

abase

v. to lower in position, estimation or the like; to degrade

Forms: abased; abased; abasing

abbess

n. the lady superior of a nunnery

Forms: abbesses

abbey

n. the group of buildings which collectively form the dwelling-place of a society of monks or nuns

Forms: abbeys

abbot

n. the superior of a community of monks

Forms: abbots

abdicate

v. to give up (royal power or the like)

Forms: abdicated; abdicated; abdicating

abdomen

n. in mammals, the visceral cavity between the diaphragm and the pelvic floor; the belly

Forms: abdomens

abdominal

adj. of, pertaining to or situated on the abdomen

abduction

n. a carrying away of a person against his will or illegally

Forms: abductions

abed

adv. not able to get up

aberration

n. deviation from a right, customary or prescribed course

Forms: aberrations

abet

v. to aid, promote or encourage the commission of (an offense)

Forms: abetted; abetted; abetting

abeyance

n. a state of suspension or temporary inaction

Forms: no plural

abhorrence

n. the act of detesting extremely

Forms: no plural

abhorrent

adj. very repugnant; hateful

abidance

n. obedience

Forms: no plural

abject

adj. sunk to a low condition

abjure

v. to recant, renounce or repudiate under oath

Forms: abjured; abjured; abjuring**able-bodied**

adj. competent for physical service

ablution

n. a washing or cleansing, especially of the body

Forms: ablutions**abnegate**

v. to renounce (a right or privilege)

Forms: abnegated; abnegated; abnegating**abnormal**

adj. not conformed to the ordinary rule or standard

abominable

adj. very hateful

abominate

v. to hate violently

Forms: abominated; abominated; abominating**abomination**

n. a very detestable act or practice

Forms: abominations**aboriginal**

adj. primitive; unsophisticated

aborigine

n. native; indigenous person; member of a people considered to be the earliest known inhabitants of a country or region

Forms: aborigines**aboveboard**

adv. without concealment, fraud or trickery

abrade

v. to wear away the surface or some part of by friction

Forms: abraded; abraded; abrading**abrasion**

n. area which is rubbed off; process of rubbing off

Forms: abrasions**abridge**

v. to make shorter in words, keeping the essential features, leaving out minor particles

Forms: abridged; abridged; abridging**abridgment**

n. a condensed form as of a book or play

Forms: abridgments**abrogate**

v. to abolish; to repeal

Forms: abrogated; abrogated; abrogating

abrupt

adj. beginning, ending or changing suddenly or with a break

abscess

n. a collection of pus in a cavity formed within some tissue of the body

Forms: abscesses

abscission

n. the act of cutting off, as in a surgical operation

Forms: abscissions

abscond

v. to depart suddenly and secretly, as for the purpose of escaping arrest

Forms: absconded; absconded; absconding

absence

n. the fact of not being present or available

Forms: absences

absent-minded

adj. lacking in attention to immediate surroundings or business

absolution

n. forgiveness or passing over of offenses

Forms: no plural

absolve

v. to free from sin or its penalties

Forms: absolved; absolved; absolving

absorb

v. to drink in or suck up

Forms: absorbed; absorbed; absorbing

absorption

n. the act or process of sucking up

Forms: absorptions

abstain

v. to keep oneself back (from doing or using something)

Forms: abstained; abstained; abstaining

abstemious

adj. characterized by self denial or abstinence, as in the use of drink or food

abstinence

n. self denial

Forms: no plural

abstruse

adj. dealing with matters difficult to be understood

absurd

adj. inconsistent with reason or common sense

Forms: more absurd; most absurd

abundant

adj. plentiful

abusive

adj. employing harsh words or ill treatment

abyss

n. bottomless gulf

Forms: abysses

academician

n. a member of an academy of literature, art or science

Forms: academicians

accede

v. to agree

Forms: acceded; acceded; acceding

accept

v. to take when offered

Forms: accepted; accepted; accepting

accessible

adj. approachable

accessory

n. a person or thing that aids the principal agent

Forms: accessories

accommodate

v. to furnish something as a kindness or favor

Forms: accommodated; accommodated; accommodating

abut

v. to touch at the end or boundary line

Forms: abutted; abutted; abutting

academic

adj. of or pertaining to an academy, college or university

academy

n. any institution where the higher branches of learning are taught

Forms: academies

accelerate

v. to move faster

Forms: accelerated; accelerated; accelerating

access

n. a way of approach or entrance; passage

Forms: accesses

accession

n. induction or elevation, as to dignity, office or government

Forms: accessions

acclaim

v. to utter with a shout

Forms: acclaimed; acclaimed; acclaiming

accompaniment

n. a subordinate part or parts, enriching or supporting the leading part

Forms: accompaniments

accompanist

n. person who joins or supports others

*Forms: accompanists***accompany**

v. to go with or be associated with, as a companion

*Forms: accompanied; accompanied; accompanying***accomplice**

n. an associate in wrong-doing

*Forms: accomplices***accomplish**

v. to bring to pass

*Forms: accomplished; accomplished; accomplishing***accordion**

n. a portable free-reed musical instrument

*Forms: accordions***accost**

v. to speak to

*Forms: accosted; accosted; accosting***account**

n. a record or statement of receipts and expenditures or of business transactions

*Forms: accounts***accouter**

v. to dress

*Forms: accoutered; accoutered; accoutering***accredit**

v. to certify; recognize; assign; license

*Forms: accredited; accredited; accrediting***accumulate**

v. to become greater in quantity or number

*Forms: accumulated; accumulated; accumulating***accuracy**

n. exactness; preciseness

*Forms: accuracies***accurate**

adj. conforming exactly to truth or to a standard

*Forms: more accurate; most accurate***accursed**

adj. doomed to evil, misery or misfortune

accusation

n. a charge of crime, misdemeanor or error

*Forms: accusations***accusatory**

adj. tending to blame

accuse

v. to charge with wrong doing, misconduct or error

*Forms: accused; accused; accusing***accustom**

v. to make familiar by use

*Forms: accustomed; accustomed; accustoming***acerbity**

n. sourness, with bitterness and astringency

Forms: acerbities

acetate

n. a salt of acetic acid

Forms: acetates**acetic**

adj. of, pertaining to or of the nature of vinegar

ache

v. to be in pain or distress

Forms: ached; ached; aching**achillean**

adj. invulnerable

achromatic

adj. colorless

acid

n. a sour substance

Forms: acids**acidify**

v. to change into a sour tasting solution that dissolves metals and other materials

Forms: acidified; acidified; acidifying**acknowledge**

v. to recognize; to admit the genuineness or validity of

Forms: acknowledged; acknowledged; acknowledging**acknowledgment**

n. recognition

Forms: acknowledgments**acme**

n. the highest point; summit

Forms: no plural**acoustic**

adj. pertaining to the act or sense of hearing

acquaint

v. to make familiar or conversant

Forms: acquainted; acquainted; acquainting**acquiesce**

v. to comply; to submit

Forms: acquiesced; acquiesced; acquiescing**acquiescence**

n. passive consent

Forms: no plural**acquire**

v. to get as one's own

Forms: acquired; acquired; acquiring**acquisition**

n. anything gained or made one's own, usually by effort or labor

Forms: acquisitions

acquit

v. to free or clear, as from accusation

Forms: acquitted; acquitted; acquitting**acquittal**

n. a discharge from accusation by judicial action

Forms: acquittals**acquittance**

n. release or discharge from indebtedness, obligation or responsibility

Forms: no plural**acreage**

n. quantity or extent of land, especially of cultivated land

Forms: no plural**acrid**

adj. harshly pungent or bitter

acridness

n. sharpness or bitterness of speech or temper

Forms: no plural**acrimonious**

adj. full of bitterness

actionable

adj. liable to a lawsuit

actuality

n. any reality

Forms: actualities**actuary**

n. one who calculates insurance risks and premiums according to statistical probabilities

Forms: actuaries**actuate**

v. to move or incite to action

Forms: actuated; actuated; actuating**acumen**

n. quickness of intellectual insight or discernment; keenness of discrimination

Forms: no plural**acute**

adj. having fine and penetrating discernment

Forms: acuter; acutest**adamant**

n. any substance of exceeding hardness or impenetrability

Forms: adamants**addendum**

n. something added or to be added

Forms: addenda, addendums**addle**

v. to make inefficient or worthless; to muddle

Forms: addled; addled; addling

adduce

v. to bring forward or name for consideration

Forms: adduced; adduced; adducing**adhere**

v. to stick fast or together

Forms: adhered; adhered; adhering**adherence**

n. attachment

Forms: no plural**adherent**

adj. clinging or sticking fast

adhesion

n. the state of being attached or joined

Forms: no plural**adieu**

int. good-bye; farewell

adjacency

n. the state of being adjacent

Forms: adjacencies**adjacent**

n. object or device which is near or bordering upon

Forms: adjacents**adjudge**

v. to award or bestow by formal decision

Forms: adjudged; adjudged; adjudging**adjunct**

n. something joined to or connected with another thing but holding a subordinate place

Forms: adjuncts**adjuration**

n. a vehement appeal

Forms: adjurations**adjutant**

adj. auxiliary

administrator

n. one who manages affairs of any kind

Forms: administrators**admissible**

adj. having the right or privilege of entry

admittance

n. entrance or the right or permission to enter

Forms: admittances**admonish**

v. to warn of a fault

Forms: admonished; admonished; admonishing**admonition**

n. gentle reproof

Forms: admonitions**ado**

n. unnecessary activity or ceremony

Forms: no plural

adoration

n. profound devotion

Forms: adorations**adroit**

adj. having skill in the use of the bodily or mental powers

adulterant

n. a corrupted substance

Forms: adulterants**adulterate**

v. to make impure by the admixture of other or baser ingredients

Forms: adulterated; adulterated; adulterating**adumbrate**

v. to represent beforehand in outline or by emblem

Forms: adumbrated; adumbrated; adumbrating**advent**

n. the coming or arrival, as of any important change, event, state or personage

Forms: advents**adverse**

adj. opposing or opposed

adversity

n. misfortune

Forms: adversities**advert**

v. to refer incidentally

Forms: adverted; adverted; advertising**advertiser**

n. one who advertises, especially in newspapers

Forms: advertisers**advisory**

adj. not mandatory

advocacy

n. the act of pleading a cause

Forms: advocacies**advocate**

n. one who pleads the cause of another, as in a legal or ecclesiastical court

Forms: advocates**aerial**

adj. of, pertaining to or like the air

aeronaut

n. person who navigates the air; a balloonist

Forms: aeronauts**aeronautics**

n. the art or practice of flying aircraft

Forms: no plural

aerostat

n. a balloon or other apparatus floating in or sustained by the air

Forms: aerostats

aerostatics

n. the branch of pneumatics that treats of the equilibrium, pressure and mechanical properties

Forms: no plural

affable

adj. easy to approach

affect

v. to act upon

Forms: affected; affected; affecting

affectation

n. a studied or ostentatious pretense or attempt

Forms: affectations

affiliate

n. some auxiliary person or thing; partner

Forms: affiliates

affirmative

adj. answering yes; to a question at issue

affix

v. to fasten

Forms: affixed; affixed; affixing

affluence

n. a profuse or abundant supply of riches

Forms: no plural

affront

n. an open insult or indignity

Forms: affronts

afire

adv. ablaze; burning

afoot

adv. in progress

aforesaid

adj. mentioned previously

afresh

adv. once more, after rest or interval

afterthought

n. an idea that comes later than its appropriate or expected time

Forms: afterthoughts

agglomerate

v. to pile or heap together

Forms: agglomerated; agglomerated; agglomerating

aggrandize

v. to cause to appear greatly

Forms: aggrandized; aggrandized; aggrandizing

aggravate

v. to make heavier, worse or more burdensome

Forms: aggravated; aggravated; aggravating

aggravation

n. the fact of being made heavier or more heinous, as a crime, offense, misfortune, etc.

Forms: aggravations

aggregate

n. the entire number, sum, mass or quantity of something

Forms: aggregates

aggress

v. to make the first attack

Forms: aggressed; aggressed; aggressing

aggression

n. an unprovoked attack

Forms: aggressions

aggrieve

v. to give grief or sorrow to

Forms: aggrieved; aggrieved; aggrieving

aghost

adj. struck with terror and amazement

agile

adj. able to move or act quickly, physically or mentally

agitate

v. to move or excite (the feelings or thoughts)

Forms: agitated; agitated; agitating

agrarian

adj. pertaining to farmers and farming

aide-de-camp

n. an officer who receives and transmits the orders of the general

Forms: aides-de-camp

ailment

n. slight sickness

Forms: ailments

airy

adj. delicate; ethereal

Forms: airier; airiest

akin

adj. of similar nature or qualities

alabaster

n. a white or delicately tinted fine-grained gypsum

Forms: no plural

alacrity

n. cheerful willingness

Forms: no plural

albino

n. a person with milky white skin and hair, and eyes with bright red pupil and usually pink iris

Forms: albinos

album

n. a book whose leaves are so made to form paper frames for holding photographs or the like

Forms: albums

alchemy

n. chemistry of the middle ages, characterized by the pursuit of changing base metals to gold

Forms: no plural

alcohol

n. a volatile, inflammable, colorless liquid of a penetrating odor and burning taste

Forms: alcohols

alcoholism

n. a condition resulting from the inordinate or persistent use of alcoholic beverages

Forms: no plural

alcove

n. a covered recess connected with or at the side of a larger room

Forms: alcoves

alder

n. any shrub or small tree of the genus *Alnus* of the oak family

Forms: alders

alderman

n. a member of a municipal legislative body who usually exercises also certain judicial functions

Forms: aldermen

aldermanship

n. the dignity, condition, office or term of office of government official

Forms: aldermanships

alias

n. an assumed name

Forms: aliases

alien

n. person who owes allegiance to a foreign government

Forms: aliens

alienable

adj. capable of being sold or confiscated

alienate

v. to cause to turn away

Forms: alienated; alienated; alienating

alienation

n. estrangement

Forms: alienations

aliment

n. means that nourish and support

Forms: aliments

alkali

n. anything that will neutralize an acid, as lime, magnesia, etc

Forms: alkalis, alkalies

allay

v. to calm the violence or reduce the intensity of; to mitigate

Forms: allayed; allayed; allaying

allege

v. to assert to be true, especially in a formal manner, as in court

Forms: alleged; alleged; alleging

allegory

n. the setting forth of a subject under the guise of another subject of aptly suggestive likeness

Forms: allegories

alleviate

v. to make less burdensome or less hard to bear

Forms: alleviated; alleviated; alleviating

alley

n. a narrow street, garden path, walk or the like

Forms: alleys

alliance

n. any combination or union for some common purpose

Forms: alliances

allot

v. to assign a definite thing or part to a certain person

Forms: allotted; allotted; allotting

allotment

n. portion

Forms: allotments

allude

v. to refer incidentally or by suggestion

Forms: alluded; alluded; alluding

allusion

n. an indirect and incidental reference to something without definite mention of it

Forms: allusions

alluvion

n. flood

Forms: no plural

ally

n. a person or thing is united in a relationship with another

Forms: allies

almanac

n. a series of tables giving the days of the week together with certain astronomical information

Forms: almanacs

aloof

adv. not in sympathy with or desiring to associate with others

altar

n. any raised place or structure on which sacrifices may be offered or incense burned

Forms: altars

alter

v. to make change in

Forms: altered; altered; altering

alteration

n. change or modification

Forms: alterations

altercate

v. to contend angrily or zealously in words

Forms: altercated; altercated; altercating

alternate

n. one chosen to act in place of another, in case of the absence or incapacity of that other

Forms: alternates

alternative

n. something that may or must exist, be taken or chosen or done instead of something else

Forms: alternatives

altitude

n. vertical distance or elevation above any point or base-level, as the sea

Forms: altitudes

alto

n. the lowest or deepest female voice or part

Forms: altos

altruism

n. benevolence to others on subordination to self-interest

Forms: no plural

altruist

n. philanthropist; person who is very unselfish

Forms: altruists

amalgam

n. an alloy or union of mercury with another metal

Forms: no plural

amalgamate

v. to mix or blend together in a homogeneous body

Forms: amalgamated; amalgamated; amalgamating

amateur

adj. practicing an art or occupation for the love of it, but not as a profession

amatory

adj. designed to excite love

ambidextrous

adj. having the ability of using both hands with equal skill or ease

ambiguous

adj. having a double meaning

ambitious

adj. eagerly desirous and aspiring

Forms: more ambitious; most ambitious

ambrosial

adj. divinely sweet, fragrant or delicious

ambulance

n. a vehicle fitted for conveying the sick and wounded

Forms: ambulances

ambulate

v. to walk about

Forms: ambulated; ambulated; ambulating**ambush**

n. the act or state of lying concealed for the purpose of surprising or attacking the enemy

Forms: ambushes**ameliorate**

v. to relieve, as from pain or hardship

Forms: ameliorated; ameliorated; ameliorating**amenable**

adj. willing and ready to submit

americanism

n. a peculiar sense in which an English word or phrase is used in the United States

Forms: americanisms**amicable**

adj. done in a friendly spirit

Forms: more amicable; most amicable**amity**

n. friendship

Forms: no plural**amorous**

adj. having a propensity for falling in love

amorphous

adj. without determinate shape

amour

n. a love-affair, especially one of an illicit nature

Forms: amours**ampere**

n. the practical unit of electric-current strength

Forms: amperes**ampersand**

n. the character &; the logical conjunction 'AND'

Forms: ampersands**amphibious**

adj. living both on land and in water

amphitheater

n. an edifice of elliptical shape, constructed about a central open space or arena

Forms: amphitheaters**amplitude**

n. largeness

Forms: amplitudes**amply**

adv. sufficiently

amputate

v. to remove by cutting, as a limb or some portion of the body

Forms: amputated; amputated; amputating

amusement

n. diversion

Forms: amusements

anachronism

n. anything occurring or existing out of its proper time

Forms: anachronisms

anagram

n. the letters of a word or phrase so transposed as to make a different word or phrase

Forms: anagrams

analogous

adj. corresponding (to some other) in certain respects, as in form, proportion or relations

analogy

n. reasoning in which from certain and known relations or resemblance others are formed

Forms: analogies

analyst

n. person who analyzes or makes use of the analytical method

Forms: analysts

analyze

v. to examine minutely or critically

Forms: analyzed; analyzed; analyzing

anarchy

n. absence or utter disregard of government

Forms: no plural

anathema

n. anything forbidden, as by social usage

Forms: anathemas

anatomy

n. that branch of morphology which treats of the structure of organisms

Forms: anatomies

ancestry

n. family origin; genealogy; line of descent

Forms: ancestries

anecdote

n. a brief account of some interesting event or incident

Forms: anecdotes

anemia

n. deficiency of blood or red corpuscles

Forms: no plural

anemic

adj. affected by a condition caused by a lack of red blood cells

anemometer

n. an instrument for measuring the force or velocity of wind

Forms: anemometers

anesthetic

adj. pertaining to or producing loss of sensation

anew

adv. once more

angelic

adj. saintly

anglo-saxon

n. member of an ancient Germanic people who invaded and settled parts of Britain

Forms: anglo-saxons**anglophobia**

n. hatred or dread of England or of what is English

Forms: no plural**angular**

adj. sharp-cornered

anhydrous

adj. withered

animadversion

n. the utterance of criticism or censure

Forms: animadversions**animadvert**

v. to pass criticism or censure

Forms: animadverted; animadverted; animadverting**animalcule**

n. germ; microscopic organism

Forms: animalcules**animate**

v. to make alive

Forms: animated; animated; animating**animosity**

n. hatred

Forms: animosities**annalist**

n. historian

Forms: annalists**annals**

n. a record of events in their chronological order, year by year

Forms: annals**annex**

v. to add or affix at the end

Forms: annexed; annexed; annexing**annihilate**

v. to destroy absolutely and completely

Forms: annihilated; annihilated; annihilating**annotate**

v. to make explanatory or critical notes on or upon

Forms: annotated; annotated; annotating**annual**

adj. occurring every year

annuity

n. an annual allowance, payment or income

Forms: annuities

annunciation

n. proclamation

Forms: annunciations

anode

n. the point where or path by which a voltaic current enters an electrolyte or the like

Forms: anodes

anonymous

adj. of unknown authorship

antagonism

n. mutual opposition or resistance of counteracting forces, principles or persons

Forms: antagonisms

antarctic

adj. pertaining to the south pole or the regions near it

ante

v. in the game of poker, to put up a stake before the cards are dealt

Forms: anted, anteed; anted, anteed; anteing

antecede

v. to precede

Forms: anteceded; anteceded; anteceding

antecedent

n. person who or that which precedes or goes before, as in time, place, rank, order or causality

Forms: antecedents

antechamber

n. a waiting room for those who seek audience

Forms: antechambers

antedate

v. precede in time

Forms: antedated; antedated; antedating

antediluvian

adj. of or pertaining to the times, things, events before the great flood in the days of Noah

antemeridian

adj. before noon

antemundane

adj. pertaining to time before the world's creation

antenatal

adj. occurring or existing before birth

anterior

adj. prior

anteroom

n. a waiting area

Forms: anterooms**anthology**

n. a collection of extracts from the writings of various authors

Forms: anthologies**anthracite**

n. hard coal

Forms: no plural**anthropology**

n. the science of man in general

Forms: no plural**anthropomorphous**

adj. having or resembling human form

antic

n. a grotesque, ludicrous or fantastic action

Forms: antics**antichrist**

n. any opponent or enemy of Jesus, whether a person or a power

Forms: antichrists**anticlimax**

n. a gradual or sudden decrease in the importance or impressiveness of what is said

Forms: anticlimaxes**anticyclone**

n. an atmospheric condition of high central pressure with currents flowing outward

Forms: anticyclones**antidote**

n. anything that will counteract or remove the effects of poison, disease or the like

Forms: antidotes**antilogy**

n. inconsistency or contradiction in terms or ideas

Forms: antilogies**antipathize**

v. to show or have a feeling of antagonism, aversion or dislike

Forms: antipathized; antipathize; antipathizing**antiphon**

n. a response or alteration of responses, generally musical

Forms: antiphons**antiphony**

n. an anthem or other composition sung responsively

Forms: antiphonies**antipodes**

n. a place or region on the opposite side of the earth

Forms: only plural**antiquary**

n. one who collects and examines old things, as coins, books, medals, weapons, etc

Forms: antiquaries

antiquate

v. to make old or out of date

Forms: antiquated; antiquated; antiquating**antique**

adj. pertaining to ancient times

antiseptic

n. anything that destroys or restrains the growth of putrefactive micro-organisms

Forms: antiseptics**antislavery**

adj. opposed to human servitude

antispasmodic

adj. controlling or preventing spasms

antistrophe

n. the inversion of terms in successive classes as in 'the home of joy and the joy of home'

Forms: antistrophes**antitoxin**

n. a substance which neutralizes the poisonous products of micro-organisms

Forms: antitoxins**antonym**

n. a word directly opposed to another in meaning

Forms: antonyms**anxious**

adj. distressed in mind respecting some uncertain matter

Forms: more anxious; most anxious**apathy**

n. insensibility to emotion or passionate feeling

Forms: apathies**aperture**

n. hole

Forms: apertures**apex**

n. the highest point, as of a mountain

Forms: apexes, apices**aphorism**

n. proverb

Forms: aphorisms**apiary**

n. a place where bees are kept

Forms: apiaries**apogee**

n. the climax

Forms: apogees**apology**

n. a disclaimer of intentional error or offense

Forms: apologies

apostasy

n. a total departure from one's faith or religion

Forms: apostasies

apostate

adj. false

apostle

n. any messenger commissioned by or as by divine authority

Forms: apostles

apothecary

n. one who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions

Forms: apothecaries

apotheosis

n. deification

Forms: apotheoses

appall

v. to fill with dismay or horror

Forms: appalled; appalled; appalling

apparent

adj. easily understood

apparition

n. ghost

Forms: apparitions

appease

v. to soothe by quieting anger or indignation

Forms: appeased; appeased; appeasing

appellate

adj. capable of being appealed to

appellation

n. the name or title by which a particular person, class or thing is called

Forms: appellations

append

v. to add or attach, as something accessory, subordinate or supplementary

Forms: appended; appended; appending

appertain

v. to belong, as by right, fitness, association, classification, possession or natural relation

Forms: appertained; appertained; appertaining

apposite

adj. appropriate

apposition

n. the act of placing side by side, together or in contact

Forms: appositions

appraise

v. to estimate the money value of

Forms: appraised; appraised; appraising

appreciable

adj. capable of being discerned by the senses or intellect

apprehend

v. to make a prisoner of (a person) in the name of the law

Forms: apprehended; apprehended; apprehending**apprehensible**

adj. capable of being conceived

approbation

n. sanction

Forms: approbations**appropriate**

adj. suitable for the purpose and circumstances

aqueduct

n. a water-conduit, particularly one for supplying a community from a distance

Forms: more appropriate; most appropriate*Forms:* aqueducts**aqueous**

adj. of, pertaining to or containing water

arbiter

n. person who is chosen or appointed, by mutual consent of parties in dispute, to decide matters

Forms: arbiters**arbitrary**

adj. fixed or done capriciously

arbitrate

v. to act or give judgment as umpire

Forms: arbitrated; arbitrated; arbitrating**arbor**

n. a tree

Forms: arbors**arboreal**

adj. of or pertaining to a tree or trees

arborescent

adj. having the nature of a tree

arboretum

n. a botanical garden or place devoted to the cultivation of trees or shrubs

Forms: plurals: arboretums, arboreta**arboriculture**

n. the cultivation of trees or shrubs

Forms: no plural**arcade**

n. a vaulted passageway or street; a roofed passageway having shops etc., opening from it

Forms: arcades

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology concerned with the systematic investigation of the relics of man

Forms: no plural

archaic

adj. antiquated

archaism

n. obsolescence

Forms: archaisms

archangel

n. a chief spirit servant of God

Forms: archangels

archbishop

n. the chief of the bishops of an ecclesiastical province in the Greek, Roman, and Anglican church

Forms: archbishops

archdeacon

n. a high official administrator of the affairs of a diocese

Forms: archdeacons

archetype

n. model; pattern

Forms: archetypes

archipelago

n. any large body of water studded with islands or the islands collectively themselves

Forms: archipelagos, archipelagoes

ardent

adj. burning with passion

ardor

n. intensity of passion or affection

Forms: ardors

arid

adj. very dry

aristocracy

n. a hereditary nobility

Forms: aristocracies

aristocrat

n. a hereditary noble or one nearly connected with nobility

Forms: aristocrats

armada

n. a fleet of war-vessels

Forms: armadas

armful

n. a measure that defines the amount a person can hold

Forms: armfuls

armory

n. an arsenal

Forms: armories

aroma

n. an agreeable odor

Forms: aromas**arraign**

v. to call into court, as a person indicted for crime, and demand whether he pleads guilty or not

Forms: arraigned; arraigned; arraignment**arrange**

v. to put in definite or proper order

Forms: arranged; arranged; arranging**arrangement**

n. the act of putting in proper order or the state of being put in order

Forms: arrangements**arrant**

adj. notoriously bad

arrear

n. something overdue and unpaid

Forms: arrears**arrival**

n. a coming to stopping-place or destination

Forms: arrivals**arrogant**

adj. unduly or excessively proud, as of wealth, station, learning, etc

arrogate

v. to take, demand or claim, especially presumptuously or without reasons or grounds

Forms: arrogated; arrogated; arrogating**artesian well**

n. a water hole drilled through impermeable strata

Forms: artesian wells**artful**

adj. characterized by craft or cunning

arthurian

adj. pertaining to a British King

artifice

n. trickery

Forms: artifices**artless**

adj. ingenuous

ascendant

adj. dominant

ascension

n. the act of rising

Forms: ascensions

ascent

n. a rising, soaring or climbing

Forms: ascents

ascetic

adj. given to severe self-denial and practicing excessive abstinence and devotion

ascribe

v. to assign as a quality or attribute

Forms: ascribed; ascribed; ascribing

asexual

adj. referring to reproduction without the combination of genetic material with another individual

ashen

adj. pale

askance

adv. with a side or indirect glance or meaning

asperity

n. harshness or roughness of temper

Forms: asperities

aspirant

n. one who seeks earnestly, as for advancement, honors, place

Forms: aspirants

aspiration

n. an earnest wish for that which is above one's present reach

Forms: aspirations

aspire

v. to have an earnest desire, wish or longing, as for something high and good, not yet attained

Forms: aspired; aspired; aspiring

assailant

n. person who attacks

Forms: assailants

assassin

n. one who kills or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly

Forms: assassins

assassinate

v. to kill, as by surprise or secret assault, especially the killing of some eminent person

Forms: assassinated; assassinated; assassinating

assassination

n. murder, as by secret assault or treachery

Forms: assassinations

assay

n. the chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore

Forms: assays

assent

v. to express agreement with a statement or matter of opinion

Forms: assented; assented; assenting

assess

v. to determine the amount of (a tax or other sum to be paid)

Forms: assessed; assessed; assessing

assessor

n. an officer whose duty it is to estimate and determine taxes

Forms: assessors

assets

n. property in general, regarded as applicable to the payment of debts; anything of material value or usefulness

Forms: assets

assiduous

adj. diligent

assignee

n. one who is appointed to act for another in the management of certain property and interests

Forms: assignees

assimilate

v. to adapt

Forms: assimilated; assimilated; assimilating

assonance

n. resemblance or correspondence in sound

Forms: assonances

assonant

adj. having resemblance of sound

assonate

v. to accord in sound, especially vowel sound

Forms: assonated; assonated; assonating

assuage

v. to cause to be less harsh, violent or severe, as excitement, appetite, pain or disease

Forms: assuaged; assuaged; assuaging

astringent

adj. harsh in disposition or character

astute

adj. keen in discernment

atheism

n. the denial of the existence of God

Forms: no plural

athirst

adj. wanting water

athwart

adv. from side to side

atomizer

n. an apparatus for reducing a liquid to a fine spray, as for disinfection, inhalation, etc.

Forms: atomizers

atone

v. to make amends for

Forms: atoned; atoned; atoning

atonement

n. amends, reparation or expiation made from wrong or injury

Forms: atonement

atrocious

adj. outrageously or wantonly wicked, criminal, vile or cruel

atrocious

n. great cruelty; reckless wickedness

Forms: atrocities

attache

n. a subordinate member of a diplomatic embassy

Forms: attaches

attest

v. to certify as accurate, genuine or true

Forms: attested; attested; attesting

attorney-general

n. the chief law-officer of a government

Forms: attorneys

auburn

adj. reddish-brown, said usually of the hair

audacious

adj. fearless

audible

adj. loud enough to be heard

audition

n. the act or sensation of hearing

Forms: auditions

auditory

adj. of or pertaining to hearing or the organs or sense of hearing

augment

v. to make bigger

Forms: augmented; augmented; augmenting

augur

v. to predict

Forms: augured; augured; auguring

augustinian

adj. pertaining to St. Augustine, his doctrines or the religious orders called after him

aura

n. pervasive psychic influence supposed to emanate from persons

Forms: auras, auras

aural

adj. of or pertaining to the ear

auricle

n. one of the two chambers of the heart which receives the blood from the veins

Forms: auricles

auricular

adj. of or pertaining to the ear or the sense of hearing

auriferous

adj. containing gold

aurora

n. a luminous phenomenon in the upper regions of the atmosphere

Forms: plurals: auroras, aurorae

auspice

n. favoring, protecting or propitious influence or guidance

Forms: auspices

austere

adj. severely simple; unadorned

autarchy

n. unrestricted power

Forms: autarchies

authentic

adj. of undisputed origin

authenticity

n. the state or quality of being genuine or of the origin and authorship claimed

Forms: no plural

autobiography

n. the story of one's life written by himself

Forms: autobiographies

autocracy

n. absolute government

Forms: autocracies

autocrat

n. any person who claims or wields unrestricted or undisputed authority or influence

Forms: autocrats

automaton

n. any living being whose actions are or appear to be involuntary or mechanical

Forms: automatons, automata

autonomous

adj. self-governing

autonomy

n. self-government

Forms: autonomies

autopsy

n. the examination of a dead body by dissection to ascertain the cause of death

Forms: autopsies

autumnal

adj. of or pertaining to the fall

auxiliary

n. one who or that which aids or helps, especially when regarded as subsidiary or accessory

Forms: auxiliaries

avalanche

n. the fall or sliding of a mass of snow or ice down a mountain-slope, often bearing with it rock

Forms: avalanches

avarice

n. passion for getting and keeping riches

Forms: no plural

aver

v. to assert as a fact

Forms: averred; averred; avering

averse

adj. reluctant

aversion

n. a mental condition of fixed opposition to or dislike of some particular thing

Forms: aversions

avert

v. to turn away or aside

Forms: averted; averted; averting

aviary

n. a spacious cage or enclosure in which live birds are kept

Forms: aviaries

avidity

n. greediness

Forms: no plural

avocation

n. diversion

Forms: avocations

avow

v. to declare openly

Forms: avowed; avowed; avowing

awaken

v. to arouse, as emotion, interest or the like

Forms: awakened; awakened; awakening

awry

adv. out of the proper form, direction or position

aye

adv. an expression of assent

azalea

n. a flowering shrub

Forms: azaleas

azure

n. the color of the sky

Forms: no plural

baconian

adj. relating to, or characteristic of the works of a philosopher
 an English philosopher and statesman

bacterium

n. a microbe

Forms: bacteria

badger

v. to pester; to annoy

Forms: badgered; badgered; badgering

baffle

v. to foil or frustrate

Forms: baffled; baffled; baffling

bailiff

n. an officer of court having custody of prisoners under arraignment

Forms: bailiffs

baize

n. a single-colored napped woolen fabric used for table-covers, curtains, etc.

Forms: no plural

bale

n. a large package prepared for transportation or storage

Forms: bales

baleful

adj. malignant

ballad

n. any popular narrative poem, often with epic subject and usually in lyric form

Forms: ballads

balsam

n. a medical preparation, aromatic and oily, used for healing

Forms: balsams

banal

adj. commonplace

barcarole

n. a boat-song of Venetian gondoliers

Forms: barcaroles

baritone

adj. having a register higher than bass and lower than tenor

barograph

n. an instrument that registers graphically and continuously the atmospheric pressure

Forms: barographs

barometer

n. an instrument for indicating the atmospheric pressure per unit of surface

Forms: barometers

bask

v. to make warm by genial heat

Forms: basked; basked; basking

bass

adj. low in tone or compass

baste

v. to cover with melted fat, gravy, while cooking

Forms: basted; basted; basting

baton

n. an official staff borne either as a weapon or as an emblem of authority or privilege

Forms: batons

battalion

n. a body of infantry composed of two or more companies, forming a part of a regiment

Forms: battalions

batten

n. a narrow strip of wood

Forms: battens

batter

n. a thick liquid mixture of two or more materials beaten together, to be used in cookery

Forms: batters

bauble

n. a trinket

Forms: baubles

bawl

v. to proclaim by outcry

Forms: bawled; bawled; bawling

beatify

v. to make supremely happy

Forms: beatified; beatified; beatifying

beatitude

n. any state of great happiness

Forms: beatitudes

beau

n. an escort or lover

Forms: beaus, beaux

becalm

v. to make quiet

Forms: becalmed; becalmed; becalming

beck

v. to give a signal to by nod or gesture

Forms: becked; becked; becking

bedaub

v. to smear over, as with something oily or sticky

Forms: bedaubed; bedaubed; bedaubing

bedeck

v. to cover with ornament

Forms: bedecked; bedecked; bedecking

bedlam

n. madhouse; uproar

Forms: bedlams

befog

v. to confuse

Forms: befogged; befogged; befogging**befriend**

v. assist; aid; stand by

Forms: befriended; befriended; befriending**beget**

v. to produce by sexual generation

Forms: begot; begotten, begot; begetting**begrudge**

v. to envy one of the possession of

Forms: begrudged; begrudged; begrudging**belate**

v. to delay past the proper hour

Forms: belated; belated; belating**belay**

v. to make fast, as a rope, by winding round a cleat

Forms: belayed; belayed; belaying**belie**

v. to misrepresent

Forms: belied; belied; belying**believe**

v. to accept as true on the testimony or authority of others

Forms: believed; believed; believing**belittle**

v. to disparage

Forms: belittled; belittled; belittling**belle**

n. a woman who is a center of attraction because of her beauty, accomplishments, etc.

