

abase	<i>verb</i> cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of
abate	<i>verb</i> become less in amount or intensity; make less active or intense
abdominal	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or near the abdomen; <i>noun</i> the muscles of the abdomen

abeyance	<i>noun</i> temporary cessation or suspension
abhor	<i>verb</i> find repugnant
abode	<i>noun</i> housing that someone is living in; any address at which you dwell more than temporarily

abominate	<i>verb</i> find repugnant
aboriginal	<i>adj.</i> having existed from the beginning; in an earliest or original stage or state; of or pertaining to members of the indigenous people of Australia; characteristic of or relating to people inhabiting a region from the beginning; <i>noun</i> a dark-skinned member of a race of people living in Australia when Europeans arrived
aboveboard	<i>adj.</i> without concealment or deception; honest; <i>adv.</i> in an honest manner

abscond	<i>verb</i> run away; usually includes taking something or somebody along
absolution	<i>noun</i> the act of absolving or remitting; formal redemption as pronounced by a priest in the sacrament of penance; the condition of being formally forgiven by a priest in the sacrament of penance
absorption	<i>noun</i> (chemistry) a process in which one substance permeates another; a fluid permeates or is dissolved by a liquid or solid; (physics) the process in which incident radiated energy is retained without reflection or transmission on passing through a medium; the mental state of being preoccupied by something; complete attention; intense mental effort; the process of absorbing nutrients into the body after digestion; the social process of absorbing one cultural group into harmony with another

accommodate	<i>verb</i> make compatible with; provide with something desired or needed; have room for; hold without crowding; make fit for, or change to suit a new purpose; provide a service or favor for someone; provide housing for; be agreeable or acceptable to
accompaniment	<i>noun</i> a subordinate musical part; provides background for more important parts; an event or situation that happens at the same time as or in connection with another; the act of accompanying someone or something in order to protect them
accordion	<i>noun</i> a portable box-shaped free-reed instrument; the reeds are made to vibrate by air from the bellows controlled by the player

accuracy	<i>noun</i> the quality of being near to the true value; (mathematics) the number of significant figures given in a number
accursed	<i>adj.</i> under a curse
acerbity	<i>noun</i> a sharp sour taste; a sharp bitterness; a rough and bitter manner

acme	<i>noun</i> the highest level or degree attainable; the highest stage of development; the highest point (of something)
acquiesce	<i>verb</i> to agree or express agreement
acquittal	<i>noun</i> a judgment of not guilty

acrimonious	<i>adj.</i> marked by strong resentment or cynicism
actuality	<i>noun</i> the state of actually existing objectively
actuary	<i>noun</i> someone versed in the collection and interpretation of numerical data (especially someone who uses statistics to calculate insurance premiums)

adhere	<i>verb</i> follow through or carry out a plan without deviation; stick to firmly; be a devoted follower or supporter; be compatible or in accordance with; come or be in close contact with; stick or hold together and resist separation; be loyal to
adjuration	<i>noun</i> a solemn and earnest appeal to someone to do something
adjutant	<i>noun</i> an officer who acts as military assistant to a more senior officer; large Indian stork with a military gait

aesthetic	<i>adj.</i> concerning or characterized by an appreciation of beauty or good taste; aesthetically pleasing; relating to or dealing with the subject of aesthetics; <i>noun</i> (philosophy) a philosophical theory as to what is beautiful
affiliate	<i>noun</i> a subsidiary or subordinate organization that is affiliated with another organization; a subordinate or subsidiary associate; a person who is affiliated with another or with an organization; <i>verb</i> join in an affiliation; join in an affiliation; keep company with; hang out with
affirmative	<i>adj.</i> affirming or giving assent; supporting a policy or attitude etc; expecting the best; <i>noun</i> a reply of affirmation

affluence	<i>noun</i> abundant wealth
afire	<i>adj.</i> lighted up by or as by fire or flame
aforesaid	<i>adj.</i> being the one previously mentioned or spoken of

agrarian	<i>adj.</i> relating to rural matters
airy	<i>adj.</i> having little or no perceptible weight; so light as to resemble air; not practical or realizable; speculative; characterized by lightness and insubstantiality; as impalpable or intangible as air; open to or abounding in fresh air
akin	<i>adj.</i> related by blood; similar or related in quality or character

alien	<i>adj.</i> being or from or characteristic of another place or part of the world; not contained in or deriving from the essential nature of something; <i>noun</i> a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere; a person who comes from a foreign country; someone who does not owe allegiance to your country; anyone who does not belong in the environment in which they are found; <i>verb</i> transfer property or ownership; arouse hostility or indifference in where there had formerly been love, affection, or friendliness
allusion	<i>noun</i> passing reference or indirect mention
alteration	<i>noun</i> the act of making something different (as e.g. the size of a garment); the act of revising or altering (involving reconsideration and modification); an event that occurs when something passes from one state or phase to another

ambiguous	<i>adj.</i> having more than one possible meaning; having no intrinsic or objective meaning; not organized in conventional patterns; open to two or more interpretations; or of uncertain nature or significance; or (often) intended to mislead
ambulate	<i>verb</i> walk about; not be bedridden or incapable of walking
ambush	<i>noun</i> the act of concealing yourself and lying in wait to attack by surprise; <i>verb</i> wait in hiding to attack; hunt (quarry) by stalking and ambushing

amicable	<i>adj.</i> characterized by friendship and good will
amorphous	<i>adj.</i> without real or apparent crystalline form; lacking the system or structure characteristic of living bodies; having no definite form or distinct shape
analogy	<i>noun</i> drawing a comparison in order to show a similarity in some respect; an inference that if things agree in some respects they probably agree in others; the religious belief that between creature and creator no similarity can be found so great but that the dissimilarity is always greater; language can point in the right direction but any analogy between God and humans will always be inadequate

anemia	<i>noun</i> genus of terrestrial or lithophytic ferns having pinnatifid fronds; chiefly of tropical America; a deficiency of red blood cells; a lack of vitality
angelic	<i>adj.</i> marked by utter benignity; resembling or befitting an angel or saint; having a sweet nature befitting an angel or cherub; of or relating to angels
animadversion	<i>noun</i> harsh criticism or disapproval

anonymous	<i>adj.</i> having no known name or identity or known source; not known or lacking marked individuality
antarctic	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to Antarctica; at or near the south pole; <i>noun</i> the region around the south pole: Antarctica and surrounding waters
ante	<i>noun</i> (poker) the initial contribution that each player makes to the pot; <i>verb</i> place one's stake

anthology	<i>noun</i> a collection of selected literary passages
antic	<i>adj.</i> ludicrously odd; <i>noun</i> a ludicrous or grotesque act done for fun and amusement; <i>verb</i> act as or like a clown
antiseptic	<i>adj.</i> (extended sense) of exceptionally clean language; clean and honest; thoroughly clean and free of or destructive to disease-causing organisms; made free from live bacteria or other microorganisms; freeing from error or corruption; <i>noun</i> a substance that destroys microorganisms that carry disease without harming body tissues

appease	<i>verb</i> make peace with; overcome or allay; cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of
appraise	<i>verb</i> consider in a comprehensive way; place a value on; judge the worth of something
arbor	<i>noun</i> a framework that supports climbing plants; tree (as opposed to shrub); any of various rotating shafts that serve as axes for larger rotating parts

arboreal	<i>adj.</i> inhabiting or frequenting trees; resembling a tree in form and branching structure; of or relating to or formed by trees
arid	<i>adj.</i> lacking vitality or spirit; lifeless; lacking sufficient water or rainfall
aristocracy	<i>noun</i> the most powerful members of a society; a privileged class holding hereditary titles

aroma	<i>noun</i> a distinctive odor that is pleasant; any property detected by the olfactory system
arrogant	<i>adj.</i> having or showing feelings of unwarranted importance out of overbearing pride
Arthurian	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table

ascent	<i>noun</i> an upward slope or grade (as in a road); the act of changing location in an upward direction; a movement upward
asexual	<i>adj.</i> not having or involving sex
asperity	<i>noun</i> harshness of manner; something hard to endure

assassination	<i>noun</i> murder of a public figure by surprise attack; an attack intended to ruin someone's reputation
assiduous	<i>adj.</i> marked by care and persistent effort
assonance	<i>noun</i> the repetition of similar vowels in the stressed syllables of successive words

atone	<i>verb</i> turn away from sin or do penitence; make amends for
atrocious	<i>adj.</i> provoking horror; exceptionally bad or displeasing; shockingly brutal or cruel
audacious	<i>adj.</i> disposed to venture or take risks; unrestrained by convention or propriety; invulnerable to fear or intimidation

auditory	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the process of hearing
autobiography	<i>noun</i> a biography of yourself
autocrat	<i>noun</i> a cruel and oppressive dictator

autonomy	<i>noun</i> immunity from arbitrary exercise of authority; political independence; personal independence
auxiliary	<i>adj.</i> functioning in a subsidiary or supporting capacity; furnishing added support; <i>noun</i> someone who acts as assistant
aver	<i>verb</i> to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true; report or maintain

awaken	<i>verb</i> cause to become awake or conscious; make aware; stop sleeping
awry	<i>adj.</i> not functioning properly; turned or twisted toward one side; <i>adv.</i> away from the correct or expected course; turned or twisted to one side
ballad	<i>noun</i> a narrative poem of popular origin; a narrative song with a recurrent refrain

balsa	<i>noun</i> forest tree of lowland Central America having a strong very light wood; used for making floats and rafts and in crafts; strong lightweight wood of the balsa tree used especially for floats
banter	<i>noun</i> light teasing repartee; <i>verb</i> be silly or tease one another
barograph	<i>noun</i> a recording barometer; automatically records on paper the variations in atmospheric pressure

<p>barring</p>	<p><i>noun</i> the act of excluding someone by a negative vote or veto</p>
<p>beau</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a man who is the lover of a girl or young woman; a man who is much concerned with his dress and appearance</p>
<p>bedlam</p>	<p><i>noun</i> pejorative terms for an insane asylum; a state of extreme confusion and disorder</p>

bellicose	<i>adj.</i> having or showing a ready disposition to fight
belligerent	<i>adj.</i> engaged in war; characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight; <i>noun</i> someone who fights (or is fighting)
benefactor	<i>noun</i> a person who helps people or institutions (especially with financial help)

beneficiary	<i>adj.</i> having or arising from a benefice; <i>noun</i> the recipient of funds or other benefits; the semantic role of the intended recipient who benefits from the happening denoted by the verb in the clause
benignity	<i>noun</i> the quality of being kind and gentle; a kind act
bestrew	<i>verb</i> cover by strewing

<p>bier</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a stand to support a corpse or a coffin prior to burial; a coffin along with its stand</p>
<p>bilingual</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> using or knowing two languages; <i>noun</i> a person who speaks two languages fluently</p>
<p>biography</p>	<p><i>noun</i> an account of the series of events making up a person's life</p>

blaspheme	<i>verb</i> speak of in an irreverent or impious manner; utter obscenities or profanities
boggle	<i>verb</i> startle with amazement or fear; hesitate when confronted with a problem, or when in doubt or fear; overcome with amazement
boisterous	<i>adj.</i> violently agitated and turbulent; noisy and lacking in restraint or discipline; full of rough and exuberant animal spirits

bolster	<i>noun</i> a pillow that is often put across a bed underneath the regular pillows; <i>verb</i> support and strengthen; prop up with a pillow or bolster; add padding to
bombard	<i>noun</i> a large shawm; the bass member of the shawm family; <i>verb</i> address with continuously or persistently, as if with a barrage; throw bombs at or attack with bombs; cast, hurl, or throw repeatedly with some missile
boorish	<i>adj.</i> ill-mannered and coarse and contemptible in behavior or appearance

braze	<i>verb</i> solder together by using hard solder with a high melting point
brevity	<i>noun</i> the attribute of being brief or fleeting; the use of brief expressions
brigand	<i>noun</i> an armed thief who is (usually) a member of a band

brine	<i>noun</i> a strong solution of salt and water used for pickling; water containing salts; <i>verb</i> soak in brine
brooch	<i>noun</i> a decorative pin worn by women; <i>verb</i> fasten with or as if with a brooch
buffoonery	<i>noun</i> acting like a clown or buffoon

bulbous	<i>adj.</i> curving outward; shaped like a bulb
buoyancy	<i>noun</i> the tendency to float in water or other liquid; cheerfulness that bubbles to the surface; irrepressible liveliness and good spirit; the property of something weightless and insubstantial
cadence	<i>noun</i> a recurrent rhythmical series; the close of a musical section; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse

caldron	<i>noun</i> a very large pot that is used for boiling
cameo	<i>noun</i> engraving or carving in low relief on a stone (as in a brooch or ring)
camouflage	<i>noun</i> device or stratagem for concealment or deceit; fabric dyed with splotches of green and brown and black and tan; intended to make the wearer of a garment made of this fabric hard to distinguish from the background; the act of concealing the identity of something by modifying its appearance; an outward semblance that misrepresents the true nature of something; <i>verb</i> disguise by camouflaging; exploit the natural surroundings to disguise something

campaign	<i>noun</i> an overland journey by hunters (especially in Africa); a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end; several related operations aimed at achieving a particular goal (usually within geographical and temporal constraints); a race between candidates for elective office; <i>verb</i> go on a campaign; go off to war; run, stand, or compete for an office or a position; exert oneself continuously, vigorously, or obtrusively to gain an end or engage in a crusade for a certain cause or person; be an advocate for
Canaanite	<i>noun</i> the extinct language of the Semitic people who occupied Canaan before the Israelite conquest; a member of an ancient Semitic people who occupied Canaan before it was conquered by the Israelites

candid	<i>adj.</i> openly straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness; informal or natural; especially caught off guard or unprepared; characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion
canon	<i>noun</i> a collection of books accepted as holy scripture especially the books of the Bible recognized by any Christian church as genuine and inspired; a complete list of saints that have been recognized by the Roman Catholic Church; a rule or especially body of rules or principles generally established as valid and fundamental in a field or art or philosophy; a contrapuntal piece of music in which a melody in one part is imitated exactly in other parts; a priest who is a member of a cathedral chapter; a ravine formed by a river in an area with little rainfall

