glance at her wedding band.</td>
<td>Ant: open, public, overt, conspicuous.</td>
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<td>Surrerogate</td>
<td>A substitute or stand-in.</td>
<td>She served as a surrogate until the boss recuperated.</td>
<td>Ant: substitute, stand-in, representative, “sub, agent, replacement, proxy, deputy, understudy.</td>
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suspend v. temporarily postpone, delay, defer, put on hold, discontinue.

suspending v. hanging, dangling, slinging.

surround v. envelop, encircle, enclose, encompass, circumscribe, ring, bound, hem in, fence in, confine, blockade.

surroundings n. environment, environs, setting, habitat, milieu, background, neighborhood, ambience.


survey n. inspection, study, examination, appraisal, exploration, review, overview, scrutinize, inquire, probe.

survey v. 1. EXAMINE study, inspect, appraise, explore, review, scrutinize, inquire, probe, canvass, assess, measure. 2. LOOK AT view, regard, scan, study, eyeball, *give a once-over, watch, observe.

survive v. live, endure, continue, last, tough it out, remain, persist, hold one's ground, carry on, withstand, *weather the storm, *ride out the storm, *stay aloof, outlive, outlast.

susceptible a. vulnerable, exposed, sensitive, ultra-sensitive, thin-skinned, prone, subject, liable, open. ANT. invulnerable, hardened, resistant.

suspect n. the accused, defendant, *shady character, supposed perpetrator.

suspect v. 1. DISTRACT mistrust, *trust as far as one can spit, disbelieve, question, doubt, *smell a rat, *harbor suspicions. 2. GUESS imagine, conjecture, surmise, suppose, think, believe, assume, presume, theorize, hypothesize, infer, gather. ANT. 1. trust, believe.


suspend v. 1. DEBAR exclude, dismiss, throw out, expel, evict, ban, blackball, shut out. 2. STOP TEMPORARILY postpone, delay, defer, *put on the back burner, hold off, *put on hold, put off, discontinue. 3. HANG dangle, sling, swing, pend.

suspenders n. garters, braces, galluses.

suspense n. tension, anxiety, uncertainty, anticipation, expectation, build-up, *white-knuckle anticipation, *cliffhanger.

suspension n. 1. BARRING exclusion, dismissal, expulsion, eviction, ban, banishment, blackballing. 2. TEMPORARY STOP postponement, delay, moratorium, stay, deferral, hold, discontinuance. 3. HANGING dangling, slinging.

suspiption n. 1. MISTRUST distrust, doubt, dubiousness, disbelief, *bad vibes, leersiness, wariness, *funny feeling, *gut feeling, hunch, suspicion, qualm, misgiving. 2. TRACE touch, hint, suggestion, shadow, tinge, shade, inklings. ANT. 1. trust, belief, confidence.

suspicious a. 1. SUSPECT questionable, *fishy, *funny, dubious, peculiar, *not kosher, doubtful, *doesn't have the ring of truth, shady. 2. DISTURBING mistrusting, doubting, disbelieving, questioning, wary, leery, incredulous, sceptical, cynical. ANT. 1. aboveboard, kosher. 2. trusting, believing, confident.

sustain v. 1. KEEP UP maintain, continue, keep alive, prolong, protract, preserve, keep going. 2. SUPPORT nourish, nurture, feed, provide for, aid, nurse. 3. CARRY THE WEIGHT of support, hold, prop, uphold, shoulder, bear. 4. ENDURE withstand, tolerate, suffer, brook, stand, live with, abide, undergo.

sustenance n. livelihood, support, living, subsistence, upkeep, nourishment, food, daily bread, victuals, rations, provisions, bread and butter, nutriment, groceries, *grub.

suture n. sewing, stitching, joining, see operation.

SVELTE a. [SVEeht] slender and lithe. The svelte dancers moved as gracefully as cats. SYN. slender, thin, lithe, graceful, lissome, willowy, thin, lanky, slight, trim, lean, skinny. ANT. fat, obese, roly-poly, awkward.

SVENGALI n. [sven GAH lee] one who persuades or brainwashes another to do his bidding, often for evil purposes, so named after the hypnotist in the novel Trilby. He was a Svengali who mesmerized women wherever he went. SYN. hypnotist, mesmerizer, charmer, persuader, seducer, spellbinder, charismatic person, dominating figure, brainwasher.

swab n. 1. MOR. 2. COTTON, CLOTH sponge, wad.

swaddle v. wrap, bind, swathe, bundle up.

swag n. 1. FESTOON decoration, valance, garland, loop, chain, ornament. 2. LOOT plunder, stolen money, booty, *haul.

swagger n. strut, parade, bluster, pomp, *the air of one who thinks he's the cock of the walk, peacock walk, braggadocio, bravado, boastfulness, *muscle-flexing.

swagger v. strut, parade, bluster, *act like the cock of the walk, *peacock, brag, boast, *flex one's muscles, show off, flaunt, grandstand,
vaunt, *blow one's own horn, stride pompously. **ant. cringe, skulk.


**swain** *n.* lover, suitor, gallant, beau, boyfriend, flame, sweetheart, squire, country boy, rustic.

**swallow** *v.* 1. gulp down, ingest, guzzle, eat, drink, *choke down, gobble, bolt, *wolf down, *chug-a-lug, quaff . 2. engulf absorb, devour, overwhelm, envelop. 3. put up with tolerate, endure, suffer, bear, ignore. 4. believe without question *swallow hook, line, and sinker, *buy, take on faith, accept, swallow whole, *fall for, be naive. **ant.** 1. regurgitate, vomit, throw up. 4. disbelieve, reject, mistrust.

**swami** *n.* lord, master, fakir, teacher, mentor, guru, mystic, yogi.

**swamp** *n.* bog, marsh, slough, quagmire, fen, bayou, morass, everglade, swale, mire, wetland, muskeg. **see lake**

**WORD FIND**

filling in of a lake by vegetation: eutrophication

floating island of decayed vegetation: battery

gas: methane

luminescence seen at night: foxfire

moss: sphagnum

tree islands: hammocks

**swamp** *v.* flood, overwhelm, submerge, sink, engulf, inundate, drown, deluge, wash over.

**SWAN SONG** *n.* a farewell or final appearance, performance, accomplishment—especially one of distinction—so named after the legendary song sung only once by the swan at its death. Last night's stage appearance was the crooner's much anticipated swan song. **syn.** farewell, last hurrah, goodbye, final performance, final appearance, parting song, adieu, last gasp, crowning achievement.

**sway** *v.* 1. move from side to side swing, move to and fro, move back and forth, waver, teeter, vacillate. 2. influence persuade, talk into, divert, control, brainwash, prevail upon, move, convince, impress, win over, lead, guide, *sell on.

**swaybacked** *a.* sagging, broken-backed, caving in, slumping. **ant.** straightbacked, sturdy.

**swear** *v.* 1. promise vow, pledge, take an oath, give one's word, warrant, avow, attest, declare. 2. curse cuss, use profanity, use dirty language, use four-letter words, *spit barnyard epithets, take the Lord's name in vain, use gutter language.

**swear by** *v.* have confidence in, recommend, believe in.

**swearing** *n.* cussing, cursing, foul language, bad language, four-letter words, obscenities, expletives, profanity, dirty words, *barnyard epithets, *cow pasture vulgarity, vulgarity, *henhouse epithet, X-rated language, gutter language. "The garlic in the salad of..."
taste.”—Cyril Connolly. **ant.** polite word, euphemism.

**swear off** **v.** give up, renounce, forswear, forego, quit, “turn one’s back on.

**swear** **n.** 1. perspiration sudoresis, excretion, moisture, lather, body odor, “BO. 2. hard work toil, labor, drudgery, grind, back-breaking work, slavery. 3. anxiety apprehension, stress, tension.

**swear** **v.** 1. perspire excrete, “glow, “work up a lather, “sweat bullets, swelter, ooze, exude. 2. get nervous “stress out, fret, worry, suffer anxiety, suffer distress. 3. toil labor, break one’s back, strain, struggle, slave, drudge, work.

**sweater** **n.** pullover, turtleneck.

**sweathouse** **n.** sweatlodge, sauna, steam room.

**sweatpants** **n.** running pants, gym pants.

**sweatshirt** **n.** pullover, gym shirt.

**sweatshop** **n.** factory, labor mill, shop, manufacturer, plant, workroom, industry, “salt mines.

**sweatshirt** **n.** exercise suit, running suit, “baggies.

**sweep** **n.** 1. range scope, reach, stretch, span, width, breadth, compass, extent. 2. sweep stroke, swing, cut. 3. complete victory “skunk, “clean sweep.

**sweep** **v.** 1. whisk take a broom to it, brush, clean up, tidy, clear. 2. clear destroy, remove, strip, drive out. 3. rush hurry, race, fly, charge, zoom, “zip, glide, tear. 4. win it all “skunk, “pull off a clean sweep.

**sweeping** **a.** extensive, broad, widespread, far-reaching, all-inclusive, blanket, general, across-the-board, comprehensive, thorough. **ant.** limited, partial.

**sweepstakes** **n.** lottery, contest, drawing.

**sweet** **n.** candy, confection, dessert.

**sweet** **a.** 1. sugary saccharine, honeyed, nectarous, candied, confectionary, tasty, luscious. 2. pleasant agreeable, enjoyable, delightful. 3. friendly kind, gentle, good, nice, charming, angelic, pleasant, agreeable, amiable, helpful. 4. sweet-smelling fragrant, fresh, perfumed, pure, aromatic. 5. sweet-sounding dulcet, melodious, harmonious, euphonic. **ant.** sour, bitter, tart, acid. 2. unpleasant, awful, miserable. 3. unfriendly, sour, grouchy. 4. sour, rotten, spoiled. 5. harsh, discordant.

**sweeten** **v.** 1. add sugar sugarcoat, honey, candy, dulcify, mull. 2. ease soften, lighten, mollify, “take the edge off, alleviate, temper, mellow, moderate.

**sweetener** **n.** saccharine, sugar, “Sweet’n Low, “Equal.


**sweetmeat** **n.** sweet, confection, delicacy, treat, cake, candy, preserve, nougat.

**sweet-talk** **v.** flatter, “butter up, cajole, soft-soap, “lay it on with a trowel.

**swell** **n.** 1. bulge wave, roller, surge, surf, rise, mound, hill, hump, protuberance, prominence, protrusion, distension, expansion, growth. 2. smart dresser dandy, clothes-horse, Beau Brummel, fop.

**swell** **v.** 1. bulge rise, billow, balloon, inflate, blow up, puff up, bloat, mound, form a hump, protrude, distend, dilate, expand, grow, surge, become turgid. 2. puff up from pride swagger, strut, stick one’s chest out, parade, show off, be pleased with oneself. **ant.** deflate, shrink, collapse. 2. be crestfallen, cringe, shrink.

**swell** **a.** fine, excellent, great, first-rate. **ant.** inferior, substandard.

**swelling** **n.** lump, bulge, distension, bump, growth, enlargement, edema, puffiness, inflammation, knob, welt, abscess.

**sweeter** **v.** sweat, perspire, drip, “slow cook under the sun, “burn up under the sun, suffer heatstroke, roast.

**sweeter** **a.** hot, humid, roasting, scorching, torrid, sultry, stifling, baking, broiling, muddy, close, oppressive. **ant.** cold, frigid, chilling.

**swerve** **v.** turn sharply, deviate, veer, divert, dodge, sheer off, shift, careen.

swig n. mouthful, gulp, slug, *hit, drink, quaff, swill, draft.

swill n. garbage, table scraps, slop, hogwash, refuse, waste, remains.


swim v. 1. *go for a dip breaststroke, crawl, backstroke, do the butterfly, dog-paddle, stroke, *skinnydip, tread water, float, bathe, paddle, snorkel, scuba dive, skin dive. 2. be saturated be soaked, be steeped in, float in. 3. be dizzy be lightheaded, be off balance. ant. sober, in control.

swimming a. dizzy, lightheaded, dopey, reeling, whirling, off-balance. ant. refined, cultured, delicate.

swimsuit n. swim shorts, swimming trunks, bathing suit, *jams, bikini, two-piece, T-back, swimwear.

swindle n. fraud, cheat, *rip-off, *con, skin game, trickery, scam, shell game, hustle, gyp.


swine n. 1. pig hog, porker, piglet, sow, boar. 2. despicable person *SOB, creep, pig, animal, rogue, cad, scoundrel, *rat, *jerk.

swing n. 1. oscillation pendulation, sway, swaying, undulation, arc. 2. punch blow, stroke, uppercut, *roundhouse, left hook. 3. rhythm beat, cadence, meter, pulse, measure.

swing v. 1. oscillate pendulate, sway, rock, teeter, seesaw, waver, wobble, move back and forth. 2. turn pivot, come around, spin, wheel, rotate, whirl, swivel, pirouette. 3. deliver a blow deliver a roundhouse right, punch. 4. have an exciting rhythm *have a groove, *groove, rock. 5. be liberal sexually swap partners, *bed-hop.

swinish a. piggish, *like a hog, beastly, filthy, gross, disgusting, brutish, glutonous, coarse. ant. refined, cultured, delicate.

swipe n. blow, slap, smack, roundhouse, punch, sweat, cuff, wallop, clip.

swipe v. 1. steal, pilfer, pocket, take, shoplift, filch, pinch, appropriate, thief.

swirl v. whirl, twirl, twist, eddy, form a whirlpool, revolve, circle, whorl, rotate, gyrate, spin, churn.

swish v. hiss, brush, whoosh, rustle.

switch n. 1. change swap, exchange, reversal, about-face, 360-degree turn, *flip-flop, new tack, change of course. 2. stick rod, lash, whip, cane, branch.

swivel v. turn, rotate, swing, pivot, revolve, hinge, spin.

swollen a. enlarged, distended, bloated, puffy, puffed up, bulging, inflated, edematic, tumid, turgid. ant. deflated, contracted, shrunk.

swoon v. faint, pass out, lose consciousness, collapse, go limp, keel over, feel lightheaded, suffer from syncope.

swoop v. 1. dive plunge, plummet, drop down on, pounce on. 2. sweep up snatch, seize, scoop up.

sword n. weapon, blade, cutlass, saber, broadsword, rapier, samurai sword, scimitar, *cold killing steel.

WORD FIND
belt: baldric

dagger that is notched to catch and break
sword: swordbreaker

fencing: foil, épée

handle: haft, hilt, pommel

Indian saber with curved blade: shamshir

legendary, owned by King Arthur: Excalibur

Scottish Highlander’s duel-edged broadsword: claymore

shaped like: ensiform, gladiate

sheath: scabbard

short: skean

side projections at hilt: quillons

smaller sword used as a backup: hanger, side-arm

swordplay: fencing, dueling

swordsmen: fencer, blade

swift - sword
sworn a. pledged, promised, bound. \textit{ant. available.}

SYCOPHANT \textit{n.} [SIK uh fant] one who flatters and kisses up to others to gain their favor. \textit{The boss had a retinue of sycophants and yes-men.} \textit{syn. toady, flatterer, *brownnose,* bootlicker, yes-man, fawner, groveler, *fun-ky, *apple-polisher, parasite.}

syllabus \textit{n.} summary, outline, synopsis, abstract, brief, condensation, digest, abridgement, epitome.

sylvan a. woodland, wooded, woody, forested, arboreal. \textit{ant. urban.}

SYMBIOTIC \textit{a.} [sim bee AW tik] referring to a relationship that is mutually beneficial. \textit{Bees and flowers enjoy a symbiotic relationship.} \textit{syn. mutually beneficial, mutually advantageous, give and take, commensalistic.} \textit{ant. parasitic, harmful.}

symbol \textit{n.} character, design, letter, emblem, figure, insignia, sign, trademark, representation, badge.

symbolic \textit{a.} representative, illustrative, metaphorical, indicative, characteristic, symptomatic, emblematic, allegorical. \textit{ant. literal.}

symbolize v. represent, stand for, signify, denote, express, epitomize, mean, connote, personify.

symmetrical \textit{a.} balanced, even, uniform, corresponding, similar, matching, proportionate, harmonious, regular, parallel. \textit{ant. asymmetrical, unbalanced, uneven.}

SYMMETRY \textit{n.} [SIM uh tree] similarity or correspondence in form, uniformity, balance. \textit{They evened out the forms to create a rough symmetry.} \textit{syn. similarity, correspondence, balance, parity, proportion, uniformity, evenness, congruity, harmony, grace.} \textit{ant. asymmetry, imbalance, unevenness.}

sympathetic \textit{a.} 1. \textit{compassionate} concerned, commiserative, caring, feeling, solicitous, understanding, kind, sensitive, tender, pitying, humane, empathetic, charitable, *having a bleeding heart. 2. \textit{congenial} agreeable, like-minded, companionable, simpatico, having a good rapport with, *on the same wavelength, compatible, *en rapport, friendly. \textit{ant. 1. uncaring, indiff erent, cold, stony, unfeeling, insensitive. 2. disagreeable, clashing, incompatible.}

sympathize v. feel for, understand, have compassion for, pity, commiserate, care, empathize, condole, feel sorry for, *have one's heart go out to, *have one's heart bleed for, feel compassion for.


symposium \textit{n.} conference, meeting, gathering, discussion, panel discussion, seminar, forum, round table, debate, assembly, congress.

symptom \textit{n.} indication, sign, warning, warning sign, prodrome, dead giveaway, earmark, manifestation, tip-off, signal, evidence, telltale.

symptomatic \textit{a.} indicative, suggestive, characteristic, peculiar, signaling. \textit{ant. unusual, abnormal.}

synagogue \textit{n.} place of worship, temple, shul. \textit{see church}

synapse \textit{n.} connection, junction.

synch \textit{v. SL.} \textit{see synchronize}

synchronize \textit{v.} coordinate, regulate, make simultaneous, *put in sync, harmonize, set.

synchronous \textit{a.} simultaneous, *in sync, concurrent, parallel. \textit{ant. separated, *out of sync.}

syndicate \textit{n.} association, group, organization, cartel, joint concern, consortium, pool, company, conglomerate, partnership, coalition, trust, Mafia, mob.

syndrome \textit{n.} disease, condition, group of symptoms, disorder, sickness, affliction, malady, spectrum of complaints. \textit{see disease}

synergy \textit{n.} working together, collaboration, cooperative action, coordination, teamwork, joint action, pulling together, *hitching horses, symbiosis.

synod \textit{n.} ecclesiastical council, conclave, meeting of bishops, convolution, assembly, council, session, meeting, tribunal.
SYNONYMOUS a. [si NAWN uh mus] having a similar meaning. Cat is synonymous with feline. SYN. similar, same, equivalent, parallel, comparable, corresponding, like, alike, interchangeable. ANT. antonymous, opposite.
synopsis n. summary, abridgement, outline, sketch, brief, epitome, abstract, précis, condensation, digest, rundown.
syntax n. word arrangement, sentence structure, word order, phrasing.
synthesis n. 1. assembly composition, combination, integration, mixing, blending. 2. whole from many parts conglomeration, mixture, compound, alloy, blend, amalgam, composite.
synthesize v. assemble, combine, integrate, mix, blend, conglomerate, compound, alloy, fuse, meld. ANT. separate, divide, disassemble.
synthesizer n. electronic keyboard, “sound machine. SEE MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

synthetic a. artificial, man-made, manufactured, unnatural, synthesized, imitation, ersatz, sham, fake. ANT. natural, real, genuine.
syphilis n. venereal disease, sexually transmitted disease (STD), lues, pox. SEE DISEASE
syringe n. injector, medical instrument, blood-drawing device. SEE MEDICINE
syrup n. treacle, juice, sugar water, molasses.
syrupy a. sickeningly sweet, cloyingly sweet, overly sentimental, *dripping with sweetness, mawkish, maudlin, *mushy.
system n. arrangement, organization, structure, scheme, set-up, method, plan, operation, procedure, course of action, approach, technique, standard operating procedure, program, way.
systematic a. orderly, regular, methodical, arranged, organized, ordered, routine, regulated. ANT. disorderly, random, unarranged.
systematize v. arrange, order, regulate, organize, methodize, standardize, coordinate, program.
tab n. 1. flap strip, tongue, tag, projection, loop, ring. 2. bill check, cost, expenses, tally, account, record, reckoning, score.

tabernacle n. 1. place of worship temple, shrine, sanctuary. 2. tent dwelling.

table n. 1. furniture board, counter, sideboard, stand, dining room table, drop-leaf table, coffee table, end table, parsons table, buffet, writing table, desk. 2. list chart, graph, diagram, column, tabulation, index, register.

table v. postpone, delay, shelve, *put on the back burner, put aside, suspend, hold off, sideline, defer, pigeonhole, freeze.

tableau n. picture, scene, view, depiction, spectacle, illustration.

tableland n. karoo, mesa. see plateau

tableware n. flatware, silverware, glassware, dishes.

tablet n. writing pad pad of paper, notebook, scratch pad. 2. slab piece, stone, plaque. 3. pill capsule, lozenge, troche.

tabloid n. scandal sheet, *rag, newspaper.


taboo a. prohibited, restricted, proscribed, frowned on, forbidden, banned, verboten, unacceptable, out-of-bounds, against social convention, anathema. Ant. accepted, *okay, allowed.

tabulate v. list, put in columns, graph, chart, inventory, index, formulate, figure, arrange, systematize.

TACIT a. [TASS it] implied but unspoken, unexpressed. They had a tacit agreement to stay sober while hunting. Syn. unspoken, unexpressed, silent, implied, implicit, understood, unsaid, unvoiced, inferred. Ant. spoken, expressed, explicit.

TACITURN a. [TAS i TURN] untalkative, uncommunicative, quiet by nature. He was a taciturn old farmer who rarely said anything more than an obligatory “nope” and “yep.” Syn. untalkative, uncommunicative, quiet, closemouthed, reticent, reserved, speechless, withdrawn, tight-lipped, mute. Ant. talkative, loquacious, *motor-mouthed, voluble.

tack n. 1. nail thumbtack, pushpin, brad, rivet, staple. 2. course heading, direction, way, route, path, approach, line, plan, zigzag.

tack v. nail, pin, attach, fasten, fix, affix, staple.

tackle n. gear, apparatus, equipment, outfit, riggings, paraphernalia, implements, trappings, rope and pulley.

tackle v. 1. throw down knock down, sack, drop, down, seize, pounce on, grab, intercept, *collar, wrestle to the ground. 2. undertake take on, *take a shot at, endeavor, work at, *take a crack at, attack, deal with, try, set about, *give it the old college try.


tactful a. diplomatic, gracious, well-mannered, delicate, sensitive, discreet, thoughtful, considerate, courteous, polite, politic, civil. Ant. blunt, rude, insensitive.

tactical a. strategic, cunning, tricky, clever, skillful. Ant. blundering.

tactics n. strategy, “game plan, battle plan, strategies, stratagems, plans, scheme, ploys, moves, maneuvers, machinations, tricks, course of action.”

tactile a. touchable, tangible. Ant. intangible, insubstantial.
tactless a. rude, blunt, insensitive, inconsiderate, boorish, indiscreet, thoughtless, rough, undiplomatic, disrespectful, frank, direct, gauche, sharp, offensive.  

ant. tactful, diplomatic, gracious, sensitive.

tag n. label, card, ticket, ID, identification, logo, stub, sticker, tab, slip, marker, trademark, emblem.

tag v. mark, identify, label, name, call, title, style, designate, earmark.

tail n. 1. rear rump, backside, buttocks, butt, hind end, posterior, behind, derriere, ass.

2. appendage extremity, brush, whip, scut, coccyx.

tail v. follow, trail, shadow, dog, hound, stalk, tag.

tailing n. waste, refuse, leavings, remains.
	
tailor n. garment maker, seamstress, clothier, designer.
	
tailor v. fit, suit, adapt, shape, adjust, modify, alter, cut, style, fine-tune.

tailor-made a. made to order, custom-made, custom-fit, tailored.

tailsin n. nosedive, dive, stall.

taint n. corruption, blot, blemish, disgrace, discredit, stigma, black mark, black eye, contamination.

taint v. infect, corrupt, contaminate, pollute, affect, poison, blemish, blot, disgrace, discredit, stigma, black mark.

talent n. gift, endowment, natural ability, innate ability, God-given talent, genius, knack, flair, aptitude, facility, bent, capability, expertise, faculty.

take n. 1. give, leave, let go.

2. reject, pass over.

convey carry, bring, deliver, transport.

4. endure stand, withstand, put up with, suffer, bear, abide, tolerate, weather, brave, stomach.

*hack.

5. require demand, necessitate, call for, need.

6. charm captivate, enchant, win over, bewitch, fascinate, dazzle.

7. Sl. cheat trick, rip off, fleece. ANT. 1. give, leave. let go. 2. reject, pass over.

take after v. emulate, imitate, copy, act like, be like, resemble, look like.

take back v. retract, recant, backpedal, disavow, flip-flop, eat one’s words. ANT. stand by.

takeoff n. 1. launch lift off, departure, leaving.

2. satire parody, send-up, spoof, burlesque, caricature, lampoon, mockery, comedy. SEE JOKE.

take off v. leave, split, blow, book, beat feet, scram, depart, skedaddle.

takeover n. overthrow, usurpation, coup, coup d’etat, vanquishment, conquest, subjugation, rout, dethronement, deposition.

tale n. story, narrative, account, fairy tale, fable, myth, legend, yarn, cautionary tale, drama, saga, chronicle.

talent n. gift, endowment, natural ability, innate ability, God-given talent, genius, knack, flair, aptitude, facility, bent, capability, expertise, faculty.

talent is the call. —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

To do easily what is difficult for others. —Henry Amiel.

“Like a grain of pearl sand shifting about in the creative mind. A valued tormentor.” —Truman Capote.

talented a. gifted, naturally endowed, capable, having a knack, having a flair, having innate ability, having an aptitude for, having the right stuff, proficient. ANT. deficient, lacking, inept.

talisman n. amulet, charm, good luck charm, fetish, ring, stone.

talk n. 1. speech conversation, verbalization, words, communication, utterance, articulation, expression.

2. discussion chat, dialogue, confab, conference, tête-à-tête, rap session, powwow, consultation, argument, gabfest, interview, heart-to-heart.

3. lecture address, discourse, oration, speech, sermon, recitation, allocution, tirade.

4. gossip rumor, scuttlebutt, buzz, hearsay, word, grapevine, blabbing, idle talk, hot air, drivel.

talk v. 1. speak converse, verbalize, frame words, communicate, utter, articulate, express, voice, say, pronounce, enunciate, intone, chatter, babble, prattle, palaver, shoot the breeze, yak, gab, run off at the mouth, blurt, cry, fume, grumble, huff, rant, rave, shout, snap, sputter, exclaim, grunt, murmur, stammer, whisper.

“To open and close the mouth rapidly while the bellows in the throat pumps out the gas in the brain.” —Elbert Hubbard.

2. discuss chat, have a dialogue, confer, consult, have a powwow, rap, confabulate, interface, touch base, parley.

3. deliver a speech deliver a sermon, address, orate, give a talk.

4. gossip fuel the rumor mill.

blab. 5. confess spill the beans, let the
cat out of the bag, divulge, disclose, "sing, reveal.


talker n. "chatterbox, "motormouth, "windbag, "bighorn, "maggie, gossip, mouthpiece, spokesman, spokeswoman.

talk show n. chat show, program. \textit{see television.}

tall a. 1. towering high, big, of great stature, lofty, sky-scraping, sky-high, soaring, elevated. 2. \textit{exaggerated} unbelievable, far-fetched, hard to believe, outlandish, preposterous. \textit{ant.} \textit{short}, \textit{squat}, \textit{ground-hugging}, low. 2. believable, credible.

tally v. add up, total, reckon, account, score, count, sum up, register, enter, mark, list.

tally n. total, reckoning, account, score, count, number, amount, "bottom line.

tally v. add up, total, reckon, account, score, count, sum up, register, enter, mark, list.

talon n. claw, nail. \textit{see bird.}


tamp v. pack, pound down, push down.

tamper v. interfere, meddle, mess with, fiddle, fool with, monkey with, "doctor, alter, change, corrupt, bribe.

tan v. flog, thrash. \textit{see whip.}

tan a. tawny, brown, golden brown, bronze, copper, fawn, sand, leather, buff, beige.

tang n. 1. \textit{sharp} flavor or smell scent, aroma, piquancy, bite, pungency, sharpness, punch, zest, zip. 2. \textit{touch} or \textit{trace} suggestion, hint, tinge, dahl.

tangent a. touching, contiguous. \textit{ant.} apart, severed.

tangential a. divergent, digressing, off on a tangent, straying, shifting, rambling, peripheral, barely related. \textit{ant.} related, \textit{on course}, constant.

TANGIBLE a. [\textit{TAN juh bul}] touchable, palpable, having physical form. \textit{The tire tracks were tangible evidence that a motorbike had torn up the field.} \textit{Syn.} touchable, palpable, solid, concrete, physical, hard, substantial, real, material, perceivable, tactile, corporeal, visible, actual, definite. \textit{ant.} \textit{intangible}, \textit{immaterial}, \textit{imperceptible}, \textit{imaginary}.

tangle n. knot, snarl, entanglement, mess, mass of confusion, snag, kink, "ball-up, ravel, web, mat, jumble, labyrinth, "bird's nest, trap, complication, mishmash, mix-up.

tangle v. 1. \textit{knot} snarl, entangle, mess, become a mass of confusion, snag, kink, "ball up, ravel, web, mat, jumble, mix up, enmesh, entwine, trap, catch. 2. \textit{fight} wrangle, quarrel, argue, bicker, "lock horns.

tangy a. sharp, flavorful, biting, piquant, zesty, tart, spicy, pungent. \textit{ant.} dull, bland, mild.

tank n. 1. \textit{vat} receptacle, tub, container, vessel, cistern, boiler, holding tank, storage tank, reservoir. 2. \textit{armored military vehicle} combat vehicle, Abrams M-1, Bradley M-2, Sherman tank, armored personnel carrier.

tankard n. cup, mug, stein, potte.

tantalize v. tease, tempt, entice, bait, plague, *make one's mouth water, titillate, *lead on, *be- witch, frustrate, *give the Tantalus treatment

TANTAMOUNT a. [\textit{TAN tuh mount}] equal, equivalent, same. \textit{A prison sentence in some third world countries is tantamount to torture}. \textit{Syn.} equal, equivalent, much the same, like, as good as, parallel, synonymous, comparable, identical. \textit{ant.} different, opposite, unequal.


tap n. faucet, spigot, spout, nozzle, valve, cock, stopper, bung, plug, cork, spike.

tap v. 1. poke hit, touch, rap, pat, drum, smack, strike. 2. \textit{drain} draw, siphon, empty, bleed, milk, pump, broach, pierce. 3. \textit{wiretap} *bug, eavesdrop.

tap dance n. \textit{see dance.}

tape n. strip, band, binding, ribbon, roll, adhesive tape, masking tape, electrician's tape.

tape v. 1. \textit{bind} fasten, band together, stick up, mend, close. 2. \textit{record} put on tape.

taper v. diminish, decrease, dwindle, taper off, lessen, fade, wane, decline, thin out, contract, abate, die out. \textit{ant.} grow, broaden, increase.

tapestry n. wall hanging, decorative cover, dossal, Gobelin.

tar n. pitch, asphalt, bitumen.

tardy a. late, overdue, past due, delayed, slow, belated, behind, behind schedule, unpunctual,
target n. 1. objective aim, goal, bull’s-eye, destination, mark, point, quarry. 2. scapegoat butt, *mark, laughingstock, victim, *patry, *easy mark.
target v. set one’s sights on, *draw a bead on, aim for.
tariff n. tax, import tax, charge, toll, excise, assessment, fee, levy, duty, bill.
tarnish n. dullness, discoloration, oxidation, patina, stain, blemish, wax buildup, cloudiness, haziness, smudge.
tarnish v. 1. dull discolor, oxidize, fade, dim, smudge, stain, darken, remove luster, blacken. 2. sully one’s reputation spoil, ruin, taint, disgrace, dishonor, discredit, defame, degrade, damage, slander. ANT. 1. shine, add luster, polish, brighten. 2. honor, credit, clear one’s name.
tarpaulin n. tarp, canvas, cover.
tarry v. loiter, stay, linger, remain, wait around, hang around, dilly-dally, lag, dawdle, procrastinate, stall.
tart n. 1. fruit pie pastry, flan, turnover, Danish. 2. slut prostitute, hussy, strumpet, trollop.
tart a. sharp, sour, acid, *mouth-puckering, acrid, acerbic, bitter, biting, piquant, tangy, pungent. ANT. sweet, honeyed.
task n. job, chore, assignment, duty, charge, work, responsibility, occupation, undertaking, stint, burden, mission, errand.
taskmaster n. overseer, *whip, slave driver, boss, commander, supervisor, superintendent, manager, disciplinarian, tyrant.
taste n. 1. flavor flavoring, savor, tang, sensation, bite, *kick, piquancy, zing, zip, aftertaste, saltiness, sweetness, sourness. 2. sample spoonful, bite, mouthful, sip, bit, morsel, touch. 3. preference liking, leaning, fancy, predilection, penchant, love, affection, partiality. 4. good judgment fashion sense, discrimination, sense of style, discernment, cultivation, refinement, feeling, tastefulness, grace. *A fine judgment in discerning art.—Horace.
taste v. sample, savor, relish, discern, try, eat.
tasteful a. in good taste, stylish, smart, refined, cultured, restrained, decorous, aesthetically pleasing, elegant, discriminating, correct, fitting. ANT: tasteless, in poor taste, tacky, ugly, loud, unrefined.
tasteless a. 1. without flavor flavorless, bland, insipid, flat, stale, watery, weak, thin, vapid. 2. tacky in poor taste, unrefined, cheap, graceless, vulgar, crude, garish, loud, flashy, gaudy, ostentatious, offensive. ANT. 1. mouth-watering, delicious. 2. tasteful, in good taste, refined.
tatter n. shred, scrap, piece, torn piece, rip, ribbon.
tattered a. shredded, torn to pieces, ripped, ragged, cut to ribbons. ANT. whole, complete.
tattoo n. drum signal, bugle signal, call, summons.
taunt n. mocking, ridicule, jeer, sneer, sarcasm, *swipe, crack, provocation, teasing, jibe, barb, insult.
taut a. 1. tight tense, strained, stressed, drawn, stiffened, rigid, firm. 2. trim neat, tidy, efficient, shipshape, spruce, in good order. ANT. relaxed, calm. 2. slack, lazy, sloppy.
tautology n. repetition, redundancy, reiteration, verbosity, prolixity, pleonasm.
tavern n. bar, saloon, pub, taproom, drinking establishment, ale house, roadhouse, inn, watering hole, cocktail lounge, public house, nightclub.
tawdry a. [taw dree] cheap and gaudy, loud, showy. She spent all her money on tawdry jewelry. SYN. cheap, gaudy, loud, showy, flashy, sleazy, tacky, garish, meretricious, *chintzy, tasteless, raffish. ANT. elegant, tasteful.
tawny a. brown, brownish orange, fawn, wheat-colored.
tax n. 1. levy toll, tariff, charge, assessment, duty, excise, surcharge, impost, *Uncle’s Sam’s share, *the Governor’s share, *the federal treasury’s share, the state treasury’s share, custom, percentage, income tax, property tax, sales tax. “The sinews of the state.”—Cicero. “Capital punishment.”—Jeff Hayes. 2. burden demand, onus, strain, weight, responsibility, *albatross, *millstone.
tax v. 1. levy a charge assess, charge, appraise, exact, demand payment, tithe. *Consists in
so plucking the goose as to get the most feathers with the least hissing.”—Jean Colbert. 2. burden weigh down, strain, stress, drain, encumber, saddle, load, push, drive, exhaust. 3. accuse charge, blame, indict.
taxi n. taxicab, cab, hack.
taxing a. draining, strenuous, sapping, exhausting, burdensome, wearing, heavy, demanding, backbreaking.
tea n. 1. drink beverage, brew, decoction, green tea, black tea, oolong, pekoe, Lapsang, Darjeeling, herb tea, mint, sassafras, camomile tea. 2. reception get-together, party, klatch.
teach v. educate, instruct, instill knowledge, school, enlighten, edify, tutor, indoctrinate, *show the ropes, train, drill, *beat into one’s head, ground, explain, guide, coach, acquaint with, program. ANT. learn, be enlightened.
teaching n. education, instruction, training, schooling, tutelage, pedagogy, inculcation, grounding, indoctrination, tuition. “To cultivate talent until it ripens for the public to reap its bounty.”—Jascha Heifetz.
team n. squad, crew, band, company, troupe, corps, duo, trio, quartet, club, gang, string, unit, faction, partners.
teamwork n. collaboration, pulling together, tandem work, cooperation, synergy, synergism, concert, interaction, *logrolling.
tear n. 1. TORN PLACE rip, opening, split, slash, slit. 2. HURRY scramble. SEE RUSH 3. SL. spree *bender, *binge, carousel, *drunk, party, revelry. SEE TEARS.
tear v. 1. RIP cut, slash, slit, open, split, shred, fray, tatter, rend, rive, run, come apart at the seams, lacerate, mutilate. 2. RUSH fly, bolt, run, dart, hurry, speed, shoot, hustle, *zip, *zoom, *go like lightning, *go like the wind.
tear down v. raze, level, flatten, bulldoze, demolish, dismantle, destroy, pull down, wreck.
teat n. nipple, *tit, mammilla.
technical a. mechanical, technological, *high-tech, scientific, professional, specialized, special, methodological. ANT. simple, *low-tech.
technicality n. minor detail, minor point, specification, formality, *nitpicky rule.
technician n. specialist, expert, master, professional, mechanic, authority, journeyman, *pro, *techie.
technique n. method, execution, style, approach, artistry, way, procedure, mode, manner, fashion, course, tack, craft, system.
technology n. scientific instrumentation, techniques, mechanics, mechanism, industrial science, machinery, robotics, scientific know-how, electronics, automation, telecommunications, computers, hardware, software, labor-saving devices.
tedious a. boring, tiresome, wearisome, dull, monotonous, uninteresting, *humdrum, prosaic, sleep-inducing, drawn out, long-winded, repetitious, bland, flat, dry. ANT. stimulating, exciting, electrifying.
tedium n. boredom, monotony, ennui, dullness, sameness, routine, rut, repetitiousness, flatness, deadness. ANT. excitement, stimulation.
teen v. abound, swarm, be full of, brim, burst, overflow, bristle with, be overrun with.
teeming a. abounding, swarming, full, brimming, packed, bursting, thick, overflowing, bristling with, overrun, crawling with, swimming with. ANT. bare, empty, scanty.
teenager n. adolescent, teen, juvenile, youth, minor, teenybopper, sophomore, *bobby soxer, *punk, high school kid.
teeny a. tiny, teentsy, *teensy-weensy, minute, microscopic, wee, Lilliputian, miniature, micro-sized. ANT. huge, gigantic.
teepee n. wigwam, wickiup, lodge, tent.
tee shirt n. pullover, T-shirt.
teefer v. seesaw, totter, oscillate, wobble, pivot, balance, rock, waver, vacillate.
teeth n. molars, bicuspids, incisors, canines, *grinders, fangs, *pearly whites.
adolescence, last molars that erupt: wisdom teeth
baby or temporary teeth: deciduous teeth, milk teeth
cavities: caries
cut one’s first teeth: teethe
eruption through gums: dentition
gum disease: periodontal disease, periodontitis, pyorrhea
gum inflammation: gingivitis
hard covering: enamel
false: denture
gnashing or grinding: bruxism
large teeth, condition of having: macrodontia
loss of: dedentition
meet, clench, or align properly, failure of upper and lower to: malocclusion
pointy part: cusp
small teeth, condition of having: microdontia
sound of clicking: chatter
sticky film that forms on after eating: plaque
tipped over and pushing on adjacent tooth: impacted
yellowish concretion on: tartar
tee totalism n. abstention. see temperance
telecast n. see broadcast
telecommunication n. telephone transmission, electronic transmission, online data transfer, e-mail, telegraphy.
telecommuting n. desktop commuting, remote data entry.
telegram n. wire, message, telegraph, cable, *tel-ex, dispatch, transmission.
telegraph n. wire, Telex, cable, ticker, news ticker, signaling system.
telescope n. optical instrument, scope, spy glass, binoculars, field glass, radio telescope.
telescope v. contract, condense, shorten, shrink, truncate, consolidate. ant. extend, lengthen.
telethon n. pledge campaign, charity drive, appeal for funding, fundraiser.
televise v. broadcast, transmit, show.
television n. TV, *tube, *boob tube, video, *telly, *idiot box, console, set, entertainment center, *one-eyed monster. “Chewing gum for the eyes.”—Frank Lloyd Wright. “An invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn’t have in your home.”—David Frost. see movie
telepathy n. extrasensory perception, *ESP, clairvoyance, mindreading, sixth sense, thought transference, psychic power.
telephone n. phone, “horn, line, extension phone, car phone, cellular phone, transmitter, receiver, rotary phone, touchtone phone.
broadcast on radio and TV at same time:
simulcast
“brought to you by” opening of show:
opening billboard
camera crane for moving, outdoor shots:
cherry picker
camera crane operator: crane grip
camera dolly, one who pushes: dolly grip
camera elevating device: riser
camera shot, moving: crab shot, dolly shot, truck shot
card with performer’s lines on it: cue card, idiot card, flip card
CBS: Columbia Broadcasting System
color test strip: color bar, colorburst
commercials, group of: pod
credits at end of show, moving: crawl
directing and engineering room: control room
distribution of TV shows to subscriber stations: syndication
Distributor of TV shows: syndicate
8 P.M. to 11 P.M.: prime time
electrician head in studio: gaffer
goofs made by actors or crew edited out of tape: bloopers, outtakes
hand or assistant in studio: grip, hammer, set carpenter
high resolution television: HDTV (High Definition television)
identifying, introductory scenery of television show: signature montage
light, studio: floodlight, klieg light, scoop, basher
local prohibition of program to attract bigger audience at live show: blackout
local station part of national network: affiliate
microphone boom, long: *fishpole
minimum standard fee for performer: scale
monitor console from which director chooses which camera shot will air: preview monitor
moral standards, department that assures program meets society’s: standards and practices
narrator’s voice heard over program: voice-over
NBC: National Broadcasting System
network performers under contract: stable
optical effect: freeze-frame, superimposition, split screen
optical effect used to create a ghost: Pepper’s ghost
optical transition device: wipe, dissolve, fade-in, fade-out, fade to black
performers in a show, collective term for: cast
portable television news camera: minicam
prerecorded laughter: laughtrack
prerecorded material: canned
promo piece of upcoming show: trailer, teaser, preview
rails on which camera may ride in outdoor, moving shot: dolly tracks
ratings company: Arbitron, A.C. Nielsen
ratings months: sweeps
read script from front of television camera, device that allows actor to: prompter, teleprompter
record a program: tape
recorded as it happened with no takeouts: live on tape
record in sound effects, music: dub, foley
red light on camera that lights during recording: tally light
regulating commission: FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
royalty paid to performers for reuse of their work: residual
satellite used for television transmission: *bird
scrambling pay television signals: encryption
show where performer or camera will stand or move: block
situation comedy: sitcom
sound effect: foley
sound effects, one who performs: foley artist
sound effects studio: foley studio, foley stage
studio scaffolding where lights are hung: catwalk
superimposed script read from television camera’s lens: prompter script
superimposed text on screen: legend
superimposes bulletins, news, weather on bottom of screen, apparatus that: flashcaster
superimpose text on screen: key
talk show, cancel a guest at the last minute on a: bump
talk show waiting room for guests: green room
tear down a set: strike
time off between show’s taping: hiatus
tell v. 1. COMMUNICATE relate, state, say, declare, make known, speak, divulge, disclose, reveal, impart, voice, announce, utter, *spit it out, inform, mention, report, confess, assert, let slip, *spill the beans, *let the cat out of the bag, blab, admit, *break the news. 2. TATTLE *blow the whistle on, *squeal, *rat, betray. 3. GIVE AN ACCOUNT narrate, recount, relate, detail, describe, recite. 4. DISCERN recognize, distinguish, discriminate, make out, detect, ascertain, determine, recognize, identify.

teller n. 1. NARRATOR storyteller, chronicler, reporter, raconteur, recounter. 2. CASHIER clerk, bank employee.

telling a. 1. REVEALING indicative, suggestive, expressive, telltale. 2. FORCEFUL striking, effective, weighty, important, potent, influential, decisive, consequential, momentous. ANT. 1. inconclusive, unrevealing. 2. ineffectual, inconsequential, insignificant.


telltale a. revealing, indicative, demonstrative, giveaway, meaningful, betraying, illuminating, informative. ANT. meaningless, inconclusive, unrevealing.