Forms: belles**bellicose**

adj. warlike

belligerent

adj. manifesting a warlike spirit

bemoan

v. to lament

Forms: bemoaned; bemoaned; bemoaning**benediction**

n. a solemn invocation of the divine blessing

Forms: benedictions**benefactor**

n. a doer of kindly and charitable acts

Forms: benefactors**benefice**

n. a church office endowed with funds or property for the maintenance of divine service

Forms: benefices**beneficent**

adj. characterized by charity and kindness

beneficial

adj. helpful

beneficiary

n. one who is lawfully entitled to the profits and proceeds of an estate or property

Forms: beneficiaries

benefit

n. helpful result

Forms: benefits

benevolence

n. any act of kindness or well-doing

Forms: no plural

benevolent

adj. loving others and actively desirous of their well-being

benign

adj. good and kind of heart

benignant

adj. benevolent in feeling, character or aspect

benignity

n. kindness of feeling, disposition or manner

Forms: benignities

benison

n. blessing

Forms: benisons

bequeath

v. to give by will

Forms: bequeathed; bequeathed; bequeathing

bereave

v. to make desolate with loneliness and grief

Forms: bereaved, bereft; bereaved, bereft; bereaving

berth

n. a bunk or bed in a vessel, sleeping-car, etc

Forms: berths

beseech

v. to implore

Forms: besought, beseeched; besought, beseeched; beseeching

beset

v. to attack on all sides

Forms: beset; beset; besetting

besmear

v. to sabase; defile; dirty; sully

Forms: besmeared; besmeared; besmearing

bestial

adj. animal

bestrew

v. to sprinkle or cover with things strewn

Forms: bestrewed; bestrewn, bestrewed; bestrewing

bestride

v. to get or sit upon astride, as a horse

Forms: bestrode, bestrid; bestrid, bestridden; bestriding

bethink

v. to remind oneself

Forms: bethought; bethought; bethinking

betide

v. to happen to or befall

Forms: betided; betided; betiding**betimes**

adv. soon; early

betroth

v. to engage to marry

Forms: betrothed; betrothed; betrothing**betrothal**

n. engagement to marry

Forms: betrothals**bevel**

n. any inclination of two surfaces other than 90 degrees

Forms: bevels**bewilder**

v. to confuse the perceptions or judgment of

Forms: bewildered; bewildered; bewildering**bibliography**

n. a list of the words of an author or the literature bearing on a particular subject

Forms: bibliographies**bibliomania**

n. the passion for collecting books

Forms: no plural**bibliophile**

n. person who loves books

Forms: bibliophiles**bibulous**

adj. fond of drinking

bide

v. to await

Forms: bided; bode; bided; biding**biennial**

n. a plant that produces leaves and roots the first year and flowers and fruit the second

Forms: biennials**bier**

n. a horizontal framework with two handles at each end for carrying a corpse to the grave

Forms: biers**bigamist**

n. person who has two spouses at the same time

Forms: bigamists**bigamy**

n. the crime of marrying any other person while having a legal spouse living

Forms: no plural**bight**

n. a slightly receding bay between headlands, formed by a long curve of a coast-line

bilateral

adj. two-sided

bilingual

adj. speaking two languages

biograph

n. a bibliographical sketch or notice

Forms: biographers**biography**

n. a written account of one's life, actions, and character

Forms: biographies**biology**

n. the science of life or living organisms

biped

n. an animal having two feet

birthright

n. a privilege or possession into which one is born

Forms: birthrights**bitterness**

n. acidity, as to the taste

blase

adj. sated with pleasure

blaspheme

v. to indulge in profane oaths

Forms: blasphemed; blasphemed; blaspheming**blatant**

adj. noisily or offensively loud or clamorous

blaze

n. a vivid glowing flame

Forms: blazes**blazon**

v. to make widely or generally known

Forms: blazoned; blazoned; blazoning**bleak**

adj. desolate

Forms: bleaker; bleakest**blemish**

n. a mark that mars beauty

Forms: blemishes**blithe**

adj. joyous

Forms: blither; blithest**blithesome**

adj. cheerful

blockade

n. the shutting up of a town, a frontier or a line of coast by hostile forces

Forms: blockades

boatswain

n. a subordinate officer of a vessel, who has general charge of the rigging, anchors, etc

Forms: boatswains

bodice

n. a woman's ornamental corset-shaped laced waist

Forms: bodices

bodily

adj. corporeal

boisterous

adj. unchecked merriment or animal spirits

bole

n. the trunk or body of a tree

bolero

n. a Spanish dance, illustrative of the passion of love, accompanied by casté nets and singing

Forms: boleros

boll

n. a round pod or seed-capsule, as a flax or cotton

Forms: bolls

bolster

v. to support, as something wrong

Forms: bolstered; bolstered; bolstering

bomb

n. a hollow projectile containing an explosive material

Forms: bombs

bombard

v. to assail with any missile or with abusive speech

Forms: bombarded; bombarded; bombarding

bombardier

n. a person who has charge of mortars, bombs, and shells

bombast

n. inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects

boorish

adj. rude

bore

v. to weary by tediousness or dullness

Forms: bored; bored; boring

borough

n. an incorporated village or town

Forms: boroughs

bosom

n. the breast or the upper front of the thorax of a human being, especially of a woman

Forms: bosoms

botanical

adj. connected with the study or cultivation of plants

botanize

v. to study plant-life

Forms: botanized; botanized; botanizing

botany

n. the science that treats of plants

bountiful

adj. showing abundance

bowdlerize

v. to expurgate in editing (a literary composition) by omitting words or passages

Forms: bowdlerized; bowdlerized; bowdlerizing

bowler

n. in cricket, the player who delivers the ball

boycott

v. to place the products or merchandise of under a ban

Forms: boycotted; boycotted; boycotting

brae

n. hillside

braggart

n. a very boastful and talkative person; a vain boaster

brandish

v. to wave, shake or flourish triumphantly or defiantly, as a sword or spear

Forms: brandished; brandished; brandishing

bravado

n. an aggressive display of boldness

Forms: bravadoes, bravados

bravo

int. well done

bray

n. a loud harsh sound, as the cry of an ass or the blast of a horn

Forms: brays

braze

v. to make of or ornament with brass

Forms: brazed; brazed; brazing

brazier

n. an open pan or basin for holding live coals

breach

n. the violation of official duty, lawful right or a legal obligation

Forms: breaches

breaker

n. one who trains horses, dogs, etc

Forms: breakers

breech

n. the buttocks

brethren

n. members of a brotherhood, guild, profession, association or the like

Forms: only plural

brevity

n. shortness of duration

bric-a-brac

n. objects of curiosity or for decoration

bridle

n. the head-harness of a horse consisting of a head-stall, a bit, and the reins

Forms: bridles

brigade

n. a body of troops consisting of two or more regiments

Forms: brigades

brigadier

n. general officer who commands a brigade, ranking between a colonel and a major-general

Forms: brigadiers

brigand

n. one who lives by robbery and plunder

Forms: brigands

brimstone

n. sulfur

brine

n. water saturated with salt

bristle

n. one of the coarse, stiff hairs of swine: used in brush-making, etc

Forms: bristles

britannia

n. the United Kingdom of Great Britain

criticism

n. a word idiom or phrase characteristic of Great Britain or the British

Forms: criticisms

brittle

adj. fragile

Forms: brittle; brittlest

broach

v. to mention for the first time

Forms: broached; broached; broaching

broadcast

adj. disseminated far and wide

brogan

n. a coarse, heavy shoe

brogue

n. any dialectic pronunciation of English, especially that of the Irish people

brokerage

n. the business of making sales and purchases for a commission

bromine

n. a dark reddish-brown, non-metallic liquid element with a suffocating odor

bronchitis

n. inflammation of the bronchial tubes

bronchus

n. either of the two subdivisions of the trachea conveying air into the lungs

Forms: bronchi

brooch

n. an article of jewelry fastened by a hinged pin and hook on the underside

Forms: brooches

brotherhood

n. spiritual or social fellowship or solidarity

Forms: brotherhoods

browbeat

v. to overwhelm or attempt to do so, by stern, haughty or rude address or manner

Forms: browbeat; browbeaten; browbeating

brusque

adj. somewhat rough or rude in manner or speech

buffoon

n. a clown

buffoonery

n. low drollery, coarse jokes, etc

bulbous

adj. swollen

bullock

n. an ox

bulrush

n. papyrus

bulwark

n. anything that gives security or defense

Forms: bulwarks

bumper

n. a cup or glass filled to the brim, especially one to be drunk as a toast or health

Forms: bumpers

bumptious

adj. full of offensive and aggressive self-conceit

bungle

v. to execute clumsily

Forms: bungled; bungled; bungling

buoyancy

n. power or tendency to float on or in a liquid or gas

buoyant

adj. having the power or tendency to float or keep afloat

bureau

n. a chest of drawers for clothing, etc

Forms: bureaus, bureaux

bureaucracy

n. government by departments of men transacting particular branches of public business

Forms: bureaucracies

burgess

n. in colonial times, a member of the lower house of the legislature of Maryland or Virginia

Forms: burgesses

burgher

n. an inhabitant; city resident

Forms: burghers

burnish

v. to make brilliant or shining

Forms: burnished; burnished; burnishing

bursar

n. a treasurer

bustle

v. to hurry

Forms: bustled; bustled; bustling

butt

v. to strike with or as with the head or horns

Forms: butted; butted; butting

butte

n. a conspicuous hill, low mountain or natural turret, generally isolated

Forms: buttes

buttress

n. any support or prop

by-law

n. a rule or ordinance adopted by an association, a corporation or the like

cabal

n. a number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose

cabalism

n. superstitious devotion to one's religion

cabinet

n. the body of men constituting the official advisors of the executive head of a nation

Forms: cabinets

cacophony

n. a disagreeable, harsh or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones

Forms: cacophonies

cadaverous

adj. resembling a corpse

cadence

n. rhythmical or measured flow or movement, as in poetry or the time and pace of marching troops

Forms: cadences

cadenza

n. an embellishment or flourish, prepared or improvised, for a solo voice or instrument

Forms: cadenzas

caitiff

adj. cowardly

cajole

v. to impose on or dupe by flattering speech

Forms: cajoled; cajoled; cajoling

cajolery

n. delusive speech

calculable

adj. that may be estimated by reckoning

calculus

n. a concretion formed in various parts of the body resembling a pebble in hardness

Forms: calculuses, calculi

callosity

n. the state of being hard and insensible

Forms: callosities

callow

adj. without experience of the world

calorie

n. amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1 degree centigrade

Forms: calories

calumny

n. slander

Forms: calumnies

calvary

n. the place where Christ was crucified

calvinism

n. the system of doctrine taught by a French theologian and reformer

Forms: no plural

calvinize

v. to teach or imbue with the doctrines of Calvinism

Forms: calvinized; calvinized; calvinizing

came

n. a leaden sash-bar or grooved strip for fastening panes in stained-glass windows

cameo

n. any small engraved or carved work in relief

Forms: cameos

campaign

n. a complete series of connected military operations

Forms: campaigns

canaanite

n. a member of one of the three tribes that dwelt in the Promised Land or western Palestine

Forms: canaanites

canary

adj. of a bright but delicate yellow

candid

adj. straightforward

candor

n. the quality of frankness or outspokenness

canine

adj. characteristic of a dog

canon

n. any rule or law

Forms: canons

cant

v. to talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity

Forms: canted; canted; canting

cantata

n. a choral composition

Forms: cantatas

canto

n. one of the divisions of an extended poem

Forms: canto; cantos

cantonment

n. the part of the town or district in which the troops are quartered

capacious

adj. roomy

*Forms: more capacious; most capacious***capillary**

n. a minute vessel having walls composed of a single layer of cells

*Forms: capillaries***capitulate**

v. to surrender or stipulate terms

*Forms: capitulated; capitulated; capitulating***caprice**

n. a whim

*Forms: caprices***caption**

n. a heading, as of a chapter, section, document, etc

captious

adj. hypercritical

captivate

v. to fascinate, as by excellence, eloquence or beauty

*Forms: captivated; captivated; captivating***carcass**

n. the dead body of an animal

*Forms: carcasses***cardiac**

adj. pertaining to the heart

cardinal

adj. of prime or special importance

caret

n. a sign (^) placed below a line, indicating where omitted words, etc., should be inserted

caricature

n. a picture or description in which natural characteristics are exaggerated or distorted

*Forms: caricatures***carnage**

n. massacre

carnal

adj. sensual

carnivorous

adj. eating or living on flesh

carouse

v. to drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner

*Forms: caroused; caroused; carousing***carrion**

n. dead and putrefying flesh

cartilage

n. an elastic animal tissue of firm consistence

cartridge

n. a charge for a firearm or for blasting

*Forms: cartridges***caste**

n. the division of society on artificial grounds

Forms: castes

castigate

v. to punish

Forms: castigated; castigating**casual**

adj. accidental; by chance

Forms: more casual; most casual**casualty**

n. a fatal or serious accident or disaster

Forms: casualties**cat-o-nine-tails**

n. an instrument consisting of cords, formerly used for flogging in the army and navy

cataclysm

n. any overwhelming flood of water

cataract

n. opacity of the lens of the eye resulting in complete or partial blindness

Forms: cataracts**catastrophe**

n. any great and sudden misfortune or calamity

Forms: catastrophes**cathode**

n. the negative pole or electrode of a galvanic battery

catholicism

n. the system, doctrine and practice of the Roman Church

catholicity

n. universal prevalence or acceptance

caucus

n. a private meeting of members of a political party to select candidates

Forms: caucuses**causal**

adj. indicating or expressing a cause

caustic

adj. sarcastic and severe

cauterize

v. to burn or sear as with a heated iron

Forms: cauterized; cauterizing**cede**

v. to pass title to

Forms: ceded; ceding**censor**

n. an official examiner of manuscripts empowered to prohibit their publication

Forms: censors

ensorious

adj. judging severely or harshly

census

n. an official numbering of the people of a country or district

*Forms: censuses***centenary**

adj. pertaining to a hundred years or a period of a hundred years

centiliter

n. a metric unit of volume

centimeter

n. a European unit of length

*Forms: centimeters***centurion**

n. a captain of a company of one hundred infantry in the ancient Roman army

cereal

adj. pertaining to edible grain or farinaceous seeds

ceremonial

adj. characterized by outward form or ceremony

ceremonious

adj. observant of ritual

cessation

n. discontinuance, as of action or motion

*Forms: cessations***cession**

n. surrender, as of possessions or rights

chagrin

n. keen vexation, annoyance or mortification, as at one's failures or errors

chameleon

adj. changeable in appearance

chancery

n. a court of equity, as distinguished from a common-law court

*Forms: chanceries***chaos**

n. any condition of which the elements or parts are in utter disorder and confusion

characteristic

n. a distinctive feature

*Forms: characteristics***characterize**

v. to describe by distinctive marks or peculiarities

*Forms: characterized; characterized; characterizing***charlatan**

n. a quack

chasm

n. a yawning hollow, as in the earth's surface

Forms: chasms

chasten

v. to purify by affliction

Forms: chastened; chastened; chastening

chastise

v. to subject to punitive measures

Forms: chastised; chastised; chastising

chastity

n. sexual or moral purity

chateau

n. a castle or manor-house

Forms: chateaus, chateaux

chattel

n. any article of personal property

check

v. to hold back

Forms: checked; checked; checking

chiffon

n. a very thin gauze used for trimmings, evening dress, etc

Forms: chiffons

chivalry

n. the knightly system of feudal times with its code, usages and practices

cholera

n. an acute epidemic disease

choleric

adj. easily provoked to anger

choral

adj. pertaining to, intended for or performed by a chorus or choir

christ

n. a title of Jesus

christen

v. to name in baptism

Forms: christened; christened; christening

christendom

n. that part of the world where Christianity is generally professed

chromatic

adj. belonging, relating to or abounding in color

chronology

n. the science that treats of computation of time or of investigation and arrangement of events

Forms: chronologies

chronometer

n. a portable timekeeper of the highest attainable precision

cipher

v. to calculate arithmetically

Forms: ciphered; ciphered; ciphering**circulate**

v. to disseminate

Forms: circulated; circulated; circulating**circumference**

n. the boundary-line of a circle

Forms: circumferences**circumlocution**

n. indirect or roundabout expression

circumnavigate

v. to sail around the world

Forms: circumnavigated; circumnavigated; circumnavigating**circumscribe**

v. to confine within bounds

Forms: circumscribed; circumscribed; circumscribing**circumspect**

adj. showing watchfulness, caution or careful consideration

citadel

n. any strong fortress

Forms: citadels**cite**

v. to refer to specifically

Forms: cited; cited; citing**claimant**

n. one who asserts a right or title to something

clairvoyance

n. intuitive sagacity or perception

clamorous

adj. urgent in complaint or demand

clan

n. a tribe

Forms: clans**clandestine**

adj. surreptitious

clangor

n. clanking or a ringing, as of arms, chains or bells; clamor

clarify

v. to render intelligible

Forms: clarified; clarified; clarifying

clarion

n. a small shrill trumpet or bugle

classify

v. to group, sort, arrange systematically; make confidential

Forms: classified; classified; classifying

clearance

n. a certificate from the proper authorities that a vessel has complied with the law and may sail

clemency

n. mercy

Forms: clemencies

clement

adj. compassionate

close-hauled

adj. having the sails set for sailing as near to the wind as possible

Forms: sailing toward wind

clothier

n. one who makes or sells fabrics

clumsy

adj. awkward of movement

Forms: clumsier; clumsiest

coagulant

adj. producing coagulation

coagulate

v. to change into a clot or a jelly, as by heat, by chemical action or by a ferment

Forms: coagulated; coagulated; coagulating

coalescence

n. the act or process of coming together so as to form one body, combination or product

coalition

n. combination in a body or mass

Forms: coalitions

coddle

v. to treat as a baby or an invalid

Forms: coddled; coddled; coddling

codicil

n. a supplement adding to, revoking or explaining in the body of a will

coerce

v. to force

Forms: coerced; coerced; coercing

coercion

n. forcible constraint or restraint, moral or physical

coercive

adj. serving or tending to force

cogent

adj. appealing strongly to the reason or conscience

cognate

adj. akin

cognizant

adj. taking notice

cohere

v. to stick together

Forms: cohered; cohered; cohering**cohesion**

n. consistency

cohesive

adj. having the property of consistency

coincide

v. to correspond

Forms: coincided; coincided; coinciding**coincidence**

n. a circumstance so agreeing with another: often implying accident

Forms: coincidences**coincident**

adj. taking place at the same time

collaborate

v. to cooperate with another or others, especially in literary or scientific pursuits

Forms: collaborated; collaborated; collaborating**collapse**

v. to shrink, fall in or fail

Forms: collapsed; collapsed; collapsing**collapsible**

adj. that may or can collapse

colleague

n. an associate in professional employment

Forms: colleagues**collective**

adj. consisting of a number of persons or objects considered as gathered into a mass or sum

collector

n. person who makes a collection, as of objects of art, books or the like

Forms: collectors**collegian**

n. a college student

collide

v. to meet and strike violently; to crash into each other

Forms: collided; collided; colliding

collier

n. one who works in a coal-mine

collision

n. violent contact

Forms: collisions

colloquial

adj. pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary

colloquialism

n. form of speech used only or chiefly in conversation

Forms: colloquialisms

colloquy

n. conversation

Forms: colloquies

collusion

n. a secret agreement for a wrongful purpose

colossus

n. any strikingly great person or object

Forms: colossi, colossuses

comely

adj. handsome

Forms: comelier; comeliest

comestible

adj. fit to be eaten

comical

adj. funny

commemorate

v. to serve as a remembrance of

Forms: commemorated; commemorated;
commemorating

commentary

n. a series of illustrative or explanatory notes on any important work

Forms: commentaries

commingle

v. to blend

Forms: commingled; commingled; commingling

commissariat

n. the department of an army charged with the provision of its food and water and daily needs

commission

v. to empower

Forms: commissioned; commissioned; commissioning

commitment

n. the act or process of entrusting or consigning for safe-keeping

Forms: commitments

committal

n. the act, fact or result of committing or the state of being

commodity

n. something that is bought and sold

Forms: commodities**commotion**

n. a disturbance or violent agitation

Forms: commotions**commute**

v. to put something, especially something less severe, in place of

Forms: commuted; commuted; commuting**comparable**

adj. fit to be compared

comparative

adj. relative

comparison

n. examination of two or more objects with reference to their likeness or unlikeness

Forms: comparisons**compensate**

v. to remunerate

Forms: compensated; compensated; compensating**competence**

n. adequate qualification or capacity

competent

adj. qualified

competitive

adj. characterized by rivalry

Forms: more competitive; most competitive**competitor**

n. a rival

Forms: competitors**complacence**

n. satisfaction with one's acts or surroundings

complacent

adj. pleased or satisfied with oneself

complaisance

n. politeness

complaisant

adj. agreeable

complement

v. to make whole; to make perfect

complex

adj. composite; made up of interconnected parts

Forms: more complex; most complex**compliant**

adj. yielding

complicate

v. to make complex, difficult or hard to deal with

Forms: complicated; complicated; complicating

complication

n. an intermingling or combination of things or parts, especially in a perplexing manner

Forms: complications

complicity

n. participation or partnership, as in wrong-doing or with a wrong-doer

Forms: complicities

compliment

v. to address or gratify with expressions of delicate praise

Forms: complimented; complimented; complimenting

component

n. a constituent element or part

Forms: components

comport

v. to conduct or behave (oneself)

Forms: comported; comported; comporting

composure

n. calmness

comprehensible

adj. intelligible

comprehension

n. ability to know

comprehensive

adj. large in scope or content

compress

v. to make smaller using pressure; condense

Forms: compressed; compressed; compressing

compressible

adj. capable of being pressed into smaller compass

compression

n. constraint, as by force or authority

comprise

v. to consist of

Forms: comprised; comprised; comprising

compulsion

n. coercion

Forms: compulsions

compulsory

adj. forced

compunction

n. remorseful feeling

compute

v. to ascertain by mathematical calculation

Forms: computed; computed; computing

concede

v. to surrender

Forms: conceded; conceded; conceding

conceit

n. self-flattering opinion

Forms: conceits

conceive

v. to form an idea, mental image or thought of

Forms: conceived; conceived; conceiving

concerto

n. a musical composition

Forms: concertos, concerti**concession**

n. anything granted, yielded or admitted in response to a demand, petition or claim

Forms: concessions**conciliate**

v. to obtain the friendship of

Forms: conciliated; conciliated; conciliating**conciliatory**

adj. tending to reconcile

conclusive

adj. sufficient to convince or decide

concord

n. harmony

Forms: concords**concordance**

n. balance

concur

v. to agree

Forms: concurred; concurred; concurring**concurrence**

n. agreement

concurrent

adj. occurring or acting together

concussion

n. a violent shock to some organ by a fall or a sudden blow

condensation

n. the act or process of making compact or more compact

Forms: condensations**condense**

v. to abridge; to shorten

Forms: condensed; condensed; condensing**condescend**

v. to come down voluntarily to equal terms with inferiors

Forms: condescended; condescended; condescending**condolence**

n. expression of sympathy with a person in pain, sorrow or misfortune

Forms: condolences**conduce**

v. to bring about

Forms: conduced; conduced; conducting**conductive**

adj. contributing to an end

conductive

adj. capable of being conducted or transmitted

conduit

n. a means for conducting something, particularly a tube, pipe or passageway for a fluid

Forms: conduits

confectionery

n. candy or pastry; pastry shop; bake shop

Forms: confectioneries

confederacy

n. a number of states or persons in compact or league with each other, as for mutual aid

Forms: confederacies

confederate

n. one who is united with others in a league, compact or agreement

Forms: confederates

confer

v. to bestow

Forms: conferred; conferred; conferring

conferee

n. receiver of a degree; one who is granted something

confessor

n. a spiritual advisor

Forms: confessors

confidant

n. one to whom secrets are entrusted

confide

v. to reveal in trust

Forms: confided; confided; confiding

confidence

n. the state or feeling of trust in or reliance upon another

Forms: confidences

confident

adj. assured

Forms: more confident; most confident

confinement

n. restriction within limits or boundaries

Forms: confinements

confiscate

v. to appropriate (private property) as forfeited to the public use or treasury

Forms: confiscated; confiscated; confiscating

conflagration

n. a great fire, as of many buildings, a forest or the like

Forms: conflagrations

confluence

n. the place where streams meet

Forms: confluences

confluent

n. a stream that unites with another

conformable

adj. harmonious

conformance

n. the act or state of conforming

conformation

n. structure; adaptation; adjustment

conformity

n. acting in accordance with prevailing norms or standards; correspondence in character; agreement; compliance

confront

v. to encounter, as difficulties or obstacles

Forms: confronted; confronted; confronting

congeal

v. to coagulate

Forms: congealed; congealed; congealing

congenial

adj. having kindred character or tastes

congest

v. to collect into a mass

Forms: congested; congested; congesting

congregate

v. to bring together into a crowd

Forms: congregated; congregated; congregating

coniferous

adj. cone-bearing trees

conjecture

n. a guess

Forms: conjectures

conjoin

v. to unite

Forms: conjoined; conjoined; conjoining

conjugal

adj. pertaining to marriage, marital rights or married persons

conjugate

adj. joined together in pairs

conjugation

n. the state or condition of being joined together

conjunction

n. the state of being joined together or the things so joined

Forms: conjunctions

connive

v. to be in collusion

Forms: connived; connived; conniving

connoisseur

n. a critical judge of art, especially one with thorough knowledge and sound judgment of art

Forms: connoisseurs

connote

v. to mean; to signify

Forms: connoted; connoted; connoting**connubial**

adj. pertaining to marriage or matrimony

conquer

v. to overcome by force

Forms: conquered; conquered; conquering**consanguineous**

adj. descended from the same parent or ancestor

conscience

n. the faculty in man by which he distinguishes between right and wrong in character and conduct

conscientious

adj. governed by moral standard

conscious

adj. aware that one lives, feels and thinks

conscript

v. to force into military service

Forms: conscripted; conscripted; conscripting**consecrate**

v. to set apart as sacred

Forms: consecrated; consecrated; consecrating**consecutive**

adj. following in uninterrupted succession

consensus

n. a collective unanimous opinion of a number of persons

Forms: consensuses**conservatism**

n. tendency to adhere to the existing order of things

conservative

adj. adhering to the existing order of things

Forms: more conservative; most conservative**conservatory**

n. an institution for instruction and training in music and declamation

Forms: conservatories**consign**

v. to entrust

Forms: consigned; consigned; consigning**consignee**

n. a person to whom goods or other property has been entrusted

consignor

n. one who entrusts

consistency

n. a state of permanence

Forms: consistencies

console

v. to comfort

Forms: consoled; consoled; consoling**consolidate**

v. to combine into one body or system

Forms: consolidated; consolidated; consolidating**consonance**

n. the state or quality of being in accord with

consonant

adj. being in agreement or harmony with

consort

n. a companion or associate

Forms: consorts**conspicuous**

adj. clearly visible

conspirator

n. person who agrees with others to cooperate in accomplishing some unlawful purpose

Forms: conspirators**conspire**

v. to plot

Forms: conspired; conspired; conspiring**constable**

n. an officer whose duty is to maintain the peace

Forms: constables**constellation**

n. an arbitrary assemblage or group of stars

Forms: constellations**consternation**

n. panic

constituency

n. the inhabitants or voters in a district represented in a legislative body

Forms: constituencies**constituent**

n. person who has the right to vote at an election

Forms: constituents**constrict**

v. to bind

Forms: constricted; constricted; constricting**consul**

n. an officer appointed to reside in a foreign city, chiefly to represent his country

Forms: consuls**consulate**

n. office of an official chosen by a government to represent its interests in a foreign country

consummate

v. to bring to completion

Forms: consummated; consummated; consummating**consumption**

n. gradual destruction, as by burning, eating, etc. or by using up, wearing out, etc.

consumptive

adj. designed for gradual destruction

contagion

n. the communication of disease from person to person

Forms: contagions**contagious**

adj. transmitting disease

contaminate

v. to pollute

Forms: contaminated; contaminated; contaminating**contemplate**

v. to consider thoughtfully

Forms: contemplated; contemplated; contemplating**contemporaneous**

adj. living, occurring or existing at the same time

contemporary

adj. living or existing at the same time

contemptible

adj. worthy of scorn or disdain

contemptuous

adj. disdainful

contender

n. one who exerts oneself in opposition or rivalry

contiguity

n. proximity

Forms: contiguities**contiguous**

adj. touching or joining at the edge or boundary

continence

n. self-restraint with respect to desires, appetites and passion

contingency

n. possibility of happening

Forms: contingencies**contingent**

adj. not predictable

continuance

n. permanence

continuation

n. prolongation

*Forms: continuations***continuity**

n. uninterrupted connection in space, time, operation or development

continuous

adj. connected, extended or prolonged without separation or interruption of sequence

contort

v. to twist into a misshapen form

*Forms: contorted; contorted; contorting***contraband**

n. trade forbidden by law or treaty

contradiction

n. the assertion of the opposite of that which has been said

*Forms: contradictions***contradictory**

adj. inconsistent with itself

contraposition

n. a placing opposite

contravene

v. to prevent or obstruct the operation of

*Forms: contravened; contravened; contravening***contribution**

n. the act of giving for a common purpose

*Forms: contributions***contributor**

n. one who gives or furnishes, in common with others, for a common purpose

*Forms: contributors***contrite**

adj. broken in spirit because of a sense of sin

contrivance

n. the act planning, devising, inventing or adapting something to or for a special purpose

*Forms: contrivances***contrive**

v. to manage or carry through by some device or scheme

*Forms: contrived; contrived; contriving***control**

v. to exercise a directing, restraining or governing influence over

*Forms: controlled; controlled; controlling***controller**

n. person who or that which regulates or directs

Forms: controllers

contumacious

adj. rebellious

contumacy

n. contemptuous disregard of the requirements of rightful authority

Forms: contumacies**contuse**

v. to bruise by a blow, either with or without the breaking of the skin

Forms: contused; contused; contusing**contusion**

n. a bruise

convalesce

v. to recover after a sickness

Forms: convalesced; convalesced; convalescing**convalescence**

n. the state of progressive restoration to health and strength after the cessation of disease

convalescent

adj. recovering health after sickness

convene

v. to summon or cause to assemble

Forms: convened; convened; convening**convenience**

n. fitness, as of time or place

Forms: conveniences**converge**

v. to cause to incline and approach nearer together

Forms: converged; converged; converging**convergent**

adj. tending to one point

conversant

adj. thoroughly informed

conversion

n. change from one state or position to another or from one form to another

Forms: conversions**convertible**

adj. interchangeable

convex

adj. curving like the segment of the globe or of the surface of a circle

conveyance

n. that by which anything is transported

Forms: conveyances

convivial

adj. devoted to feasting or to good-fellowship in eating or drinking

convolution

n. a winding motion

convolve

v. to move with a circling or winding motion

Forms: convolved; convolved; convolving

convoy

n. a protecting force accompanying property in course of transportation

convulse

v. to cause spasms in

Forms: convulsed; convulsed; convulsing

convulsion

n. a violent and abnormal muscular contraction of the body

Forms: convulsions

copious

adj. plenteous

coquette

n. a flirt

cornice

n. an ornamental molding running round the walls of a room close to the ceiling

Forms: cornices

cornucopia

n. the horn of plenty, symbolizing peace and prosperity

Forms: cornucopias

corollary

n. a proposition following so obviously from another that it requires little demonstration

Forms: corollaries

coronation

n. the act or ceremony of crowning a monarch

Forms: coronations

coronet

n. inferior crown denoting, according to its form, various degrees of noble rank less than sovereign

Forms: coronets

corporal

adj. belonging or relating to the body as opposed to the mind

corporate

adj. belonging to a corporation

corporeal

adj. of a material nature; physical

corps

n. a number or body of persons in some way associated or acting together

Forms: corps

corpse

n. a dead body

Forms: corpses

corpulent

adj. obese

corpuscle

n. a minute particle of matter

correlate

v. to put in some relation of connection or correspondence

Forms: correlated; correlated; correlating

correlative

adj. mutually involving or implying one another

corrigible

adj. capable of reformation

corroborate

v. to strengthen, as proof or conviction

Forms: corroborated; corroborated; corroborating

corroboration

n. confirmation

corrode

v. to ruin or destroy little by little

Forms: corroded; corroded; corroding

corrosion

n. gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration

corrosive

n. that which causes gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration

corruptible

adj. open to bribery

corruption

n. loss of purity or integrity

cosmetic

adj. pertaining to the art of beautifying, especially the complexion

cosmic

adj. pertaining to the universe

cosmogony

n. a doctrine of creation or of the origin of the universe

Forms: cosmogonies

cosmography

n. the science that describes the universe, including astronomy, geography and geology

Forms: cosmographies

cosmology

n. the general science of the universe

cosmopolitan

adj. common to all the world

cosmopolitanism

n. sophistication; worldliness

cosmos

n. the world or universe considered as a system, perfect in order and arrangement

Forms: cosmos, cosmoses

counter-claim

n. a cross-demand alleged by a defendant in his favor against the plaintiff

counteract

v. to work against; cancel out; negate

Forms: counteracted; counteracted; counteracting

counterbalance

v. to oppose with an equal force

Forms: counterbalanced; counterbalanced; counterbalancing

countercharge

v. to accuse in return

Forms: countercharged; countercharged; countercharging

counterfeit

adj. made to resemble something else

counterpart

n. something taken with another for the completion of either

Forms: counterparts

countervail

v. to offset

Forms: countervailed; countervailed; countervailing

counting-house

n. an office used for transacting business, bookkeeping, correspondence, etc.

countryman

n. a rustic

Forms: countrymen

courageous

adj. brave

course

n. line of motion or direction

Forms: courses

courser

n. a fleet and spirited horse

courtesy

n. politeness originating in kindness and exercised habitually

Forms: courtesies

covenant

n. an agreement entered into by two or more persons or parties

Forms: covenants

covert

adj. concealed, especially for an evil purpose

covey

n. a flock of quails or partridges

Forms: coveys

cower

v. to crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame

Forms: cowered; cowered; cowering

coxswain

n. person who steers a small boat

crag

n. a rugged, rocky projection on a cliff or ledge

Forms: crags

cranium

n. the skull of an animal, especially that part enclosing the brain

Forms: craniums, crania

crass

adj. coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine

Forms: crasser; crassest

craving

n. a vehement desire

Forms: cravings

creak

n. a sharp, harsh, squeaking sound

Forms: creaks

creamery

n. a butter-making establishment

Forms: creameries

creamy

adj. smooth

Forms: creamier; creamiest

credence

n. belief

credible

adj. believable

credulous

adj. easily deceived

creed

n. a formal summary of fundamental points of religious belief

Forms: creeds

crematory

adj. a place for cremating dead bodies

crevasse

n. a deep crack or fissure in the ice of a glacier

crevice

n. a small fissure, as between two contiguous surfaces

Forms: crevices

criterion

n. a standard by which to determine the correctness of a judgment or conclusion

Forms: criteria, criterions

critique

n. a criticism or critical review

crockery

n. earthenware made from baked clay

crucible

n. a trying and purifying test or agency

Forms: crucibles

crusade

n. any concerted movement, vigorously prosecuted, in behalf of an idea or principle

Forms: crusades

crustacean

adj. pertaining to a division of arthropods, containing lobsters, crabs, crawfish, etc

crustaceous

adj. resembling a hard shell

cryptogram

n. anything written in characters that are secret or so arranged as to have hidden meaning

crystallize

v. to bring together or give fixed shape to

Forms: crystallized; crystallized; crystallizing

cudgel

n. a short thick stick used as a club

culinary

adj. of or pertaining to cooking or the kitchen

cull

v. to pick or sort out from the rest

Forms: culled; culled; culling

culpable

adj. guilty

culprit

n. a guilty person

Forms: culprits**culvert**

n. any artificial covered channel for the passage of water through a bank or under a road

cupidity

n. avarice

curable

adj. capable of being remedied or corrected

curator

n. a person having charge as of a library or museum

curio

n. a piece of bric-a-brac

Forms: curios**cursive**

adj. writing in which the letters are joined together

cursory

adj. rapid and superficial

curt

adj. concise, compressed and abrupt in act or expression

Forms: curter; curtest**curtail**

v. to cut off or cut short

Forms: curtailed; curtailed; curtailing**curtsy**

n. a downward movement of the body by bending the knees

Forms: curtsies**cycloid**

adj. like a circle

cygnet

n. a young swan

cynical

adj. exhibiting moral skepticism

cynicism

n. contempt for the opinions of others and of what others value

cynosure

n. that to which general interest or attention is directed

daring

adj. brave

Forms: more daring; most daring**darkling**

adv. blindly

darwinism

n. the doctrine that natural selection has been the prime cause of evolution of higher forms

dastard

n. a base coward

datum

n. a premise, starting-point or given fact

Forms: data, datums**dauntless**

adj. fearless

day-man

n. a laborer who changes jobs frequently

dead-heat

n. a race in which two or more competitors come out even, and there is no winner

dearth

n. scarcity, as of something customary, essential or desirable

death's-head

n. human skull or representation of a man's skull

debase

v. to lower in character or virtue

Forms: debased; debased; debasing**debatable**

adj. subject to contention or dispute

debonair

adj. having gentle or courteous bearing or manner

debut

n. a first appearance in society or on the stage

Forms: debuts**decagon**

n. a figure with ten sides and ten angles

decagram

n. a weight of 10 grams

decaliter

n. a liquid and dry measure of 10 liters

decatalogue

n. the ten commandments

decameron

n. a volume consisting of ten parts or books

decameter

n. a length of ten meters

decamp

v. to leave suddenly or unexpectedly

Forms: decamped; decamped; decamping**decapitate**

v. to behead

Forms: decapitated; decapitated; decapitating**decapod**

adj. ten-footed or ten-armed

decasyllable

n. a line of ten syllables

deceit

n. falsehood

Forms: deceits**deceitful**

adj. fraudulent

deceive

v. to mislead by or as by falsehood

Forms: deceived; deceived; deceiving**decency**

n. moral fitness

Forms: decencies**decent**

adj. characterized by propriety of conduct, speech, manners or dress

deciduous

adj. falling off at maturity as petals after flowering, fruit when ripe, etc

decimal

adj. founded on the number 10

decimate

v. to destroy a measurable or large proportion of

Forms: decimated; decimated; decimating**decipher**

v. to find out the true words or meaning of, as something hardly legible

Forms: deciphered; deciphered; deciphering**decisive**

adj. conclusive

declamation

n. a speech recited or intended for recitation from memory in public

declamatory

adj. a full and formal style of utterance

declarative

adj. containing a formal, positive or explicit statement or affirmation

declension

n. the change of endings in nouns and adjectives to express their different relations of gender