capacious	<i>adj.</i> large in capacity
capillary	<i>adj.</i> long and slender with a very small internal diameter; of or relating to hair; <i>noun</i> a tube of small internal diameter; holds liquid by capillary action; any of the minute blood vessels connecting arterioles with venules
capitulate	<i>verb</i> surrender under agreed conditions

caprice	<i>noun</i> a sudden desire
caption	<i>noun</i> brief description accompanying an illustration; taking exception; especially an quibble based on a captious argument; translation of foreign dialogue of a movie or TV program; usually displayed at the bottom of the screen; <i>verb</i> provide with a caption, as of a photograph or a drawing
captivate	<i>verb</i> attract; cause to be enamored

caricature	<i>noun</i> a representation of a person that is exaggerated for comic effect; <i>verb</i> represent in or produce a caricature of
carouse	<i>noun</i> revelry in drinking; a merry drinking party; <i>verb</i> engage in boisterous, drunken merrymaking
cartilage	<i>noun</i> tough elastic tissue; mostly converted to bone in adults

cathode	<i>noun</i> a negatively charged electrode that is the source of electrons entering an electrical device; the positively charged terminal of a voltaic cell or storage battery that supplies current
caucus	<i>noun</i> a closed political meeting; <i>verb</i> meet to select a candidate or promote a policy
centrifugal	<i>adj.</i> tending to move away from a center; conveying information to the muscles from the CNS; tending away from centralization, as of authority

cessation	<i>noun</i> a stopping
chastise	<i>verb</i> censure severely
chiffon	<i>noun</i> a sheer fabric of silk or rayon

chivalry	<i>noun</i> courtesy towards women; the medieval principles governing knighthood and knightly conduct
chromosome	<i>noun</i> a threadlike body in the cell nucleus that carries the genes in a linear order
chronometer	<i>noun</i> an accurate clock (especially used in navigation)

cipher	<i>noun</i> a message written in a secret code; a secret method of writing; a person of no influence; a quantity of no importance; <i>verb</i> make a mathematical calculation or computation; convert ordinary language into code
clearance	<i>noun</i> permission to proceed; the distance by which one thing clears another; the space between them; vertical space available to allow easy passage under something
coagulant	<i>noun</i> an agent that produces coagulation

coagulate	<i>adj.</i> transformed from a liquid into a soft semisolid or solid mass; <i>verb</i> change from a liquid to a thickened or solid state; cause to change from a liquid to a solid or thickened state
coddle	<i>verb</i> cook in nearly boiling water; treat with excessive indulgence
coincident	<i>adj.</i> matching point for point; occurring or operating at the same time

collaborate	<i>verb</i> work together on a common enterprise of project; cooperate as a traitor
colleague	<i>noun</i> a person who is member of your class or profession; an associate you work with
collector	<i>noun</i> the electrode in a transistor through which a primary flow of carriers leaves the region between the electrodes; a crater that has collected cosmic material hitting the earth; a person who is employed to collect payments (as for rent or taxes); a person who collects things

commissariat	<i>noun</i> a stock or supply of foods
complaisant	<i>adj.</i> showing a cheerful willingness to do favors for others
comprehensible	<i>adj.</i> capable of being comprehended or understood

comprehension	<i>noun</i> an ability to understand the meaning or importance of something (or the knowledge acquired as a result); the relation of comprising something
comprehensive	<i>adj.</i> including all or everything; broad in scope; <i>noun</i> an intensive examination testing a student's proficiency in some special field of knowledge
compression	<i>noun</i> applying pressure; encoding information while reducing the bandwidth or bits required; the process or result of becoming smaller or pressed together; an increase in the density of something

compute	<i>verb</i> make a mathematical calculation or computation
conceit	<i>noun</i> the trait of being unduly vain and conceited; an artistic device or effect; a witty or ingenious turn of phrase; an elaborate poetic image or a far-fetched comparison of very dissimilar things; feelings of excessive pride
concerto	<i>noun</i> a composition for orchestra and a soloist

concession	<i>noun</i> a contract granting the right to operate a subsidiary business; the act of conceding or yielding; a point conceded or yielded
concussion	<i>noun</i> any violent blow; injury to the brain caused by a blow; usually resulting in loss of consciousness
condescend	<i>verb</i> debase oneself morally, act in an undignified, unworthy, or dishonorable way; do something that one considers to be below one's dignity; behave in a patronizing and condescending manner; treat condescendingly

confederacy	<i>noun</i> the southern states that seceded from the United States in 1861; a secret agreement between two or more people to perform an unlawful act; a group of conspirators banded together to achieve some harmful or illegal purpose; a union of political organizations
conferee	<i>noun</i> a member of a conference; a person on whom something is bestowed
confidence	<i>noun</i> a secret that is confided or entrusted to another; a feeling of trust (in someone or something); a trustful relationship; a state of confident hopefulness that events will be favorable; freedom from doubt; belief in yourself and your abilities

conformance	<i>noun</i> correspondence in form or appearance
conformation	<i>noun</i> a symmetrical arrangement of the parts of a thing; acting according to certain accepted standards; any spatial attributes (especially as defined by outline)
congeal	<i>verb</i> become gelatinous

congregate	<i>adj.</i> brought together into a group or crowd; <i>verb</i> come together, usually for a purpose
connoisseur	<i>noun</i> an expert able to appreciate a field; especially in the fine arts
connubial	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to marriage or to the relationship between a wife and husband; <i>adv.</i> in a conjugal manner

conscience	<i>noun</i> conformity to one's own sense of right conduct; a feeling of shame when you do something immoral; motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles that govern a person's thoughts and actions
conscientious	<i>adj.</i> characterized by extreme care and great effort; guided by or in accordance with conscience or sense of right and wrong
consecrate	<i>adj.</i> solemnly dedicated to or set apart for a high purpose; <i>verb</i> render holy by means of religious rites; dedicate to a deity by a vow; give entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; appoint to a clerical posts

consonant	<i>adj.</i> involving or characterized by harmony; in keeping; <i>noun</i> a speech sound that is not a vowel; a letter of the alphabet standing for a spoken consonant
constellation	<i>noun</i> a configuration of stars as seen from the earth; an arrangement of parts or elements
consternation	<i>noun</i> fear resulting from the awareness of danger

constituent	<i>adj.</i> constitutional in the structure of something (especially your physical makeup); <i>noun</i> (grammar) a word or phrase or clause forming part of a larger grammatical construction; a member of a constituency; a citizen who is represented in a government by officials for whom he or she votes; an artifact that is one of the individual parts of which a composite entity is made up; especially a part that can be separated from or attached to a system; an abstract part of something
contaminate	<i>verb</i> make radioactive by adding radioactive material; make impure
contemplate	<i>verb</i> consider as a possibility; look at thoughtfully; observe deep in thought; reflect deeply on a subject; think intently and at length, as for spiritual purposes

contemporaneous	<i>adj.</i> occurring in the same period of time; of the same period
contempt	<i>noun</i> a willful disobedience to or disrespect for the authority of a court or legislative body; a manner that is generally disrespectful and contemptuous; open disrespect for a person or thing; lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
contingency	<i>noun</i> the state of being contingent on something; a possible event or occurrence or result

continuity	<i>noun</i> the property of a continuous and connected period of time; a detailed script used in making a film in order to avoid discontinuities from shot to shot; uninterrupted connection or union
contraband	<i>adj.</i> distributed or sold illicitly; <i>noun</i> goods whose importation or exportation or possession is prohibited by law
contumacious	<i>adj.</i> wilfully obstinate; stubbornly disobedient

conversion	<i>noun</i> a spiritual enlightenment causing a person to lead a new life; a successful free throw or try for point after a touchdown; the act of changing from one use or function or purpose to another; act of exchanging one type of money or security for another; a change in the units or form of an expression: "conversion from Fahrenheit to Centigrade"; interchange of subject and predicate of a proposition; a change of religion; an event that results in a transformation; (psychiatry) a defense mechanism represses emotional conflicts which are then converted into physical symptoms that have no organic basis
convex	<i>adj.</i> curving or bulging outward

conveyance	<i>noun</i> act of transferring property title from one person to another; something that serves as a means of transportation; the transmission of information; document effecting a property transfer; the act of moving something from one location to another
convivial	<i>adj.</i> occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company
convoluted	<i>adj.</i> rolled or coiled together; highly complex or intricate

convolution	<i>noun</i> the action of coiling or twisting or winding together; a convex fold or elevation in the surface of the brain; the shape of something rotating rapidly
convolve	<i>verb</i> curl, wind, or twist together
convoy	<i>noun</i> the act of escorting while in transit; a collection of merchant ships with an escort of warships; a procession of land vehicles traveling together; <i>verb</i> escort in transit

copra	<i>noun</i> the dried meat of the coconut from which oil is extracted
corpulent	<i>adj.</i> excessively fat
corroborate	<i>verb</i> support with evidence or authority or make more certain or confirm; establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; give evidence for

corrosion	<i>noun</i> erosion by chemical action; a state of deterioration in metals caused by oxidation or chemical action
corruption	<i>noun</i> inducement (as of a public official) by improper means (as bribery) to violate duty (as by committing a felony); destroying someone's (or some group's) honesty or loyalty; undermining moral integrity; moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles; decay of matter (as by rot or oxidation); lack of integrity or honesty (especially susceptibility to bribery); use of a position of trust for dishonest gain; in a state of progressive putrefaction
cosmogony	<i>noun</i> the branch of astrophysics that studies the origin and evolution and structure of the universe

counterbalance	<i>noun</i> a compensating equivalent; a weight that balances another weight; equality of distribution; <i>verb</i> oppose and mitigate the effects of by contrary actions; oppose with equal weight or force; adjust for
counterfeit	<i>adj.</i> not genuine; imitating something superior; <i>noun</i> a copy that is represented as the original; <i>verb</i> make a copy of with the intent to deceive
covenant	<i>noun</i> (Bible) an agreement between God and his people in which God makes certain promises and requires certain behavior from them in return; a signed written agreement between two or more parties (nations) to perform some action; <i>verb</i> enter into a covenant or formal agreement; enter into a covenant

covert	<i>adj.</i> secret or hidden; not openly practiced or engaged in or shown or avowed; (of a wife) being under the protection of her husband; <i>noun</i> a flock of coots; a covering that serves to conceal or shelter something
cower	<i>verb</i> show submission or fear; crouch or curl up
coxswain	<i>noun</i> the helmsman of a ship's boat or a racing crew

creamery	<i>noun</i> a workplace where dairy products (butter and cheese etc.) are produced or sold
creed	<i>noun</i> any system of principles or beliefs; the written body of teachings of a religious group that are generally accepted by that group
crick	<i>noun</i> English biochemist who (with Watson in 1953) helped discover the helical structure of DNA (1916-2004); a painful muscle spasm especially in the neck or back (‘rick’ and ‘wrick’ are British); <i>verb</i> twist (a body part) into a strained position

crucible	<i>noun</i> a vessel made of material that does not melt easily; used for high temperature chemical reactions
crusade	<i>noun</i> any of the more or less continuous military expeditions in the 11th to 13th centuries when Christian powers of Europe tried to recapture the Holy Land from the Muslims; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end; <i>verb</i> go on a crusade; fight a holy war; exert oneself continuously, vigorously, or obtrusively to gain an end or engage in a crusade for a certain cause or person; be an advocate for
crystallize	<i>verb</i> cause to take on a definite and clear shape; assume crystalline form; become crystallized; cause to form crystals or assume crystalline form; make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear

culinary	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or used in cooking
culprit	<i>noun</i> someone who perpetrates wrongdoing
curable	<i>adj.</i> curing or healing is possible; capable of being hardened by some additive or other agent

dapper	<i>adj.</i> marked by up-to-dateness in dress and manners
deafen	<i>verb</i> make soundproof; make or render deaf; be unbearably loud
debark	<i>verb</i> go ashore

debut	<i>noun</i> the presentation of a debutante in society; the act of beginning something new; <i>verb</i> appear for the first time in public; make one's debut; present for the first time to the public
decagon	<i>noun</i> a polygon with 10 sides and 10 angles
decency	<i>noun</i> the quality of being polite and respectable; the quality of conforming to standards of propriety and morality

deciduous	<i>adj.</i> (of plants and shrubs) shedding foliage at the end of the growing season; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) being shed at the end of a period of growth
decimal	<i>adj.</i> divided by tens or hundreds; numbered or proceeding by tens; based on ten; <i>noun</i> a number in the decimal system; a proper fraction whose denominator is a power of 10
decipher	<i>verb</i> read with difficulty; convert code into ordinary language

decisive	<i>adj.</i> determining or having the power to determine an outcome; characterized by decision and firmness; unmistakable; forming or having the nature of a turning point or crisis
decrepit	<i>adj.</i> lacking physical strength or vitality; worn and broken down by hard use
deface	<i>verb</i> deface a building facade, for example; mar or spoil the appearance of

defect	<i>noun</i> a failing or deficiency; an imperfection in a bodily system; an imperfection in a device or machine; a mark or flaw that spoils the appearance of something (especially on a person's body); <i>verb</i> desert (a cause, a country or an army), often in order to join the opposing cause, country, or army
defraud	<i>verb</i> deprive of by deceit
deft	<i>adj.</i> skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands

degeneracy	<i>noun</i> the state of being degenerate in mental or moral qualities; moral perversion; impairment of virtue and moral principles
dehydrate	<i>verb</i> remove water from; preserve by removing all water and liquids from; lose water or moisture
dejected	<i>adj.</i> affected or marked by low spirits

deleterious	<i>adj.</i> harmful to living things
denouement	<i>noun</i> the final resolution of the main complication of a literary or dramatic work; the outcome of a complex sequence of events
denunciation	<i>noun</i> a public act of denouncing

deportment	<i>noun</i> (behavioral attributes) the way a person behaves toward other people
deposition	<i>noun</i> the act of deposing someone; removing a powerful person from a position or office; (law) a pretrial interrogation of a witness; usually conducted in a lawyer's office; the natural process of laying down a deposit of something; the act of putting something somewhere
depositor	<i>noun</i> a person who has deposited money in a bank or similar institution