 TEMERITY n. [tuh MER ee tee] foolhardy boldness, recklessness. I can’t believe he had the temerity to scold the boss. SYN. rashness, boldness, recklessness, foolhardiness, gall, carelessness, audacity, indiscretion, nerve, *balls, precipitateness, *chutzpah, impudence. ANT. timidity, cautiousness, cowardice, judiciousness.


temperature n. hotness, coldness, heat, cold, degrees, body heat, fever.

tempest n. 1. STORM blow, hurricane, typhoon, wind storm, squall, tornado, cyclone, *twister, blizzard. 2. OUTBURST outburst, tumult, disturbance, unrest, turmoil, ferment, eruption, uproar, upheaval, *tempest in a teapot. ANT. calm, tranquility, serenity, quiet.

tempestuous a. stormy, wild, violent, turbulent, raging, intense, furious, tumultuous, fervish, impassioned. ANT. calm, quiet, tranquil.
template n. pattern, guide, outline, prototype, gauge.

temple n. place of worship, house of worship, church, cathedral, synagogue, holy place, shrine, sanctuary, pagoda. See church, religion.

tempo n. speed, rate, pace, measure, velocity, time, meter, cadence, rhythm, pulse, beat.

temporal a. 1. temporary, transitory, fleeting, ephemeral, short-lived, momentary, passing, impermanent. 2. worldly mundane, earthly, mortal, of this world, terrestrial, material, nonspiritual, secular. Ant. permanent, long-lasting, eternal. 2. spiritual, heavenly, godly.

temporary a. impermanent, transitory, short-term, passing, transient, fleeting, ephemeral, brief, pro tempore, stopgap, makeshift, make-do, provisional, interim. Ant. permanent, lasting, eternal, fixed.

temporize v. evade, parley, stall, procrastinate, delay, hem and haw, tarry, equivocate, fumble, wishy-washy.

tempt v. lure, entice, bait, tantalize, seduce, attract, court, *suck in, *hold out a carrot, draw, captivate, bewitch. Ant. repulse, repel, turn off.


tempter n. enticer, temptress, tantalizer, seducer, seductress, teaser, Satan.

tempting a. alluring, enticing, tantalizing, seductive, attractive, magnetic, appetizing, mouth-watering, baiting. Ant. repulsive, repellent, sickening.

tenacious a. [tuh NAY shus] persistent, tough, not giving up readily, holding fast, stubborn. His tenacious spirit helped him to continue, even in the face of great hardship. Ant. persistent, tough, stubborn, resolute, dogged, perseverant, strong, steadfast, unyielding, unwilling to let go, determined, unwavering, staunch. Ant. irresolute, weak-willed, yielding.

tenacity n. persistence, toughness, mental toughness, stubbornness, resolve, resolution, backbone, doggedness, perseverance, strength, *stick-to-itiveness, grit, endurance. Ant. weakness, weak will, spinelessness.

tenet n. principle, rule, teaching, belief, creed, faith, doctrine, dogma, conviction, article, article of faith, dogma, maxim.

tenable a. [TEN uh bul] defensible, can be argued for. His alibi was entirely tenable. Syn. defensible, defendable, indisputable, incontestable, ironclad, solid, maintainable, reasonable, credible, viable. Ant. untenable, indefensible, unjustifiable.

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tenancy n. occupation, lodgings, place of residence.

tenant n. renter, leaseholder, lessee, occupant, lodger, roomer, resident.

tend v. 1. take care of, mind, minister to, attend, cater to, look after, wait on, manage, assist, aid. 2. incline be apt, be liable, be likely, have a tendency, be disposed.

tendency n. inclination, disposition, leaning, bent, propensity, proclivity, proneness, penchant, predisposition, course, drift.

tender n. 1. offer proffer, proposition, presentation. 2. caretaker sitter, watcher, maintenance man.

tender v. offer, proffer, present, proposition, put forth, submit, advance, give.

tender a. 1. soft, delicate, fragile, frail, weak, feeble. 2. gentle, mild, light, soft, easy. 3. youthful, immature, young, unseasoned, unhardened, soft, raw, vulnerable, *wet behind the ears. 4. tenderhearted loving, kind, compassionate, sympathetic, caring, warm, understanding, supportive, sweet, considerate. 5. painful, hurting, smarting, sore, raw, sensitive, inflamed. Ant. 1. hard, stony, tough, rough, hard. 3. mature, seasoned, experienced, hardened. 4. uncaring, cold, indifferent, cruel. 5. calloused, rough.


tenderhearted a. tender, loving, kind, compassionate, sympathetic, caring, warm, understanding, supportive, sweet, considerate. Ant. coldhearted, brutal, cruel, uncaring.

tenderness n. tenderheartedness, love and kindness, compassion, sympathy, caring, warmth, understanding, support, sweetness, consideration, humanity, pity, mercy. Ant. hardheartedness, brutality, cruelty.

tendon n. sinew, connective tissue, muscle fiber, thow.

tenement n. apartment, flat, house, duplex, boarding house, *dump, *rat’s nest, slum, rookery.

tenet n. [TEN it] a principle or belief. She didn’t agree with all the tenets of her church. Syn. principle, belief, doctrine, dogma, conviction, creed, credo, canon, rule, teaching, maxim.

tennis n. racket sport, lawn tennis, game, sphairistike.

WORD FIND
boundary line marking end of service box es: service line
championships held in England: Wimbledon
court area between net and service line: forecourt
court on which ball bounces, skids quickly: fast court
court rectangles in which ball must land when served: service court
diagonal shot: crosscourt shot
doubles player’s move into partner’s court for surprise shot: poaching
drive the ball directly at opponent’s body to throw off balance: jam
finesse player: touch player
40-40 tie situation: deuce
injury or inflammation of elbow tendons: tennis elbow
lines at ends of court: baseline
long back and forth exchange without a miss: rally
officials: baseline judge, linesman, net judge
original name: sphairstike
racket grip: Australian grip, continental grip, eastern, shake hands grip
racket, middle of: sweet spot
return ball before it hits ground: volley
rotation imparted on ball: topspin, backspin
score of zero: love
scoring unit or point: sixteen
serve in two tries, failure to deliver a legal: double fault
serve on first try, failure to deliver a legal: fault
serve, stepping over baseline while making: foot fault
serve that nicks top of net and must be replayed: let
serve that opponent is unable to return: ace
showoff play to impress spectators: gallery play
spectator area, stands: gallery
stroke: forehand, backhand, lob, smash, drive, slice, chop, chip, dink, volley, punch volley
teams tournament, international: Davis Cup
tie-breaker game: sudden death
tournament open to amateurs as well as pros: open
win a game against the server: break, service break
winning best of three or more sets: match

winning point: game point
winning point in a set: set point
winning point in a set-winning game: game set
win of six games: set
wins a game against the server, point that: break point

tenor n. 1. alto falsetto. see music 2. meaning intent, sense, drift, purport, gist, tone.
tense up v. stress out, "choke," "choke under pressure," "swallow the apple.
tension n. 1. tightness tautness, stress, strain, stiffness, rigidity, pressure, pull, stretching. 2. nervousness stress, anxiety, edginess, jitters, strain, restlessness, apprehension, "butterflies," "sweat, jumpliness, pressure." ant. 1. looseness, slackness, relaxation. 2. relaxation, calm, tranquility.
tent n. canvas shelter, pup tent, tepee, wigwam, wickiup, yurt, pavilion.
TENTATIVE a. [TEN tuh tiv] indefinite, not firm, as one’s plans to do something, uncertain, conditional. Also, hesitant or timid. They made tentative plans to hike the north face of the mountain. syn. uncertain, unsure, not firm, conditional, possible, proposed, contingent, indefinite, "not carved in stone, subject to change, unconfirmed," hesitant, timid, doubtful, cautious. ant. certain, firm, definite, confident.
TENUOUS a. [TEN yoo us] thin, weak, flimsy, insubstantial, rare. His excuse for being late was tenuous at best. syn. thin, weak, flimsy, insubstantial, rare, fragile, slight, light, negligible, fine, shaky. ant. solid, rock-solid, firm, substantial, strong.
tenure n. 1. term time, occupation, stay, residence, incumbency, reign. 2. permanency permanent status, lifetime position, permanent seat, job security.
teepee n. wigwam, wickiup. see tent
tepid a. 1. lukewarm room temperature, barely warm. 2. unenthusiastic halfhearted, cool, apathetic, lukewarm, indifferent, mild, moderate, limp. ant. 1. hot, boiling, scalding. 2. enthusiastic, passionate, fervent, wild.
term  n. 1. PERIOD OF TIME duration, time, span, timespan, cycle, session, semester, quarter, spell, course, interval, stretch. 2. PHRASE OR WORD description, designation, expression, name, denomination, terminology. 3. CONCLUSION close, end, finish, completion, limit, limitation. see terms
term v. name, designate, call, label, title, dub, style.
terminal  n. station, depot, junction, end of the line, terminus.
terminal  a. ending, concluding, final, closing, last, extreme, fatal. ANT. beginning, first.
terminate  v. 1. stop end, cease, discontinue, conclude, close, finish, cancel, eliminate, halt, desist, fire, dismiss, let go, abort. 2. bound limit, demarcate, circumscribe. ANT. start, begin, open.
termination  n. stoppage, end, cessation, discontinuance, conclusion, close, finish, cancellation, elimination, halt, firing, dismissal, aborting. ANT. start, beginning, opening.
terminology  n. wording, phraseology, vocabulary, nomenclature, terms, language, *lingo, jargon, cant, argot.
terminus  n. end, limit, boundary, extremity, margin, pale.
terms  n. conditions, particulars, specifications, provisions, provisos, stipulations, *fine print, qualifications, points, agreement.
terrace  n. 1. PATIO OR VERANDA garden, lawn, gallery, colonnade, balcony, piazza. 2. STAIRSTEPPING EARTH FORMATION berm, plateaus.
terra firma  n. earth, solid ground.
terrain  n. ground, topography, lay of the land, tract, landscape, land, turf, country, region, territory.
terrestrial  a. earthly, worldly, terrene, tellurian, mundane. ANT. extraterrestrial, spiritual, ethereal.
terrible  a. 1. bad awful, lousy, inferior, *crappy, horrible, appalling, objectionable, disagreeable, *rotten, revolting, atrocious, dreadful, poor. 2. FRIGHTFUL terrifying, fearful, dreadful, harrowing, horrifying, horrific, distressing. 3. EXTREME severe, intense, acute, fierce. ANT. 1. excellent, great, wonderful. 2. reassuring, encouraging, comforting. 3. mild, light, moderate.
terribly  adv. very, extremely, awfully, thoroughly, frightfully.
terrific  a. 1. GREAT fabulous, fantastic, excellent, wonderful, first-rate, superb, marvelous, good, sensational, *out of this world, superior, outstanding. 2. TERRIFYING scary, fearful, dreadful, appalling, terrible, harrowing, horrifying, distressing. ANT. 1. bad, awful, lousy, terrible. 2. reassuring, comforting, encouraging.
terrify  v. frighten, scare, fill with terror, petrify, *curdle one’s blood, *paralyze with fear, *put the fear of God into, alarm, *scare stiff, shock, startle, frighten out of one’s wits, *make one’s hair stand on end, *scare the bejesus out of, *make one’s hair curl, panic, trigger one’s fight or flight response. ANT. reassure, comfort.
territorial  a. proprietary, defensive. ANT. giving.
territory  n. 1. AREA region, district, province, land, country, terrain, locale, zone, vicinity, precinct, neighborhood, tract. 2. DOMAIN sphere, realm, turf, area, field, bailiwick.
terror  n. 1. FEAR fright, panic, dread, horror, alarm, shock, awe, dismay, heart-pounding terror, paralysis, paroxysm of fear. 2. UNRULY CHILD hellion, rascal, pest, nuisance, *holy terror, *hell on wheels, imp, troublemaker.
terrorism  n. fear campaign, intimidation tactics, arm-twisting, bullying, extortion, coercion, firebombing, hostage-taking, bomb threats.
terrorist  n. extortionist, vigilante, bully, arm-twister, radical, revolutionary, rebel, anarchist, subversive.
terrorize  v. terrify, frighten, scare, fill with terror, intimidate, threaten, menace, bully, browbeat, arm-twist, strongarm, coercer.
TERSE  a. [TURS] concise, to the point, brief. He gave a suprisingly terse speech and left .
test  n. 1. EXAMINATION exam, quiz, multiple choice, midterm, trial, evaluation, probe, assessment, questionnaire, inspection, inquest. 2. TRIAL experiment, assay, try, dry run. 3. STANDARD criterion, *acid test, *litmus test, measure, touchstone, proof.
test  v. examine, quiz, try, evaluate, probe, assess, question, inspect, investigate, analyze, conduct a trial run, assay, check, *see which way the wind blows, sound.
testament  n. [TES tuh munt] that which testifies to the validity or truth of something. That the number of highway fatalities have decreased is a testament to better safety regulations. SYN. testimony, testimonial, affirmation, confirmation, proof, evidence, profession, statement.
tested a. tried, proven. ant. unproven, unknown.
testicles n. testes, sex glands, gonads.
testify v. 1. provide testimony bear witness, give evidence, attest, affirm, vouch for, corroborate, swear to, declare, verify, uphold, support, substantiate. 2. BE EVIDENCE OF prove, show, indicate, be a testament to, provide testimony for, demonstrate. ant. 2. disprove, contradict.
testimony n. 1. declaration profession, affirmation, proof, evidence, witness, corroboration, statement, sworn statement, affidavit, deposition, documentation, avowal, support. 2. indication evidence, attestation, confirmation, demonstration.
testosterone n. hormone, male hormone, sex hormone, steroid.
tetch a. demented, neurotic, *not right in the head, *a little crazy, touched, *nuts. see crazy, insane, neurotic.
tête-à-tête n. heart-to-heart talk, conversation, intimate discussion, talk, discussion, confidential discussion, face-to-face chat.
tether n. rope, leash, chain, halter, restraint, cord, line.
text n. words, wording, main body, body, printed matter, written matter.
textile n. fabric, cloth, woven material, fibrous material, cotton, wool, yarn, dry goods.
texture n. surface quality, feel, character, composition, grade, smoothness, roughness, coarseness, weave, grain, nap, pile, woof, wale.
thank v. acknowledge, show one's appreciation, show one's gratitude, bless. ant. unappreciative, thankless.
thankful a. grateful, appreciative, obliged, indebted, beholden. ant. unappreciative, thankless.
thankless a. 1. ungrateful unappreciative, rude, inconsiderate. 2. unappreciated unrewarded, unnoticed, unrecognized, unacknowledged. ant. 1. thankful, grateful. 2. appreciated, rewarded.
thatch n. mat, straw, rushes, palm leaves, roofing.

thaw v. 1. MELT liquefy, soften, warm, defrost, dissolve. 2. loosen up warm, relax. ant. 1. freeze. harden, solidify. 2. become stiff and formal, cool.
thinker n. 1. playhouse opera house, auditorium, amphi-theater, theater in the round, boards, odeum, dinner theater, hall, arena, movie house, cinema, drive-in. 2. stage performance dramatic arts, drama, show business, the stage. "An escape from reality."—George Nathan. "A tradition of villains and heroes."—George Bernard Shaw. "A window open on the life of our fellow creatures."—Mario Fratti. see movie, television

WORD FIND
above stage, walk or platform for lights: fly
actor's emergency fill-in: understudy
advertisement at front of theater: marquee
afternoon show: matinee
cloak in center of stage where prompter hides from audience: prompt box
allegorical drama illustrating Christian teaching: morality play
anxiety, performance: stage fright, *flop
award: Tony
background scenery: backdrop, olio, ground row, cyclorama
backstage area: wings
box in front of balcony or mezzanine: loge
Broadway, play not produced on: off-Broadway production
brochure of cast and description: program, playbill
comedy featuring wit: high comedy
comedy of exaggeration: farce
comedy on morbid subject: black comedy
comedy satirizing manners of fashionable society: comedy of manners
comedy, slapstick or physical: low comedy
comedy that spoofs: send-up, parody
company producing several shows with same performers: repertory company
company production of plays in summer: summer stock
cues a song, line of dialogue that: dakota
dim lighting used for effect: pool hall lighting
district of theaters: white light district, Great White Way, Broadway, Rialto
draw attention away from another actor: upstage, steal the show
dress rehearsal before an audience: audience dress
eotions are exaggerated, play in which: melodrama
exaggerated acting or overacting: histrionics
explosion or flash, device that creates: flashpot
falling in love with theater: stagestruck
financier, backer: angel
hit show: boffo
horrifying, macabre, or gruesome drama: Grand Guignol
Japanese, all-male: Kabuki
large-scale act or musical number: production number
lights: footlights, limelight, *ace, *ashcan, baby spot, bon-bon, flood, house lights, *keg light, klieg light, pin spot
list of characters: dramatis personae
makeup: grease paint, pancake makeup
mark the stage to direct actors where to stand, move: block
musicals, theater that specializes in: lyric theater
musical with sketches: revue
musician's area: orchestra pit
narrator to audience: raisonneur
object used in show: prop
open audition: *cattle call
outfit a stage with scenery: dress
pack theater by distributing free tickets: paper the house
rehearsal, rough: walk-through
religious play centering around suffering of Christ: passion play
remember lines during show, helps actors: prompter
sad or heartbreaking play: tragedy
segment: act
serious performances as opposed to vaudeville: legitimate theater
set, take down a: strike
skyline or horizon scenery piece: ground row, cyclorama
sound effects made from offstage: noises off
SRO: standing room only
stage, front of: proscenium, apron
stage props, functioning: practicals
talk with audience, actor's solo: soliloquy
top balcony for lowerclass patrons: peanut gallery
union for actors: Actors Equity Association
unsuccessful play: *flop, *bomb, *turkey, *dog
variety show, old time: vaudeville, burlesque
waiting room, performer's: green room, dressing room
wardrobe assistant: dresser
worker: stagehand
writer of plays: playwright
written music: score

thief n. stealing, larceny, grand larceny, petty larceny, thievery, burglary, robbery, purse-snatching, *holdup, mugging, looting, pilferage, shoplifting.
theme n. topic, subject, idea, motif, leitmotif, matter, point, question, keynote, strain, recurrent pattern.
theme song n. signature song.
theologian n. student of religion, religious scholar, divine. SEE RELIGION
theorem n. assumption, proposition, hypothesis, theory, postulate, principle, law, rule, formula, equation.
theoretical a. hypothetical, speculative, academic, conjectural, abstract, assumed, notional, untried, unproven, presumed, "on paper, untested. ANT. practical, applied, proven.
theorize v. hypothesize, speculate, conjecture, suppose, guess, presume, assume, imagine, formulate, posit, think.
therapeutic a. curative, remedial, healthful, healing, corrective, restorative, beneficial, medicinal, sanative, helpful. ANT. harmful, unhealthy, detrimental.
therapist n. counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, doctor, physician, psychotherapist, *shrink, adviser, analyst, sympathetic ear.
therapy n. treatment, regimen, regime, remedy, healing, curative, homeopathy, rehabilitation, "rehab, physical therapy, speech therapy, group therapy."

thereabouts adv. near, about, around, approximately, roughly.

thereafter adv. afterwards, after, later, subsequently, thenceforth, following.

therefore adv. consequently, thus, so, hence, ergo, for that reason, as a result, accordingly.

thermal a. warm, hot, heated, thermic. ANT. cold, unheated.

thermos n. bottle, flask, insulated container.

thesaurus n. lexicon, word treasury, synonym finder, word book.

thesis n. 1. proposition premise, assumption, belief, theory, hypothesis, argument, belief, opinion, idea, theorem, position. 2. dissertation treatise, research paper, essay, study, investigation, monograph, composition.

thespian n. actor, actress, player, performer, "haim, tragedian. see movie, television, theater.

thick a. 1. deep extensive, fat, massive, thick-set, obese, wide, large, solid, bulky. 2. dense closely packed, concentrated, close, crowded, heavy, condensed, compact, impermeable, luxuriant, viscid, viscous, glutinous, congealed, caked. 3. having a great number closely packed crowded, teeming, chock-full, bursting, numerous, great, swarming, replete, overflowing, "jam-packed, crammed. 4. stupid dense, retarded, dull, bovine, slow, dim-witted, obtuse, dumb, moronic, imbecile, simple, "chowerheaded, "lamebrained, "dense as a post. ANT. 1. thin, slim, slight, 2. thin, sparse, scant, watery. 3. empty, rare, thin, scarce. 4. brilliant, smart, intelligent, sharp.

thicken v. concentrate, condense, congeal, compact, solidify, harden, clot, coagulate, jell, curdle, set, cake. ANT. thin, liquefy, dilute.

thicket n. underbrush, shrubs, bushes, brush, scrub, brake, copse, bushel, tangle.

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thickset a. stocky, stout, beefy, heavyset, big, chunky. ANT. skinny, slim, slender. SEE FAT.

thick-skinned a. hardened, tough, insensitive, callous, hard-boiled, unfeeling, strong, stony. ANT. thin-skinned, sensitive, ulcer sensitive.


thievery n. theft, robbery, larceny, grand larceny, petty larceny, burglary, stealing, pilfering, shoplifting, kleptomania, embezzlement, swindle.

thin v. dilute, cut, reduce, rarefy, water down, decrease, trim, weaken, attenuate, prune. ANT. thicken, concentrate, condense.

thin a. 1. slender slight, slim, skinny, lean, emaciated, bony, spare, wispy, *thin as guine, skin and bones, half-starved, scrawny, gaunt, rawboned, spindly. 2. scanty sparse, rare, few and far between, meager, skimpy, deficient. 3. watery diluted, weak, runny, rarefied. 4. sheer transparent, airy, fine, diaphanous, delicate, translucent, wispy, filmy. ANT. 1. fat, obese, heavy, "broad in the beam. 2. full, thick, teeming, swelling. 3. condensed, concentrated, thick. 4. opaque, heavy, dense.

thing n. 1. article object, item, subject, element, substance, matter, entity, it, body, being, creature, organism. 2. thingamajig gadget, device, contrivance, *doohickey, *thingamabob, contraption, apparatus, gizmo, widget, mechanism, *whatchamacallit, *dungus, "whatstis. 3. deed act, event, happening, situation. 5. see things.

thingamajig n. see thing.

things n. belongings, possessions, stuff, personal effects, paraphernalia, outfit, equipment, trappings, accoutrements, gear.

think v. 1. contemplate meditate, cogitate, ponder, concentrate, focus on, study, analyze, intellectualize, turn over in one's mind, evaluate, reflect, deliberate, null over, ruminate, consider, deduce, reason, conceive, imagine, picture, remember, marshal one's thoughts. 2. believe judge, opine, suppose, assume, presume, surmise, gather, guess, imagine, understand, reckon, conclude, estimate.

thinkable a. conceivable, imaginable, comprehensible, feasible, possible. ANT. unthinkable, inconceivable.

thinker n. philosopher, deep thinker, sage, wise man, scholar.

thinking n. thought, brain power, contemplation, meditation, cogitation, concentration, study,
thin-skinned

thought

thoughtful

thoughtless

thought-provoking

thrash

thread

threadbare

threat

threaten
threatening - thunderstorm

threatening a. intimidating, menacing, terrorizing, frightening, scary, sinister, ominous, impending, looming, foreboding. ant. encouraging, bright, reassuring.

threesome n. ménage à trois, trio.

thresh v. beat, flail, thrash.

threshold n. 1. doorsill entrance. 2. beginning start, opening, entrance, brink, verge, dawn, starting point, debut, onset. ant. 2. close, end.

thrift n. frugality, economy, economizing, saving, conservation, parsimony, penny-pinching, miserly, stingy, provident. ant. wasteful, improvident, extravagant.

thriftiness, frugality, economy, economizing, saving, conservation, parsimony, penny-pinching, miserly, stingy, provident. ant. wasteful, improvident, extravagant.

thrill v. excite, stimulate, electrify, *adrenalize, *give a rush, exhilarate, sensation, *heart-raiser. 2. tremor quiver, fluttering, tingling, vibration.

thrilling - thunderstorm


thrust n. 1. push shove, lunge, drive, advance, propulsion, stab, plunge, poke. 2. attack, blitz, blitzkrieg, onslaught, offensive, charge, push, drive, raid, strike. 3. energy power, drive, horsepower, lift, pickup. 4. point gist, force, meaning, essence, substance.

thrust v. 1. push shove, lunge, drive, force, advance, power, propel, throw, stab, plunge, poke. 2. impose oneself intrude, force oneself into, inject.


thug n. hoodlum, *hood, brute, gangster, mobster, mafioso, ruffian, hooligan, "roughneck, goon, gunman, killer, murderer.

thumbnail a. brief, concise, small, minute. ant. grand, large-scale.

thump n. see THUD

thump v. strike, hit, beat, pound, pummel, *slug, slam, drub, cudgel, bludgeon.


thunder v. 1. boom rumble, crack, roll, crash, peal, explode, discharge, reverberate. 2. fulminate roar, boom, shout, bellow, yell, growl, curse, bark, denounce.

thunderbolt n. lightning.

thunderstorm n. thundershower, thunder squall, *thunder-boomer, cloudburst, electrical storm. see cloud, rain, storm

WORD FIND

cloud: cumulonimbus, thunderhead
lightning: ball lightning, chain lightning, heat lightning

mythical creature of North American Indians thought to cause: thunderbird


thus adv. therefore, so, hence, ergo.
thwart v. obstruct, hinder, frustrate, slow, stop, roadblock, foil, defeat, check, inhibit, prevent, block, preclude, confound. ANT: facilitate, help, assist, ease.
tiara n. crown, coronet, diadem.
tic n. spasm, contraction, nervous tic, twitch, jerk.
tick n. click, tap, beat, pulse, second.
ticket n. 1. PASS admission, voucher, receipt, stub, token, coupon, *ducat, raincheck, certificate. 2. LABEL tag, sticker, slip. 3. BALLOT slate, roster.

WORD FIND

free ticket or pass: *Annie Oakley
resell tickets far above cost: scalp
traffic ticket: summons, citation, fine

tickle v. please, delight, thrill, excite, gratify, *tickle to death, *tickle pink, amuse, make one smile, make one laugh.
ticklish a. delicate, sensitive, prickly, dicky, touchy, risky, slippery, difficult, thorny, tricky, awkward. ANT: simple, uncomplicated, straightforward.
tidal wave n. tsunami, tidal bore, egrae.
tidbit n. morsel, bit, mouthful, spoonful, piece, titbit.
tide n. flood, wash, ebb, neap, spring tide, rip tide, high tide, low tide. SEE BEACH, OCEAN
tide over v. keep one's head above water, keep one going, help, assist, *bridge the gap.
tidy v. neaten, clean, order, unclutter, arrange, pick up, spruce up, fix up, straighten up, groom. ANT: mess, clutter, disorder.
tidy a. 1. NEAT clean, shipshape, orderly, *spick-and-span, trim, well-ordered, spruce, uncluttered, *in apple pie order, organized. 2. CONSIDERABLE large, substantial, generous, respectable, healthy, ample. ANT: 1. messy, sloppy, unkempt. 2. small, piddling.
tie n. 1. FASTEN fastener, connection, knot, link, catch, clip, string, rope, strap, cord, cinch, sash, binding. 2. NECKtie ascot, string tie, cravat, bow tie. 3. RELATIONSHIP association, bond, tie-in, connection, kinship, friendship, liaison, affiliation. 4. DEADLOCK draw, standoff, *sudden death faceoff.
tie v. 1. FASTEN connect, knot, bind, link, catch, clip, string up, strap, cinch, lash, interface, moor, secure, tether, leash. 2. RESTRICT limit, stop, hinder, inhibit, hobble, check, bind, fetter. 3. MATCH up be dead even, *be neck and neck. ANT: 1. unfasten, untie, loose, release. 2. facilitate, free, liberate.
tier n. row, line, file, rank, echelon, grade, level, story, floor.
tie-up n. snag, gridlock, bottleneck, logjam, traffic jam, *snafu, stoppage.
tiff n. quarrel, argument, spat, fight, altercation, squabble, wrangle, run-in, clash, disagreement, *words, *row. ANT: peace, accord, arrangement of the minds.
tiger n. predator, *big cat, carnivore, hunter, stalker, saber-toothed tiger, jaguar, leopard.
tight a. 1. CLOSE snug, skintight, form-fitting, close-fitting, confined, cramped, taut, drawn. 2. FIXED secured, secure, set, made fast, immovable, firm, locked. 3. AIRTIGHT water-tight, sealed, plugged, secure, sound, hermetically sealed, impervious, impermeable, nonporous, leakproof. 4. RIGOROUS strict, stringent, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. STRINGENT, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. STRINGENT, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. STRINGENT, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. STRINGENT, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. 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tighten a. firm up, close up, fix, secure, lock up, tauten, tense, stretch, contract, squeeze, constrict, screw. ANT: loosen, slacken, unfasten.
tight-lipped a. silent, mute, taciturn, reserved, reticent, quiet, close-mouthed, secretive, mum. ANT: loquacious, talkative.
till n. cash box, cash drawer, cash tray, cash register.
till v. plow, harrow, cultivate, work, turn over, dig, hoe, spade, dress.
tilt n. incline, inclination, slant, slope, lean, pitch, grade, gradient, rake.
tilt v. tip, incline, slant, slope, lean, turn, upend, list, cant, angle.
timber n. 1. wood beam, joist, girder, rafter, pile, board, spar, log, lumber.
2. trees forest, woods, woodland, timberland.
timberland n. woodland, forest, stumppage.
timbre n. tone, pitch, voice.
time-honored a. classic, vintage, time-tested, venerable, respected, traditional. ANT. new-fangled, untested.
timeless a. eternal, neverending, everlasting, ageless, perpetual, immortal, immemorial, infinite, undying. ANT. temporary, passing, ephemeral.
timely a. opportune, well-timed, favorable, auspicious, convenient, fitting, propitious, seasonable. ANT. untimely, unfavorable, inopportune.
timewpiece n. clock, watch, sundial, hourglass, horologe.
timetabale n. schedule, chronology, timeline, plan.
timorous a. see timid	
tinderbox n. explosive situation, volatile situation, *hot spot, trouble spot, war zone, powder keg, time bomb, combustible situation.
tinge n. trace, touch, hint, suggestion, smattering, drop, tincture, shade, tint, color, coloring, tone, pigment.
tinge v. shade, color, tint, give a touch of, give a trace of, flavor, season.
tingle n. tickle, electrical sensation, sting, prickle, thrill.
tingle v. tickle, sting, prickle, crawl, creep, quiver.
tinker v. putter, fix, mend, doctor, fuss over, fiddle with, *monkey around with, *mess with, toy with, *diddle, fumble with.
tinkle n. ring, jingle, tinkle, tinkling, ding, tinni
ntinnabulation, plink, chime.
tinkle v. ring, jingle, tinkle, ding, jangle, tinni
ntinnabulation, plink, chime.
tinsel a. gaudy, showy, glittery, flashy, garish, ornate, tawdry, cheap. ANT. authentic, quality, valuable.
tint n. hue, tinge, shade, tone, color, cast, tinge, tincture, pigmentation, complexion, touch, trace, hint.
tinninabulation n. ringing, tinkling, jingling, jangling.
tip n. 1. information word to the wise, advice, pointer, *hot tip, suggestion, helpful hint, clue, warning, tip-off, inkling. 2. gratuity percentage, compensation, consideration. 3. point nib, head, top, peak, pinnacle, apex, summit, crown.
tip v. 1. compensate *take care of, pay, reward for service. 2. tilt incline, overturn, upend, capsize, upset, topple, lean, turn over, cant.
TIRADE n. [TYE rade] a long, scolding, or condemning speech. Before we knew it, he was launching into another tirade about faulty government policy. SYN. harangue, diatribe, lecture, denunciation, condemnation, *jeremiad, inquorate, vituperation, censure, *tongue-lashing, outburst.
tire v. 1. exhaust wear out, weary, fatigue, drain, *run out of juice, *run one’s battery down, enervate, *bush, *poop out, burn out, flag, fail. 2. get sick of lose interest, be bored with, lose patience with, lose fascination with. ANT. 1. energize, invigorate, revive. 2. interest, be fascinated with, stimulate.

ant. 1. energized, invigorated, revived, refreshed. 2. fascinated by, stimulated by.


tiresome a. wearisome, tiring, exhausting, fatiguing, arduous, demanding, wearing, strenuous, laborious, boring, dull, tedious, *humdrum, monotonous. ant. energizing, invigorating, stimulating.

tit n. Sl. teat, nipple, breast, *boob. see breast

titan n. giant, colossus, deity, Zeus, Prometheus.

titanic a. gigantic, colossal, gargantuan, towering, huge, massive, immense, enormous, Herculean, monstrous, Brobdingnagian. ant. tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian.

tithe v. levy. see tax

TITILLATE v. [TIT ɪl ɪ teɪt] to stimulate or arouse, excite. Rock videos are often designed to titillate. syn. stimulate, arouse, excite, *turn on, thrill, *stir one's blood, provoke, tantalize, seduce, *tickle one's fancy. ant. repulse, annoy.

title n. 1. name, appellation, epithet, designation, *moniker, nickname, *handle, cognomen, denomination. 2. heading, caption, legend, name, label, subtitle, inscription. 3. championship, crown, claim, right. 4. proof of ownership deed.

titter n. giggle, laugh, suppressed laugh, snicker, snigger, chuckle, cackle.

titter v. giggle, tee-hee, laugh under one's breath, snicker, snigger, chuckle, cackle.

tittle n. dot, particle, iota, speck, whit, jot, scintilla, mote, drop.

titular a. nominal, by name only, by title only, so-called, honorary, token, self-styled. ant. actual, real.


toast v. 1. salute drink to, honor, compliment, share a sentiment, raise one's glass to, hail. 2. brown bread, heat, warm.

toastmaster n. master of ceremonies, emcee, M.C., speaker, host, moderator.