Forms: plural: declension

decorate

v. to embellish

Forms: decorated; decorated; decorating**decorous**

adj. suitable for the occasion or circumstances

decoy

n. anything that allures or is intended to allures into danger or temptation

Forms: decoys**decrepit**

adj. enfeebled, as by old age or some chronic infirmity

dedication

n. the voluntary consecration or relinquishment of something to an end or cause

Forms: dedications**deduce**

v. to derive or draw as a conclusion by reasoning from given premises or principles

Forms: deduced; deduced; deducing**deface**

v. to vandalize

Forms: defaced; defaced; defacing**defalcate**

v. to cut off or take away, as a part of something

Forms: defalcated; defalcated; defalcating**defamation**

n. malicious and groundless injury done to the reputation or good name of another

defame

v. to slander

Forms: defamed; defamed; defaming**default**

n. the neglect or omission of a legal requirement

defendant

n. a person against whom a suit is brought

Forms: defendants**defensible**

adj. capable of being maintained or justified

defensive

adj. carried on in resistance to aggression

defer

v. to delay or put off to some other time

Forms: deferred; deferred; deferring**deference**

n. respectful submission or yielding, as to another's opinion, wishes or judgment

defiant

adj. characterized by bold or insolent opposition

deficiency

n. lack; shortage

*Forms: deficiencies***deficient**

adj. not having an adequate or proper supply or amount

definite

adj. having an exact signification or positive meaning

deflect

v. to cause to turn aside or downward

*Forms: deflected; deflected; deflecting***deforest**

v. to clear of woods

*Forms: deforested; deforested; deforesting***deform**

v. to disfigure

*Forms: deformed; deformed; deforming***deformity**

n. a disfigurement

*Forms: deformities***defraud**

v. to deprive of something dishonestly

*Forms: defrauded; defrauded; defrauding***defray**

v. to make payment for

*Forms: defrayed; defrayed; defraying***degeneracy**

n. process of becoming worse

degenerate

v. to become worse or inferior

*Forms: degenerated; degenerated; degenerating***degradation**

n. diminution, as of strength or magnitude

degrade

v. to take away honors or position from

*Forms: degraded; degraded; degrading***dehydrate**

v. to deprive of water

*Forms: dehydrated; dehydrated; dehydrating***deify**

v. to regard or worship as a god

*Forms: deified; deified; deifying***deign**

v. to deem worthy of notice or account

*Forms: deigned; deigned; deigning***deist**

n. person who believes in God but denies supernatural revelation

deity

n. a god, goddess or divine person

*Forms: deities***deject**

v. to dishearten

*Forms: dejected; dejected; dejecting***dejection**

n. melancholy

delectable

adj. delightful to the taste or to the senses

delectation

n. delight

deleterious

adj. hurtful, morally or physically

delicacy

n. that which is agreeable to a fine taste

*Forms: delicacies***delineate**

v. to represent by sketch or diagram

*Forms: delineated; delineated; delineating***deliquesce**

v. to dissolve gradually and become liquid by absorption of moisture from the air

*Forms: deliquesced; deliquesced; deliquescing***delirious**

adj. raving

delude

v. to mislead the mind or judgment of

*Forms: deluded; deluded; deluding***deluge**

v. to overwhelm with a flood of water

*Forms: deluged; deluged; deluging***delusion**

n. mistaken conviction, especially when more or less enduring

*Forms: delusions***demagnetize**

v. to deprive attractive properties

*Forms: demagnetized; demagnetized; demagnetizing***demagogue**

n. an unprincipled politician

demeanor

n. deportment

demented

adj. insane

demerit

n. a mark for failure or bad conduct

demise

n. death

*Forms: demises***demobilize**

v. discharge from military service; disband an army

Forms: demobilized; demobilized; demobilizing

demolish

v. to annihilate; to destroy; to ruin; to tear down

Forms: demolished; demolished; demolishing

demonstrable

adj. capable of positive proof

demonstrate

v. to prove indubitably

Forms: demonstrated; demonstrated; demonstrating

demonstrative

adj. inclined to strong exhibition or expression of feeling or thoughts

demonstrator

n. one who proves in a convincing and conclusive manner

demulcent

n. any application soothing to an irritable surface

demurrage

n. the detention of a vessel beyond the specified time of sailing

dendroid

adj. like a tree

dendrology

n. the natural history of trees

denizen

n. inhabitant

Forms: denizens

denominate

v. to give a name or epithet to

Forms: denominated; denominated; denominating

denomination

n. a body of Christians united by a common faith and form of worship and discipline

Forms: denominations

denominator

n. part of a fraction which expresses the number of equal parts into which the unit is divided

denote

v. to designate by word or mark

Forms: denoted; denoted; denoting

denouement

n. that part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up

denounce

v. to point out or publicly accuse as deserving of punishment, censure or odium

Forms: denounced; denounced; denouncing

dentifrice

n. any preparation used for cleaning the teeth

denude

v. to strip the covering from

Forms: denuded; denuded; denuding

denunciation

n. the act of declaring an action or person worthy of reprobation or punishment

Forms: denunciations

deplete

v. to reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion or waste

Forms: depleted; depleted; depleting

deplorable

adj. contemptible

deplore

v. to regard with grief or sorrow

Forms: deplored; deplored; deploring

deponent

adj. laying down

depopulate

v. to remove the inhabitants from

Forms: depopulated; depopulated; depopulating

deport

v. to take or send away forcibly, as to a penal colony

Forms: deported; deported; deporting

deportment

n. demeanor

deposition

n. testimony legally taken on interrogatories and reduced to writing, for use as evidence in court

Forms: depositions

depositor

n. person who places in trust

Forms: depositors

depository

n. a place where anything is kept in safety

Forms: depositories

deprave

v. to render bad, especially morally bad

Forms: depraved; depraved; depraving

deprecate

v. to express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite

Forms: deprecated; deprecated; deprecating

depreciate

v. to lessen the worth of

Forms: depreciated; depreciated; depreciating

depreciation

n. a lowering in value or an underrating in worth

depress

v. to make sad; discourage

Forms: depressed; depressed; depressing

depression

n. sadness; low spirits

Forms: depressions

depth

n. deepness

Forms: depths

derelict

adj. neglectful of obligation

deride

v. to ridicule

Forms: derided; derided; deriding

derisible

adj. open to ridicule

derision

n. ridicule

Forms: derisions

derivation

n. process by which a word is traced from its original root or primitive form and meaning

derivative

adj. coming or acquired from some origin

derive

v. to deduce, as from a premise

Forms: derived; derived; deriving

dermatology

n. the branch of medical science which relates to the skin and its diseases

derrick

n. an apparatus for hoisting and swinging great weights

Forms: derricks

descendant

n. person who is descended lineally from another, as a child, grandchild, etc

Forms: descendants

descendent

adj. proceeding downward

descent

n. the act of moving or going downward

Forms: descents

descry

v. to discern

*Forms: descried; descried; descrying***desert**

v. to abandon without regard to the welfare of the abandoned

*Forms: deserted; deserted; deserting***desiccant**

n. any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds

designate

v. to select or appoint, as by authority

*Forms: designated; designated; designating***desist**

v. to cease from action

*Forms: desisted; desisted; desisting***desistance**

n. cessation

despair

n. utter hopelessness and despondency

desperado

n. person without regard for law or life

*Forms: plurals: desperadoes, desperados***desperate**

adj. resorted to in a last extremity or as if prompted by utter despair

despicable

adj. contemptible

despond

v. to lose spirit, courage or hope

*Forms: desponded; desponded; desponding***despondent**

adj. disheartened

despot

n. an absolute and irresponsible monarch

*Forms: despots***despotism**

n. any severe and strict rule in which the judgment of the governed has little or no part

*Forms: despotisms***destitute**

adj. poverty-stricken

desultory

adj. not connected with what precedes

deter

v. to frighten away

*Forms: deterred; deterred; deterring***deteriorate**

v. to grow worse

Forms: deteriorated; deteriorated; deteriorating

determinate

adj. definitely limited or fixed

determination

n. the act of deciding

Forms: determinations**deterrent**

adj. hindering from action through fear

detest

v. to dislike or hate with intensity

Forms: detested; detested; detesting**detract**

v. to take away in such manner as to lessen value or estimation

Forms: detracted; detracted; detracting**detriment**

n. something that causes damage, depreciation or loss

detrude

v. to push down forcibly

Forms: detruded; detruded; detruding**deviate**

v. to take a different course

Forms: deviated; deviated; deviating**devilry**

n. malicious mischief

Forms: devilries**deviltry**

n. wanton and malicious mischief

Forms: deviltries**devious**

adj. out of the common or regular track

devise

v. to invent

Forms: devised; devised; devising**devout**

adj. religious

Forms: devouter; devoutest**dexterity**

n. readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work

diabolic

adj. characteristic of the devil

diacritical

adj. marking a difference

diagnose

v. to distinguish, as a disease, by its characteristic phenomena

Forms: diagnosed; diagnosed; diagnosing**diagnosis**

n. determination of the distinctive nature of a disease

Forms: diagnoses

dialect

n. forms of speech collectively that are peculiar to the people of a particular district

Forms: dialects

dialectician

n. a logician

dialogue

n. a formal conversation in which two or more take part

Forms: dialogues

diaphanous

adj. transparent

diatomic

adj. containing only two atoms

diatribe

n. a bitter or malicious criticism

dictum

n. a positive utterance

Forms: dicta, dictums

didactic

adj. pertaining to teaching

difference

n. dissimilarity in any respect

Forms: differences

differentia

n. any essential characteristic of a species by reason of which it differs from other species

Forms: differentiae

differential

adj. distinctive

differentiate

v. to acquire a distinct and separate character

Forms: differentiated; differentiated; differentiating

diffidence

n. self-distrust

diffident

adj. affected or possessed with self-distrust

diffusible

adj. spreading rapidly through the system and acting quickly

diffusion

n. dispersion

dignitary

n. one who holds high rank

Forms: dignitaries

digraph

n. a union of two characters representing a single sound

digress

v. to turn aside from the main subject and for a time dwell on some incidental matter

Forms: digressed; digressed; digressing

dilapidated

adj. fallen into decay or partial ruin

dilate

v. to enlarge in all directions

Forms: dilated; dilated; dilating

dilatory

adj. tending to cause delay

dilemma

n. a situation in which a choice between opposing modes of conduct is necessary

Forms: dilemmas

dilettante

n. a superficial amateur

Forms: dilettantes, dilettanti

diligence

n. careful and persevering effort to accomplish what is undertaken

dilute

v. to make more fluid or less concentrated by admixture with something

Forms: diluted; diluted; diluting

diminution

n. reduction

Forms: diminutions

dimly

adv. obscurely

diphthong

n. the sound produced by combining two vowels in to a single syllable or running together the sounds

diplomacy

n. tact, shrewdness or skill in conducting any kind of negotiations or in social matters

diplomat

n. a representative of one sovereign state at the capital or court of another

Forms: diplomats

diplomatic

adj. characterized by special tact in negotiations

diplomatist

n. person who is remarkable for tact and shrewd management

disagree

v. to be opposite in opinion

Forms: disagreed; disagreed; disagreeing

disallow

v. to withhold permission or sanction

Forms: disallowed; disallowed; disallowing**disappear**

v. to cease to exist, either actually or for the time being

Forms: disappeared; disappeared; disappearing**disappoint**

v. to fail to fulfill the expectation, hope, wish or desire of

Forms: disappointed; disappointed; disappointing**disapprove**

v. to regard with blame

Forms: disapproved; disapproved; disapproving**disarm**

v. to deprive of weapons

Forms: disarmed; disarmed; disarming**disarrange**

v. to throw out of order

Forms: disarranged; disarranged; disarranging**disavow**

v. to disclaim responsibility for

Forms: disavowed; disavowed; disavowing**disavowal**

n. denial

disbeliever

n. an atheist

disburden

v. to disencumber

Forms: disburdened; disburdened; disburdening**disburse**

v. to pay out or expend, as money from a fund

Forms: disbursed; disbursed; disbursing**discard**

v. to reject

Forms: discarded; discarded; discarding**discernible**

adj. perceivable

disciple

n. person who believes the teaching of another or who adopts and follows some doctrine

Forms: disciples**disciplinary**

adj. having the nature of systematic training or subjection to authority

discipline

v. to train to obedience

Forms: disciplined; disciplined; disciplining

disclaim

v. to repudiate; disavow; renounce; deny connection with

Forms: disclaimed; disclaimed; disclaiming**discolor**

v. to stain

Forms: discolored; discolored; discoloring**discomfit**

v. to put to confusion

Forms: discomfited; discomfited; discomfiting**discomfort**

n. the state of being positively uncomfortable

Forms: discomforts**disconnect**

v. to cut off

Forms: disconnected; disconnected; disconnecting**disconsolate**

adj. grief-stricken

discontinuance

n. interruption or intermission

discord

n. absence of harmoniousness

Forms: discords**discountenance**

v. to look upon with disfavor

Forms: discountenanced; discountenanced; discountenancing**discover**

v. to get first sight or knowledge of, as something previously unknown or unperceived

Forms: discovered; discovered; discovering**discredit**

v. to injure the reputation of

Forms: discredited; discredited; discrediting**discreet**

adj. judicious

discrepant

adj. opposite

discriminate

v. to separate, to distinguish; to treat differently; to show partiality

Forms: discriminated; discriminated; discriminating**discursive**

adj. passing from one subject to another

discussion

n. debate

Forms: discussions

disenfranchise

v. to deprive of any right privilege or power

Forms: disenfranchised; disenfranchised;
disenfranchising

disengage

v. to become detached

Forms: disengaged; disengaged; disengaging

disfavor

n. disregard

disfigure

v. to impair or injure the beauty, symmetry or appearance of

Forms: disfigured; disfigured; disfiguring

dishabille

n. undress or negligent attire

dishonest

adj. untrustworthy

disillusion

v. to disenchant

Forms: disillusioned; disillusioned; disillusioning

disinfect

v. to remove or destroy the poison of infectious or contagious diseases

Forms: disinfected; disinfected; disinfecting

disinfectant

n. chemical agent that destroys a harmful organism

disinherit

v. to deprive of an inheritance

Forms: disinherited; disinherited; disinheriting

disinterested

adj. impartial

disjunctive

adj. helping or serving to disconnect or separate

dislocate

v. to put out of proper place or order

Forms: dislocated; dislocated; dislocating

dismissal

n. displacement by authority from an office or an employment

Forms: dismissals

dismount

v. to throw down, push off or remove otherwise from a horse or the like

Forms: dismounted; dismounted; dismounting

disobedience

n. neglect or refusal to comply with an authoritative injunction

disobedient

adj. neglecting or refusing to obey

disown

v. to cut off (from an inheritance, family, etc.); repudiate; disavow; renounce

Forms: disowned; disowned; disowning**disparage**

v. to regard or speak of slightly

Forms: disparaged; disparaged; disparaging**disparity**

n. inequality

Forms: disparities**dispel**

v. to drive away by or as by scattering in different directions

Forms: dispelled; dispelled; dispelling**dispensation**

n. something that is bestowed on or appointed to one from a higher power

Forms: dispensations**displace**

v. to remove from office; oust

Forms: displaced; displaced; displacing**dispossess**

v. to deprive of actual occupancy, especially of real estate

Forms: dispossessed; dispossessed; dispossessing**disputation**

n. verbal controversy

disqualify

v. to debar

Forms: disqualified; disqualified; disqualifying**disquiet**

v. to deprive of peace or tranquillity

Forms: disquieted; disquieted; disquieting**disregard**

v. to take no notice of

Forms: disregarded; disregarded; disregarding**disreputable**

adj. lacking honor; having a bad reputation

disrepute

n. a bad name or character

disrobe

v. to unclothe

Forms: disrobed; disrobed; disrobing**disrupt**

v. to burst or break asunder

Forms: disrupted; disrupted; disrupting**dissatisfy**

v. to displease

Forms: dissatisfied; dissatisfied; dissatisfying**dissect**

v. to cut apart or to pieces

Forms: dissected; dissected; dissecting

dissection

n. the act or operation of cutting in pieces, specifically of a plant or an animal

Forms: dissections

dissemble

v. to hide by pretending something different

Forms: dissembled; dissembled; dissembling

disseminate

v. to sow or scatter abroad, as seed is sown

Forms: disseminated; disseminated; disseminating

dissension

n. angry or violent difference of opinion

Forms: dissensions

dissent

n. disagreement

dissentient

n. person who disagrees

Forms: dissentients

dissentious

adj. contentious

dissertation

n. thesis

Forms: dissertations

disservice

n. an ill turn

dissever

v. to divide

Forms: dissevered; dissevered; dissevering

dissimilar

adj. different

dissipate

v. to disperse or disappear

Forms: dissipated; dissipated; dissipating

dissipation

n. the state of being dispersed or scattered

dissolute

adj. lewd

dissolution

n. process of breaking up of a union of persons

Forms: dissolutions

dissolve

v. to liquefy or soften, as by heat or moisture

Forms: dissolved; dissolved; dissolving

dissonance

n. discord

dissonant

adj. harsh or disagreeable in sound

dissuade

v. to change the purpose or alter the plans of by persuasion, counsel or pleading

Forms: dissuaded; dissuaded; dissuading

dissuasion

n. the act of changing the purpose of or altering the plans of through persuasion or pleading

distemper

n. a disease or malady

Forms: distempers

distend

v. to stretch out or expand in every direction

Forms: distended; distended; distending

distensible

adj. capable of being stretched out or expanded in every direction

distention

n. expansion

distill

v. to extract or produce by vaporization and condensation

Forms: distilled; distilled; distilling

distillation

n. separation of the more volatile parts of a substance from those less volatile

Forms: distillations

distiller

n. purifier; person or company that makes alcoholic beverages

Forms: distillers

distinction

n. a note or designation of honor, officially recognizing superiority or success in studies

Forms: distinctions

distort

v. to twist into an unnatural or irregular form

Forms: distorted; distorted; distorting

distrain

v. to subject a person to distress

Forms: distrained; distrained; distraining

distrainor

n. person who subjects another person to distress

Forms: distrainers

distraught

adj. bewildered

distrust

n. lack of confidence in the power, wisdom or good intent of any person

disunion

n. separation of relations or interests

disyllable

n. a word of two syllables

diurnal

adj. daily

divagation

n. digression

divergent

adj. tending in different directions

diverse

adj. capable of various forms

diversion

n. pastime

Forms: diversions**diversity**

n. dissimilitude

Forms: diversities**divert**

v. to turn from the accustomed course or a line of action already established

Forms: diverted; diverted; diverting**divertible**

adj. able to be turned from the accustomed course or a line of action already established

divest

v. to strip, specifically of clothes, ornaments or accouterments or disinvestment

Forms: divested; divested; divesting**divination**

n. the pretended forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden

divinity

n. the quality or character of being godlike

Forms: divinities**divisible**

adj. capable of being separated into parts

divisor

n. that by which a number or quantity is divided

divulge

v. to tell or make known, as something previously private or secret

Forms: divulged; divulged; divulging**divulgence**

n. disclosure; act of exposing

Forms: divulgences**docile**

adj. easy to manage

docket

n. the registry of judgments of a court

doe

n. the female of the deer

Forms: does, doe**dogma**

n. a statement of religious faith or duty formulated by a body claiming authority

Forms: dogmas, dogmata

dogmatic

adj. making statements without argument or evidence

dogmatize

v. to make positive assertions without supporting them by argument or evidence

Forms: dogmatized; dogmatized; dogmatizing**doleful**

adj. melancholy

dolesome

adj. melancholy

dolor

n. lamentation

dolorous

adj. expressing or causing sorrow or pain

domain

n. a sphere or field of action or interest

Forms: domains**domesticity**

n. life in or fondness for one's home and family

Forms: domesticities**domicile**

n. the place where one lives

dominance

n. ascendancy

dominant

adj. conspicuously prominent

Forms: more dominant; most dominant**dominate**

v. to influence controllingly

Forms: dominated; dominated; dominating**domination**

n. control by the exercise of power or constituted authority

domineer

v. to rule with insolence or unnecessary annoyance

Forms: domineered; domineered; domineering**donate**

v. to bestow as a gift, especially for a worthy cause

Forms: donated; donated; donating**donator**

n. person who makes a contribution or present

Forms: donators**donee**

n. a person to whom a donation is made

donor

n. person who makes a contribution or present

Forms: donors

dormant

adj. being in a state of or resembling sleep

doublet

n. one of a pair of like things

Forms: doublets**doubly**

adv. in twofold degree or extent

dowry

n. the property which a wife brings to her husband in marriage

Forms: dowries**drachma**

n. a modern and an ancient Greek coin

Forms: drachmas, drachmae**dragnet**

n. a trawl for trapping fish or small game; method by which someone or something is found or caught

dragoon

n. in the British army, a cavalryman

Forms: dragoons**drainage**

n. emptying of liquid; channeling; sewage; waste water

dramatist

n. person who writes plays

Forms: dramatists**dramatize**

v. adapt for theatrical presentation; exaggerate

Forms: dramatized; dramatized; dramatizing**drastic**

adj. acting vigorously

drought

n. dry weather, especially when so long continued as to cause vegetation to wither

Forms: droughts**drowsy**

adj. heavy with sleepiness

Forms: drowsier; drowsiest**drudgery**

n. hard and constant work in any menial or dull occupation

dubious

adj. doubtful

duckling

n. a young bird

ductile

adj. capable of being drawn out, as into wire or a thread

duet

n. a composition for two voices or instruments

dun

v. to make a demand or repeated demands on for payment

Forms: dunned; dunned; dunning

duplex

adj. having two parts

duplicity

n. double-dealing

Forms: duplicities

durance

n. confinement

duration

n. the period of time during which anything lasts

duteous

adj. showing submission to natural superiors

dutiable

adj. taxable

dutiful

adj. obedient

dwindle

v. to diminish or become less

Forms: dwindled; dwindled; dwindling

dyne

n. measurement of force

earnest

adj. ardent in spirit and speech

earthenware

n. anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun

eatable

adj. edible

ebullient

adj. showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling

eccentric

adj. peculiar

eccentricity

n. idiosyncrasy

*Forms: eccentricities***eclipse**

n. the obstruction of a heavenly body by its entering into the shadow of another body

*Forms: eclipses***economize**

v. to spend sparingly

*Forms: economized; economized; economizing***ecstasy**

n. rapturous excitement or exaltation

*Forms: ecstasies***ecstatic**

adj. enraptured

edible

adj. suitable to be eaten

edict

n. that which is uttered or proclaimed by authority as a rule of action

edify

v. to build up or strengthen, especially in morals or religion

*Forms: edified; edified; edifying***editorial**

n. an article presenting the opinion of the publishers

*Forms: editorials***educe**

v. to draw out

*Forms: educed; educed; educating***efface**

v. to obliterate

*Forms: effaced; effaced; effacing***effect**

n. a consequence

*Forms: effects***effective**

adj. fit for a destined purpose

Forms: more effective; most effective

effectual
adj. efficient

effeminacy
n. lack of manly qualities; femininity

effeminate
adj. having womanish traits or qualities

effervesce
v. to bubble up
Forms: effervesced; effervesced; effervescing

effervescent
adj. giving off bubbles of gas

effete
adj. exhausted, as having performed its functions

efficacious
adj. effective

efficacy
n. ability to produce the desired result

efficiency
n. the state of possessing adequate skill or knowledge for the performance of a duty

efficient
adj. having and exercising the power to produce effects or results
Forms: more efficient; most efficient

efflorescence
n. the state of being flowery or a flowery appearance

efflorescent
adj. opening in flower

effluvium
n. a noxious or ill-smelling exhalation from decaying or putrefying matter
Forms: effluvia, effluvia

effrontery
n. unblushing impudence
Forms: effronteries

effulgence
n. splendor

effuse
v. to pour forth
Forms: effused; effused; effusing

effusion
n. an outpouring

egoism
n. the theory that places man's chief good in the completeness of self

egoist
n. one who advocates or practices egoism

egotism
n. self-conceit

egotist

n. one given to self-mention or who is constantly telling of his own views and experiences

egregious

adj. extreme

egress

n. any place of exit

eject

v. to expel

Forms: ejected; ejected; ejecting

elapse

v. to quietly terminate

Forms: elapsed; elapsed; elapsing

elasticity

n. that property of matter by which a body tends to return to a former shape after being changed

electrolysis

n. the process of decomposing a chemical compound by the passage of an electric current

electrotype

n. a metallic copy of any surface, as a coin

eleemosynary

adj. pertaining to charity

elegy

n. a lyric poem lamenting the dead

Forms: elegies

element

n. a component or essential part

Forms: elements

elicit

v. to educe or extract gradually or without violence

Forms: elicited; elicited; eliciting

eligible

adj. qualified for selection

eliminate

v. to separate and cast aside

Forms: eliminated; eliminated; eliminating

elizabethan

adj. relating to one of the English queens

elocution

n. the art of correct intonation, inflection and gesture in public speaking or reading

eloquent

adj. having the ability to express emotion or feeling in lofty and impassioned speech

Forms: more eloquent; most eloquent

elucidate

v. to bring out more clearly the facts concerning

Forms: elucidated; elucidated; elucidating

elude

v. to evade the search or pursuit of by dexterity or artifice

Forms: eluded; eluded; eluding**elusion**

n. evasion

emaciate

v. to waste away in flesh

Forms: emaciated; emaciated; emaciating**emanate**

v. to flow forth or proceed, as from some source

Forms: emanated; emanated; emanating**emancipate**

v. to release from bondage

Forms: emancipated; emancipated; emancipating**embargo**

n. authoritative stoppage of foreign commerce or of any special trade

Forms: embargoes**embark**

v. to make a beginning in some occupation or scheme

Forms: embarked; embarked; embarking**embarrass**

v. to render flustered or agitated

Forms: embarrassed; embarrassed; embarrassing**embellish**

v. to make beautiful or elegant by adding attractive or ornamental features

Forms: embellished; embellished; embellishing**embezzle**

v. to misappropriate secretly

Forms: embezzled; embezzled; embezzling**emblazon**

v. to set forth publicly or in glowing terms

Forms: emblazoned; emblazoned; emblazoning**emblem**

n. a symbol

Forms: emblems**embody**

v. to express, formulate or exemplify in a concrete, compact or visible form

Forms: embodied; embodied; embodying**embolden**

v. to give courage to

Forms: emboldened; emboldened; emboldening**embolism**

n. an obstruction or plugging up of an artery or other blood-vessel

embroil

v. to involve in dissension or strife

Forms: embroiled; embroiled; embroiling

emerge

v. to come into view or into existence

Forms: emerged; emerged; emerging

emergence

n. a coming into view

emergent

adj. coming into view

emeritus

adj. retired from active service but retained to an honorary position

emigrant

n. person who moves from one place to settle in another

Forms: emigrants

emigrate

v. to go from one country, state or region for the purpose of settling or residing in another

Forms: emigrated; emigrated; emigrating

eminence

n. high position; elevated rank; title of honor; excellence; height; hill

Forms: eminences

eminent

adj. high in station, merit or esteem

emit

v. to send or give out

Forms: emitted; emitted; emitting

emphasis

n. any special impressiveness added to an utterance or act or stress laid upon some word

Forms: emphases

emphasize

v. to articulate or enunciate with special impressiveness upon a word or a group of words

Forms: emphasized; emphasized; emphasizing

emphatic

adj. spoken with any special impressiveness laid upon an act, word or set of words

employee

n. person who works for wages or a salary

Forms: employees

employer

n. one who uses or engages the services of other persons for pay

Forms: employers

emporium

n. a bazaar or shop

Forms: emporiums, emporia

empower

v. to delegate authority to

Forms: empowered; empowered; empowering

emulate

v. to imitate with intent to equal or surpass

Forms: emulated; emulated; emulating**enact**

v. to legislate; ordain; decree; perform

Forms: enacted; enacted; enacting**enamor**

v. to inspire with ardent love

Forms: enamored; enamored; enamoring**encamp**

v. to pitch tents for a resting-place

Forms: encamped; encamped; encamping**encomium**

n. a formal or discriminating expression of praise

Forms: encomiums, encomia**encompass**

v. to encircle

Forms: encompassed; encompassed; encompassing**encore**

n. the call for a repetition, as of some part of a play or performance

Forms: encores**encourage**

v. to support; to inspire; to give hope

Forms: encouraged; encouraged; encouraging**encroach**

v. to invade partially or insidiously and appropriate the possessions of another

Forms: encroached; encroached; encroaching**encumber**

v. to impede with obstacles

Forms: encumbered; encumbered; encumbering**encyclical**

adj. intended for general circulation

encyclopedia

n. a work containing information on subjects or exhaustive of one subject

Forms: encyclopedias**endanger**

v. to expose to peril

Forms: endangered; endangered; endangering**endear**

v. to cause to be loved

Forms: endeared; endeared; endearing**endemic**

adj. peculiar to some specified country or people

endue

v. to endow with some quality, gift or grace, usually spiritual

Forms: endued; endued; enduing

endurable

adj. tolerable

endurance

n. the ability to suffer pain, distress, hardship or stress of any kind without succumbing

Forms: no plural**energetic**

adj. working vigorously

enervate

v. to render ineffective or inoperative

Forms: enervated; enervated; enervating**enfeeble**

v. to debilitate

Forms: enfeebled; enfeebled; enfeebling**enfranchise**

v. to endow with a privilege, especially with the right to vote

Forms: enfranchised; enfranchised; enfranchising**engender**

v. to produce

Forms: engendered; engendered; engendering**engrave**

v. to cut or carve in or upon some surface

Forms: engraved; engraved; engraving**engross**

v. to occupy completely

Forms: engrossed; engrossed; engrossing**enhance**

v. to intensify

Forms: enhanced; enhanced; enhancing**enigma**

n. a riddle

Forms: enigmas, enigmata**enjoin**

v. to command

Forms: enjoined; enjoined; enjoining**enkindle**

v. to set on fire

Forms: enkindled; enkindled; enkindling**enlighten**

v. to cause to see clearly

Forms: enlightened; enlightened; enlightening**enlist**

v. to enter voluntarily the military service by formal enrollment

Forms: enlisted; enlisted; enlisting**enmity**

n. hatred

Forms: enmities

ennoble

v. to dignify

Forms: ennobled; ennobled; ennobling**enormity**

n. immensity

Forms: enormities**enormous**

adj. gigantic

enrage

v. to infuriate

Forms: enraged; enraged; enraging**enrapture**

v. to delight extravagantly or intensely

Forms: enraptured; enraptured; enrapturing**enshrine**

v. to keep sacred

Forms: enshrined; enshrined; enshrining**ensnare**

v. to entrap

Forms: ensnared; ensnared; ensnaring**entail**

v. to involve; to necessitate

Forms: entailed; entailed; entailing**entangle**

v. to involve in difficulties, confusion or complications

Forms: entangled; entangled; entangling**enthrall**

v. to bring or hold under any overmastering influence

Forms: enthralled; enthralled; enthralling**enthrone**

v. to invest with sovereign power

Forms: enthroned; enthroned; enthroning**enthuse**

v. to yield to or display intense and rapturous feelings

Forms: enthused; enthused; enthusing**enthusiastic**

adj. full of zeal and fervor

Forms: more enthusiastic; most enthusiastic**entirety**

n. a complete thing

entomology

n. the branch of zoology that treats of insects

entrails

n. internal parts of an animal

Forms: only plural**entreaty**

n. an earnest request

Forms: entreaties**entree**

n. access; act of accessing

Forms: entrees

entrench

v. to settle firmly; strongly establish; establish a strong defensive position

Forms: entrenched; entrenched; entrenching

entwine

v. to interweave

Forms: entwined; entwined; entwining

enumerate

v. to name one by one

Forms: enumerated; enumerated; enumerating

epic

n. a poem celebrating in formal verse the mythical achievements of great personages, heroes, etc

Forms: epics

epicure

n. person who cultivates a delicate taste for eating and drinking

Forms: epicures

epicurean

adj. indulging, ministering or pertaining to daintiness of appetite

epicycle

n. a circle that rolls upon the external or internal circumference of another circle

epicycloid

n. a curve traced by a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls upon another circle

epidemic

n. wide-spread occurrence of a disease in a certain region

Forms: epidemics

epidermis

n. the outer skin

epigram

n. a pithy phrasing of a shrewd observation

Forms: epigrams

epilogue

n. the close of a narrative or dramatic poem

epiphany

n. a religious holiday celebrated on January 6 to commemorate the visit of the wise men to Bethlehem (Christianity)

episode

n. an incident or story in a literary work, separable from yet growing out of it

Forms: episodes

epitaph

n. an inscription on a tomb or monument in honor or in memory of the dead

Forms: epitaphs

epithet

n. word used adjectivally to describe some quality or attribute of its objects, as in 'Father Aeneas'

Forms: epithets

epitome

n. a simplified representation

epizootic

adj. prevailing among animals

epoch

n. an interval of time, memorable for extraordinary events

Forms: epoches**epode**

n. a species of lyric poems

equalize

v. to render uniform

Forms: equalized; equalized; equalizing**equanimity**

n. evenness of mind or temper

equestrian

adj. pertaining to horses or horsemanship

equilibrium

n. a state of balance

equitable

adj. characterized by fairness

equity

n. fairness or impartiality

Forms: equities**equivalent**

adj. equal in value, force, meaning or the like

equivocal

adj. ambiguous

equivocate

v. to use words of double meaning

Forms: equivocated; equivocated; equivocating**eradicate**

v. to destroy thoroughly

Forms: eradicated; eradicated; eradicating**errant**

adj. roving or wandering, as in search of adventure or opportunity for gallant deeds

erratic

adj. irregular

erroneous

adj. incorrect

erudite

adj. very-learned

erudition

n. extensive knowledge of literature, history, language, etc

eschew

v. to keep clear of

Forms: eschewed; eschewed; eschewing

espy

v. to keep close watch

Forms: espied; espied; spying**esquire**

n. a title of dignity, office or courtesy

Forms: esquires**essence**

n. that which makes a thing to be what it is

Forms: essences**esthetic**

adj. pertaining to beauty, taste or the fine arts

estimable

adj. worthy of respect

estrangle

v. to alienate

Forms: estranged; estranged; estranging**estuary**

n. a wide lower part of a tidal river

Forms: estuaries**et cetera**

adv. and so forth

eugenic

adj. relating to the development and improvement of race

eulogize

v. to speak or write a laudation of a person's life or character

Forms: eulogized; eulogized; eulogizing**eulogy**

n. a spoken or written laudation of a person's life or character

Forms: eulogies**euphemism**

n. a figure of speech by which a phrase less offensive is substituted

euphonious

adj. characterized by agreeableness of sound

euphony

n. agreeableness of sound

Forms: euphonies**eureka**

int. I have found it; I got it

evade

v. to avoid by artifice

Forms: evaded; evaded; evading

evanesce

v. to vanish gradually

*Forms: evanesced; evanesced; evanescing***evanescent**

adj. fleeting

evangelical

adj. seeking the conversion of sinners

evangelist

n. a preacher who goes from place to place holding services

*Forms: evangelists***evasion**

n. escape

*Forms: evasions***eventual**

adj. ultimate

evert

v. to turn inside out

*Forms: everted; everted; everting***evict**

v. to dispossess pursuant to judicial decree

*Forms: evicted; evicted; evicting***evidential**

adj. indicative

evince

v. to demonstrate; to reveal; to display

*Forms: evinced; evinced; evincing***evoke**

v. to call or summon forth

*Forms: evoked; evoked; evoking***evolution**

n. development or growth

*Forms: evolutions***evolve**

v. to unfold or expand

*Forms: evolved; evolved; evolving***exacerbate**

v. to make more sharp, severe or virulent

*Forms: exacerbated; exacerbated; exacerbating***exaggerate**

v. to overstate

*Forms: exaggerated; exaggerated; exaggerating***exasperate**

v. to anger; to infuriate; to annoy; to irritate

*Forms: exasperated; exasperated; exasperating***excavate**

v. to remove by digging or scooping out

*Forms: excavated; excavated; excavating***exceed**

v. to go beyond; to pass; to surpass; to outdo

Forms: exceeded; exceeded; exceeding

excel

v. to be superior or distinguished

Forms: excelled; excelled; excelling**excellence**

n. possession of eminently or unusually good qualities

Forms: excellences**excellency**

n. a title of honor bestowed upon various high officials

Forms: excellencies**excellent**

adj. possessing distinguished merit

excerpt

n. an extract or selection from written or printed matter

Forms: excerpts**excess**

n. something that passes the ordinary, proper or required limit, measure or experience