derision	<i>noun</i> the act of deriding or treating with contempt; contemptuous laughter
descry	<i>verb</i> catch sight of
desist	<i>verb</i> choose not to consume

despot	<i>noun</i> a cruel and oppressive dictator
desultory	<i>adj.</i> marked by lack of definite plan or regularity or purpose; jumping from one thing to another
detract	<i>verb</i> take away a part from; diminish

devious	<i>adj.</i> deviating from a straight course; indirect in departing from the accepted or proper way; misleading; characterized by insincerity or deceit; evasive
devise	<i>noun</i> (law) a gift of real property by will; a will disposing of real property; <i>verb</i> give by will, especially real property; come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort; arrange by systematic planning and united effort
devour	<i>verb</i> eat greedily; eat immoderately; destroy completely; enjoy avidly

devout	<i>adj.</i> devoutly religious; earnest
dexterity	<i>noun</i> adroitness in using the hands
dialectician	<i>noun</i> a logician skilled in dialectic

dichotomy	<i>noun</i> being twofold; a classification into two opposed parts or subclasses
differentiate	<i>verb</i> become distinct and acquire a different character; become different during development; calculate a derivative; take the derivative; evolve so as to lead to a new species or develop in a way most suited to the environment; mark as different; be a distinctive feature, attribute, or trait; sometimes in a very positive sense
dilapidated	<i>adj.</i> in deplorable condition

dilemma	<i>noun</i> state of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options
diligence	<i>noun</i> conscientiousness in paying proper attention to a task; giving the degree of care required in a given situation; persevering determination to perform a task; a diligent effort
diplomacy	<i>noun</i> negotiation between nations; subtly skillful handling of a situation; wisdom in the management of public affairs

disavow	<i>verb</i> refuse to acknowledge; disclaim knowledge of; responsibility for, or association with
disconsolate	<i>adj.</i> causing dejection; sad beyond comforting; incapable of being consoled
discord	<i>noun</i> strife resulting from a lack of agreement; disagreement among those expected to cooperate; lack of agreement or harmony; a harsh mixture of sounds; <i>verb</i> be different from one another

discover	<i>verb</i> make a discovery; make a discovery, make a new finding; see for the first time; make a discovery; get to know or become aware of, usually accidentally; identify as in botany or biology, for example; make known to the public information that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret; discover or determine the existence, presence, or fact of; find unexpectedly
disengage	<i>verb</i> become free; release from something that holds fast, connects, or entangles; free or remove obstruction from
disfavor	<i>noun</i> an inclination to withhold approval from some person or group; the state of being out of favor; <i>verb</i> put at a disadvantage; hinder, harm

disinfectant	<i>adj.</i> preventing infection by inhibiting the growth or action of microorganisms; <i>noun</i> an agent (as heat or radiation or a chemical) that destroys microorganisms that might carry disease
disinterested	<i>adj.</i> unaffected by self-interest
dismal	<i>adj.</i> causing dejection

disown	<i>verb</i> prevent deliberately (as by making a will) from inheriting
dispel	<i>verb</i> force to go away; used both with concrete and metaphoric meanings; to cause to separate and go in different directions
disrepute	<i>noun</i> the state of being held in low esteem

dissatisfy	<i>verb</i> fail to satisfy
dissection	<i>noun</i> cutting so as to separate into pieces; detailed critical analysis or examination one part at a time (as of a literary work); a minute and critical analysis
dissension	<i>noun</i> disagreement among those expected to cooperate; a conflict of people's opinions or actions or characters

dissent	<i>noun</i> a difference of opinion; (law) the difference of one judge's opinion from that of the majority; the act of protesting; a public (often organized) manifestation of dissent; <i>verb</i> withhold assent; be of different opinions; express opposition through action or words
dissertation	<i>noun</i> a treatise advancing a new point of view resulting from research; usually a requirement for an advanced academic degree
dissimilar	<i>adj.</i> not similar; marked by dissimilarity; not alike or similar

dissipate	<i>verb</i> live a life of pleasure, especially with respect to alcoholic consumption; spend frivolously and unwisely; move away from each other; to cause to separate and go in different directions
distrain	<i>verb</i> legally take something in place of a debt payment; confiscate by distress; levy a distress on
distraught	<i>adj.</i> deeply agitated especially from emotion

dither	<i>noun</i> an excited state of agitation; <i>verb</i> make a fuss; be agitated; act nervously; be undecided; be uncertain
diurnal	<i>adj.</i> having a daily cycle or occurring every day; belonging to or active during the day
diverse	<i>adj.</i> distinctly dissimilar or unlike; many and different

divert	<i>verb</i> send on a course or in a direction different from the planned or intended one; withdraw (money) and move into a different location, often secretly and with dishonest intentions; turn aside; turn away from; occupy in an agreeable, entertaining or pleasant fashion
divination	<i>noun</i> the art or gift of prophecy (or the pretense of prophecy) by supernatural means; successful conjecture by unusual insight or good luck; a prediction uttered under divine inspiration
divisor	<i>noun</i> the number by which a dividend is divided; one of two or more integers that can be exactly divided into another integer

docket	<i>noun</i> (law) the calendar of a court; the list of cases to be tried or a summary of the court's activities; a temporally organized plan for matters to be attended to; <i>verb</i> make a summary or abstract of a legal document and inscribe it in a list; place on the docket for legal action
dosage	<i>noun</i> the quantity of an active agent (substance or radiation) taken in or absorbed at any one time
doting	<i>adj.</i> extravagantly or foolishly loving and indulgent

dowdy	<i>adj.</i> primly out of date; lacking in smartness or taste; <i>noun</i> deep-dish apple dessert covered with a rich crust; British marshal of the RAF who commanded the British air defense forces that defeated the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain (1882-1970)
downy	<i>adj.</i> covered with fine soft hairs or down; like down or as soft as down
drachma	<i>noun</i> formerly the basic unit of money in Greece; a unit of apothecary weight equal to an eighth of an ounce or to 60 grains

drudgery	<i>noun</i> hard monotonous routine work
dual	<i>adj.</i> a grammatical number category referring to two items or units as opposed to one item (singular) or more than two items (plural); consisting of or involving two parts or components usually in pairs; having more than one decidedly dissimilar aspects or qualities
dubious	<i>adj.</i> not convinced; fraught with uncertainty or doubt; open to doubt or suspicion

ductile	<i>adj.</i> capable of being shaped or bent or drawn out; easily influenced
duplex	<i>adj.</i> allowing communication in opposite directions simultaneously; (used technically of a device or process) having two parts; <i>noun</i> an apartment having rooms on two floors that are connected by a staircase; a house with two units sharing a common wall; <i>verb</i> change into a duplex
duration	<i>noun</i> continuance in time; the property of enduring or continuing in time; the period of time during which something continues

dusky	<i>adj.</i> lighted by or as if by twilight; naturally having skin of a dark color
dwindle	<i>verb</i> become smaller or lose substance
dyne	<i>noun</i> a unit of force equal to the force that imparts an acceleration of 1 cm/sec/sec to a mass of 1 gram

ecclesiastical	<i>adj.</i> of or associated with a church (especially a Christian Church)
ecstasy	<i>noun</i> a state of being carried away by overwhelming emotion; a state of elated bliss; street names for methylenedioxymethamphetamine
ecstatic	<i>adj.</i> feeling great rapture or delight

eczema	<i>noun</i> generic term for inflammatory conditions of the skin; particularly with vesiculation in the acute stages
edict	<i>noun</i> a formal or authoritative proclamation; a legally binding command or decision entered on the court record (as if issued by a court or judge)
editorial	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to an article stating opinions or giving perspectives; relating to or characteristic of an editor; <i>noun</i> an article giving opinions or perspectives

efface	<i>verb</i> make inconspicuous; remove completely from recognition or memory; remove by or as if by rubbing or erasing
efflorescence	<i>noun</i> a powdery deposit on a surface; the time and process of budding and unfolding of blossoms; any red eruption of the skin; the period of greatest prosperity or productivity
electrolysis	<i>noun</i> removing superfluous or unwanted hair by passing an electric current through the hair root; (chemistry) a chemical decomposition reaction produced by passing an electric current through a solution containing ions

elegy	<i>noun</i> a mournful poem; a lament for the dead
elicit	<i>verb</i> derive by reason; deduce (a principle) or construe (a meaning); call forth (emotions, feelings, and responses)
ellipsis	<i>noun</i> omission or suppression of parts of words or sentences

emblem	<i>noun</i> special design or visual object representing a quality, type, group, etc.; a visible symbol representing an abstract idea
emboss	<i>verb</i> raise in a relief
emeritus	<i>adj.</i> honorably retired from assigned duties and retaining your title along with the additional title 'emeritus' as in 'professor emeritus'; 'retired from assigned duties' need not imply that one is inactive; <i>noun</i> a professor or minister who is retired from assigned duties

emigrant	<i>noun</i> someone who leaves one country to settle in another
emporium	<i>noun</i> a large retail store organized into departments offering a variety of merchandise; commonly part of a retail chain
enact	<i>verb</i> act out; represent or perform as if in a play; order by virtue of superior authority; decree

enamor	<i>verb</i> attract; cause to be enamored
encamp	<i>verb</i> live in or as if in a tent
enchant	<i>verb</i> hold spellbound; cast a spell over someone or something; put a hex on someone or something; attract; cause to be enamored

encomium	<i>noun</i> a formal expression of praise
encompass	<i>verb</i> include in scope; include as part of something broader; have as one's sphere or territory
endear	<i>verb</i> make attractive or lovable

endorse	<i>verb</i> sign as evidence of legal transfer; guarantee as meeting a certain standard; be behind; approve of; give support or one's approval to
endow	<i>verb</i> furnish with an endowment; give qualities or abilities to
engorge	<i>verb</i> overeat or eat immodestly; make a pig of oneself

engross	<i>verb</i> engage or engross wholly; engross (oneself) fully
engulf	<i>verb</i> flow over or cover completely; engross (oneself) fully
enhance	<i>verb</i> increase; make better or more attractive

enigma	<i>noun</i> something that baffles understanding and cannot be explained; a difficult problem
enmity	<i>noun</i> the feeling of a hostile person; a state of deep-seated ill-will
enormity	<i>noun</i> an act of extreme wickedness; the quality of extreme wickedness; vastness of size or extent; the quality of being outrageous

enrich	<i>verb</i> make better or improve in quality; make wealthy or richer
entrench	<i>verb</i> fix firmly or securely; occupy a trench or secured area; impinge or infringe upon
enumerate	<i>verb</i> specify individually; determine the number or amount of

epicycloid	<i>noun</i> a line generated by a point on a circle rolling around another circle
epiphany	<i>noun</i> a divine manifestation; twelve days after Christmas; celebrates the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
epithet	<i>noun</i> descriptive word or phrase; a defamatory or abusive word or phrase

epizootic	<i>adj.</i> (of animals) epidemic among animals of a single kind within a particular region
equilibrium	<i>noun</i> a sensory system located in structures of the inner ear that registers the orientation of the head; a stable situation in which forces cancel one another; a chemical reaction and its reverse proceed at equal rates; equality of distribution
erratic	<i>adj.</i> liable to sudden unpredictable change; likely to perform unpredictably; having no fixed course

erudite	<i>adj.</i> having or showing profound knowledge
esoteric	<i>adj.</i> confined to and understandable by only an enlightened inner circle
essence	<i>noun</i> any substance possessing to a high degree the predominant properties of a plant or drug or other natural product from which it is extracted; a toiletry that emits and diffuses a fragrant odor; the choicest or most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience; the central meaning or theme of a speech or literary work

ethnic	<i>adj.</i> not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam; denoting or deriving from or distinctive of the ways of living built up by a group of people; <i>noun</i> a person who is a member of an ethnic group
eulogize	<i>verb</i> praise formally and eloquently
eulogy	<i>noun</i> a formal expression of praise for someone who has died recently; a formal expression of praise

evince	<i>verb</i> give expression to
evolve	<i>verb</i> undergo development or evolution; work out; gain through experience
exaggerate	<i>verb</i> to enlarge beyond bounds or the truth; do something to an excessive degree

excel	<i>verb</i> distinguish oneself
excitable	<i>adj.</i> easily excited; capable of responding to stimuli
exclamation	<i>noun</i> an abrupt excited utterance; a loud complaint or protest or reproach; an exclamatory rhetorical device

excursion	<i>noun</i> a journey taken for pleasure; wandering from the main path of a journey
exhilarate	<i>verb</i> fill with sublime emotion; tickle pink
expectorate	<i>verb</i> discharge (phlegm or sputum) from the lungs and out of the mouth; clear out the chest and lungs

explicit	<i>adj.</i> precisely and clearly expressed or readily observable; leaving nothing to implication; in accordance with fact or the primary meaning of a term
extinct	<i>adj.</i> (of e.g. volcanos) permanently inactive; being out or having grown cold; no longer in existence; lost or especially having died out leaving no living representatives
extol	<i>verb</i> praise, glorify, or honor

extort	<i>verb</i> get or cause to become in a difficult or laborious manner; obtain by coercion or intimidation; obtain through intimidation
extradite	<i>verb</i> hand over to the authorities of another country
extravagant	<i>adj.</i> recklessly wasteful; unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings

extremity	<i>noun</i> an external body part that projects from the body; that part of a limb that is farthest from the torso; the outermost or farthest region or point; the greatest or utmost degree; an extreme condition or state (especially of adversity or disease)
extricate	<i>verb</i> release from entanglement of difficulty
fabricate	<i>verb</i> make up something artificial or untrue; put together out of components or parts

facial	<i>adj.</i> of or pertaining to the outside surface of an object; of or concerning the face; <i>noun</i> care for the face that usually involves cleansing and massage and the application of cosmetic creams; cranial nerve that supplies facial muscles
facsimile	<i>noun</i> duplicator that transmits the copy by wire or radio; an exact copy or reproduction; <i>verb</i> send something via a facsimile machine
fallible	<i>adj.</i> likely to fail or make errors; having the attributes of man as opposed to e.g. divine beings