WORD FIND
ash left in pipe after burning: dottle
box: humidor
chew: quid, plug
poor grade: shag
powder inhaled or chewed: snuff
smoke, aversion to the: misocapnia
smoke, one who has an aversion to the: misocapnist
stinky: mundungus

tocsin n. alarm, bell, warning.
toddle v. falter, totter, be unsteady on one's feet.
toddler n. baby, tot, child, preschooler, *rug rat, *holy terror. see baby
toehold n. foothold, footing, purchase.
toga n. robe, gown, garment, wrap.

togas

WORD FIND
belt formed by the twisted folds of: balteus
dark toga for mourning: toga pulla
purple toga with gold embroidery, worn by emperors, consuls: toga picta

together adv. 1. as one all at once, all at the same time, in unison, in concert, collectively, simultaneously, en masse, concurrently, *in sync, in tandem. 2. in succession consecutively, in a row, successively. ant. 1. singly, alone, separately. 2. randomly.
toil n. labor, work, grind, drudgery, *sweat of one's brow, exertion, struggle, pains, *elbow grease, slavery. **anse, **ease, **leisure, **relaxation.

tool v. work, labor, sweat, exert, struggle, slave, *break one's back, *bust one's hump, drudge, strain, *plug away, *knock oneself out, *drive oneself into the grave. **t, **take it easy, rest.


toolsome a. laborious, hard, arduous, difficult, backbreaking, strenuous, fatiguing, exhausting, wearing, demanding. **t, **simple, **effortless.

toke n. Sl. puff, *hit.

token n. 1. INDICATION sign, evidence, mark, expression, manifestation, testimony, testament, symbol. 2. KEEPSAKE souvenir, memento, reminder.

tolerable a. 1. ENDURABLE sufferable, bearable. 2. FAIR passable, acceptable, all right, okay, good enough, *so-so, *not bad, mediocre, middling, adequate, sufficient, satisfactory. **1. intolerable, unbearable. 2. excellent, first-rate, unacceptable, unacceptable.

tolerance n. 1. ACCEPTANCE understanding, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, grace, sensitivity, liberal-mindedness, magnanimity, goodwill, lack of prejudice, sympathy, receptivity, indulgence. 2. ENDURANCE strength, mental toughness, stamina, stoicism, suffering, grit, fortitude. **1. prejudice, bigotry, intolerance. 2. weakness.

tolerant a. accepting, understanding, open-minded, broad-minded, gracious, sensitive, liberal-minded, magnanimous, sympathetic, receptive, indulgent, unprejudiced. **reject, **prejudiced, **bigoted, **intolerant.

tolerate v. 1. ACCEPT understand, recognize, respect, be open-minded toward, be broad-minded toward, be sensitive toward, be liberal-minded toward, indulge. 2. ALLOW permit, put up with, look the other way, let go, condone, bear, stand for, be lenient, indulge. 3. ENDURE bear, suffer through, stand, put up with, take, *tough out, *stomach, *sit still for. **1. reject, be intolerant, **disapprove.

prohibit, forbid, prescribe. 3. collapse, *cave in, *lose it.

toll n. tax, charge, fee, user fee, levy, tariff, assessment, duty, impost, dues. **MONEY

toll v. ring, sound, strike, clang, chime, peal, knell, announce, summon, signal.

tomb n. vault, chamber, grave, crypt, mausoleum, sepulchre, catacomb, ossuary, cenotaph, monument. see CEMETERY

tomboy n. hoyden, gamine, *one of the boys.

tombstone n. gravestone, headstone, monument, stele, grave marker. see CEMETERY


ton n. load, truckload, mass, huge amount, pile, two thousand pounds, short ton, long ton.

tone n. 1. PITCH intonation, sound, note, modulation, voice, frequency, timbre. 2. ATTITUDE spirit, quality, mood, tenor, air, mode, manner. 3. SHADE hue, color, tint, tinge, cast.

tone down v. quiet down, moderate, temper, soften, mute, dampen.

tongs n. pincers, clamp, forceps, *graspers.

tongue n. language, dialect, speech, talk, vernacular, idiom, lingo, parlance, native tongue, jargon, slang, argot, articulation. "A wild beast; once let loose it is difficult to chain."—Baltasar Gracian. "The only edged tool that grows keener with constant use."—Washington Irving.

tongue-in-cheek a. jokingly, kiddingly, in jest, in fun, ironic, insincere, facetiously. **sincere, serious.


tony a. Sl. stylish, fashionable, luxurious, chic. **frumpy, **cheap.

too adj. 1. ALSO as well, additionally, likewise, to boot, furthermore, besides, moreover. 2. **EXCESSIVELY in excess, unduly, beyond, extremely, inordinately.

tool n. 1. IMPLEMENT instrument, utensil, gadget, labor-saving device, apparatus, mechanism, machine, contraption, contrivance,
WORD FIND

SAWS
band, saw comprised of rotating, toothed: band saw
chained blade: chain saw

circular saw, stationary: buzz saw, bench saw
curve-cutting, electrical saw: jigsaw, saber saw
curve-cutting handsaw: compass saw, keyhole saw, coping saw
curving ornamentation, cuts: scroll saw
grain, cuts across: crosscut saw
grain, cuts with: ripsaw
hand-powered saw used with sawbuck: bucksaw
hole-cutting saw: dial saw
Japanese craftsman’s hatchetlike saw for cutting dovetails: dozuki
Japanese craftsman’s saw with dual-edged blade that cuts on the pull stroke: ryoba
metal-cutting: hacksaw
miter-cutting circular saw: miter saw
miter-cutting guide: miter box
shallow-cutting or veneer-cutting saw: veneer saw
stationary, electrical saw with mobile blade-holding arm: radial arm saw
two-person hand-powered saw for cutting timbers: whipsaw
wire coated with tungsten carbide, used by campers: pocket saw

KNIVES, PIERCERS, CARVERS, CUTTERS
axlike tool for trimming wood: adz
brush or sugar-cane cutter: machete
fabric-cutting shears: pinking shears
glass-cutting device: glass-cutter
grain-cutter with short, curving blade: sickle
grass-cutter with long, curving blade: scythe
hole-piercer, esp. for leather: awl
metal shears: tin snips, hawk’s bill snips
pencillike precision knife for cutting light material: precision knife, *Xacto knife
pipe-cutting tool: pipe cutter
pole with hook on end, used by lumberjacks: pickax
retractable blade, hollow handle with multiple-uses: utility knife
wedgelike tool that is hammered: chisel
wire-cutting pliers: wire cutter

SHARPENERS, SHAVERS, SMOOTHERS
abrader: file, rasp
gouger: router
planing tool: bullnose plane, chamfering plane, planer, spoke shave
polisher: buffer
sander: belt sander, disk sander
stone for sharpening blades: whetstone
wood-turning machine used to cut, plane, and shape: lathe

HAMMERS AND NAIL-PULLERS
automatic, mechanical nail-driver: nail gun
brad driver: brad pusher
clawed, nail-pulling hammer: claw hammer
claws, hammer with straight: rip hammer
hammer with rounded instead of clawed back: ball peen hammer, machinist’s hammer
long- or short-handled hammer with very heavy metal head: sledgehammer
mallet filled with shot to prevent rebounding: deadblow hammer
nail-pulling steel bar resembling crowbar: cat’s paw
sledgehammer, small: engineer’s hammer
sledgehammer, sometimes having one ax edge: maul
square or cylindrical head made of wood or rubber, hammer with: mallet
tack driver, magnetized: tack hammer
WRENCHES AND PLIERS
adjustable jaws, pliers with: slip-joint pliers, tongue-and-groove pliers
adjustable jaws, steel wrench with: adjustable wrench, *crescent wrench
clamping pliers: locking pliers, *Vise-Grips
English term for wrench: spanner
L-shaped, hexagonal rod: allen wrench, hex key
lug nut tightenner, loosener: lug wrench
needle-nosed pliers for manipulating wire: long-nose pliers
open jaws on one end and closed, toothed ring on the other, wrench with: combination wrench
oversized nuts, large-mouthed wrench used to turn: spud wrench
pipe-turning wrench equipped with power-assisting chain: chain wrench, pipe wrench
plumber’s flat bar with varied openings down its length: faucet spanner

plumber's heavy adjustable wrench: monkey wrench, pipe wrench
ratcheting wrench with variable socket fittings: socket wrench
screwdriver-like wrench for turning nuts and bolts in tight spaces: nut driver
toothed rings for tightening or loosening nuts, wrench with: box wrench
wire-manipulating pliers: lineman’s pliers, electrician’s pliers, long-nose pliers, fence pliers

SCREWDRIVERS
crisscross driving head, screwdriver with: Phillips head screwdriver
powered screwdriver: screw gun
ratcheting screwdriver turned by pushing down on handle: return spiral ratchet
short screwdriver: *stubby
S-shaped tool that is cranked for use in tight spaces: offset screwdriver, cranked screwdriver

DRILL AND RELATED TOOLS
bit-holder: chuck
borer: auger, trepan, gimlet
drilling part, variable sized: bit
hand-cranked drill: eggbeater
hole enlarger: reamer
stationary power drill: drill press

**top**
a. highest, uppermost, topmost, leading, chief, dominant, greatest, best, paramount, highest-ranking, capital, most important, supreme, foremost, preeminent. _ANT._ bottom, lowest, worst.

**top-drawer** a. first-rate, first-class, excellent, the best. _ANT._ mediocre, second-rate.

**top hat** n. gibus, stovepipe hat.

**topic** n. subject, subject matter, point of discussion, issue, question, material, theme, problem, text, business, thesis.

topical a. current, contemporary, in the news, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, popular, local, provincial. _ANT._ out-of-date, yesterday’s news.

**top-level** a. high-echelon, top-ranking, ranking, chief, leading. _ANT._ low-level, minor.

**top-notch** a. first-rate, first-class, top-drawer, excellent, the best, supreme, the greatest, A-1, *blue-chip. _ANT._ the worst, poor, low.

topple v. fall, totter, pitch, collapse, tip over, founder, overturn, tumble, knock over, upset, knock down, bring down, overthrow, vanquish, unseat, unhorse.

tops a. see top-notch


torch n. light, flambeau, taper, firebrand, beacon.

torture n. suffering, pain, torture, anguish, agony, distress, misery, hell, irritation, trouble, plague, rack, scourge.

torture v. torture, punish, hurt, agonize, abuse, distress, trouble, bother, pain, irritate, bully, hurt, persecute, harass, aggravate, *drive crazy, plague, hector.

torn a. 1. ripped, cut, slashed, slit, lacerated, ragged, rent, split. 2. divided, undecided, of two minds, *on the fence.

tornado n. twister, vortex, whirlwind, funnel cloud, cyclone, windstorm, tempest.

**WORD FIND**
companion whirling around larger one, smaller: satellite
desert look-alike, only smaller and harmless: dust devil
dissipating and wisping out, slang for: roping out
long, sinuous, and sideways: elephant trunk tornado
midwestern hotspot from Texas to North Dakota: tornado alley
scale of destructive force: Fujita scale
super wide type: wedge tornado, stovepipe
thunderstorm spawner: super cell
water, forms over: waterspout

**torpid** a. dormant, sluggish, slow, inert, motionless, hibernating, unmoving, lethargic, languid, listless, phlegmatic, lazy, dull, apathetic. **ant.** active, lively, energetic.

**TORPOR** n. [TOR pur] a state of inactivity or sluggishness. *The oppressive heat caused widespread torpor.* **syn.** inactivity, dormancy, inertia, sluggishness, slothfulness, deadness, lifelessness, languor, listlessness, *the blahs, drowsiness, laziness, apathy. **ant.** liveliness, pep, vigor.

**torrent** n. flood, rush, stream, deluge, gush, white water, rapids, waterfall, cataract, cascade, overflow, tsunami, outpouring, downpour, cloudburst, spate.

**torrential** a. flooding, rushing, streaming, gushing, cascading, overflowing, drowning, swamping, violent. **ant.** gentle, leisurely.

**TORRID** a. [TOR id] scorching hot. Also, highly passionate or ardent. *She was having a torrid love affair with her boss.* **syn.** *hot, red hot, white hot, scorching hot, blazing, blistering, burning, flaming, sizzling, sweltering, boiling, broiling, passionate, ardent, lustful, amorous, sexually charged, sexual, erotic. **ant.** icy, cold, frigid, wintry.

**torsion** n. twisting, turning, torque, stress, strain.

**tortuous** a. 1. WINDING twisted, twisting, sinuous, crooked, serpentine, zigzagging, curvy, meandering, labyrinthine, involute, convoluted. 2. DEVIOUS tricky, deceitful, deceptive, dishonest, misleading, indirect. **ant.** 1. straight, direct. 2. straightforward, honest, forthright.

**torture** n. agony, torment, suffering, pain, anguish, hell, crucifixion, persecution, excruciation, punishment, abuse, misery, distress, trial, tribulation, rack, third degree. see **punishment**

**WORD FIND**
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**banned forms of punishment:** cruel and unusual
**dis-locator, arm:** strappado
electrically charged wand hooked to car battery: picana

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**international treaty banning torture of prisoners of war:** Third Geneva Convention
iron bed to determine whether to stretch victim or cut off legs, used length of: Procrustes
iron shackle in which one bending over would force out blood from the nose: scavenger’s daughter
iron cabinet in which one was stabbed through holes: iron maiden
keel, dragging sailor under barnacle-covered: keelhauling
London prison famous for its torture chamber: Tower of London
muzzle-like device that stabbed the tongue if wearer spoke: scold’s bridle
partial hanging, disemboweling, burning, then decapitation: drawn and quartered
pitchfork-like device with prongs stuck in the neck: heretic’s fork
psychological simulation of impending execution: mock execution
scraping the skin with pincers: forcipation
wagon wheel on which victim is tied and beaten: breaking wheel
water consumption, forced excess: water ingestion
water poured over mouth to simulate drowning: waterboarding
wooden frame with roller for stretching: rack

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**torture** v. torment, pain, hurt, put through hell, crucify, persecute, punish, abuse, distress, agonize, mistreat, afflict, exercuciate, rack, *work over, *make one cry uncle.

**toss** n. throw, pitch, lob, cast, chuck, fling, heave, flip, pass.

**toss** v. throw, pitch, lob, cast, chuck, fling, heave, flip, pass.

**tot** n. child, toddler, preschooler, baby, infant, *rugrat.

**total** n. whole, sum, entirety, totality, bulk, amount, aggregate.

**total** v. add up, tote, number, figure, sum up, count, compute, calculate, reckon.

**total** a. complete, whole, entire, thorough, comprehensive, *A–Z, thoroughgoing, all-inclusive, combined, full, absolute, unconditional, unqualified, unmitigated, all-out. **ant.** partial, limited, incomplete, qualified.
TOTALITARIAN a. [to TAL uh TAIR ee un] authoritarian, autocratic, controlled by only one party or group. They suffered under a totalitarian regime. SYN. authoritarian, autocratic, fascist, dictatorial, tyrannical, monolithic, despotic, undemocratic, Nazi. ANT. democratic.
totally adv. completely, entirely, wholly, comprehensively, fully, utterly, absolutely, thoroughly, unconditionally. ANT. partially, slightly.
tote v. carry, haul, lug, transfer, convey, \*schlep, transport.
totter v. falter, rock, stagger, wobble, topple, lurch, shake, stumble, sway, waver, reel.
touch n. 1. contact feel, stroke, pat, kiss, caress, tap, fingering. 2. sense of touch feel, tactile sense, tactility, sensation. 3. texture feel, grain, surface. 4. skill technique, way, sensitivity, finesse, art, flair. 5. trace hint, suggestion, slight amount, tinge. 6. communication contact.
touch v. 1. feel finger, handle, stroke, pat, caress, palpate, fondle, paw, palm, massage. 2. bring into contact strike, brush, tap, hit, graze, bump into, come up against. 3. adjoin border on, abut, join, meet, converge, impinge upon. 4. affect move, \*pluck at one's heartstrings, \*strike a chord, make an impression, influence, arouse, excite, stimulate, stir one's soul, \*hit home, \*strike a nerve, disturb. 5. regard bear upon, have to do with, involve, deal with, concern, pertain to. 6. compare with equal, rival, \*hold a candle to, \*be in the same league, match, \*be on a par with.
touched a. 1. moved affected, stirred, impressed, shaken, disturbed, softened. 2. demented unbalanced, unstable, crazy, \*nuts, insane, cuckoo, non compos mentis, mentally ill, mad, deranged. ANT. 1. unaffected, stony. 2. sane, competent.
touching a. moving, affecting, heartwarming, soul-stirring, \*heavy, disturbing, heart-breaking, heartrending, poignant, tear-jerking, pitiful, pitiable, arousing emotions. ANT. unemotional.
touchstone n. [TUCH stone] any measure or test for worth or genuineness, a standard. His masterpiece was the touchstone against which all others were judged. SYN. measure, standard, yardstick, benchmark, gauge, criterion, test, acid test, ideal, model.
touchy a. 1. irritable oversensitive, ultra-sensitive, hypersensitive, easily offended, grouchy, testy, grumpy, cranky, petulant, moody, churlish, thin-skinned, temperamental. 2. risky ticklish, delicate, prickly, precarious, sensitive, tricky, \*dicey, touch-and-go. ANT. 1. easygoing, imperturbable, thick-skinned. 2. safe.
tough n. \*tough guy, bully, \*roughneck, \*puck, thug, hoodlum, ruffian, hooligan, \*goon.
tough a. 1. strong pliable, \*tough as shoe leather, unbreakable, \*tough as nails, rugged, hardened, durable, enduring, sound, firm, vigorous, solid, conditioned, fit, hardy, brawny, strapping, muscular, Herculean, burly, robust. 2. chewy uncooked, stringy, leathery, gristy, \*tough as shoe leather. 3. stubborn obstinate, unyielding, inflexible, \*hard-nosed, headstrong, firm, adamant, unbending, resolute, strict, severe, rough, bullheaded. 4. hard demanding, difficult, troublesome, vigorous, laborious, toilsome, brutal, harsh, rough, trying, formidable, complicated, complex, violent. ANT. 1. weak, soft, fragile, breakable. 2. softened, tender, tenderized, cooked. 3. yielding, acquiescent, irresolute. 4. easy, undemanding, simple.
toughen v. harden, temper, anneal, season, strengthen, inure, steel, fortify, acclimate. ANT. weaken, enfeeble.
tough-minded a. realistic, practical, unsentimental, \*hard-nosed. ANT. weak, mawkish.
toupee n. wig, \*rug, hairpiece, peruke.
tour n. 1. shift turn, stint, spell, stretch, period. 2. trip sight-seeing expedition, journey, cruise, voyage, excursion, junket, jaunt, expedition, itinerary, grand tour.
tour v. visit, sightsee, travel, journey, take a trip, go on the road, \*globetrot, cruise, voyage, take a junket, go on an excursion, explore, \*barnstorm.
TOUR DE FORCE n. [tour de FORS] a feat of exceptional skill, talent, or strength, a spectacular achievement. The critics called his latest book a tour de force. SYN. spectacular achievement, feat of strength, feat of great skill, grand achievement, accomplishment, masterpiece, masterwork, chef d'oeuvre.
tourist n. traveler, visitor, sightseer, \*globe-trotter, wayfarer, day-tripper, jet-setter, \*rubber-necker.
tournament n. contest, tourney, competition, duel, meet, match, sporting event, joust, tilt.
tousled v. mussed up, messed up, disarranged, tangled, entangled, disheveled, rumpled, unkempt, uncombed, ungroomed.
tout v. 1. recommend puff, ballyhoo, praise, \*talk up, brag about, extol, \*hype, idealize,
exaggerate, *plug, acclaim, promote. 2. so-licit peddle, *drum up business, hawk, vend, pitch. ANt. 1. condemn, denigrate, *badmouth.

tout de suite adv. at once, immediately, right away, pronto, without delay, now. ANt. eventually, in the future.
tow v. pull, drag, haul, lug, transport, yank, trawl.
toward prep. in the direction of, facing.
towel n. wipe, hand cloth, wash cloth.
tower n. 1. tall building skyscraper, high-rise, spire, monolith, obelisk, belfry, steeple, minaret, belflower. 2. fortress castle, prison, dungeon, donjon, keep, bastille.
tower v. rise over, soar, overshadow, eclipse, loom, *stand head and shoulders above, ascend.
towering a. 1. high tall, skyscraping, *cloud-puncturing, *cloud-kissing, sky high, lofty, soaring, airy, Titanic, gigantic. 2. great huge, intense, powerful, extraordinary, massive, extreme, tremendous, stupendous, unrivaled, unmatched, unequaled, *head and shoulders above. ANt. 1. low, short, stubby. 2. insignificant, small, trivial.
town n. village, settlement, hamlet, community, township, whistletop, municipality, city, burg. "Where there is no place to go where you shouldn't be."—Alexander Woollcott.
toxic a. poisonous, unhealthy, harmful, noxious, deadly, lethal, fatal, noxious, venemous, virulent. ANt. nontoxic, harmless, healthy.
toxin n. poison, noxious substance, venom, virus, pathogen, contaminant, botulism, hemlock, deadly nightshade.
toy n. plaything, game, doll, ball, teddy bear, bauble, trinket.
toy v. play with, entertain oneself with, trifle, dally.
toy a. miniature, dwarf, pygmy, small-scale. ANt. huge, giant.
trace n. touch, hint, tinge, suggestion, shade, suspicion, taste, whiff, vestige, evidence, pinch, breath, drop, speck.
trace v. 1. trail track, follow, search for, shadow. 2. ascertain dig up, root out, investigate, discover, unearth. 3. draw over duplicate, copy, sketch, delineate.
track n. 1. print footprint, tread, imprint, trail, spoor, mark. 2. course race course, roadway, railway, path, walkway, passage.
track record n. history, statistics, *stats, performance history.
track n. 1. expand stretch, acreage, parcel, lot, area, extent, real estate, plot, spread, land. 2. pamphlet booklet, brochure, leaflet, study, sermon, propaganda.
tractable a. obedient, docile, manageable, compliant, controllable, tame, submissive, yielding, meek, plant, malleable. ANt. intractable, disobedient, wild, unmanageable.
traction n. grip, adherence, adhesion, *bite, purchase, hold, pulling, drawing.
tractor-trailer n. truck, *semi, trailer truck, eighteen wheeler.
trade n. 1. line of work occupation, business, profession, vocation, job, metier, craft, skill, employment, calling. 2. buying and selling commerce, marketing, exchange, merchandising, mercantilism, barter, interchange, transaction. 3. customers clientele, patrons.
trade v. 1. swap exchange, barter, switch, interchange. 2. do business with buy and sell, deal, transact, patronize, shop.
trademark n. symbol, brand, label, logo, logotype, identification, insignia, colophon.
trader n. merchant, monger, buyer and seller, dealer, retailer, trafficker, vendor, hawk, peddler, business person.
trade secret n. proprietary knowledge.
tradition n. custom, practice, convention, habit, unwritten law, institution, observance, ritual, belief, folklore, lore, *generational hand-down. "What you resort to when you don't have the time or the money to do it right."—Kurt Adler.
traditional a. customary, conventional, habitual, handed down, established, practiced, institutional, accustomed, fixed, classic, orthodox, time-honored, familial, historic. ANt. new, untried, unconventional.
traduce v. vilify, defame, slander, malign, slur, cast aspersions on, smear, libel, denigrate, *bad-mouth, calumniate, *drag one's name through the mud. ANt. praise, extol, honor.
traffic n. 1. vehicular movement congestion, *bottleneck, jam, gridlock, *bumper-to-bumper traffic, rush hour, transportation, movement, commuters, travelers. 2. buying and selling trade, commerce, merchandising, marketing, exchange, business, barter, smuggling, black marketing, transactions.
traffic v. buy, sell, trade, merchandise, market, exchange, do business in, deal in, peddle, smuggle, sell on the black market, *bootleg.
tragedy n. 1. misfortune disaster, catastrophe, adversity, calamity, blow, heartbreaker, bad luck, hardship, shock, reversal. "The

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difference between what is and what might have been.”—Alfred North Whitehead. 2. TRAGIC PLAY drama, melodrama. ANT. 1. blessing, good fortune, boon. 2. comedy.

tragic a. disastrous, unfortunate, catastrophic, calamitous, sad, heartbreaking, unlucky, shocking, unhappy, crushing, dreadful, terrible, grievous, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, horrible. ANT. blessed, good, wonderful, fortunate.

trail n. 1. PATH pathway, footpath, track, beaten track, footprints, bridle path, course, rut, trace. 2. SPOOR scent, markings, telltale.

trail v. 1. DRAG BEHIND haul, tow, pull, train. 2. FOLLOW track, shadow, hunt down, *dog, stalk, sniff out. 3. HANG dangle, depend. 4. LAG BEHIND bring up the rear, fall back, drop behind. ANT. 4. lead, head.

train n. 1. RAILROAD TRANSPORT *choo-choo, steam train, locomotive, monorail, subway, el, maglev train, express. SEE RAILROAD 2. PROCESSION caravan, line, cortège, retinue, following, cavalcade, parade, entourage, series, chain.

train v. 1. PREPARE school, drill, educate, teach, coach, qualify, instruct, discipline, practice, condition, work out, get in shape. 2. AIM draw a bead on, point, level, sight.

trainee n. apprentice, student, pupil, novice, learner.

trainer n. coach, instructor, teacher, mentor, manager, handler.

training n. preparation, schooling, drilling, education, teaching, coaching, qualification, instruction, discipline, practice, conditioning, workout, exercise.

trajjipse v. walk, wander, tramp, roam, gad, rove, ramble, meander, walk aimlessly.

trait n. characteristic, quality, attribute, distinguishing feature, idiosyncrasy, quirk, property, hallmark, trademark.


trajectory n. course, path, track, flight, arc, curve, orbit.

tram n. rail car, streetcar, trolley.

trammel v. restrain, shackle, restrict, constrain, confine, impede, hinder, obstruct, fetter.

tramp n. 1. HOBO vagrant, transient, *bum, vagabond, derelict, street person, homeless person, panhandler, beggar. 2. HIKE OR MARCH walk, trek, expedition, traipse.

tramp v. stamp, tread, trudge, plod, stump, slog, hike, march, wander, travel, ramble, trek, traipse.

trample v. stamp on, crush, walk on, tread on, tramp, flatten, run over, stamp, squash.

trance n. hypnotic state, altered state of consciousness, daze, stupor, spell, glaze, transfixed state, dream state, abstraction, reverie.

trivial a. calm, peaceful, serene, quiet, still, relaxed, sedate, motionless, unmoving, halcyon, untroubled, restful. ANT. wild, noisy, troubled, uproarious.

tranquility n. serenity, calm, peace, peacefulness, quiet, stillness, relaxation, sedation, motionlessness, restfulness. ANT. wildness, agitation, uproar.

tranquillize v. sedate, calm, quiet, relax, hush, pacify, soothe, put to sleep, *settle one’s nerves. ANT. agitate, stir up, stress out.

transact v. carry out, carry on, perform, make a deal, execute, accomplish, do, discharge, prosecute, take care of, handle.

transaction n. deal, agreement, bargaining, contract, buy, sale, business, arrangement, performance, operation, enterprise.

TRANSCEND v. [TRAN SEND] to exceed, surpass, or go beyond. The event transcended expectations. SYN. exceed, surpass, go beyond, outdo, pass, go above and beyond, excel, eclipse, top, outshine, outdistance, outperform.

TRANSCENDENTAL a. [TRAN sen DENT ul] beyond human experience, supernatural, spiritual. Also, excelling, surpassing. Deep meditation brings him transcendental experiences. SYN. 1. SUPERNATURAL spiritual, otherworldly, mystical, intangible, preternatural, metaphysical, abstract. 2. EXCELling surpassing, extraordinary, supreme, unsurpassed, unrivaled, unequalled, incomparable, superior. ANT. 1. worldly, earthly, physical, tangible. 2. common, ordinary.

transcribe v. write out, type out, type up, record, copy, transfer, translate, transliterate, decipher shorthand.

transcriber n. stenographer.

transcript n. copy, written copy, typed copy, printed copy, translation, transcription, recording, transliteration.
transcription n. see transcript

transfer n. transference, transferal, transposition, repositioning, relocation, move, transplant, displacement, transportation, conveyance.

transient adj. transitory, transition, transit, transitory

transfix v. 1. hold one’s attention put in a trance, spellbind, hypnotize, mesmerize, fascinate, absorb, enchant, paralyze, rivet, freeze. 2. impale pierce, nail, spike, skewer, lance, spear.

transform v. change, convert, metamorphose, transmute, alter, remodel, “do a chameleon, transmogrify, mutate, switch, “change one’s spots, reinvent.

transformation n. change, conversion, metamorphosis, transmutation, alteration, remodeling, “a chameleon, transmogrification, mutation, transfiguration, metastasis.

transfuse v. transfer, infuse, permeate, instill, imbue.

TRANSGRESSION n. [trans GRESS un] sin, a breaking of the law, The courts will not forgive major transgressions. SYN. sin, crime, offense, violation, felony, evil, disobedience, trespassing, infringement, infraction, misdemeanor, wrong, breach.

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transplant n. graft, donor organ.

transplant v. 1. graft transfer, relocate. 2. replant repot, uproot, transfer, relocate. 3. move resettle, relocate, transfer, remove.

transport n. 1. transportation transporting, conveyance, movement, carrying, transit,

**transport** v. 1. CARRY convey, move, ship, haul, truck, deliver, send, cart, transfer, run, lug, *tote, relay. 2. ENRAPTURE fill with joy, overjoy, carry away, make ecstatic, entrance, thrill, enthral, make euphoric, bewitch, charm. ANT. 2. depress, fill with melancholy.

**transportation** n. transport, conveyance, carrying, carriage, transit, transferal, movement, shipment, hauling, trucking, flight, delivery.

**transported** a. enraptured, overjoyed, filled with joy, carried away, ecstatic, euphoric, blissful, entranced, enthralled, *in seventh heaven, *on cloud nine, experiencing nirvana. ANT. depressed, melancholic, miserable.

**transpose** v. interchange, reverse, exchange, switch, change places, swap places, *flip-flop, commute, transfer.

**transsexual** n. epicene, transvestite, cross-dresser.

**transverse** a. crosswise, athwart, crossed, cross, horizontal, diagonal, oblique. ANT. vertical.

**transvestite** n. cross-dresser, *drag queen, fetishist, transsexual.

**trap** n. snare, pitfall, deadfall, *booby trap, spring trap, net, ploy, trick, artifice, ambush, bait, lure, hook, deception, machination, stratagem, ruse, decoy, blind.

**tray** n. holder, receptacle, platter, salver, server, serving plate.


**transverse** a. crosswise, athwart, crossed, cross, horizontal, diagonal, oblique. ANT. vertical.

**two-bit, *schlocky. ANT. worthy, meritorious, quality.

**trauma** n. shock, blow, injury, wound, jolt, bombshell, upset, *emotional minefield, ordeal, stress.

**traumatic** a. shocking, injurious, physically wounding, psychologically wounding, upsetting, disturbing, stressful, horrifying, deeply emotional, scarring, damaging. ANT. reassuring, comforting.


**travel** n. traveling, journeying, touring, transit, voyaging, cruising, globe-trotting, sight-seeing, day-tripping, riding, flying, passage, excursion, trek, jaunt. "A fool's paradise."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "An experience we shall always remember, or an experience which, alas, we shall never forget."—Julius Gordon.

**traveler** n. tourist, journeyer, voyager, sailor, cruiser, globe-trotter, sightseer, day-tripper, rider, flyer, *frequent flyer, explorer, rambler, roamer, wayfarer, vagabond.

**traverse** v. 1. cross pass over, go over, travel over, cut across, span, bridge, intersect, bisect. 2. oppose thwart, hinder, impede, obstruct, check, foil, frustrate.

**TRAVESTY** n. [TRAV is tee] a farce, an absurd caricature or imitation. The bungled murder trial was a travesty of justice. SYN. farce, imitation, poor imitation, caricature, mockery, parody, burlesque, spoof, mimicking, perversion.

**travesty** v. imitate, caricature, mock, parody, burlesque, mimic, lampoon, ridicule, perversion.

**trawl** n. net, dragnet, line.

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treacherous adj. 1. DISLOYAL traitorous, backstabbing, untrue, unfaithful, duplicitous, two-faced, Janus-faced, perfidious, treasonous, "like a snake in the grass." 2. UNRELIABLE untrustworthy, insecure, hazardous, slippery, precarious, dangerous, unsafe, unstable, shaky. ANT. loyal, true, faithful.

treachery n. disloyalty, traitorous behavior, "stab in the back, backstabbing, perfidy, duplicity, double-dealing, treason, infidelity, "double-cross, "two-timing. ANT. loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity.

treacle n. syrup, molasses.

tread v. 1. WALK OR WALK ON TROD, trample, tramp, march, trudge, step on, plod, hoof, stride, stomp, stamp, crush. 2. OPPRESS subdued, crush, trample, suppress, "jackboot into submission, subjugate.

treason n. betrayal, sedition, subversion, disloyalty, treachery, stab in the back, insubordination, rebellion, revolt. ANT. loyalty, patriotism, faithfulness.

treasonous adj. betraying, traitorous, seditious, subversive, disloyal, treacherous, "backstabbing, insubordinate, rebellious, mutinous. ANT. loyal, patriotic, faithful.

treasure n. 1. WEALTH riches, money and jewels, fortune, hoard, pirate's hoard, miser's hoard, "tidy bundle, treasure-trove, king's ransom. 2. VALUABLE THING OR PERSON gem, jewel, pearl, rarity, prized possession, prize, "find, "pride and joy.

treasure v. cherish, prize, value, appreciate, adore, love, esteem, hold dear, regard highly. ANT. dislike, hold in contempt, disdain.

treasure-trove n. See TreaSURE.

treasurer n. bursar, purser, controller, banker, clerk.

treasury n. 1. BANK vault, coffer, depository, repository, safe, strongbox, safe deposit box, thesaurus. 2. FUNDS revenue, savings, assets, money, reserve.

treat n. rare pleasure, rare delight, special favor or gift to oneself or another, a special joy, a welcome change, goody, tidbit, indulgence, extravagance. ANT. "same old same old, "the usual.

treat v. 1. ACT OR BEHAVE TOWARD use, deal with, handle, look upon, manage, react toward, relate to. 2. DOCTOR nurse, tend to, mend, fix, care for, minister, prescribe, remedy, heal, medicate, dress, bandage. 3. DISCUSS cover, talk about, write about, examine, go over, consider, touch upon, review.

4. PICK UP THE TAB FOR ANOTHER pay for, cover, "spring for, pick up the check, foot the bill.


treatment n. 1. HANDLING behavior towards, dealing, usage, processing, management, conduct toward, manner toward. 2. MEDICAL care, doctoring, nursing, prescription, remedy, medication, cure, therapy, therapeutics, regimen.

treaty n. agreement, contract, pact, entente, covenant, compact, deal, alliance, arrangement, mutual understanding, suspension of hostilities, cease-fire.

treble adj. high-pitched, shrill, soprano. ANT. bass.

tree n. hardwood tree, softwood tree, conifer, evergreen, shrub, sapling, timber, acacia, alder, apple, aspen, balsam, banyan, bayberry, beech, birch, breadfruit, butter- nut, cacao, camphor tree, cashew, cedar, cherry, chestnut, chinaberry, cinnamon, clove, coconut, cottonwood, cypress, date palm, dogwood, ebony, elder, elm, eucalyptus, fig, fir, frankincense, gingko, grapefruit, guava, gum, hawthorn, hazelnut, hemlock, hickory, holly, hornbeam, ironwood, juniper, larch, laurel, lemon, lime, linden, locust, magnolia, mahogany, mango, mangrove, maple, mimosa, mountain ash, mulberry, nutmeg, oak, olive, orange, palm, papaw, papaya, peach, pear, pecan, persimmon, pine, pistachio, plum, pomegranate, poplar, redwood, rosewood, sandalwood, sassafras, satinwood, sequoia, spruce, sycamore, tamarack, tamarind, tangerine, teak, tulip oak, walnut, willow, witch hazel, yew. SEE JUNGLE, FOREST.
growth rings to determine past climate, study of: dendrochronology
leaf-shedding: deciduous
pertaining to: arboreal
pitch hole: pitch pocket
region, trees of a: sylva
ring marking past location of branch, tough: knot
goals of trunk from which age can be determined: growth rings
root, central: taproot
rope and thread, inner bark used in: bast
rotting leaves and debris collected under a tree: litter
sap or resin, excretes: gland
secretion: resin, sap
shady recess created by boughs: bower
tumor in which insect lives: gall
twisted: gnarled
trunk in which insect lives: gall
twisted: gnarled
uppermost story of leaves: canopy, crown
walk, tree-bordered: alameda
wartlike protuberance: burl
wind, knocked over by or off by wind: windfall, windthrow
wind, line of trees planted to check: windbreak
wood between bark and heartwood: sapwood


TREPIDATION n. [trep uh DA shun] anxiety, fear, trembling. We approached the haunted house with trepidation. SYN. anxiety, fear, apprehension, uneasiness, nervousness, worry, dread, misgiving, cold sweat, fright, panic, terror, butterflies, *cold feet, consternation. ANT. calm, composure, *nerves of steel.

trespass n. 1. ENCROACHMENT overstepping of bounds, infringement, invasion, intrusion, incursion, *offsides. 2. TRANSGRESSION offense, violation, wrong, sin, misdeed, crime, criminal act, felony.
trespass v. 1. ENCROACH overstep one's bounds, enter unlawfully, invade, infringe, intrude, *gate-crash. 2. VIOLATE offend, commit a wrong, commit a sin, sin, commit a crime, break the law, transgress, misbehave.
tress n. lock of hair, plait, braid, ringlet, hank.
triad n. trinity, trio, threesome.
trial n. 1. TRYOUT test, try, run, dry run, check, experiment, venture, *shot, *crack, *go, ex-
tribulation n. misery, distress, suffering, anguish, woe, affliction, misfortune, pain, grief, hardship, trouble, adversity, tragedy, ordeal, burden. **ant. pleasure, good fortune, joy.**

tribunal n. court, judiciary, forum, bench, bar.

tributary n. branch, fork, feeder, stream, brook.

tribute n. gift, testimonial, gift of praise, acclamation, recognition, acknowledgement.

tribe n. clan, family, group, ethnic group, race, kin, stock, *blood brothers, dynasty, community.


trigger n. impulse, spark, impetus, goad, spur.

trigger v. set off, initiate, spark, fire, goad, spur, touch off, cause, generate, launch, trip. **ant. dampen, inhibit, stop.**

trial n. 1. test, clinical trial, *double blind, qualifying run. 2. hardship tribulation, test of one's mettle, trial by fire, ordeal, travail, torment, torture, trouble, difficulty, distress, adversity, misfortune, hard times, suffering, grief, *cross to bear. 3. court proceeding legal proceeding, hearing, inquisition, jury trial, court case, suit, lawsuit, litigation, action, examination, arraignment, prosecution.

trial a. testing, experimental, tryout, observational, exploratory, probationary, pilot, tentative, provisional, preliminary, *watch and see.

trialballoon n. steam test, clinical trial, *double blind, qualifying run. 2. hardship tribulation, test of one's mettle, trial by fire, ordeal, travail, torment, torture, trouble, difficulty, distress, adversity, misfortune, hard times, suffering, grief, *cross to bear. 3. court proceeding legal proceeding, hearing, inquisition, jury trial, court case, suit, lawsuit, litigation, action, examination, arraignment, prosecution.

trifling a. trivial, frivolous, unimportant, insignificant, nominal, inconsequential, petty, minor, worthless, miniscule, piddling, slight, small, negligible, *not worth a hill of beans. **ant. important, weighty, monumental, crucial.**

trifl e n. 1. flatulence, gas, flatus, intestinal gas, intestinal wind, intestinal air, air in the intestine, *wind, air, flatulence, *wind. 2. small amount, paltry amount, pitiful amount, pit, speck, *thimbleful, *tad, smidgen, mite. 3. bauble, knick-knack, gewgaw, trinket, gimcrack, bagatelle, toy. **ant. 1. *big deal, monumental matter, weighty matter, *mountain. 2. wealth, bonanza, deluge, mass.**

tribunally a. courtly, judicially, formally, ceremoniously, ceremoniously, *in a courtly manner.

trimming n. overhwhelming defeat, loss, beating, thrashing, *skunk.

trimmings n. side dishes, extras, fixings, appetizers.

triad n. trio, threesome, unit. see trio.
trinket n. bauble, trifle, ornament, toy, gimcrack, gewgaw, knickknack, bagatelle, token, souvenir, keepsake.

trio n. group of three, unit of three, triad, trinity, threesome, ménage à trois, trilogy, triangle, triplets, troika, triumvirate.


TRITE a. [TRITE] unoriginal, worn out, lacking freshness. His writing is uninspired and trite. Syn. unoriginal, stale, worn out, overused, hackneyed, lacking freshness, cliché, clichéd, stock, threadbare, pedestrian, commonplace, uninspired, stereotyped, tired, shopworn, routine. Ant. original, fresh, imaginative, new.


trivia n. 1. insignificant matters trivialities, trifles, minutiae. 2. useless information tidbits, fascinating facts, memorabilia.

trivial a. unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, petty, trifling, slight, picayune, pid- dling, frivolous, worthless, meaningless, minor, slight, *rinky-dinky, *penny-ante, paltry. Ant. important, significant, weighty, monumental.

triviality n. trifling, nothing, no big thing, *no big deal, *nothing to sweat about, *nothing to get worked up about, detail.

trogloodyte n. caver, cave-dweller, Neanderthal, anthropoid, brute, beast, animal, ape, recluse, hermit.

troika n. triumvirate, trinity, group of three. See trio

troll n. mythical beast, giant, goblin, hobgoblin, ogre, monster, imp, gnome, dwarf, troglodyte.

trolley n. streetcar, tram, cart.
troop n. group, herd, flock, throng, crowd, gang, assembly, assemblage, bunch, swarm, host, multitude.

troop v. walk, pass, march, parade, file, swarm, tramp, hike.
troops n. soldiers, military, men, infantry, G.I.s, armed forces, army, marines, corps, squad, combatants, cannon fodder. See army

trophy n. prize, award, cup, loving cup, medal, laurel, plaque, blue ribbon, recognition, honor, citation, memorial.

tropical a. hot, humid, sweltering, torrid, sultry, *like a steambath, steamy, sticky, damp, muggy, close, oppressive, equatorial. Ant. frigid, icy, snowy, polar.

trot n. jog, run, lope, gait, Canter. See horse

trot v. jog, run, lope, Canter, amble, hurry along, move along quickly, *clip-clop.

trot out v. show, display, exhibit, parade, show off.
troubadour n. poet, songwriter, balladeer, lyricist, singer, minstrel.

trounce
trough
troupe
troublesome
troubleshooter
troublemaker
trousers
trousseau
truant
truce
truck

trounce v. 1. disturb, bother, inconvenience, put out, discommodate, *bug, impose upon, harass, burden, distress, perturb, pain, worry, upset, stress, agitate, fluster. 2. MAKE AN EFFORT take pains, exert.

troubleshooter n. repairman, repair person, maintenance person, technician, service man, *Mr. Fixit.

troublesome a. difficult, bothersome, distressful, stressful, hard, challenging, demanding, tough, taxing, trying, burdensome, tricky, complex, complicated, thorny, convoluted, vexing, irritating, irksome. ANT. easy, simple, undemanding, untroubling, *a breeze.

trough n. channel, gutter, hollow, trench, ditch, culvert, drain, sluice, moat.


troupe n. troop, cast, company, band, group, performers, actors, thespians, stock company, see THEATER.

trousers n. pants, slacks, breeches, *britches, pantaloons, jeans, dungarees, overalls, cords, see PANTS.

trousseau n. outfit, clothes, bundle.

truant n. absentee, malingerer, shirker, dodger, *goldbricker, idler, *goof-off, layabout, juvenile delinquent.

truant a. absent, *playing hooky, *cutting class, *skipping school, absent without leave, AWOL.

truce n. armistice, cease-fire, peace treaty, peace agreement, cessation of hostilities, suspension of hostilities, reconciliation, *white flag.