Forms: excesses**excitable**

adj. nervously high-strung

excitation

n. intensified emotion or action

exclamation

n. an abrupt or emphatic expression of thought or of feeling

Forms: exclamations**exclude**

v. to shut out purposely or forcibly

Forms: excluded; excluded; excluding**exclusion**

n. prevention; rejection; leaving out; keeping out; shutting out

excrecence

n. any unnatural addition, outgrowth or development

excretion

n. the getting rid of waste matter

excruciate

v. to inflict severe pain or agony upon

Forms: excruciated; excruciated; excruciating**excursion**

n. a journey

Forms: excursions**excusable**

adj. justifiable

execrable

adj. abominable

execration

n. an accursed thing

executor

n. a person nominated by the will of another to execute the will

Forms: executors

exegesis

n. biblical exposition or interpretation

Forms: exegesises

exemplar

n. a model, pattern or original to be copied or imitated

exemplary

adj. fitted to serve as a model or example worthy of imitation

exemplify

v. to show by example

Forms: exemplified; exemplified; exemplifying

exempt

adj. free, clear or released, as from some liability or restriction affecting others

exert

v. to make an effort

Forms: exerted; exerted; exerting

exhale

v. to breathe forth

Forms: exhaled; exhaled; exhaling

exhaust

v. to empty by draining off the contents

Forms: exhausted; exhausted; exhausting

exhaustible

adj. consumable; depletable; capable of being ejected

exhaustion

n. deprivation of strength or energy

exhaustive

adj. thorough and complete in execution

exhilarate

v. to fill with high or cheerful spirits

Forms: exhilarated; exhilarated; exhilarating

exhume

v. to dig out of the earth (what has been buried)

Forms: exhumed; exhumed; exhuming

exigency

n. a critical period or condition

Forms: exigencies

exigent

adj. urgent

existence

n. possession or continuance of being

Forms: existences

exit

n. a way or passage out

exodus

n. a going forth or departure from a place or country, especially of many people

exonerate

v. to relieve or vindicate from accusation, imputation or blame

Forms: exonerated; exonerated; exonerating

exorbitance

n. extravagance or enormity

exorbitant

adj. going beyond usual and proper limits

exorcise

v. to cast or drive out by religious or magical means

Forms: exorcised; exorcised; exorcising

exotic

adj. foreign

expand

v. to increase in range or scope

Forms: expanded; expanded; expanding

expanse

n. a continuous area or stretch

Forms: expanses

expansion

n. increase of amount, size, scope or the like

Forms: expansions

expatriate

v. to drive from one's own country

Forms: expatriated; expatriated; expatriating

expect

v. to look forward to as certain or probable

Forms: expected; expected; expecting

expectancy

n. the act or state of looking forward to as certain or probable

Forms: expectancies

expectorate

v. to cough up and spit forth

Forms: expectorated; expectorated; expectorating

expediency

n. fitness to meet the requirements of a particular case

Forms: expediciencies

expedient

adj. contributing to personal advantage

expedite

v. to hasten the movement or progress of

Forms: expedited; expedited; expediting

expeditious

adj. speedy

expend

v. to spend

Forms: expended; expended; expending

expense

n. the laying out or expending of money or other resources, as time or strength

Forms: expenses

expiate

v. to make satisfaction or amends for

Forms: expiated; expiated; expiating

explicate

v. to clear from involvement

Forms: explicated; explicated; explicating

explicit

adj. definite

explode

v. to cause to burst in pieces by force from within

Forms: exploded; exploded; exploding

explosion

n. a sudden and violent outbreak

Forms: explosions

explosive

adj. pertaining to a sudden and violent outbreak

Forms: more explosive; most explosive

exposition

n. formal presentation

Forms: expositions

expository

adj. pertaining to a formal presentation

expostulate

v. to discuss

Forms: expostulated; expostulated; expostulating

exposure

n. an open situation or position in relation to the sun, elements or points of the compass

Forms: exposures

expressive

adj. full of meaning

expulsion

n. forcible ejection

Forms: expulsions

extant

adj. still existing and known

extemporaneous

adj. done or made without much or any preparation

extempore

adv. without studied or special preparation

extensible

adj. capable of being thrust out

extension

n. a reaching or stretching out, as in space, time or scope

Forms: extensions

extensive

adj. extended widely in space, time or scope

extensor

n. a muscle that causes extension

extenuate

v. to diminish the gravity or importance of

Forms: extenuated; extenuated; extenuating

exterior

n. that which is outside

Forms: exteriors

external

n. anything relating or belonging to the outside

Forms: externals

extinct

adj. being no longer in existence

extinguish

v. to put out; to quench; to totally destroy; to annihilate

Forms: extinguished; extinguished; extinguishing

extol

v. to praise in the highest terms

Forms: extolled; extolled; extolling

extort

v. to obtain by violence, threats, compulsion or the subjection of another to some necessity

Forms: extorted; extorted; extorting

extortion

n. the practice of obtaining by violence or compulsion

Forms: extortions

extradite

v. to surrender the custody of

Forms: extradited; extradited; extraditing

extradition

n. the surrender by a government of a person accused of crime to the justice of another government

extrajudicial

adj. happening out of court

extraneous

adj. having no essential relation to a subject

extraordinary

adj. unusual

extravagance

n. undue expenditure of money

Forms: extravagances

extravagant

adj. needlessly free or lavish in expenditure

extremist

n. one who supports extreme measures or holds extreme views

Forms: extremists

extremity

n. the utmost point, side or border; something that is the farthest removed from a mean position

Forms: extremities

extricate

v. to disentangle

Forms: extricated; extricated; extricating

extrude

v. to drive out or away

Forms: extruded; extruded; extruding

exuberance

n. rich supply

Forms: exuberances

exuberant

adj. marked by great plentifulness

fabricate

v. to invent fancifully or falsely

Forms: fabricated; fabricated; fabricating**fabulous**

adj. incredible

facet

n. one of the small triangular plane surfaces of a diamond or other gem

facetious

adj. amusing

facial

adj. pertaining to the face

facile

adj. not difficult to do

facilitate

v. to make more easy

Forms: facilitated; facilitated; facilitating**facility**

n. ease

Forms: facilities**facsimile**

n. an exact copy or reproduction

faction

n. a number of persons combined for a common purpose

Forms: factions**factious**

adj. turbulent

fallacious

adj. illogical

fallacy

n. any unsound or delusive mode of reasoning; anything based on such reasoning

Forms: fallacies**fallible**

adj. capable of erring

fallow

n. land broken up and left to become mellow or to rest

famish

v. to suffer extremity of hunger or thirst

Forms: famished; famished; famishing**fanatic**

n. a religious zealot

Forms: fanatics**fancier**

n. one having a taste for or interest in special objects

fanciless

adj. unimaginative

fastidious

adj. hard to please

fathom

n. a measure of length; 6 feet

Forms: fathoms, fathom

fatuous

adj. idiotic

faulty

adj. imperfect

Forms: faultier; faultiest

faun

n. one of a class of deities of the woods and herds represented as half human, with goats feet

fawn

n. a young deer

fealty

n. loyalty

Forms: fealties

feasible

adj. that may be done, performed or effected; practicable

federate

v. to league together

Forms: federated; federated; federating

feint

n. any sham, pretense or deceptive movement

Forms: feints

felicitate

v. to wish joy or happiness to somebody, especially in view of a coming event

Forms: felicitated; felicitated; felicitating

felicity

n. a state of well-founded happiness

Forms: felicities

felon

n. a criminal or depraved person

Forms: felons

felonious

adj. showing criminal or evil purpose

felony

n. one of the highest class of offenses, and punishable with death or imprisonment

Forms: felonies

feminine

adj. characteristic of woman or womankind

fernery

n. a place in which ferns are grown

Forms: ferneries

ferocious

adj. of a wild, fierce, and savage nature

ferocity

n. savageness

*Forms: ferocities***fervent**

adj. ardent in feeling

fervid

adj. intense

fevor

n. ardor or intensity of feeling

festal

adj. joyous

festive

adj. merry

fete

n. a festival or feast

*Forms: fetes***fetus**

n. the young in the womb or in the egg

*Forms: fetuses***feudal**

adj. pertaining to the relation of lord and vassal

feudalism

n. political and social system of medieval Europe

*Forms: no plural***fez**

n. a brimless felt cap in the shape of a truncated cone, usually red with a black tassel

*Forms: fezzes, fezes***fiasco**

n. a complete or humiliating failure

*Forms: fiascos, fiascoes***fickle**

adj. unduly changeable in feeling, judgment or purpose

fictitious

adj. created or formed by the imagination

fideliy

n. loyalty

*Forms: fedelities***fiducial**

adj. indicative of faith or trust

fief

n. a landed estate held under feudal tenure

filibuster

n. one who attempts to obstruct legislation

finale

n. concluding performance

finality

n. conclusiveness; something which cannot be revoked

finally

adv. at last

financial

adj. monetary

financier

n. person who manages large amounts of money (privately or corporately)

Forms: financiers**finery**

n. that which is used to decorate the person or dress

finesse

n. subtle contrivance used to gain a point

finite

adj. limited

fiscal

adj. pertaining to the treasury or public finances of a government

fishmonger

n. a certain profession

Forms: fishmongers**fissure**

n. a crack or crack-like depression

Forms: fissures**fitful**

adj. spasmodic

fixture

n. one who or that which is expected to remain permanently in its position

Forms: fixtures**flag-officer**

n. the captain of a special ship

flagrant

adj. openly scandalous

flamboyant

adj. characterized by extravagance and in general by want of good taste

flatulence

n. accumulation of gas in the stomach and bowels

flection

n. the act of bending

fledgling

n. a young bird

flexible

adj. pliable

Forms: more flexible; most flexible**flimsy**

adj. thin and weak

Forms: flimsier; flimsiest

flippant

adj. having a light, pert, trifling disposition

floe

n. a collection of tabular masses of floating polar ice

flora

n. the aggregate of plants growing without cultivation in a district

Forms: floras, flora

floral

adj. pertaining to flowers

florid

adj. flushed with red

florist

n. a dealer in flowers

Forms: florists

fluctuate

v. to pass backward and forward irregularly from one state or degree to another

Forms: fluctuated; fluctuated; fluctuating

fluctuation

n. frequent irregular change back and forth from one state or degree to another

Forms: fluctuations

flue

n. a smoke-duct in a chimney

Forms: flues

fluent

adj. having a ready or easy flow of words or ideas

Forms: more fluent; most fluent

fluential

adj. pertaining to streams

Forms: more fluent; most fluent

flux

n. a state of constant movement, change or renewal

foggy

adj. obscure

Forms: foggier; foggiest

foible

n. a personal weakness or failing

foist

v. to palm off

Forms: foisted; foisted; foisting

foliage

n. any growth of leaves

folio

n. a sheet of paper folded once

Forms: folios

folk-lore

n. the traditions, beliefs, and customs of the common people

fondle

v. to handle tenderly and lovingly

Forms: fondled; fondled; fondling**foolery**

n. folly

Forms: fooleries**foot-note**

n. reference or comment at the bottom of a page or end of a chapter

foppery

n. dandyism

Forms: fopperies**foppish**

adj. characteristic of one who is unduly devoted to dress and the niceties of manners

forbearance

n. patient endurance or toleration of offenses

forby

adv. besides

forcible

adj. violent

forebode

v. to be an omen or warning sign of, especially of evil

Forms: foreboded; foreboded; foreboding**forecast**

v. to predict

Forms: forecast, forecasted; forecast, forecasted; forecasting**forecastle**

n. deck of a ship located near the bow

foreclose

v. to bar by judicial proceedings the equitable right of a mortgagor to redeem property

Forms: foreclosed; foreclosed; foreclosing**forecourt**

n. space in front of building

forefather

n. an ancestor

Forms: forefathers**forego**

v. to deny oneself the pleasure or profit of

Forms: forewent; foregone; foregoing**foreground**

n. that part of a landscape or picture situated or represented as nearest the spectator

forehead

n. the upper part of the face, between the eyes and the hair

Forms: foreheads

foreign

adj. belonging to, situated in or derived from another country

foreigner

n. person from another country; stranger

Forms: foreigners

forejudge

v. determine beforehand before hearing evidence

Forms: forejudged; forejudged; forejudging

foreknowledge

n. prescience

foreman

n. leader; supervisor

Forms: foremen

foreordain

v. to predetermine

Forms: foreordained; foreordained; foreordaining

foreordination

n. predestination

forepeak

n. the extreme forward part of a ship's hold, under the lowest deck

forerun

v. to go before as introducing or ushering in

Forms: foreran; forerun; forerunning

foresail

n. part on a foremast of a ship

foresee

v. to discern beforehand

Forms: foresaw; foreseen; foreseeing

foreshore

n. land along the edge of a body of water

foresight

n. provision against harm or need

foretell

v. to predict

Forms: foretold; foretold; foretelling

forethought

n. premeditation

forfeit

v. to lose possession of through failure to fulfill some obligation

Forms: forfeited; forfeited; forfeiting

forfend

v. to ward off

Forms: forfended; forfended; forfending

forgery

n. counterfeiting

Forms: forgeries**forgo**

v. to deny oneself

Forms: forwent; forgone; forgoing**formation**

n. relative disposition of parts

Forms: formations**formidable**

adj. difficult to accomplish

formula

n. set way of saying or doing something

Forms: plurals: formulas, formulae**forswear**

v. to renounce upon oath

Forms: forswore; forsworn; forswearing**forte**

n. a strong point

forth

adv. into notice or view

forthright

adv. with directness

fortify

v. to provide with defensive works

Forms: fortified; fortified; fortifying**fortitude**

n. patient courage

foursome

adj. consisting of two pairs

fracture

n. a break

Forms: fractures**fragile**

adj. easily broken; capable of being broken

frailty

n. liability to be broken or destroyed

Forms: frailties**frankincense**

n. a gum or resin which on burning yields aromatic fumes

frantic

adj. frenzied

fraternal

adj. brotherly

fraudulence

n. deceitfulness

fraudulent

adj. counterfeit

<p>fray v. to fret at the edge so as to loosen or break the threads <i>Forms:</i> frayed; frayed; fraying</p>	<p>free trade n. commerce unrestricted by tariff or customs</p>
<p>freemason n. a member of an ancient secret fraternity originally confined to skilled artisans</p>	<p>freethinker n. one who rejects authority or inspiration in religion</p>
<p>frequency n. the comparative number of any kind of occurrences within a given time or space <i>Forms:</i> frequencies</p>	<p>fresco n. the art of painting on a surface of plaster, particularly on walls and ceilings <i>Forms:</i> plurals: frescoes, frescos</p>
<p>freshness n. vigor; liveliness; newness; recentness <i>Forms:</i> no plural</p>	<p>fretful adj. disposed to peevishness</p>
<p>frightful adj. apt to induce terror or alarm</p>	<p>frigid adj. lacking warmth</p>
<p>frigidarium n. a room kept at a low temperature for preserving fruits, meat, etc</p>	<p>frivolity n. a trifling act, thought, saying or practice <i>Forms:</i> frivolities</p>
<p>frivolous adj. trivial</p>	<p>frizz v. to give a crinkled, fluffy appearance to <i>Forms:</i> frizzed; frizzed; frizzing</p>
<p>frizzle v. to cause to crinkle or curl, as the hair <i>Forms:</i> frizzled; frizzled; frizzling</p>	<p>frolicsome adj. frisky and full of fun</p>
<p>frontier n. the part of a nation's territory that abuts upon another country <i>Forms:</i> frontiers</p>	<p>frowzy adj. slovenly in appearance <i>Forms:</i> frowzier; frowziest</p>

frugal

adj. economical

fruition

n. fulfillment

fugacious

adj. fleeting

fulcrum

n. the support on or against which a lever rests or the point about which it turns

Forms: plurals: fulcrums, fulcra**fulminate**

v. to cause to explode

Forms: fulminated; fulminated; fulminating**fulsome**

adj. offensive from excess of praise or commendation

fumigate

v. to subject to the action of smoke or fumes, especially for disinfection

Forms: fumigated; fumigated; fumigating**functionary**

n. an official

Forms: functionaries**fundamental**

adj. basal

Forms: more fundamental; most fundamental**fungible**

adj. that may be measured, counted or weighed

fungous

adj. spongy

fungus

n. a plant destitute of chlorophyll, as a mushroom

Forms: fungi, funguses**furbish**

v. to restore brightness or beauty

Forms: furbished; furbished; furbishing**furlong**

n. a measure of length; one-eighth of a mile

Forms: furlongs**furlough**

n. a temporary absence of a soldier or sailor by permission of the commanding officer

furrier

n. a person who makes garments using animal hair

further

adj. more distant or advanced

furtherance

n. advancement

furtive

adj. stealthy or sly, like the actions of a thief

fuse

v. to unite or blend as by melting together

Forms: fused; fused; fusing

fusible

adj. capable of being melted by heat

futile

adj. of no avail or effect

futurist

n. a person of expectant temperament

gaiety

n. festivity

*Forms: gaieties***gaily**

adv. merrily

gait

n. carriage of the body in going

*Forms: gaits***gallant**

adj. possessing a brave or chivalrous spirit

galore

adj. abundant

galvanic

adj. pertaining or relating to electricity produced by chemical action

galvanism

n. current electricity, especially that arising from chemical action

galvanize

v. to imbue with life or animation

*Forms: galvanized; galvanized; galvanizing***gamble**

v. to risk money or other possession on an event, chance or contingency

*Forms: gambled; gambled; gambling***gambol**

n. playful leaping or frisking

*Forms: gambols***gamester**

n. a gambler

gamut

n. the whole range or sequence

garnish

v. in cookery, to surround with additions for embellishment

*Forms: garnished; garnished; garnishing***garrison**

n. the military force stationed in a fort, town or other place for its defense

*Forms: garrisons***garrote**

v. to execute by strangling

*Forms: garroted; garroted; garroting***garrulous**

adj. given to constant trivial talking

gaseous

adj. light and unsubstantial

gastric

adj. of, pertaining to or near the stomach

gastritis

n. inflammation of the stomach

gastronomy

n. the art of preparing and serving appetizing food

gauge

n. an instrument for measuring

*Forms: gauges***gendarme**

n. in continental Europe, particularly in France, a uniformed and armed police officer

*Forms: gendarmes***genealogist**

n. a tracer of pedigrees

genealogy

n. a list, in the order of succession, of ancestors and their descendants

*Forms: genealogies***generality**

n. the principal portion

*Forms: generalities***generalize**

v. make sweeping statements

*Forms: generalized; generalized; generalizing***generally**

adv. ordinarily

generate

v. to produce or cause to be

*Forms: generated; generated; generating***generic**

adj. noting a genus or kind; opposed to specific

generosity

n. a disposition to give liberally or to bestow favors heartily

*Forms: generosityes***genesis**

n. creation

*Forms: genesises***geniality**

n. warmth and kindness of disposition

genital

adj. of or pertaining to the animal reproductive organs

genitive

adj. indicating source, origin, possession or the like

genteel

adj. well-bred or refined

gentile

adj. belonging to a people not Jewish

geology

n. the department of natural science that treats of the constitution and structure of the earth

germane

adj. relevant

germinate

v. to begin to develop into an embryo or higher form

Forms: germinated; germinated; germinating

gestation

n. pregnancy

gesticulate

v. to make movements of the body, as in speaking or in place of speech

Forms: gesticulated; gesticulated; gesticulating

gesture

n. a movement or action of the hands or face, expressive of some idea or emotion

Forms: gestures

ghastly

adj. hideous

Forms: ghastlier; ghastliest

gibe

v. to utter taunts or reproaches

Forms: gibed; gibed; gibing

giddy

adj. affected with a whirling or swimming sensation in the head

Forms: giddier; giddiest

gigantic

adj. tremendous

giver

n. donor; donator

Forms: givers

glacial

adj. icy; icily cold

glacier

n. a field or stream of ice

Forms: glaciers

gladden

v. to make joyous

Forms: gladdened; gladdened; gladdening

glazier

n. person who cuts and fits panes of glass, as for windows

Forms: glaziers

glimmer

n. sparkle; flicker; faint light; gleam

Forms: glimmers

glimpse

n. a momentary look

Forms: glimpses**globose**

adj. spherical

globular

adj. spherical

glorious

adj. of excellence and splendor

Forms: more glorious; most glorious**glutinous**

adj. sticky

gluttonous

adj. given to excess in eating

gnash

v. to grind or strike the teeth together, as from rage

Forms: gnashed; gnashed; gnashing**gordian knot**

n. any difficulty the only issue out of which is by bold or unusual manners

gosling

n. a young goose

gossamer

adj. flimsy

gourd

n. a fleshy fruit; trailing or climbing plant which bears this fruit

Forms: gourds**gourmand**

n. a connoisseur in the delicacies of the table

graceless

adj. ungracious

gradation

n. a step, degree, rank or relative position in an order or series

Forms: gradations**gradient**

adj. moving or advancing by steps

granary

n. a storehouse for grain after it is thrashed or husked

Forms: granaries**grandeur**

n. largeness; stateliness, magnificence; importance; nobility

grandiloquent

adj. speaking in or characterized by a pompous or bombastic style

grandiose

adj. having an imposing style or effect

grantee

n. the person to whom property is transferred by deed

grantor

n. the maker of a deed

granular

adj. composed of small grains or particles

granulate

v. to form into grains or small particles

Forms: granulated; granulated; granulating**granule**

n. a small grain or particle

grapple

v. to take hold of

Forms: grappled; grappled; grappling**gratification**

n. satisfaction

Forms: gratifications**gratify**

v. to please, as by satisfying a physical or mental desire or need

Forms: gratified; gratified; gratifying**gratuitous**

adj. voluntarily

gratuity

n. something that is given without demand or claim; bonus; tip

Forms: gratuities**gravity**

n. seriousness

gregarious

adj. not habitually solitary or living alone

grenadier

n. a member of a regiment composed of men of great stature

Forms: grenadiers**grief**

n. sorrow

Forms: griefs**grievance**

n. that which oppresses, injures or causes grief and at the same time a sense of wrong

Forms: grievances

grievous

adj. creating affliction

grimace

n. a distortion of the features, occasioned by some feeling of pain, disgust, etc

*Forms: grimaces***grindstone**

n. an abrasive wheel that sharpens or polishes something

*Forms: grindstones***grisly**

adj. fear-inspiring

grotesque

adj. incongruously composed or ill-proportioned

grotto

n. a small cavern

*Forms: grottoes, grottos***ground**

n. a pavement or floor or any supporting surface on which one may walk

*Forms: grounds***guess**

n. surmise

*Forms: guesses***guile**

n. duplicity

guileless

adj. frank

guinea

n. an English monetary unit

*Forms: guineas***guise**

n. the external appearance as produced by garb or costume

*Forms: guises***gullible**

adj. credulous

gumption

n. common sense

gusto

n. keen enjoyment

*Forms: gustoes, gustos***guy**

n. stay-rope

*Forms: guys***guzzle**

v. to swallow greedily or hastily; to gulp

*Forms: guzzled; guzzled; guzzling***gynecocracy**

n. female supremacy

Forms: gynecocracies

gynecology

n. the science that treats of the functions and diseases peculiar to women

gyrate

v. to revolve

gyroscope

n. an instrument for illustrating the laws of rotation

habitable

adj. fit to be dwelt in

habitant

n. dweller

Forms: habitants**habitual**

adj. according to usual practice

habitude

n. customary relation or association

hackney

v. to make stale or trite by repetition

Forms: hackneyed; hackneyed; hackneying**haggard**

adj. worn and gaunt in appearance

halcyon

adj. calm

hale

adj. of sound and vigorous health

Forms: haler; halest**handwriting**

n. penmanship

hanger-on

n. a parasite

Forms: hangers-on**happy-go-lucky**

adj. improvident

harangue

n. a tirade

Forms: harangues**harass**

v. to trouble with importunities, cares or annoyances

Forms: harassed; harassed; harassing**harbinger**

n. person who or that which foreruns and announces the coming of any person or thing

Forms: harbingers**hard-hearted**

adj. lacking pity or sympathy

hardihood

n. foolish daring

harmonious

adj. concordant in sound

havoc

n. devastation

hawthorn

n. a thorny shrub much used in England for hedges

Forms: hawthorns**hazard**

n. risk

Forms: hazards

head first

adv. precipitately, as in diving

head foremost

adv. precipitately, as in diving

heartrending

adj. very depressing

heathenish

adj. irreligious

heedless

adj. unmindful; oblivious; rash

heifer

n. a young cow

Forms: heifers**heinous**

adj. odiously sinful

hemorrhage

n. discharge of blood from a ruptured or wounded blood-vessel

hemorrhoids

n. tumors composed of enlarged and thickened blood-vessels, at the lower end of the rectum

Forms: only plural**henchman**

n. a servile assistant and subordinate

Forms: henchmen**henpeck**

v. to worry or harass by ill temper and petty annoyances

Forms: henpecked; henpecked; henpecking**heptagon**

n. a figure having seven sides and seven angles

heptarchy

n. a group of seven governments

Forms: heptarchies**herbaceous**

adj. describes plants or plant parts that are fleshy and wither after each growing season

herbarium

n. a collection of dried plants scientifically arranged for study

Forms: herbariums, herbariumia**herbivorous**

adj. feeding on herbs or other vegetable matter, as animals

hereditary

adj. passing naturally from parent to child

heredity

n. transmission of physical or mental qualities, diseases, etc., from parent to offspring

heresy

n. an opinion or doctrine subversive of settled beliefs or accepted principles

Forms: heresies

heretic

n. one who holds opinions contrary to the recognized standards or tenets of any philosophy

Forms: heretics

heritage

n. birthright

hernia

n. protrusion of any internal organ in whole or in part from its normal position

Forms: hernias, herniae

hesitancy

n. a pausing to consider

Forms: hesitancies

hesitant

adj. vacillating

hesitation

n. vacillation

Forms: hesitations

heterodox

adj. at variance with any commonly accepted doctrine or opinion

heterogeneity

n. unlikeness of constituent parts

heterogeneous

adj. consisting of dissimilar elements or ingredients of different kinds

heteromorphic

adj. deviating from the normal form or standard type

hexagon

n. a figure with six angles

hexangular

adj. having six angles

hexapod

adj. having six feet

hiatus

n. a break or vacancy where something necessary to supply the connection is wanting

Forms: hiatuses, hiatus

hibernal

adj. pertaining to winter

hibernian

adj. pertaining to Ireland or its people

hideous

adj. appalling

hilarious

adj. boisterously merry

hillock

n. a small mound

Forms: hillocks**hinder**

v. to obstruct

Forms: hindered; hindered; hindering**hindmost**

adj. farthest from the front

hindrance

n. an obstacle

Forms: hindrances**hirsute**

adj. having a hairy covering

hoard

v. to gather and store away for the sake of accumulation

Forms: hoarded; hoarded; hoarding**hoarse**

adj. having the voice harsh or rough, as from a cold or fatigue

Forms: hoarser; hoarsest**homage**

n. reverential regard or worship

homogeneity

n. congruity of the members or elements or parts

homogeneous

adj. made up of similar parts or elements

homologous

adj. identical in nature, make-up or relation

homonym

n. a word agreeing in sound with but different in meaning from another

homophone

n. a word agreeing in sound with but different in meaning from another

honorarium

n. a token fee or payment to a professional man for services

Forms: honorariums, honoraria**hoodwink**

v. to deceive

Forms: hoodwinked; hoodwinked; hoodwinking**horde**

n. a gathered multitude of human beings

Forms: hordes**hosiery**

n. a stocking

hospitable

adj. disposed to treat strangers or guests with generous kindness

hospitality

n. the practice of receiving and entertaining strangers and guests with kindness

hostility

n. enmity

Forms: hostilities

huckster

n. person who retails small wares

Forms: huckster

humane

adj. compassionate

humanitarian

n. a philanthropist

Forms: humanitarians

humanize

v. to make gentle or refined

Forms: humanized; humanized; humanizing

humbug

n. anything intended or calculated to deceive or mislead

humiliate

v. to put to shame

Forms: humiliated; humiliated; humiliating

hussar

n. a light-horse trooper armed with saber and carbine

hustle

v. to move with haste and promptness

Forms: hustled; hustled; hustling

hybrid

adj. cross-bred

hydra

n. the seven- or nine-headed water-serpent slain by Hercules

Forms: hydras, hydrae

hydraulic

adj. involving the moving of water, of the force exerted by water in motion

hydrodynamics

n. the study of force exerted by the motion of liquids

hydroelectric

adj. pertaining to electricity developed water or steam

hydromechanics

n. a part of the study of liquids

hydrometer

n. an instrument for determining the density of solids and liquids by flotation

hydrostatics

n. the branch of science that treats of the pressure and equilibrium of fluids

hydrous

adj. watery

hygiene

n. the branch of medical science that relates to improving health

hypercritical

adj. faultfinding

hypnosis

n. an artificial trance-sleep

Forms: hypnoses

hypnotic

adj. tending to produce sleep

hypnotism

n. an artificially induced somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestion

hypnotize

v. to produce a somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestions

Forms: hypnotized; hypnotized; hypnotizing

hypocrisy

n. extreme insincerity

hypocrite

n. person who makes false professions of their views or beliefs

Forms: hypocrites

hypodermic

adj. pertaining to the area under the skin

hypotenuse

n. the side of a right-angled triangle opposite the right angle

hypothesis

n. a proposition taken for granted as a premise from which to reach a conclusion

Forms: hypotheses

hysteria

n. a nervous affection occurring typically in paroxysms of laughing and crying

ichthyic

adj. fish-like

ichthyology

n. the branch of zoology that treats of fishes

ichthyosaurs

n. a fossil reptile

icily

adv. frigidly

iciness

n. the state of being icy

icon

n. an image or likeness

iconoclast

n. an image-breaker

idealize

v. to make to conform to some mental or imaginary standard

Forms: idealized; idealized; idealizing**idiom**

n. a use of words peculiar to a particular language

Forms: idioms**idiosyncrasy**

n. a mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual

Forms: idiosyncrasies**idolize**

v. to regard with inordinate love or admiration

Forms: idolized; idolized; idolizing**ignoble**

adj. low in character or purpose

ignominious

adj. shameful

iliad

n. a Greek epic poem describing scenes from the siege of Troy

ill-natured

adj. surly

illegal

adj. not according to law

illegible

adj. undecipherable

illegitimate

adj. unlawfully begotten

illiberal

adj. stingy

illicit

adj. unlawful

illimitable

adj. boundless

illiterate

adj. having little or no book-learning

illogical

adj. contrary to the rules of sound thought

illuminant

n. that which may be used to produce light

illuminate

v. to supply with light

Forms: illuminated; illuminated; illuminating**illumine**

v. to make bright or clear

Forms: illumined; illumined; illumining**illusion**

n. an unreal image presented to the senses

Forms: illusions**illusive**

adj. deceptive

illusory

adj. deceiving or tending to deceive, as by false appearance

imaginable

adj. that can be imagined or conceived in the mind

imaginary

adj. fancied

imbibe

v. to drink or take in

Forms: imbibed; imbibed; imbibing**imbroglio**

n. a misunderstanding attended by ill feeling, perplexity or strife

Forms: imbroglios**imbrue**

v. to wet or moisten

Forms: imbrued; imbrued; imbruing**imitation**

n. that which is made as a likeness or copy

Forms: imitations**imitator**

n. one who makes in imitation

immaculate

adj. without spot or blemish

immaterial

adj. of no essential consequence

immature

adj. not full-grown

immeasurable

adj. indefinitely extensive

immense

adj. very great in degree, extent, size or quantity

immerse

v. to plunge or dip entirely under water or other fluid

Forms: immersed; immersed; immersing

immersion

n. the act of plunging or dipping entirely under water or another fluid

immigrant

n. a foreigner who enters a country to settle there

Forms: immigrants

immigrate

v. to come into a country or region from a former habitat

Forms: immigrated; immigrated; immigrating

imminence

n. impending evil or danger

imminent

adj. dangerous and close at hand

immiscible

adj. separating, as oil and water

immoral

adj. habitually engaged in licentious or lewd practices

immortalize

v. to cause to last or to be known or remembered throughout a great or indefinite length of time

Forms: immortalized; immortalized; immortalizing

immovable

adj. steadfast

immune

adj. exempt, as from disease

immutable

adj. unchangeable

impair

v. to cause to become less or worse

Forms: impaired; impaired; impairing

impalpable

adj. imperceptible to the touch

impartial

adj. unbiased

impassable

adj. that can not be passed through or over

impassible

adj. not moved or affected by feeling

impassive

adj. unmoved by or not exhibiting feeling

impatience

n. unwillingness to brook delays or wait the natural course of things

impeccable

adj. blameless

impecunious

adj. having no money

impede

v. to be an obstacle or to place obstacles in the way of

Forms: impeded; impeded; impeding**impel**

v. to drive or urge forward

Forms: impelled; impelled; impelling**impend**

v. to be imminent

Forms: impended; impended; impending**imperative**

adj. obligatory

imperceptible

adj. indiscernible

imperfectible

adj. that can not be perfected

imperil

v. to endanger

Forms: imperiled, imperilled; imperiled, imperilled; imperiling, imperilling**imperious**

adj. insisting on obedience

impermissible

adj. not allowed; forbidden

impersonal

adj. lacking friendliness or warmth; inhuman; detached

impersonate

v. to appear or act in the character of

Forms: impersonated; impersonated; impersonating**impersuadable**

adj. unyielding

impertinence

n. rudeness

Forms: impertinences**imperturbable**

adj. calm

impervious

adj. unsusceptible to outside ideas or influences; unfathomable; inscrutable

impetuosity

n. rashness

Forms: impetuosities**impetuous**

adj. impulsive

impetus

n. any impulse or incentive

impiety

n. irreverence toward God

Forms: impieties

impious

adj. characterized by irreverence or irreligion

implausible

adj. hard to believe; not credible; lacking the appearance of truth

impliable

adj. capable of being inferred

implicate

v. to show or prove to be involved in or concerned

Forms: implicated; implicated; implicating

implicit

adj. implied

imply

v. to signify

Forms: implied; implied; implying

impolitic

adj. inexpedient

importation

n. the act or practice of bringing from one country into another

Forms: importations

importunate

adj. urgent in character, request or demand

importune

v. to harass with persistent demands or entreaties

Forms: importuned; importuned; importuning

impotent

adj. destitute of or lacking in power, physical, moral or intellectual

impoverish

v. to make indigent or poor

Forms: impoverished; impoverished; impoverishing

impracticable

adj. not feasible

impregnable

adj. that can not be taken by assault

impregnate

v. to fertilize; fill completely; saturate; imbue

Forms: impregnated; impregnated; impregnating

impromptu

n. anything done or said on the impulse of the moment

Forms: impromptus

improper

adj. not appropriate, suitable or becoming

impropriety

n. the state or quality of being unfit, unseemly or inappropriate

Forms: improprieties

improvident

adj. lacking foresight or thrift

improvise

v. to do anything extemporaneously or offhand

Forms: improvised; improvised; improvising

imprudent

adj. heedless

impudence

n. insolent disrespect

impugn

v. to assail with arguments, insinuations or accusations

Forms: impugned; impugned; impugning

impulsion

n. impetus

impulsive

adj. unpremeditated

impunity

n. freedom from punishment

impure

adj. tainted

impute

v. to attribute

Forms: imputed; imputed; imputing

inaccessible

adj. difficult of approach

inaccurate

adj. not exactly according to the facts

inactive

adj. inert

inadequate

adj. insufficient

Forms: more inadequate; most inadequate

inadmissible

adj. not to be approved, considered or allowed, as testimony

inadvertent

adj. accidental

inadvisable

adj. unadvisable

inane

adj. silly

inanimate

adj. destitute of animal life

inapprehensible

adj. not to be understood

inapt

adj. awkward or slow

inarticulate

adj. speechless

inaudible

adj. that can not be heard

inborn

adj. implanted by nature

inbred

adj. innate

incandescence

n. the state of being white or glowing with heat

incandescent

adj. white or glowing with heat

incapacitate

v. to deprive of power, capacity, competency or qualification

Forms: incapacitated; incapacitated; incapacitating**incapacity**

n. want of power to apprehend, understand, and manage

incarcerate

v. to imprison

Forms: incarcerated; incarcerated; incarcerating**incendiary**

n. chemical or person who starts a fire-literally or figuratively

Forms: incendiaries**incentive**

n. that which moves the mind or inflames the passions

Forms: incentives**inception**

n. the beginning

inceptive

adj. beginning

incessant

adj. unceasing

inchmeal

adv. piecemeal

inchoate

adj. incipient

inchoative

n. something that begins or expresses beginning

Forms: inchoatives**incidence**

n. casual occurrence

incident

n. a happening in general, especially one of little importance

Forms: incidents

incidentally

adv. without intention

incinerate

v. to reduce to ashes

Forms: incinerated; incinerated; incinerating

incipience

n. beginning

incipient

adj. initial

incisor

n. a front or cutting tooth

incite

v. to rouse to a particular action

Forms: incited; incited; inciting

incitement

n. something that moves to action or serves as an incentive or stimulus

Forms: incitements

incoercible

adj. incapable of being forced, constrained or compelled

incoherence

n. want of connection or agreement, as of parts or ideas in thought, speech, etc.