faulty	<i>adj.</i> characterized by errors; having a defect
federate	<i>adj.</i> united under a central government; <i>verb</i> unite on a federal basis or band together as a league; enter into a league for a common purpose
feint	<i>noun</i> any distracting or deceptive maneuver (as a mock attack); <i>verb</i> deceive by a mock action

feminine	<i>adj.</i> associated with women and not with men; of grammatical gender; (music or poetry) ending on an unaccented beat or syllable; befitting or characteristic of a woman especially a mature woman; <i>noun</i> a gender that refers chiefly (but not exclusively) to females or to objects classified as female
fervent	<i>adj.</i> extremely hot; characterized by intense emotion
fez	<i>noun</i> a felt cap (usually red) for a man; shaped like a flat-topped cone with a tassel that hangs from the crown; a city in north central Morocco; religious center

fiasco	<i>noun</i> a sudden and violent collapse
finale	<i>noun</i> the concluding part of any performance; the closing section of a musical composition; the temporal end; the concluding time
finite	<i>adj.</i> bounded or limited in magnitude or spatial or temporal extent; of verbs; relating to forms of the verb that are limited in time by a tense and (usually) show agreement with number and person

flaming	<i>adj.</i> resembling flame in brilliance or color; lighted up by or as by fire or flame; very intense; (used of persons) informal intensifiers; <i>noun</i> the process of combustion of inflammable materials producing heat and light and (often) smoke
flippant	<i>adj.</i> showing inappropriate levity
floral	<i>adj.</i> resembling or made of or suggestive of flowers; of or relating to the plant life in a particular region; relating to or associated with flowers

folio	<i>noun</i> a book (or manuscript) consisting of large sheets of paper folded in the middle to make two leaves or four pages; a sheet of any written or printed material (especially in a manuscript or book); the system of numbering pages
forecastle	<i>noun</i> living quarters consisting of a superstructure in the bow of a merchant ship where the crew is housed
foreign	<i>adj.</i> relating to or originating in or characteristic of another place or part of the world; of concern to or concerning the affairs of other nations (other than your own); not contained in or deriving from the essential nature of something; not belonging to that in which it is contained; introduced from an outside source

foremost	<i>adj.</i> preceding all others in spatial position; situated closest to the bow; ranking above all others; <i>adv.</i> prominently forward; before anything else
formidable	<i>adj.</i> inspiring fear; extremely impressive in strength or excellence
forswear	<i>verb</i> formally reject or disavow a formerly held belief, usually under pressure

forthright	<i>adj.</i> characterized by directness in manner or speech; without subtlety or evasion; <i>adv.</i> directly and without evasion; not roundabout
fortitude	<i>noun</i> strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with courage
fracas	<i>noun</i> noisy quarrel

frantic	<i>adj.</i> excessively agitated; transported with rage or other violent emotion; marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion
fray	<i>noun</i> a noisy fight; <i>verb</i> wear away by rubbing; cause friction
frugal	<i>adj.</i> avoiding waste

fundamental	<i>adj.</i> being or involving basic facts or principles; far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect especially on the nature of something; serving as an essential component; <i>noun</i> the lowest tone of a harmonic series
gaiety	<i>noun</i> a festive merry feeling; a gay feeling
galleon	<i>noun</i> a large square-rigged sailing ship with three or more masts; used by the Spanish for commerce and war from the 15th to 18th centuries

garble	<i>verb</i> make false by mutilation or addition; as of a message or story
garrote	<i>noun</i> an instrument of execution for execution by strangulation; <i>verb</i> strangle with an iron collar
genealogist	<i>noun</i> an expert in genealogy

genealogy	<i>noun</i> the study or investigation of ancestry and family history; successive generations of kin
germane	<i>adj.</i> having close kinship and appropriateness
gestation	<i>noun</i> the conception and development of an idea or plan; the period during which an embryo develops (about 266 days in humans); the state of being pregnant; the period from conception to birth when a woman carries a developing fetus in her uterus

globular	<i>adj.</i> having the shape of a sphere or ball
glorious	<i>adj.</i> having great beauty and splendor; bringing great happiness and thankfulness; having or deserving or conferring glory; having or worthy of pride; characterized by grandeur
glossy	<i>adj.</i> (of paper and fabric and leather) having a surface made smooth and glossy especially by pressing between rollers; having a smooth, gleaming surface; reflecting light; <i>noun</i> a photograph that is printed on smooth shiny paper; a magazine printed on good quality paper

gnash	<i>verb</i> grind together, of teeth
gossamer	<i>adj.</i> characterized by unusual lightness and delicacy; so thin as to transmit light; <i>noun</i> a gauze fabric with an extremely fine texture; filaments from a web that was spun by a spider
goulash	<i>noun</i> a rich meat stew highly seasoned with paprika

govern	<i>verb</i> direct or strongly influence the behavior of; exercise authority over; as of nations; require to be in a certain grammatical case, voice, or mood; bring into conformity with rules or principles or usage; impose regulations
grandiloquent	<i>adj.</i> puffed up with vanity; lofty in style
granite	<i>noun</i> something having the quality of granite (unyielding firmness); plutonic igneous rock having visibly crystalline texture; generally composed of feldspar and mica and quartz

grapple	<i>noun</i> the act of engaging in close hand-to-hand combat; a dredging bucket with hinges like the shell of a clam; a tool consisting of several hooks for grasping and holding; often thrown with a rope; <i>verb</i> to grip or seize, as in a wrestling match; come to terms or deal successfully with
gratuitous	<i>adj.</i> without cause; unnecessary and unwarranted; costing nothing
grievance	<i>noun</i> a complaint about a (real or imaginary) wrong that causes resentment and is grounds for action; an allegation that something imposes an illegal obligation or denies some legal right or causes injustice; a resentment strong enough to justify retaliation

gritty	<i>adj.</i> willing to face danger; composed of or covered with particles resembling meal in texture or consistency
grotesque	<i>adj.</i> distorted and unnatural in shape or size; abnormal and hideous; ludicrously odd; <i>noun</i> art characterized by an incongruous mixture of parts of humans and animals interwoven with plants
gruel	<i>noun</i> a thin porridge (usually oatmeal or cornmeal)

<p>gyrate</p>	<p><i>verb</i> to wind or move in a spiral course; revolve quickly and repeatedly around one's own axis</p>
<p>hale</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> exhibiting or restored to vigorous good health; <i>noun</i> prolific United States writer (1822-1909); United States astronomer who discovered that sunspots are associated with strong magnetic fields (1868-1938); a soldier of the American Revolution who was hanged as a spy by the British; his last words were supposed to have been 'I only regret that I have but one life to give for my country' (1755-1776); <i>verb</i> draw slowly or heavily; to cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means : "She forced him to take a job in the city"</p>

heartily	<i>adv.</i> with gusto and without reservation; in a hearty manner
heckle	<i>noun</i> a comb for separating flax fibers; <i>verb</i> challenge aggressively; comb with a heckle
heed	<i>noun</i> paying particular notice (as to children or helpless people); <i>verb</i> pay close attention to; give heed to

heedless	<i>adj.</i> characterized by careless unconcern; marked by or paying little heed or attention
hegemony	<i>noun</i> the dominance or leadership of one social group or nation over others
heinous	<i>adj.</i> shockingly brutal or cruel

hemorrhage	<i>noun</i> flow of blood from a ruptured blood vessels; <i>verb</i> lose blood from one's body
hepatitis	<i>noun</i> inflammation of the liver caused by a virus or a toxin
heresy	<i>noun</i> a belief that rejects the orthodox tenets of a religion; any opinions or doctrines at variance with the official or orthodox position

heretic	<i>noun</i> a person who holds religious beliefs in conflict with the dogma of the Roman Catholic Church; a person who holds unorthodox opinions in any field (not merely religion)
heterogeneity	<i>noun</i> the quality of being diverse and not comparable in kind
heterogeneous	<i>adj.</i> consisting of elements that are not of the same kind or nature; originating outside the body

hilarious	<i>adj.</i> marked by or causing boisterous merriment or convulsive laughter
hinder	<i>adj.</i> located at or near the back of an animal; <i>verb</i> put at a disadvantage; be a hindrance or obstacle to; hinder or prevent the progress or accomplishment of
hinge	<i>noun</i> a joint that holds two parts together so that one can swing relative to the other; a circumstance upon which subsequent events depend; <i>verb</i> attach with a hinge

hoard	<i>noun</i> a secret store of valuables or money; <i>verb</i> save up as for future use; get or gather together
hobble	<i>noun</i> the uneven manner of walking that results from an injured leg; a shackle for the ankles or feet; <i>verb</i> hamper the action or progress of; strap the foreleg and hind leg together on each side (of a horse) in order to keep the legs on the same side moving in unison; walk impeded by some physical limitation or injury
homage	<i>noun</i> respectful deference

<p style="text-align: center;">hostile</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> unsolicited and resisted by the management of the target company (used of attempts to buy or take control of a business); marked by features that oppose constructive treatment or development; very unfriendly; not belonging to your own country's forces or those of an ally; very unfavorable to life or growth; characterized by enmity or ill will; impossible to bring into friendly accord; <i>noun</i> troops belonging to the enemy's military forces</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">humanity</p>	<p><i>noun</i> the quality of being humane; all of the living human inhabitants of the earth; the quality of being human</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">hyperbole</p>	<p><i>noun</i> extravagant exaggeration</p>

hypnotize	<i>verb</i> induce hypnosis in
hypothesis	<i>noun</i> a tentative theory about the natural world; a concept that is not yet verified but that if true would explain certain facts or phenomena; a proposal intended to explain certain facts or observations; a message expressing an opinion based on incomplete evidence
ideology	<i>noun</i> imaginary or visionary theorization; an orientation that characterizes the thinking of a group or nation

idiosyncrasy	<i>noun</i> a behavioral attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual
idler	<i>noun</i> person who does no work
illuminant	<i>noun</i> something that can serve as a source of light

illuminate	<i>verb</i> add embellishments and paintings to (medieval manuscripts); make lighter or brighter; make free from confusion or ambiguity; make clear
immaculate	<i>adj.</i> completely neat and clean; free from stain or blemish; without fault or error
immaterial	<i>adj.</i> not consisting of matter; (often followed by `to') lacking importance; not mattering one way or the other; of no importance or relevance especially to a law case; without material form or substance; not pertinent to the matter under consideration

immerse	<i>verb</i> thrust or throw into; enclose or envelop completely, as if by swallowing; engross (oneself) fully; cause to be immersed
immersion	<i>noun</i> a form of baptism in which part or all of a person's body is submerged; the act of wetting something by submerging it; complete attention; intense mental effort; (astronomy) the disappearance of a celestial body prior to an eclipse; sinking until covered completely with water
imminence	<i>noun</i> the state of being imminent and liable to happen soon

imminent	<i>adj.</i> close in time; about to occur
immoral	<i>adj.</i> deliberately violating accepted principles of right and wrong; morally unprincipled; marked by immorality; deviating from what is considered right or proper or good; characterized by wickedness or immorality; not adhering to ethical or moral principles
immovable	<i>adj.</i> not able or intended to be moved; <i>noun</i> property consisting of houses and land

impalpable	<i>adj.</i> imperceptible to the senses or the mind; not perceptible to the touch; incapable of being perceived by the senses especially the sense of touch
impasse	<i>noun</i> a street with only one way in or out; a situation in which no progress can be made or no advancement is possible
impiety	<i>noun</i> unrighteousness by virtue of lacking respect for a god

<p>impish</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> naughtily or annoyingly playful</p>
<p>implement</p>	<p><i>noun</i> instrumentation (a piece of equipment or tool) used to effect an end; <i>verb</i> apply in a manner consistent with its purpose or design; pursue to a conclusion or bring to a successful issue; ensure observance of laws and rules</p>
<p>impose</p>	<p><i>verb</i> impose something unpleasant; impose and collect; compel to behave in a certain way</p>

impropriety	<i>noun</i> an improper demeanor; the condition of being improper; an act of undue intimacy; an indecent or improper act
inaccessible	<i>adj.</i> capable of being reached only with great difficulty or not at all; not capable of being obtained
inanimate	<i>adj.</i> not endowed with life; belonging to the class of nouns denoting nonliving things; appearing dead; not breathing or having no perceptible pulse

inborn	<i>adj.</i> normally existing at birth; present at birth but not necessarily hereditary; acquired during fetal development
incandescent	<i>adj.</i> emitting light as a result of being heated; characterized by ardent emotion or intensity or brilliance
incendiary	<i>adj.</i> capable of catching fire spontaneously or causing fires or burning readily; arousing to action or rebellion; involving deliberate burning of property; <i>noun</i> a bomb that is designed to start fires; is most effective against flammable targets (such as fuel); a criminal who illegally sets fire to property

incessant	<i>adj.</i> occurring so frequently as to seem ceaseless or uninterrupted; uninterrupted in time and indefinitely long continuing
incidentally	<i>adv.</i> in an incidental manner; introducing a different topic; by the way
incite	<i>verb</i> provoke or stir up; urge on; cause to act; give an incentive for action

incomprehensible	<i>adj.</i> difficult to understand; incapable of being explained or accounted for
indefinitely	<i>adv.</i> to an indefinite extent; for an indefinite time
indicator	<i>noun</i> a device for showing the operating condition of some system; a signal for attracting attention; (chemistry) a substance that changes color to indicate the presence of some ion or substance; can be used to indicate the completion of a chemical reaction or (in medicine) to test for a particular reaction; a number or ratio (a value on a scale of measurement) derived from a series of observed facts; can reveal relative changes as a function of time

indict	<i>verb</i> accuse formally of a crime
indigence	<i>noun</i> a state of extreme poverty or destitution
indiscriminate	<i>adj.</i> not marked by fine distinctions; failing to make or recognize distinctions