WORD FIND

cab with sleeping department: sleeper

driver and passenger portion: cab

truck v. haul, transport, carry, ship, transfer, convey, run.


truculent a. fierce, mean, harsh, pugnacious, nasty, hostile, belligerent, combative, brutal, ferocious, savage, vicious, ruthless, murderous, cruel, rude. ANT. pleasant, good-natured, good-humored, nice.

trudge n. walk, tramp, slogging, plodding, hike, *schlep.

trudge v. walk, tramp, slog, plod, hike, traipse, *schlep, clomp, *drag one's feet, stump, hobble.

trueness, transactions, commerce, barter, trading, buying and selling.

true a. 1. FACTUAL real, actual, valid, legitimate, bona fide, accurate, correct, genuine, authentic, veracious, verified, proven, confirmed, straight, literal, beyond question, right. 2. FAITHFUL loyal, allegiance, devot ed, dedicated, trustworthy, steady, reliable, dependable, constant, staunch, pure, dutiful, patriotic, *true-blue. 3. RIGHTFUL lawful, legitimate, legal. 4. FITTED aligned, level, plum. ANT. 1. untrue, false, fictitious, actual, factual, real, genuine, correct, precise, exact.

true-blue a. faithful, loyal, tried and true. SEE TRUE.

truffle n. fungi, mushroom, delicacy.

truisms. n. platitude, cliché, bromide, saw, commonplace, axiom, fact, maxim, aphorism, truth, universal truth.

truly adv. truly, truthfully, honestly, accurately, correctly, precisely, exactly. ANT. falsely, untruthfully.

true-blue a. faithful, loyal, tried and true. SEE TRUE.

trumped up a. false, made up, fraudulent, concocted, invented, fabricated, devised, *cooked up. ANT. legitimate.
trumpet n. 1. HORN wind instrument, bugle, flugelhorn. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT 2. clarion blast 'oot, trumpeting, fanfare, blare, honk.

trumpet v. proclaim, announce, herald, cry out.

truncate v. cut off, shorten, lop, clip, trim, prune, pare, dock, curtail, abbreviate.

truncheon n. baton, billy club, cudgel, stick, bat, blackjack, mace.

trundle v. roll along, wheel.

trunk n. chest, box, footlocker, coffer, container, case, "Saratoga trunk.

trunks n. shorts, swim shorts, breeches.

truss n. framework, bracing, girders, support.

truss v. 1. TIE bind. 2. SUPPORT hold up, prop, strengthen.

trust n. 1. CONFIDENCE belief, faith, hope, store, reliance, assurance, certainty, conviction, security. 2. CARE keeping, safekeeping, custody, responsibility, charge, guardianship, protection, watchful eye. 3. CORPORATION monopoly, cartel, company, conglomerate. ANT. 1. distrust, doubt, reservations.

trust v. 1. BELIEVE in have confidence in, have faith in, set store by, rely on, take stock in, depend on, bank on, count on, swear by. 2. HOPE be optimistic, assume, anticipate. 3. ENTRUST give for safekeeping, assign. ANT. 1. distrust, disbelieve, have reservations about.

trustee n. warden, custodian, agent, executor, fiduciary.

trusting a. trustful, believing, credulous, gullible, unquestioning, unsuspecting, confident, naive, innocent, oblivious. ANT. suspicious, wary, cynical, skeptical.

trustworthy a. reliable, dependable, honest, honorable, tried and true, upright, ethical, responsible, truthful, loyal, faithful, principled, "okay. ANT. dishonorable, irresponsible.

trusty a. SEE TRUSTWORTHY

truth n. 1. REALITY facts, factualness, actuality, veracity, verity, "gospel, "naked truth, "unvarnished truth, plain truth, truthfulness, accuracy. "The heart of morality."—Thomas Henry Huxley. "The strongest argument"—Sophocles. "A jewel which should not be painted over; but it may be set to advantage and shown in a good light."—George Santayana. 2. FACT principle, rule, universal truth, certainty, truism, axiom, platitude. ANT. 1. fiction, imagination. 2. lie, falsehood.

truthful a. 1. HONEST straight, candid, plain-spoken, frank, "on the level, "from the heart, sincere, straightforward, forthright, veracious. 2. ACCURATE precise, exact, literal, true, factual, real. ANT. 1. dishonest, insincere, deceitful. 2. inaccurate, inexact, exaggerated.

try n. attempt, "shot, "crack, "whirl, "go, "stab, effort, trial, turn, essay.

try v. 1. ATTEMPT endeavor, "take a shot at, "take a crack at, "give it a whirl, "give it a go, "make a stab at, make an effort, take a turn, make a bid for, undertake, essay, venture, strive, "knock oneself out, struggle, do one's best, work hard, labor, vie for, "buckle down, "go all out, "give it the old college try.

2. TEST experiment, try out, evaluate, examine, assay, "put to the test, "check out, appraise, prove, sample, taste. 3. BRING A CASE TO COURT hear a case, adjudicate, judge, examine, decide. 4. STRAIN stress, burden, tax, weary, trouble, sap.

trying a. stressful, taxing, exasperating, draining, irritating, annoying, irksome, tiresome, wearisome, burdensome, hard, troublesome, aggravating. ANT. pleasurable, easy, relaxing.

tryout n. audition, test, "cattle call, trial, demonstration, hearing, "shot, opportunity, "opportunity to strut one's stuff. SEE THEATER, SPORT(s)

TRYST n. [TRIST] a secret rendezvous made by lovers, an appointment to meet. The boss and his secretary had a tryst every Friday night after work. SYN. rendezvous, meeting, appointment, date, engagement, assignation.

T-shirt n. tee-shirt, undershirt, pullover, "muscle shirt. SEE SHIRT

tsunami n. tidal wave, deluge, flood, tidal bore, eagne, surge, giant sea swell. SEE OCEAN

tub n. bathtub, bath, hot tub, washtub, vessel, vat, tank, cask, keg, barrel.

tuba n. helicon. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

tubby a. squat, chunky, fat, pudgy, dumpy. ANT. lithe, slender.

tube n. cylinder, pipe, conduit, hose, duct, catheter, drain, conductor, line, inlet, outlet, shaft, tunnel, subway.

tubercle n. projection, growth, wart, nub, knob, node, nodule, protuberance, tumor.

tubular a. cylindrical.

tuck n. fold, pleat, crease, gather, pucker.

tuck v. 1. FOLD or STICK enfold, gather, pleat, insert, stuff, cram. 2. WRAP enfold, cover, swaddle, swath, enwrap, blanket.

tuckered out a. tired, exhausted, worn out, weary, fatigued, "wiped out, spent, drained.
*pooped, *dog tired. **invigorated, energized.

tuft * n. clump of hair, cluster, bunch, knot, wisp, thatch, lock, shock, cowlick, topknot, plume, tassel, tuft. ** See HAIR

tug * n. pull, yank, heave, tow, drag, haul, jerk, wrench.

tug v. pull, yank, heave, tow, drag, haul, jerk, wrench, draft, *lug, draw, wrestle, *muscle.

tuition n. schooling fee, charge, cost of education.

tumble n. 1. roll or fall somersault, hand-spring, stumble, trip, *header, *pratfall, spill, flop, crash, slip, dive. 2. disorder mess, confusion, jumble, disarray, chaos, heap.

tumble v. 1. roll or fall somersault, hand-spring, stumble, trip, *take a header, *do a pratfall, spill, flop, crash, slip, dive, drop, pitch, topple, plunge, *lose one's footing, *go flying, collapse, plummet, nosedive.

tumbledown a. dilapidated, rickety, unstable, broken-down, shaky, unsteady, ramshackle, *ready to collapse at the word boo, crumbling, rundown, decrepit, condemned. **rock-solid, secure, stable, sturdy.

tumescent a. swollen, distended, bloated, tur-gid, puffed up, enlarged, tumid, *ballooned out, bulging. **limp, flaccid, deflated.

tummy n. abdomen, belly, gut. **See STOMACH

tumor n. growth, mass, tissue mass, neoplasm, lump, carcinoma, sarcoma, cancer, melano-ma, malignancy, cyst, polyey. **See CANCER

tumult n. commotion, disturbance, hubbub, clamor, hubbubalo, pandemonium, upheaval, turmoil, furor, bedlam, ferment, *to-do, ado, riot. **peace, calm, tranquility.

tumultuous a. [thu MUL choo us] uproarious, loud, wild, turbulent. **The meeting turned tumultuous after it was announced that taxes would be raised. **Syn. uproarious, loud, noisy, wild, turbulent, clamorous, riotous, stormy, tempestuous, vociferous, raging, violent, raucous, out of control, rowdy, boisterous. **peaceful, calm, tranquil.

tundra n. plain, wasteland.

tune v. adjust, put in tune, pitch, harmonize, align, calibrate.

tuneful a. melodious, melodic, musical, harmonious, lyrical, euphonic, euphonic, symphonic, pleasing to the ear, *catchy. **caponous, discordant, jarring.

tunic n. coat, toga, frock, jupon, gipon, garment, blouse, vestment.

tunnel n. subway, subterranean passage, tube, mine, mineshaft, *chunnel, underpass, bur-row, hole. **See CAVE

tunnel vision n. narrow outlook, shortsightedness, myopia.

turban n. headdress, head covering, hat, scarf, bandanna, tarboosh.

turbid a. muddy, cloudy, murky, unclear, dirty, filthy, opaque, thick, soupy, roily, agitated, stirred-up. **clear, crystal, transparent, limpid.

turbine n. engine, motor, power source, *work horse, generator. **See MOTOR

turbulence n. agitation, violence, swirling, com- motion, instability, roughness, disturbance, turmoil, tumult, storminess, wildness, wind shear, gustiness. **calm, quiet, motionlessness.

turbulent a. agitated, wild, violent, riled up, swirling, full of commotion, unstable, rough, disturbed, tumultuous, stormy, tempestuous, gusty, choppy. **peaceful, calm, tranquility, still, smooth.

turf n. 1. sod earth, clod, dump, divot, sward, grass, patch. 2. Sl. one's territory neighborhood, ground, home ground, domain, *stomping grounds, backyard.

turgid a. 1. swollen distended, bloated, puffed up, tumescent, tumid, inflated, *ballooned out. 2. bombastic inflated, overblown, grandiose, grandiloquent, florid, pompous, orotund, flatulent. **peaceful, calm, tranquil.


turn n. 1. revolution rotation, gyration, circle, curving, circuit, cycle, gyre, spin, swirl, eddy, whirl, roll, about-face, deviation, pivot, twist, shift, winding, convolution. 2. change of direction change of course,
turn - twiddle

deviation, swerve, turnabout, reversal, divergence, shift, switch, curve, detour, fork, shunt, deflection. 3. curve bend, hairpin turn, S-curve, zigzag. U-turn, arc, tack, dog-leg, oxbow, hook. 4. opportunity *crack, *shot, try, move, time, chance, go, *whack, spell. 5. shock fright, start, scare. 6. action act, deed, favor, kindness, service.

**turn**
1. revolve rotate, go round, wheel, gyrate, circle, make a circuit, cycle, spin, twirl, eddy, whirl, roll, pivot, wind, crank, curve, swerve, veer. 2. change direction change course, curve, swerve, veer, deviate, diverge, detour, sidetrack, shunt, *take a fork in the road, diverge, reverse, loop, do an about-face, make a U-turn, follow a serpentine path, zigzag. 3. reverse invert, transpose, flip over, turn upside down, turn inside out. 4. change transform, alter, metamorphose, convert, transmute, mutate, transmogrify, reconstruct, remodel. 5. go sour go bad, spoil, ferment, curdle, putrefy, rot, become tainted. 6. sicken nauseate, unsettle. 7. twist, as an ankle sprain, wrench, dislocate, throw out of joint.

**turnabout**
1. gathering, number crowd, multitude, gathering, assemblage, gate, showing, collection, mob, bunch, swarm. 2. output production, productivity, yield, amount.

**turn over** v. flip, overturn, upset, upend, capsize, tip, *turn turtle.

**turnpike** n. toll highway, toll road, interstate, expressway, superhighway, pike. see street

**TURPITUDE** n. [TUR pi TOOD] depravity, wickedness. She *divorced him because of his moral turpitude. syn. depravity, wickedness, immorality, corruption, vileness, baseness, evil, nastiness, sinfulness, vice, perversion. ant. morality, virtue, uprightness, goodness.

**turtleneck**
- n. tower, bartizan, watchtower, lookout, cupola, steeple. see tower

**turtle** n. terrapin, chelonian, tortoise, snapping turtle, reptile.

**WORD FIND**
- shell: carapace, plastron

**tusk** n. tooth, fang, ivory.


**tussle** v. struggle, scuffle, fight, wrestle, box, *scrap, contest, combat, *have a tug-of-war, battle, conflict, brawl, clash, *lock horns, grapple.

**tussock**
- n. tuft, clump, thicket.

**TUTELAGE** n. [TOOT ul ij] teaching, instruction, or care. Under the tutelage of his current coach, he won three championships. syn. teaching, instruction, tutoring, schooling, training, coaching, guidance, direction, care, guardianship, supervision.

**tutor** n. teacher, private teacher, instructor, private instructor, coach, mentor, educator, trainer, guide, guru, master.

**tutor** v. teach, instruct, coach, educate, train, enlighten, cram, *show the ropes, *drum into, drill.

**TV** n. *telly, video, *idiot box. see television


**tweak** n. pinch, twist, turn, squeeze, nip, yank.

**tweak** v. pinch, twist, turn, squeeze, nip, yank.

**tweet** n. chirp, chip, cheep, chirrup, twitter. see bird

**tweezers** n. nippers, pincers, forceps, tongs.

**twiddle** v. twirl, tweak, twist, spin, finger, fiddle with, toy with, trifle with, fool with.
**twig** n. branch, limb, shoot, bough, branch, stem, sprig, offshoot.

**twilight** n. 1. dusk gloam, sundown, sunset, eventide, nightfall, evening, moonrise, Shank of the evening, *gauzy light of dawn, *premonition of dawn. 2. decline last days, last gasp, swan song, ebb, *final curtain, passing, retirement.

**twilight zone** n. hallucinatory state, hypnagogic state, *dream world, nightmare world.

**twin** n. double, match, fellow, duplicate, mirror image, carbon copy, clone, counterpart, dead ringer, mate, alter ego, brother, sister, identical twin, fraternal twin, Siamese twin.

**twin** a. dual, double, paired, duplicate, matching, same, corresponding, mirroring, identical, fellow. **ANT.** different, dissimilar.

**twine** n. 1. string thread, cord, cordage, yarn, rope, hemp, braid, line, cable. 2. tangle knot, snarl, twist.

**twine** v. intertwine, interlace, entwine, twist, plait, braid, knit, weave, coil, wreath.

**twinge** n. instant, split second, wink, blink of an eye, heartbeat, flash, moment.

**twirl** v. spin, rotate, whirl, wheel, turn, pirouette, revolve, pivot, gyrate, twist.

**twist** n. 1. knot turn, winding, twine, twining, braid, kink. 2. rotation twirl, spin, revolution, torsion. 3. sprain wrench, turn. 4. turn in the road curve, zigzag, S-curve, hairpin turn, bend, snake. 5. quirk eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, oddity, abnormality, aberration. 6. distortion perversion, misrepresentation, misinterpretation, falsification, slant. 7. unexpected development plot twist, surprise, invention.

**twist** v. 1. knot turn, wind, twine, braid, kink, entwine, tangle, plait, braid. 2. rotate turn, spin, twirl. 3. sprain wrench, turn. 4. turn in the road curve, zigzag, bend, snake, follow a serpentine pattern. 5. distort pervert, misrepresent, misstate, misinterpret, falsify, slant, lie, misconstrue.

**twisted** a. 1. knotted wound up, balled up, entwined, full of kinks, tangled, plaited, braid ed, convoluted, crooked. 2. distorted wrong, inaccurate, mixed-up. 3. perverted eccentric, weird. **ANT.** smooth, untangled. 2. true, accurate. 3. normal, sane.

**twister** n. cyclone, whirlwind. see tornado

**twit** n. idiot, jerk. see moron

**twit** v. reproach, blame, taunt, dig, razz, gibe, make fun of, kid, rib, rag on, disparage.

**twitch** n. jerk, spasm, tic, quiver, shiver, quaver, tremor, shake, throb.

**twitch** v. jerk, go into spasms, quiver, shiver, quaver, tremor, shake, throb, convulse, flutter, vellicate.

**twitter** n. chirping, singing, chirruping, whistling, tweeting, warbling, trilling. see bird

**twitter** v. chirp, sing, chirrup, vocalize, call, chatter, warble, trill, tweet, whistle. see bird


**two-faced** a. deceitful, insincere, double-dealing, treacherous, Janus-faced, hypocritical, disingenuous, dishonest, backstabbing, disloyal. **ANT.** loyal, *real, honest, sincere.

**two-time** v. Sl. betray, cheat, deceive, backstab, stab in the back, be unfaithful, be disloyal.

**tycoon** n. industrialist, mogul, financier, magnate, capitalist, *big shot, bigwig, *big wheel. see business

**tyke** n. child, toddler, *little shaver, brat, imp.

**type** n. 1. kind sort, class, breed, order, species, variety, persuasion, cast, genre, form, classification, genus, family, stock. 2. example model, archetype, pattern, standard, epitome, personification, essence, rule. 3. characters typeface, printing, font.

**type** v. 1. classify categorize, sort, stamp, class, grade, order. 2. typewrite hunt and peck, *touchtype, *bang out, key in, word process. 3. typewriter typecast *

**typewriter** n. word processor, office machine, portable.

**typhoon** n. tropical storm, cyclone, hurricane, rain storm, deluge.

**typical** a. normal, standard, average, common, regular, usual, conventional, expected, habitual, stock, par, ordinary, run-of-the-mill. **ANT.** atypical, unusual, extraordinary, unexpected.

**typecast** v. stereotype.
**typify** v. exemplify, represent, personify, epitomize, embody, characterize, stand for, denote, serve as an example.

**typist** n. word processor, secretary, clerk, office worker.

**typo** n. typographical error, spelling error.

**tyrannical** a. despotic, dictatorial, authoritarian, iron-handed, domineering, oppressive, cruel, harsh, unjust, arbitrary. **ant.** democratic.

**tyrannize** v. dictate, rule with an iron hand, dominate, oppress, bully, order around, *jackboot into submission, *keep under one's thumb, step on, intimidate, subdue. **ant.** rule democratically.

**tyranny** n. dictatorship, autocracy, totalitarianism, despotism, oppression, reign of terror, iron hand, *jackboot authority, iron rule, domination, authoritarianism, brutality, cruelty, severity. ”Oppression, and sword-law.”—John Milton. ”The worst of treasons.”—Lord Byron. **see government**

**tyrant** n. dictator, despot, autocrat, authoritarian, *Hitler, fascist, bully, absolute ruler, oppressor, overlord. ”Nothing but a slave turned inside-out.”—Herbert Spencer.

UBIQUITOUS a. [yoo BIK wuh tus] present everywhere at the same time, or seemingly so, omnipresent. The faithful believe God is ubiquitous. syn. everywhere, omnipresent, widespread, all-over, pervasive, universal, worldwide, far and wide, to the four corners of the earth.

U-boat n. *steel shark. see submarine

UFO n. unidentified flying object, flying saucer, *bogey, extraterrestrial spacecraft.

ugliness n. unattractiveness, repulsiveness, homeliness, grotesqueness, unsightliness, plainness, deformity, monstrousness, hideousness, eyesore. ant. beauty, attractiveness, loveliness.


ultimate n. greatest, highest, best, height, top, pinnacle, summit, peak, last word, ne plus ultra, culmination. ant. lowest, minimum.

ultimate a. 1. utmost maximum, highest, greatest, uppermost, supreme, paramount, extreme, best, superlative, preeminent. 2. final conclusive, last, concluding, ending, completing, finishing, terminal, terminating, closing, furthest, farthest, eventual. ant. 1. lowest, minimum, worst. 2. beginning, initial, opening.

ultimately adv. in the end, finally, eventually, sooner or later, at last, after all, after all is said and done.

ultimatum n. last offer, final proposal, demand, last chance, warning.

ultra a. extreme, beyond, excessive, radical, extravagant, inordinate, extraordinary, above and beyond, drastic.

ultramodern a. futuristic, advanced, ahead of its time, *cutting edge. ant. old-fashioned, archaic, passé.

ululate v. howl, wail, lament.

umbrage n. offense, resentment, indignation, hurt, displeasure, grudge, pique, anger, huff. ant. pleasure.


umpire n. judge, referee, arbitrator, mediator, adjudicator, *ump.

unable a. incapable, not up to, helpless, powerless, incompetent, ineffectual, ineffective, impotent, unskilled, unfit, unschooled, unqualified, inept, out of commission. ant. able, capable, effective.

unaccompanied a. alone, lone, solo, sole, solitary, unattended, single. ant. accompanied, paired, escorted.

unabridged a. uncut, whole, complete, full-length, total, intact, unshortened. ant. abridged, cut, condensed.

unacceptable a. unsatisfactory, unsuitable, not acceptable, improper, *not up to snuff, *below par, unfit. ant. sufficient, adequate, proper.

unaccompanied a. alone, lone, solo, sole, solitary, unattended, single. ant. accompanied, paired, escorted.
unaccustomed  a. inexperience, unseasoned, unused to, *green, raw, ignorant, unacquainted.  
ANT. accomplished, experienced.

unadorned  a. unembellished, undecorated, bare, bald, stark.  
SEE PLAIN

UNADULTERATED  a. [un uh DULT uh rate ed] pure, unpolluted, undiluted, unmixed.  
We found the national park still unadulterated and pristine.  
SYN. pure, unmixed, undiluted, unpolluted, unalloyed, uncorrupted, untainted, uncontaminated, unspoiled.  
ANT. adulterated, contaminated, impure.

2. NOT affected unmoved, impassive, cool, hard, callous, *thick-skinned, unimpressed, unconcerned, unchanged.  
ANT. affected, phony, pretentious.

ANT. cowardly, fearful, timid.

unanimous  a. undivided, universal, united, like-minded, of one mind, concordant, in accord, in concert, as one, solid.  
ANT. divided, split, disagreeing.

ANT. appetizing, mouth-watering, appealing.

unapproachable  a. 1. ALOOF cold, distant, remote, standoffish, *snobish, snobbish, inaccessible, forbidding, unfriendly, unsociable.  
2. INCOMPARABLE unbeatable, unrivaled, unequalled, unparalleled, without equal, peerless.  
ANT. 1. approachable, warm, friendly, open.  
2. second-rate, mediocre, poor, average.

unarmed  a. defenseless, disarmed, weaponless, unprotected, vulnerable, exposed, weak, open to attack, assailable.  
ANT. armed, *bristling with arms, unassailable.

unassailable  a. undeniable, incontrovertible, indisputable, beyond argument, sound, certain, firm, rock-solid.  
ANT. assailable, open to question, dubious.

UNASSUMING  a. [un uh SOO ming] modest and unpretentious.  
They were surprised to find the famous actor to be shy and unassuming.  
SYN. modest, unpretentious, humble, self-effacing, retiring, down-to-earth, unaffected, natural, quiet, diffident, shy, bashful.  
ANT. arrogant, loud, pretentious, conceited.

unattached  a. detached, unconnected, disconnected, apart, independent, separate, loose, unaffiliated, autonomous, single, on one’s own.  
ANT. attached, connected, associated.

unattractive  a. repulsive, homely, plain, hideous.  
SEE UGLY

unauthorized  a. unsanctioned, uncertified, illegal, unlawful, unapproved, unlicensed, not permitted, illegitimate, illicit, unofficial, criminal.  
ANT. authorized, sanctioned, legal.

unavailing  a. futile, ineffective, ineffectual, to no avail, vain, unsuccessful, unproductive, unprofitable, fruitless, worthless.  
ANT. fruitful, worthwhile, productive.

unavoidable  a. inevitable, inescapable, bound to happen, fatal, preventable, inexorable, predestined, fixed, certain, *in the stars, required, obligatory, requisite, compulsory.  
ANT. avoidable, preventable, optional, elective.

unaware  a. unconscious, unknowing, ignorant, oblivious, unsuspecting, unwitting, blind, deaf, asleep, *out to lunch, *off in space.  
ANT. aware, conscious, knowing.

unawares  adv. unexpectedly, suddenly, by surprise, without warning, unknowingly, unwittingly, off guard, *flat-footed, *out of the blue.

unbalanced  a. 1. UNSTABLE or ASYMMETRICAL off-balance, unsteady, uneven, lopsided, irregular, top-heavy, unequal.  
2. CRAZY *nuts, deranged, insane, mentally ill, psychotic, *psycho, erratic, irrational, eccentric, demented.  
ANT. 1. balanced, stable, symmetric, steady, even.  
2. sane, rational, stable.

unbearable  a. intolerable, insufferable, unbearable, too much, unacceptable, more than one can stand, agonizing.  
ANT. bearable, tolerable, endurable.

unbecoming  a. unattractive, unappealing, inappropriate, unsuitable, improper, offensive, unseemly, indecent, tasteless, indecorous, ill-fitting, unladylike, ungenteel.

unbelievable  a. beyond belief, incredible, far-fetched, suspect, questionable, outlandish, inconceivable, impossible, implausible, doubtful, dubious, improbable, *fishy.  
ANT. believable, credible, conceivable, probable.

unbeliever  n. doubter, skeptic, *doubting Thomas, disbeliever, scoffer, nonbeliever, agnostic, atheist, infidel.  
ANT. believer, faithful, adherent.

unbelieving  a. skeptical, doubting, disbelieving, scoffing, questioning, suspicious, cynical, dubious, incredulous, agnostic, atheistic.  
ANT. believing, faithful, *buying, *swallowing hook, line and sinker.
unbending a. rigid, firm, stiff, resolute, inflexible, unyielding, uncompromising, *holding one's ground, *sticking to one's guns, determined, hellbent. ANT. flexible, compromising, yielding.

unbiased a. fair, unprejudiced, impartial, objective, uninfluenced, neutral, disinterested, evenhanded, equitable, nondiscriminatory. ANT. unfair, biased, prejudiced.

unbidden a. uninvited, unasked, unrequested, unprompted, spontaneous. ANT. urged, coerced, prompted.

unblushing a. shameless, with no sense of modesty, bold. ANT. ashamed, mortified.

unbounded a. boundless, unrestrained, unconfined, unconfined, unchecked, wild, free, loose. ANT. restricted, limited.

unbriddled a. unrestrained, wild, loose, unrestricted, unconfined, unconstrained, unchecked. ANT. restrained, restricted.

unburden v. unload, relieve, get rid of. *take a load off, disencumber, lighten one's load, *get off one's chest, confess, disclose, confide, *come clean. ANT. burden, saddle, weigh down, encumber.

uncalled-for a. unnecessary, needless, unwelcome, inappropriate, unwarranted, gratuitous, uninvited, unjustified, undeserved. ANT. welcome, invited, wanted, needed.

uncanny a. 1. strange, mysterious weird, bizarre, queer, eerie, unfamiliar, unusual, spooky, creepy, scary, preternatural. 2. remarkable extraordinary, amazing, incredible, exceptional, astounding, astonishing, fantastic, unbelievable. ANT. 1. normal, usual, commonplace. 2. exceptional, usual.

uncaring a. indifferent, impassive, remote, uninvolved. SEE APATHETIC

unceasing a. incessant, continuous, endless, perpetual, unending, neverending, non-stop, unremitting, undying. ANT. interrupted, halting.

uncertain a. unsure, indefinite, questionable, hazy, indeterminate, unfixed, undecided, iffy, *up in the air, unpredictable, doubtful, unreliable, changeable, unsettled, unconfirmed, conjectural, vague. ANT. certain, sure, doubtless, definite.

uncertainty n. doubt, doubtfulness, question, indefiniteness, dubiety, ambiguity, unpredictability, guesswork, guess, speculation, conjecture, unknown. ANT. certainty, assurance.

uncharted a. unknown, unexplored, unmapped, mysterious. ANT. known, discovered.

uncivil a. rude, discourteous, coarse, uncivilized, barbarous, nasty, unrefined, boorish, impolite, indelicate, ungentlemanly, unladylike, ill-mannered, unfriendly. ANT. civil, courteous, gentlemanly, ladylike.

uncivilized a. 1. barbarous barbarian, barbaric, primitive, uncultured, savage, wild, brutal, crude, coarse, rude, discourteous, vulgar, animal-like. 2. undeveloped wild, remote, unsettled, untamed. ANT. 1. civilized, civil, cultured, refined, courteous. 2. developed, civilized, settled.

unclean a. dirty, filthy, soiled, befouled, tainted, grimy, polluted, nasty, impure, contaminated, vile, infected, germ-ridden. ANT. clean, washed, antiseptic.

unclear a. vague, ambiguous, hazy, fuzzy, blurred, veiled, cloudy, foggy, muddy, indistinct, obscure. ANT. clear, distinct, obvious.

uncomfortable a. 1. painful agonizing, irritating, excruciating, awkward, harsh, cutting, pinching, biting, cramped, troublesome, bothersome. 2. uneasy ill at ease, self-conscious, nervous, anxious, distressed, on edge, tense, restless, miserable, *on pins and needles, troubled, *sweating bullets. ANT. 1. comfortable, pleasurable, agreeable. 2. relaxed, comfortable, at ease.

uncommitted a. undecided, neutral, not bound, free, unpledged, *sitting on the fence, non-aligned, ANT. committed, pledged.

uncommon a. 1. rare unusual, unique, exceptional, odd, freakish, infrequent, extraordinary, novel, unconventional, different, unheard of, singular, peculiar, queer, one-of-a-kind, scarce, few. 2. remarkable outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary, incomparable, superior, unique, distinctive, peerless, unequalled. ANT. 1. common, usual, ordinary. 2. average, typical, ordinary, mediocre.


uncomplicated a. easy, *child's play, *a snap, *a breeze, uninvolved. ANT. difficult. SEE SIMPLE

uncompromising a. inflexible, rigid, *won't give an inch, stubborn, obstinate, unbending, single-minded, unyielding, set, immovable, hard-line, unrelenting. ANT. flexible, yielding, open to compromise, conciliatory.
unconcerned a. uncaring, careless, carefree, indifferent, apathetic, dispassionate, uninvolved, detached, cool, uninterested, disinterested, above it all, oblivious, distant, remote. ANT. concerned, caring, interested, passionate.
unconditional a. unrestricted, unqualified, complete, total, absolute, categorical, downright, outright, out-and-out, utter, unlimited. ANT. restricted, qualified, limited.
unconnected a. disconnected, detached, separate, unattached, divided. ANT. unified.
unconscionable a. 1. immoral, unethical, wicked, criminal, sinful, unscrupulous, antisocial, shameless, perverse, inhuman, beastly, barbaric, Satanic, uncaring. 2. unreasonable outrageous, extreme, excessive, inordinate, unforgivable, extravagant. ANT. 1. moral, ethical, of good moral conscience. 2. reasonable, fair.
unconscious a. 1. in a sleeplike state asleep, comatose, "out cold," blacked out, knocked out, insensate, "out like a light," passed out, dead to the world, oblivious, stunned, stupefied, anesthetized. 2. unaware ignorant, unknowing, unwitting. 3. aware, knowing. 4. deliberate, conscientious, intentional, premeditated.
uncontrollable a. ungovernable, wild, out of control, unmanageable, intractable, out of hand, carried away, unrestrainable, frenzied, beside oneself, rabid, "gone ballistic, out of control, out of one's mind," having nerves of steel, unshaken, unflinchingly. ANT. fearful, frightened, cowed, intimidated.
undecided a. 1. unsettled, indeterminate, courageous, lionhearted, plucky, decision, resolute, sure. 2. indecisive, wavering, unsure, of two minds, ambivalent, vacillating, "torn, between," blowing hot and cold. ANT. decided, determined, known. 2. decisive, resolute, sure.
undecipherable a. illegible, unreadable, indistinguishable, incomprehensible. ANT. legible, readable.
undeniable a. indisputable, incontestable, beyond argument, unquestionable, certain, beyond a shadow of a doubt, irrefutable, solid, sure, proven, established. ANT. questionable, debatable, uncertain.
undependable a. unreliable, irresponsible, carelessly, untrustworthy, "fly-by-night, unpredictable, fickle, capricious, unsafe, unsound, insecure. ANT. dependable, reliable, responsible, sound.
under a. inferior, lower, subordinate, lesser, junior, subsidiary, ancillary. ANT. superior, higher.
under adv./prep. beneath, underneath, below; on the bottom, lower, nether. ANT. over, above.
underachiever n. "late bloomer, slow learner, one with a learning deficit," "sleeper.
underage a. minor, juvenile, immature. ANT. adult.
underbrush n. brush, bushes, shrubs, undergrowth, scrub, thicket.
undercover a. covert, secret, clandestine, underground, under wraps, concealed, private, hush-hush, *incognito, stealthy, surreptitious, sneaky, CIA, FBI, KGB. see Spy
undercurrent n. feeling, aura, *vibes, atmosphere, suggestion, hint, overtone, sense, latency.
undercut v. weaken, undersell. see Undermine
underdone a. rare, bloody, raw, uncooked. ant. well done, burnt.
undergarment n. slip, chemise. see Underwear
undergo v. experience, go through, endure, suffer, be subjected to, encounter, abide, stand, withstand, sustain, tolerate.
underground a. 1. subterranean nether, buried, below ground, below the surface, underground, sunken, subterrestrial. 2. secret covert, undercover, clandestine, under wraps, concealed, private, hush-hush, surreptitious, backdoor. ant. 1. aboveground, aerial, surface. 2. public, open, overt.
underhanded a. deceitful, tricky, sneaky, dishonest, sly, secret, devious, crafty, dirty, crooked, treacherous, two-timing, scheming, cunning, unscrupulous. ant. aboveboard, open, honest.
underline v. emphasize, stress. see Underscore
underlying a. basic, fundamental, elementary, rudimentary, essential, primary, root.
undermine v. weaken, impair, cripple, undercut, debilitate, sabotage, subvert, disable, erode, wear away. ant. help, reinforce, strengthen.
underneath adv. beneath, below, under, lower.
underpinning n. foundation, base, footing, support, framework, prop, undercarriage.
underprivileged a. disadvantaged, deprived, impoverished, poor, needy, poverty-stricken, indigent, destitute. ant. affluent, well-off.
underscore v. underline, stress, emphasize, highlight, accent, play up, bring to the fore.
undersized a. stunted, dwarfed, puny, underdeveloped, tiny, little, pint-sized, midget, underweight, emaciated. ant. strapping, brawny.
understaffed a. shorthanded, undermanned.
understand v. 1. comprehend grasp, know, appreciate,figure out, *catch the drift, get it, *get the point, *get through one's head, see, recognize, master. 2. think gather, believe, take it, reckon, perceive, hear, assume, interpret.
understanding n. 1. comprehension knowledge, knowing, grasp, appreciation, recognition, mastering, intelligence, intellect, sense, perception, savvy, discernment, awareness. "Hearing in retrospect."—Marcel Proust. 2. interpretation inference, estimation, judgment, belief, thinking, reckoning, perception, sense, idea. 3. mutual agreement meeting of the minds, covenant, promise, deal, compromise. 4. empathy sympathy, compassion, commiseration. ant. 1. dense, stupidity, misunderstanding, ignorance, befuddlement.
understated a. restrained, subtle, downplayed, minimized, soft-pedaled, quiet, modest. ant. loud, blatant.
understudy n. stand-in, substitute, fill-in, double, backup, alternate, apprentice.
undertake v. take on, enter into, assume, tackle, make a commitment, engage in, endeavor, venture, shoulder, promise, pledge, contract. ant. avoid, shun, reject.
undertaker n. mortician, funeral director, embalmer. see Funeral
undertaking n. project, endeavor, enterprise, venture, effort, job, commitment, affair, adventure, operation, task.
undertow n. rip tide.
underwater a. submarine, submerged, submerged, ant. grounded, exposed.
underweight a. emaciated, undernourished, malnourished, underdeveloped, *skin and bones, boney, skeletal. ant. overweight, obese.
underworld n. 1. netherworld nether regions, Hades, hell, Erebus, Sheol, Orcus. 2. organized crime Mafia, Cosa Nostra, the mob, syndicate, criminal element.
underwrite v. pay for, finance, fund, bankroll, sponsor, subsidize, back, support, endow, guarantee, insure, cover.

underwriter n. backer, financier, sponsor, *angel, supporter, insurer, insurance company.

undesirable a. unwanted, unpopular, objectionable, unwelcome, unappealing, unsatisfactory, offensive, unacceptable, unsuitable, disliked, rejected, scorned, disagreeable, nauseating, repellant. ANT. desirable, wanted, appealing.

undeveloped a. immature, unripe, unfinished, underdeveloped, latent. ANT. developed, mature, ripe.

undignified a. unsuitedly, beneath one's dignity, degrading, childish, juvenile, inegalitarian, tasteless, crude, rude, indecorous, ungentelemanly, unladylike, "goofy, out of character. ANT. elegant, proper, decorous.

undiluted a. pure, 100 percent, unadulterated, uncut, "unwatered down, unmixed. ANT. thinned, watered down, weakened.

undisciplined a. lazy, unregimented, self-indulgent, overindulgent, unrestrained, uncontrollable, inconsistent, unsteady, unreliable, dependable, irresponsible. ANT. disciplined, strict, regimented.

undisguised a. unconcealed, open, overt, frank, candid, up front, glaring, blatant, loud, exposed. ANT. disguised, secret, covert.

undisputed a. indisputable, unquestionable, irrefutable, uncontested, clear-cut, accepted, unmistakable, recognized, undeniable, beyond question. ANT. questionable, contested, disputable.

undistinguished a. mediocre, "run of the mill, same old same old, ordinary, average, typical, common, pedestrian, plain, so-so, "nothing to write home about, unexceptional, "nothing special. ANT. distinguished, exceptional, extraordinary, rare.

undivided a. whole, complete, total, unbroken, uncut, solid, in one piece, intact, in its entirety. ANT. divided, split, fractured.

undo v. 1. UNFASTEN unhitch, unlock, untie, unbuckle, unbutton, loosen, free, detach, disconnect. 2. REVERSE rescind, annul, cancel, nullify, void, make null and void, invalidate, offset, erase. ANT. 1. fasten, tighten, tie, knot, attach. 2. uphold, strengthen.

undoing n. ruin, ruination, destruction, downfall, defeat, collapse, overthrow, fall, bane, disgrace, shame.

undone a. unfinished, uncompleted, incompelete, unperformed, unrealized, unfulfilled, *half-baked, half-done. ANT. completed, concluded, accomplished.

undoubtedly adv. without a doubt, doubtless, *beyond a shadow of a doubt, unquestionably, beyond certainty, surely, assuredly, indubitably, definitely.

undreamed-of a. unexpected, imagined, inconceivable, unforeseen. ANT. predicted.

undress v. strip, disrobe, remove clothing, doff, peel off, shuck, unclothe, "strip to one's birthday suit, "strip to one's goosebumps, "strip to a growing state of deshabille, "do a striptease. ANT. dress, put on, clothe.

undue a. excessive, immoderate, extreme, extravagant, unnecessary, unwarranted, unjustified, uncalled-for, needless, undeserved. ANT. due, appropriate, reasonable.

undulate v. wave, ripple, swing, move sinuously, roll, billow, flap, sway, swell, heave, oscillate.

undulation n. wave, ripple, roll, billow, flap, sway, swell, heave, oscillation, pulsation, surge.

undying a. immortal, eternal, everlasting, never-ending, perpetual, unceasing, unending, endless, infinite. ANT. mortal, finite, short-lived.

unearned a. undeserved, unmerited, gratis, free. ANT. merited, paid for.

unearth v. dig up, exhume, excavate, dredge up, uncover, bring to light, discover, find, root out, expose, reveal, disclose. ANT. bury, cover, conceal, hide.

unearthly a. otherworldly, extraterrestrial, alien, out of this world, ethereal, heavenly, supernatural, extramundane, spiritual, ghostly, weird, strange, nightmarish, mysterious. ANT. earthly, mundane, terrestrial.

uncasiness n. apprehension, anxiety, fear, insecurity, worry, troubled mind, edginess, restlessness, angst, qualm, misgiving, disquiet, unrest. ANT. tranquility, serenity, relaxation.

uneasy a. apprehensive, anxious, nervous, tense, fearful, insecure, worried, troubled, restive, fidgety, edgy, restless, "on pins and needles, having qualms, having misgivings, fretful. ANT. relaxed, tranquil, serene, calm.

uneducated a. un schooled, untrained, unenlightened, illiterate, ignorant, uncultured, unsophisticated, unreined, stupid. ANT. educated, schooled, literate, enlightened, scholarly.

unemotional a. dispassionate, unresponsive, indifferent, apathetic, disinterested, remote, cold, "having ice water in one's veins, impassive, deadpan, phlegmatic, unexcitable, laid-back, stony, staid, reserved. ANT. emotional, passionate, demonstrative, excitable.