incoherent

adj. not logically coordinated, as to parts, elements or details

incombustible

adj. that can not be burned

incomparable

adj. matchless

incompatible

adj. discordant

incompetence

n. general lack of capacity or fitness

incompetent

adj. not having the abilities desired or necessary for any purpose

incomplete

adj. lacking some element, part or adjunct necessary or required

incomprehensible

adj. not understandable

incompressible

adj. resisting all attempts to reduce volume by pressure

inconceivable

adj. incomprehensible

incongruous

adj. unsuitable for the time, place or occasion

inconsequential

adj. valueless

inconsiderable

adj. small in quantity or importance

inconsistent

adj. contradictory

inconstant

adj. changeable

incontrovertible

adj. indisputable

inconvenient

adj. interfering with comfort or progress

indefensible

adj. untenable

indefinitely

adv. in a vague or uncertain way

indelible

adj. that can not be blotted out, effaced, destroyed or removed

indescribable

adj. cannot be expressed in words; beyond description; indefinite

indestructible

adj. that can not be destroyed

indicant

adj. that which points out

indicator

n. one who or that which points out

Forms: indicators**indict**

v. to find and declare chargeable with crime

Forms: indicted; indicting**indigence**

n. poverty

indigenous

adj. native

indigent

adj. poor

indigestible

adj. difficult or impossible to break down and absorb (food)

indigestion

n. difficulty or failure in the alimentary canal in changing food into absorptive nutriment

Forms: indigestions

indignant

adj. having such anger and scorn as is aroused by meanness or wickedness

indignity

n. unmerited contemptuous conduct or treatment

Forms: indignities

indiscernible

adj. not perceptible

indiscreet

adj. lacking wise judgment

indiscriminate

adj. promiscuous

indispensable

adj. necessary or requisite for the purpose

indistinct

adj. vague

indivertible

adj. that can not be turned aside

indivisible

adj. not separable into parts

indolence

n. laziness

indolent

adj. habitually inactive or idle

indomitable

adj. unconquerable

induct

v. to bring in

Forms: inducted; inducted; inducting

indulgence

n. the yielding to inclination, passion, desire or propensity in oneself or another

Forms: indulgences

indulgent

adj. yielding to the desires or humor of oneself or those under one's care

inebriate

v. to intoxicate

Forms: inebriated; inebriated; inebriating

inedible

adj. not good for food

ineffable

adj. unutterable

inefficiency

n. something that does not accomplish an intended purpose; incompetency; incapability

Forms: inefficiencies

inefficient

adj. not accomplishing an intended purpose

ineligible

adj. not suitable to be selected or chosen

inept

adj. not fit or suitable

inert

adj. inanimate

inestimable

adj. above price

inevitable

adj. unavoidable; inescapable; certain; sure to happen

inexcusable

adj. not to be justified

inexhaustible

adj. so large or furnishing so great a supply as not to be emptied, wasted or spent

inexorable

adj. unrelenting

inexpedient

adj. unadvisable

inexpensive

adj. low-priced; cheap

inexperience

n. state of being unfamiliar with something; lack of knowledge or ability

inexplicable

adj. such as can not be made plain

inexpressible

adj. unutterable

inextensible

adj. of unchangeable length or area

infallible

adj. exempt from error of judgment, as in opinion or statement

infamous

adj. publicly branded or notorious, as for vice or crime

infamy

n. total loss or destitution of honor or reputation

*Forms: infamies***inference**

n. the derivation of a judgment from any given material of knowledge on the ground of law

*Forms: inferences***infernal**

adj. akin to or befitting hell or its occupants

infest

v. to be present in such numbers as to be a source of annoyance, trouble or danger

Forms: infested; infested; infesting

infidel

n. one who denies the existence of God

Forms: infidels

infidelity

n. disloyalty

Forms: infidelities

infinite

adj. measureless

infinity

n. boundless or immeasurable extension or duration

Forms: infinities

infirm

adj. lacking in bodily or mental strength

infirmity

n. a place for the reception or treatment of the sick

Forms: infirmaries

infirmity

n. a physical, mental or moral weakness or flaw

Forms: infirmities

inflammable

adj. easily set on fire or excited

inflammation

n. a morbid process in some part of the body characterized by heat, swelling and pain

Forms: inflammations

inflexible

adj. that can not be altered or varied

influence

n. ability to sway the will of another

Forms: influences

influential

adj. having the power to sway the will of another

influx

n. infusion

Forms: influxes

infrequency

n. rareness

infrequent

adj. uncommon

infringe

v. to trespass upon

Forms: infringed; infringed; infringing

infuse

v. to instill, introduce or inculcate, as principles or qualities

Forms: infused; infused; infusing

infusion

n. the act of imbuing or pouring in

Forms: infusions

ingenious

adj. evincing skill, originality or cleverness, as in contrivance or arrangement

ingenuity

n. cleverness in contriving, combining or originating

Forms: ingenuities

ingenuous

adj. candid, frank or open in character or quality

inglorious

adj. shameful

ingraft

v. to set or implant deeply and firmly

Forms: ingrafted; ingrafted; ingrafting

ingratiate

v. to win confidence or good graces for oneself

Forms: ingratiated; ingratiated; ingratiating

ingratitude

n. insensibility to kindness

ingredient

n. component

Forms: ingredients

inherence

n. the state of being permanently existing in something

inherent

adj. intrinsic

inhibit

v. to hold back or in

Forms: inhibited; inhibited; inhibiting

inhospitable

adj. not disposed to entertain strangers gratuitously

inhuman

adj. savage

inhume

v. to place in the earth, as a dead body

Forms: inhumed; inhumed; inhuming

inimical

adj. adverse

iniquity

n. gross wrong or injustice

Forms: iniquities

initiate

v. to perform the first act or rite

Forms: initiated; initiated; initiating**inject**

v. to force in by means of a syringe or other device; to infuse

Forms: injected; injected; injecting**injunction**

n. mandate

Forms: injunctions**inkling**

n. a hint

inland

adj. remote from the sea

inlet

n. a small body of water leading into a larger

Forms: inlets**inmost**

adj. deepest within

innocuous

adj. harmless

innovate

v. to introduce or strive to introduce new things

Forms: innovated; innovated; innovating**innuendo**

n. insinuation

Forms: innuendos, innuendoes**innumerable**

adj. countless

inoffensive

adj. causing nothing displeasing or disturbing

inopportune

adj. unsuitable or inconvenient, especially as to time

inquire

v. to ask information about

Forms: inquired; inquired; inquiring**inquisition**

n. a court or tribunal for examination and punishment of heretics

Forms: inquisitions**inquisitive**

adj. given to questioning, especially out of curiosity

inquisitor

n. person who makes an investigation

Forms: inquisitors**inroad**

n. forcible encroachment or trespass

Forms: inroads

insatiable

adj. that desires or craves immoderately or unappeasably

inscribe

v. to enter in a book or on a list, roll or document by writing

Forms: inscribed; inscribed; inscribing**inscrutable**

adj. impenetrably mysterious or profound

insecure

adj. not assured of safety

insensible

adj. imperceptible

insentient

adj. lacking the power of feeling or perceiving

inseparable

adj. indivisible; close; devoted

insidious

adj. working ill by slow and stealthy means

insight

n. intellectual discernment

Forms: insights**insignificance**

n. lack of import or of importance

insignificant

adj. without importance, force or influence

insinuate

v. to imply

Forms: insinuated; insinuated; insinuating**insipid**

adj. tasteless

insistence

n. urgency

insistent

adj. urgent

insolence

n. pride or haughtiness exhibited in contemptuous and overbearing treatment of others

insolent

adj. impudent

insomnia

n. sleeplessness

inspector

n. an official appointed to examine or oversee any matter of public interest or importance

Forms: inspectors**instance**

n. a single occurrence or happening of a given kind

Forms: instances

instant

n. a very brief portion of time

Forms: instants**instantaneous**

adj. done without perceptible lapse of time

instigate

v. to provoke

Forms: instigated; instigated; instigating**instigator**

n. person who incites to evil

Forms: instigators**instill**

v. to infuse

Forms: instilled; instilled; instilling**instructive**

adj. conveying knowledge

insufficiency

n. inadequacy

Forms: insufficiencies**insufficient**

adj. inadequate for some need, purpose or use

insular

adj. pertaining to an island

insulate

v. to place in a detached state or situation

Forms: insulated; insulated; insulating**insuperable**

adj. invincible

insuppressible

adj. incapable of being concealed

insurgence

n. uprising

insurgent

n. one who takes part in forcible opposition to the constituted authorities of a place

Forms: insurgents**insurrection**

n. the state of being in active resistance to authority

Forms: insurrections**intangible**

adj. not perceptible to the touch

integrity

n. uprightness of character and soundness of moral principle

intellect

n. the faculty of perception or thought

Forms: intellects

intellectual

adj. mental; rational; brilliant; academic

intelligence

n. capacity to know or understand

intelligible

adj. comprehensible

intemperance

n. immoderate action or indulgence, as of the appetites

intension

n. the act of stringing or stretching or state of being strained

Forms: intension**intensive**

adj. adding emphasis or force

intention

n. something upon which the mind is set; goal; plan; purpose

Forms: intentions**interact**

v. to communicate or work together

Forms: interacted; interacted; interacting**intercede**

v. to mediate between persons

Forms: interceded; interceded; interceding**intercept**

v. to take; seize; cause to stop; delay; hinder; obstruct

Forms: intercepted; intercepted; intercepting**intercession**

n. entreaty in behalf of others

intercessor

n. a mediator

interdict

n. authoritative act of prohibition

interim

n. time between acts or periods

interlocutor

n. one who takes part in a conversation or oral discussion

interlude

n. an action or event considered as coming between others of greater length

Forms: interludes**intermediate**

adj. being in a middle place or degree or between extremes

interminable

adj. having no limit or end

intermission

n. a recess

Forms: intermissions**intermit**

v. to cause to cease temporarily

Forms: intermitted; intermitted; intermitting

intermittent

adj. a temporary discontinuance

interpolation

n. verbal interference

interpose

v. to come between other things or persons

Forms: interposed; interposed; interposing**interposition**

n. the process of coming between

Forms: interpositions**interpreter**

n. a person who makes intelligible the speech of a foreigner by oral translation

Forms: interpreters**interrogate**

v. to examine formally by questioning

Forms: interrogated; interrogated; interrogating**interrogative**

adj. having the nature or form of a question

interrogatory

n. a question or inquiry

Forms: interrogatories**interrupt**

v. to stop while in progress

Forms: interrupted; interrupted; interrupting**intersect**

v. to cut through or into so as to divide

Forms: intersected; intersected; intersecting**intervale**

n. a low tract of land between hills, especially along a river

intervene

v. to interfere for some end

Forms: intervened; intervened; intervening**intestacy**

n. the condition resulting from one's dying not having made a valid will

intestate

adj. not having made a valid will

intestine

n. that part of the digestive tube below or behind the stomach, extending to the anus

Forms: intestines**intimacy**

n. close or confidential friendship

Forms: intimacies**intimidate**

v. to cause to become frightened

Forms: intimidated; intimidated; intimidating**intolerable**

adj. insufferable

intolerance

n. inability or unwillingness to bear or endure

intolerant

adj. bigoted

intoxicant

n. anything that unduly exhilarates or excites

intoxicate

v. to make drunk

Forms: intoxicated; intoxicating**intracellular**

adj. within the smallest unit of life

intramural

adj. situated within the walls of a city

intrepid

adj. fearless and bold

intricacy

n. perplexity

Forms: intricacies**intricate**

adj. difficult to follow or understand

intrigue

n. a plot or scheme, usually complicated and intended to accomplish something by secret ways

Forms: intrigues**intrinsic**

adj. inherent

introductory

adj. preliminary

introgession

n. entrance

Forms: intros**intromit**

v. to insert

Forms: intromitted; intromitting**introspect**

v. to look into

Forms: introspected; introspecting**introspection**

n. the act of observing and analyzing one's own thoughts and feelings

introversion

n. the act of turning or directing inward, physically or mentally

introvert

v. to turn within

Forms: introverted; introverting

intrude

v. to come in without leave or license

Forms: intruded; intruded; intruding**intrusion**

n. the act of entering without warrant or invitation; encroachment

Forms: intrusions**intuition**

n. instinctive knowledge or feeling

Forms: intuitions**inundate**

v. to fill with an overflowing abundance

Forms: inundated; inundated; inundating**inundation**

n. flood

inure

v. to harden or toughen by use, exercise or exposure

Forms: inured; inured; inuring**invalid**

adj. having no force, weight or cogency

invalid

n. person who is disabled by illness or injury

Forms: invalids**invalidate**

v. to render of no force or effect

Forms: invalidated; invalidated; invalidating**invaluable**

adj. exceedingly precious

invariable

adj. unchangeable

invasion

n. encroachment, as by an act of intrusion or trespass

Forms: invasions**invective**

n. an utterance intended to cast censure or reproach

inveigh

v. to utter vehement censure or invective

Forms: inveighed; inveighed; inveighing**inventive**

adj. quick at contrivance

inverse

adj. contrary in tendency or direction

inversion

n. change of order so that the first shall become last and the last first

invert

v. to turn inside out, upside down or in opposite direction

Forms: inverted; inverted; inverting

investigator

n. detective

Forms: investigators**investor**

n. person who puts money into a particular project or fund with the intention of gaining a profit

Forms: investors**inveterate**

adj. habitual

invidious

adj. showing or feeling envy

invigorate

v. to animate

Forms: invigorated; invigorated; invigorating**invincible**

adj. not to be conquered, subdued or overcome

inviolable

adj. incapable of being injured or disturbed

invoke

v. to call on for assistance or protection

Forms: invoked; invoked; invoking**involuntary**

adj. unwilling

involution

n. complication

involve

v. to draw into entanglement, literally or figuratively

Forms: involved; involved; involving**invulnerable**

adj. that can not be wounded or hurt

inwardly

adv. with no outward manifestation

iota

n. a small or insignificant mark or part

Forms: iotas**irascible**

adj. prone to anger

irate

adj. moved to anger

ire

n. wrath

iridescence

n. a many-colored appearance

iridescent

adj. exhibiting changing rainbow-colors due to the interference of the light

irk

v. to afflict with pain, vexation or fatigue

Forms: irked; irked; irking

irksome

adj. annoying; irritating; frustrating

irony

n. censure or ridicule under cover of praise or compliment

Forms: ironies**irradiance**

n. luster

irradiate

v. to render clear and intelligible

Forms: irradiated; irradiated; irradiating**irrational**

adj. not possessed of reasoning powers or understanding

irreducible

adj. that can not be lessened

irrefragable

adj. that can not be refuted or disproved

irrefragible

adj. that can not be broken or violated

irrelevant

adj. inapplicable

irreligious

adj. indifferent or opposed to religion

irreparable

adj. that can not be rectified or made amends for

irrepressible

adj. that can not be restrained or kept down

irresistible

adj. that can not be successfully withstood or opposed

irresponsible

adj. careless of or unable to meet responsibilities

irreverence

n. the quality showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things

irreverent

adj. showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things

irreverential

adj. showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things

irreversible

adj. unalterable; unchangeable; final

irrigant

adj. serving to water lands by artificial means

irrigate

v. to water, as land, by ditches or other artificial means

Forms: irrigated; irrigated; irrigating**irritable**

adj. showing impatience or ill temper on little provocation

irritancy

n. the quality of producing vexation

irritant

n. a mechanical, chemical or pathological agent of inflammation, pain or tension

Forms: irritants

irritate

v. to excite ill temper or impatience in

Forms: irritated; irritated; irritating

irruption

n. sudden invasion

isle

n. a piece of land completely surrounded by water

Forms: isles

islet

n. a little island

isobar

n. a line joining points at which the barometric pressure is the same at a specified moment

isochronous

adj. relating to or denoting equal intervals of time

isolate

v. to separate from others of its kind

Forms: isolated; isolated; isolating

isothermal

adj. having or marking equality of temperature

itinerant

adj. wandering

itinerary

n. a detailed account or diary of a journey

Forms: itineraries

itinerate

v. to wander from place to place

Forms: itinerated; itinerated; itinerating

jargon

n. confused, unintelligible speech or highly technical speech

Forms: jargons

jaundice

n. a morbid condition, due to obstructed excretion of bile or characterized by yellowing of the skin

jeopardize

v. to imperil

Forms: jeopardized; jeopardized; jeopardizing

jingo

n. one of a party in Great Britain in favor of spirited and demonstrative foreign policy

jocose

adj. done or made in jest

jocular

adj. amusing; funny

joggle

n. a sudden irregular shake or a push causing such a shake

journalize

v. to keep a diary

Forms: journalized; journalized; journalizing

joust

v. to engage in a tilt with lances on horseback

Forms: jousted; jousted; jousting

jovial

adj. merry

jubilation

n. exultation

judgment

n. the faculty by the exercise of which a deliberate conclusion is reached

Forms: judgments

judicature

n. distribution and administration of justice by trial and judgment

judicial

adj. pertaining to decisions made by courts of law

judiciary

n. that department of government which administers the law

Forms: judiciaries

judicious

adj. prudent

juggle

v. to play tricks of sleight of hand

Forms: juggled; juggled; juggling**jugglery**

n. the art or practice of sleight of hand

jugular

adj. pertaining to the throat

juicy

adj. succulent

Forms: juicier; juiciest**junction**

n. the condition of being joined

Forms: junctions**junction**

n. an articulation, joint or seam

Forms: junctures**junta**

n. a council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government

Forms: juntas**juridical**

adj. assumed by law to exist

jurisdiction

n. lawful power or right to exercise official authority

jurisprudence

n. the science of rights in accordance with positive law

juror

n. one who serves on a jury or is sworn in for jury duty in a court of justice

justification

n. vindication

juvenile

adj. characteristic of youth

juxtapose

v. to place close together

Forms: juxtaposed; juxtaposed; juxtaposing

keepsake

n. a souvenir; object kept as a reminder of an event

kerchief

n. a square of linen, silk or other material, used as a covering for the head or neck

Forms: kerchiefs, kerchieves

kernel

n. a grain or seed

Forms: kernels

kiln

n. an oven or furnace for baking, burning or drying industrial products

Forms: kilns

kiloliter

n. a measure of volume

kilometer

n. a measure of length

Forms: kilometers

kilowatt

n. a unit of electrical energy

Forms: kilowatts

kimono

n. a loose robe, fastening with a sash, the principal outer garment in Japan

Forms: kimonos

kind-hearted

adj. caring; good-natured; generous; considerate

kingling

n. a petty male monarch

kingship

n. royal state

kinsfolk

n. relatives

knavery

n. deceitfulness in dealing

Forms: knaveries

knead

v. to mix and work into a homogeneous mass, especially with the hands

Forms: kneaded; kneaded; kneading

knickknack

n. a small article, more for ornament than use

knight errant

n. one of the wandering warrior who in the middle ages went forth in search of adventure

Forms: knights errant

knighthood

n. chivalry

Forms: knighthoods

laborious

adj. toilsome

labyrinth

n. a maze

*Forms: labyrinths***lacerate**

v. to tear rudely or raggedly

*Forms: lacerated; lacerated; lacerating***lackadaisical**

adj. listless

lactation

n. the secretion of milk

lacteal

adj. milky

lactic

adj. pertaining to milk

laddie

n. a young boy; young man

ladle

n. a cup-shaped vessel with a long handle, intended for dipping up and pouring liquids

*Forms: ladles***laggard**

adj. falling behind

landholder

n. a real estate owner

landlord

n. a man who owns and lets a tenement or tenements

*Forms: landlords***landmark**

n. a familiar object in the landscape serving as a guide to an area otherwise easily lost track of

*Forms: landmarks***landscape**

n. a rural view, especially one of picturesque effect, as seen from a distance or an elevation

*Forms: landscapes***languid**

adj. relaxed

languor

n. lassitude of body or depression

lapse

n. a slight deviation from what is right, proper or just

*Forms: lapses***lascivious**

adj. lustful

lassie

n. a young girl; sweetheart

latency

n. the state of being dormant

Forms: latencies

latent

adj. dormant

later

adv. at a subsequent time

Forms: late; later; latest**lateral**

adj. directed toward the side

latish

adj. rather late

lattice

n. openwork of metal or wood, formed by crossing or interlacing strips or bars

Forms: lattices**laud**

v. to praise in words or song

Forms: lauded; lauded; lauding**laudable**

adj. praiseworthy

laudation

n. high praise

laudatory

adj. pertaining to, expressing or containing praise

laundress

n. washerwoman

laureate

adj. crowned with laurel, as a mark of distinction

lave

v. to wash or bathe

Forms: laved; laved; laving**lawgiver**

n. a legislator

lawmaker

n. a legislator

lax

adj. not stringent or energetic

Forms: laxer; laxest**laxative**

adj. having power to open or loosen the bowels

lea

n. a field

Forms: leas**leaflet**

n. a sheet of paper on which information has been printed; flyer

Forms: leaflets**leaven**

v. to make light by fermentation, as dough

Forms: leavened; leavened; leavening**leeward**

n. that side or direction toward which the wind blows

left-handed

adj. clumsy

legacy

n. a bequest

Forms: legacies**legalize**

v. to give the authority of law to

Forms: legalized; legalizing**legging**

n. a protective covering made of a strong material

Forms: leggings**legible**

adj. that may be read with ease

legionary

n. of a military unit; of a multitude; of a great number

legislate

v. to make or enact a law or laws

Forms: legislated; legislating**legislative**

adj. that makes or enacts laws

legislator

n. a lawgiver

Forms: legislators**legitimacy**

n. accordance with law

legitimate

adj. having the sanction of law or established custom

Forms: more legitimate; most legitimate**leisure**

n. spare time

leniency

n. forbearance

Forms: leniencies**lenient**

adj. permissive; tolerant; indulgent; not strict

leonine

adj. like a lion

lethargy

n. prolonged sluggishness of body or mind

Forms: lethargies**levee**

n. an embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent overflow

Forms: levees**lever**

n. something that exerts or through through which one may exert great power

Forms: levers

leviathan

n. any large animal, as a whale

levity

n. a lack of seriousness; frivolity; flightiness; silliness

Forms: levities**levy**

v. to impose and collect by force or threat of force

Forms: levied; levied; levying**lewd**

adj. characterized by lust or lasciviousness

Forms: lewder; lewdest**lexicographer**

n. person who makes dictionaries

Forms: lexicographers**lexicography**

n. the making of dictionaries

lexicon

n. a dictionary

Forms: lexica, lexicons**liable**

adj. justly or legally responsible

libel

n. defamation

Forms: libels**liberalism**

n. opposition to conservatism

liberate

v. to set free or release from bondage

Forms: liberated; liberated; liberating**licentious**

adj. wanton

licit

adj. lawful

liege

adj. sovereign

lien

n. a legal claim or hold on property, as security for a debt or charge

Forms: liens**lieu**

n. stead

lifelike

adj. realistic

lifelong

adj. lasting or continuous until a person's death

lifetime

n. period during which something functions or exists

Forms: lifetimes

ligament

n. something binds objects together

Forms: ligaments

ligature

n. anything that constricts or serves for binding or tying

light-hearted

adj. free from care

ligneous

adj. having the texture of appearance of wood

likelihood

n. a probability

likely

adj. plausible; reasonable; probable; possible; appropriate; promising

Forms: likelier, more likely; likeliest, most likely

liking

n. fondness

limitation

n. a restriction

Forms: limitations

linear

adj. straight; one dimensional; pertaining to length; narrow and elongated

liner

n. airplane or ship which is run by a transportation company; eye pencil

Forms: liners

lingo

n. language used by a certain group or class of people

Forms: lingo

lingua

n. the tongue

Forms: linguae

lingual

adj. pertaining to the use of the tongue in utterance

linguist

n. person who is acquainted with several languages

Forms: linguists

linguistics

n. the science of languages or of the origin, history, and significance of words

liniment

n. a liquid preparation for rubbing on the skin in cases of bruises, inflammation, etc

liquefacient

adj. possessing a liquefying nature or power

liquefy

v. to cause to melt

Forms: liquefied; liquified; liquefying**liqueur**

n. an alcoholic cordial sweetened and flavored with aromatic substances

liquidate

v. to deliver the amount or value of

Forms: liquidated; liquided; liquidating**liquor**

n. any alcoholic or intoxicating drink

Forms: liquors**listless**

adj. inattentive

literacy

n. the state or condition of knowing how to read and write

literal

adj. following the exact words

literature

n. the written or printed productions of the human mind collectively

Forms: literatures**lithe**

adj. supple

Forms: lither; lithest**lithesome**

adj. nimble

lithograph

n. a print made by printing from stone

lithotype

n. in engraving, an etched stone surface for printing

litigant

n. a party to a lawsuit

litigate

v. to cause to become the subject-matter of a suit at law

Forms: litigated; litigated; litigating**litigious**

adj. quarrelsome

littoral

adj. of, pertaining to or living on a shore

liturgy

n. a ritual

Forms: liturgies**livelihood**

n. means of subsistence

livid

adj. black-and-blue, as contused flesh

loam

n. a non-coherent mixture of sand and clay

loath

adj. averse

loathe

v. to abominate

Forms: loathed; loathed; loathing**locative**

adj. indicating place or the place where or wherein an action occurs

loch

n. a lake

locomotion

n. the act or power of moving from one place to another

lode

n. a somewhat continuous unstratified metal-bearing vein

lodgment

n. the act of furnishing with temporary quarters

logic

n. the science of correct thinking

logical

adj. capable of or characterized by clear reasoning

Forms: more logical; most logical**logician**

n. an expert reasoner

loiterer

n. person who consumes time idly

Forms: loiterers**loneliness**

n. solitude

longevity

n. unusually prolonged life

loot

v. to plunder

Forms: looted; looted; looting**loquacious**

adj. talkative

lordling

n. a little aristocrat

lough

n. Irish word for lake; long inlet of the sea; bay

louse

n. a small insect parasitic on and sucking the blood of mammals

Forms: louses, lice**lovable**

adj. amiable; endearing; sweet

low-spirited

adj. despondent

lowly

adv. rudely; meekly, modestly; humbly

Forms: lowlier; lowliest**lucid**

adj. mentally sound

lucrative

adj. highly profitable

ludicrous

adj. laughable

luminary

n. one of the heavenly bodies as a source of light

Forms: luminaries**luminescence**

n. showing increase

luminescent

adj. showing increase of light

luminosity

n. the quality of giving or radiating light

Forms: luminosities**luminous**

adj. giving or radiating light

lunacy

n. mental unsoundness

Forms: lunacies**lunar**

adj. pertaining to the moon

lunatic

n. an insane person

Forms: lunatics**lune**

n. the moon

lurid

adj. ghastly and sensational

luscious

adj. rich, sweet, and delicious

lustrous

adj. shining

luxuriance

n. excessive or superfluous growth or quantity

luxuriant

adj. abundant or superabundant in growth

luxuriate

v. to live sumptuously

Forms: luxuriated; luxuriated; luxuriating**lying**

n. untruthfulness

lyre

n. one of the most ancient of stringed instruments of the harp class

Forms: lyres

lyric

adj. fitted for expression in song

macadamize

v. to cover or pave, as a path or roadway, with small broken stone

Forms: macadamized; macadamized; macadamizing

machinery

n. an interconnected series of parts or processes that works like a mechanical system to produce a result

machinist

n. person who makes or repairs metal-working tools

Forms: machinists

macrocosm

n. the whole of any sphere or department of nature or knowledge to which man is related

madden

v. to inflame with passion

Forms: maddened; maddened; maddening

madonna

n. a painted or sculptured representation of the Virgin, usually with the infant Jesus

magician

n. a sorcerer

Forms: magicians

magisterial

adj. having an air of authority

magistracy

n. the office or dignity of a minor judicial officer who has limited jurisdiction in criminal cases

Forms: magistracies

magnanimous

adj. generous in treating or judging others

magnate

n. a person of rank or importance

Forms: magnates

magnet

n. a body possessing that peculiar form of polarity found in nature in the lodestone

Forms: magnets

magnetize

v. to mesmerize; to fascinate; to rivet; to spellbind

Forms: magnetized; magnetized; magnetizing

magnificence

n. the exhibition of greatness of action, character, intellect, wealth or power

Forms: no plural

magnificent

adj. grand; splendid; majestic; superb; glorious; impressive

Forms: more magnificent; most magnificent

magnitude

n. importance

Forms: magnitudes

maharaja

n. a great Hindu prince

Forms: maharajas**maidenhood**

n. virginity

maintain

v. to hold or preserve in any particular state or condition

Forms: maintained; maintained; maintaining**maintenance**

n. upkeep; process of supporting and sustaining

Forms: no plural**maize**

n. Indian corn: usually in the United States called simply corn

makeup

n. the arrangements or combination of the parts of which anything is composed

Forms: makeups**malady**

n. any physical disease or disorder, especially a chronic or deep-seated one

Forms: maladies**malaria**

n. a fever characterized by alternating chills, fever and sweating

Forms: no plural**malcontent**

n. one who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs

malediction

n. the calling down of a curse or curses

malefactor

n. one who injures another

maleficent

adj. mischievous; harmful; evil

malevolence

n. ill will; spitefulness

malevolent

adj. wishing evil to others

malign

v. to speak evil of, especially to do so falsely and severely

Forms: maligned; maligned; maligning**malignant**

adj. evil in nature or tending to do great harm or mischief

malleable

adj. pliant

mallet

n. a wooden hammer

Forms: mallets

maltreat

v. to behave cruelly or unkindly toward a person or animal

Forms: maltreated; maltreated; maltreating

man-eater

n. a cannibal; femme fatale

man-trap

n. a place or structure dangerous to life; a mechanical device for catching trespassers and poachers

mandate

n. a command

Forms: mandates

mandatory

adj. expressive of positive command, as distinguished from merely directory

mane

n. the long hair growing upon and about the neck of certain animals, as the horse and the lion

maneuver

v. to make adroit or artful moves: manage affairs by strategy

Forms: maneuvered; maneuvered; maneuvering

mania

n. insanity

maniac

n. a person raving with madness

manifesto

n. a public declaration, making announcement, explanation or defense of intentions or motives

Forms: plurals: manifestos, manifestoes

manlike

adj. anthropoid; having masculine qualities

manliness

n. masculinity

mannerism

n. mode of behavior; particular way of acting; affectation; pretension

Forms: mannerisms

manor

n. the landed estate of a lord or nobleman

Forms: manors

mantel

n. the facing, sometimes richly ornamented, about a fireplace, including the usual shelf above it

mantle

n. a cloak

Forms: mantles

manufacturer

n. person, or organization that produces finished goods from raw materials, especially on a large industrial scale

Forms: manufacturers

manumission

n. emancipation

manumit

v. to set free from bondage

Forms: manumitted; manumitted; manumitting

marine

adj. of or pertaining to the sea or matters connected with the sea

maritime

adj. situated on or near the sea

maroon

v. to put ashore and abandon (a person) on a desolate coast or island

Forms: marooned; marooned; marooning

martial

adj. pertaining to war or military operations

martian

adj. pertaining to Mars, either the Roman god of war or the planet

martyrdom

n. submission to death or persecution for the sake of faith or principle

marvel

v. to be astonished and perplexed because of (something)

Forms: marveled, marvelled; marveled, marvelled; marveling, marvelling

masonry

n. the art or work of constructing, as buildings, walls, etc., with regularly arranged stones

masquerade

n. a social party composed of persons masked and costumed so as to be disguised

massacre

n. the unnecessary and indiscriminate killing of human beings

Forms: massacres

massive

adj. of considerable bulk and weight

Forms: more massive; most massive

masterpiece

n. a superior production

Forms: masterpieces

mastery

n. the attainment of superior skill

material

n. that of which anything is composed or may be constructed

Forms: materials

materialize

v. to take perceptible or substantial form

Forms: materialized; materialized; materializing

maternal

adj. pertaining or peculiar to a mother or to motherhood

matinee

n. an entertainment (especially theatrical) held in the daytime

Forms: matinees

matricide

n. the killing, especially the murdering, of one's mother

matrimony

n. the union of a man and a woman in marriage

matrix

n. that which contains and gives shape or form to anything

Forms: matrices, matrixes

matter of fact

n. something that has actual and undeniable existence or reality

maudlin

adj. foolishly and tearfully affectionate

mausoleum

n. a tomb of more than ordinary size or architectural pretensions

Forms: mausoleums, mausolea

mawkish

adj. sickening or insipid

maxim

n. a principle accepted as true and acted on as a rule or guide

Forms: maxims

maze

n. a labyrinth

Forms: mazes

mead

n. an alcoholic liquor made of fermented honey and water; any of various nonalcoholic drinks

meager

adj. scanty

mealy-mouthed

adj. afraid to express facts or opinions plainly

meander

v. to wind and turn while proceeding in a course

Forms: meandered; meandered; meandering

mechanics

n. the branch of physics that treats the phenomena caused by the action of forces

medallion

n. a large decorative metal disk worn on a chain around the neck

meddlesome

adj. interfering

medial

adj. of or pertaining to the middle

mediate

v. to effect by negotiating as an agent between parties

Forms: mediated; mediated; mediating

medicine

n. a substance possessing or reputed to possess curative or remedial properties

Forms: medicines

medieval

adj. belonging or relating to or descriptive of the middle ages

mediocre

adj. ordinary

meditation

n. the turning or revolving of a subject in the mind

Forms: meditations

medley

n. a composition of different songs or parts of songs arranged to run as a continuous whole

Forms: medleys

meliorate

v. to make better or improve, as in quality or social or physical condition

Forms: meliorated; meliorated; meliorating

mellifluous

adj. sweetly or smoothly flowing

melodious

adj. characterized by a sweet succession of sounds

melodrama

n. a romantic story or plot and sensational situation and incidents

Forms: melodramas

memento

n. a souvenir

Forms: mementos, mementoes

memorable

adj. noteworthy

menace

n. a threat

Forms: menaces**menagerie**

n. a collection of wild animals, especially when kept for exhibition

Forms: menageries**mendacious**

adj. untrue

mendicant

n. a beggar

mentality

n. intellectuality

Forms: mentalities**mentor**

n. a wise and faithful teacher, guide and friend

Forms: mentors**mercantile**

adj. conducted or acting on business principles; commercial

mercenary

adj. greedy

merciful

adj. disposed to pity and forgive

merciless

adj. cruel

meretricious

adj. alluring by false or gaudy show

mesmerize

v. to hypnotize

Forms: mesmerized; mesmerized; mesmerizing**messieurs**

n. gentlemen

Forms: only plural**metal**

n. an element that forms a base by combining with oxygen, is usually hard, heavy, and lustrous

Forms: metals**metallurgy**

n. the art or science of extracting any solid mineral element (such as gold, silver, copper, etc.) from ores, as by smelting

metamorphosis

n. a passing from one form or shape into another

Forms: metamorphoses

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which one object is likened to another by speaking as if the other

Forms: metaphors

metaphysical

adj. philosophical

metaphysician

n. a philosopher who investigates the essence of the world and of reality

metaphysics

n. the principles of philosophy as applied to explain the methods of any particular science

mete

v. to apportion

Forms: meted; meted; meting

metempsychosis

n. transition of the soul of a human being at death into another body, whether human or beast