indolence	<i>noun</i> inactivity resulting from a dislike of work
induct	<i>verb</i> introduce or initiate; place ceremoniously or formally in an office or position; admit as a member; produce electric current by electrostatic or magnetic processes; accept young people into society, usually with some rite
inert	<i>adj.</i> slow and apathetic; unable to move or resist motion; having only a limited ability to react chemically; chemically inactive

inexhaustible	<i>adj.</i> incapable of being entirely consumed or used up; that cannot be entirely consumed or used up
infallible	<i>adj.</i> incapable of failure or error
infamous	<i>adj.</i> having an exceedingly bad reputation

infamy	<i>noun</i> evil fame or public reputation; a state of extreme dishonor
infernal	<i>adj.</i> being of a lower world of the dead; characteristic of or resembling hell; of or pertaining to or characteristic of a very uncontrolled and intense fire; expletives used informally as intensifiers; extremely evil or cruel; expressive of cruelty or befitting hell; <i>noun</i> an inhabitant of hell
infidelity	<i>noun</i> the quality of being unfaithful

influence	<i>noun</i> causing something without any direct or apparent effort; a power to affect persons or events especially power based on prestige etc; a cognitive factor that tends to have an effect on what you do; one having power to influence another; the effect of one thing (or person) on another; <i>verb</i> have and exert influence or effect; shape or influence; give direction to; induce into action by using one's charm
infusion	<i>noun</i> the act of infusing or introducing a certain modifying element or quality; (medicine) the passive introduction of a substance (a fluid or drug or electrolyte) into a vein or between tissues (as by gravitational force); the process of extracting certain active properties (as a drug from a plant) by steeping or soaking (usually in water); a solution obtained by steeping or soaking a substance (usually in water)
ingenuity	<i>noun</i> the property of being ingenious; the power of creative imagination

initiate	<i>noun</i> people who have been introduced to the mysteries of some field or activity; someone who has been admitted to membership in a scholarly field; someone new to a field or activity; <i>verb</i> take the lead or initiative in; participate in the development of; accept young people into society, usually with some rite; prepare the way for; bring up a topic for discussion; bring into being
inject	<i>verb</i> give an injection to; to introduce (a new aspect or element); feed intravenously; take by injection; force or drive (a fluid or gas) into by piercing; to insert between other elements
inkling	<i>noun</i> a slight suggestion or vague understanding

inopportune	<i>adj.</i> not opportune
inquisitive	<i>adj.</i> showing curiosity; inquiring or appearing to inquire
inroad	<i>noun</i> an encroachment or intrusion; an invasion or hostile attack

insatiable	<i>adj.</i> impossible to satisfy
insentient	<i>adj.</i> devoid of feeling and consciousness and animation
inset	<i>noun</i> a small picture inserted within the bounds or a larger one; a piece of material used to strengthen or enlarge a garment; an artifact that is inserted or is to be inserted; <i>verb</i> set or place in

insignificant	<i>adj.</i> not large enough to consider or notice; not worthy of notice; of little importance or influence or power; of minor status; signifying nothing; not important or noteworthy
instant	<i>adj.</i> in or of the present month; demanding attention; occurring with no delay; <i>noun</i> a particular point in time; a very short time (as the time it takes the eye blink or the heart to beat)
instantaneous	<i>adj.</i> occurring with no delay

insufficiency	<i>noun</i> lack of an adequate quantity or number; (pathology) inability of a bodily part or organ to function normally; a lack of competence
integrity	<i>noun</i> moral soundness; an undivided or unbroken completeness or totality with nothing wanting
intellectual	<i>adj.</i> appealing to or using the intellect; of or associated with or requiring the use of the mind; of or relating to the intellect; involving intelligence rather than emotions or instinct; <i>noun</i> a person who uses the mind creatively

intelligence	<i>noun</i> the operation of gathering information about an enemy; the ability to comprehend; to understand and profit from experience; secret information about an enemy (or potential enemy); a unit responsible for gathering and interpreting information about an enemy; new information about specific and timely events
intelligible	<i>adj.</i> well articulated or enunciated, and loud enough to be heard distinctly; capable of being apprehended or understood
intention	<i>noun</i> an act of intending; a volition that you intend to carry out; (usually plural) the goal with respect to a marriage proposal; an anticipated outcome that is intended or that guides your planned actions

intercede	<i>verb</i> act between parties with a view to reconciling differences
interdict	<i>noun</i> a court order prohibiting a party from doing a certain activity; an ecclesiastical censure by the Roman Catholic Church withdrawing certain sacraments and Christian burial from a person or all persons in a particular district; <i>verb</i> destroy by firepower, such as an enemy's line of communication; command against
interrogate	<i>verb</i> pose a series of questions to; transmit (a signal) for setting off an appropriate response, as in telecommunication

intimidate	<i>verb</i> make timid or fearful; to compel or deter by or as if by threats
intramural	<i>adj.</i> carried on within the bounds of an institution or community
intricacy	<i>noun</i> marked by elaborately complex detail

intricate	<i>adj.</i> having many complexly arranged elements; elaborate
introductory	<i>adj.</i> serving as an introduction or preface; serving to open or begin; serving as a base or starting point
intrude	<i>verb</i> thrust oneself in as if by force; enter uninvited; search or inquire in a meddlesome way; enter unlawfully on someone's property

inveterate	<i>adj.</i> having a habit of long standing
invulnerable	<i>adj.</i> immune to attack; impregnable
irrational	<i>adj.</i> not consistent with or using reason; real but not expressible as the quotient of two integers; <i>noun</i> a real number that cannot be expressed as a rational number

irritable	<i>adj.</i> abnormally sensitive to a stimulus; easily irritated or annoyed; capable of responding to stimuli
irritant	<i>noun</i> something that causes irritation and annoyance
jabber	<i>noun</i> rapid and indistinct speech; <i>verb</i> talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner

jamboree	<i>noun</i> a gay festivity
jargon	<i>noun</i> specialized technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject; a characteristic language of a particular group (as among thieves); a colorless (or pale yellow or smoky) variety of zircon
jetsam	<i>noun</i> the part of a ship's equipment or cargo that is thrown overboard to lighten the load in a storm; the floating wreckage of a ship

jitney	<i>noun</i> a vehicle carrying many passengers; used for public transport
jostle	<i>noun</i> the act of jostling (forcing your way by pushing); <i>verb</i> come into rough contact with while moving; make one's way by jostling, pushing, or shoving
judiciary	<i>noun</i> persons who administer justice; the system of law courts that administer justice and constitute the judicial branch of government

juggle	<i>noun</i> throwing and catching several objects simultaneously; the act of rearranging things to give a misleading impression; <i>verb</i> hold with difficulty and balance insecurely; throw, catch, and keep in the air several things simultaneously; deal with simultaneously; manipulate by or as if by moving around components; influence by slyness
jugglery	<i>noun</i> the performance of a juggler; artful trickery designed to achieve an end
junta	<i>noun</i> a group of military officers who rule a country after seizing power

juridical	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the law or jurisprudence; relating to the administration of justice or the function of a judge
juror	<i>noun</i> someone who serves (or waits to be called to serve) on a jury
kapok	<i>noun</i> massive tropical tree with deep ridges on its massive trunk and bearing large pods of seeds covered with silky floss; source of the silky kapok fiber; a plant fiber from the kapok tree; used for stuffing and insulation

keepsake	<i>noun</i> something of sentimental value
kerchief	<i>noun</i> a square scarf that is folded into a triangle and worn over the head or about the neck
khaki	<i>adj.</i> of a yellowish brown color; <i>noun</i> a sturdy twilled cloth of a yellowish brown color used especially for military uniforms

kiln	<i>noun</i> a furnace for firing or burning or drying such things as porcelain or bricks
kimono	<i>noun</i> a loose robe; imitated from robes originally worn by Japanese
kindling	<i>noun</i> material for starting a fire; the act of setting something on fire

kosher	<i>adj.</i> conforming to dietary laws; proper or legitimate; <i>noun</i> food that fulfills the requirements of Jewish dietary law
lacerate	<i>adj.</i> having edges that are jagged from injury; irregularly slashed and jagged as if torn; <i>verb</i> cut or tear irregularly; deeply hurt the feelings of; distress
ladle	<i>noun</i> a spoon-shaped vessel with a long handle; used to transfer liquids; <i>verb</i> remove with or as if with a ladle; put (a liquid) into a container by means of a ladle

lament	<i>noun</i> a cry of sorrow and grief; a mournful poem; a lament for the dead; a song or hymn of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person; <i>verb</i> express grief verbally; regret strongly
languid	<i>adj.</i> lacking spirit or liveliness
laryngitis	<i>noun</i> inflammation of the mucous membrane of the larynx; characterized by hoarseness or loss of voice and coughing

latent	<i>adj.</i> not presently active; potentially existing but not presently evident or realized
laureate	<i>adj.</i> worthy of the greatest honor or distinction; <i>noun</i> someone honored for great achievements; figuratively someone crowned with a laurel wreath
lax	<i>adj.</i> emptying easily or excessively; lacking in rigor or strictness; not taut or rigid; not stretched or held tight; pronounced with muscles of the tongue and jaw relatively relaxed (e.g., the vowel sound in `bet'); lacking in strength or firmness or resilience

legacy	<i>noun</i> (law) a gift of personal property by will
legitimate	<i>adj.</i> of marriages and offspring; recognized as lawful; in accordance with recognized or accepted standards or principles; based on known statements or events or conditions; authorized, sanctioned by, or in accordance with law; <i>verb</i> make (an illegitimate child) legitimate; declare the legitimacy of (someone); show or affirm to be just and legitimate; make legal
leisure	<i>noun</i> freedom to choose a pastime or enjoyable activity; time available for ease and relaxation

leisurely	<i>adj.</i> not hurried or forced; <i>adv.</i> in an unhurried way or at one's convenience
leonine	<i>adj.</i> of or characteristic of or resembling a lion
lexicon	<i>noun</i> a language user's knowledge of words; a reference book containing an alphabetical list of words with information about them

libel	<i>noun</i> the written statement of a plaintiff explaining the cause of action (the defamation) and any relief he seeks; a false and malicious publication printed for the purpose of defaming a living person; <i>verb</i> print slanderous statements against
licentious	<i>adj.</i> lacking moral discipline; especially sexually unrestrained
lifelong	<i>adj.</i> continuing through life

linear	<i>adj.</i> of or in or along or relating to a line; involving a single dimension; designating or involving an equation whose terms are of the first degree; measured lengthwise; of a leaf shape; long and narrow; of a circuit or device having an output that is proportional to the input
lingual	<i>adj.</i> pertaining to or resembling or lying near the tongue; consisting of or related to language; <i>noun</i> a consonant that is produced with the tongue and other speech organs
linguist	<i>noun</i> a person who speaks more than one language; a specialist in linguistics

lining	<i>noun</i> the act of attaching an inside lining (to a garment or curtain etc.); providing something with a surface of a different material; a protective covering that protects an inside surface; a piece of cloth that is used as the inside surface of a garment
linkage	<i>noun</i> the act of linking things together; a mechanical system of rods or springs or pivots that transmits power or motion; (genetics) traits that tend to be inherited together as a consequence of an association between their genes; all of the genes of a given chromosome are linked (where one goes they all go); an associative relation
listless	<i>adj.</i> lacking zest or vivacity; marked by low spirits; showing no enthusiasm

lithesome	<i>adj.</i> moving and bending with ease
litigate	<i>verb</i> engage in legal proceedings; institute legal proceedings against; file a suit against
livid	<i>adj.</i> furiously angry; (of a light) imparting a deathlike luminosity; anemic looking from illness or emotion; discolored by coagulation of blood beneath the skin

loam	<i>noun</i> a rich soil consisting of a mixture of sand and clay and decaying organic materials
locomotion	<i>noun</i> self-propelled movement; the power or ability to move
logical	<i>adj.</i> capable of or reflecting the capability for correct and valid reasoning; marked by an orderly, logical, and aesthetically consistent relation of parts; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner; based on known statements or events or conditions

loquacious	<i>adj.</i> full of trivial conversation
lowly	<i>adj.</i> of low birth or station (`base' is archaic in this sense); inferior in rank or status; used of unskilled work (especially domestic work); low or inferior in station or quality
macaroon	<i>noun</i> chewy cookie usually containing almond paste

machinist	<i>noun</i> a craftsman skilled in operating machine tools
mackerel	<i>noun</i> any of various fishes of the family Scombridae; flesh of very important usually small (to 18 in) fatty Atlantic fish
maelstrom	<i>noun</i> a powerful circular current of water (usually the result of conflicting tides)

magnanimous	<i>adj.</i> generous and understanding and tolerant; noble and generous in spirit
malaria	<i>noun</i> an infective disease caused by sporozoan parasites that are transmitted through the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito; marked by paroxysms of chills and fever
margarine	<i>noun</i> a spread made chiefly from vegetable oils and used as a substitute for butter

masterpiece	<i>noun</i> an outstanding achievement; the most outstanding work of a creative artist or craftsman
maxim	<i>noun</i> a saying that is widely accepted on its own merits; English inventor (born in the United States) who invented the Maxim gun that was used in World War I (1840-1916)
medallion	<i>noun</i> an emblem indicating that a taxicab is registered; a circular helping of food (especially a boneless cut of meat); any of various large ancient Greek coins; an award for winning a championship or commemorating some other event

mediocre	<i>adj.</i> poor to middling in quality; moderate to inferior in quality; lacking exceptional quality or ability
memento	<i>noun</i> a reminder of past events
mendacious	<i>adj.</i> intentionally untrue; given to lying

mercantile	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of trade or traders; profit oriented; of or relating to the economic system of mercantilism
meticulous	<i>adj.</i> marked by extreme care in treatment of details; marked by precise accordance with details
metropolis	<i>noun</i> people living in a large densely populated municipality; a large and densely populated urban area; may include several independent administrative districts

micrometer	<i>noun</i> caliper for measuring small distances; a metric unit of length equal to one millionth of a meter
militarism	<i>noun</i> a political orientation of a people or a government to maintain a strong military force and to be prepared to use it aggressively to defend or promote national interests
Milky	<i>adj.</i> resembling milk in color or cloudiness; not clear