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unemployed a. out of work, jobless, laid-off, fired, idle, free, off, available for hire, *on the breadline, *on welfare. ANt. employed, working.

unending a. everlasting, eternal, neverending, ceaseless, incessant, unceasing, immortal, infinite, continuous, perpetual, permanent. ANt. temporary, finite, ending.

unenlightened a. see uneducated

unequal a. 1. uneven disparate, different, dissimilar, unlike, mismatched, unmatched, diverse. 2. unbalanced asymmetrical, lopsided, disproportionate, uneven, irregular. 3. unfair unjust, not equitable, one-sided. ANt. 1. equal, same, alike. 2. balanced, symmetrical, regular. 3. fair, just.

unequaled a. unparalleled, peerless, incomparable, unmatched, unrivaled, second to none, unsurpassed, supreme, preeminent. ANt. rivaled, surpassed, second-rate.

UNEQUIVOCAL a. [un ee KWIV uh kul] clear and unambiguous. For a change, the politician’s answer was unequivocal. SYN. clear, crystal-clear, unambiguous, plain, explicit, unmistakable, absolute, straightforward, direct, certain, definite. ANt. equivocal, ambiguous, *clear as mud.

unerring a. exact, precise, accurate, certain, sure, infallible, perfect, unerring, flawless, faithful, true. ANt. inaccurate, imprecise, faulty.

unessential a. inessential, unneeded, needless, unnecessary, unimportant, dispensable, irrelevant, superfluous, extraneous, extraneous. ANt. essential, necessary, needed, indispensable.

unethical a. wrong, unfair, immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, illegal, *dirty, *shady, disreputable, underhanded, unprincipled, crooked, unprofessional, corrupt, criminal. ANt. ethical, honest, upright, moral, reputable.

uneven a. 1. crooked bumpy, slanted, unbalanced, misaligned, not level, broken, rough, jagged, rugged, not smooth. 2. unequal lopsided, one-sided, unmatched, different, asymmetrical, unbalanced. ANt. 1. even, smooth, planed, level. 2. equal, matching, symmetrical.

uneventful a. quiet, peaceful, dull, monotonous, routine, *same old same old, boring, unvaried, tedious, unexciting. ANt. eventful, exciting, momentous.

unexceptional a. ordinary, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, garden variety, common, commonplace, usual, *same old same old, *nothing to write home about, *dime-a-dozen, undistinguished, *just another brick in the wall. ANt. exceptional, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, remarkable.


unexpected a. unforeseen, unanticipated, surprising, shocking, stunning, unpredicted, unprepared for, *out of the blue. ANt. expected, foreseen, anticipated.

unexplainable a. inexplicable, beyond explanation, mystifying, puzzling, baffling, incomprehensible, unaccountable, bewildering, strange. ANt. understandable, explicable.

unexpressive a. inexpressive, expressionless, undemonstrative, deadpan, stony, wooden, *poker-faced, unresponsive, vacant, dead, bland. ANt. expressive, demonstrative, responsive.

unfavorable a. adverse, poor, bad, negative, unpromising, contrary, hostile, unhappy, unfavorable - unfavorable

unfashionable a. unstylish, old-fashioned, outmoded, antiquated, passé, out of style, outdated, obsolete, frumpy, dumpy, *as fashion- able as a potato sack, *tacky. ANt. fashionable, chic, sharp, stylish, in vogue.

unfasten v. unlash, unbuckle, untie, unclasp, uncouple, undo, loosen, detach, unbutton, unzip, disengage. ANt. fasten, tie, buckle, clasp.

unfathomable a. incomprehensible, inscrutable, beyond comprehension, impenetrable, unknowable, deep, profound. ANt. shallow, simple, decipherable.

unfavorable a. adverse, poor, bad, negative, unpromising, contrary, hostile, unhappy,
inadvisable, ill-advised, auspicious, unhappy. **ant. favorable, lucky, good, auspicious.**

**Unfeeling a.** 1. Callous cold, apathetic, indifferent, unsympathetic, heartless, unemotional, stony, having veins filled with ice water, cold-blooded, pitiless, merciless, hard.

2. Insensate insensient, numb, paralyzed, unconscious, comatose, dead. **ant. 1. feeling sympathetic, warmhearted, emotional. 2. sentient.**

**Unfinished a.** incomplete, uncompleted, half-done, half-baked, unperfected, lacking, rough, wanting, crude, deficient, undeveloped. **ant. finished, perfected, done.**

**Unfit a.** 1. Unsuitable inadequate, unacceptable, inappropriate, ill-equipped, useless, out of place, inexpedient, inapplicable. 2. Out of shape unhealthy, unconditioned, sickly, ailing, weak. **ant. 1. suitable, fit, adequate. 2. fit, healthy, conditioned.**

**Unflagging a.** unfailing, inexhaustible, tireless, undying, unfaltering, indefatigable, constant, persistent, unremitting, unceasing. **ant. failing, tiring, wearing.**

**Unflappable a.** [un FLAP uh bul] calm, not excitable. Even in the midst of the riots, the mayor was unflappable. SYN. calm, unexcitable, imperturbable, cool, collected, composed, self-contained, unruffled, levelheaded, self-possessed, nonchalant. **ant. excitable, high-strung, temperamental, hot-reacting.**

**Unflinching a.** unblinking, unfaltering, steadfast, resolute, staunch, firm, unshrinking, unshaken, undaunted, unafraid. **ant. shrinking, flinching, shaken.**

**Unfold v.** 1. Spread out unfurl, open, unrroll, outstretched, unravel, undo, straighten out, fan out. 2. Make known disclose, reveal, show, expose, describe, divulge, set forth, expand on. **ant. 1. fold, fursh. 2. conceal, cover up.**

**Unforeseeable a.** unknowable. **see unpredictable.**

**Unforeseen a.** unexpected, unanticipated, not bargained for, not predicted, unplanned, surprising, surprising, catching by surprise, unprepared for, out of the blue. **ant. foreseen, expected, anticipated.**

**Unforgettable a.** memorable, mind-blowing, indelible, meaningful, important, memory-making, powerful, notable, striking, historic. **ant. forgettable, insignificant, trivial.**

**Unforgivable a.** unpardonable, inexcusable, indefensible, unconscionable, shameful, despicable, contemptible, unforgivable. **ant. forgivable, pardonable, excusable.**

**Unfortunate a.** unlucky, unfavorable, hapless, ill-fated, jinxed, cursed, star-crossed, unfairly timed, inopportune, inauspicious, unhappy, sad, bad, deplorable, lamentable, adverse, regrettable, unsuccessful, pitiful, disastrous, tragic, grievous. **ant. fortunate, lucky, blessed, timely, happy.**

**Unfounded a.** baseless, groundless, unproven, unsupported, unsubstantiated, fallacious, false, untrue, tenuous, speculative. **ant. proven, true, substantiated.**

**Unfriendly a.** cold, aloof, hostile, standoffish, distant, remote, unapproachable, snobbish, haughty, unsociable, inhospitable, nasty, mean, surly, not on speaking terms. **ant. friendly, warm, approachable, nice.**

**Unfruitful a.** unprofitable. **see fruitless.**

**Ungainly a.** awkward, clumsy, oafish, bitzy, cloddish, bumbling, lumbering, ungraceful, undeveloped. see immature

**Ungodly a.** 1. Sinful wicked, evil, Satanic, devilish, hellish, criminal, villainous, immoral, impious, not religious, profane. 2. Outrageous dreadful, horrendous, god-awful, frightful, intolerable. **ant. 1. godly, pious, moral. 2. reasonable.**

**Ungovernable a.** wild, unmanageable, uncontrollable, out of control, out of hand, unruly, intractable, rebellious, defiant. **ant. docile, controllable, manageable.**

**Ungracious a.** rude, discourteous, impolite, ill-mannered, uncivil, ungentlemanly, unladylike, insulting, boorish, rough. **ant. gracious, courteous, polite.**

**Ungrateful a.** unappreciative, unthankful, looking a gift horse in the mouth, dissatisfied, spoiled rotten, biting the hand that feeds you. **ant. appreciative, thankful.**

**Unguarded a.** 1. Unprotected exposed, vulnerable, defenseless, unwatched, unpatrolled, assailable. 2. Open honest, sincere, genuine, frank, candid, artless, aboveboard, straightforward, ingenuous. **ant. 1. protected, guarded, defended. 2. guarded, discreet, self-censored.**

**Unguent n.** salve, ointment, balm, lotion, liniment.

**Unhappy a.** 1. Sad depressed, melancholy, downhearted, miserable, blue, down in the mouth, in the dumps, low, grief-stricken, mournful, downhearted, heavyhearted, gloomy, despondent, disconsolate, forlorn, long-faced, disheartened, desolate, cheerless, anguished, glum, bummy out, wretched, somber, crestfallen. 2. Unlucky unfortunate, inauspicious, hapless, cursed, star-crossed, ill-fated, jinxed, infelicitous. **ant. 1. happy, joy-
unidentified a. unprecedented, unknown, new, novel, outlandish, exceptional, unique, little-known, unusual, unbelievable, outrageous. **ant.** known, usual, ordinary.

unhinge v. unfasten, detach, release, undo, untie.

unholy a. wicked, evil, sinful, ungodly, immoral, corrupt, sacrilegious, unhallowed, not sacred. **ant.** holy, sacred, godly, hallowed.

unhorse v. overthrow, upset.

unhurt a. see unharmed

unhurried a. slow, leisurely, deliberate, snail-like, sluggish, "slower than molasses, nonchalant. **ant.** hurried, rushed, impatient.

unidentified a. unknown, unrecognized, nameless, unnamed, anonymous, secret, mysterious, incognito, undercover. **ant.** known, recognized.

unidentified flying object n. UFO, flying saucer, "bogey."

united a. united, joined, one, together, combined, coupled, consolidated, amalgamated, confederated. **ant.** separated, fractured.

uniform n. outfit, costume, attire, dress, "getup, suit, livery, habit, vestment, work clothes.

uniform a. 1. unchanging, unvarying, unvariable, the same, undeviating, consistent, even, constant, level, stable. 2. conforming the same, symmetrical, alike, identical, like, similar, comparable, correspondent, "like two peas in a pod. **ant.** changing, varying, uneven, inconsistent. 2. unconforming, different, dissimilar.

unify v. unite, join, bring together as one, bring together, combine, couple, wed, consolidate, amalgamate, combine, confederate. **ant.** separate, fracture, divorce.

unilateral a. one-sided. **ant.** multilateral.

unimaginary a. incomprehensible, beyond comprehension, "beyond one's wildest dreams, inconceivable, unheard-of, un梦想-"of, "out of this world, fantastic, "mind-boggling, "mind-blowing, incredible. **ant.** imaginable, conceivable.

unimaginative a. unoriginal, dull, trite, hackneyed, clichéd, mindless, tired, stock, stale, dry, bland, uninteresting, "same old same old, boring, pedestrian. **ant.** imaginative, original, creative, inventive.

unimportant a. trivial, trifling, insignificant, petty, minor, "lightweight, frivolous, pica- yune, inconsequential, worthless, irrelevant, paltry, meaningless, "mickey mouse. **ant.** important, crucial, critical, vital.

uninformed a. unaware, unlightened, ignorant, unschooled, "in the dark, uneducated, unacquainted, uninstructed. **ant.** informed, enlightened.

uninhibited a. free, open, unreserved, not self-conscious, relaxed, spontaneous, loose, extraverted, outgoing, unrestrained, informal. **ant.** inhibited, reserved, self-conscious.

uninspired a. lifeless, spiritless, lacking creativity, dull, tired, trite, hackneyed, pedestrian, dull, bland, uninteresting, prosaic. **ant.** inspired, original, imaginative, creative.

unintelligent a. dumb, moronic, imbecilic. see stupid

unintelligible a. incomprehensible, incoherent, undecipherable, illegible, unreadable, unclear, muddled, meaningless, Greek, jumbled. **ant.** intelligible, legible, clear.

unintentional a. unintended, inadvertent, unplanned, accidental, undesigned, unconscious, unwitting, unpremeditated, chance, haphazard. **ant.** intended, planned, designed.

uninterested a. disinterested, indifferent, apathetic, uncaring, bored, uninvolved, blasé, incurious, remote, "turned off, cool, "above it all. **ant.** interested, fascinated, passionate, involved, riveted.

uninteresting a. boring, dull, tiresome, monotonous, tedious, prosaic, "ho-hum, "blah, "as interesting as a plain brown wrapper, "dull as dishwater, unexciting, "humdrum, uneventful. **ant.** exciting, fascinating, riveting, heart-stopping.

uninvited a. unwanted, unwelcome, undesired, uncalled for. **ant.** summoned, requested.

uninviting a. unattractive, unappealing, repellent, repulsive, repugnant, stomach-turning, nauseating, sickening, unappetizing. **ant.** appealing, attractive, desirable.
union n. 1. joining combination, unification, consolidation, marriage, merger, amalgamation, unity, fusion, incorporation, coupling, blend. 2. group with common interest, alliance, coalition, league, confederation, guild, trade union, labor union, federation, association, partnership, cartel, syndicate. ant. 1. separation, segregation, breakup. see marriage

unique a. one-of-a-kind, single, sole, unparalleled, lone, only, incomparable, distinctive, unprecedented, extraordinary, special, peculiar, strange, in a class by itself. ant. common, commonplace, run-of-the-mill, *common as a brick.

unison n. harmony, agreement, concord, accord, concert, consonance, unity, together-ness. ant. disagreement, discord, dissonance.

unit n. part, piece, quantity, member, element, section, segment, constituent, component.

unite v. combine, join, bring together, marry, couple, link, merge, connect, unify, blend, consolidate, incorporate, amalgamate, affiliate, confederate, cooperate, band together. ant. separate, disband, break up, divide.

united a. combined, joined, brought together, married, coupled, linked, merged, connected, unified, blended, consolidated, incorporated, amalgamated, affiliated. ant. separated, disbanded, divided.


unity n. oneness, togetherness, wholeness, unitification, union, agreement, harmony, accord, concord, solidarity, unanimity. ant. separation, division, discord.

universal a. general, generic, common, catholic, all-inclusive, comprehensive, all-over, worldwide, planetary, intercontinental, pandemic, global, widespread, broad, prevalent, unlimited, unrestricted. ant. local, exclusive, limited, restricted.

universe n. cosmos, space, outer space, "cooling fires of creation, creation, macrocosm, infinity. "One of God's thoughts."—Friedrich Schiller. "One vast symbol of God."—Thomas Carlyle. see space

university n. institution of higher learning, graduate school, college. "A place of light, of liberty, and of learning."—Benjamin Disraeli. "A thought-control center."—Joan Tepperman. "Sophistry and affectation."—Francis Bacon. see college

unjust a. unfair, inequitable, wrong, unethical, unjustified, unwarranted, prejudiced, partial, biased, one-sided. ant. even-handed, impartial, fair.

unjustifiable a. unwarranted, unpardonable, indefensible, inexcusable, unmerited. ant. justifiable, warranted.

unkempt a. disheveled, messy, sloppy, bedraggled, rumpled, tousled, tangled, uncombed, ungroomed, shabby, shaggy, "grungy, grubby. ant. neat, groomed, sharp.

unkind a. mean, cruel, brutal, unfeeling, unsympathetic, cold, harsh, unmerciful, heartless, inhumane, inhuman, vicious, cold-blooded, insensitive, barbarous, nasty, venomous, insulting, cutting, offensive, rude, callous. ant. kind, nice, friendly, compassionate, merciful.

unknowing a. unaware, unenlightened, ignorant, uninformed, unschooled, unwitting, oblivious, "out to lunch, "in the dark. ant. aware, enlightened, informed.

unknown a. mysterious, undiscovered, hidden, secret, obscure, unrecognized, undetermined, unidentified, anonymous, unnamed, unexplored, uncharted, unfamiliar, unheard-of, strange, foreign, alien, dark. ant. known, famous, celebrated, familiar.

unlawful a. illegal, illicit, prohibited, against the law, forbidden, criminal, illicit, banned, proscribed, felonious. ant. legal, lawful, legitimate.

unleash v. release, let loose, free, untie, let go.

unlike a. different, dissimilar, opposite, unlike, disparate, contrasting, unrelated, "like night and day, "like comparing apples and oranges, clashing, ant. alike, similar, matching.

unlikely a. improbable, implausible, hardly possible, doubtful, inconceivable, dubious, questionable, "as likely as snow in July, remote, "as likely as the sky falling, "as likely as pigs learning to fly, having an outside chance, "a longshot. ant. likely, probable, certain.

unlimited a. limitless, unrestricted, boundless, endless, immeasurable, countless, infinite, vast, complete, total, unqualified, indefinite. ant. limited, restricted, bounded.

unload v. remove, unburden, disburden, lighten one's load, dump, disgorge.
unlock v. open, release, turn the combination, unlatch, unbar.
unlucky a. unfortunate, ill-fated, cursed, jinxed, hapless, star-crossed, *down on one's luck, inauspicious, unhappy, unfavorable. **ant. lucky, fortunate, happy.
unmanageable a. ungovernable, intractable, wild, out of control, uncontrollable, indiscipline, rebellious, defiant, indomitable, stubborn. **ant. manageable, governable, controllable.
unmannerly a. rude, discourteous, impolite, uncivil, uncivilized, indelicate, unrefined, uncultivated, ungracious, ungentlemanly, unladylie. **ant. polite, courteous, gracious.
unmarried a. single, unwed, unmarried, eligible, available, celibate, virgin, maiden. **ant. married, wed, *spoken for.
unmask v. reveal, expose, unveil, *blow one's cover, disclose, *come out of the closet, *out of disguise, mask, cover.
unmistakable a. clear, clear-cut, plain, obvious, evident, sure, definite, certain, beyond question, unambiguous, positive, patent, unequivocal, *plain as the nose on one's face, *beyond a shadow of a doubt, glaring, blaring, *disguise, mask, cover.
unnecessary a. unneeded, inessential, needless, unrequired, noncompulsory, uncalled-for, gratuitous, superfluous, extraneous, redundant, surplus, expendable. **ant. indispensable, essential, needed.
unnatural a. 1. artificial imitation, synthetic, man-made, manufactured, fabricated, processed, ersatz. 2. affected contrived, strained, forced, theatrical, put-on, not spontaneous, studied, stiff, labored. 3. abnormal, strange, queer, monstrous, grotesque, freakish. **ant. 1. natural, organic, of the earth. 2. sincere, genuine, spontaneous, unstudied, unaffected. 3. normal, ordinary.
unpremeditated a. unplanned, unprepared, unfinished, readymade, without equal, unprecedented, one-of-a-kind, unique, unheard-of. **ant. premeditated, thought out, planned.
unpredictable a. unforeseeable, *iffy, left to chance, impossible to predict, uncertain, unsure, *up in the air, random, changeable, erratic, *as capricious as the wind, fickle. **ant. predictable, foreseeable, certain.
unrequited a. unrequited, fair, equitable, even-handed, unbogoted, impartial, nonpartisan, objective, neutral, just. **ant. prejudiced, biased, bigoted.
unrequited a. a first, new, novel, unheard-of, unique, singular, original, unexamplified, unparalleled, extraordinary, unusual, one-of-a-kind, uncommon. **ant. precedent, usual, common.
unremitting a. unceasing, continuous, ongoing, everlasting, perpetual. **ant. remitting, temporary, brief, passing, ending, discontinuing.
unreproachable a. free from reproach, faultless, pure, blameless, inviolate. **ant. reproachable, guilty, blameworthy, blamable, guilty.
unrequited a. unrequited, fair, equitable, even-handed, unbogoted, impartial, nonpartisan, objective, neutral, just. **ant. prejudiced, biased, bigoted.
unprincipled a. immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt, underhanded, crooked, devious, shady. ANT: moral, ethical, principled.
unproductive a. fruitless, nonproductive, worthless, unrewarding, unprofitable, vain, barren, useless, counterproductive, unavailable, to no avail, a losing proposition. ANT: productive, fruitful, successful.
unprofessional a. 1. AMATEUR amateurish, sloppy, inexperienced, unskillful, inadequate, unschooled, untrained, second-rate, inferior, *bush-league, nonprofessional. 2. UNETHICAL unprincipled, improper, indecent, unseemly, unﬁtting. ANT: 1. professional, skilled, trained, experienced, expert. 2. ethical, principled, proper.
unprotected a. undefended, vulnerable, open, assailable, unsafe, insecure, pregnant, exposed, unarmed. ANT: protected, defended, armed, guarded.
unqualified a. 1. NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS inadequate, unskilled, unschooled, ill-equipped, unequipped, not up to the job, unﬁt, incompetent. 2. UNMODIFIED absolute, unmitigated, total, complete, downright, out-and-out, thorough, utter, sheer, categorical. ANT: 1. qualiﬁed, ﬁt, competent. 2. modiﬁed, qualiﬁed, partial.
unquestionable a. without question, without doubt, doubtless, certain, sure, uncontrollable, incontestable, indisputable, irresistible, unbelievable, deﬁnite, unmistakable. ANT: open to question, doubtful, uncertain, dubious.
unreadable a. illegible, indecipherable, incomprehensible. ANT: clear, plain, legible.
unreal a. imaginary, fanciful, make-believe, visionary, hallucinatory, nonexistent. ANT: actual, factual, genuine.
unreasonable a. 1. EXTRAVAGANT outrageous, preposterous, extreme, immoderate, exorbitant, unjustiﬁable. 2. IRATIONAL nonsensical, illogical, senseless, stupid, foolish, unreasoning, unwise, witless, *without rhyme or reason. ANT: 1. reasonable, moderate. 2. rational, logical.
unrefined a. rough, coarse, crude, unﬁnished, unpolished. ANT: polished, smooth, ﬁnished.
unrehearsed a. extemporaneous, spontaneous, off the cuff, impromptu, spur of the moment, unprepared, unplanned, ad-libbed, improvised, *off the top of one’s head. ANT: rehearsed, prepared, planned.
unreliable a. undependable, irresponsible, untrustworthy, unstable, fickle, changeable, capricious, *blowing hot and cold. ANT: reliable, dependable, trustworthy, steady.
unremitting a. relentless, unremitting, incessant, continual, constant, unending, unabating, perpetual, persistent. ANT: ending, stopping, irregular.
unreserved a. uninhibited, outspoken, bold, forthright, unrestrained, unabashed, blunt, frank, to the point, not shy, loquacious, extraverted, outgoing, *motor-mouthed. ANT: reserved, reticent, inhibited, shy.
unresolved a. unsettled, *up in the air, undecided, pending, debatable, open to debate, unﬁnished, *hung jury. ANT: resolved, settled, decided.
unrest n. restlessness, agitation, disturbance, discontentment, trouble, uneasiness, disquiet, turbulence, rebellion, protest, upset. ANT: peace, tranquility, serenity.
unrestrained a. uninhibited, unrestricted, free, unhampere, unconfined, abandoned, unreserved, unbridled. ANT: restrained, restricted, inhibited.
unrestricted a. free, unbound, unhampered, uninhibited, unlimited, unregulated, *no holds barred, unchecked. ANT: restricted, limited, regulated.
unripe a. green, immature, premature, unseasoned. ANT: ripe, mature.
unruly a. unmanageable, uncontrollable, ungovernable, intractable, rebellious, reckless, refractory, riotous, out of control, disorderly, insubordinate. ANT: manageable, governable, controllable, docile.
unsafe a. dangerous, hazardous, perilous, treacherous, threatening, insecure, unstable, precarious, life-threatening, *on thin ice, menacing, *dicey, *ticklish, *touch and go,
a tinderbox, a powderkeg, explosive, risky.  
**ant.** safe, secure, protected, harmless.

**unsanitary** a. unclean, dirty, unhealthy, unhealthy, filthy, contaminated, foul, polluted, germ-infested, tainted.  
**ant.** sanitary, clean, sterile, antiseptic.

**unsatisfactory** a. inadequate, unfulfilling, unacceptable, deficient, insufficient, lacking, wanting, unworthy, *not up to par.**  
**ant.** satisfactory, good enough, adequate.

**unsavory** a. 1. tasteless or bad-tasting unappetizing, nauseating, sickening, stomach-turning, unpalatable, disagreeable, rotten, *yucky, *gross. 2. offensive, obnoxious.  
**syn.** unprincipled, immoral, unethical. He was unscrupulous enough to steal all of the church’s money.  
**ant.** 1. tasty, delicious, *yummy. 2. pleasant, good, agreeable.

**UNSCRUPULOUS** a. [un SCROOP yoo lus] unprincipled, immoral, unethical. He was unscrupulous enough to steal all of the church’s money.  
**syn.** unprincipled, immoral, unethical, dishonest, dishonorable, without conscience, indifferent to right and wrong, corrupt, underhanded, criminal, antisocial.  
**ant.** principled, moral, ethical, scrupulous.

**unseat** a. oust, remove from power, remove from office, unhorse, dislodge, dethrone, depose, overthrow.  
**ant.** install.

**unseemly** a. improper, unbecoming, indecorous, in bad taste, undignified, unbefitting, out of place, inappropriate, indecent, vulgar, crude.  
**ant.** seemly, proper, appropriate.

**unselfish** a. giving, generous, selfless, other-directed, charitable, altruistic, philanthropic, open-handed, magnanimous, kind, bighearted, considerate, compassionate.  
**ant.** selfish, self-centered, greedy, *a taker, *thinking the world revolves around oneself.

**unsettle** a. disturb, unnerve, upset, disconcert, trouble, agitate, bother, ruffle, rattle, disquiet, perturb, *shake up, discompose.  
**ant.** relax, calm, soothe.

**unsettled** a. see unresolved

**unsightly** a. ugly, unattractive, *an eyesore, repulsive, repellent, *gross, hideous, grotesque, homely, revolting, repugnant.  
**ant.** attractive, beautiful, pretty.

**unskilled** a. untrained, unschooled, inexpert, amateurish, inept, incompetent, incapable, unable, inexperienced, bumbling, *all thumbs.  
**ant.** skilled, proficient, trained, expert.

**unskillful** a. see unskilled

**unsociable** a. unfriendly, aloof, cold, remote, distant, hermitlike, antisocial, withdrawn, introverted, shy, *standoffish, *stuck-up, preferring one’s own company.  
**ant.** extroverted, outgoing, gregarious, friendly.

**unsolicited** a. unasked, unsought, unrequested, voluntary, spontaneous, free.  
**ant.** solicited, asked-for, sought.

**ant.** sophisticated, worldly, experienced, *hip.

**unsound** a. 1. unhealthy unwell, sickly, ill, ailing, infirm, afflicted, diseased, abnormal, insane, crazy, psychotic, *psycho. 2. unsafe insecure, unstable, flimsy, shaky, unsteady, unreliable, dangerous, perilous, hazardous, rickety. 3. inaccurate unreliable, untruthful, erroneous, invalid, irrational, weak, groundless, illogical, fallacious.  
**ant.** 1. healthy, fit, normal. 2. safe, solid, stable, secure. 3. accurate, valid, true, reliable.

**unsparing** a. liberal, free, lavish, profuse, generous, giving.  
**ant.** meager, sparse.

**unspeakable** a. bad, horrible, terrible, beyond words, beyond description, unimaginable, evil, wicked, vile, horrendous, heinous, monstrous, atrocious.  
**ant.** good, wonderful.

**unspoiled** a. fresh, pristine, untouched, unadulterated, unpolluted, perfect, whole, pure, unblemished, undamaged.  
**ant.** spoiled, ruined, rotten.

**unspoken** a. unsaid, silent, tacit, understood, implicit, assumed.  
**ant.** spoken, expressed.

**unstable** a. 1. unfixed unsteady, unbalanced, variable, wobbling, shaky, rickety, teetering, unanchored. 2. changeable erratic, capricious, fickle, unpredictable, mercurial, volatile, volatile.  
**ant.** 1. fixed, rock-solid, anchored, secure. 2. constant, steady, unchanging.

**unsteady** a. see unstable

**unstudied** a. natural, unaffected, spontaneous, unconscious, offhand, unlabored, impromptu, *off the cuff, extemporaneous.  
**ant.** studied, affected, labored.

**unsubstantiated** a. uncorroborated, unproven, unconfirmed, open to question, questionable, unauthenticated, uncertified.  
**ant.** corroborated, proven.

**unsuccessful** a. a failure, a loser, *a turkey, *a dog, *a flop, *a bomb, unprofitable, fruitless, futile, vain, useless, abortive, ineffectual, unfortunate, unlucky, unhappy, ill-fated, doomed, disastrous, catastrophic.  
**ant.** successful, profitable, winning, fortunate.
unsuitable  a. inappropriate, unfit, wrong, improper, inadequate, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, unbecoming, inapt, out of place, ill-fitting.  
unsung  a. unrecognized, unacknowledged, unapplauded.  
unsure  a. uncertain, doubtful, in doubt, questionable, *tiffy, *up in the air, undecided, dubious, skeptical, not confident, insecure.  
unsurpassed  a. supreme, superior, unrivaled, peerless, unparalleled, the best, incomparable, greatest, leading, preeminent.  
unsuspecting  a. trusting, naive, gullible, credulous, unknowing, unaware, innocent, unwary, inexperienced, believing, unsophisticated, oblivious.  
unsympathetic  a. cold, uncaring, indifferent, apathetic, heartless, lacking compassion, unfeeling, stoney, unmoved, callous, mean, hard, *hard as nails, *having ice water in one’s veins, insensitive.  
untamed  a. wild, unbroken, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unmanageable, spirited, undomesticated.  
untangle  v. disentangle, unravel, extricate, straighten out, unsnarl, untie.  
untarnished  a. stainless, spotless, clean, bright, unblemished, uncorrupted, innocent, pure.  
untenable  a. indefensible, insupportable, weak, flawed, *full of holes, groundless, unsound.  
unthankful  a. ungrateful, unappreciative.  
unthinkable  a. inconceivable, unimaginable, incomprehensible, beyond belief, unbelievable, incredible, out of the question.  
untidy  a. sloppy, messy, slovenly, disheveled, bedraggled, unkempt, disarranged, disorderly, cluttered, littered.  
untie  v. unfasten, loosen, free, undo, unlace, unbind, loose.  
untimely  a. ill-timed, inconvenient, inopportune, inexpedient, premature, early, unseasonable, inappropriate, unfavorable, unfortunate, inauspicious.  
untold  a. innumerable, countless, incalculable, uncountable, myriad, *umpteen, immeasurable, infinite, limitless.  
untoward  a. inappropriate, unseemly, improper, indecorous, in bad taste, unbecoming, out of place, tactless, indelicate, ungentlemanly, unladylike.  
untrained  a. un schooled, uneducated, inexperienced, green, raw, unskilled, *not knowing the ropes, unqualified, incompetent, inexpert, ignorant.  
untold  a. unperturbed, unruffled, calm, cool, relaxed, worry-free, *unflappable, dispassionate, tranquil, placid.  
untrue  a. false, wrong, incorrect, erroneous, inaccurate, not right, in error, fictitious, fallacious, specious, spurious, distorted.  
untrustworthy  a. un dependable, unreliable, dishonest, deceitful, devious, false, disloyal, unfaithful, treacherous, disreputable.  
untruthful  a. lying, dishonest, deceptive, deceitful, mendacious, fraudulent, misleading, insincere.  
unusual  a. out of the ordinary, odd, rare, atypical, unfamiliar, singular, uncommon, exceptional, unconventional, peculiar, queer, strange, bizarre, weird, extraordinary, unique, unheard-of, unprecedented, unparalleled, different, abnormal, distinguished, refreshing, *far-out, unexpected, unorthodox.  
unvarnished  a. plain, straightforward, unembellished, unpolished, naked, raw.  
unveil  a. reveal, expose, show, uncover, disclose.  
untoward  a. inopportune, unseasonable, unfavorable, unfavorable, out of season, ill-timed.  
unwelcome  a. unwanted, not wanted, undesirable, rejected, spurned, *shut out, *as welcome as the plague.  
unwell  a. unhealthy, sick, sickly, ailing, ill, diseased, bedridden, *out of sorts, *under the
weather, *green around the gills, run-down, *off one’s feed. ANT. well, healthy, fit.

unwholesome a. harmful, unhealthy, deleterious, not good for one, unsound, detrimental, hurtful, noxious, pernicious, poisonous, insalubrious. ANT. wholesome, healthy, good for one.

unwieldy a. hard to handle, awkward, unmanageable, clumsy, cumbersome, bulky, hulking, massive, unhandy, ponderous, heavy. ANT. handy, pocket-sized, lightweight.

unwilling a. against, disagreeable, loath, opposed, reluctant, not in the mood, disinclined, unobliging, unenthusiastic, averse, unaccommodating, resistant, contrary, balky. ANT. willing, enthusiastic, eager.

unwind v. relax, take it easy, calm down, relieve one’s tension, recreate, *loosen up, *kick back, wind down. ANT. tense up, *get wound up, *make oneself a nervous wreck, *stress oneself out.

unwise a. imprudent, injudicious, not smart, unintelligent, dumb, stupid, ill-advised, thoughtless, foolish, moronic, brainless, irrational, illogical. ANT. wise, smart, prudent, intelligent.

unwitting a. unknowing, unaware, unconscious, oblivious, inadvertent, accidental, unplanned, chance, involuntary. ANT. knowing, aware, planned.

unwonted a. uncommon, unusual, rare, uncommon, unfamiliar, unusual, rare, uncommon.


unworthy a. undeserving, unmerited, unearned, unqualified, ineligible, worthless, inferior, no good, unacceptable, disgraceful. ANT. worthy, deserving.

unyielding a. immovable, inflexible, firm, stubborn, obstinate, unbending, uncompromising, headstrong, resolute, determined, hard, stiff. ANT. flexible, compromising, yielding.

up a. excited, *psyched. ANT. down, depressed.

up-and-coming a. rising, *climbing the ladder of success, *growing by leaps and bounds, succeeding, growing in status, promising. ANT. *over-the-hill, passé.

upbeat a. positive, optimistic, bright, cheerful, rosy, sunny, happy, heartening, uplifting, encouraging. ANT. down, negative, dark.

UPBRAID v. [up BRADE] to reproach or scold. The officer upbraided the motorist for driving drunk. SYN. reproach, scold, rebuke, reprehend, chastise, *bawl out, *chew out, admonish, berate, reprove, censure, *give a tongue-lashing, *rake over the coals, *take to task. ANT. commend, praise, approve.

upbringing n. raising, rearing, breeding, grooming, training, nurturing, schooling.


update v. bring up to date, modernize, revise, renew, *bring into the twenty-first century, renovate.

upend v. invert, turn over, upset, topple.

upgrade v. raise, improve, promote, elevate, enhance, better, make better, advance, enrich. ANT. degrade, downgrade, demote.

upheaval n. eruption, blowup, explosion, earthquake, cataclysm, destruction, catastrophe, revolution, overthrow, change. ANT. peace, quiet, tranquility.

uphill a. laborious, arduous, hard, difficult, taxing, strenuous, grueling, labor intensive, backbreaking. ANT. downhill, easy, effortless.

uphold v. support, hold up, maintain, stand by, sustain, carry, back, champion.

upkeep n. maintenance, repair, running, costs, overhead, outlay, expenses, expenditure.

uplift v. raise, elevate, inspire, lift, improve, hearten. ANT. bring down, depress.

upper hand n. advantage, control, domination, *driver’s seat, whip hand, catbird seat, supremacy, rule, a leg up.

uppermost a. highest, top, loftiest, foremost, greatest, superior, ultimate, chief, maximum, leading. ANT. lowest.

uppity a. arrogant, snobbish, haughty, stuck-up, *high-falutin, lofty, proud, uppish, *full of oneself, conceited, presumptuous. ANT. *folksy, down to earth, modest, humble.

upright a. 1. erect standing, vertical, perpendicular, on end, straight up. 2. HONORABLE honest, moral, ethical, decent, good, righteous, upstanding, scrupulous, principled, virtuous, reputable. ANT. 1. prone, lying, horizontal. 2. dishonorable, disreputable, corrupt, dishonest.

uprising n. rebellion, revolt, revolution, insurrection, insurgency, mutiny, riot, unrest, anarchy, outbreak of violence, overthrow, coup d’état.

uproarious

uproarious a. 1. noisy loud, clamorous, tumultuous, boisterous, wild, riotous, deafening, earsplitting. 2. hilarious "a scream, sidesplitting, hysterical, "a laugh riot, rollicking. ant. 1. quiet, peaceful, still. 2. somber, sober, grim.

uproot v. root up, root out, extirpate, pull out, rip out, move, weed, remove, eradicate, destroy.

ups and downs n. peaks and valleys, highs and lows, feasts and famines, vicissitudes.

upset n. 1. disturbance unhappiness, agitation, trouble, distress, worry, disquiet, hurt, make angry, disconcert, perturb, unsettle, grieve, "stress out, make anxious. 2. overturn, turn upside-down, capsize, topple, tip, flip, turn over, knock over. 3. defeat overthrow, triumph over, beat, "get the better of. ant. 1. make happy, fill with contentment, soothe. 2. turn upright, stand up. 3. lose, be defeated.

upset a. 1. disturbed unhappy, bothered, agitated, troubled, distressed, worried, disquieted, hurt, angry, disconcerted, perturbed, unsettled, grieved. 2. overturned, upended, upside-down, capsized, toppled, flipped. ant. 1. contented, happy, blissful. 2. upright, standing.

upshot n. outcome, result, conclusion, end result, end product, effect, payoff, eventuality, culmination, consequence, aftermath, consumption.

upside down a. inverted, bottom-side up, topside down, reversed, wrong-side up, backward, "bassackwards, topsy-turvy. ant. righted, right-side-up.

upstage v. steal the spotlight, steal the show, draw attention to one's self, overtake. ant. contented, happy, blissful.

upstanding a. upright, honorable, honest, reputable, virtuous, moral, ethical, good, principled, incorrupt, of sterling character. ant. corrupt, low, disgraceful, immoral.

upstart n. parvenu, nouveau riche, arriviste, pretender, status seeker, jackanapes, whippersnapper.

upswing n. advancement, expanding market, bull market, upsurge, improvement, rise, progress, recovery, uptick.

uptight a. Sl. nervous, tense, anxious, on edge, edgy, uneasy, troubled, restive, worried. ant. relaxed, calm, cool.

up-to-date a. current, up-to-the-minute, contemporary, "cutting edge, "state of the art, new, modern, in vogue, "all the rage, au courant, fashionable, stylish, trendy, late, "now. ant. outdated, out-of-date, outmoded, antiquated, passé.

upturn n. See upswing

upward adv. skyward, overhead, above, aloft, atop. ant. downward, below.

upward mobility n. social climbing, climbing the corporate ladder, status seeking, "clawing one's way to the top.

urban a. city, citified, metropolitan, cosmopolitan, densely populated, municipal, civic. ant. rural, country, deep woods.