Forms: metempsychoses

meticulous

adj. pedantic; cautious concerning minute details; scrupulous

metonymy

n. a figure of speech that consists in the naming of a thing by one of its attributes

metric

adj. relating to measurement

metronome

n. an instrument for indicating and marking exact time in music

metropolis

n. a chief city, either the capital or the largest or most important city of a state

Forms: metropolises

metropolitan

adj. pertaining to a chief city

mettle

n. courage

mettlesome

adj. having courage or spirit

microcosm

n. the world or universe on a small scale

micrometer

n. an instrument for measuring very small angles or dimensions

microphone

n. an apparatus for magnifying faint sounds

Forms: microphones

microscope

n. an instrument for assisting the eye in the vision of minute objects or features of objects

Forms: microscopes

microscopic

adj. adapted to or characterized by minute observation

microscopy

n. the art of examining objects with the microscope

midsummer

n. a certain time of year (in July)

midwife

n. a woman who makes a business of assisting at childbirth

Forms: midwives

mien

n. the external appearance or manner of a person

migrant

adj. wandering

migrate

v. to remove or pass from one country, region or habitat to another

Forms: migrated; migrated; migrating

migratory

adj. wandering

mileage

n. a distance in miles

Forms: mileages

militant

adj. of a warlike or combative disposition or tendency

Forms: more militant; most militant

militarism

n. a policy of maintaining great standing armies

militate

v. to have weight or influence (in determining a question)

Forms: militated; militated; militating

militia

n. reserve army of citizens that are called upon during emergencies

milky way

n. the galaxy

millet

n. a grass cultivated for forage and cereal

Forms: millets

mimic

v. to imitate the speech or actions of

Forms: mimicked; mimicked; mimicking**miniature**

adj. much smaller than reality or that the normal size

minimize

v. to reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree

Forms: minimized; minimized; minimizing**minion**

n. a servile favorite

Forms: minions**ministration**

n. any religious ceremonial

ministry

n. a service

Forms: ministries**minority**

n. the smaller in number of two portions into which a number or a group is divided

Forms: minorities**minute**

adj. exceedingly small in extent or quantity

minutia

n. a small or unimportant particular or detail

Forms: minutiae**mirage**

n. an optical effect looking like a sheet of water in the desert

misadventure

n. an unlucky accident

misanthropic

adj. hating mankind

misanthropy

n. hatred of mankind

misapprehend

v. to misunderstand

Forms: misapprehended; misapprehended; misapprehending**misbehave**

v. to be naughty and troublesome

Forms: misbehaved; misbehaved; misbehaving**misbehavior**

n. ill or poor conduct

mischievous

adj. fond of tricks

miscount

v. to make a mathematical error

Forms: miscounted; miscounted; miscounting

miscreant

n. a villain

misdeed

n. a wrong or improper act

misdemeanor

n. evil conduct; small crime

Forms: misdemeanors**miser**

n. a person given to saving and hoarding unduly

Forms: misers**mishap**

n. an unlucky accident

Forms: mishaps**misinterpret**

v. to explain or understand incorrectly

Forms: misinterpreted; misinterpreted; misinterpreting**mislay**

v. to accidentally place an object where it cannot be found; to arrange incorrectly

Forms: mislaid; mislaid; mislaying**mismanage**

v. to run, organize, or deal with something incompetently

Forms: mismanaged; mismanaged; mismanaging**misnomer**

n. a name wrongly or mistakenly applied

misogamy

n. hatred of marriage

misogyny

n. hatred of women

misplace

v. to put something in a wrong position

Forms: misplaced; misplaced; misplacing**misrepresent**

v. to give a wrong impression

Forms: misrepresented; misrepresented; misrepresenting**misrule**

v. to manage badly; to govern in an evil manner

Forms: misruled; misruled; misruling**missal**

n. the book containing the service for the celebration of mass

missile

n. any object, especially a weapon, thrown or intended to be thrown

Forms: missiles**missive**

n. a message in writing

mistrust

v. to regard with suspicion or jealousy

Forms: mistrusted; mistrusted; mistrusting

misty

adj. hazy; foggy; vague; obscure

Forms: mistier; mistiest**misunderstand**

v. to take in a wrong sense; to interpret incorrectly

Forms: misunderstood; misunderstood; misunderstanding**misuse**

v. to maltreat

Forms: misused; misused; misusing**mite**

n. a very small amount, portion or particle

Forms: mites**miter**

n. the junction of two bodies at an equally divided angle

Forms: miters**mitigate**

v. to make milder or more endurable

Forms: mitigated; mitigated; mitigating**mnemonics**

n. a system of principles and formulas designed to assist the recollection in certain instances

moat

n. a ditch on the outside of a fortress wall

Forms: moats**mobocracy**

n. lawless control of public affairs by the populace

Forms: mobocracies**moccasin**

n. a foot-covering made of soft leather or buckskin

Forms: moccasins**mockery**

n. ridicule

Forms: mockeries**moderation**

n. temperance

moderator

n. the presiding officer of a meeting

modernity

n. newness

Forms: modernities**modernize**

v. to make characteristic of the present or of recent times

Forms: modernized; modernized; modernizing**modification**

n. a change

Forms: modifications**modify**

v. to make somewhat different

Forms: modified; modified; modifying**modish**

adj. fashionable

modulate

v. to vary in tone, inflection, pitch or other quality of sound

Forms: modulated; modulated; modulating**mollify**

v. to soothe

Forms: mollified; mollified; mollifying**molt**

v. to cast off, as hair, feathers, etc

Forms: molted; molted; molting**momentary**

adj. lasting but a short time

momentous

adj. very significant

momentum

n. an impetus

Forms: momenta, momentums**monarchy**

n. government by a single, sovereign ruler

Forms: monarchies**monastery**

n. a dwelling-place occupied in common by persons under religious vows of seclusion

Forms: monasteries**monetary**

adj. financial

mongrel

n. the progeny resulting from the crossing of different breeds or varieties

Forms: mongrels**monition**

n. friendly counsel given by way of warning and implying caution or reproof

monitory

n. admonition or warning

Forms: monitories**monocracy**

n. government by a single person

Forms: monocracies**monogamy**

n. the habit of pairing or having but one mate

Forms: no plural**monogram**

n. a character consisting of two or more letters interwoven into one, usually initials of a name

Forms: monograms**monograph**

n. a treatise discussing a single subject or branch of a subject

monolith

n. any structure or sculpture in stone formed of a single piece

monologue

n. a story or drama told or performed by one person

monomania

n. the unreasonable pursuit of one idea

Forms: monomanias

monopoly

n. the control of a thing, as a commodity, to enable a person to raise its price

Forms: monopolies

monosyllable

n. a word that contains of only one segment of speech

monotone

n. the sameness or monotony of utterance

monotonous

adj. unchanging and tedious

monotony

n. a lack of variety

monsieur

n. a French title of respect, equivalent to Mr. and sir

Forms: messieurs

monstrosity

n. anything unnaturally huge or distorted

Forms: monstrosities

moonbeam

n. a pale, milky, or iridescent light reflected to the Earth at night

Forms: moonbeams

morale

n. a state of mind with reference to confidence, courage, zeal and the like

Forms: morales

moralist

n. a writer on ethics

morality

n. virtue

Forms: moralities

moralize

v. to render virtuous

Forms: moralized; moralized; moralizing

moratorium

n. an emergency legislation authorizing a government suspend some action temporarily

Forms: moratoria, moratoriums

morbid

adj. caused by or denoting a diseased or unsound condition of body or mind

mordacious

adj. biting or giving to biting

mordant

adj. biting

moribund

adj. on the point of dying

morose

adj. gloomy

morphology

n. the science of organic forms

motley

adj. composed of heterogeneous or inharmonious elements

motto

n. an expressive word or pithy sentence enunciating some guiding rule of life or faith

*Forms: mottoes, mottos***mountaineer**

n. somebody who climbs for sport

*Forms: mountaineers***mountainous**

adj. hilly

mouthful

n. a sip; a bite

*Forms: mouthfuls***muddle**

v. to confuse or becloud

*Forms: muddled; muddled; muddling***muffle**

v. to deaden the sound of, as by wraps

*Forms: muffled; muffled; muffling***mulatto**

n. the offspring of a white person and a black person

*Forms: mulattos, mulattoes***muleteer**

n. a person who drives animals that are hybrids of horses and donkeys

multiform

adj. having many shapes or appearances

multiplicity

n. the condition of being manifold or very various

*Forms: multiplicities***mundane**

adj. worldly, as opposed to spiritual or celestial

municipal

adj. of or pertaining to a town or city or to its corporate or local government

municipality

n. a city or district with its own government; city council; governing body of the local area

Forms: municipalities

munificence

n. a giving characterized by generous motives and extraordinary liberality

munificent

adj. extraordinarily generous

muster

n. an assemblage or review of troops for parade or inspection or for numbering off

Forms: musters

mutation

n. the act or process of change

mutilate

v. to disfigure

Forms: mutilated; mutilated; mutilating

mutiny

n. rebellion against lawful or constituted authority

Forms: mutinies

myriad

n. a vast indefinite number

Forms: myriads

mystic

n. one who professes direct divine illumination or relies upon meditation to acquire truth

Forms: mystics

mystification

n. the act of artfully perplexing

Forms: mystifications

myth

n. a fictitious narrative presented as historical but without any basis of fact

Forms: myths

mythology

n. the whole body of legends cherished by a race concerning gods and heroes

Forms: mythologies

nameless

adj. having no fame or reputation

naphtha

n. a light, colorless, volatile, inflammable oil used as a solvent, as in manufacture of paints

narcissus

n. the son of the Athenian river-god Cephissus, fabled to have fallen in love with his reflection

narrate

v. to tell a story

Forms: narrated; narrated; narrating

narration

n. the act of recounting the particulars of an event in the order of time or occurrence

Forms: narrations

narrative

n. an orderly continuous account of the successive particulars of an event

Forms: narratives

narrator

n. a storyteller

Forms: narrators

narrow-minded

adj. characterized by illiberal views or sentiments

nasal

adj. pertaining to the nose

natal

adj. pertaining to one's birth

nationality

n. citizenship

Forms: nationalities

naturally

adv. according to the usual order of things

nausea

n. an affection of the stomach producing dizziness and usually an impulse to vomit

nauseate

v. to cause to loathe

Forms: nauseated; nauseated; nauseating

nauseous

adj. loathsome

nautical

adj. pertaining to ships, seamen or navigation

naval

adj. pertaining to ships

navel

n. the depression on the abdomen where the umbilical cord of the fetus was attached

navigable

adj. passable; can be crossed; can be steered through

navigate

v. to traverse by ship

Forms: navigated; navigated; navigating**nebula**

n. a gaseous body of unorganized stellar substance

Forms: nebulae, nebulas**necessary**

adj. indispensably requisite or absolutely needed to accomplish a desired result

Forms: more necessary; most necessary**necessitate**

v. to render indispensable

Forms: necessitated; necessitated; necessitating**necessity**

n. that which is indispensably requisite to an end desired

Forms: necessities**necrology**

n. a list of persons who have died in a certain place or time

Forms: necrologies**necromancer**

n. one who practices the art of foretelling the future by means of communication with the dead

necropolis

n. a city of the dead

Forms: necropolises**necrosis**

n. the death of part of the body

nectar

n. any especially sweet and delicious drink

nectarine

n. a variety of the peach

needlework

n. embroidery

needy

adj. poor; indigent

Forms: needier; neediest**nefarious**

adj. wicked in the extreme

negate

v. to deny

Forms: negated; negated; negating**negation**

n. the act of denying or of asserting the falsity of a proposition

neglectful

adj. exhibiting or indicating omission

negligee

n. a loose gown worn by women

Forms: negligees

negligence

n. omission of that which ought to be done

negligent

adj. apt to omit what ought to be done

Forms: more negligent; most negligent

negligible

adj. transferable by assignment, endorsement or delivery

negotiate

v. to bargain with others for an agreement, as for a treaty or transfer of property

Forms: negotiated; negotiated; negotiating

nemesis

n. a goddess; divinity of chastisement and vengeance

neo-darwinism

n. a theory of evolution that includes findings of modern genetics

neo-latin

n. is a post-medieval version of an ancient Indo-European language

neocracy

n. government administered by new or untried persons

neolithic

adj. pertaining to the later stone age

neology

n. the coining or using of new words or new meanings of words

Forms: neologies

neopaganism

n. a 20th-century revival of interest in the worship of nature, fertility, etc., as represented by various deities

neophyte

adj. having the character of a beginner

nestle

v. to adjust cozily in snug quarters

Forms: nestled; nestled; nestling

nestling

adj. recently hatched

nettle

v. to excite sensations of uneasiness or displeasure in

Forms: nettled; nettled; nettling

network

n. anything that presents a system of cross lines

Forms: networks

neural

adj. pertaining to the nerves or nervous system

neurology

n. the science of the nervous system

neuter

adj. neither masculine nor feminine

neutral

adj. belonging to or under control of neither of two contestants

Forms: more neutral; most neutral**newtonian**

adj. of or pertaining to particular English philosopher

niggardly

adj. stingy (no longer acceptable to use)

nihilist

n. an advocate of the doctrine that nothing either exists or can be known

nil

n. nothing

nimble

adj. light and quick in motion or action

Forms: nimbler; nimblest**nit**

n. the egg of a louse or some other insect

nocturnal

adj. of or pertaining to the night

noiseless

adj. silent

noisome

adj. very offensive, particularly to the sense of smell

noisy

adj. clamorous

Forms: noisier; noisiest**nomad**

adj. having no fixed abode

nomic

adj. usual or customary

nominal

adj. trivial

nominate

v. to designate as a candidate for any office

Forms: nominated; nominating**nomination**

n. the act or ceremony of naming a man or woman for office

Forms: nominations**nominee**

n. person who receives a candidacy

Forms: nominees**non-combatant**

n. person who is attached to the army or navy, but having duties other than that of fighting

Forms: non-combatants

non-existent

adj. something that isn't there

non-resident

adj. not residing within a given jurisdiction

nonchalance

n. a state of mind indicating lack of interest

nondescript

adj. indescribable

nonentity

n. a person or thing of little or no account

Forms: nonentities**nonpareil**

n. somebody or something of unequalled excellence

Forms: nonpareils**norm**

n. a model

normalcy

n. regularity

norman

adj. relating to a region in northern France

nostrum

n. any scheme or recipe of a charlatan character

noticeable

adj. perceptible

notorious

adj. unfavorably known to the general public

Forms: more notorious; most notorious**novellette**

n. a light romantic story, especially one that is considered trite or sentimental

Forms: novellas, novelle**novice**

n. a beginner in any business or occupation

Forms: novices**nowadays**

adv. in the present time or age

nowhere

adv. in no place or state

noxious

adj. hurtful

Forms: more noxious; most noxious**nuance**

n. a slight degree of difference in anything perceptible to the sense of the mind

nucleus

n. a central point or part about which matter is aggregated

Forms: nuclei, nucleuses**nude**

adj. naked

Forms: nuder; nudest

nugatory

adj. having no power or force

nuisance

n. something that annoys, vexes or irritates

Forms: nuisances

numeration

n. the act or art of reading or naming numbers

numerical

adj. of or pertaining to number

nunnery

n. a convent

Forms: nunneries

nuptial

adj. of or pertaining to marriage, especially to the marriage ceremony

nurture

n. the process of fostering or promoting growth

nutriment

n. source of sustenance and nourishment

Forms: nutriments

nutritive

adj. nourishing; healthy; of high food value

oaken

adj. made out of wood

oakum

n. hemp-fiber obtained by untwisting and picking out loosely the yarns of old hemp rope

obdurate

adj. impassive to feelings of humanity or pity

obelisk

n. a square shaft with pyramidal top, usually monumental or commemorative

Forms: obelisks**obese**

adj. exceedingly fat

obesity

n. excessive fatness

obituary

adj. a published notice of a death

objective

adj. grasping and representing facts as they are

Forms: more objective; most objective**objector**

n. an opposer

Forms: objectors**obligate**

v. to hold to the fulfillment of duty

Forms: obligated; obligated; obligating**obligatory**

adj. binding in law or conscience

oblique

adj. slanting; said of lines

Forms: more oblique; most oblique**obliterate**

v. to cause to disappear

Forms: obliterated; obliterated; obliterating**oblivion**

n. the state of having passed out of the memory or of being utterly forgotten

oblong

adj. longer than broad: applied most commonly to rectangular objects considerably elongated

obnoxious

adj. detestable

Forms: more obnoxious; most obnoxious**obsequies**

n. funeral rites

obsequious

adj. showing a servile readiness to fall in with the wishes or will of another

Forms: more obsequious; most obsequious

observance

n. a traditional form or customary act

Forms: observances**observant**

adj. quick to notice

Forms: more observant; most observant**observatory**

n. an astronomical viewing place

Forms: observatories**obsolescence**

n. the condition or process of gradually falling into disuse

obsolescent

adj. passing out of use, as a word

obsolete

adj. no longer practiced or accepted

obstetrician

n. a practitioner of midwifery

obstetrics

n. the branch of medical science concerned with the treatment and care of women during pregnancy

obstinacy

n. stubborn adherence to opinion, arising from conceit or the desire to have one's own way

Forms: obstinacies**obstreperous**

adj. boisterous

obstruct

v. to fill with impediments so as to prevent passage, either wholly or in part

Forms: obstructed; obstructed; obstructing**obstruction**

n. hindrance

Forms: obstructions**obtrude**

v. to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence

Forms: obtruded; obtruded; obtruding**obtrusive**

adj. tending to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence

obvert

v. to turn the front or principal side of (a thing) toward any person or object

Forms: obverted; obverted; obverting**obviate**

v. to clear away or provide for, as an objection or difficulty

Forms: obviated; obviated; obviating

occasion

n. an important event or celebration

Forms: occasions

occident

n. the countries lying west of Asia and the Turkish dominions

occlude

v. to absorb, as a gas by a metal

Forms: occluded; occluding

occult

adj. existing but not immediately perceptible

occupant

n. a tenant in possession of property, as distinguished from the actual owner

Forms: occupants

occurrence

n. a happening

Forms: occurrences

octagon

n. a figure with eight sides and eight angles

octave

n. a note at this interval above or below any other, considered in relation to that other

Forms: octaves

octavo

n. a book or collection of paper in which the sheets are so folded as to make eight leaves

Forms: octavos

octogenarian

adj. a person of between eighty and ninety years

ocular

adj. of or pertaining to the eye

oculist

n. one versed or skilled in treating diseases of the eye

oddity

n. an eccentricity

Forms: oddities

ode

n. the form of lyric poetry anciently intended to be sung

Forms: odes

odious

adj. hateful

Forms: more odious; most odious

odium

n. a feeling of extreme repugnance or of dislike and disgust

odoriferous

adj. pleasant smelling; aromatic

odorous

adj. fragrant; releasing a good smell

off

adj. farther or more distant

offhand

adv. without preparation

officiate

v. to perform ceremony; perform duty; serve as officiator; referee (Sports)

Forms: officiated; officiated; officiating**officious**

adj. intermeddling with what is not one's concern

offshoot

n. a branch; a derivative

Forms: offshoots**ogre**

n. a demon or monster that was supposed to devour human beings

ointment

n. a fatty preparation with a butter-like consistency in which a medicinal substance exists

Forms: ointments**olfactory**

adj. of or pertaining to the sense of smell

olive-branch

n. a peace offering; a gesture of goodwill

ominous

adj. delivering bad news; foreboding; threatening

Forms: more ominous; most ominous**omission**

n. exclusion

Forms: omissions**omnipotence**

n. unlimited and universal power

omnipotent

adj. possessed of unlimited and universal power

omniscience

n. unlimited or infinite knowledge

omniscient

adj. characterized by unlimited or infinite knowledge

omnivorous

adj. eating or living upon food of all kinds indiscriminately

onerous

adj. burdensome or oppressive

onrush

n. flow

onset

n. an assault, especially of troops, upon an enemy or fortification

onslaught

n. an assault; mighty attack; overwhelming quantity appearing all at once (as of people)

Forms: onslaughts

onus

n. a burden or responsibility

Forms: onuses

opalescence

n. the property of combined refraction and reflection of light, resulting in smoky tints

opaque

adj. impervious to light

operate

v. to put in action and supervise the working of

Forms: operated; operated; operating

operative

adj. in working order; valid; influential; important; surgical; efficient

operator

n. person who works with or controls some machine or scientific apparatus

Forms: operators

operetta

n. a humorous play in dialog and music that consists of more than one act

Forms: operettas

opinion

n. a conclusion or judgment held with confidence but falling short of positive knowledge

Forms: opinions

opponent

n. person who supports the other side in a debate, discussion, struggle or sport

Forms: opponents

opportune

adj. especially fit as occurring, said or done at the right moment

Forms: more opportune; most opportune

opportunist

n. person who takes advantage of circumstances to gain his ends

Forms: opportunists

opportunity

n. favorable or advantageous chance or opening

Forms: opportunities

opposite

adj. radically different or contrary in action or movement

opprobrium

n. the state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil

optic

n. pertaining to the eye or vision

Forms: optics

optician

n. person who makes or deals in optical instruments or eye-glasses

Forms: opticians

optics

n. the science that treats of light and vision, and all that is connected with sight

optimism

n. the view that everything in nature and the history of mankind is ordered for the best

option

n. the right, power or liberty of choosing

Forms: options

optometry

n. measurement of the powers of vision

opulence

n. affluence

opulent

adj. wealthy

oral

adj. uttered through the mouth

orate

v. to give a lecture; make a speech; declaim

Forms: orated; orated; orating

oration

n. an elaborate or formal public speech

Forms: orations

orator

n. person who delivers an elaborate or formal speech

Forms: orators

oratorio

n. a composition for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra, generally taken from the Scriptures

Forms: oratorios

oratory

n. the art of public speaking

Forms: oratories

ordeal

n. anything that severely tests courage, strength, patience, conscience, etc

Forms: ordeals

ordinal

n. that form of the numeral that shows the order of anything in a series, as first, second, third

Forms: ordinals

ordination

n. a consecration to the ministry

ordnance

n. a general name for all kinds of weapons and their appliances used in war

orgies

n. wild or wanton revelry

origin

n. the beginning of that which becomes or is made to be

Forms: origins

original

adj. not copied nor produced by imitation

originate

v. to cause or constitute the beginning or first stage of the existence of

Forms: originated; originated; originating

ornate

adj. having excess decoration; showy; flamboyant; flowery or elaborate in literary style

Forms: more ornate; most ornate

orthodox

adj. holding the commonly accepted faith

Forms: more orthodox; most orthodox

orthodoxy

n. acceptance of the common faith

Forms: orthodoxies

orthogonal

adj. having or determined by right angles

orthopedic

adj. relating to the correcting or preventing of deformity

orthopedist

n. person who practices the correcting or preventing of deformity

Forms: orthopedists

oscillate

v. to swing back and forth

Forms: oscillated; oscillated; oscillating

osculate

v. to kiss

Forms: osculated; osculated; osculating

ossify

v. to convert into bone

Forms: ossified; ossified; ossifying

ostentation

n. a display dictated by vanity and intended to invite applause or flattery

ostracism

n. exclusion from intercourse or favor, as in society or politics

ostracize

v. to exclude from public or private favor

Forms: ostracized; ostracized; ostracizing

ought

v. to be under moral obligation to be or do

oust

v. to eject

Forms: ousted; ousted; ousting**out-and-out**

adv. genuinely

out-of-the-way

adj. remotely situated

outbreak

n. eruption; explosion (usually of an unpleasant thing)

Forms: outbreaks**outburst**

n. a violent issue, especially of passion in an individual

Forms: outbursts**outcast**

n. person who is rejected and despised, especially socially

Forms: outcasts**outcry**

n. a scream; shout; protest

Forms: outcries**outdo**

v. to surpass

Forms: outdid; outdone; outdoing**outlandish**

adj. of barbarous, uncouth and unfamiliar aspect or action

outlast

v. to survive longer

Forms: outlasted; outlasted; outlasting**outlaw**

n. a criminal; fugitive

Forms: outlaws**outlive**

v. to continue to exist after

Forms: outlived; outlived; outliving**outpost**

n. a detachment of troops stationed at a distance from the main body to guard against surprise

Forms: outposts**outrage**

n. a gross infringement of morality or decency

Forms: outrages**outrageous**

adj. shocking in conduct

Forms: more outrageous; most outrageous**outreach**

v. to exceed; to go beyond

Forms: outreached; outreached; outreaching**outride**

v. to move faster than

Forms: outrided; outrided; outriding

outrigger

n. a part built or arranged to project beyond a natural outline for support

outright

adv. entirely

outskirt

n. a border region

Forms: outskirts

outstretch

v. to extend

Forms: outstretched; outstretched; outstretching

outstrip

v. to go beyond

Forms: outstripped; outstripped; outstripping

outweigh

v. to surpass in importance or excellence

Forms: outweighed; outweighed; outweighing

overdo

v. to overtax the strength of

Forms: overdid; overdone; overdoing

overdose

n. an excessive amount of a medicine which is toxic

overeat

v. to take too much food in

Forms: overate; overeaten; overeating

overhang

n. an extent of projection

overleap

v. to go too far; skip

Forms: overleaped, overleapt; overleaped, overleapt; overleaping

overlord

n. superior ruler (especially in feudal system); one with great influence

Forms: overlords

overpass

v. to bridge

Forms: overpassed, overpast; overpassed, overpast; overpassing

overpay

v. to give a salary that is too high

Forms: overpaid; overpaid; overpaying

overpower

v. to gain supremacy; to subdue; to take control of

Forms: overpowered; overpowered; overpowering

overproduction

n. a situation where the supply of products exceeds demand

overreach

v. to stretch out too far

Forms: overreached; overreached; overreaching**overrun**

v. to infest or ravage

Forms: overran; overrun; overrunning**oversee**

v. to superintend

Forms: oversaw; overseen; overseeing**overseer**

n. a supervisor

Forms: overseers**overshadow**

v. to cast into the shade or render insignificant by comparison

Forms: overshadowed; overshadowed; overshadowing**overstride**

v. to step beyond

Forms: overstrode; overstridden; overstriding**overthrow**

v. to vanquish an established ruler or government

Forms: overthrew; overthrown; overthrowing**overtone**

n. a harmonic

Forms: overtones**overture**

n. an instrumental prelude to an opera, oratorio or ballet

Forms: overtures**overweight**

n. preponderance

pacify

v. to bring into a peaceful state

Forms: pacified; pacified; pacifying**packet**

n. a bundle, as of letters

Forms: packets**pact**

n. a covenant

Forms: pacts**pagan**

n. a worshiper of false gods

Forms: pagans**pageant**

n. a dramatic representation, especially a spectacular one

Forms: pageants**palate**

n. the roof of the mouth

palatial

adj. magnificent

paleontology

n. the branch of biology that treats of ancient life and fossil organisms

palette

n. a thin tablet, with a hole for the thumb, upon which artists lay their colors for painting

palinode

n. a retraction

pall

v. to make dull by satiety

Forms: palled; palled; palling**palliate**

v. to cause to appear less guilty

Forms: palliated; palliated; palliating**pallid**

adj. ashen; colorless; white; faint; weak; sickly

Forms: more pallid; most pallid**palpable**

n. perceptible by feeling or touch

palsy

n. condition in which a body part cannot be moved (caused by nerve or brain damage, etc.)

paly

adj. lacking color or brilliancy

pamphlet

n. a brief treatise or essay, usually on a subject of current interest

Forms: pamphlets**pamphleteer**

v. to compose or issue short books

Forms: pamphleteered; pamphleteered; pamphleteering

pan-american

adj. including or pertaining to a certain continent

panacea

n. a remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases

Forms: panaceas

pandemic

adj. affecting a whole people or all classes, as a disease

pandemonium

n. a fiendish or riotous uproar

Forms: pandemoniums

panegyric

n. a formal and elaborate eulogy, written or spoken, of a person or of an act

panel

n. a rectangular piece set in or as in a frame

Forms: panels

panic

n. a sudden, unreasonable, overpowering fear

Forms: panics

panoply

n. a full set of armor

Forms: panoplies

panorama

n. a series of large pictures representing a continuous scene

Forms: panoramas

pantheism

n. the worship of nature for itself or its beauty

pantheon

n. a circular temple at Rome with a fine Corinthian portico and a great domed roof

pantomime

n. sign-language

pantoscope

n. a very wide-angled photographic lens

papacy

n. the official head of the Roman Catholic Church

Forms: papacies

papyrus

n. the writing-paper of the ancient Egyptians and later of the Romans

Forms: plurals: papyri, papyruses

parable

n. a brief narrative founded on real scenes or events usually with a moral

Forms: parables

paradox

n. a statement or doctrine seemingly in contradiction to the received belief

Forms: paradoxes

paragon

n. a model of excellence

parallel

v. to cause to correspond or lie in the same direction and equidistant in all parts

Forms: paralleled, parallelled; paralleled, parallelled; paralleling, parallelling

parallelism

n. essential likeness

paralysis

n. loss of the power of contractility in the voluntary or involuntary muscles

Forms: paralyses

paralyze

v. to deprive of the power to act

Forms: paralyzed; paralyzed; paralyzing

paramount

adj. supreme in authority

paramour

n. person who is unlawfully and immorally a lover or a mistress

Forms: paramours

paraphernalia

n. miscellaneous articles of equipment or adornment

paraphrase

v. to translate freely

Forms: paraphrased; paraphrased; paraphrasing

pare

v. to cut, shave or remove (the outside) from anything

Forms: pared; pared; paring

parentage

n. lineage; parenthood; state of being a father or mother

pariah

n. a member of a degraded class; a social outcast

parish

n. a priest; clergyman; parson; spiritual leader; spiritual guide

Forms: parishes

parisian

adj. of or pertaining to the capital of France

parity

n. equality, as of condition or rank

Forms: parities

parlance

n. mode of speech

parley

v. to converse in

Forms: parleyed; parleyed; parleying**parliament**

n. a legislative body

Forms: parliaments**parlor**

n. a room for reception of callers or entertainment of guests

Forms: parlors**parody**

v. to render ludicrous by imitating the language of

Forms: parodied; parodied; parodying**paronymous**

adj. derived from the same root or primitive word

paroxysm

n. a sudden outburst of any kind of activity

parricide

n. the murder of a parent

parse

v. to describe, as a sentence, by separating it into its elements and describing each word

Forms: parsed; parsed; parsing**parsimonious**

adj. unduly sparing in the use or expenditure of money

partible

adj. separable; divisible; severable; cleavable

participant

n. person who has a share

Forms: participants**participate**

v. to be involved; join in

Forms: participated; participated; participating**partisan**

adj. siding with a specific group or cause; devoted; zealously supportive; biased

partition

n. divider; act of dividing; segment; section; division of the storage area of a hard disk

Forms: partitions**passible**

adj. capable of feeling of suffering

passive

adj. unresponsive

Forms: more passive; most passive**pastoral**

adj. having the spirit or sentiment of rural life

paternal

adj. fatherly

paternity

n. fatherhood

pathos

n. the quality in any form of representation that rouses emotion or sympathy

patriarch

n. the chief of a tribe or race who rules by paternal right

Forms: patriarchs**patrician**

adj. of senatorial or noble rank

patrimony

n. an inheritance from an ancestor, especially from one's father

Forms: patrimonies**patriotism**

n. love and devotion to one's country

patronize

v. to exercise an arrogant condescension toward

Forms: patronized; patronized; patronizing**patronymic**

adj. formed after one's father's name

patter

v. to mumble something over and over

Forms: pattered; pattered; pattering**paucity**

n. fewness

pauper

n. person without means of support

Forms: paupers**pauperism**

n. dependence on charity

pavilion

n. an open structure for temporary shelter

Forms: pavilions**payee**

n. a person who receives money

peaceable

adj. tranquil

Forms: more peaceable; most peaceable

peaceful

adj. tranquil

Forms: more peaceful; most peaceful**peccable**

adj. capable of sinning

peccadillo

n. a small breach of propriety or principle

Forms: peccadilloes, peccadillos**peccant**

adj. guilty

pectoral

adj. pertaining to the breast or thorax

pecuniary

adj. consisting of money

pedagogics

n. the science and art of teaching

pedagogue

n. a schoolmaster

pedagogy

n. the science and art of teaching

Forms: pedagogies**pedal**

n. a lever for the foot usually applied only to musical instruments, cycles and other machines

Forms: pedals**pedant**

n. a scholar who makes needless and inopportune display of his learning

peddle

v. to go about with a small stock of goods to sell

Forms: peddled; peddled; peddling**peddler**

n. person who travels from house to house with an assortment of goods for retail

Forms: peddlers**pedestal**

n. a base or support as for a column, statue or vase

Forms: pedestals**pedestrian**

n. one who journeys on foot

Forms: pedestrians**pediatrics**

n. the department of medical science that relates to the treatment of diseases of childhood

pedigree

n. a person's line of ancestors

Forms: pedigrees**peerage**

n. the nobility

Forms: peerages

peerless

adj. of unequalled excellence or worth

peevish

adj. petulant (irritable)

Forms: more peevish; most peevish**pellucid**

adj. translucent

penalty

n. the consequences that follow the transgression of natural or divine law

Forms: penalties**penance**

n. self-imposed punishment; self-mortification; affliction

Forms: penances**penchant**

n. a bias in favor of something

pendant

n. anything that hangs from something else, either for ornament or for use

Forms: pendants**pendulous**

adj. hanging, especially so as to swing by an attached end or part

pendulum

n. a weight hung on a rod, serving by its oscillation to regulate the rate of a clock

Forms: pendulums**penetrable**

adj. that may be pierced by physical, moral or intellectual force

penetrate

v. to enter or force a way into the interior parts of

Forms: penetrated; penetrated; penetrating**penetration**

n. discernment

Forms: penetrations**peninsular**

adj. pertaining to a piece of land almost surrounded by water

penitence

n. sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone

penitential

adj. pertaining to sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone

pennant

n. a small flag

pension

n. a periodical allowance to an individual on account of past service done by them

Forms: pensions

pentad

n. the number five

pentagon

n. a figure, especially, with five angles and five sides

pentagram

n. a figure having five points or lobes

pentahedron

n. a solid bounded by five plane faces

Forms: pentahedrons, pentahedra

pentameter

n. in prosody, a line of verse containing five units or feet

pentathlon

n. the contest of five associated exercises in the great games and the same contestants

pentavalent

adj. quinquevalent

penultimate

adj. a syllable or member of a series that is last but one

penurious

adj. excessively sparing in the use of money

penury

n. indigence

perambulate

v. to walk about

Forms: perambulated; perambulated; perambulating

perceive

v. to have knowledge of or receive impressions concerning, through the medium of the body senses

Forms: perceived; perceived; perceiving

perceptible

adj. cognizable

Forms: more perceptible; most perceptible

perception

n. knowledge through the senses of the existence and properties of matter or the external world

Forms: perceptions

percipience

n. comprehension; insight

Forms: no plural

percipient

n. person who absorbs and comprehends something

Forms: percipients

percolate

v. to filter

Forms: percolated; percolated; percolating

percolator

n. a filter

percussion

n. the sharp striking of one body against another

peremptory

adj. precluding question or appeal

Forms: more peremptory; most peremptory**perennial**

adj. continuing though the year or through many years

perfectible

adj. able to be improved; able to be refined

perfidy

n. treachery

Forms: perfidies**perforate**

v. to make a hole or holes through

Forms: perforated; perforated; perforating**perform**

v. to accomplish

Forms: performed; performed; performing**perfumery**

n. a store that sells cosmetics

Forms: perfumeries**perfunctory**

adj. half-hearted

Forms: more perfunctory; most perfunctory**perhaps**

adv. possibly

perigee

n. the point in the orbit of the moon when it is nearest the earth

periodicity

n. the habit or characteristic of recurrence at regular intervals

peripatetic

adj. walking about

perjure

v. to swear falsely to

Forms: perjured; perjured; perjuring**perjury**

n. a solemn assertion of a falsity

Forms: perjuries**permanence**

n. a continuance in the same state or without any change that destroys the essential form or nature

Forms: no plural**permanent**

adj. durable

Forms: more permanent; most permanent

permeate

v. to pervade

Forms: permeated; permeated; permeating**permissible**

adj. that may be allowed

permutation

n. reciprocal change, different ordering of same items

pernicious

adj. tending to kill or hurt

Forms: more pernicious; most pernicious**perpendicular**

adj. straight up and down

perpetrator

n. the doer of a wrong or a criminal act

perpetuate

v. to preserve from extinction or oblivion

Forms: perpetuated; perpetuated; perpetuating**perquisite**

n. any profit from service beyond the amount fixed as salary or wages

persecution

n. harsh or malignant oppression

Forms: persecutions**perseverance**

n. diligence; industriousness; stubbornness

persevere

v. to continue striving in spite of discouragements

Forms: persevered; persevered; persevering**persiflage**

n. banter

persist

v. to continue steadfast against opposition

Forms: persisted; persisted; persisting**persistence**

n. a fixed adherence to a resolve, course of conduct or the like

Forms: no plural**personage**

n. a man or woman as an individual, especially one of rank or high station

Forms: personages**personal**

adj. not general or public

personality

n. the attributes, taken collectively, that make up the character and nature of an individual