<p style="text-align: center;">Way</p>	<p><i>adv.</i> to a great degree or by a great distance; very much ('right smart' is regional in the United States); <i>noun</i> a journey or passage; a course of conduct; any artifact consisting of a road or path affording passage from one place to another; the property of distance in general; doing as one pleases or chooses; a general category of things; used in the expression 'in the way of'; a portion of something divided into shares; the condition of things generally; how a result is obtained or an end is achieved; how something is done or how it happens; a line leading to a place or point; space for movement</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">milling</p>	<p><i>noun</i> corrugated edge of a coin</p>

minimize	<i>verb</i> make small or insignificant; cause to seem less serious; play down; represent as less significant or important
mirage	<i>noun</i> something illusory and unattainable; an optical illusion in which atmospheric refraction by a layer of hot air distorts or inverts reflections of distant objects
misapprehend	<i>verb</i> interpret in the wrong way

miscount	<i>noun</i> an inaccurate count; <i>verb</i> count wrongly
misdemeanor	<i>noun</i> a crime less serious than a felony
misnomer	<i>noun</i> an incorrect or unsuitable name

misrepresent	<i>verb</i> represent falsely; fake or falsify
missal	<i>noun</i> (Roman Catholic Church) a book containing all the prayers and responses needed to celebrate Mass throughout the year
misunderstand	<i>verb</i> interpret in the wrong way

mockery	<i>noun</i> humorous or satirical mimicry; showing your contempt by derision; a composition that imitates somebody's style in a humorous way
molt	<i>noun</i> periodic shedding of the cuticle in arthropods or the outer skin in reptiles; <i>verb</i> cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers
momentary	<i>adj.</i> lasting for a markedly brief time

momentous	<i>adj.</i> of very great significance
monopoly	<i>noun</i> a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate as pieces advance around the board according to the throw of a die; exclusive control or possession of something; (economics) a market in which there are many buyers but only one seller
monotony	<i>noun</i> constancy of tone or pitch or inflection; the quality of wearisome constancy, routine, and lack of variety

morsel	<i>noun</i> a small amount of solid food; a mouthful; a small quantity of anything
motley	<i>adj.</i> having sections or patches colored differently and usually brightly; consisting of a haphazard assortment of different kinds (even to the point of incongruity); <i>noun</i> a multicolored woolen fabric woven of mixed threads in 14th to 17th century England; a garment made of motley (especially a court jester's costume); a collection containing a variety of sorts of things; <i>verb</i> make motley; color with different colors; make something more diverse and varied
municipality	<i>noun</i> people living in a town or city having local self-government; an urban district having corporate status and powers of self-government

murmur	<i>noun</i> a schwa that is incidental to the pronunciation of a consonant; a complaint uttered in a low and indistinct tone; a low continuous indistinct sound; often accompanied by movement of the lips without the production of articulate speech; an abnormal sound of the heart; sometimes a sign of abnormal function of the heart valves; <i>verb</i> make complaining remarks or noises under one's breath; speak softly or indistinctly
mystique	<i>noun</i> an aura of heightened value or interest or meaning surrounding a person or thing
mythology	<i>noun</i> the study of myths; myths collectively; the body of stories associated with a culture or institution or person

nasal	<i>adj.</i> sounding as if the nose were pinched; of or in or relating to the nose; <i>noun</i> an elongated rectangular bone that forms the bridge of the nose; a consonant produced through the nose with the mouth closed
nausea	<i>noun</i> disgust so strong it makes you feel sick; the state that precedes vomiting
nautical	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving ships or shipping or navigation or seamen

necrology	<i>noun</i> a list of people who died recently; a notice of someone's death; usually includes a short biography
needlework	<i>noun</i> work (such as sewing or embroidery) that is done with a needle; a creation created or assembled by needle and thread
negligence	<i>noun</i> failure to act with the prudence that a reasonable person would exercise under the same circumstances; the trait of neglecting responsibilities and lacking concern

nettle	<i>noun</i> any of numerous plants having stinging hairs that cause skin irritation on contact (especially of the genus <i>Urtica</i> or family <i>Urticaceae</i>); <i>verb</i> sting with or as with nettles and cause a stinging pain or sensation; cause annoyance in; disturb, especially by minor irritations
neural	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to neurons; of or relating to the nervous system
neuter	<i>adj.</i> of grammatical gender; having no or imperfectly developed or nonfunctional sex organs; <i>noun</i> a gender that refers chiefly (but not exclusively) to inanimate objects (neither masculine nor feminine); <i>verb</i> remove the ovaries of

nocturnal	<i>adj.</i> belonging to or active during the night; of or relating to or occurring in the night
nominate	<i>verb</i> propose as a candidate for some honor; put forward; nominate for appointment to an office; create and charge with a task or function; charge with a function; charge to be
normalcy	<i>noun</i> expectedness as a consequence of being usual or regular or common; being within certain limits that define the range of normal functioning

novice	<i>noun</i> someone new to a field or activity; someone who has entered a religious order but has not taken final vows
noxious	<i>adj.</i> injurious to physical or mental health
nubby	<i>adj.</i> of textiles; having a rough surface

nuisance	<i>noun</i> (law) a broad legal concept including anything that disturbs the reasonable use of your property or endangers life and health or is offensive; a bothersome annoying person
nurture	<i>noun</i> helping someone grow up to be an accepted member of the community; the properties acquired as a consequence of the way you were treated as a child; <i>verb</i> help develop, help grow; provide with nourishment; bring up
objective	<i>adj.</i> belonging to immediate experience of actual things or events; undistorted by emotion or personal bias; based on observable phenomena; emphasizing or expressing things as perceived without distortion of personal feelings, insertion of fictional matter, or interpretation; serving as or indicating the object of a verb or of certain prepositions and used for certain other purposes; <i>noun</i> the lens or system of lenses in a telescope or microscope that is nearest the object being viewed; the goal intended to be attained (and

	which is believed to be attainable)
obligatory	<i>adj.</i> morally or legally constraining or binding; required by obligation or compulsion or convention
obsolescent	<i>adj.</i> becoming obsolete

occult	<i>adj.</i> hidden and difficult to see; having an import not apparent to the senses nor obvious to the intelligence; beyond ordinary understanding; <i>noun</i> supernatural practices and techniques; supernatural forces and events and beings collectively; <i>verb</i> hide from view; become concealed or hidden from view or have its light extinguished; cause an eclipse of (a celestial body) by intervention
officious	<i>adj.</i> intrusive in a meddling or offensive manner
offshoot	<i>noun</i> a natural consequence of development

ominous	<i>adj.</i> presaging ill fortune; threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments
onerous	<i>adj.</i> not easily borne; wearing
onomatopoeia	<i>noun</i> using words that imitate the sound they denote

onslaught	<i>noun</i> a sudden and severe onset of trouble; (military) an offensive against an enemy (using weapons); the rapid and continuous delivery of linguistic communication (spoken or written)
opposite	<i>adj.</i> of leaves etc; growing in pairs on either side of a stem; altogether different in nature or quality or significance; the other one of a complementary pair; being directly across from each other; facing; moving or facing away from each other; characterized by opposite extremes; completely opposed; <i>adv.</i> directly facing each other; <i>noun</i> a word that expresses a meaning opposed to the meaning of another word, in which case the two words are antonyms of each other; a contestant that you are matched against; a relation of direct opposition; something inverted in sequence or character or effect

optician	<i>noun</i> a worker who makes glasses for remedying defects of vision
ordeal	<i>noun</i> a primitive method of determining a person's guilt or innocence by subjecting the accused person to dangerous or painful tests believed to be under divine control; escape was usually taken as a sign of innocence; a severe or trying experience
original	<i>adj.</i> not derived or copied or translated from something else; preceding all others in time or being as first made or performed; being or productive of something fresh and unusual; or being as first made or thought of; (of e.g. information) not secondhand or by way of something intermediary; <i>noun</i> an original model on which something is patterned; an original creation (i.e., an audio recording) from which copies can be made

oust	<i>verb</i> remove from a position or office; remove and replace
outlandish	<i>adj.</i> conspicuously or grossly unconventional or unusual
outlaw	<i>adj.</i> disobedient to or defiant of law; contrary to or forbidden by law; <i>noun</i> someone who has committed (or been legally convicted of) a crime; <i>verb</i> declare illegal; outlaw

outstrip	<i>verb</i> be or do something to a greater degree; go far ahead of
overproduction	<i>noun</i> too much production or more than expected
overrun	<i>adj.</i> (often followed by 'with' or used in combination) troubled by or encroached upon in large numbers; <i>noun</i> too much production or more than expected; <i>verb</i> run beyond or past; seize the position of and defeat; invade in great numbers; flow or run over (a limit or brim); occupy in large numbers or live on a host

pachyderm	<i>noun</i> any of various nonruminant hoofed mammals having very thick skin: elephant; rhinoceros; hippopotamus
packet	<i>noun</i> a small package or bundle; (computer science) a message or message fragment; a boat for carrying mail; a collection of things wrapped or boxed together
pagan	<i>adj.</i> not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam; <i>noun</i> a person who follows a polytheistic or pre-Christian religion (not a Christian or Muslim or Jew); a person who does not acknowledge your god; someone motivated by desires for sensual pleasures

<p>palatial</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> suitable for or like a palace; relating to or being a palace</p>
<p>pallid</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional distress; lacking in vitality or interest or effectiveness; (of light) lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble</p>
<p>pamphlet</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a brief treatise on a subject of interest; published in the form of a booklet; a small book usually having a paper cover</p>

<p>panacea</p>	<p><i>noun</i> hypothetical remedy for all ills or diseases; once sought by the alchemists; (Greek mythology) the goddess of healing; daughter of Aesculapius and sister of Hygeia</p>
<p>pandemic</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> existing everywhere; epidemic over a wide geographical area; <i>noun</i> an epidemic that is geographically widespread; occurring throughout a region or even throughout the world</p>
<p>parallel</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> being everywhere equidistant and not intersecting; of or relating to the simultaneous performance of multiple operations; <i>noun</i> something having the property of being analogous to something else; an imaginary line around the Earth parallel to the equator; <i>verb</i> make or place parallel to something; be parallel to; duplicate or match</p>

paralyze	<i>verb</i> cause to be paralyzed and immobile; make powerless and unable to function
paramount	<i>adj.</i> having superior power and influence
parlance	<i>noun</i> a manner of speaking that is natural to native speakers of a language

paroxysm	<i>noun</i> a sudden uncontrollable attack
participate	<i>verb</i> share in something; become a participant; be involved in
passive	<i>adj.</i> lacking in energy or will; expressing that the subject of the sentence is the patient of the action denoted by the verb; peacefully resistant in response to injustice; <i>noun</i> the voice used to indicate that the grammatical subject of the verb is the recipient (not the source) of the action denoted by the verb

pavilion	<i>noun</i> large and often sumptuous tent
peccant	<i>adj.</i> liable to sin
pedant	<i>noun</i> a person who pays more attention to formal rules and book learning than they merit

peddle	<i>verb</i> sell or offer for sale from place to place
pedestrian	<i>adj.</i> lacking wit or imagination; <i>noun</i> a person who travels by foot
penchant	<i>noun</i> a strong liking

pennant	<i>noun</i> a long flag; often tapering; the award given to the champion; a flag longer than it is wide (and often tapering)
pension	<i>noun</i> a regular payment to a person that is intended to allow them to subsist without working; <i>verb</i> grant a pension to
pentahedron	<i>noun</i> any polyhedron having five plane faces

pentameter	<i>noun</i> a verse line having five metrical feet
penultimate	<i>adj.</i> next to the last; <i>noun</i> the next to last syllable in a word
penury	<i>noun</i> a state of extreme poverty or destitution

perseverance	<i>noun</i> the act of persisting or persevering; continuing or repeating behavior; persistent determination
persistence	<i>noun</i> the act of persisting or persevering; continuing or repeating behavior; persistent determination; the property of a continuous and connected period of time
perspiration	<i>noun</i> salty fluid secreted by sweat glands; the process of the sweat glands of the skin secreting a salty fluid

perspire	<i>verb</i> excrete perspiration through the pores in the skin
persuadable	<i>adj.</i> being susceptible to persuasion
pertinent	<i>adj.</i> having precise or logical relevance to the matter at hand; being of striking appropriateness and pertinence

perturb	<i>verb</i> throw into great confusion or disorder; disturb in mind or make uneasy or cause to be worried or alarmed; cause a celestial body to deviate from a theoretically regular orbital motion, especially as a result of interposed or extraordinary gravitational pull; disturb or interfere with the usual path of an electron or atom
petrify	<i>verb</i> cause to become stonelike or stiff or dazed and stunned; make rigid and set into a conventional pattern; change into stone
philanthropist	<i>noun</i> someone who makes charitable donations intended to increase human well-being

photometry	<i>noun</i> measurement of the properties of light (especially luminous intensity)
physicist	<i>noun</i> a scientist trained in physics
physiognomy	<i>noun</i> the human face (‘kisser’ and ‘smiler’ and ‘mug’ are informal terms for ‘face’ and ‘phiz’ is British)

piecemeal	<i>adj.</i> one thing at a time; <i>adv.</i> a little bit at a time
pique	<i>noun</i> tightly woven fabric with raised cords; a sudden outburst of anger; <i>verb</i> cause to feel resentment or indignation
pitiful	<i>adj.</i> inspiring mixed contempt and pity; deserving or inciting pity; bad; unfortunate

plagiarize	<i>verb</i> take without referencing from someone else's writing or speech; of intellectual property
plasticity	<i>noun</i> the property of being physically malleable; the property of something that can be worked or hammered or shaped without breaking
plausible	<i>adj.</i> apparently reasonable and valid, and truthful; given to or characterized by presenting specious arguments

plenipotentiary	<i>noun</i> a diplomat who is fully authorized to represent his or her government
poesy	<i>noun</i> literature in metrical form
polemics	<i>noun</i> the branch of Christian theology devoted to the refutation of errors

pollen	<i>noun</i> the fine spores that contain male gametes and that are borne by an anther in a flowering plant
pollute	<i>verb</i> make impure
ponderous	<i>adj.</i> having great mass and weight and unwieldiness; labored and dull; slow and laborious because of weight