URBANE a. [ur BANE] smoothly polite, suave, refined. The tour guide was charming and urbane. syn. smooth, suave, polite, courteous, polished, refined, gracious, debonair, manly, elegant, poised, charming. ant. rude, coarse, impolite, offensive.

urchin n. kid, boy, youngster, child, imp, "little devil, troublemaker, rogue, rascal, gutter-snipe, brat, juvenile delinquent.

urge v. 1. encourage press, push for, implore, plead, exhort, beg, beseech, advocate, entreat, ask, solicit. 2. stimulate provoke, incite, prompt, drive, force, spur, accelerate, speed. 3. expend spend, consume, exhaust, deplete.

urge n. drive, yearning, desire, hunger, longing, impulse, craving, compulsion, yen, passion, hankering, stimulus, goad.

urgency n. matter of life or death, emergency, crisis, extremity, exigency.

urgent a. a matter of life or death, pressing, crucial, critical, exigent, requiring immediate attention, imperative, first priority, paramount. ant. unimportant, insignificant, trivial.

urinate v. micturate, "pee, "piss, relieve oneself.

urn n. vase, container, receptacle, jar, vessel, ossuary.

usage n. custom, habit, practice, tradition, convention, routine, way.

use n. 1. service "mileage, usefulness, employment, worth, benefit. 2. utilization application, employment, exercise. 3. function service, usefulness.

use v. 1. utilize employ, make use of, work, practice, operate, exercise, manipulate, ply. 2. abuse take advantage of, exploit, "walk on, "play for a sucker, "bleed dry. 3. expend spend, consume, exhaust, deplete.

used a. secondhand, pre-owned, hand-me-down, passed down, recycled, old, castoff. ant. new, fresh, brand-new.
used to *adv.* familiar with, accustomed to, habituated, acclimated.

**useful** *a.* serviceable, helpful, valuable, practical, utilitarian, beneficial, handy, of use, functional. *ant.* *useless,* worthless, of no help.

**useless** *a.* worthless, of no use, unavailing, un-serviceable, ineffectual, ineffective, to no avail, unproductive, unprofitable, futile, vain. *ant.* *useful,* valuable, helpful.

**usher** *n.* usherette, guide, escort, doorman, attendant, page.

**usher** *v.* 1. *guide* escort, lead, conduct, show in, marshal, direct, accompany. 2. *precede* herald, pave the way, introduce, inaugurate.

**usual** *a.* ordinary, customary, common, everyday, conventional, normal, standard, regular, habitual, routine, accustomed, traditional, stock, run-of-the-mill, average, typical. *ant.* *unusual,* uncommon, abnormal, irregular.

**USURP** *v.* [yoo SURP] to take over a position of power by force, overthrow. *Syn.* attempted to usurp the president’s office. *Syn.* take over, overthrow, depose, dethrone, oust, unseat, unhorse, commandeer, wrest, seize, expropriate.

**utensil** *n.* implement, tool, instrument, fork, knife, spoon.

**UTILITARIAN** *a.* [yoo TIL i TAIR ee un] useful, practical. *He chose a car that was utilitarian rather than showy.* *Syn.* useful, practical, functional, pragmatic, serviceable, efficient, down to earth, sensible. *Ant.* impractical, romantic, fanciful.

**utility** *n.* usefulness, practicality, service, function, benefit, adaptability.

**utilize** *v.* use, put to use, employ. *See use*

**utmost** *a.* 1. greatest highest, maximum, maximal, most, uppermost, supreme, preeminent, best. 2. farthest most distant, outermost, extreme, last, remotest. *Ant.* 1. lowest, smallest, worst. 2. closest, nearest.

**utopia** *n.* Shangri-la, paradise, Eden, best of all possible worlds, heaven on earth, perfect society, idealized society, land of milk and honey.

**Utopian** *a.* idealistic, ideal, visionary, perfect, fanciful, chimerical, grandiose, *pie in the sky,* romantic, fictitious, make-believe, impractical, unfeasible. *Ant.* realistic, down to earth.

**utter** *v.* speak, say, vocalize, emit, articulate, enunciate, voice, state, verbalize, assert, declare, shout, come out with, mouth.

**utterly** *adv.* completely, totally, entirely, thoroughly, wholly, absolutely, purely, perfectly, fully. *Ant.* partially, partly.
vacancy n. opening, space, emptiness, gap, room, void, vacuousness, hole, nothing, hollow.

vacant a. 1. empty open, unfulfilled, unoccupied, clear, bare, deserted, void, devoid, hollow, uninhabited, unused. 2. mindless stupid, blank, vacuous, oblivious, expressionless, dull, bovine, "bubbleheaded. ANT. 1. full, filled, occupied, used. 2. intelligent, thoughtful, alert.

vacate v. leave, give up, leave behind, quit, desert, withdraw, depart, abandon. ANT. fill, occupy.

vacation n. holiday, time off, "R&R, rest and relaxation, recess, furlough, sabbatical, respite, break, trip, cruise. "A semi-annual reminder that doing nothing is hard work."—Art Hinkle. ANT. daily grind, hard labor.

vaccination n. inoculation, "shot, immunity.

VACILLATE v. [VAS uh LATE] to waver or be indecisive. He couldn't make up his mind and vacillated between choices all day. SYN. waver, be indecisive, go back and forth, fluctuate, hesitate, shilly-shally, "blow hot and cold, be irresolute, "sit on the fence, hedge, equivocate, hem and haw.

vacuity n. 1. emptiness nothingness, vacuum, void, blankness. 2. empty-headedness stupidity, ignorance, dullness, denseness, mindlessness, lack of intelligence, "bubbleheadedness, imbecility. ANT. 1. substance, matter, fullness. 2. intelligence, brains, "smarts.

vacuous a. stupid, empty-headed, dumb, dense, unintelligent, ignorant, imbecilic, moronic, "bubbleheaded, blank, bovine. ANT. intelligent, smart, bright, knowledgeable.

vacuum n. emptiness, nothingness, void, blankness, vacuity.

vagabond n. vagrant, drifter, tramp, wanderer, transient. "bum, hobo, nomad, rambler, rover, floater, itinerant.

vagabond a. moving, wandering, drifting, traveling, roving, rambling, roaming, wayfaring, itinerant, homeless, shiftless, idle. ANT. rooted, responsible.

vagary n. caprice, whim, whimsy, impulse, notion, fancy, crotchet, idea, oddity, "flash.

vagina n. sex organ, private parts, genitals, genitalia, reproductive organ.

vagrant n. wanderer, roamer, vagabond, nomad, rambler, rover, Bohemian, gypsy, tramp, hobo, "bum.

vagrant a. wandering, roaming, wayward, vagabond, nomadic, rambling, roving, aimless, Bohemian, gypsy.

vague a. indefinite, unclear, uncertain, obscure, fuzzy, hazy, foggy, nebulous, amorphous, indistinct, unspecific, imprecise, ambiguous, equivocal, questionable. ANT. definite, clear, distinct, explicit.

vain a. 1. worthless of no use, useless, empty, hollow, futile, unproductive, fruitless, pointless, unsuccessful, unavailing, idle. 2. conceited proud, vainglorious, "full of oneself, egotistical, self-important, arrogant, pompous, self-admiring, primping, preening, haughty, dandyish, foppish, swaggering, strutting, "in love with oneself. ANT. 1. productive, effective, worthwhile. 2. modest, humble, self-effacing.

vainglorious a. proud, boasting, vain, singing one's own praises, bragging, "blowing one's own horn, "talking big, swaggering, strutting, arrogant, pompous, basking in one's own glory. ANT. modest, humble, self-effacing.

vainglory n. pride, boastfulness, vanity, pomp, ostentation, arrogance, bragging, swaggering, strutting, haughtiness. ANT. modesty, humbleness, shyness.

valance n. drapery, curtain.

vale n. dale, dell. SEE VALLEY

valedictory n. farewell speech, goodbye speech.

valedictory a. farewell, parting, goodbye, departing, last. ANT. welcoming, greeting.

valet n. dresser, manservant, servant, groom, foot servant, attendant.

valiant a. brave, courageous, fearless, bold, heroic, unflinching, lionhearted, unafraid, intransigent, "gutsy, manly, "macho, virile, gallant, chivalrous. ANT. cowardly, "chicken, timid, craven, "wimpy.

valid a. 1. legal, legitimate, authorized, certified, sanctioned, lawful, warranted, ap-
valued, authentic, genuine. 2. sound well-grounded, well-founded, solid, validated, logical, substantiated, correct, accurate, unassailable. Ant. 1. illegal, illegitimate, un-authorized, invalid. 2. flimsy, unsound, un-proven.

validate v. 1. make legal make legitimate, authorize, sanction, warrant, approve. 2. confirm verify, prove, substantiate, corroborate, back up, support, authenticate, certify. Ant. 1. invalidate, cancel. 2. disprove, invalidate.

validation n. 1. legalization legitimization, authorization, certification, sanctioning. 2. confirmation verification, proof, substantiation, corroboration, support, authentication, certification. Ant. invalidation.

validity n. 1. legality lawfulness, legitimacy, authority, sanction. 2. soundness solid-ity, correctness, accuracy, authenticity, genuineness.

valise n. suitcase, bag, travel bag, handbag, carryall, luggage, case, grip.

valley n. dale, dell, vale, canyon, gorge, low-land, basin, gulch, chasm, hollow, glen. Ant. mountain, highland.


valuable a. costly, priceless, precious, dear, expensive, high-priced, valued, prized, in demand, worthwhile, invaluable, important, useful, profitable, beneficial, helpful. Ant. worthless, cheap, *not worth the powder to blow it to hell, unimportant.

valuation n. appraisal, evaluation, estimate.

value n. 1. worth market price, appraisal, assessment, equivalent, return, face value. 2. merit use, importance, weight, desirability, esteem, respect, benefit, profit, power, utility, marketability. Ant. insignificance, uselessness, unimportance.

value v. 1. appraise assess, evaluate, rate, val-uate, estimate, put a price on. 2. treasure prize, cherish, hold dear, respect, esteem, appreciate, consider important, love.

valued a. treasured, prized, cherished, dear, re-spected, esteemed, appreciated, highly re-
garded, admired, loved. Ant. unimportant, underappreciated.

values n. principles, morals, ideals, standards, ethics, beliefs, mores, what’s important.

valve n. stopper, shutoff, cock, gate, flapper, plug, lid.


damp n. seductress, temptress, seducer, flirt, vampire, femme fatale, siren, enchantress.

vamp v. seduce, tempt, flirt, charm, beguile, lure with one’s feminine charms.

vampire n. bloodsucker, Dracula, ghoul, bat.

van n. truck, wagon, lorry, trailer.

vandal n. despoiler, wrecker, destroyer, mutila-
tor, graffiti artist, defacer, hoodlum, juvenile delinquent.

vandalism n. destruction, defacing, graffiti, "trashing, wrecking, smashing, breaking, dis-figurement, tearing apart, spoiling.

vandalize v. destroy, deface, spray paint, *trash, wreck, smash, break, disfigure, tear apart, ruin, spoil.

VANGUARD n. [V AN gard] the leading or front members of an attacking army. Also, the leading or pioneering members of a movement, project, trend, etc. He was among the vanguard of the new age artists.

vanquish v. conquer, defeat, overcome, beat, best, overpower, overthrow, master, subdue, crush, destroy, trample, prevail over, triumph over. Ant. lose, be defeated, submit.

vantage n. advantage, *leg up, leverage, superior-
ity, high ground, edge, *inside track, *jump.

vantage point n. perspective. See POSITION.

VAPID a. [V AP id] dull, flat, tasteless. He watched one vapid television show after another and...
finally fell asleep. SYN. dull, flat, boring, uninteresting, tiresome, tedious, tasteless, flavorless, colorless, insipid, inane, lifeless, bland, tame, unimaginative. *dull as dishwater, *blah. ANT. interesting, stimulating, imaginative, exciting.

vapor n. moisture, mist, fog, haze, steam, cloud, spray, breath, exhalation, humidity, condensation, miasma, smog.

vaporize v. humidify, mist, steam, fume.

vaporous a. humid, moist, foggy, damp, clammy, muggy, moist, hazy, gaseous, fumy, murky. ANT. dry.

variable a. changeable, changing, unstable, fluctuating, irregular, inconsistent, vacillating, wavering, *like a chameleon, on again off again, *blowing hot and cold, diverse, fickle, capricious, as variable as the wind. ANT. unchangeable, invariable, fixed, steady, stable.

variance n. 1. difference discrepancy, divergence, deviation, disparity, departure. 2. dispute argument, quarrel, disagreement, altercation, division, contention, difference of opinion, conflict. 3. permission pass, *okay, pass-through. ANT. 2. agreement, harmony, accord.

variant n. different version, variation.

variation n. change, difference, alternative, departure, turn, fluctuation, break from the norm, aberration, variant, modification, variety. ANT. sameness, uniformity.

varied a. various, assorted, diverse, diversified, mixed, miscellaneous, different, motley, sundry, multifarious, heterogeneous, *a mixed bag. ANT. 1. the same, uniform, homogeneous.

variegated a. particolored, varicolored, multicolored, polychromatic, streaked, mottled, dappled, spotted, striped, kaleidoscopically, *like a rainbow. ANT. monochromatic, one-colored, uniform.

variety n. 1. variation diversity, change, difference, heterogeneity. 2. assortment miscellaneous, different, motley, sundry, multiform, heterogeneous, *a mixed bag. ANT. 1. the same, uniform, homogeneous.

vegetable n. 1. plant herb, root, produce, potato, tomato, carrot, cabbage, broccoli, turnip, lettuce, spinach, cucumber, onion, asparagus, leek, beet, green bean, artichoke, eggplant. 2. nonfunctioning human comatose patient, *brain-dead patient, imbecile, idiot, moron, blob.

vegetarian n. vegan.

vegetarian a. herbivorous, plant-eating. ANT. carnivorous.

vegetate v. wither and die, languish, stagnate, be brain-dead, be comatose.

vegetation n. plants, greenery, plant-life, flora, herbage.

vehement a. [VEE uh munt] intense, passionate, fervent. She denied her part in the crime vehemently. SYN. intense, passionate, fervent, ardent, forceful, violent, fierce, emotional, zealous, fiery, furious, enthusiastic, powerful. ANT. indifferent, apathetic, mild, passive.

vehemently a. intensely, passionately, fervently, ardently, forcefully, violently, fiercely, emotionally, zealously, furiously, enthusiastically, powerfully. ANT. indifferently, passively, mildly.


varying a. variable, changing, alternating, differing, different, fluctuating, deviating, diverging, departing, *blowing hot and cold. ANT. steady, constant.

vase n. flower holder, pot, jar, vessel, pitcher, jug, amphora, tazza, potiche, urn.

vast a. huge, immense, enormous, extensive, boundless, colossal, astronomical, gigantic, titanic, massive, infinite, far-reaching, immeasurable, stupendous. ANT. tiny, limited, small, microscopic.

vat n. tub, container, tank, cauldron, cistern, cask, tun.

vault n. 1. chamber mausoleum, safe, security room, strongroom. 2. jump leap, hop, bound, spring.

vaunt v. boast, brag, crow, *talk big, gloat, swagger, strut, *lay it on thick.

veer v. turn, swerve, curve, change direction, change course, wheel, deviate, shift, diverge, tack.

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dle jumper, boat, bus, train, carriage, coach. see airplane, automobile, boat, motor-
cycle, ship, train. 2. means medium, in-
strument, tool, agent, channel, intermediary.

WORD FIND
boxlike coach of 1800s: brougham
bus traveling regular route, small, pas-
enger: jitney
cab, old-time: hackney, hansom cab
carriage, enclosed: coach
carriage, four-wheeled: landau, phaeton, sus-
rey
carriage, two-wheeled: chaise, curricle, gig, sul-
ky
carriage, Western, open, four-wheeled: buck-
board
funeral: hearse
Oriental cab pulled by one or two persons: rick-
shta, jinrickisha
parade: float
sledlike conveyance: sleigh, bob-sleigh, car-
riole, cutter, pung
stagecoach: Concord
streetcar: trolley, cable car
three-wheeled motorcycle for backwoods:
ATV, all-terrain vehicle
wagon, covered: Conestoga, prairie schoo-
ner

veil n. cover, covering, gauze, net, drapery, cloth, caul, shroud, curtain, screen, purdah, mask.
veil v. cover, shroud, curtain, screen, mask, dis-
guise, hide, conceal, obscure, darken, cloak, shield.
veiled a. disguised, hidden, covered up, con-
cealed, obscured, shrouded, screened, dark-
ened, shielded. ANT. exposed.
vein n. 1. blood vessel: capillary, artery. 2. tone quality, feeling, style, manner, mode, strain, mood, way, fashion. 3. streak seam, load, line, layer, stratum.
velocity n. speed, rate of speed, pace, quickness, swiftness, fleetness, rapidity, celerity, miles per hour, revolutions per minute, rate.

WORD FIND
measuring device: tachometer

velvet n. velveteen, velour, silk.
VELICAL a. [VEEN ul] easily corrupted or bribed, corrupt. He was the most venal judge the courts had ever encountered. SYN. corruptible, easily bribed, unscrupulous, greedy, buyable, unprincipled, immoral, unethical, mercenary. ANT. scrupulous, principled, ethi-
cal, honest, incorruptible.

vend v. sell, peddle, market, retail, hawk.
VENDETTA n. [ven DETT uh] a feud or fam-
ily feud fueled by the need for vengeance. He launched a personal vendetta against his sister's abuser. SYN. feud, blood feud, family feud, retaliation, fight, quarrel, bad blood, war, vengeance campaign, vengeance-seek-
ing, revenge.
vendor n. seller, salesman, peddler, retailer, hawk-
er, dealer, monger, merchant, trader, mer-
chandiser, hackster.
veener n. 1. showy layer: facade, facing, sur-
face, overlay. 2. false front: front, facade, cover-up, show, pretense, guise.
VENERABLE a. [VEN uh bul] esteemed be-
cause of one's age or character. The venerable judge was retiring after 30 years on the bench. SYN. respected, revered, esteemed, worthy, venerated, honored, time-honored, august, dignified, old. ANT. disrespected, dishonor-
able, undignified.
VENERATE v. [VEN ur ate] revere, look up to, worship. Everyone venerated the local priest. SYN. revere, look up to, respect, esteem, honor, worship, adore, *put on a pedestal, hallow. ANT. disdain, scorn, regard with contempt, disrespect.
veneration n. respect, reverence, esteem, wor-
ship, adoration, awe, idolization, regard, ad-
miration, homage. ANT. disrespect, disdain, contempt.
vengeance n. revenge, retaliation, retribution, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, tit for tat, reprisal, requital, vendetta, settling the score. ANT. forgiveness, turning the other cheek, letting bygones be bygones.
vengeful a. vindictive, seeking revenge, re-
vengeful, *launching a personal vendetta, re-
taliatory, avenging, unforgiving, spiteful, bitter, *out to settle the score, punitive. ANT. forgiving, tolerant.
VENIAL a. forgivable, pardonable, excusable, toler-
able, allowable, understandable, minor, *human. ANT. unforgivable, insupportable, in-
tolerable, sinful.
venom n. 1. poison toxin. 2. negative feel-
ings spite, malice, hatred, animosity, malev-
olence, malignance, resentment, ill will, bit-
terness, hostility, acrimony. ANT. 1. antidote,
antivenin, antitoxin. 2. love, goodwill, friend-
liness, warmth.
venomous a. 1. poisonous toxic, lethal, deadly, viperous, sting, full of negative feel-
ings spiteful, malicious, hating, male-
volent, malignant, resentful, bitter, hostile, acrimonious, caustic, antagonistic, vicious.
vent - vernal

**ANT.** 1. harmless, nontoxic. 2. friendly, warm, full of goodwill.

**vent** *n.* 1. hole opening, outlet, aperture, orifice, mouth, passage, flue, exhaust duct, ventilating shaft. 2. expression release, voicing.

**vent** *v.* 1. discharge release, let out, expel, give off. 2. express air, spout off, voice, verbalize, let out, tell, unburden oneself. **ANT.** 1. hold it all in, pent up. 2. remain silent.

**ventilate** *v.* 1. bring in or expel air circulate, freshen, renew, air, air out, refresh, fan. 2. bring out into the open air, voice, discuss, verbalize.

**venture** *n.* undertaking, enterprise, adventure, business proposition, endeavor, project, investment, risk, gamble, long shot, stake, speculation, experiment.

**venturesome** *a.* daring, risky, chancy, brave, courageous, bold, gutsy, nervy, audacious, intrepid, enterprising, adventurous, speculative. **ANT.** safe, cowardly, guaranteed.

**venue** *n.* locale, locality, location, place, scene.

**Venus** *n.* goddess of love, goddess of beauty, Aphrodite.

**veracious** *a.* truthful, honest, true, factual, accurate, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, faithful, straightforward, on the up and up, straight. **ANT.** false, dishonest, untruthful, inaccurate.

**VERACITY** *n.* [yu RAS uh tee] honesty, truthfulness, accuracy. We never doubted the veracity of her statements. **SYN.** honesty, truthfulness, accuracy, dependability, reliability, credibility, authenticity, reality, integrity, faithfulness. **ANT.** dishonesty, deception, deceitfulness, inaccuracy.

**veranda** *n.* porch, portico, gallery, deck, stoop, balcony.

**verbal** *a.* in words, oral, spoken, uttered, articulated, expressed, by mouth, voiced, informal, unwritten. **ANT.** written, formal.

**verbalize** *v.* speak, say, voice, utter, articulate, express, communicat e, put forth, put into words, spit out.

**VERBATIM** *adv.* [yer BAY tum] word for word. She quoted passages of the book verbatim. **SYN.** word for word, exactly, literally, precisely, as written, faithfully, to the letter, line for line. **ANT.** by way of paraphrasing, roughly, inexactly.

**verbiage** *n.* wordiness, long-windedness, prolixity, verbosity, logorrhea, repetition, redundancy, loquacity, tautology. **ANT.** concision, conciseness, condensation, pithiness.

**verbose** *a.* wordy, long-winded, prolix, tautological, loquacious, garrulous, talkative, repetitive, redundant, voluble, motor-mouthed. **ANT.** concise, succinct, to the point, pithy.


**verdant** *a.* green, grassy, leafy, lush. **ANT.** arid, sandy.

**verdict** *n.* finding, decision, judgment, ruling, conclusion, determination, adjudication, opinion, sentence.

**verge** *n.* edge, brink, border, margin, limit, threshold, boundary, extremity, fringe, skirt, rim, lip, outer limits.

**verge** *v.* incline, tend, lean toward, approach, come close, edge, neighbor, touch.

**verification** *n.* proof, authentication, certification, corroboration, substantiation, confirmation, affirmation, attestation, validation, evidence. **ANT.** discredit, invalidation.

**verify** *v.* prove, confirm, substantiate, authenticate, certify, corroborate, affirm, attest, validate, testify to, support, demonstrate. **ANT.** shoot full of holes, discredit, debunk, invalidate.

**verily** *adv.* truly, in truth, certainly.

**verisimilitude** *n.* realism, appearance of reality, appearance of truth, truth, credibility, believability.

**veritable** *a.* actual, real, for real, true, bona fide, genuine, authentic. **ANT.** false, questionable.

**verity** *n.* truth, reality, actuality.


**vernacular** *n.* [var NAK yoo lur] everyday language or idiom. Even though he was a highly intellectual author, he always spoke in a relaxed vernacular. **SYN.** native tongue, dialect, native language, conversational English, plain English, colloquial speech, slang, idiom, lingo, cant, argot, shoptalk. **ANT.** formal English, formal language.

**vernacular** *a.* native, regional, local, provincial, common, popular, vulgar, indigenous, informal, conversational. **ANT.** formal, elevated, proper, stilted.

**vernal** *a.* fresh, young, youthful, spring-fresh. **ANT.** old.
versatile  a. multitalented, multifaceted, *jack-of-all-trades, all-around, multipurpose, resourceful, ingenious, clever, multiskilled, handy, adaptable. ant. limited.

verse  n. line, stanza, poem, poetry, rhyme, composition, lyrics.

versed  a. learned, acquainted, experienced, trained, schooled, educated, practiced, familiar with, informed, conversant, skilled, proficient, *up on. ant. unschooled, untrained, ignorant.

version  n. rendition, rendering, interpretation, reading, depiction, account, story, paraphrase, form, translation.

vertex  n. apex, summit, highest point, high point, pinnacle, peak, crown, zenith, acme, apogee.

vertical  a. upright, up and down, perpendicular. ant. horizontal.

vertiginous  a. causing vertigo, dizzy, dizzying, *making one's head spin, whirling, reeling. ant. steady, calm.

vertigo  n. dizziness, unsteadiness, whirling, reeling sensation, loss of balance.

verve  n. energy, spirit, liveliness, vivaciousness, enthusiasm, vitality, animation, vigor, passion, gusto, *pizzazz. ant. dullness, sleepiness, weariness.

very  a. 1. complete absolute, total, entire, out-and-out, downright, unqualified, sheer. 2. same identical, precise, exact, perfect, fitting, suitable, needed. ant. 1. partial.

very  adv. 1. extremely excessively, exceedingly, profoundly, unusually, highly, *terribly, *awfully, uncommonly, vastly, extraordinarily, deeply, richly, notably, 2. exactly precisely. ant. 1. slightly, barely, hardly, 2. roughly.

vessels  n. evening prayer, canonical hour.

vessel  n. 1. boat craft, sailboat, trawler, ship, freighter, barge, tugboat, tanker, ocean liner, cruise ship, *tub. see boat, ship 2. container receptacle, holder, utensil, pot, pan, kettle, bottle, vase, jug, tub, vat, cistern, cask, keg, urn.

vest  n. waistcoat.

vest  v. place in control, invest, entrust, bestow, authorize, empower, assign, confer, grant.

vested  a. fixed, absolute, set, inviolable, inalienable, guaranteed by law, protected by law, warranted. ant. spurious, unwarranted.

vestibule  n. entrance, entranceway, foyer, lobby, reception area, waiting room, antechamber.

vestige  n. trace, ancestral remnant, relic, memento, surviving evidence, shadow, glimmer, token, remainder, *ancestral hand-me-down.

vestigial  a. obsolete, ancestral, degenerate, atrophied, nonfunctional, rudimentary, remaining, passed-down. ant. functional, advanced.

vestment  n. garment, robe, gown, alb, amice, cassock, surplice, tippet, cope.

veteran  n. professional, pro, seasoned pro, *vet, experienced hand, *old hand, old-timer, past master, senior, authority, expert, trouper, *war horse, ex-soldier. ant. amateur, neophyte, beginner.

veteran  a. experienced, old, seasoned, professional, senior, practiced, hardened, masterly, battle-scarred, worldly-wise, weathered. ant. inexperienced, immature, young, untried, amateur.

veterinarian  n. vet, animal doctor. see doctor

veto  n. prohibition, no, refusal, rejection, disapproval, *thumbs down, *nix, nay, stoppage, proscription, denial. ant. approval, yes, okay, acceptance, ratification.

veto  v. prohibit, refuse, reject, disapprove, *give a thumbs down, *give a no vote, *nix, stop, kill, proscribe, deny, bar. ant. accept, approve, ratify.

vex  v. irritate, annoy, aggravate, trouble, bother, *bug, irk, peeve, ruffle, *rattle one's cage, pester, plague, rile, harass, perturb, *get on one's nerves. ant. please, delight, soothe.


vexatious  a. irritating, annoying, aggravating, troubling, bothersome, irksome, nerve-racking, ruffling, disturbing, perturbing, nagging, nettling. ant. pleasing, delightful, joyful.

via  prep. by, by way of, through.

VIAABLE  a. [VI uh bul] able to live or survive, workable, doable. We came up with a number of viable plans to make the company more profitable. syn. capable of surviving, workable, doable, practical, feasible, possible, within the realm of possibility. ant. likely to perish, impractical, unworkable.

viaduct  n. span. see bridge

vial  n. phial, bottle, ampule, vessel, test tube, syringe.

vibrant  a. 1. vibrating quivering, resonating, resonant, reverberating, reverberant, resounding, ringing, pulsing, throbbing. 2. lively, lively, spirited, vigorous, energetic, animated, throbbing with life, vital, sparkling, radiant. ant. 1. still. 2. dead, weak, sleepy, dull.

victor  n. winner, conqueror. ant. loser, vanquished, defeated.

victual  n. food, refreshment, sustenance. ant. fare, provisions, rations.


vigor  n. energy, spirit, liveliness, vivacity, vivacity, animation, vigor, passion, gusto, *pizzazz. ant. dullness, sleepiness, weariness.


village  n. hamlet, hamlet, cottage, farm, hamlet, farm, hamlet, hamlet, hamlet.
VICARIOUS a. [vye KAIR ee us] experienced indirectly or imagined through the experiences of others. Although she could not attend it herself, she received vicarious pleasure from watching the concert on television. syn. indirect, imagined, fantasized, secondhand, secondary, sympathetic, empathetic, surrogate. ant. direct, firsthand, personal.

vice n. sin, evil, wickedness, depravity, wrong, indecency, debauchery, immorality, degeneracy, corruption, prostitution, bad habit, weakness, compulsion, failing, fault, flaw, shortcoming, wrong, crime. "Sclerility."—Karl Marx. "Instruments to plague."—Shakespeare.

vicinity n. proximity, neighborhood, area, neck of the woods, region, surroundings, environs, vicinage.

vicious a. 1. mean, nasty bad, fierce, cruel, malicious, murderous, brutal, merciless, blood-thirsty, savage, ferocious, hateful, venemous, spiteful 2. evil wicked, sinful, base, corrupt, depraved, immoral, debauched, villainous, degenerate, perverted, shameful, bad. ant. nice, kind, sweet, good. 2. moral, virtuous, syn. changes, accept the vicissitudes of life. righteous, Christian.


victor n. winner, champion, champ, gold medalist, conqueror, vanquisher, top dog, *number one, master. ant. loser, failure.

Victorian a. respectable, prudish, proper, strait-laced, stuffy, puritanical, prim, priggish, antiquated, obsolete. ant. free-spirited, loose, fast, liberal.

victorious a. winning, conquering, vanquishing, triumphant, successful, champion, on top, prevailing, dominant, undefeated. ant. failing, losing, defeated.

victory n. success, win, triumph, superiority, mastery, sweep, upset, killing, *grand slam, *landslide, *wipe out, the gold medal, the silver medal, the bronze medal, vanquishing, overthrow, subduing. "A matter of staying power."—Elbert Hubbard. "That which must be bought with the lives of young men to retrieve the errors of the old."—Gordon Munro.


video n. TV, television, tape, videocassette, movie, picture transmission. see television

videocassette n. video, tape, movie, *flick. see movie


view n. 1. looking seeing, observation, examination, inspection, scrutiny, scan, look-see, once-over. 2. sight vision, range. 3. scene scenery, vista, panorama, outlook, prospect, landscape, seascape. 4. opinion judgment, perspective, thoughts, feeling, observation, point of view, belief, impression, conviction, attitude.

view v. 1. look at see, behold, observe, examine, inspect, scrutinize, scan, check out, survey, get a load of, regard, peep, eyeball. 2. consider regard, judge, deem, think, look at.

viewpoint n. point of view, opinion, perspective, attitude, way of thinking, position, standpoint, feeling, vantage point, angle, slant.

vigil n. watch, standing-by, overnight watch, surveillance, lookout, observation, monitoring.

vigilance n. watchfulness, caution, alertness, wariness, attentiveness, circumspection, lookout, carefulness, heed. ant. carelessness, disregard, letting down one’s guard.

vigilant a. watchful, alert, on the lookout, cautious, wary, attentive, circumspect, careful, on one’s toes, on guard. ant. unwary, incautious, off guard, *flat-footed, asleep.

vigilante n. member of a Lynch mob, member of a vigilance committee, night rider.

vigilantism n. taking the law into one’s own hands, mob law, mob rule, Lynch law, lynch-ing.

vignette n. sketch, scene, cameo, skit, bit, depiction.

vigor n. 1. Strength and vitality energy, zip, power, pep, fire, vim, liveliness, drive, force, potency, might, hardiness, heartiness, health, *get up and go, *punch. 2. Intensity force, spirit, passion, enthusiasm, vehemence, fire, fervor. ant. 1. weakness, feeble-
n. failing health. 2. feebleness, half-heartedness, weariness.

vigorous a. strong, vital, energetic, "full of zip, powerful, peppy, "full of fire, lively, forceful, potent, mighty, hardy, hearty, healthy, robust, intense, spirited, passionate, enthusiastic, vehement, fervent. ant. weak, feeble, sickly, failing, impotent.

viking n. pirate, sea rover, Norseman.

vile a. 1. base immoral, wicked, evil, sinful, debased, bad, degenerate, venal, iniquitous, villainous, depraved, Satanic. 2. offensive disgusting, sickening, nauseating, stomach-turning, rotten, loathsome, despicable, monstrous, atrocious, obnoxious, contemptible. ant. 1. moral, good, wholesome, virtuous. 2. pleasant, delightful, agreeable.

villain n. country house, country estate, summer house, "spread, vacation home, hacienda.

village n. municipality, hamlet, small town, crossroads, burg, community, settlement, township.

villain n. criminal, "bad guy, scoundrel, evildoer, wretch, knave, antihero, "black hat, fiend, rogue, rascal, "weasel, "snake, "rat, "Simon Legree, dastard, cur, "the heavy, "SOB, cad, "creep, "rotter, "stinker, "bad actor, "bad hombre. ant. hero, "good guy, good Samaritan, law-abiding citizen.

villainous a. criminal, evil, wicked, sinful, unlawful, lawbreaking, mean, knavish, black, fiendish, dastardly, ignoble, blackhearted, antisocial, vile, low, felonious, shameful, reprehensible, immoral, diabolic. ant. heroic, good, kind, Christian.

villainy n. crime, dirty deed, felony, evil, wickedness, sinfulness, knavery, meanness, delinquency, blackheartedness, antisocial behavior, antisocial act, vileness, immorality, heinous act. ant. heroism, goodness, kindness, Christianity.

vim n. vitality, vigor, energy, strength, robustness, liveliness, "pep, "get up and go, "zip, potency, vivacity, spirit. ant. feebleness, weariness.

VINDICATE v. [VIN duh kate] to clear one of blame, charges or suspicion; to absolve. The new evidence vindicated the accused and he was promptly released with apologies. syn. clear, clear one’s name, exonerate, prove innocence, absolve, acquit, exculpate, excuse, pardon, uphold one’s innocence, defend, support. ant. damn, implicate, convict.

VINDICTIVE a. [vin DICK tiv] seeking revenge, seething with the desire for vengeance. The divorce made both parties mean and vindictive. syn. vengeful, revengeful, retaliatory, retributive, spiteful, unforgiving, resentful, hostile, out for revenge, out to even the score, nasty. ant. forgiving, turning the other cheek, accepting.

vintage n. 1. time period season, year, date, period, model. 2. crop harvest, yield. see wine.

vintage a. 1. choice the best, select, prize, excellent, superior, good, fine. 2. historical past, period, retro, old-time, old-fashioned, antiquated, antique, outdated. ant. 1. the worst, poor, inferior. 2. future, modern, contemporary.

vintner n. wine merchant, wine maker. see wine.

violate v. 1. break a law transgress, breach, disobey, trespass, defy, disregard the law, infringe, commit a felony, commit a crime, commit a misdemeanor. 2. rape molestation, sexual abuse, ravish, assault, deflower, take by force. 3. desecrate profane, disrespect, dishonor, defile, blaspheme, degrade, corrupt. 4. break in interrupt, invade one’s space, invade one’s privacy, disturb. ant. 1. comply, observe, respect. 3. respect, honor, revere.

violation n. 1. breaking of the law transgression, breach, trespass, defiance, infringement, felony, crime, misdemeanor, nonservice. 2. rape molestation, sexual abuse, sexual assault, deflowering. 3. desecration disrespect, defiling, degradation. 4. invasion of privacy invasion of one’s space, interruption, disturbance.

violence n. 1. physical anger and destruction brute force, manhandling, brutality, roughness, terrorism, bloodshed, killing, murder, destructiveness, barbarity, savagery, ferocity, fisticuffs, "rumble, rioting, physical abuse, pummeling, cruelty, torture, "when push comes to shove. "The state calls its own violence law, but that of the individual
crime.”—Max Stirner. 2. INTENSE FORCE OF NATURE energy, explosiveness, storminess, ferocity, fury, turbulence, wildness, intensity, fierceness, upheaval, cataclysm, eruption, blowup.

violent a. 1. Destructive brutal, brutally, man-handling, rough, terrorizing, killing, murderous, barbarous, savage, ferocious, riotous, physically abusive, assaultive, cruel, blood-thirsty, homicidal, rabid, maniacal, berserk, rowdy, hurtful, crazed, out of control, vehement, furious. 2. INTENSE powerful, strong, extreme, severe, acute, rough, explosive, turbulent, stormy, ferocious, wild, fierce, cataclysmic. ANT: 1. nonviolent, pacific, passive, peaceful. 2. mild, gentle, slight.

virgin n. maid, maiden, celibate, vestal. see virginal, chastity, celibacy, purity, maidenhood, innocence, virtue, modesty, continence, abstinence.

virginal a. see virgin

virginity n. chastity, celibacy, purity, maidenhood, innocence, virtue, modesty, continence, abstinence. “A frozen asset.”—Clare Boothe Luce. “Peevish, proud, idle, made of self-love, which is the most inhibited sin in the canon.”—Shakespeare. ANT: promiscuity, experience, immodesty.


virtual a. practical, in effect, just about, tantamount to, essential, equal to, implicit. ANT: not at all, absent.

virtually adv. practically, for all practical purposes, in effect, just about, tantamount to, equal to, basically, essentially.


virtuosity n. skill, proficiency, greatness, mastery, expertise, command, artistry, craftsmanship, brilliance. ANT: inexperience, incompetence, ineptness.

virtuoso master, expert, artist, *whiz, craftsman, genius, prodigy, ace, professional, pro, *crackerjack, maestro, mavin. ANT: amateur, beginner, bumbler, neophyte.

virtuous a. 1. Moral and exemplary good, righteous, upright, principled, decent, incorruptible, honorable, showing character, having integrity, having Christian values, ethical. 2. Chaste virginal, pure, untouched, innocent, celibate, continent, abstinent. ANT: 1. immoral, evil, sinful, wicked. 2. promiscuous, impure, immodest.

virulence n. 1. Toxicity noxiousness, harmfulness, deadliness. 2. Animosity venom, hostility, malevolence, rancor, malice, acrimony.

virulent a. 1. Poisonous noxious, toxic, venomous, harmful, unhealthy, lethal, deadly, fatal, malignant, deleterious. 2. Antagonistic hostile, venomous, malevolent, rancorous, vicious, malicious, nasty, acrimonious, bitter, spiteful, vindictive. ANT: 1. nontoxic, harmless, benign. 2. friendly, nice, warm.

virus n. *bug, germ, microorganism, microbe, infection, pathogen, prokaryote, cold virus, flu virus.
visa n. endorsement, authorization, certification, passport stamp.

visage n. face, countenance, expression, appearance, aspect, look, cast, bearing.

vis-a-vis a. face to face, opposite.

viscera n. internal organs, intestines, guts, bowels, *inards, entrails.

VISCERAL a. [VIS ur ul] instinctive, intuitive, felt in one's gut. The desire to hunt is largely visceral. SYN. instinctive, intuitive, *gut, internal, natural, unconscious, subconscious, reflexive, emotional. ANT. intellectual, cerebral.

viscid a. See viscous

viscosity n. cohesiveness, stickiness, tackiness, adhesion, viscosity, gumminess, pastiness.

viscount n. nobleman.

viscous a. cohesive, sticky, viscid, tacky, gluey, gummy, adhesive, syrupy, mucilaginous, pasty. ANT. dry, solid.

vise n. clamp, holder, grip, gripper.

visibility n. range of vision, clearness, clarity, cloudiness, cloud ceiling, fogginess, perceptibility.

visible a. seeable, perceptible, observable, perceivable, discernible, palpable, apparent, evident, obvious, conspicuous, distinct, clear, plain, manifest. ANT. invisible, concealed, hidden, imperceptible.

vision n. 1. EYESIGHT sense of sight, sight, seeing, perception, optical perception, SEE EYE 2. DREAM hallucination, fantasy, daydream, illusion, mirage, apparition, ghost, specter, phantom, visitation, prophecy, prophetic vision, revelation. 3. MENTAL PICTURE image, imagining, fantasy, concept, idea. 4. FORESIGHT or IMAGINATION astuteness, farsightedness, understanding, insight, wisdom, perspective, keenness, intuition.

visionary n. 1. DREAMER daydreamer, idealist, romantic, Utopian, castle-builder, Don Quixote. 2. PROPHET seer, mystic, fortune-teller, psychic.

visionary a. imaginary, fantasized, dreamed, fanciful, impractical, unrealistic, idealized, realistic, starry-eyed, speculative, ghostly, spectral, prophetic. ANT. realistic, down-to-earth, practical.

visit n. social call, stopover, stay, sojourn, appointment, talk, chat.

visit v. 1. DROP IN on call on, stop in, stop over, stop by, see, look up, look in on, pay a call, stay over, sojourn. 2. AFFLICT inflict, assail, befall, wreak, smite, attack.

visitation n. affliction, punishment, plague, curse, blight, disaster, catastrophe, tragedy, calamity, reward, just reward.

visitor n. caller, guest, houseguest, company, drop-in company, sojourner, tourist, traveler.

vista n. view, outlook, scene, scenery, panorama, sight, prospect.

visual a. 1. OPTICAL optic, ocular. 2. VISIBLE seeable, observable, perceptible, discernible, perceivable. ANT. 2. invisible, imperceptible, auditory, olfactory.

visualize v. picture, imagine, envision, conceive, fantasize, see in the mind's eye, envisage, conjure up, form a mental image.

vital a. 1. LIVING live, life, animate, life-giving, life-supporting, life-sustaining. 2. ESSENTIAL necessary, indispensable, critical, crucial, fundamental, basic, important, life or death, key. 3. VIGOROUS energetic, lively, full of life, spirited, animated, vivacious, vibrant, dynamic, full of zest. ANT. 1. dead, lifeless, inanimate. 2. insubstantial, unnecessary, dispensable. 3. lifeless, sluggish, sickly, tired.

vitality n. vigor, energy, liveliness, life, spirit, animation, vivacity, zest, vim, robustness, get up and go, power, strength. ANT. weakness, sluggishness, lethargy, dullness.

vitriol n. bitterness, sarcasm, nastiness, venom, acid, maliciousness, malevolence, hatefulness, contempt, disdain. ANT. sweetness, kindness, pleasantness.