Forms: personalities

personnel

n. staff; work force; team; crew

perspective

n. the relative importance of facts or matters from any special point of view

Forms: perspectives

perspicacious

adj. astute

perspicacity

n. acuteness or discernment

perspicuous

adj. lucid

perspiration

n. sweat

perspire

v. to excrete through the pores of the skin

Forms: perspired; perspired; perspiring

persuadable

adj. capable of influencing to action by entreaty, statement or anything that moves the feelings

persuade

v. to win the mind of by argument, eloquence, evidence or reflection

Forms: persuaded; persuaded; persuading

pertinacious

adj. stubborn; steadfast; tenacious; obstinate

pertinacity

n. unyielding adherence

pertinent

adj. relevant

perturb

v. to disturb greatly

Forms: perturbed; perturbed; perturbing

perturbation

n. mental excitement or confusion

perusal

n. the act of reading carefully or thoughtfully

pervade

v. to pass or spread through every part

Forms: pervaded; pervaded; pervading

pervasion

n. the state of spreading through every part

pervasive

adj. thoroughly penetrating or permeating

perverse

adj. unreasonable

Forms: more perverse; most perverse**perversion**

n. diversion from the true meaning or proper purpose

perversity

n. wickedness

pervert

n. person who has forsaken a doctrine regarded as true for one esteemed false

Forms: perverts**pervious**

adj. admitting the entrance or passage of another substance

pestilence

n. a raging epidemic

Forms: pestilences**pestilent**

adj. having a malign influence or effect

pestilential

adj. deadly; fatal; contagious; infectious

peter

v. to diminish and come to a stop; give out; expire; fade; die out

Forms: petered; petered; petering**petrify**

v. to convert into a substance of stony hardness and character

Forms: petrified; petrified; petrifying**petulance**

n. the character or condition of being impatient, capricious or petulant

petulant

adj. displaying impatience

Forms: more petulant; most petulant**pharmacopoeia**

n. a book containing the formulas and methods of preparation of medicines for the use of druggists

Forms: pharmacopoeias**pharmacy**

n. the art or business of compounding and dispensing medicines

Forms: pharmacies**phenomenal**

adj. extraordinary or marvelous

phenomenon

n. any unusual occurrence

Forms: phenomena, phenomenon**philander**

v. to play at courtship with a woman

Forms: philandered; philandered; philandering**philanthropic**

adj. benevolent

philanthropist

n. person who endeavors to help his fellow men

Forms: philanthropists**philanthropy**

n. active humanitarianism

Forms: philanthropies**philately**

n. the study and collection of stamps

philharmonic

adj. fond of music

philogynist

n. person who is fond of women

Forms: philogynists**philologist**

n. an expert in linguistics

philology

n. the study of language in connection with history and literature

philosophize

v. to seek ultimate causes and principles

Forms: philosophized; philosophized; philosophizing**philosophy**

n. the general principles, laws or causes that furnish the rational explanation of anything

Forms: philosophies**phlegmatic**

adj. not easily roused to feeling or action

phonetic

adj. representing articulate sounds or speech

phonic

adj. pertaining to the nature of sound

phonogram

n. a graphic character symbolizing an articulate sound

phonology

n. the science of human vocal sounds

Forms: phonologies**phosphorescence**

n. the property of emitting light

photoelectric

adj. pertaining to the combined action of light and electricity

photometer

n. any instrument for measuring the intensity of light or comparing the intensity of two lights

photometry

n. the art of measuring the intensity of light

physicist

n. a specialist in the science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy

Forms: physicists

physics

n. the science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy

physiocracy

n. the doctrine that land and its products are the only true wealth

physiognomy

n. the external appearance merely

Forms: physiognomies

physiography

n. description of nature

physiology

n. the science of organic functions

Forms: physiologies

physique

n. the structure of the body; form; build

Forms: physiques

picayune

adj. worthless; cheap; low in value; trivial

piccolo

n. a small flute

Forms: piccolos

piece

n. a loose or separated part, as distinguished from the whole or the mass

Forms: pieces

piecemeal

adv. gradually

pillage

n. open robbery, as in war

Forms: pillages

pillory

n. a wooden framework in which an offender is fastened to boards and is exposed to public scorn

Forms: pillories

pincers

n. an instrument having two lever-handles and two jaws working on a pivot

pinchers

n. an instrument having two jaws working on a pivot

pinnacle

n. a high or topmost point, as a mountain-peak

Forms: pinnacles**pioneer**

n. person who is among the first to explore a country

Forms: pioneers**pious**

adj. religious

pique

v. to excite a slight degree of anger in

Forms: piqued; piqued; piquing**piteous**

adj. compassionate

Forms: more piteous; most piteous**pitiable**

adj. contemptible

Forms: more pitiable; most pitiable**pitiful**

adj. wretched

pitiless

adj. hard-hearted

pittance

n. any small portion or meager allowance

placate

v. to bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness

Forms: placated; placated; placating**placid**

adj. serene

Forms: more placid; most placid**plagiarism**

n. the stealing of passages from the writings of another and publishing them as one's own

planisphere

n. a polar projection of the heavens on a chart

plasticity

n. the property of some substances through which the form of the mass can readily be changed

platitude

n. a written or spoken statement that is flat, dull or commonplace

Forms: platitudes**plaudit**

n. an expression of applause

Forms: plaudits**plausible**

adj. seeming likely to be true, though open to doubt

Forms: more plausible; most plausible**playful**

adj. frolicsome

Forms: more playful; most playful

playwright

n. a maker of plays for the stage

Forms: playwrights**plea**

n. an argument to obtain some desired action

Forms: pleas**pleasant**

adj. agreeable

Forms: pleasanter; pleasantest**pleasurable**

adj. affording gratification

plebeian

adj. common

pledgee

n. the person to whom anything is pledged

pledger

n. person who mortgages; person who gives property as security to the bank in order to receive a credit

Forms: pledges**plenary**

adj. entire

plenipotentiary

n. a person fully empowered to transact any business

Forms: plenipotentiaries**plenitude**

n. abundance

plenteous

adj. abundant

plumb

n. a weight suspended by a line to test the verticality of something

Forms: plumbs**plummet**

n. a piece of lead for making soundings; adjusting walls to the vertical

Forms: plummets**pluperfect**

adj. expressing past time or action prior to some other past time or action

plural

adj. containing or consisting of more than one

plurality

n. a majority

Forms: pluralities

plutocracy

n. a wealthy class in a political community who control the government by means of their money

Forms: plutocracies

pneumatic

adj. pertaining to or consisting of air or gas

poesy

n. poetry

Forms: poesies

poetaster

n. a writer of light verse, usually of low quality

poetic

adj. lyrical

Forms: more poetic; most poetic

poetics

n. the rules and principles of poetry

poignancy

n. severity or acuteness, especially of pain or grief

poignant

adj. severely painful or acute to the spirit

Forms: more poignant; most poignant

poise

n. equilibrium

polar

adj. pertaining to the poles of a sphere, especially of the earth

polemics

n. the art of controversy or disputation

pollen

n. the fine dust-like grains or powder formed within the anther of a flowering plant

pollute

v. to contaminate

Forms: polluted; polluted; polluting

polyarchy

n. government by several or many persons of whatever class

polycracy

n. the rule of many

polygamy

n. the fact or condition of having more than one wife or husband at once

polyglot

adj. speaking several tongues

polygon

n. a figure having many angles

polyhedron

n. a solid bounded by plane faces, especially by more than four

Forms: polyhedrons, polyhedra

polysyllable

adj. having several syllables, especially more than three syllables

polytechnic

adj. pertaining to, embracing or practicing many arts

polytheism

n. the doctrine or belief that there are more gods than one

pommel

v. to beat with something thick or bulky

Forms: pommelled, pommelled; pommelled, pommelled; pommeling, pommelling

pomposity

n. the quality of being marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner

Forms: pomposities

pompous

adj. marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner

Forms: more pompous; most pompous

ponder

v. to meditate or reflect upon

Forms: pondered; pondered; pondering

ponderous

adj. unusually weighty or forcible

Forms: more ponderous; most ponderous

pontiff

n. the Pope

populace

n. the common people

populous

adj. containing many inhabitants, especially in proportion to the territory

Forms: more populous; most populous

portend

v. to indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs

Forms: portended; portended; portending

portent

n. anything that indicates what is to happen

portfolio

n. a portable case for holding writing-materials, drawings, etc

Forms: portfolios

posit

v. to present in an orderly manner

Forms: posited; posited; positing

position

n. the manner in which a thing is placed

Forms: positions

positive

adj. free from doubt or hesitation

Forms: more positive; most positive

posse

n. a force of men

possess

v. to own

Forms: possessed; possessed; possessing

possession

n. the having, holding or detention of property in one's power or command

Forms: possessions

possessive

adj. pertaining to the having, holding or detention of property in one's power or command

possessor

n. person who owns, enjoys or controls anything, such as property

Forms: possessors

possible

adj. being not beyond the reach of power natural, moral or supernatural

postdate

v. to inscribe with a future point of time

Forms: postdated; postdated; postdating

posterior

n. the hinder part

Forms: posteriors

postgraduate

adj. pertaining to studies that are pursued after receiving a degree

postscript

n. something added to a letter after the writer's signature

Forms: postscripts

potency

n. power

Forms: potencies

potent

adj. physically powerful

Forms: more potent; most potent

potentate

n. person who possesses great power or sway; person with great authority

Forms: potentates

potential

n. anything that may be possible

potion

n. a dose of liquid medicine

powerless

adj. impotent

practicable

adj. feasible

Forms: more practicable; most practicable**prate**

v. to talk about vainly or foolishly

Forms: prated; prated; prating**prattle**

v. to utter in simple or childish talk

Forms: prattled; prattled; prattling**preamble**

n. a statement introductory to and explanatory of what follows

precarious

adj. perilous

Forms: more precarious; most precarious**precaution**

n. a provision made in advance for some possible emergency or danger

Forms: precautions**precede**

v. to happen first

Forms: preceded; preceded; preceding**precedence**

n. priority in place, time or rank

Forms: precedences**precedent**

n. an instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule

Forms: precedents**precedential**

adj. of the nature of an instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule

precession

n. the act of going forward

precipice

n. a high and very steep or approximately vertical cliff

Forms: precipices**precipitant**

adj. moving onward quickly and heedlessly

precipitate

v. to force forward prematurely

Forms: precipitated; precipitated; precipitating**precise**

adj. exact

Forms: more precise; most precise**precision**

n. accuracy of limitation, definition or adjustment

Forms: precisions

preclude

v. to prevent; to eliminate; to remove; to make impossible

Forms: precluded; precluded; precluding**precocious**

adj. mature for one's age; unusually well-developed

Forms: more precocious; most precocious**precursor**

n. a forerunner or herald

predatory

adj. prone to pillaging

predecessor

n. an incumbent of a given office previous to another

Forms: predecessors**predicament**

n. a difficult, trying situation or plight

Forms: predicaments**predicate**

v. to state as belonging to something

Forms: predicated; predicated; predicating**predict**

v. to foretell

Forms: predicted; predicted; predicting**prediction**

n. a prophecy

Forms: predictions**predominance**

n. supremacy; superiority; prevailing influence; state of being widespread

predominant

adj. superior in power, influence, effectiveness, number or degree

predominate

v. to be chief in importance, quantity or degree

Forms: predominated; predominated; predominating**preeminence**

n. importance; significance; superiority; supremacy; distinctiveness

preempt

v. to secure the right of preference in the purchase of public land

Forms: preempted; preempted; preempting**preemption**

n. the right or act of purchasing before others

preengage

v. to preoccupy

Forms: preened; preened; preening

preestablish

v. to settle or arrange beforehand

*Forms: preestablished; preestablished; preestablishing***preexist**

v. to forerun; to come or go before; to live in a previous life

*Forms: preexisted; preexisted; preexisting***preexistence**

n. previous life; life before the present

preface

n. a brief explanation or address to the reader, at the beginning of a book

*Forms: prefaces***prefatory**

adj. pertaining to a brief explanation to the reader at the beginning of a book

prefer

v. to hold in higher estimation

*Forms: preferred; preferred; preferring***preferable**

adj. more desirable than others

preference

n. an object of favor or choice

*Forms: preferences***preferential**

adj. possessing, giving or constituting preference or priority

preferment

n. a raise in rank; promotion; appointment; fondness; affinity

prefix

v. to attach at the beginning

prehensile

adj. capable of being grasped

prehensile

adj. adapted for grasping or holding

prehension

n. the act of laying hold of or grasping

prejudice

n. preconceived opinion; bias; sentence passed before proper examination of the circumstances

*Forms: prejudices***prelacy**

n. a system of church government

*Forms: prelacies***prelate**

n. person who belongs to a higher order of clergy having direct authority over other clergy

*Forms: prelates***prelude**

n. an introductory or opening performance

Forms: preludes

premature

adj. coming too soon

premier

adj. first in rank or position

premise

n. a judgment as a conclusion

Forms: premises**premonition**

n. foreboding

preoccupation

n. obsession; fixation; thought that is constantly on one's mind; prior tenure or possession

Forms: preoccupations**preoccupy**

v. to fill the mind of a person to the exclusion of other subjects

Forms: preoccupied; preoccupied; preoccupying**preordain**

v. to foreordain

Forms: preordained; preordained; preordaining**preparation**

n. an act or proceeding designed to bring about some event

Forms: preparations**preparatory**

adj. serving or designed to make ready; serving to put into the proper condition

preponderant

adj. prevalent

preponderate

v. to exceed in influence or power

Forms: preponderated; preponderated; preponderating**prepossession**

n. a preconceived liking

preposterous

adj. utterly ridiculous or absurd

Forms: more preposterous; most preposterous**prerogative**

adj. having superior rank or precedence

presage

v. to foretell

Forms: presaged; presaged; presaging**prescience**

n. knowledge of events before they take place

prescient

adj. foreknowing

prescript

adj. fixed beforehand; set in advance; settled

prescriptible

adj. derived from authoritative direction

prescription

n. an authoritative direction

Forms: prescriptions**presentient**

adj. perceiving or feeling beforehand

presentiment

n. foreboding

presentment

n. semblance

preservation

n. conservation

presumption

n. something may be logically assumed to be true until disproved; supposition

Forms: presumptions**presumptuous**

adj. assuming too much

pretension

n. a bold or presumptuous assertion

Forms: pretensions**pretentious**

adj. impersonating; putting on a false appearance; feigning; arrogant; haughty

Forms: more pretentious; most pretentious**preternatural**

adj. extraordinary

pretext

n. a fictitious reason or motive

Forms: pretexts**prevalence**

n. frequency

prevalent

adj. of wide extent or frequent occurrence

prevaricate

v. to use ambiguous or evasive language for the purpose of deceiving or diverting attention

Forms: prevaricated; prevaricated; prevaricating**prevention**

n. thwarting

prickle

v. to puncture slightly with fine, sharp points

Forms: prickled; prickled; prickling**priggish**

adj. conceited

prim

adj. stiffly proper

Forms: primmer; primmest**prima**

adj. first

primer

n. an elementary reading-book for children

Forms: primers**primeval**

adj. belonging to the first ages

primitive

adj. pertaining to the beginning or early times

Forms: more primitive; most primitive**principal**

adj. most important

principality

n. the territory of a reigning prince

Forms: principalities**principle**

n. a general truth or proposition

Forms: principles**priory**

n. a monastic house

Forms: priories**pristine**

adj. ancient; pure; immaculate; unrefined; unpolluted

privateer

n. sailor or officer of a warship; warship; ship commissioned by a government to fight enemies

Forms: privateers**privilege**

n. a right or immunity not enjoyed by all or that may be enjoyed only under special conditions

Forms: privileges**privity**

n. knowledge shared with another or others regarding a private matter

Forms: privities**privy**

adj. participating with another or others in the knowledge of a secret transaction

probate

adj. relating to making proof, as of a will

probation

n. any proceeding designed to ascertain or test character, qualification or the like

Forms: probations

probe

v. to search through and through

Forms: probed; probed; probing**probity**

n. virtue or integrity tested and confirmed

procedure

n. a manner or method of acting

Forms: procedures**proceed**

v. to renew motion or action, as after rest or interruption

Forms: proceeded; proceeded; proceeding**proclamation**

n. any announcement made in a public manner

Forms: proclamations**procrastinate**

v. to put off till tomorrow or till a future time

Forms: procrastinated; procrastinated; procrastinating**procrastination**

n. delay

proctor

n. an agent acting for another

prodigal

n. extravagant person; lavish spender; spendthrift; squanderer; one who wastes money

prodigious

adj. immense

Forms: more prodigious; most prodigious**prodigy**

n. a person or thing of very remarkable gifts or qualities

Forms: prodigies**productive**

adj. yielding in abundance

Forms: more productive; most productive**profession**

n. any calling or occupation involving special mental or other special disciplines

Forms: professions**professor**

n. a public teacher of the highest grade in a university or college

Forms: professors**proffer**

v. to suggest; to propose

Forms: proffered; proffered; proffering**proficiency**

n. an advanced state of acquirement, as in some knowledge, art or science

Forms: no plural

proficient

adj. possessing ample and ready knowledge or of skill in any art, science or industry

profile

n. an outline or contour

Forms: profiles

profiteer

n. person who benefits

Forms: profiteers

profligacy

n. shameless viciousness

profligate

adj. abandoned to vice

profuse

adj. produced or displayed in overabundance

Forms: more profuse; most profuse

progeny

n. offspring

progression

n. a moving forward; advancement

prohibition

n. a decree or an order forbidding something

Forms: prohibitions

prohibitionist

n. a person who supports a legal ban on the sale of alcoholic drinks (USA)

Forms: prohibitionists

prohibitory

adj. forbidding; disallowing; enjoining; preventing; hindering; preclusive

projection

n. a prominence

Forms: projections

proletarian

n. a person of the lowest or poorest class

prolific

adj. producing offspring or fruit

prolix

adj. verbose

prologue

n. a prefatory statement or explanation to a poem, discourse or performance

Forms: prologues

prolong

v. to extend in time or duration

Forms: prolonged; prolonged; prolonging

promenade

v. to walk for amusement or exercise

Forms: promenaded; promenaded; promenading

prominence

n. the quality of being noticeable or distinguished

Forms: prominences

prominent

adj. conspicuous in position, character or importance

Forms: more prominent; most prominent

promiscuous

adj. brought together without order, distinction or design (for sex)

promissory

adj. expressing an engagement to pay

promontory

n. a high point of land extending outward from the coastline into the sea

Forms: promontories

promoter

n. a furtherer, forwarder or encourager

Forms: promoters

promulgate

v. to declare; publicize; advertise widely; publish; distribute widely

Forms: promulgated; promulgated; promulgating

propaganda

n. information spread in order to promote a particular goal

propagate

v. to spread abroad or from person to person

Forms: propagated; propagated; propagating

propel

v. to drive or urge forward

Forms: propelled; propelled; propelling

propellant

adj. pushing; thrusting; driving; moving forward

propeller

n. long shaft with a revolving spiral blades that move a vehicle

Forms: propellers

prophecy

n. any prediction or foretelling

Forms: prophecies

prophesy

v. to predict or foretell, especially under divine inspiration and guidance

Forms: prophesied; prophesied; prophesying

propitious

adj. kindly disposed

Forms: more propitious; most propitious

proportionate

adj. relative; corresponding

propriety

n. accordance with recognized usage, custom or principles

Forms: proprieties

propulsion

n. a driving onward or forward

prosaic

adj. unimaginative

Forms: more prosaic; most prosaic

proscenium

n. that part of the stage between the curtain and the orchestra

Forms: prosceniums, proscenia

proscribe

v. to reject, as a teaching or a practice, with condemnation or denunciation

Forms: proscribed; proscribed; proscribing

proscription

n. any act of condemnation and rejection from favor and privilege

proselyte

n. one who has been won over from one religious belief to another

prosody

n. the science of poetical forms

Forms: prosodies

prospector

n. person who makes exploration, search or examination, especially for minerals

Forms: prospectors

prospectus

n. a document or brochure providing a brief description of a project or enterprise

Forms: prospectuses

prostrate

adj. lying prone or with the head to the ground

protagonist

n. a leader in any enterprise or contest

protection

n. preservation from harm, danger, annoyance or any other evil

Forms: protections

protective

adj. sheltering

protector

n. a defender

Forms: protectors

protege

n. person who is specially cared for and favored by another usually older person

Forms: proteges

protestant

n. a Christian who denies the authority of the Pope and holds the right of special judgment

protocol

n. a declaration or memorandum of agreement less solemn and formal than a treaty

protomartyr

n. the earliest victim in any cause

protoplasm

n. the substance that forms the principal portion of an animal or vegetable cell

prototype

n. a work, original in character, afterward imitated in form or spirit

protract

v. to postpone; lengthen; continue; maintain; preserve

Forms: protracted; protracted; protracting

protrude

v. to push out or thrust forth

Forms: protruded; protruded; protruding

protrusion

n. a projection; act of causing to bulge outward; something that sticks out

protuberance

n. something that swells out from a surrounding surface

protuberant

adj. bulging

protuberate

v. to swell or bulge beyond the surrounding surface

Forms: protuberated; protuberated; protuberating

proverb

n. a brief, pithy saying, condensing in witty or striking form the wisdom of experience

Forms: proverbs

provident

adj. anticipating and making ready for future wants or emergencies

providential

adj. effected by divine guidance

provincial

adj. uncultured in thought and manner

Forms: more provincial; most provincial

proviso

n. a clause in a contract, will, etc., by which its operation is rendered conditional

Forms: provisos, provisoes

provocation

n. an action or mode of conduct that excites resentment

Forms: provocations

proyess

n. strength, skill and intrepidity in battle

Forms: no plural

proximately

adv. immediately

proxy

n. a person who is empowered by another to represent them in a given matter

*Forms: proxies***prudence**

n. caution

prudential

adj. proceeding or marked by caution

prudery

n. an undue display of modesty or delicacy

*Forms: pruderies***prurient**

adj. inclined to lascivious thoughts and desires

pseudapostle

n. any starlike meteor or phenomenon

pseudonym

n. a fictitious name, especially when assumed by a writer

pseudonymity

n. the state or character of using a fictitious name

psychiatry

n. the branch of medicine that relates to mental disease

psychic

adj. pertaining to the mind or soul

psychopathic

adj. morally irresponsible

psychotherapy

n. the treatment of mental disease

*Forms: psychotherapies***pudgy**

adj. small and fat

*Forms: pudgier; pudgiest***puerile**

adj. childish

pugnacious

adj. quarrelsome

puissant

adj. possessing strength

pulmonary

adj. pertaining to the lungs

punctilious

adj. strictly observant of the rules or forms prescribed by law or custom

punctual

adj. observant and exact in points of time

pungency

n. the quality of affecting the sense of smell

pungent

adj. affecting the sense of smell

Forms: more pungent; most pungent

punitive

adj. pertaining to punishment

pupilage

n. the state or period of being a student

purgatory

n. an intermediate state where souls are made fit for paradise or heaven by expiatory suffering

Forms: purgatories

purl

v. to cause to whirl, as in an eddy

Forms: purling; purling; purling

purloin

v. to steal

Forms: purloined; purloined; purloining

purport

n. intent

purveyor

n. person who supplies

Forms: purveyors

pusillanimous

adj. without spirit or bravery

putrescent

adj. undergoing decomposition of animal or vegetable matter accompanied by fetid odors

pyre

n. a heap of combustibles arranged for burning a dead body

pyromania

n. an insane propensity to set things on fire

pyrotechnic

adj. pertaining to fireworks or their manufacture

pyx

n. a vessel or casket, usually of precious metal, in which the host is preserved

quackery

n. charlatanry

Forms: quackeries**quadrante**

v. to divide into quarters

quadruple

v. to multiply by four

Forms: quadrupled; quadrupled; quadrupling**qualification**

n. a requisite for an employment, position, right or privilege

Forms: qualifications**qualify**

v. to endow or furnish with requisite ability, character, knowledge, skill or possessions

Forms: qualified; qualified; qualifying**qualm**

n. a fit of nausea

Forms: qualms**quandary**

n. a puzzling predicament

Forms: quandaries**quantity**

n. magnitude

Forms: quantities**quarantine**

n. the enforced isolation of any person or place infected with contagious disease

quarrelsome

adj. irascible

Forms: more quarrelsome; most quarrelsome**quarter**

n. one of four equal parts into which anything is or may be divided

Forms: quarters**quarterly**

adj. occurring or made at intervals of three months

quartet

n. a composition for four voices or four instruments

Forms: quartets**quarto**

n. an eight-page newspaper of any size

Forms: quartos**quay**

n. a wharf or artificial landing-place on the shore of a harbor or projecting into it

Forms: quays**querulous**

adj. habitually complaining

query

v. to make inquiry

Forms: queried; queried; querying

queue

n. a file of persons waiting in order of their arrival, as for admittance

Forms: queues

quibble

n. an utterly trivial distinction or objection

quiescence

n. silence; noiselessness; stillness; tranquility; muteness; speechlessness; peacefulness; calmness

quiescent

adj. being in a state of repose or inaction

quiet

adj. making no noise

Forms: quieter; quietest

quietus

n. a silencing, suppressing or ending

Forms: quietuses

quintessence

n. epitome; perfect embodiment of

quintet

n. musical composition arranged for five voices or instruments

quite

adv. fully

quixotic

adj. chivalrous or romantic to a ridiculous or extravagant degree

rabid

adj. extreme; fanatical

racy

adj. exciting or exhilarating to the mind

*Forms: racier; raciest***radiance**

n. brilliant or sparkling luster

radiate

v. to extend in all directions, as from a source or focus

*Forms: radiated; radiated; radiating***radical**

n. one who holds extreme views or advocates extreme measures

*Forms: radicals***radix**

n. that from or on which something is developed

*Forms: radices, radixes***railery**

n. good-humored satire

*Forms: ralleries***ramify**

v. to divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions

*Forms: ramified; ramified; ramifying***ramose**

adj. branch-like

rampant

adj. growing, climbing or running without check or restraint

*Forms: more rampant; most rampant***rampart**

n. a bulwark or construction to oppose assault or hostile entry

*Forms: ramparts***rancor**

n. malice

rankle

v. to produce irritation or festering

*Forms: rankled; rankled; rankling***rapacious**

adj. disposed to seize by violence or by unlawful or greedy methods

rapid

adj. having great speed

*Forms: rapider; rapidest***rapine**

n. the act of seizing and carrying off property by superior force, as in war

rapt

adj. engrossed; absorbed; fascinated; charmed; enchanted

raptorial

adj. seizing and devouring living prey

ration

v. to provide with a fixed allowance or portion, especially of food

Forms: rationed; rationed; rationing

rationalism

n. the formation of opinions by relying upon reason alone, independently of authority

raucous

adj. harsh

ravage

v. to lay waste by pillage, rapine, devouring or other destructive methods

Forms: ravaged; ravaged; ravaging

ravenous

adj. furiously voracious or hungry

Forms: more ravenous; most ravenous

ravine

n. a deep gorge or hollow, especially one worn by a stream or flow of water

Forms: ravines

reaction

n. tendency towards a former or opposite state of things, as after reform, revolution or inflation

Forms: reactions

reactionary

adj. resistant to progress; aspiring to return to a previous state or condition

Forms: more reactionary; most reactionary

readily

adv. without objection or reluctance

Forms: more readily; most readily

readjust

v. to put in order after disarrangement

Forms: readjusted; readjusted; readjusting

ready

adj. in a state of preparedness for any given purpose or occasion

Forms: readier; readiest

realism

n. the principle and practice of depicting persons and scenes as they are believed really to exist

rearrange

v. to reorganize; put in order again

Forms: rearranged; rearranged; rearranging

reassure

v. to give new confidence

Forms: reassured; reassured; reassuring

rebellious

adj. insubordinate

rebuff

n. a peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches

Forms: rebuffs**rebuild**

v. to reconstruct; erect again

Forms: rebuilt; rebuilt; rebuilding**rebut**

v. to oppose by argument or a sufficient answer

Forms: rebutted; rebutted; rebutting**recant**

v. to withdraw formally one's belief (in something previously believed or maintained)

Forms: recanted; recanted; recanting**recapitulate**

v. to repeat again the principal points of

Forms: recapitulated; recapitulated; recapitulating**recapture**

v. to retake; to repossess

Forms: recaptured; recaptured; recapturing**recede**

v. to move back or away

Forms: receded; receded; receding**receivable**

adj. capable of being or fit to be accepted — often money

receptive

adj. having the capacity, quality or ability of receiving, as truths or impressions

recessive

adj. having a tendency to go back

recidivist

n. a confirmed criminal

reciprocal

adj. mutually interchangeable or convertible

reciprocate

v. to give and take mutually

Forms: reciprocated; reciprocated; reciprocating**reciprocity**

n. equal mutual rights and benefits granted and enjoyed

recitation

n. the act of reciting or repeating, especially in public and from memory

Forms: recitations**reck**

v. to have a care or thought for

Forms: recked; recked; recking**reckless**

adj. foolishly headless of danger

reclaim

v. to demand or to obtain the return or restoration of

Forms: reclaimed; reclaimed; reclaiming

recline

v. to cause to assume a leaning or recumbent attitude or position

Forms: reclined; reclined; reclining

recluse

n. person who lives in retirement or seclusion

Forms: recluses

reclusory

n. a hermitage

recognizance

n. an acknowledgment entered into before a court with condition to do some particular act

recognize

v. to recall the identity of (a person or thing)

Forms: recognized; recognized; recognizing

recoil

v. to start back as in dismay, loathing or dread

Forms: recoiled; recoiled; recoiling

recollect

v. to recall the knowledge of

Forms: recollected; recollected; recollecting

reconcilable

adj. capable of being adjusted or harmonized

reconnoiter

v. to make a preliminary examination of for military, surveying or geological purposes

Forms: reconnoitered; reconnoitered; reconnoitering

reconsider

v. to review with care, especially with a view to a reversal of previous action

Forms: reconsidered; reconsidered; reconsidering

reconstruct

v. to rebuild

Forms: reconstructed; reconstructed; reconstructing

recourse

n. resort to or application for help in exigency or trouble

Forms: recourses

recover

v. to regain

Forms: recovered; recovered; recovering

recreant

n. a cowardly or faithless person

Forms: recreants

recreate

v. to refresh after labor

Forms: recreated; recreated; recreating

recrudescence

n. the state of becoming raw or sore again

recrudescent

adj. becoming raw or sore again

recruit

v. to enlist men for military or naval service

Forms: recruited; recruited; recruiting

rectify

v. to correct

Forms: rectified; rectified; rectifying

rectitude

n. the quality of being upright in principles and conduct

recuperate

v. to recover

Forms: recuperated; recuperated; recuperating

recur

v. to happen again or repeatedly, especially at regular intervals

Forms: recurred; recurred; recurring

recure

v. to recover; to regain; to repossess

Forms: recurred; recurred; recurring

recurrent

adj. returning from time to time, especially at regular or stated intervals

redemption

n. the recovery of what is mortgaged or pledged, by paying the debt

redolence

n. smelling sweet and agreeable

redolent

adj. smelling sweet and agreeable

redoubtable

adj. formidable

redound

n. to accumulate; to accrue; to collect; to have a desired result or effect; to return; to come back

redress

v. to set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer

Forms: redressed; redressed; redressing

reducible

adj. can be decreased; diminishable; can be expressed in a simpler form

redundance

n. excess

Forms: redundances

redundant

adj. constituting an excess

Forms: more redundant; most redundant

reestablish

v. to set up again; to found anew

Forms: reestablished; reestablished; reestablishing**refer**

v. to direct or send for information or other purpose

Forms: referred; referred; referring**referable**

adj. ascribable

referee

n. an umpire

Forms: referees**referrer**

n. person who leads another person to a source of information

Forms: referrers**refinery**

n. a place where some crude material, as sugar or petroleum, is purified

Forms: refineries**reflectible**

adj. capable of being turned back

reflection

n. the throwing off or back of light, heat, sound or any form of energy that travels in waves

Forms: reflections**reflector**

n. a mirror, as of metal, for sending back light, heat or sound in a particular direction

Forms: reflectors**reflexible**

adj. capable of being reflected

reform

n. change for the better

Forms: reforms**reformer**

n. one who one who makes positive changes; improver

Forms: reformers**refract**

v. to bend or turn from a direct course

Forms: refracted; refracted; refracting**refractory**

adj. not amenable to control

refragable

adj. capable of being refuted

refringency

n. power to refract

refrangent

adj. having the power to refract

refusal

n. denial of what is asked

Forms: refusals

refute

v. to prove to be wrong

*Forms: refuted; refuted; refuting***regale**

v. to give unusual pleasure

*Forms: regaled; regaled; regaling***regalia**

n. the emblems of royalty

*Forms: only plural***regality**

n. royalty

*Forms: regalities***regenerate**

v. to reproduce

*Forms: regenerated; regenerated; regenerating***regent**

n. person who is lawfully deputized to administer the government for the time being in the name of the ruler

*Forms: regents***regicide**

n. the killing of a king or sovereign

regime

n. particular conduct or administration of affairs

*Forms: regimes***regimen**

n. a systematized order or course of living with reference to food, clothing and personal habits

regiment

n. a body of soldiers

*Forms: regiments***regnant**

adj. exercising royal authority in one's own right

regress

v. to return to a former place or condition

*Forms: regressed; regressed; regressing***regretful**

adj. sorrowful; anguished; remorseful

rehabilitate

v. to restore to a former status, capacity, right rank or privilege

*Forms: rehabilitated; rehabilitated; rehabilitating***reign**

v. to rule; control; govern; predominate; prevail; be widespread

*Forms: reigned; reigned; reigning***reimburse**

v. to pay back as an equivalent of what has been expended

Forms: reimbursed; reimbursed; reimbursing

<p>rein n. a step attached to the bit for controlling a horse or other draft-animal</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> reins</p>	<p>reinstate v. to return to a previous condition or position</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> reinstated; reinstated; reinstating</p>
<p>reiterate v. to say or do again and again</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> reiterated; reiterated; reiterating</p>	<p>rejoin v. to reunite after separation</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> rejoined; rejoined; rejoining</p>
<p>rejuvenate v. to restore to youth</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> rejuvenated; rejuvenated; rejuvenating</p>	<p>rejuvenescence n. a renewal of youth</p>
<p>relapse v. to suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> relapsed; relapsed; relapsing</p>	<p>relegate v. to send off or consign, as to an obscure position or remote destination</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> relegated; relegated; relegating</p>
<p>relent v. to yield</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> relented; relented; relenting</p>	<p>relevant adj. bearing upon the matter in hand</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> more relevant; most relevant</p>
<p>reliance n. dependence</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> reliances</p>	<p>reliant adj. having confidence</p>
<p>relinquish v. to give up using or having</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> relinquished; relinquished; relinquishing</p>	<p>reliquary n. a casket, coffer or repository in which relics are kept</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> reliquaries</p>
<p>relish v. to like the taste or savor of</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> relished; relished; relishing</p>	<p>reluctance n. unwillingness</p>

reluctant

adj. unwilling

Forms: more reluctant; most reluctant**remembrance**

n. recollection

Forms: remembrances**reminiscence**

n. the calling to mind of incidents within the range of personal knowledge or experience

Forms: reminiscences**reminiscent**

adj. pertaining to the recollection of matters of personal interest

remiss

adj. negligent

remission

n. temporary diminution of a disease

remodel

v. to reconstruct

Forms: remodeled, remodelled; remodeled, remodelled; remodeling, remodelling**remonstrance**

n. reproof

Forms: remonstrances**remonstrant**

adj. having the character of a reproof

remonstrate

v. to present a verbal or written protest to those who have power to right or prevent a wrong