<p>portly</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> euphemisms for `fat'</p>
<p>precaution</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a precautionary measure warding off impending danger or damage or injury etc.; the trait of practicing caution in advance; judiciousness in avoiding harm or danger</p>
<p>precipitate</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> done with very great haste and without due deliberation; <i>noun</i> a precipitated solid substance in suspension or after settling or filtering; <i>verb</i> separate as a fine suspension of solid particles; hurl or throw violently; bring about abruptly; fall vertically, sharply, or headlong; fall from clouds</p>

predatory	<i>adj.</i> living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey; living by or given to victimizing others for personal gain; characterized by plundering or pillaging or marauding
predominant	<i>adj.</i> having superior power and influence; most frequent or common
preemption	<i>noun</i> a prior appropriation of something; the right to purchase something in advance of others; the right of a government to seize or appropriate something (as property); the judicial principle asserting the supremacy of federal over state legislation on the same subject

prelate	<i>noun</i> a senior clergyman and dignitary
prelude	<i>noun</i> music that precedes a fugue or introduces an act in an opera; something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows; <i>verb</i> play as a prelude; serve as a prelude or opening to
preposterous	<i>adj.</i> incongruous; inviting ridicule

prescience	<i>noun</i> the power to foresee the future
presentiment	<i>noun</i> a feeling of evil to come
prickle	<i>noun</i> a small sharp-pointed tip resembling a spike on a stem or leaf; <i>verb</i> make a small hole into, as with a needle or a thorn; cause a prickling sensation; cause a stinging or tingling sensation

<p>prima</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> indicating the most important performer or role; <i>noun</i> used primarily as eating apples</p>
<p>priory</p>	<p><i>noun</i> religious residence in a monastery governed by a prior or a convent governed by a prioress</p>
<p>pristine</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> immaculately clean and unused; completely free from dirt or contamination</p>

privateer	<i>noun</i> a privately owned warship commissioned to prey on the commercial shipping or warships of an enemy nation; an officer or crew member of a privateer
procedure	<i>noun</i> a mode of conducting legal and parliamentary proceedings; a particular course of action intended to achieve a result; a process or series of acts especially of a practical or mechanical nature involved in a particular form of work; a set sequence of steps, part of larger computer program
prolific	<i>adj.</i> bearing in abundance especially offspring; intellectually productive

prolong	<i>verb</i> lengthen in time; cause to be or last longer; lengthen or extend in duration or space
promenade	<i>noun</i> a march of all the guests at the opening of a formal dance; a square dance figure; couples march counterclockwise in a circle; a public area set aside as a pedestrian walk; a formal ball held for a school class toward the end of the academic year; a leisurely walk (usually in some public place); <i>verb</i> take a leisurely walk; march in a procession
promontory	<i>noun</i> a natural elevation (especially a rocky one that juts out into the sea)

promoter	<i>noun</i> someone who is an active supporter and advocate; a sponsor who books and stages public entertainments
propaganda	<i>noun</i> information that is spread for the purpose of promoting some cause
propeller	<i>noun</i> a mechanical device that rotates to push against air or water

protract	<i>verb</i> lengthen in time; cause to be or last longer
protrusion	<i>noun</i> the act of projecting out from something; something that bulges out or is protuberant or projects from its surroundings
prurient	<i>adj.</i> characterized by lust

prying	<i>adj.</i> offensively curious or inquisitive; <i>noun</i> offensive inquisitiveness
punctual	<i>adj.</i> acting or arriving or performed exactly at the time appointed
quandary	<i>noun</i> state of uncertainty or perplexity especially as requiring a choice between equally unfavorable options; a situation from which extrication is difficult especially an unpleasant or trying one

quarrelsome	<i>adj.</i> given to quarreling
queue	<i>noun</i> a braid of hair at the back of the head; (information processing) an ordered list of tasks to be performed or messages to be transmitted; a line of people or vehicles waiting for something; <i>verb</i> form a queue, form a line, stand in line
quietus	<i>noun</i> euphemisms for death (based on an analogy between lying in a bed and in a tomb)

quintet	<i>noun</i> a musical composition for five performers; five people considered as a unit; a set of five similar things considered as a unit; five performers or singers who perform together
rampant	<i>adj.</i> (of a plant) having a lush and unchecked growth; unrestrained and violent
rapacious	<i>adj.</i> excessively greedy and grasping; devouring or craving food in great quantities; living by preying on other animals especially by catching living prey

rapid	<i>adj.</i> done or occurring in a brief period of time; characterized by speed; moving with or capable of moving with high speed; <i>noun</i> a part of a river where the current is very fast
rapine	<i>noun</i> the act of despoiling a country in warfare
raucous	<i>adj.</i> unpleasantly loud and harsh; disturbing the public peace; loud and rough

readily	<i>adv.</i> without much difficulty; in a punctual manner
readjust	<i>verb</i> adjust anew; adjust again after an initial failure
rebuild	<i>verb</i> build again

reconnoiter	<i>verb</i> explore, often with the goal of finding something or somebody
reconstruct	<i>verb</i> cause somebody to adapt or reform socially or politically; reassemble mentally; do over, as of (part of) a house; build again; return to its original or usable and functioning condition
rectify	<i>verb</i> convert into direct current; set straight or right; math: determine the length of; make right or correct; bring, lead, or force to abandon a wrong or evil course of life, conduct, and adopt a right one; reduce to a fine, unmixed, or pure state; separate from extraneous matter or cleanse from impurities

recurrent	<i>adj.</i> recurring again and again
redolent	<i>adj.</i> (used with `of' or `with') noticeably odorous; having a strong pleasant odor; serving to bring to mind
redress	<i>noun</i> act of correcting an error or a fault or an evil; a sum of money paid in compensation for loss or injury; <i>verb</i> make reparations or amends for

regalia	<i>noun</i> paraphernalia indicative of royalty (or other high office); especially fine or decorative clothing
relevant	<i>adj.</i> having a bearing on or connection with the subject at issue
reliance	<i>noun</i> certainty based on past experience; the state of relying on something

relinquish	<i>verb</i> relinquish to the power of another; yield to the control of another; release, as from one's grip; turn away from; give up; part with a possession or right; do without or cease to hold or adhere to
reminisce	<i>verb</i> recall the past
remnant	<i>noun</i> a piece of cloth that is left over after the rest has been used or sold; a small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists

reorganize	<i>verb</i> organize anew; organize anew, as after a setback
reparable	<i>adj.</i> capable of being repaired or rectified
repellent	<i>adj.</i> incapable of absorbing or mixing with; highly offensive; arousing aversion or disgust; serving or tending to repel; <i>noun</i> the power to repel; a chemical substance that repels animals; a compound with which fabrics are treated to repel water

repository	<i>noun</i> a burial vault (usually for some famous person); a person to whom a secret is entrusted; a facility where things can be deposited for storage or safekeeping
reprehend	<i>verb</i> express strong disapproval of
reprimand	<i>noun</i> an act or expression of criticism and censure; <i>verb</i> rebuke formally; censure severely or angrily

reprisal	<i>noun</i> a retaliatory action against an enemy in wartime
reprobate	<i>adj.</i> marked by immorality; deviating from what is considered right or proper or good; <i>noun</i> a person without moral scruples; <i>verb</i> reject (documents) as invalid; abandon to eternal damnation; express strong disapproval of
reproduction	<i>noun</i> the sexual activity of conceiving and bearing offspring; the act of making copies; recall that is hypothesized to work by storing the original stimulus input and reproducing it during recall; the process of generating offspring; copy that is not the original; something that has been copied

repugnance	<i>noun</i> intense aversion; the relation between propositions that cannot both be true at the same time
requiem	<i>noun</i> a Mass celebrated for the dead; a musical setting for a Mass celebrating the dead; a song or hymn of mourning composed or performed as a memorial to a dead person
resistive	<i>adj.</i> exhibiting or relating to electrical resistance; disposed to or engaged in defiance of established authority

resonate	<i>verb</i> be received or understood; sound with resonance
respondent	<i>adj.</i> replying; <i>noun</i> someone who responds; the codefendant (especially in a divorce proceeding) who is accused of adultery with the corespondent
retroactive	<i>adj.</i> descriptive of any event or stimulus or process that has an effect on the effects of events or stimuli or process that occurred previously; affecting things past

<p>revere</p>	<p><i>noun</i> American silversmith remembered for his midnight ride (celebrated in a poem by Longfellow) to warn the colonists in Lexington and Concord that British troops were coming (1735-1818); a lapel on a woman's garment; turned back to show the reverse side; <i>verb</i> love unquestioningly and uncritically or to excess; venerate as an idol; regard with feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of</p>
<p>riddance</p>	<p><i>noun</i> the act of forcing out someone or something; the act of removing or getting rid of something</p>
<p>rife</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> excessively abundant; encountered generally especially at the present time</p>

rotary	<i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by rotation; marked by or moving in a circle; <i>noun</i> electrical converter consisting of a synchronous machine that converts alternating to direct current or vice versa; a road junction at which traffic streams circularly around a central island
salutary	<i>adj.</i> tending to promote physical well-being; beneficial to health
sanguineous	<i>adj.</i> accompanied by bloodshed

sapid	<i>adj.</i> full of flavor
satyr	<i>noun</i> one of a class of woodland deities; attendant on Bacchus; identified with Roman fauns; man with strong sexual desires
scarlet	<i>adj.</i> of a color at the end of the color spectrum (next to orange); resembling the color of blood or cherries or tomatoes or rubies; <i>noun</i> a variable color that is vivid red but sometimes with an orange tinge

scheme	<i>noun</i> an elaborate and systematic plan of action; a schematic or preliminary plan; an internal representation of the world; an organization of concepts and actions that can be revised by new information about the world; a statement that evades the question by cleverness or trickery; a group of independent but interrelated elements comprising a unified whole; <i>verb</i> form intrigues (for) in an underhand manner; devise a system or form a scheme for
schism	<i>noun</i> division of a group into opposing factions; the formal separation of a church into two churches or the withdrawal of one group over doctrinal differences
scholarly	<i>adj.</i> characteristic of scholars or scholarship

scrimmage	<i>noun</i> (American football) practice play between a football team's squads; a noisy riotous fight; <i>verb</i> practice playing (a sport)
scrumptious	<i>adj.</i> extremely pleasing to the sense of taste
scurry	<i>noun</i> rushing about hastily in an undignified way; <i>verb</i> to move about or proceed hurriedly

scythe	<i>noun</i> an edge tool for cutting grass; has a long handle that must be held with both hands and a curved blade that moves parallel to the ground; <i>verb</i> cut with a scythe
seance	<i>noun</i> a meeting of spiritualists
sebaceous	<i>adj.</i> containing an unusual amount of grease or oil

secant	<i>noun</i> ratio of the hypotenuse to the adjacent side of a right-angled triangle; a straight line that intersects a curve at two or more points
seclusion	<i>noun</i> the act of secluding yourself from others; the quality of being secluded from the presence or view of others
secrecy	<i>noun</i> the trait of keeping things secret; the condition of being concealed or hidden

sedate	<i>adj.</i> characterized by dignity and propriety; dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises; <i>verb</i> cause to be calm or quiet as by administering a sedative to
seer	<i>noun</i> an observer who perceives visually; an authoritative person who divines the future; a person with unusual powers of foresight
seethe	<i>verb</i> boil vigorously; foam as if boiling; be in an agitated emotional state; be noisy with activity

seignior	<i>noun</i> a man of rank in the ancien regime
semblance	<i>noun</i> an outward or token appearance or form that is deliberately misleading; picture consisting of a graphic image of a person or thing; an erroneous mental representation
semiconscious	<i>adj.</i> partially conscious; not completely aware of sensations

<p style="text-align: center;">sensation</p>	<p><i>noun</i> an unelaborated elementary awareness of stimulation; a general feeling of excitement and heightened interest; a state of widespread public excitement and interest; the faculty through which the external world is apprehended; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">sense</p>	<p><i>noun</i> the faculty through which the external world is apprehended; a general conscious awareness; a natural appreciation or ability; the meaning of a word or expression; the way in which a word or expression or situation can be interpreted; sound practical judgment; <i>verb</i> comprehend; become aware of not through the senses but instinctively; detect some circumstance or entity automatically; perceive by a physical sensation, e.g., coming from the skin or muscles</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">sentient</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> endowed with feeling and unstructured consciousness; consciously perceiving</p>

sentinel	<i>noun</i> a person employed to watch for something to happen
sentry	<i>noun</i> a person employed to watch for something to happen
sibilant	<i>adj.</i> of speech sounds produced by forcing air through a constricted passage (as `f', `s', `z', or `th' in both `thin' and `then'); <i>noun</i> a consonant characterized by a hissing sound (like s or sh)

siege	<i>noun</i> the action of an armed force that surrounds a fortified place and isolates it while continuing to attack
silhouette	<i>noun</i> a drawing of the outline of an object; filled in with some uniform color; an outline of a solid object (as cast by its shadow); <i>verb</i> represent by a silhouette; project on a background, such as a screen, like a silhouette
similitude	<i>noun</i> a duplicate copy; similarity in appearance or character or nature between persons or things

simulate	<i>verb</i> make a pretence of; create a representation or model of; reproduce someone's behavior or looks
singe	<i>noun</i> a surface burn; <i>verb</i> burn superficially or lightly; become superficially burned
skeptic	<i>noun</i> someone who habitually doubts accepted beliefs

slacken	<i>verb</i> make slack as by lessening tension or firmness; become looser or slack; become slow or slower; make less active or fast
solemn	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a firm and humorless belief in the validity of your opinions; dignified and somber in manner or character and committed to keeping promises
somnolent	<i>adj.</i> inclined to or marked by drowsiness

sonorous	<i>adj.</i> full and loud and deep
soprano	<i>adj.</i> having or denoting a high range; <i>noun</i> the pitch range of the highest female voice; the highest female voice; the voice of a boy before puberty; a female singer
specialize	<i>verb</i> become more special; suit to a special purpose; devote oneself to a special area of work; evolve so as to lead to a new species or develop in a way most suited to the environment; be specific about