VITRIOLIC a. [vi tree AWL ik] caustic, bitter, or sarcastic. His vitriolic speech drove many people out of the conference room. SYN. caustic, bitter, sarcastic, nasty, venomous, acid, malicious, malevolent, hateful, biting, cutting, disdainful. ANT. sweet, nice, pleasant.

vittles n. victuals, food, edibles, "grub, "chow, eats, nourishment.

vituperate v. scold, berate, censure, verbally abuse, revile, reprove, rebuke, upbraid, chasten, disparage. ANT. commend, praise, compliment.

vituperation n. scolding, berating, verbal abuse, abusive language, castigation, "dressing down, condemnation, criticism, revilement, denunciation. ANT. praise, compliments, commendation.

VIVACIOUS a. [vi V AY shus] full of life. She was bubbly and vivacious. SYN. lively, bubbly, effervescent, spirited, animated, ebullient, vital, bouncy, cheerful. ANT. lifeless, dead, dull, sluggish.

vivacity n. life, liveliness, bubbliness, effervescence, spirit, animation, ebullience, vitality, bounciness, cheerfulness. ANT. deadness, lifelessness, dullness.

vivid a. 1. BRIGHT brilliant, intense, striking, strong, rich, radiant, resplendent, glowing,
vociferous - volcano

vociferous

vivify - volcano

vocalist

voice

vogue

vociferate

vocation

vocalize

vocabulary

vixen

vivisection

vivify

over the gun control issue.

vociferous

reserved, silent, shy.

vociferous

singing, shouting, hollering, clamorous, ranting, raving, thunderous, fuming, vehement, vocal, uproarious, loud-mouthed. ANt. quiet, reserved, silent, shy.

void

empty vacant, devoid, vacuous, desolate, barren, unoccupied, bare, hollow, blank.

voice

express, articulate, say, verbalize, state, announce, air, vocalize, utter, communicate, put into words, sound off, vent.

voiceless

imagine, bright, clear, crystal-clear, strong, powerful, realistic, graphic, distinct, picturesque, sharp, loud, impressive. ANt. 1. dull, faded, faint, pale. 2. vague, dull, faint.

vivisection n. animal dissection, animal research, medical research.

vixen n. shrew, witch, *battle-ax, virago, fishwife, scold, hellcat, spitfire.

vocabulary n. lexicon, glossary, word stock, vernacular, language, slang, jargon, lingo, cant, tongue, terminology, phraseology, dictionary, thesaurus.

vocal a. 1. spoken oral, verbal, voiced, vocalized, uttered, articulated, expressed, put into words, sung. 2. outspoken expressive, articulate, vociferous, *not backward about coming forward, loud, noisy, blunt, forthright, making oneself heard. ANt. 1. mute, silent, written. 2. shy, reserved, reticent, quiet.

vocalist n. singer, soloist, crooner, diva, prima donna, *songbird, song stylist, songstress, recording artist, pop star, minstrel. SEE MUSIC, SONG.

vocalize v. verbalize, voice, put into words, articulate, express, speak, utter, say, communicate, phonate, sing.

vocation n. profession, occupation, trade, calling, line of work, career, livelihood, employment, job, line, métier, business, *racket, field, *bag.

vociferate v. shout, clamor, holler, bellow, rant, rave, thunder, fume, fuss, *raise a stink, raise one's voice, carry on vehemently. ANt. whisper, speak softly.

vociferous a. [vo SIF or us] loud, bellowing; making one's point in a noisy manner. Both sides had become increasingly vociferous over the gun control issue. SYN. loud, bellowing, shouting, hollering, clamorous, ranting, raving, thunderous, fuming, vehement, vocal, uproarious, loud-mouthed. ANt. quiet, reserved, silent, shy.


vogue a. in vogue, in fashion, fashionable, trendy, *in, current, stylish, *on the cutting edge *hip. ANt. old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete.


WORD FIND

descriptive: alto, baritone, bass, bellowing, booming, breathy, cackling, childish, cracking, croaking, cultured, deep, dwarling, droning, falsetto, faltering, feeble, flat, fluting, gargling, gravel, guttural, harsh, hoarse, hollow, hushed, husky, inflectionless, lilting, lisping, monotone, nasal twang, powerful, ponderous, purring, quavering, rasping, reedy, resonant, robust, scabrous, sensuous, Shakespearian actor's, sharp, shrill, singsong, soothing, soprano, spluttering, squawking, squeaky, stentorian, strangled, subterranean, sultry, tenor, thick, thin, throaty, thunderous, tremulous, velvety, warbling, wheezing, whining, whiskey-voiced.

loss of: aphonia

loud: megalophonic, megalophonous

organ: larynx, vocal cords, voicebox

pertaining to: phonetic

pitch, variation in: modulation, inflection

quality: timbre

voiceless: mute

voice v. express, articulate, say, verbalize, state, announce, air, vocalize, utter, communicate, put into words, sound off, vent.

void n. emptiness, vacuum, empty space, vacuity, nothing, nothingness, hole, oblivion, blank.

void v. 1. nullify invalidate, cancel, annul, abolish, repeal, rescind, reverse, revoke, stop. 2. discharge evacuate, empty, clear, eliminate, excrete, purge. ANt. 1. validate. 2. fill.

void a. 1. empty vacant, devoid, vacuous, desolate, barren, unoccupied, bare, hollow, blank. 2. invalid null, ineffective, cancelled, ineffective, not in force, annulled, worthless, meaningless. ANt. 1. full, occupied, filled. 2. valid, in force, binding.

VOLATILE a. [VOL uh tul] unstable, liable to change quickly. Also, likely to explode due to instability. Tensions between nations created a volatile situation. SYN. unstable, changeable, rapidly changing, unpredictable, unsettled, erratic, explosive, tense, fickle, capricious, up and down, hot and cold, mercurial. ANt. stable, steady, predictable.

volcanic a. explosive, violent. SEE VOLCANO

volcano n. vent, mountain, crater, Pelée, Vesuvius, Etna, Mt. St. Helens. SEE MOUNTAIN

WORD FIND

avalanche of hot gas and ash: pyroclastic flow, nuee ardente
blob of lava ejected from: bomb
cavern formed by lava flow: lava tube
cinderlike lava: scoria
crater that eventually fills with water to become lake: caldera
descriptive: devil’s throne, hellish forge, festering boil
device that measures bulge in side of mountain: tiltmeter
device that measures vibration: seismograph
eruption: cataclysm, upheaval, paroxysm, belching
“fireworks” associated with: pyrotechnics
glass, volcanic: obsidian
god of fire, Roman: Vulcanus
inactive permanently: extinct
lava that hardens and stops up volcano throat: plug
molasses-like lava found in Hawaii: pahoehoe
molten rock after it is expelled: lava
molten rock before it is expelled: magma
mouth: crater
mud or ash flow, heated: laharc
rock, porous: pumice
rock produced by, dark igneous: basalt
reaction of lava when it meets water: base surge
science of: volcanology
scientist: volcanologist, vulcanist
sleeping, inactive: dormant
superheated gas and fire cloud: nuee ardente
vent, secondary: monticule, fumarole, blowhole, cinder cone
truncated cone left after eruption: basal wreck

VOLITION n. [vo LISH un] will, a conscious choice. She went into the dangerous area of her own volition. SYN. will, free will, willingness, choice, choosing, election, determination, desire. ANT. coercion, arm-twisting.

volition - voodoo

votive a. talkative, loquacious, garrulous, motor-mouthed, long-winded, effusive, blabby, having the gift of gab, fluent, rambling. ANT. quiet, silent, reticent, taciturn.

volume n. 1. BOOK work, tome, opus, hardcover, paperback, album. 2. CUBIC SPACE cubic feet, cubic inches, size, dimensions, capacity, mass, extent. 3. LOUDNESS amplification, intensity, sound.

voluminous a. 1. huge large, sizable, big, great, vast, extensive, bulky, full, expansive, capacious, spacious. 2. FILLING VOLUMES prolific, comprehensive, profuse, abundant, abound ing, plentiful. ANT. 1. small, tiny, slight. 2. brief, succinct.

volutarily adv. of one’s own free will, willingly, of one’s own volition, volitionally, electively, freely. ANT. by force, by coercion, unwillingly, against one’s will.

voluntary a. of one’s own free will, willing, of one’s own volition, volitionally, elected, opted, unforced, gratuitous, free, optional, spontaneous. ANT. forced, compulsory, coerced, against one’s will.

volunteer v. offer, sign up, donate one’s services, step up, come forward, present, proffer, tender, contribute. ANT. *go kicking and screaming, resist, refuse.

voluptuary n. sensualist, sybarite, hedonist, pleasure seeker.


volute n. spiral, twist, whorl.


voodoo n. black magic, sorcery, obeah, witchcraft, dark art. SEE MAGIC, OCCULT

WORD FIND
animated corpse or snake deity: zombie
bonfire representing relighting of the sun, ceremonial:
Brazilian form: macumba
Dolls to represent real people and inflict pain, use of: envoutement
healing, spirit of: loco
object thought to have magical power:
charm, fetish
priestess, Haitian: mambo
spirit who takes control of another in trance: loa
walking stick with magic ability to kill: coco macaque

VORACIOUS a. [vo RAY shus] extremely hungry or greedy, insatiable. He had a voracious appetite and ate every three hours. SYN. ravenous, gluttonous, edacious, greedy, hungry, starved, devouring, insatiable, unquenchable, wild, rabid, out of control. ANT. moderate, dainty, satiated.

vortex n. whirlpool, maelstrom, eddy, gyre, whirlwind, tornado, cyclone, *twister.

votary n. monk, nun, devotee, worshipper, disciple, follower, adherent, fan.

vote n. say, voice, choice, option, right to choose, suffrage, franchise, ballot, poll, referendum, show of hands, *yay, *nay. SEE ELECTION
vote v. cast one's ballot, choose, elect, decide on, opt for, *give thumbs up, *give thumbs down, *yay, *nay, go to the polls. SEE ELECTION
vouch v. affirm, back up, support, swear to, testify, attest, bear witness, substantiate, corroborate, guarantee, warrant, authenticate, certify.

voucher n. receipt, chit, debenture, note, IOU.

vouchsafe v. give, grant, confer, bestow, concede, allow, condescend.

vow n. promise, pledge, oath, word, solemn word, word of honor, troth, assurance.
vow v. promise, pledge, give one's word, give one's solemn word, give one's word of honor, swear to, solemnly swear, assure, *cross one's heart and hope to die, guarantee, warrant.

voyage n. cruise, pleasure cruise, ocean-crossing, sail, trip, passage, journey, tour, junket.
voyage v. cruise, cross the ocean, sail, take a trip, journey, tour, travel, go abroad.
voyeur n. *peeping Tom, pervert, spy, watcher.

vulgar a. 1. common popular, everyday, general, plebeian, folk of the masses, proletarian, working class, colloquial. 2. crude coarse, unrefined, *gross, rough, boorish, uncultivated, ill-bred, ill-mannered, uncivilized, loutish, impolite. 3. indecent obscene, tasteless, disgusting, *gross, dirty, offensive, X-rated, blue, off-color, smutty. ANT. 1. upper class, aristocratic. 2. refined, civilized, well-mannered, well-bred. 3. tasteful, decent, clean, G-rated.

vulgarity n. 1. crudeness coarseness, lack of refinement, roughness, ill manners, bad manners, rudeness, boorishness, grossness, impoliteness. 2. obscenity expulsive, swear word, four-letter word, profanity, smut, pornography. ANT. 1. refinement, good manners, tact.

vulnerable a. 1. assailable open to attack, defenseless, undefended, weak, helpless, *helpless as a baby, exposed, susceptible, unprotected, preganant. 2. sensitive thin-skinned, easily hurt, hypersensitive. ANT. 1. unassailable, strong, impregnable, invincible. 2. thick-skinned, self-assured, confident.

vulture n. 1. bird of prey raptor, condor, scavenger. 2. ruthless person shark, con man, jackal, bloodsucker, parasite, user, opportunist, *gold digger.


wad n. mass, ball, lump, hunk, chunk, gob, clump, plug.

waddle v. toddle, wobble, walk like a duck, sway.

wade v. slog, slosh, ford, bathe.

waders n. hip boots.

wafer n. cracker, cookie, snap, disk, biscuit.

waive v. [WAU ful] to speak or write vaguely or ambiguously, to equivocate. The senator waffled on the issue and told us to get back to him. SYN. equivocate, dodge, *dance around an issue, sidestep, hem and haw, duck, hedge, speak ambiguously, speak vaguely, tergiversate, evade, "beat around the bush. ANT. be decisive, come to the point, be straightforward, be direct, take a stand.

waif n. orphan, homeless child, stray, foundling, street child, gamin, ragamuffin.

wail n. cry, outcry, lament, moan, whine, howl, sob, boohoo.

wail v. cry, cry out, cry out in mourning, bewail, weep, moan, whine, howl, sob, boohoo, bawl, whimper, lament, grieve, mourn.

wait n. delay, holdup, stop, halt, suspension, pause, layover.

wait v. hold up, hold, stop, halt, suspend, pause, delay, procrastinate, linger, abide, bide one’s time, "sweat it out, daily, "hang back, "hold the phone, "freeze. ANT. go, proceed, start.

waiter n. waiter, server, steward, garçon, carhop, host, hostess, maître d; servant.

wait on v. serve, attend to, tend to, minister to, be at one’s beck and call, "wait on hand and foot, "gopher.

waitress n. see waiter

wage v. engage in, carry on, conduct, undertake, make, prosecute.


wager v. bet, gamble, put money on, speculate, venture, risk, chance, hazard, stake.

waggish a. merry, playful, funny, comical, jesting, humorous, clowning, teasing, jovial, jolly. ANT. serious, grim, sober.

wagon n. cart, trailer, dray, Conestoga, prairie schooner, truck, carriage, buggy; see vehicle

wait n. orphan, homeless child, stray, foundling, street child, gamin, ragamuffin.
baby: toddler
backward: backpedal, double-back, retrace one's steps
brush, through: blaze, bushwhack, pick one's way, negotiate, weave
casual: walk with elaborate nonchalance, mosey, shuffle, pad, saunter, stroll
complicated path, through or around: pick one's way, negotiate, step nimbly around, thread one's way, edge along, inch forward, take mincing steps
crowd, through a: sidle, jostle, elbow, shoulder, jockey for position, bull one's way through, be borne along by
difficult or laborious: dodder, falter, hobble, limp, lumber, plod, shamble, shuffle, stagger, stumble, totter, trudge, slog, slosh
drunken: stagger, falter, blunder forward, careen, totter
fours, on all: crab
graceful: with feline grace, with the grace of a porteuse, with calculated grace
group: parade, march, file out, tramp, troop, swarm, flood, spill out, be borne along by the crowd
military march: goose-step
show off: swagger, strut, peacock
slide by the soles of one's feet: glissade
sneaky or cautious: creep, edge, inch, slip away, slink, steal, tiptoe, shrink, skulk, prow, withdraw, lurk, shadow
wet or mud, through: slog, slosh, squelch, splash, wade
wind, against: lean into, battle forward

walk on v. walk all over, take advantage of, use, abuse, trample, dominate, exploit.
walk out on v. leave, turn one's back on, abandon, *leave high and dry, leave in the lurch, *dump, reject, jilt, depart, strike.
wall n. partition, divider, screen, bulkhead, load-bearing wall, non-load-bearing wall, panel, barrier, parapet.
wallow v. 1. roll around lie in, lounge, slosh, splash. 2. indulge luxuriate, bask, relish, savor, take pleasure in, revel.
wait n. valse. See dance

wan a. 1. pale colorless, pallid, white, ghostly, pasty, blanched, anemic, ashen, cadaverous. 2. weak faint, feeble, sickly, tired, half-hearted, weary, sad, gaunt. Ant. 1. rosy, apple-cheeked, ruddy, flushed. 2. bright, strong, wholehearted.
wand n. stick, rod, staff, baton, scepter, switch.
wander v. 1. roam rove, range, wend, wind, go about aimlessly, ramble, drift, meander, trek, straggle, gallivant, gad, idle, stroll, lose one's way, stray, go off the beaten track. 2. digress get off the subject, deviate, get sidetracked, ramble, go off on a tangent. Ant. 1. make a beeline, go directly. 2. stick to the subject, stay on track.
wanderlust n. urge to travel, urge to explore, urge to wander, restlessness.
wane n. ebb, decline, fading, decrease, drop, recession, falling-off. Ant. increase, growth.
wane v. ebb, recede, decline, fade, decrease, drop, shrink, diminish, dwindle, abate, subside, lessen, fall, lapse, die out. Ant. increase, wax, grow.
want n. 1. desire need, longing, wish, yearning, hunger, thirst, craving, appetite, hankering, requirement, demand. 2. lack absence, need, dearth, shortage, scarcity, deficiency, paucity, privation. 3. poverty destitution, indigence, impoverishment.
want v. 1. desire need, longing, wish yearning, hunger, thirst, craving, appetite, hankering, requirement, demand. 2. stick to the subject, stay on track.
wanton a. 1. unmanageable undisciplined, wild, intractable, unruly, wayward, refractory, unrestrained. 2. sexually unrestrained loose, libidinous, promiscuous, lustful, licentious, salacious, carnal, lewd, abandoned, fast. 3. unprovoked groundless, uncalled-for, unnecessary, unjustifiable, senseless, needless, gratuitous, malicious, cruel, mean. 4. reckless rash, unrestrained, careless, *devil-may-care. Ant. 1. manageable, disciplined, well-behaved. 2. chaste, celibate, prudish, puritanical. 3. provoked, necessary. 4. judicious, careful.
war n. warfare, hostilities, conflict, clash, strife, contest, struggle, battle, combat, military

peace, friendship, accord, harmony.

see air force, ammunition, army, bomb, bullet, gun, navy, nuclear bomb, soldier, weapon

WORD FIND
aircraft, unmanned spy: drone, Global Hawk, Predator
attack, intense, all-out: blitzkrieg, sweep
attack or action: offensive
ceasefire: armistice, truce, peace treaty
chemical and biological agents: anthrax, botulinum, cs (tear gas), cyclosarin (nerve agent), ricin, sarin (nerve agent), sulfur mustard (blister agent), tabun (nerve agent), VX (nerve agent)
games: maneuvers
god of: Mars, Ares
holy: jihad, crusade
nuclear attack to prevent enemy nation's nuclear attack: preemptive strike
operation: campaign
presence of military force in control of another's nation: occupation
pretext for or provocation: casus belli, act of war
referring to: martial
ruining an area before returning it to the enemy: scorched earth policy
science of organization, procurement, deployment, etc.: logistics
surrender: capitulation, white flag
tensions between hostile nations: cold war
threatening another nation with: saber-rattling, gunboat diplomacy
victory won with extremely heavy losses: Pyrrhic victory
winnings: spoils

war v. conflict, contest, fight, battle, contend, struggle, *lock horns, take up arms, attack, cross swords, skirmish.

warble v. sing, trill, quaver, carol, yodel.

ward n. 1. wing section, division, room, annex, pavilion. 2. district quarter, area, zone, precinct, borough, diocese. 3. charge foster child, dependent, minor, protege, incompetent.

warden n. keeper, guard, custodian, caretaker, superintendent, watchman, overseer, prison superintendent.

ward off v. fend off, deflect, aver, parry, turn aside, block, defend, *keep at bay, rebuff, check, repulse.

wardrobe n. 1. closet clothes closet, cabinet, armoire, locker, bureau, chest. 2. clothes collection clothes, clothing, apparel, attire, outfits, garments, costumes, garb, togs, duds, *threads.

WORD FIND
bride's outfit: trousseau
ecclesiastical garments: vestments

warhead n. bomb, payload, explosive charge, *the business end. see missile, nuclear bomb

warehouse n. storage facility, storehouse, stock house, stock room, depot, depository, repository, armory, arsenal, magazine, wholesale store.

wares n. merchandise, products, goods, stock, line, articles, stuff, commodities.

warfare n. see war

wariness n. caution, circumspection, alertness, guardedness, carefulness, watchfulness, mindfulness. ant. carelessness, inattentiveness, devil-may-care attitude.

warlike a. combative, pugnacious, aggressive, militant, bellicose, belligerent, hostile, hawkish, contentious, martial, *bristling with arms. ant. peaceful, pacific, nonviolent.

warlock n. sorcerer, wizard, magician, conjurer, practitioner of black magic, necromancer, shaman, witch doctor, male witch. see magic

warlord n. tyrant, autocrat. see dictator

warm v. 1. raise temperature heat, simmer, toast, cook, thaw. 2. fill with excitement excite, stimulate, *turn on, *fire up, stir. 3. gladden make happy, fill with joy, delight, cheer, *melt one's heart, make smile. 4. become friendly *break the ice, thaw, become intimate, *loosen up. ant. 1. lower temperature, cool, chill, freeze. 2. bore, tire, *turn off. 3. depress, *burn out. 4. cool.

warm a. 1. heated thermal, lukewarm, body temperature. *toasty, room temperature, comfortable, tepid, sunny, hot, sultry, sweaty, roasting. see hot 2. fervent fervid, ardent, enthusiastic, passionate, eager, vehement, *hot, excited, spirited. 3. genial cordial, friendly, affectionate, nice, loving, heartfelt.
warmhearted - wasted

amiable, warmhearted, hospitable, amorous. **ant.** 1. cold, freezing, cool, chilled, frigid. 2. indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm. cool. 3. cold, unfriendly, cool, hostile.

**warmhearted** a. warm, friendly, genial, cordial, affectionate, nice, loving, heart felt, amiable, compassionate, sympathetic, understanding, hospitable, tender, amorous. **ant.** coldhearted, hard-hearted, mean, heartless, *veins filled with ice water.*

**warmonger** n. hawk, militarist, jingoist.

**warmth** n. 1. heat, glow, temperature, *toastiness, room temperature, fever.* 2. excitement, enthusiasm, ardor, zeal, vigor, fervor, passion, sympathy, friendliness, geniality, cordiality, affection, love, tenderness, compassion, sympathy, understanding, hospitality. **ant.** 1. cold, chilliness, frigidity. 2. boredom, indifference, apathy. 3. coolness, coldness, unkindness, unfriendliness.

**warn** v. caution, advise, alert, signal, forewarn, admonish, exhort, apprise, give fair warning, notify, threaten, give a word to the wise, *put the fear of God into.*

**warning** n. caution, advisory, alert, signal, forewarning, admonition, exhortation, appraisal, notification, threat, *word to the wise,* cautions, advisory, alert, signal, forewarning, exhort, apprise, give fair warning, notify, threaten, give a word to the wise, *put the fear of God into.*

**warrant** n. 1. authorization, authority, sanction, right, word, *OK, permission, license, permit, mandate, subpoena, summons, writ,* permission, license, mandate, subpoena, summons, writ, order, justification. 2. assurance, guarantee, surety, security.

**warrant** v. 1. authorize, sanction, give authority, give the right, *OK, permission, license, allow, invest, certify, empower.* 2. justify give grounds for, account for, excuse, defend, provide a reason for. 3. assure, guarantee, back, promise, pledge, vow, swear to, insure, vouch for, underwrite.

**warranty** n. guarantee, assurance of quality, assurance, contract, covenant, promise, pledge.

**warrior** n. fighter, soldier, combatant, commando, G.I., service man, infantryman, *grunt, leatherneck, brave, samurai, gladiator.* see army, soldier

**warship** n. man o ’war, battleship, missile cruiser, destroyer, frigate, aircraft carrier, dreadnought, galleon. see navy, ship

**wart** n. growth, tumor, papilloma.

**wary** a. cautious, on one ’s guard, careful, watchful, circumspect, chary, vigilant, *on one ’s toes, leery, alert, on the lookout, suspicious.* **ant.** careless, off guard, unsuspecting.

**wash** n. 1. cleaning, rinse, scrubbing, bath, soak, washing, shower, shampoo, laundering, ablution. 2. surge, rush, sweep, wave, gush, flow, swell, roll.

**wash** v. 1. clean, rinse, scrub, bathe, soak, shower, shampoo, launder, hose down, freshen up. 2. wet, drench, moisten, rinse, soak, flood.

**washed-out** a. faded, pale, bleached-out, blanched, dull, wan, colorless, lackluster. **ant.** bright, vivid.

**washed-up** a. finished, through, done, *done for, kaput, over the hill.*

**washout** n. sl. flop, failure, *bomb, dud, clinker, loser, turkey, fiasco.*

**washroom** n. lavatory, restroom, bathroom.

**wasy** a. watery, weak, pale. **ant.** strong, potent.

**WASP** n. sl. White Anglo-Saxon Protestant.

**waspish** a. bad tempered, hot tempered, irritable, petulant, testy, venomous, *orneriness, touchy, peevish.* **ant.** sweet-tempered, agreeable, pleasant.

**wassail** n. celebration, carousal, party, *bash, beer bash, spree, revelry, shindig, gala, binge, bust, bacchanalia, drunk fest, toast, salute.*

**wassail** v. celebrate, party, carouse, drink, get drunk, make merry, *whoop it up, revel, cut lose, toast, make a toast, salute.*

**waste** n. 1. trash, rubbish, garbage, refuse, junk, leavings, scrap, debris, rubble, *crap, sewage,* wastefulness, squandering, extravagance, excessive- ness, lavishness, *spending like there ’s no tomorrow, consumption, conspicuous consumption, misuse, dissipation.* **ant.** 3. conservation, frugality, economy, saving, thrift.

**waste** v. 1. squander, lavish, fritter away, *blow, piss away,* spend like there ’s no tomorrow, dissipate, misspend, mismanage, spend extravagantly, splurge, throw away, idle, loiter, fiddle and diddle, loaf, procrastinate. 2. lose one ’s health or strength, waste, *go downhill, fail, weaken, emaciate, atrophy, circle the drain, wither, deteriorate, decay, decline, go downhill.* 3. destroy ruin, devastate, wreck, demolish, lay waste, spoil, strip, ravage. **ant.** 1. conserve, save, economize. 2. strengthen, grow, put on weight. 3. build up, repair.

**wasted** a. 1. gaunt, emaciated, wizened, atrophied, deathly, cadaverous, rawboned, with-

wasteful a. prodigal, extravagant, lavish, spendthrift, improvident, excessive, immoderate, free-spending, overgenerous, penny-wise and pound-foolish. ANT. thrifty, economical, frugal.

wasteland n. waste, tundra, dust bowl, desert, badlands, *Devil's backyard, *Devil's garden, barrens, wilderness.

wastrel n. spendthrift, prodigal, waster, free-spender, good-for-nothing.

watch n. 1. observation lookout, surveillance, eye, sharp eye, weather eye, attention, observance, vigil, supervision, inspection, guarding, sentry. 2. timepiece wristwatch, chronometer, horologue, *ticker.

watch v. 1. observe look at, eyeball, eye, pay attention to, inspect, scrutinize, gaze at, view, regard, keep one's eyes on, see, behold, examine. 2. guard watch over, *baby-sit, protect, look after, oversee, keep an eye on, patrol.

watchdog n. guard dog, guard, sentry, patrol, sentinel, lookout, guardian.

watchful a. observant, alert, wide-eyed, on guard, attentive, vigilant, on the lookout, heedful, wide-awake, cautious, wary, circumspect, *on one's toes. ANT. inattentive, *asleep at the wheel, *out to lunch, unobservant.

watchman n. guard, security guard, sentry, sentinel, lookout, patrol, policeman, policewoman, police officer, warden.

watchtower n. lookout.

watchword n. 1. password countersign, shibboleth. 2. slogan cry, battle cry, catchphrase, rallying cry.


water v. wet, soak, drench, dampen, irrigate, hose down, saturate, spray, wash, sprinkle.

waterfall n. falls, cascade, cataract, chute, white-water, deluge. SEE river.

waterlogged a. saturated, soaked, sopping, sodden, drenched, heavy, swampy. ANT. dry, arid, parched.

WATERLOO n. [WAW tur lloo] defeat. A metaphor coined after Napoleon's defeat in Waterloo, Belgium in 1815. We were afraid that the match against the crosstown team would prove to be our Waterloo. SYN. defeat, downfall, ruin, collapse, destruction, upset, rout, conquest, beating, vanquishment, massacre, comeuppance. ANT. victory, win.

watershed n. turning point, pivotal event, landmark, milestone, crucial event.

watertight a. airtight, solid. ANT. leaky.

watery a. diluted, thin, watered-down, weak, watery, bland, mild, tasteless, flavorless, anemic. ANT. strong, intense, undiluted, concentrated, condensed.

wattle n. weave, plait, intertwining, twigs, sticks.

wave n. 1. surge or swell surf, breaker, plunger, spiller, bore, eagre, whitecap, bilow, undulation, ripple, ridge. SEE beach, ocean. 2. upsurge surge, rise, rash, flood, deluge, explosion, groundswell. 3. curl curve, roll, twist.

WORD FIND

abnormally large wave in a train of smaller ones: rogue wave
concave-backed wave found offshore: spiller
convex-backed wave, common beach: plunger
frothy, gray-crested waves: graybeards
giant, formerly called tidal wave: tsunami
high dangerous wave caused by tidal surge: bore, eagre
high point: crest
hollow between: trough
marine vegetation washed ashore by: wrack
mounds of sand left by waves breaking at right angles: cusps
ripples in sand left by receding waves: swashmarks
roughness at sea: chop
series of: train
shallow sweep up a beach: swash, backwash
sound: lapping, crashing, booming, white noise, hiss
spray: spindrift
structure erected to prevent wave erosion: jetty, groin
tiny: wavelet
towering crests formed by opposing waves colliding: cross seas
upward heaving of ship caused by wave: scend
wind shore receiving smaller waves, low: lee shore
wind travel distance and its relationship to wave size: fetch
wave v. 1. undulate; swing, sway; oscillate, ripple; flutter, flap, waggle, shake, move to and fro, move back and forth, rise and fall. 2. signal; gesture, gesticulate; "flag down", acknowledge.

waver v. 1. vacillate; go back and forth, blow hot and cold, "waffle", "see-saw", be irresolute, dilly-dally, flip-flop, fluctuate, equivocate, hem and haw, be indecisive. 2. swing; sway, move to and fro, move back and forth, wobble, wave, shake, oscillate, flutter, flap. ant. 1. make up one's mind, be resolute, decide one way or another.

way n. 1. method; mode, style, technique, form, practice, usage, approach, course, system, manner, procedure. 2. direction; route, course, path, tack, bearing, approach, course, passage, track, trail, road, lane, access, entry. 3. nature; personality, characteristic, manner, behavior, custom, habit. 4. will, wish, desire, demand, choice.

waylay v. ambush, attack, lie in wait, entrap, en- snare, surprise, take by surprise, ambush, seduce.

wayward a. disobedient; headstrong, rebellious, defiant, nonconforming, contrary, willful, delinquent, incorrigible, stubborn, obstinate, bullheaded, unmanageable, ungovernable, refractory. 2. unpredictable; erratic, fickle, capricious, changeable, unstable, impulsive, unsteady. ant. 1. obedient, compliant, deferential. 2. predictable, stable, steady.

weaken v. drain, sap, debilitate, cripple, exhaust, flag, impair, tire, enervate, enfeebles, droop, slow, run down, deplete, handicap, diminish, reduce, wane, ebb, fade, "lose one's charge, *run one's battery down, *run out of juice, dilute, water down. ant. strengthen, fortify, invigorate, energize.


weak-minded a. irresolute, indecisive, mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy, spineless, feeble-minded, dumb, stupid, "weak in the head, retarded, moronic, slow, dense. ant. headstrong, resolute, decisive, intelligent, smart, bright.

weakness n. 1. lack of strength; feebleness, exhaustion, depletion of energy, enervation, anemia, frailty, fragility. 2. vulnerability; imperfection, flaw, weak spot, "Achilles heel, "chink in one's armor, deficiency, failing, soft underbelly, shortcoming. 3. liking; fondness, passion, penchant, taste, appreciation, soft spot, sweet tooth, propensity, inclination. ant. 1. strength, vigor, energy, robustness. 2. strong point, strength. 3. aversion, dislike, hatred.

weal n. ridge, wale, wale, line.


weapon n. arm, arms, armament, firearm, gun, rifle, pistol, knife, sword, defense, offensive weapon, weapon of mass destruction, spear, halberd, lance, pike, poleax, trident, bow
and arrow. See army, bomb, bullet, gun, missile, navy, nuclear bomb, sword

weaponry n. See weapon

wear n. 1. clothing clothes, dress, apparel, garb, attire, formal wear, evening wear, sportswear. 2. deterioration decay, erosion, wear and tear, corrosion, decomposition.

wear v. 1. don put on, dress in, be clothed in, fit out, attire, slip on. 2. deteriorate decay, erode, corrode, decompose, abrade, tatter, fall apart, degenerate, rub down, grow threadbare, weather, fray. 3. display show, put on, sport. 4. tire exhaust, fatigue, sap, drain, overwork, tax.

wearing a. tiring, exhausting, fatiguing, taxing, draining, sapping, strenuous, laborious, arduous, wearsome, hard. Ant. invigorating, energizing.


weary v. tire, get sick of, burn out, exhaust, fatigue, tax, drain, sap, enervate, bore. Ant. invigorating, energizing, stimulating.

wed n. 1. marry join together in holy matrimony, *tie the knot, *get hitched, *say "I do," become man and wife, espouse. 2. unite join, marry, merge, fuse, link, combine, ally, connect, unify. Ant. 1. divorce, *split up, separate. 2. separate, split, divide.

wedding n. 1. marriage vows, nuptials, matrimony, espousal, holy wedlock, ceremony. "When the blind lead the blind."—George Farquhar. See marriage 2. unification joining, marriage, merger, fusion, linking, connection. Ant. 1. separation, divorce. 2. division, split, disconnection.

wedge n. 1. chock cleat, shim, quoin. 2. opening beginning, start, *foot in the door.

wedge v. split, force apart, force in, squeeze in, cram, open.

wedlock n. matrimony, union. See marriage


weed n. "A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

weed v. remove, pull, yank, uproot, cull, get rid of, weed out.

weep a. tearful, teary-eyed. See sad

weep v. 1. measure weight put on the scales, tip the scales, heft, gauge. 2. consider the pros and cons, evaluate, mull over, study, examine, reflect on.

weigh down v. saddle, encumber, load. See burden

weight n. 1. heaviness mass, pounds, tons, tonnage, burden, heft, gravity, g force, gs, density, volume. 2. burden responsibility, load, millstone, cross to bear, albatross, *ball and chain, encumbrance, saddle, handicap, onus, hardship. 3. importance consequence, significance, seriousness, influence, value, import, clout, power, moment, magnitude.

weight v. weigh down, make heavy, load, burden.

weight lifting n. power lifting, working out, conditioning, weight training.

weighty a. 1. heavy heavy, massive, ponderous, cumbersome, dense, hard to lift. 2. burdensome hard, difficult, oppressive, demanding,
well
n. dam, milldam, fence, fishtrap.

weird
a. bizarre, strange, odd, fantastic, unearthly, otherworldly, alien, supernatural, mysterious, outlandish, nightmarish, surrealistic, Kafkaesque, peculiar, queer, grotesque, eerie, uncanny, *freaky, unusual. ant. ordinary, conventional, usual, normal.

weirdo

welcome
n. greeting, reception, salute, salutation, *red carpet treatment, hospitality, acceptance, hail. ant. rejection, snub.

welcome
v. greet, receive, receive with open arms, receive with a handshake, *roll out the red carpet, hail, salute. ant. reject, snub.

welcome
a. wanted, accepted warmly, pleasing, pleasant, agreeable, happily received, invited, delightful, esteemed, desirable. ant. unwellcome, unwanted, unwelcomed.

well
v. fuse, unite, bond, join, solder.

welfare
n. 1. WELL-BEING health, happiness, good, benefit, profit, prosperity, success, interest, contentment, commonweal. 2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE relief, financial assistance, city aid, food stamps, the dole, Social Security.

well
n. spring, wellspring, reservoir, shaft, chasm, pit, hole, fountain, water hole.

well
a. 1. HEALTHY fit, in good shape, strong, fine, hearty, vigorous, sound, in fine fettle, *fit as a fiddle, hale. 2. GOOD fortunate, happy, lucky, proper, right. ant. 1. unwell, sickly, in failing health. 2. bad, unlucky, unfortunate.

well
adv. 1. SATISFACTORYLY successfully, adequately, happily, nicely, splendidly, famously, capably, ably, in fine fashion. 2. THOROUGHLY sufficiently, completely, properly, right, correctly, adequately, carefully, conscientiously, competently. ant. 1. unsatisfactorily, poorly, badly. 2. insufficiently, poorly.

well up
v. flow, spring, gush, stream, run, trickle, spout, bubble, boil.

well-advised
a. wise, smart, intelligent, prudent, judicious. ant. imprudent, foolish.

well-appointed
a. well-equipped, well-furnished. ant. inadequate, lacking.

well-balanced
a. sensible, reasonable, rational, prudent, intelligent, sound. ant. unreasonable, irrational.

well-being
n. welfare, health, happiness, prosperity, profit, good, comfort, contentment, benefit, success.

well-bred
a. mannerly, cultivated, refined, polite, courteous, civil, gentlemanly, ladylike, polished, groomed, genteel, courtly, gracious, finished, sophisticated. ant. ill-bred, unrefined, coarse, vulgar, uncouth, beastly.

well-defined
a. clear, distinct, sharp, clearly delineated, graphic, clear-cut, unambiguous. ant. vague, hazy, nebulous.

well-founded
a. factual, based on hard facts, based on hard data, solid, rock-solid, proven, substantiated, authoritative, well-grounded. ant. unfounded, based on speculation, questionable.

well-informed
a. schooled, trained, au courant, conversant with, savvy, up to date, aware, versed, *with it, *hip. ant. ignorant, *in the dark.

well-known
a. famous, famed, prominent, celebrated, illustrious, infamous, notorious, notable, renowned, *on the map. ant. obscure, unknown.

well-off
a. rich, well-to-do. see wealthy

well-preserved
a. youthful. see young

well-read
a. widely read, bookish, literate, scholarly, educated, au courant, versed. ant. illiterate, ignorant.

wellspring
n. source, supply, reservoir. see well

well-to-do
a. well-off, rich, prosperous. see wealthy

welsh

welt
n. ridge, wale, weal, mark, swelling.

welter
n. turmoil, turbulence, confusion, tossing about, commotion, hubbub, disturbance, tumult, uproar, bedlam, *to-do.

wench
n. girl, young woman, young lady, maiden, lass.

wend
v. go on one's way, make one's way, go, proceed, journey, travel, progress.

wet
v. dampen, moisturize, water, drench, soak, sprinkle, wash, rinse, hose down, humidify, irrigate, submerge. ant. dry, dehydrate, desiccate.

wet
a. moist, damp, watery, liquefied, drenched, soaked, waterlogged, soggy, sodden, dripping, humid, clammy, dank, rainy, foggy. ant. dry, *bone-dry, dehydrated.
### Wet Blanket - Whirlpool

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**Word Find**

- **Air hole:** blowhole, spiracle
- **Beaching of:** stranding
- **Biblical survivor of ingestion:** Jonah
- **Bone or tooth carvings:** scrimshaw
- **Carcass:** kreng
- **Comblike strainer in the mouth of some breeds:** baleen
- **Cut blubber off from:** flense
- **Diving:** sounding
- **Fat:** blubber
- **Fatty substance used in candles, ointments:** spermaceti
- **Female:** cow
- **Fictional hunter:** Ahab
- **Fin:** dorsal fin
- **Fins, tail:** flukes
- **Horned:** narwhal
- **Hunter's whale:** right whale
- **Killer whale:** orca
- **Leaping out of the water:** breaching
- **Male:** bull
- **Perfumes, waxy substance used in:** ambergris
- **Prehistoric:** zeuglodon
- **School:** pod, gam
- **Slapping tail down hard on surface:** lobtailing
- **Sound location:** sonar
- **Study of:** cetology
- **Toothed whales, order of:** odontoceti
- **Toothless whales that feed on plankton:** baleen whale, mysticeti
- **Young:** calf

**Whale**

- whale v. whale on, beat, whip, pound, whack, thrash.
- whammy n. *Sl. jinx, evil eye, curse, spell, hex.*
- wharf n. dock, pier, marina, slip, landing, quay, berth, mooring, jetty.
- wheedle v. wangle, cajole, persuade, coax, inveigle, influence, flatter, charm, *charm the socks off of.
- wheel n. tire, caster, roller.
- wheel v. roll, revolve, rotate, spin, turn, tumble, whirl, twirl, pivot, swivel, gyrate, pirouette, reel.
- wheeze v. rasp, gasp, whistle, puff, huff and puff, have an asthmatic attack.
- whet v. 1. sharpen hone, edge, file, rasp, strop. 2. stimulate make keen, arouse, excite, kindle, stir, awaken, *jumpstart, pique. **Ant.** 1. blunt, dull, inhibit.
- whiff n. 1. puff of air wind, gust, breeze, waft. 2. smell scent, aroma, odor, trace, hint, suspicion.
- whim n. caprice, impulse, passing fancy, notion, crotchet, idea, *brainstorm.
- whimper v. cry, sob, whine, snivel, *choke back tears, *have a hitch in one's voice, moan, sniffle.
- whimsical a. fanciful, odd, out of the ordinary, weird, peculiar, quaint, fantastic, unusual, capricious, amusing, playful.
- whimsy n. see whim
- whine n. pule, whimper, mew, cry, sob, snivel, moan, complaint.
- whine v. pule, whimper, mew, cry, sob, snivel, moan, complain, fret, *bellyache, fuss.
- winny v. neigh.
- whip n. bullwhip, horsewhip, *blacksnake, lash, switch, scourge, rawhide, quirt, thong, crop, cat-o'-nine-tails.
- whip v. 1. lash flag, flagellate, flail, flay, horsewhip, hit, beat, scourge, whale, *take the strap to, *tan one's hide, *whallop, cane, spank, punish. 2. jerk whip out, yank, pull out, whisk, snatch, grab. 3. defeat soundly *lick, beat, *cream, *skunk, *blow away, trounce, clobber, rout, *shellac, overpower, *get the better of, vanquish. 4. beat mix, stir, whisk. 5. agitate stir up, spark, kindle, spur, incite, instigate, foment, prompt.
- whippersnapper n. upstart.
- whipping n. thrashing, floggling, flagellation, horsewhipping, *whallop, beating, spanking, punishing.
- whipping boy n. *fall guy. see scapegoat
- whip up v. see whip
- whirl n. buzz, hum, birr, vibration.
- whirl v. spin, twirl, wheel, gyrate, reel, turn, rotate, revolve, whirl, pivot, pirouette.
- whirlpool n. maelstrom, vortex, eddy, swirl, whirl.
whirlwind n. tornado, cyclone, twister, hurricane, typhoon, *blow.
whisk v. 1. brush sweep, flick. 2. beat whip. 3. move quickly whip, dart, hurry, rush, hasten.
whiskers n. bristles, beard, sideburns, *five o’clock shadow, stubble, hair. see beard, mustache
whisper v. murmur, murmur, speak in an undertone, soft voice, mumble, sigh, confidential tone, conspiratorial tone. 2. secret rumor, gossip, confidence, insinuation. 3. soft noise sigh, sough, breath. ant. 1. roar, bellow, shout.
whitewash v. bleach, blanch, fade.
whoop n. yell, shout, cry, *holler, scream, shriek, hurrah, cheer, *yahoo, hoot.
whopper n. 1. giant *mother of all, colossus, titan, monster, Goliath, mammoth, behemoth, leviathan, *grandaddy of them all, jumbo. 2. big lie tall tale, *fish story, stretching of the truth. ant. 1. midget, dwarf, shrimp.
whopping adj. great, huge, large, gigantic, gargantuan, massive, colossal, extraordinary, enormous, prodigious, immense. ant. tiny, insignificant, little.
whoring n. spiral, coil, convolution, volition.
wicked adj. 1. evil bad, immoral, depraved, sinful, villainous, fiendsish, shameless, rotten, nasty, iniquitous, nefarious, blackhearted, unprincipled, low, lawless, criminal. 2. naughty mischievous, devilish, rascally, impish, roguish, misbehaving, prankish. 3. severe bad, awful, nasty, fierce, intense, acute, harsh, horrible. ant. 1. good, moral, virtuous. 2. well-behaved, well-mannered. 3. mild, gentle, easy, slight.
wide adj. 1. broad roomy, extensive, ample, spread-out, spacious, expansive, capacious, commodious, vast. 2. sweeping broad, comprehensive, all-inclusive, general, large. 3. open outstretched, extended. 4. off target off, off course, inaccurate. ant. 1. narrow, cramped, restricted. 2. limited, specific. 3. closed, folded. 4. on target, accurate.
wake adj. a. 1. naive inexperienced, innocent, green, childlike, unschooled, unsophisticated, born yesterday. 2. surprised shocked, astonished, saucy-eyed, agog. ant. jaded, blasé, *ho-hum. 2. bored.
widow n. widower, surviving spouse, dowager.
width n. breadth, wideness, broadness, girth, span, thickness, diameter, spread, extent.
wield v. 1. handle, use, ply, manipulate, brandish, swing, hold. 2. exercise, employ, control, command, hold, exert.
wiggle n. jiggie, wriggle, wag, waggie, squirm, worming, writhing, shake, jerk, twitch, quiver.
wiggle v. jiggie, wriggle, wag, waggie, squirm, worm, writhe, shake, jerk, twitch, quiver.
will n. 1. power of choice, decision, desire, want, wish, determination, conviction, volition, prerogative, intention, mind, preference, discretion, command, decree. 2. resolve, willpower, determination, single-mindedness, commitment. 3. document disposing of wealth after death be-
quest, legacy, testament, last will and testament, dispensation.
will v. desire, wish, choose, want, determine, demand, command, direct.
willful a. 1. deliberate, intentional, intended, planned, purposeful, volitional, premeditated, willing, conscious. 2. self-willed stubborn, obstinate, headstrong, bullheaded, pigheaded, mulish, intractable, uncompromising, inflexible. ANT. 1. involuntary, unintentional, accidental. 2. flexible, compromising, acquiescent.
willing a. agreeable, reluctant, inclined, enthusiastic, eager, accommodating, obliging, ready, amenable, in favor, consenting, disposed, game. ANT. unwilling, disinclined, averse.
willowy a. slender, slim, svelte, thin, skinny, twiggy, graceful, lithe, lissome,pliant, supple, limber. ANT. obese, fat, inflexible.
willpower n. self-control, will, firmness, drive, determination, resolve, strength, backbone, iron will, discipline, grit. ANT. weakness, lack of control.
wilt v. droop, wither, slump, slouch, sag, sink, shrivel, flag, wane, diminish, ebb, weaken, die.
WILY a. [W1 lee] sly, crafty. The wily coyote always manages to survive. SYN. sly, crafty, cunning, tricky, sharp, designing, shrewd, *cagey, artful, sneaky, foxy, underhanded, astute, slippery, slick. ANT. stupid, dull, inflexible.
wind n. 1. be victorious, defeat, best, beat, triumph, succeed, vanquish, "take home the gold, sweep, clinch, prevail, come in first, *leave competitors swirling in one's wake, carry the day. 2. achieve, accomplish, gain, sweep, gold medal, achievement, accomplishment, coup. ANT. loss, defeat.
wind v. 1. breeze, gust, draft, breath, waft, zephyr, air current, puff, blast, blow, gale, tempest, whirlwind, cyclone, tornado. 2. breath, air, expiration, inhalation, respiration. 3. information, scent, smell, news, inkling, report, rumor. 4. nonsense, *hot air, pomposity, idle talk, bluster, empty talk, claptrap, balderdash.
WORD FIND
aircraft hazard: windshear
Asian wind accompanied by heavy rain: monsoon
breeze that ripples water’s surface: cat’s paw
debris knocked down by: windfall
dry, desert wind of west coast of Africa: harmattan
dry: foehn
force source: Coriolis force
god of: Aeolus
Hawaii, light, consistent wind of: trade wind
high-speed, high-altitude wind: jet stream
hot wind of the Asiatic and African deserts: simoon
indication, direction: anemoscope
indicator: sock, weather vane
massive windstorm spawned by line of thunderstorms: derecho
measuring device: anemometer
Mediterranean, cold, northerly: mistral
Mexican, hurricane-borne wind: cordonazo
mountain, warm and dry wind descending leeward side of: chinook
North African: sirocco
pertaining to: eolian
powerful downdraft: microburst; macroburst
recurring winds over the Mediterranean: etecians
scale: Beaufort
shifting: variable, veering, backing
sound: sough, moan, howl, whistle
squall of North American southwest coast: chubasco
sudden burst, accompanied by rain: squall
whirling column of air resembling a mini tornado: dust devil
windless sea region: doldrums

wind v. turn, bend, coil, curl, crook, roll, twine, twist, furl, screw, corkscrew, twirl, reel, crank, meander, snake.
windfall n. fortune, stroke of luck, jackpot, godsend, manna from heaven, boon, lucky strike.
window n. opening, glass, portal, casement, dormer, bay window, oriel, skylight, roundel, deadlight.
windy a. bluster, gusting, breezy, tempestuous, stormy, blowing, windswept, wind-whipped, drafty. ANT. still, calm, becalmed.

WORD FIND

addicted to: vinous
aftertaste: finish
American red grape: Catawba
California wine region: Napa Valley
California winery: Gallo, Inglenook
city of, French: Bordeaux
deposit: lees, dregs
distilled from: cognac, Bordeaux
driest of champagnes: brut
flavor, crisp: flinty
flavor, dull: flat
flavor, having delicate: finesse
flavor intensity: body
flavor, lively and acidic: piquant
flavor, multiple: complex
flavor, poor: flabby
flavor, sharp: tart
flavor, soft and full: mellow
flavor, rough: coarse
fragrance: bouquet
French red: Beaujolais, Cabernet Sauvignon, claret
French region: Burgundy
French white: Chablis
German white: Moselle, Rhine
god: Bacchus
inventor of champagne: Dom Perignon
Italian red: Bardolino, Barolo, Chianti, Tuscany
Italian white: Soave
lover: oenophilist
merchant: vintner
new: must
pink: rosé, blush
Portuguese: Madeira, port
pour: decant
pucker factor in red wine: astringency
rice wine: sake
shop: bistro, bodega
Spanish wine and brandy: sherry
steward or waiter: sommelier
storage: cellar
sweeten: mull
sweet, not: dry
vineyard, stone-walled: clos
white wine flavored with herbs: vermouth
year of grape's harvest: vintage

wing n. annex, addition, unit, arm, section, extension, part, flank, branch.
wing v. fly, soar, glide, zoom, hurry, speed.
wing it v. Sl. improvise, ad lib.
wink v. blink, bat an eyelid, nictitate.
winner n. victor, champion, *champ, medallist, gold medalist, *number one, titleholder, *top dog, conqueror, vanquisher. ANT. loser, failure, *also-ran.
winning a. charming, attractive, delightful, pleasing, enchanting, bewitching, captivating, disarming, charismatic, engaging, sweet, winsome. ANT. repulsive, nasty, disgusting.
winnow v. sift, separate, extract, cull, divide the good from the bad, screen, glean, weed out, differentiate, separate the wheat from the chaff.
wino n. Sl. drunk, drunkard, alcoholic.
winsome a. charming, sweet, attractive, nice, engaging, winning, delightful, pleasing, disarming, likable, lovable. ANT. repellent, repulsive, disgusting.
winter n. season, cold season, snow season. “Trees stooping under burdens of snow, windows filigreed with frost, shadows of drifting hummocks turning blue-cold as northerners mummify themselves in coats and scarves.”—Henry Clayborne. See snow

WORD FIND
of or like: hiemal, brumal, hibernal

wintry a. hiemal, hibernal, brumal, cold, frigid, bone-chilling, raw, biting, bitter, snowy, frost-patterned, filigreed with frost, stark, pristine, frozen, icy. ANT. summery, hot, warm.
wipe v. rub, brush, wash, sponge, clean, dust, towel, dry, remove, swab, polish.
wipeout n. Sl. fall, crash, collapse, spill, dive, tumble, nose-dive.
wipe out v. destroy, eradicate, annihilate, obliterate, exterminate, demolish, get rid of, kill, slaughter, abolish, decimate.
airy a. lean, strong, tough, sinewy, muscular, strapping, athletic, agile, fit, trim, in shape, hardened. ANT. fat, obese, out of shape, flabby.
wisecrack n. joke, dig, gibe, flippant remark, quip, retort.
wise guy n. Sl. see wiseacre
wish n. desire, want, pleasure, aspiration, hope, prayer, will, hunger, thirst, longing, yen.
wish v. desire, want, need, aspire, “set one’s heart on, fancy, hope for, pray for, hunger, thirst, crave, hanker, request, ask, order.
wishful a. desirous, longful, hopeful, aspiring, yearning, hankering, wishful, impractical, unrealistic, daydreaming. ANT. practical.
wissy-washy a. indecisive, irresolute, undecided, blowing hot and cold, equivocating, vacillating, feeble, weak, spineless. ANT. resolute, decisive, decided.
wisp n. strand, shred, strip, trace, hint.
wispy a. slight, slender, thin, delicate, frail. ANT. heavy set, stocky.
WISTFUL a. [WIST ful] longing sadly or with a troubled mind. He looked back wistfully at his childhood. syv. longing, yearning, pining, desirous, wishful, heartsick, pensive, nostalgic, daydreaming, reflective, melancholy, forlorn, introspective.
witch n. sorceress, enchantress, magician, practitioner of the black arts, *spellcaster, hex, warlock, crone, hag, she-devil, ogress.
witchcraft n. sorcery, black magic, black arts, spellcasting, wizardry, magic, enchantment, diabolism, Satanism, necromancy, voodoo. SEE MAGIC
angry glance: evil eye
animal used as companion or helper to witch: familiar
aphrodisiac: love potion
appeal to conjure up a god or spirit: invocation
bewitchment: spell, enchantment
black magic, practices: sorcerer, sorcess
bonfire used in Wiccan rituals: balefire
book of notes on spells, Medieval: grimoire
book of Wiccan spells and rituals: Book of Shadows
bringing in of new witch to coven: initiation
broomstick, old term for witch’s: bune wand
burn incense or sage to cleanse air of negative energy: smudge
burning bundle of incense or sage used to cleanse negative energy: smudgestick
calling of spirits: evocation
candle of human fat used to locate buried treasure: magick candle
casting of spell: bewitchment, spellbinding
cat serving as witch companion: malkin
Catholic Church’s mass killing of witches in Middle Ages: the Burning Time; witch hunt
colored lighting used in modern witchcraft to heal: chromotherapy
clockwise motion bringing positive energy, in Wicca: deosil
cord knotted 13 times for counting chants, Wiccan: witch’s ladder
cord used by Wiccans for measuring circles and binding: cingulum
cult activity involving black magic in medieval times: occulta
coven leader: high priest or priestess
cup for rituals: chalice
curse: imprecation, hex
curse against another witch: anathema
dead, divining future by communicating with: the necromancy
dog, ability to turn oneself into a: cynanthropy
elixir: potion
entrails of animals, divining future by reading: haruspicy
evil influences through ritual, ridding of: banishing ritual
evil purposes, any magic used for: black magic; black art
festival held in Spring, Wiccan: Beltane
fire festival of Wiccans celebrating goddess of fertility and horned god: Candlemas
fly, poisonous Medieval potion made of hemlock and belladonna enabling witch to: flying ointment
gift of Wiccans to goddess or horned god: offering
group of witches: coven
healing herb: mugwort
healing ritual with sick person seated in center, Wiccan: circle healing
herb: wort
independently of others, witch who practices: solitary invocation of misfortune: curse
kettle: cauldron
King Solomon’s book of conjurations, incantations, curses: Key of Solomon
knife, usually black-handled, used in Wiccan rituals to draw diagrams: athame
knife, usually white-handled, used in Wiccan rituals to harvest herbs, cut wands: boline
life after death paradise, Wiccan: Summerland
liquid blessed by Wiccan under full moon: holy water
magic employed for good: white magic
male witch: warlock; sorcerer
medicine bag used in modern witchcraft: mojo bag
meeting place of witches, any: covenstead
moving objects without touching them: telekinesis
nine-foot purified space in Wicca: circle
menstrual period, time of greatest power in Wiccan women: blood of the moon
misfortune caused by witch’s handiwork: maleficia
moon into a witch, Wiccan ritual of withdrawing of power from the: drawing down the moon
moon, Wiccan meeting under full: esbat
mummified hand of hanged criminal, used as charm in medieval black magic: hand of glory
non-witch to other witches: cowen
nudity in Wicca, as may be employed with some rituals: skyclad
old witch past menopause, any: crone
poisonous ingredient in medieval witchcraft, most powerful: mandrake
potion made famous by Macbeth witches, repulsive: Hell-broth
purify with oils or holy water during Wiccan ritual: anoint
rabbit, ability to turn into: lepanthropy
restrain someone through a magical spell: 
bind
reverse a spell, used to: counterspell, countercharm
Satan worship with sorcery: diabolism
secret knowledge, any: arcane
sorcery, alternate term for: left-hand path
spellbound: enchanted; bewitched
straw broom used to sweep away negative energy: besom
summer solstice celebration in Wicca: Litha
summon a spirit with black magic: conjure
sun into a witch, Wiccan ritual of withdrawing power from the: drawing down the Sun
table or platform used by Wiccans for rituals: altar
term for witchcraft, old: the old religion
twig and herb bundle used in Wicca to sprinkle holy water: aspergillum; asperger
utterance of magical spell: incantation
water or wines used in rituals: libation
water-finding witch: dowser
West African black magic used by witch doctors: juju
Wicca, alternative name for: the Craft
Wiccan wedding: handfasting
wizard or priest, pre-Christian: druid

witch doctor n. shaman, medicine man.
with prep. among, in the company of, alongside of.
withdraw v. 1. take back take out, remove, draw, extract. 2. move back retreat, shrink, recede, retire, leave, pull out, quit, evacuate. 3. retract recall, recant, take back, back down, *do an about-face, backpedal, rescind. 4. isolate oneself *go into one's shell.
withdrawal n. 1. removal extraction, retreat, shrinking, retirement, leaving, leave, exit, retraction, disavowal. 2. craving distress, longing, hunger.
withdrawn a. introverted, reserved, shy, bashful, reticent, introspective, retiring, aloof, unfriendly, distant, remote, reclusive, solitary. *ANT. extroverted, outgoing; friendly, sociable.
wither v. shrivel, wilt, droop, dry up, decay, waste away, fade, wizen, shrink.
within prep. inside.
withhold v. 1. hold back keep, detain, reserve, deduct, retain, restrain. 2. refuse refrain. 3. hide conceal, deny, cover up, keep from, keep secret.

withstand v. take, tolerate, bear, put up with, endure, stand up to, weather, brave, face, cope, *ride out. *ANT. *cave in, collapse, give in.


witness n. 1. eyewitness observer, onlooker, bystander, spectator, corroborating witness. 2. attesting testimony, evidence, attestation, proof, corroboration.

witticism n. clever remark, witty remark, bon mot, quip, wise-crack, *one-liner, joke, pun, retort, riposte.


wizard n. 1. conjurer magician, sorcerer, witch, warlock, necromancer, Merlin, enchanter, diviner, practitioner of the black arts. 2. *ACE *crackerjack, genius, prodigy, *whiz, *whiz kid, virtuoso, master.

wizardry n. 1. magic conjuring, sorcery, witchcraft, necromancy, black art, diabolism, Satanism. 2. cleverness genius, magic.

wizened a. withered, dried up, shriveled, wilted, wrinkled, brown, shrunk, dry, dehydrated, wasted. *ANT. fresh, new.

wobble v. shake, tremble, totter, teeter, seesaw, stagger, waddle, rock, oscillate, sway, reel, move unsteadily.

woe n. 1. sorrow grief, anguish, sadness, misery, suffering, wretchedness, distress, pain, heartache, unhappiness, depression, melancholy. 2. trouble trial, tribulation, affliction, adversity, blow, burden, hardship, ordeal, misfortune. *ANT. 1. happiness, joy, glee. 2. fortune, blessing.

woebegone a. sad, depressed, melancholy, miserable, mournful, grieving, unhappy, woeful, downhearted, heartbroken, wretched, desolate, disconsolate. *ANT. happy, joyful, glee ful.

woeful a. see woegobone

wolfish a. predatory, carnivorous, rapacious, beastly, vicious, bloodthirsty, fierce, ferocious. *ANT. benevolent, kind, helpful.

angels.”—Honore de Balzac. “[One who] has to be twice as good as a man to go half as far.”—Fannie Hurst.


womanly a. womanish, feminine, matronly, ladylike, motherly, sisterly, soft, gentle, tender. ANT. manly, male.


wonder v. 1. marvel be awestruck, be fascinated, gawk, gape, stare saucer-eyed, disbelief one’s eyes, be amazed, be astonished, be stunned. 2. TO BE CURIOUS question, ponder, think about, speculate, doubt, deliberate, puzzle over, meditate.

wonderful a. 1. marvelous amazing, astonishing, awesomely fascinating, unbelievable, miraculous, spectacular, curious, odd, *freaky: 2. EXCELLENT great, extraordinary, terrific, fantastic, fabulous, superb, sensational, first-rate, out of the ordinary, *out of this world. ANT. 1. *ho-hum, common, ordinary. 2. terrible, awful, lousy.


woo v. court, seek, coax, pursue, persuade, cajole, urge, *curry favor, *butter up.

wood n. lumber, timber, board, plank, beam, firewood, kindling, slat.

woodcutter n. lumberjack, logger, sawyer.

wooden a. stiff, rigid, awkward, graceless, formal, tense, expressionless, blank, stony, dull, lifeless. ANT. loose, limber, relaxed, informal, expressive.

woodland n. woods, forest, woodland, bush, grove, thicket, wilderness. SEE FOREST, JUNGLE, TREE.

woods n. SEE WOODLAND.

woolgathering n. absentmindedness, daydreaming, dreaming, reverie, *castle-building, abstraction, preoccupation.

woozy a. Sl. dizzy, dazed, muddled, befuddled, unsteady, reeling, unclear, *punch-drunk, *seeing stars. SEE DRUNK.

word n. 1. term noun, verb, adjective, pronoun, expression, name, lexeme, morpheme.

“Words are loaded pistols.”—Jean-Paul Sartre. “The soul’s ambassadors.”—James Howell. “The dress of thoughts; which should no more be presented in rags, tatters, and dirt, than your person should.”—Lord Chesterfield. 2. news report, communication, announcement, communiqué, dispatch, bulletin, intelligence, information. 3. talk chat, meeting, consultation, conversation, discussion. 4. REMARK statement, comment. 5. promise pledge, solemn word, oath, word of honor, vow, assurance, guarantee.
recall word on tip of one's tongue, inability to: lethologica
restate in different words: paraphrase
reversal of standard meaning, such as “bad” meaning “good”: melioration
showing off one's knowledge of words: pedantry
similar in meaning: synonym
sounding like the thing it names: onomatopoeia
sounding the same but having different meanings: homonym, homophone
study of meanings: semantics
wrong title, wrong name: misnomer

word n. put into words, frame, phrase, paraphrase.
wording n. phrasing, phraseology, language, syntax, terminology, choice of words, style.
wordy a. verbose, long-winded, windy, prolix, redundant, rambling, loquacious, garrulous, voluble, digressive, tautological. ant. succinct, concise, to the point, terse.
workmanlike a. skilled, well-done, well-crafted, professional, meticulous, expert, competent, thorough. ant. incompetent, slack, amateurish.
workmanship n. craftsmanship, skill, artistry, expertise, proficiency, handiwork, technique, style, mastery.
world n. 1. earth, planet, globe, Gaea, sphere, biosphere, terra, terra firma, orb, ocean, world, heavenly body. "A small parenthesis upon us from every direction."—Plato. "The truth of the existence of God."—William Hocking. 2. all creation, universe, cosmos, macrocosm, nature. 3. humankind, humanity, human community, human race, mankind, civilization, society, people, men and women, everybody. "This great stage of fools."—Shakespeare. "A comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel."—Horace Walpole. 4. realm, domain, sphere, area, province, kingdom, field, group.
worldly a. 1. earthly, terrestrial, mundane, material, human, fleshly, physical. 2. sophisticated, experienced, worldly-wise, knowing, learned, urbane, cosmopolitan, "wise in the ways of the world." ant. 1. spiritual, heavenly, divine, godly. 2. inexperienced, unsophisticated, naive.
worldly-wise a. see worldly.
worldwide a. global, international, multinational, universal, general, from the four corners of the earth, extensive, pandemic. ant. local, localized, limited, domestic.
worn a. 1. threadbare, worn out, frayed, ragged, tattered, weathered, deteriorated, abraded, "shot." 2. exhausted, weary, tired, burned out, haggard, drained, "wringing out," "the worse for wear, drained." ant. 1. new, fresh. 2. fresh, refreshed.
worrisome a. troublesome, anxiety-provoking, disturbing, distressing, disquieting, unnerving. ant. reassessing, calming, relaxing.
worried a. anxious, distressed, troubled, disturbed, apprehensive, uneasy, having misgivings, uncertain, concerned, sick with dread, "on pins and needles." ant. at peace, relaxed, reassured.
worry n. anxiety, distress, troubled mind, disturbance, apprehension, uneasiness, misgiving, uncertainty, concern, disquiet, trepidation, care. "Interest paid on trouble before it becomes due."—William Inge. ant. peace of mind, reassurance, tranquility.
worry v. distress, trouble, disturb, make apprehensive, make uneasy, concern, disquiet, fill
worsen - wretched

with trepidation, gnaw at, perturb, fill with dread. **ant. calm, soothe, reassure.**

**worsen** v. deteriorate, degenerate, take a turn for the worse, slip, decay, decline, lapse, *go downhill, *hit the skids, diminish. **ant. improve, get better.**

**worship** n. homage, reverence, devotion, veneration, honoring, idolization, adoration, love, admiration, glorification, genuflection, exaltation, church service, rite. "Climbing the altar stairs to God."—Dwight Bradley. see **God, Religion**

**worse** a. meriting, deserving, meritorious, good enough, praiseworthy, creditable, exemplary, excellent, virtuous. **ant. unworthy, worthless, undeserving.**

**worth** n. 1. **value** merit, benefit, greatness, worthiness, importance, weight, desirability. 2. amount quantity, price, cost, expense, appraisal, valuation, estimation. 3. **wealth** riches, assets, possessions, holdings.

**worthless** a. valueless, useless, good-for-nothing, unproductive, unprofitable, profitless, vain, futile, impotent, ineffective, empty, *not worth the powder to blow it to hell, *not worth beans. **ant. valuable, worthwhile, *not worth beans.**

**worthwhile** a. valuable, useful, profitable, lucrative, remunerative, gainful, beneficial, rewarding, worthy, worth the trouble, productive. **ant. worthless, waste of time, unproductive.**

**worthy** a. meriting, deserving, meritorious, good enough, praiseworthy, creditable, estimable, worthwhile, commendable, exemplary, excellent, virtuous. **ant. unworthy, worthless, undeserving.**

**wound** 1. **injury** trauma, cut, laceration, lesion, gash, tear, scrape, scratch, abrasion, contusion, bruise. *black-and-blue mark, hurt, sore, tender area, bump. 2. **hurt** feelings offense, insult, anguish, pain, grief, heartache, blow to one's self-esteem.

**wound** v. 1. **injure** cut, lacerate, gash, rip open, scrape, scratch, stick, stab, abrade, bruise, bump, traumatize. 2. **hurt** one's feelings offend, insult, grieve, *touch a nerve, *break one's heart, affront, *cut to the quick, traumatize, mortify.

**wrench** v. **quarrel, dispute, argue, fight, altercation, ti**ff, disagreement, row, squabble, clash, spat.

**wreath** n. **aged head** chaplet, laurel, crown.

**wreath** v. **aged, entwine** encircle, coil, twist, festoon.


**wreck** v. **destroy, ruin, tear apart, smash, devastate, demolish, raze, flatten**. *total, sabotage, vandalize, *trash, spoil, shatter, break, gut, blow up, level, bulldoze. **ant. fix, repair, protect.**

**wreckage** n. debris, flotsam and jetsam, rubble, detritus, bits and pieces, fragments, ruins, smoking remains.

**wrench** n. 1. **tool** spanner, monkey wrench, pliers. see **tool** 2. **twist** jerk, turn, pull, spray.

**wrench** v. twist, pull, jerk, turn, swing, strain.

**wrest** v. twist away from, take, jerk, pull, wrestle, extract, wring, grab.


**wretched** a. 1. miserable unhappy, depressed, melancholic, sad, brokenhearted, downhearted, forlorn, dejected, disconsolate, *bummed out, pathetic, pitiable. 2. *lousy awful, terrible, miserable, poor, inferior, *rotten, pathetic, bad, inferior, cheap. 3. **contemptible** despicable, *rotten, mean, low, shameless, detestable, beneath contempt. **ant. 1. happy, cheerful, joyous. 2. good, superior, superb, excellent. 3. admirable, commendable, good.
wriggle v. wiggle, squirm, jiggle, waggle, worm, twist, writhe.

wring v. 1. TWIST squeeze, press, compress, wrench, choke, throttle, strangle. 2. EXTRACT force, strong-arm, twist one’s arm, make, exact, coerce.

wrinkle n. 1. CRINKLE furrow, ridge, crease, crimp, pucker, line, rumple, fold, pleat, crow’s foot, laugh line, frown line. 2. IDEA trick, device, gimmick.

wrinkle v. crinkle, furrow, crease, crimp, pucker, line, rumple, fold, pleat, corrugate, scrunch up.

writ n. order, legal order, legal document, court order, warrant, injunction, summons, subpoena, command.

write v. pen, compose, print, jot, scrawl, *scratch out, scribble, inscribe, *dash off, set down, draft, type, draw up, record, author, sign, autograph.

writer n. scribe, calligrapher, stenographer, author, wordsmith, poet, reporter, journalist, columnist, novelist, freelancer, hack, man of letters, playwright, screenwriter, ghostwriter.

writing n. 1. handwriting, penmanship, longhand, calligraphy, printing, print. 2. COMPOSITION work, publication, prose, fiction, novel, short story, poem, poetry, belles-lettres, nonfiction, letters, correspondence, article, editorial. "All writing is a process of elimination."—Martha Albrand. "The art of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair."—Mary Vorse.

wrong n. wrongdoing, sin, crime, offense, misconduct, injustice, evil, insult, wicked act, iniquity, infraction, mistake, blunder, oversight.

wrong v. hurt, injure, insult, offend, commit a crime against, sin against, abuse, mistreat, exploit, use, aggrieve, transgress, malign, dishonor, defame, slur.

wrong a. 1. INCORRECT inaccurate, imprecise, faulty, erroneous, false, mistaken, untrue, off, amiss, erring, unsound, "wide of the mark, "off base, "barking up the wrong tree, "all wet. 2. IMMORAL bad, improper, unethical, sinful, illegal, criminal, corrupt, dishonest, crooked, wicked, naughty, felonious, dishonorable, reprehensible. 3. INAPPROPRIATE unsuitable, inapt, improper, unfitting, unseemly, unbecoming, malapropos. 4. OUT OF ORDER amiss, awry; out of order, "out of whack, "haywire. 5. REVERSE back, ANT. 1. correct, accurate, exact, precise. 2. good, virtuous, righteous, moral. 3. appropriate, apropos, suitable.

wrongdoer n. sinner, criminal, felon, offender, evildoer, perpetrator, miscreant, malefactor, transgressor, culprit, trespasser, *bad guy.

wrought a. formed, shaped, fashioned, made, built, constructed, crafted. ANT. natural.

wry a. 1. TWISTED distorted, turned to one side, lopsided, crooked, awry, askew. 2. IRONIC distorted, sarcastic, sardonic, mocking, twisted, perverted. ANT. 1. straight. 2. serious, earnest.
X

X-rated a. adult, obscene, pornographic, hardcore, dirt, blue, carnal, appealing to prurient interests, nasty, raunchy, graphic. **ANT. G-rated, innocent, clean.**

X-ray n. roentgenogram, roentgenograph, radiograph, radiogram, fluoroscope.
yacht n. boat, cruiser, cabin cruiser, pleasure craft. See boat, sailing


yak v. talk, chatter, gab, yap, babble, *run on, jabber, prattle, blather, *blab blab blab.

yammer v. whine, complain, whimper, moan, gripe, grumble.

yank n. jerk, pull, tug, plucking, wrenching, extraction, grab.

yank v. jerk, pull, tug, pluck, wrench, extract, grab.

yard n. lawn, property, grounds, lot, plot, court, courtyard, garden, patio, quad, garth, enclosure, compound.

yardstick n. measuring rod, measure, standard, test, gauge, guide, guideline, touchstone, benchmark, criterion.

yarn n. story, tale, fairy tale, fable, narrative, fiction, *fish story, adventure, myth, legend.

yaw v. swing, pitch, swerve, roll, veer, deviate, wheel, go off course.

yearn v. desire, long for, want, crave, hunger for, thirst for, pine for, hanker for, ache for, wish.

yearning n. desire, longing, want, need, craving, hunger, thirst, hankering, ache, wish, *yen, fancy.

years n. decades, generation, lifetime, centuries, millennium, eon, period, age, epoch.

eyell n. shout, *holler, bellow, roar, thundering, howl, scream, shriek, bark, cry, whoop, yelp, hoot, *Stentorian bellow.

yell v. raise one's voice, shout, *holler, bellow, roar, thunder, howl, scream, shriek, bark, cry, whoop, yelp, hoot, cheer. ANT. whisper, speak softly, mumble.


yelp n. cry, bark, yip, yap, squeal, howl, shout.
position of curling upper body up and backward while lying on floor: cobra
positional of raising straightened legs off floor while face down: locust
positions: asanas
retreat where yoga is taught or practiced: ashram
scriptures: sutras
teacher or spiritual guide: guru, swami

yoke
n. 1. Bond harness, collar, coupling. 2. Bond-age servitude, subjection, enslavement.
yoke v. link, couple, bond, join, pair, unite, harness.
yokel n. country bumpkin, rustic, farmer, hick, hayseed, clodhopper, "Okie, hillbilly, "sodbuster, yahoo, "one who just fell off the turnip truck.
yonder a. yon, faraway, away, beyond, distant, remote, further. ant. near, close, here.
young n. children, offspring, litter, babies, progeny.
young a. immature, undeveloped, unfinished, growing, youthful, tender, fresh, newborn, infantile, fledgling, childish, juvenile, teen-age, adolescent, pubescent, school-age, boyish, girlish, junior, new, untested, unprac-ticed, unseasoned, unhardened, inexperi-
enced, naïve. ant. mature, developed, old, experienced, adult, aged.
younger n. baby, infant, toddler, tot, child, boy, girl, schoolboy, schoolgirl, youth, kid, adolescent, teenager, minor.
youth n. 1. Childhood infancy, preschool years, school years, young years, teens, adoles-cence, pubescence, puberty, minority, developing years. "Life's morning march."—Thomas Campbell. "The glad season of life."—Thomas Carlyle. "A feeling of eternity."—William Hazlitt. 2. Child youngster, kid, boy, girl, teen, teenager, adolescent, minor, young man, young lady, juvenile, children, boys and girls, youngsters, teens, ad-olescents. ant. 1. old age, adulthood, retire-
ment years.
youthful a. young, immature, unseasoned, growing, developing, fresh, new, maturing, juvenile, childish, rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed, full of life, vigorous, callow, naïve, inexperienced, carefree. ant. old, aged, mature, experienced.
yummy a. delicious, tasty, "scrumptious, mouth-watering, delectable, ambrosial, savory, good, heavenly, out of this world. ant. dis-gusting, nauseating, "gross.
yuppie n. materialistic person, urbanite, statusseeker, young professional.
zaftig a. Sl. full-figured, shapely, buxom, round-ed, rotund.

zany a. foolish, crazy, silly, comical, ludicrous, "loony, hilarious, uproarious, "goofy, "nutt, slapstick, "madcap, funny. ANT. somber, se- rious.

ZEAL n. [ZEEL] great passion, enthusiasm. His zeal for reform was contagious. syn. passion, enthusiasm, ardor, fervor, drive, fanaticism, zest, intensity, devotion, gusto, spirit, fire, earnestness. ANT. indifference, apathy, disinter- est.

zealot n. fanatic, enthusiast, devotee, extremist, radical, *nut, champion, disciple, dogmatist, believer, *crackpot.

ZEALOUS a. [ZEL] enthusiastic, passionate. He was a zealous supporter of gun control. syn. enthusiastic, passionate, devoted, fervent, fanatical, radical, eager, intense, rabid, impassioned, vehement, earnest, *gung-ho. ANT. indifference, apathy, uncaring.

Zen n. Buddhism, quest for enlightenment, medita-
tion.

zenith n. high point, summit, pinnacle, top, peak, height, apex, acme, apogee, maximum, crown, culmination. ANT. bottom, low point, nadir.

zephyr n. gentle breeze, gentle wind, west wind. see wind

zeppelin n. dirigible, blimp.


zero hour n. crisis point, turning point, cross-roads, pivotal moment, appointed hour, *D-day, climax, moment of truth, *crunch time.

zest n. 1. FLAVOR relish, zing, piquancy, spice, zip, *pizzazz. 2. GUSTO enjoyment, pleasure, *kick, spirit, liveliness, elation, excitement, eagerness. ANT. 2. boredom, apathy.


zip v. speed, fly, zoom, rush, tear, bolt, dart, dash, hurry, jet.

zippy a. energetic, brisk, vigorous, full of life, lively, peppy. ANT. tired, lethargic.

zit n. Sl. pimple, pustule, papule, blemish.

zombie n. the living dead, walking dead, corpse, weirdo, oddball, *dope, dullard.

zone n. area, district, sector, section, region, quarter, tract, band, locality, territory, precinct, domain.

zonked a. Sl. drunk, intoxicated, inebriated, un- der the influence, high, *flying, *out of it, exhausted, unconscious.

zoo n. menagerie, animal park, animal conservation area, zoological garden, wildlife park.

zoom v. 1. ZIP fly, shoot, rocket, whiz, speed, dive, streak, buzz, hum. 2. RISE climb, sky-rocket, surge.

zydeco n. Cajun music, French Caribbean mu-
sic, Louisiana blues.
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AUSTERE
a. [aw STEER] severe, stern, or plain in appearance, character, etc. Also, self-denying, strict. The prison’s austere facade was chillingly bleak. 
  1. severe stern, harsh, grim, stiff, forbidding, rigid, serious, sober, solemn, plain, unadorned.
  2. ascetic self-denying, strict, abstemious, stark.
ant. 1. bright, cheery, sunny, warm, freeflowing, ar
tune. 2. indulgent, extravagant.

authentic
a. genuine, real, bona fide, true, actual, si
mon-pure, *kosher, certified, “the real McCoy,” 
“honest-to-goodness, legitimate. ant. bogus, phony, fake, spurious.

authenticate
v. validate, certify, confirm, warrant, guar
antee, attest, vouch, affirm, substantiate, correbo
tate, document. ant. invalidate, falsify, discredit.

author
n. 1. writer, novelist, playwright, storyteller, 
  screenwriter, poet, bard, historian, chronicler, bi
  ographer, dramatist, journalist, “hack, wordsmith. “A person who you can silence by shutting his book.”

WORD FIND

—Max Gardner. see book, novelist 2. originator
creator, architect, designer, father, founder.

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