spectator	<i>noun</i> a close observer; someone who looks at something (such as an exhibition of some kind); a woman's pump with medium heel; usually in contrasting colors for toe and heel
spectroscopy	<i>noun</i> the use of spectrosopes to analyze spectra
sphericity	<i>noun</i> the roundness of a 3-dimensional object

staid	<i>adj.</i> characterized by dignity and propriety
statute	<i>adj.</i> enacted by a legislative body; <i>noun</i> an act passed by a legislative body
stiletto	<i>noun</i> a small dagger with a tapered blade

stimulate	<i>verb</i> cause to be alert and energetic; act as a stimulant; stir the feelings, emotions, or peace of; stir feelings in; cause to do; cause to act in a specified manner; provide the needed stimulus for; cause to occur rapidly
stingy	<i>adj.</i> unwilling to spend; deficient in amount or quality or extent
stratagem	<i>noun</i> a maneuver in a game or conversation; an elaborate or deceitful scheme contrived to deceive or evade

subconscious	<i>adj.</i> just below the level of consciousness; <i>noun</i> psychic activity just below the level of awareness
sublingual	<i>adj.</i> beneath the tongue
submerge	<i>verb</i> cover completely or make imperceptible; put under water; sink below the surface; go under or as if under water; fill or cover completely, usually with water

subordinate	<i>adj.</i> lower in rank or importance; subject or submissive to authority or the control of another; (of a clause) unable to stand alone syntactically as a complete sentence; inferior in rank or status; <i>noun</i> an assistant subject to the authority or control of another; a word that is more specific than a given word; <i>verb</i> make subordinate, dependent, or subservient; rank or order as less important or consider of less value
subtrahend	<i>noun</i> the number to be subtracted from the minuend
successor	<i>noun</i> a thing or person that immediately replaces something or someone; a person who inherits some title or office; a person who follows next in order

suet	<i>noun</i> hard fat around the kidneys and loins in beef and mutton
sufferance	<i>noun</i> patient endurance especially of pain or distress; a disposition to tolerate or accept people or situations
suffrage	<i>noun</i> a legal right guaranteed by the 15th amendment to the US constitution; guaranteed to women by the 19th amendment

suffuse	<i>verb</i> cause to spread or flush or flood through, over, or across; to become overspread as with a fluid, a colour, a gleam of light
suggestible	<i>adj.</i> susceptible or responsive to suggestion
superintend	<i>verb</i> watch and direct

<p>superintendent</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a caretaker for an apartment house; represents the owner as janitor and rent collector; a person who directs and manages an organization</p>
<p>superior</p>	<p><i>adj.</i> (often followed by `to') above being affected or influenced by; (sometimes followed by `to') not subject to or influenced by; of or characteristic of high rank or importance; of high or superior quality or performance; having an orbit farther from the sun than the Earth's orbit; having a higher rank; written or printed above and to one side of another character; <i>noun</i> a town in northwest Wisconsin on Lake Superior across from Duluth; the head of a religious community; one of greater rank or station or quality; a character or symbol set or printed or written above and immediately to one side of another character; the largest freshwater lake in the world; the deepest of the Great Lakes; a combatant who is able to defeat rivals</p>

surveyor	<i>noun</i> an engineer who determines the boundaries and elevations of land or structures; someone who conducts a statistical survey
susceptibility	<i>noun</i> the state of being susceptible; easily affected
susceptible	<i>adj.</i> (often followed by `of' or `to') yielding readily to or capable of; easily impressed emotionally

sympathetic	<i>adj.</i> expressing or feeling or resulting from sympathy or compassion or friendly fellow feelings; disposed toward; (of characters in literature or drama) evoking empathic or sympathetic feelings; of or relating to the sympathetic nervous system; having similar disposition and tastes; relating to vibrations that occur as a result of vibrations in a nearby body; showing or motivated by sympathy and understanding and generosity
sympathize	<i>verb</i> be understanding of; share the feelings of; understand the sentiments of; to feel or express sympathy or compassion
symphonic	<i>adj.</i> harmonious in sound; relating to or characteristic or suggestive of a symphony

tactics	<i>noun</i> the branch of military science dealing with detailed maneuvers to achieve objectives set by strategy; a plan for attaining a particular goal
tangent	<i>noun</i> ratio of the opposite to the adjacent side of a right-angled triangle; a straight line or plane that touches a curve or curved surface at a point but does not intersect it at that point
tangible	<i>adj.</i> perceptible by the senses especially the sense of touch; (of especially business assets) having physical substance and intrinsic monetary value; capable of being treated as fact; capable of being perceived by the senses or the mind; especially capable of being handled or touched or felt

tantamount	<i>adj.</i> being essentially equal to something
tariff	<i>noun</i> a government tax on imports or exports; <i>verb</i> charge a tariff
tarnish	<i>noun</i> discoloration of metal surface caused by oxidation; <i>verb</i> make dirty or spotty, as by exposure to air; also used metaphorically

taxidermy	<i>noun</i> the art of mounting the skins of animals so that they have lifelike appearance
temerity	<i>noun</i> fearless daring
temporal	<i>adj.</i> of this earth or world; not eternal; concerned with secular rather than sacred matters; of the material world; of or relating to the temples (the sides of the skull behind the orbit); of or relating to or limited by time; <i>noun</i> the semantic role of the noun phrase that designating the time of the state or action denoted by the verb

tenant	<i>noun</i> someone who pays rent to use land or a building or a car that is owned by someone else; any occupant who dwells in a place; a holder of buildings or lands by any kind of title (as ownership or lease); <i>verb</i> occupy as a tenant
tenet	<i>noun</i> a religious doctrine that is proclaimed as true without proof
terminate	<i>verb</i> bring to an end or halt; terminate the employment of; have an end, in a temporal, spatial, or quantitative sense; either spatial or metaphorical; be the end of; be the last or concluding part of

termination	<i>noun</i> the act of ending something; a coming to an end of a contract period; the end of a word (a suffix or inflectional ending or final morpheme); something that results; a place where something ends or is complete
terminus	<i>noun</i> either end of a railroad or bus route; (architecture) a statue or a human bust or an animal carved out of the top of a square pillar; originally used as a boundary marker in ancient Rome; station where transport vehicles load or unload passengers or goods; the ultimate goal for which something is done; a place where something ends or is complete
terse	<i>adj.</i> brief and to the point; effectively cut short

theocracy	<i>noun</i> the belief in government by divine guidance; a political unit governed by a deity (or by officials thought to be divinely guided)
thrall	<i>noun</i> someone held in bondage; the state of being under the control of another person
tipsy	<i>adj.</i> unstable and prone to tip as if intoxicated; very drunk

tolerable	<i>adj.</i> capable of being borne or endured; about average; acceptable
topography	<i>noun</i> the configuration of a surface and the relations among its man-made and natural features; precise detailed study of the surface features of a region
transact	<i>verb</i> conduct business

transcendent	<i>adj.</i> beyond and outside the ordinary range of human experience or understanding; exceeding or surpassing usual limits especially in excellence
transcript	<i>noun</i> a reproduction of a written record (e.g. of a legal or school record); something that has been transcribed; a written record (usually typewritten) of dictated or recorded speech
transference	<i>noun</i> (psychoanalysis) the process whereby emotions are passed on or displaced from one person to another; during psychoanalysis the displacement of feelings toward others (usually the parents) is onto the analyst; the act of transferring something from one form to another; transferring ownership

travesty	<i>noun</i> a composition that imitates somebody's style in a humorous way; a comedy characterized by broad satire and improbable situations; <i>verb</i> make a travesty of
treachery	<i>noun</i> an act of deliberate betrayal; betrayal of a trust
tremulous	<i>adj.</i> (of the voice) quivering as from weakness or fear

trepidation	<i>noun</i> a feeling of alarm or dread
trestle	<i>noun</i> sawhorses used in pairs to support a horizontal tabletop; a supporting tower used to support a bridge
tribute	<i>noun</i> payment by one nation for protection by another; something given or done as an expression of esteem; payment extorted by gangsters on threat of violence

tricycle	<i>noun</i> a vehicle with three wheels that is moved by foot pedals
triplicate	<i>noun</i> one of three copies; any of three things that correspond to one another exactly; <i>verb</i> reproduce threefold
trite	<i>adj.</i> repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse

unavoidable	<i>adj.</i> impossible to avoid or evade: "inescapable conclusion"
unbiased	<i>adj.</i> without bias; characterized by a lack of partiality
undue	<i>adj.</i> not yet payable; not appropriate or proper (or even legal) in the circumstances; lacking justification or authorization; beyond normal limits

unfavorable	<i>adj.</i> (of winds or weather) tending to hinder or oppose; not encouraging or approving or pleasing; not favorable
unicellular	<i>adj.</i> having or consisting of a single cell
unique	<i>adj.</i> highly unusual or rare but not the single instance; (followed by `to') applying exclusively to a given category or condition or locality; radically distinctive and without equal; the single one of its kind

unison	<i>noun</i> (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves; occurring together or simultaneously; corresponding exactly
unnatural	<i>adj.</i> not in accordance with or determined by nature; contrary to nature; speaking or behaving in an artificial way to make an impression; distorted and unnatural in shape or size; abnormal and hideous
upheaval	<i>noun</i> (geology) a rise of land to a higher elevation (as in the process of mountain building); disturbance usually in protest; a violent disturbance; a state of violent disturbance and disorder (as in politics or social conditions generally)

upheave	<i>verb</i> lift forcefully from beneath
usury	<i>noun</i> the act of lending money at an exorbitant rate of interest; an exorbitant or unlawful rate of interest
vacate	<i>verb</i> leave behind empty; move out of; leave (a job, post, or position) voluntarily; annul by recalling or rescinding

vaccine	<i>noun</i> immunogen consisting of a suspension of weakened or dead pathogenic cells injected in order to stimulate the production of antibodies
vainglory	<i>noun</i> outspoken conceit
valediction	<i>noun</i> the act of saying farewell; a farewell oration (especially one delivered during graduation exercises by an outstanding member of a graduating class)

valedictory	<i>adj.</i> of a speech expressing leave-taking; of or relating to an occasion or expression of farewell; <i>noun</i> a farewell oration (especially one delivered during graduation exercises by an outstanding member of a graduating class)
vapid	<i>adj.</i> lacking significance or liveliness or spirit or zest; lacking taste or flavor or tang
vaporizer	<i>noun</i> a device that puts out a substance in the form of a vapor (especially for medicinal inhalation)

variable	<i>adj.</i> (used of a device) designed so that a property (as e.g. light) can be varied; liable to or capable of change; marked by diversity or difference; <i>noun</i> a quantity that can assume any of a set of values; a symbol (like x or y) that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a variable quantity; something that is likely to vary; something that is subject to variation; a star that varies noticeably in brightness
vegetative	<i>adj.</i> relating to involuntary bodily functions; of or relating to an activity that is passive and monotonous; composed of vegetation or plants; (of reproduction) characterized by asexual processes
vehement	<i>adj.</i> characterized by great force or energy; marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions; inclined to react violently; fervid

vendition	<i>noun</i> the act of selling goods for a living
venerate	<i>verb</i> regard with feelings of respect and reverence; consider hallowed or exalted or be in awe of
verify	<i>verb</i> confirm the truth of; attach or append a legal verification to (a pleading or petition); to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true; verify or regulate by conducting a parallel experiment or comparing with another standard, of scientific experiments

vernacular	<i>adj.</i> being or characteristic of or appropriate to everyday language; <i>noun</i> the everyday speech of the people (as distinguished from literary language); a characteristic language of a particular group (as among thieves)
vertex	<i>noun</i> the point of intersection of lines or the point opposite the base of a figure; the highest point (of something)
vigil	<i>noun</i> the rite of staying awake for devotional purposes (especially on the eve of a religious festival); a period of sleeplessness; a purposeful surveillance to guard or observe

viscount	<i>noun</i> a British peer who ranks below an earl and above a baron; (in various countries) a son or younger brother or a count
vista	<i>noun</i> the visual percept of a region
vitality	<i>noun</i> an energetic style; the property of being able to survive and grow; (biology) a hypothetical force (not physical or chemical) once thought by Henri Bergson to cause the evolution and development of organisms; a healthy capacity for vigorous activity

votive	<i>adj.</i> dedicated in fulfillment of a vow
vulgarity	<i>noun</i> the quality of lacking taste and refinement
vulnerable	<i>adj.</i> capable of being wounded or hurt; susceptible to criticism or persuasion or temptation; susceptible to attack

warbler	<i>noun</i> a small active songbird; a singer; usually a singer who adds embellishments to the song
wee	<i>adj.</i> very early; (used informally) very small; <i>noun</i> a short time; <i>verb</i> eliminate urine
wintry	<i>adj.</i> characteristic of or occurring in winter; devoid of warmth and cordiality; expressive of unfriendliness or disdain

<p>Word</p>	<p><i>noun</i> a unit of language that native speakers can identify; a brief statement; a verbal command for action; a word is a string of bits stored in computer memory; the sacred writings of the Christian religions; new information about specific and timely events; a secret word or phrase known only to a restricted group; an exchange of views on some topic; a promise; the divine word of God; the second person in the Trinity (incarnate in Jesus); <i>verb</i> put into words or an expression</p>
<p>wretchedness</p>	<p><i>noun</i> the quality of being poor and inferior and sorry; the character of being uncomfortable and unpleasant; a state of ill-being due to affliction or misfortune</p>
<p>writhe</p>	<p><i>verb</i> to move in a twisting or contorted motion, (especially when struggling)</p>

yearling	<i>noun</i> an animal in its second year; a racehorse considered one year old until the second Jan. 1 following its birth; a young child
zealot	<i>noun</i> a member of an ancient Jewish sect in Judea in the first century who fought to the death against the Romans and who killed or persecuted Jews who collaborated with the Romans; a fervent and even militant proponent of something
zealous	<i>adj.</i> marked by active interest and enthusiasm