Forms: remonstrated; remonstrated; remonstrating**remunerate**

v. to pay or pay for

Forms: remunerated; remunerated; remunerating**remuneration**

n. compensation

Forms: remunerations**renaissance**

n. the revival of letters, and then of art, which marks the transition from medieval to modern time

rendezvous

n. a prearranged place of meeting

Forms: rendezvous**rendition**

n. interpretation

renovate

v. to restore after deterioration, as a building

Forms: renovated; renovated; renovating

renunciation

n. an explicit disclaimer of a right or privilege

Forms: renunciations

reorganize

v. to rearrange

Forms: reorganized; reorganized; reorganizing

reparable

adj. can be fixed; mendable; can be corrected

reparation

n. the act of making amends, as for an injury, loss or wrong

Forms: reparations

repartee

n. a ready, witty or apt reply

Forms: no plural

repeal

v. to render of no further effect

Forms: repealed; repealed; repealing

repel

v. to force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally

Forms: repelled; repelled; repelling

repellent

adj. having power to force back in a manner, physically or mentally

Forms: more repellent; most repellent

repentance

n. sorrow for something done or left undone, with desire to make things right by undoing the wrong

repertory

n. a place where things are stored or gathered together

Forms: repertories

repetition

n. the act of repeating

Forms: repetitions

repine

v. to indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding

Forms: repined; repined; repining

replenish

v. to fill again, as something that has been emptied

Forms: replenished; replenished; replenishing

replete

adj. full to the uttermost

Forms: more replete; most replete

replica

n. a duplicate executed by the artist himself and regarded, equally with the first, as an original

Forms: replicas

repository

n. a place in which goods are stored

Forms: repositories

reprehend

v. to find fault with

Forms: reprehended; reprehended; reprehending**reprehensible**

adj. censurable

reprehension

n. expression of blame

repress

v. to keep under restraint or control

Forms: repressed; repressed; repressing**repressible**

adj. able to be kept under restraint or control

reprieve

v. to delay a punishment (esp. death sentence); provide temporary relief

Forms: reprieved; reprieved; reprieving**reprimand**

v. to chide or rebuke for a fault

Forms: reprimanded; reprimanded; reprimanding**reprisal**

n. any infliction or act by way of retaliation on an enemy

reprobate

n. one abandoned to depravity and sin

reproduce

v. to make a copy of

Forms: reproduced; reproduced; reproducing**reproduction**

n. the process by which an animal or plant gives rise to another of its kind

Forms: reproductions**reproof**

n. an expression of disapproval or blame personally addressed to one censured

Forms: reproofs**repudiate**

v. to refuse to have anything to do with

Forms: repudiated; repudiated; repudiating**repugnance**

n. thorough dislike

repugnant

adj. offensive to taste and feeling

repulse

n. the act of beating or driving back, as an attacking or advancing enemy

Forms: repulses

repulsive

adj. grossly offensive

Forms: more repulsive; most repulsive**repute**

v. to hold in general opinion

Forms: reputed; reputed; reputing**requiem**

n. a solemn mass sung for the repose of the souls of the dead

requisite

adj. necessary

requital

n. adequate return for good or ill

requite

v. to repay either good or evil to, as to a person

Forms: requited; requited; requiting**rescind**

v. to make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority

Forms: rescinded; rescinded; rescinding**reseat**

v. to place in position of office again

Forms: reseated; reseated; reseating**resemblance**

n. similarity in quality or form

Forms: resemblances**resent**

v. to be indignant at, as an injury or insult

Forms: resented; resented; resenting**reservoir**

n. a receptacle where a quantity of some material, especially of a liquid or gas, may be kept

Forms: reservoirs**residue**

n. a remainder or surplus after a part has been separated or otherwise treated

Forms: residues**resilience**

n. the power of springing back to a former position

resilient

adj. having the quality of springing back to a former position

resistance

n. the exertion of opposite effort or effect

Forms: resistances**resistant**

adj. offering or tending to produce resistance

resistive

adj. having or exercising the power of resistance

resistless

adj. powerless

resonance

n. the quality of being able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations

resonance

adj. able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations

resonate

v. to have or produce resonance

Forms: resonated; resonated; resonating

resource

n. that which is restored to, relied upon or made available for aid or support

Forms: resources

respite

n. interval of rest

resplendent

adj. very bright

respondent

adj. answering

restitution

n. restoration of anything to the one to whom it properly belongs

resumption

n. the act of taking back or taking again

Forms: resumptions

resurgent

adj. surging back or again

resurrection

n. a return from death to life

resuscitate

v. to restore from apparent death

Forms: resuscitated; resuscitated; resuscitating

retaliate

v. to repay evil with a similar evil

Forms: retaliated; retaliated; retaliating

retch

v. to make an effort to vomit

Forms: retched; retched; retching

retention

n. the keeping of a thing within one's power or possession

reticence

n. the quality of habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance

reticent

adj. habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance

retinue

n. the body of persons who attend a person of importance in travel or public appearance

Forms: retinues

retort

n. a retaliatory speech

Forms: retorts

retouch

v. to modify the details of

Forms: retouched; retouched; retouching

retrace

v. to follow backward or toward the place of beginning, as a track or marking

Forms: retraced; retraced; retracing

retract

v. to recall or take back (something that one has said)

Forms: retracted; retracted; retracting

retrench

v. to cut down or reduce in extent or quantity

Forms: retrenched; retrenched; retrenching

retrieve

v. to recover something by searching

Forms: retrieved; retrieved; retrieving

retroactive

adj. operative on, affecting or having reference to past events, transactions or responsibilities

retrograde

v. to move backward; repeat; reiterate; recapitulate; worsen

Forms: retrograded; retrograded; retrograding

retrogression

n. a going or moving backward or in a reverse direction

retrospect

n. a view or contemplation of something past

Forms: retrospects

retrospective

adj. looking back on the past

reunite

v. to bring together again

Forms: reunited; reunited; reuniting

revelation

n. a disclosing, discovering or making known of what was before secret, private or unknown

Forms: revelations

revere

v. to regard with worshipful veneration

Forms: revered; revered; revering

reverent

adj. humble

Forms: more reverent; most reverent

reversion

n. a return to or toward some former state or condition

revert

v. to return or turn or look back, as toward a former position or the like

Forms: reverted; reverted; reverting

revile

v. to heap approach or abuse upon

Forms: reviled; reviled; reviling

revisal

n. revision

revise

v. to examine for the correction of errors or for the purpose of making changes

Forms: revised; revised; revising

revocation

n. repeal

revoke

v. to rescind

Forms: revoked; revoked; revoking

rhapsody

n. rapt or rapturous utterance

Forms: rhapsodies

rhetoric

n. the art of discourse

rhetorician

n. a showy writer or speaker

ribald

adj. indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity

riddance

n. the act of disencumbering; the act of freeing from something undesirable

ridicule

n. looks or acts expressing amused contempt

ridiculous

adj. laughable and contemptible

Forms: more ridiculous; most ridiculous

rife

adj. abundant

Forms: rifer; rifest

righteousness

n. rectitude

rightful

adj. conformed to a just claim according to established laws or usage

rigmarole

n. nonsense

rigor

n. inflexibility

Forms: rigors

rigorous

adj. uncompromising

Forms: more rigorous; most rigorous**ripple**

n. a small wave

risible

adj. capable of exciting laughter

rivulet

n. a small stream or brook

Forms: rivulets**robust**

adj. characterized by great strength or power of endurance

Forms: more robust; most robust**rondo**

n. a musical composition during which the first part or subject is repeated several times

Forms: rondos**rookery**

n. a place where crows congregate to breed

Forms: rookeries**rotary**

adj. turning around its axis, like a wheel or so constructed as to turn thus

rotate

v. to cause to turn on or as on its axis, as a wheel

Forms: rotated; rotated; rotating**rote**

n. repetition of words or sounds as a means of learning them, with slight attention

rotund

adj. round from fullness or plumpness

rudimentary

adj. being in an initial, early or incomplete stage of development

Forms: more rudimentary; most rudimentary**rue**

v. to regret extremely

Forms: rued; rued; ruing**ruminant**

adj. chewing the cud

ruminare

v. to chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated

Forms: ruminated; ruminated; ruminating**rupture**

v. to separate the parts of by violence

Forms: ruptured; ruptured; rupturing

rustic

adj. characteristic of dwelling in the country

Forms: more rustic; most rustic

ruth

n. sorrow for another's misery

sacrifice

v. to make an offering of to deity, especially by presenting on an altar

Forms: sacrificed; sacrificed; sacrificing

sacrificial

adj. offering or offered as an atonement for sin

sacrilege

n. the desecration of the holy

sacrilegious

adj. impious

safeguard

v. to protect

Forms: safeguarded; safeguarded; safeguarding

sagacious

adj. able to discern and distinguish with wise perception

Forms: more sagacious; most sagacious

salacious

adj. having strong sexual desires

salience

n. the condition of standing out distinctly

salient

adj. standing out prominently

Forms: more salient; most salient

saline

adj. constituting or consisting of salt

salutary

adj. beneficial

Forms: more salutary; most salutary

salutation

n. any form of greeting, hailing or welcome, whether by word or act

Forms: salutations

salutatory

n. the opening oration at the commencement in American colleges

Forms: salutations

salvage

n. any act of saving property

salvo

n. a salute given by firing all the guns, as at the funeral of an officer

Forms: salvos, salvoes

sanctimonious

adj. making an ostentatious display or hypocritical pretense of holiness or piety

sanction

v. to approve authoritatively

Forms: sanctioned; sanctioned; sanctioning

sanctity

n. holiness

Forms: sanctities

sanguinary

adj. bloody

sanguine

adj. having the color of blood

Forms: more sanguine; most sanguine**sanguineous**

adj. consisting of blood

sapid

adj. affecting the sense of taste

sapience

n. deep wisdom or knowledge

sapient

adj. possessing wisdom

sapiential

adj. possessing wisdom

saponaceous

adj. having the nature or quality of soap

sarcasm

n. cutting and reproachful language

Forms: sarcasms**sarcophagus**

n. a stone coffin or a chest-like tomb

Forms: sarcophagi, sarcophaguses**sardonic**

adj. scornfully or bitterly sarcastic

Forms: more sardonic; most sardonic**satiate**

v. to satisfy fully the appetite or desire of

Forms: satiated; satiated; satiating**satire**

n. the employment of sarcasm, irony or keenness of wit in ridiculing vices

Forms: satires**satiric**

adj. resembling poetry, in which vice, incapacity or corruption is held up to ridicule

satirize

v. to treat with sarcasm or derisive wit

Forms: satirized; satirized; satirizing**satyr**

n. a very lascivious person

Forms: satyrs**savage**

n. a wild and uncivilized human being

Forms: savages**savor**

v. to perceive by taste or smell

Forms: savored; savored; savoring**scabbard**

n. the sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon

Forms: scabbards**scarcity**

n. insufficiency of supply for needs or ordinary demands

Forms: scarcities

scholarly

adj. characteristic of an erudite person

Forms: more scholarly; most scholarly**scholastic**

adj. pertaining to education or schools

scintilla

n. the faintest ray

Forms: scintillas**scintillate**

v. to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light

Forms: scintillated; scintillated; scintillating**scope**

n. a range of action or view

scoundrel

n. a man without principle

Forms: scoundrels**scribble**

n. hasty, careless writing

Forms: scribbles**scribe**

n. one who writes or is skilled in writing

Forms: scribes**script**

n. writing or handwriting of the ordinary cursive form

Forms: scripts**scriptural**

adj. Biblical; pertaining to the Bible; written; inscribed

scruple

n. doubt or uncertainty regarding a question of moral right or duty

Forms: scruples**scrupulous**

adj. cautious in action for fear of doing wrong

scurrilous

adj. grossly indecent or vulgar

scuttle

v. to sink (a ship) by making holes in the bottom

Forms: scuttled; scuttled; scuttling**scythe**

n. a long curved blade for mowing, reaping, etc

Forms: scythes**seance**

n. a meeting of spirituals for consulting spirits

sear

v. to burn on the surface

Forms: seared; seared; searing**sebaceous**

adj. pertaining to or appearing like fat

secant

adj. cutting, especially into two parts

secede

v. to withdraw from union or association, especially from a political or religious body

Forms: seceded; seceded; seceding

secession

n. voluntary withdrawal from fellowship, especially from political or religious bodies

seclude

v. to place, keep or withdraw from the companionship of others

Forms: secluded; secluded; secluding

seclusion

n. solitude

Forms: seclusions

second-rate

adj. alternate; other; additional; subordinate

secondary

adj. less important or effective than that which is primary

secondly

adv. next after the first

secrecy

n. concealment

secretary

n. person who attends to correspondence, keeps records or does other writing for others

Forms: secretaries

secretive

adj. having a tendency to conceal

sedate

adj. even-tempered

Forms: sedater; sedatest

sedentary

adj. involving or requiring much sitting

sediment

n. matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid

Forms: sediments

sedition

n. conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state

seditious

adj. promotive of conduct directed against public order and the tranquillity of the state

seduce

v. to entice to surrender chastity

Forms: seduced; seduced; seducing

sedulous

adj. persevering in effort or endeavor

seer

n. a prophet

*Forms: seers***seethe**

v. to be violently excited or agitated

*Forms: seethed; seethed; seething***seignior**

n. a title of honor or respectful address, equivalent to sir

seismograph

n. an instrument for recording the phenomena of earthquakes

seize

v. to catch or take hold of suddenly and forcibly

*Forms: seized; seized; seizing***selective**

adj. having the power of choice

self-respect

n. belief in your own worth and dignity

semblance

n. outward appearance

semiannual

adj. recurring at intervals of six months

semicircle

n. a curved or crescent-shaped line of things or people

*Forms: semicircles***semicivilized**

adj. partly cultured

semiconscious

adj. partially awake

seminar

n. any assemblage of pupils for real research in some specific study under a teacher

*Forms: seminars***seminary**

n. a special school, as of theology or pedagogics

*Forms: seminaries***senile**

adj. peculiar to or proceeding from the weakness or infirmity of old age

sensation

n. a condition of mind resulting from spiritual or inherent feeling

*Forms: sensations***sense**

n. the signification conveyed by some word, phrase or action

*Forms: senses***sensibility**

n. power to perceive or feel

Forms: sensibilities

sensitive

adj. easily affected by outside operations or influences

Forms: more sensitive; most sensitive

sensorium

n. the brain area that responds to stimuli

sensual

adj. relating to physical or, especially, sexual pleasure

Forms: more sensual; most sensual

sensuous

adj. having a warm appreciation of the beautiful or of the refinements of luxury

sentence

n. a related group of words containing a subject and a predicate and expressing a complete thought

Forms: sentences

sentience

n. capacity for sensation or sense-perception

sentient

adj. possessing the power of sense or sense-perception

sentinel

n. any guard or watch stationed for protection

Forms: sentinels

separable

adj. capable of being disjoined or divided

separate

v. to take apart

Forms: separated; separated; separating

separatist

n. a seceder

septennial

adj. recurring every seven years

sepulcher

n. a burial-place

Forms: sepulchers

sequacious

adj. ready to be led

sequel

n. that which follows in consequence of what has previously happened

Forms: sequels

sequence

n. the order in which a number or persons, things or events follow one another in space or time

Forms: sequences

sequent

adj. following in the order of time

sequester

v. to cause to withdraw or retire, as from society or public life

Forms: sequestered; sequestered; sequestering

sequestrate

v. to confiscate

Forms: sequestrated; sequestrated; sequestrating

sergeant

n. a non-commissioned military officer ranking next above a corporal

Forms: sergeants

sergeant-at-arms

n. an executive officer in legislative bodies who enforces the orders of the presiding officer

Forms: sergeants

sergeant-major

n. the highest non-commissioned officer in a regiment

Forms: sergeants

service

n. any work done for the benefit of another

Forms: services

serviceable

adj. functional; useful; practical; durable; sturdy; long-lasting

servitude

n. slavery

severance

n. separation

severely

adv. extremely

sextet

n. a band of six singers or players

sextuple

adj. multiplied by six

sheer

adj. absolute

Forms: sheerer; sheerest

shiftless

adj. wanting in resource, energy or executive ability

Forms: more shiftless; most shiftless

shrewd

adj. characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances

Forms: shrewder; shrewdest

shriek

n. a sharp, shrill outcry or scream, caused by agony or terror

Forms: shrieks

shrinkage

n. a contraction of any material into less bulk or dimension

shrivel

v. to draw or be drawn into wrinkles

Forms: shriveled, shrivelled; shriveled, shrivelled; shriveling, shrivelling

shuffle

n. a mixing or changing the order of things

Forms: shuffles

sibilance

n. a hissing sound

sibilant

adj. made with a hissing sound

sibilate

v. to give a hissing sound to, as in pronouncing the letter s

Forms: sibilated; sibilated; sibilating

sidelong

adj. indirect; oblique; not direct or straightforward

sidereal

adj. pertaining to stars or constellations

siege

n. a beleaguerment

Forms: sieges

significance

n. importance

significant

adj. important, especially as pointing something out

Forms: more significant; most significant

signification

n. the meaning conveyed by language, actions or signs

Forms: significations

similar

adj. bearing resemblance to one another or to something else

Forms: more similar; most similar

simile

n. a comparison which directs the mind to the representative object itself

similitude

n. likeness; resemblance; counterpart

simplify

v. to make less complex or difficult

Forms: simplified; simplified; simplifying**simulate**

v. to imitate

Forms: simulated; simulated; simulating**simultaneous**

adj. occurring, done or existing at the same time

sinecure

n. any position having emoluments with few or no duties

singe

v. to burn slightly or superficially

Forms: singed; singed; singeing**sinister**

adj. evil

Forms: more sinister; most sinister**sinuosity**

n. the quality of curving in and out

Forms: sinuosities**sinuous**

adj. curving in and out

sinus

n. an opening or cavity

Forms: sinuses**siren**

n. a sea-nymph, described by Homer as dwelling between the island of Circe and Scylla

Forms: sirens**sirocco**

n. hot winds from Africa

Forms: siroccos**sisterhood**

n. a body of sisters united by some bond of sympathy or by a religious vow

skeptic

n. one who doubts any statements

skepticism

n. the entertainment of doubt concerning something

skiff

n. a small light boat propelled by oars

Forms: skiffs**skirmish**

n. desultory fighting between advanced detachments of two armies

Forms: skirmishes**sleight**

n. a trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation

slight

adj. of a small importance or significance

Forms: slighter; slightest

slothful

adj. lazy

sluggard

n. a person who is habitually lazy or idle

*Forms: sluggards***sociable**

adj. inclined to seek company

*Forms: more sociable; most sociable***socialism**

n. a theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society

socialist

adj. one who advocates reconstruction of society by collective ownership of land and capital

sociology

n. the philosophical study of society

sol

n. the sun

solace

n. comfort in grief, trouble or calamity

*Forms: solaces***solar**

adj. pertaining to the sun

solder

n. a fusible alloy used for joining metallic surfaces or margins

soldier

n. a person engaged in military service

*Forms: soldiers***solecism**

n. any violation of established rules or customs

solicitor

n. one who represents a client in court of justice; an attorney

*Forms: solicitors***solicitude**

n. uneasiness of mind occasioned by desire, anxiety or fear

*Forms: solitudes***soliloquy**

n. a monologue

*Forms: soliloquies***solstice**

n. the time of year when the sun is at its greatest declination

soluble

adj. capable of being dissolved, as in a fluid

solvent

adj. having sufficient funds to pay all debts

somber

adj. gloomy

somniferous

adj. tending to produce sleep

somnolence

n. oppressive drowsiness

somnolent

adj. sleepy

sonata

n. an instrumental composition

Forms: sonatas**sonnet**

n. a poem of fourteen decasyllabic or octosyllabic lines expressing two successive phrases

Forms: sonnets**sonorous**

adj. resonant

soothsayer

n. one who claims to have supernatural insight or foresight

sophism

n. a false argument understood to be such by the reasoner himself and intentionally used to deceive

sophistical

adj. fallacious

sophisticate

v. to deprive of simplicity of mind or manner

Forms: sophisticated; sophisticated; sophisticating**sophistry**

n. reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive

Forms: sophistries**soprano**

n. a woman's or boy's voice of high range

Forms: sopranos**sorcery**

n. witchcraft

sordid

adj. of degraded character or nature

souvenir

n. a token of remembrance

Forms: souvenirs**sparse**

adj. thinly diffused

Forms: sparser; sparsest**spartan**

adj. exceptionally brave; rigorously severe

spasmodic

adj. convulsive

specialize

v. to devote oneself to a particular profession or field of study

*Forms: specialized; specialized; specializing***specialty**

n. an employment limited to one particular line of work

*Forms: specialties***specie**

n. a coin or coins of gold, silver, copper or other metal

*Forms: species***species**

n. a classificatory group of animals or plants subordinate to a genus

*Forms: species***specimen**

n. one of a class of persons or things regarded as representative of the class

*Forms: specimens***specious**

adj. plausible

spectator

n. person who beholds or looks on

*Forms: spectators***specter**

n. apparition

*Forms: specters***spectrum**

n. an image formed by rays of light or other radiant energy

*Forms: spectra, spectrums***speculate**

v. to pursue inquiries and form conjectures

*Forms: speculated; speculated; speculating***speculator**

n. one who makes an investment that involves a risk of loss but also a chance of profit

*Forms: speculators***sphericity**

n. roundness

spheroid

n. a geometrical figure

spherometer

n. an instrument used to measure the curvature of a surface

spinous

adj. resembling a thorn; having pointed projections

spinster

n. a woman who has never been married

Forms: spinsters

spontaneous

adj. arising from inherent qualities or tendencies without external efficient cause

sprightly

adj. vivacious

Forms: sprightlier; sprightliest

spurious

adj. not genuine

squabble

v. to quarrel

Forms: squabbled; squabbled; squabbling

squalid

adj. having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance

squatter

n. one who settles on land without permission or right

stagnant

adj. not flowing: said of water, as in a pool

stagnate

v. to become dull or inert

Forms: stagnated; stagnated; stagnating

stagnation

n. the condition of not flowing or not changing

stagy

adj. having a theatrical manner

Forms: stagier; stagiest

staid

adj. of a steady and sober character

Forms: staidier; staidest

stallion

n. an uncastrated male horse, commonly one kept for breeding

stanchion

n. a vertical bar or a pair of bars, used to confine cattle in a stall

stanza

n. a group of rimed lines, usually forming one of a series of similar divisions in a poem

Forms: stanzas

statecraft

n. statesmanship; art of governing

static

adj. pertaining to or designating bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium

statics

n. the branch of mechanics that treats of the relations that subsist among forces in order

stationary

adj. not moving

statistician

n. one who is skilled in collecting and tabulating numerical facts

Forms: statisticians**statuesque**

adj. attractively tall, graceful, and dignified

statuette

n. a figurine

stature

n. the natural height of an animal body

statute

n. any authoritatively declared rule, ordinance, decree or law

Forms: statutes**stealth**

n. a concealed manner of acting

stellar

adj. pertaining to the stars

steppe

n. one of the extensive plains in Russia and Siberia

sterling

adj. genuine

stifle

v. to smother

Forms: stifled; stifled; stifling**stigma**

n. a mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evil-doing

Forms: stigmata, stigmas**stiletto**

n. a small dagger

Forms: stilettos, stilettoes**stimulant**

n. anything that rouses to activity or to quickened action

Forms: stimulants**stimulate**

v. to rouse to activity or to quickened action

Forms: stimulated; stimulated; stimulating**stimulus**

n. incentive

Forms: stimuli**stingy**

adj. cheap, unwilling to spend money

Forms: stingier; stingiest**stipend**

n. a definite amount paid at stated periods in compensation for services or as an allowance

stoicism

n. the principles or the practice of the Stoics-being very even tempered in success and failure

stolid

adj. expressing no power of feeling or perceiving

strait

n. a narrow passage of water connecting two larger bodies of water

Forms: straits

stratagem

n. any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage

Forms: stratagems

stratum

n. a natural or artificial layer, bed or thickness of any substance or material

Forms: plurals: strata, stratum

streamlet

n. rivulet

stringency

n. strictness

stringent

adj. rigid

stripling

n. a mere youth

studious

adj. having or showing devotion to the acquisition of knowledge

stultify

v. to give an appearance of foolishness to

Forms: stultified; stultified; stultifying

stupendous

adj. of prodigious size, bulk or degree

Forms: more stupendous; most stupendous

stupor

n. profound lethargy

Forms: stupors

suasion

n. the act of persuading

suave

adj. smooth and pleasant in manner

Forms: suaver; suavest

subacid

adj. somewhat sharp or biting

subaquatic

adj. being, formed or operating under water

subconscious

adj. occurring outside of an individual's awareness

subjacent

adj. situated directly underneath

subjection

n. the act of bringing into a state of submission

subjugate

v. to conquer

Forms: subjugated; subjugated; subjugating**subliminal**

adj. being beneath the threshold of consciousness

sublingual

adj. situated beneath the tongue

submarine

adj. existing, done or operating beneath the surface of the sea

submerge

v. to place or plunge under water

Forms: submerged; submerged; submerging**submergence**

n. flood; inundate; engulf

submersible

adj. capable of being put underwater

submersion

n. the act of sinking until covered completely with water

submission

n. a yielding to the power or authority of another

Forms: submissions**submittal**

n. a presentation; proposition; offer

subordinate

adj. belonging to an inferior order in a classification

subsequent

adj. following in time

subservience

n. the quality, character or condition of being servilely following another's behests

Forms: no plural**subservient**

adj. servilely following another's behests

subside

v. to relapse into a state of repose and tranquillity

Forms: subsided; subsided; subsiding**subsist**

v. to exist; live; stay alive

Forms: subsisted; subsisted; subsisting**subsistence**

n. existence; being; something which supports or maintains life or existence

substantive

adj. solid

subtend

v. to extend opposite to

Forms: subtended; subtended; subtending**subterfuge**

n. evasion

subterranean

adj. situated or occurring below the surface of the earth

subtle

adj. discriminating

Forms: subtler; subtlest**subtrahend**

n. number that is deducted from an amount

Forms: subtrahends**subversion**

n. an overthrow, as from the foundation

subvert

v. to bring to ruin

Forms: subverted; subverted; subverting**succeed**

v. to accomplish what is attempted or intended

Forms: succeeded; succeeded; succeeding**success**

n. a favorable or prosperous course or termination of anything attempted

Forms: successes**successful**

adj. having reached a high degree of worldly prosperity

Forms: more successful; most successful**successor**

n. heir; inheritor; one who or that which follows or takes the place of another

Forms: successors**succinct**

adj. concise

succulent

adj. juicy

succumb

v. to cease to resist

Forms: succumbed; succumbed; succumbing**sufferance**

n. toleration

Forms: sufferances**sufficiency**

n. an ample or adequate supply

Forms: sufficiencies**suffrage**

n. the right or privilege of voting

Forms: suffrages**suffuse**

v. to cover or fill the surface of

Forms: suffused; suffused; suffusing**suggestible**

adj. proposable

suggestive

adj. stimulating to thought or reflection

summary

n. an abstract

Forms: summaries**sumptuous**

adj. rich and costly

Forms: more sumptuous; most sumptuous**superabundance**

n. an excessive amount

superadd

v. to to annex, as something extrinsic

Forms: superadded; superadded; superadding**superannuate**

v. to become deteriorated or incapacitated by long service

Forms: superannuated; superannuated; superannuating**superb**

adj. sumptuously elegant

supercilious

adj. exhibiting haughty and careless contempt

superficial

adj. knowing and understanding only the ordinary and the obvious

Forms: more superficial; most superficial**superfluity**

n. that part of anything that is in excess of what is needed

Forms: superfluities**superfluous**

adj. being more than is needed

superheat

v. to make (a liquid) hot under pressure above its boiling point without vaporization

Forms: superheated; superheated; superheating**superintend**

v. to have the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement

Forms: superintended; superintended; superintending**superintendence**

n. direction and management

superintendent

n. person who has the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement

Forms: superintendents**superlative**

n. something that is of the highest possible excellence or eminence

Forms: superlatives**supernatural**

adj. caused miraculously or by the immediate exercise of divine power

supernumerary

adj. extra; additional; being more than the usual amount

supersede

v. to displace

Forms: superseded; superseded; superseding**supine**

adj. lying on the back

supplant

v. to take the place of

Forms: supplanted; supplanted; supplanting**supple**

adj. easily bent

Forms: suppler; supplest**supplementary**

adj. being an addition to

suppliant

n. person who asks humbly and earnestly

Forms: supplicants**supplicate**

v. to beg

Forms: supplicated; supplicated; supplicating**supposition**

n. conjecture

suppress

v. to prevent from being disclosed or punished

Forms: suppressed; suppressed; suppressing**suppressible**

adj. capable of being held back or kept down

suppression

n. a forcible putting or keeping down

supramundane

adj. supernatural

surcharge

n. an additional amount added to the usual price

surety

n. security for payment or performance

Forms: sureties**surfeit**

v. to feed to fullness or to satiety

Forms: surfeited; surfeited; surfeiting**surmise**

v. to conjecture

Forms: surmised; surmised; surmising**surmount**

v. to overcome by force of will

Forms: surmounted; surmounted; surmounting

surreptitious

adj. clandestine

surrogate

n. somebody or something that is substituted for or appointed to act in place of another

Forms: surrogates**surround**

v. to encircle

Forms: surrounded; surrounded; surrounding**surveyor**

n. a land-measurer

Forms: surveyors**susceptibility**

n. a specific capability of feeling or emotion

Forms: susceptibilities**susceptible**

adj. easily under a specified power or influence

Forms: more susceptible; most susceptible**suspense**

n. uncertainty

suspension

n. a hanging from a support

Forms: suspensions**suspicious**

adj. inclined to doubt or mistrust

Forms: more suspicious; most suspicious**sustenance**

n. food

swarthy

adj. having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion

Forms: swarthier; swarthiest**sybarite**

n. a luxurious person

sycophant

n. a servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence

syllabic

adj. consisting of that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse

syllabication

n. division of words into that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse

syllable

n. that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse

Forms: syllables

syllabus

n. outline of a subject, course, lecture or treatise

Forms: plurals: syllabuses, syllabi

sylph

n. a slender, graceful young woman or girl

symmetrical

adj. well-balanced

symmetry

n. relative proportion and harmony

Forms: symmetries

sympathetic

adj. having a fellow-feeling for or like feelings with another or others

Forms: more sympathetic; most sympathetic

sympathize

v. to share the sentiments or mental states of another

Forms: sympathized; sympathized; sympathizing

symphonic

adj. characterized by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds

symphonious

adj. marked by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds

symphony

n. a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds

Forms: symphonies

synchronism

n. simultaneousness

syndicate

n. an association of individuals united for the prosecution of some enterprise

Forms: syndicates

syneresis

n. the coalescence of two vowels or syllables, as e'er for ever

synod

n. an ecclesiastical council

synonym

n. a word having the same or almost the same meaning as some other

Forms: synonyms

synopsis

n. a syllabus or summary

Forms: synopsises

systematic

adj. methodical

tableau

n. an arrangement of inanimate figures representing a scene from real life

Forms: tableaux, tableaus

tacit

adj. understood

taciturn

adj. disinclined to conversation

tack

n. a small sharp-pointed nail

Forms: tacks

tact

n. fine or ready mental discernment shown in saying or doing the proper thing

tactician

n. person who directs affairs with skill and shrewdness

Forms: tacticians

tactics

n. any maneuvering or adroit management for effecting an object

tangency

n. the state of touching

tangent

adj. touching

tangible

adj. perceptible by touch

Forms: more tangible; most tangible

tannery

n. a place where animal skin is converted into leather

Forms: tanneries

tantalize

v. to tease

Forms: tantalized; tantalized; tantalizing

tantamount

adj. having equal or equivalent value, effect or import

tapestry

n. a fabric to which a pattern is applied with a needle, designed for ornamental hangings

Forms: tapestries

tarnish

v. to lessen or destroy the luster of in any way

Forms: tarnished; tarnished; tarnishing

taut

adj. stretched tight

Forms: tauter; tauest

taxation

n. a levy, by government, of a fixed contribution

taxidermy

n. the art or process of preserving dead animals or parts of them

technic

adj. practical; useful

technicality

n. something peculiar to a particular art, trade or the like

Forms: technicalities**technique**

n. manner of performance

Forms: techniques**technography**

n. the scientific description or study of human arts and industries in their historic development

technology

n. the knowledge relating to industries and manufactures

Forms: technologies**teem**

v. to be full to overflowing

Forms: teemed; teemed; teeming**telepathy**

n. thought-transference

telephony

n. the general use of equipment to provide voice communication over distances

telescope

v. to drive together so that one slides into the another like the sections of a spy-glass

Forms: telescoped; telescoped; telescoping**telltale**

adj. that gives warning or information

temerity

n. recklessness

Forms: temerities**temporal**

adj. pertaining to or concerned with the affairs of the present life

temporary

adj. lasting for a short time only

temporize

v. to pursue a policy of delay

Forms: temporized; temporized; temporizing**tempt**

v. to offer to (somebody) an inducement to do wrong

Forms: tempted; tempted; tempting**tempter**

n. an allurer or enticer to evil

Forms: tempters

tenacious

adj. unyielding

Forms: more tenacious; most tenacious**tenant**

n. an occupant

Forms: tenants**tendency**

n. direction or inclination, as toward some object or end

Forms: tendencies**tenet**

n. any opinion, principle, dogma or doctrine that a person believes or maintains as true

Forms: tenets**tenor**

n. a settled course or manner of progress

Forms: tenors**tense**

adj. strained to stiffness

Forms: tenser; tensest**tentative**

adj. done as an experiment

tenure

n. the term during which a thing is held

tercentenary

adj. pertaining to a period of 300 years

termagant

adj. violently abusive and quarrelsome

terminal

adj. pertaining to or creative of a boundary or limit

terminate

v. to put an end or stop to

Forms: terminated; terminating**termination**

n. the act of ending or concluding

Forms: terminations**terminus**

n. the final point or goal

Forms: termini, terminuses**terrify**

v. to fill with extreme fear

Forms: terrified; terrifying**territorial**

adj. pertaining to the domain over which a sovereign state exercises jurisdiction

terse

adj. pithy

Forms: terser; tersest**testament**

n. a will

Forms: testaments

testator

n. the maker of a will

testimonial

n. a formal token of regard, often presented in public

Forms: testimonials**thearchy**

n. government by a supreme deity

Forms: thearchies**theism**

n. belief in God

theocracy

n. a government administered by ecclesiastics

Forms: theocracies**theocracy**

n. the mixed worship of polytheism

theologian

n. a professor of divinity

Forms: theologians**theological**

adj. based on or growing out of divine revelation

theology

n. the study of religions and religious teachings

Forms: theologies**theoretical**

adj. directed toward knowledge for its own sake without respect to applications

theorist

n. person who tends to speculate

Forms: theorists**theorize**

v. to speculate

Forms: theorized; theorized; theorizing**thereabout**

adv. near that number, quantity, degree, place or time; approximately

therefor

adv. for that or this

thermal

adj. of or pertaining to heat

thermoelectric

adj. denoting electricity produced by heat

thermoelectricity

n. the Seebeck effect

thesis

n. an essay or treatise on a particular subject

Forms: theses

thoroughbred

adj. pedigreed; cultured

thoroughfare

n. a public street or road

Forms: thoroughfares**thrall**

n. one controlled by an appetite or a passion

Forms: thralls**tilth**

n. cultivation

timbre

n. the quality of a tone, as distinguished from intensity and pitch

timorous

adj. lacking courage

tincture

n. a solution, usually alcoholic, of some principle used in medicine

Forms: tinctures**tinge**

n. a faint trace of color

Forms: tinges**tipsy**

adj. befuddled with drinks

Forms: tipsier; tipsiest**tirade**

n. harangue

tireless

adj. untiring

Forms: more tireless; most tireless**tiresome**

adj. annoying; boring; wearisome

titanic

adj. of vast size or strength

toilsome

adj. laborious

tolerable

adj. moderately good

tolerance

n. forbearance in judging of the acts or opinions of others

Forms: tolerances**tolerant**

adj. indulgent

Forms: more tolerant; most tolerant**tolerate**

v. to passively permit or put up with

Forms: tolerated; tolerating

toleration

n. a spirit of charitable leniency

topography

n. the art of representing on a map the physical features of any locality or region with accuracy

Forms: topographies**torpor**

n. apathy

torrid

adj. excessively hot

tortious

adj. wrongful

tortuous

adj. abounding in irregular bends or turns

torturous

adj. marked by extreme suffering

tractable

adj. easily led or controlled

trait

n. a distinguishing feature or quality

Forms: traits**trajectory**

n. the path described by a projectile moving under given forces

Forms: trajectories**trammel**

n. an impediment

Forms: trammels**tranquil**

adj. calm

Forms: tranquiler, tranquilier; tranquilest, tranquillest**tranquility**

n. calmness

tranquilize

v. to soothe

Forms: tranquilized; tranquilized; tranquilizing**transact**

v. to do business

Forms: transacted; transacted; transacting**transalpine**

adj. situated on the other side of the Alps

transatlantic

adj. situated beyond or on the other side of the ocean

transcend

v. to surpass

Forms: transcended; transcended; transcending**transcendent**

adj. surpassing

transcontinental

adj. from the Atlantic to the Pacific in the United States

transcribe

v. to write over again (something already written)

Forms: transcribed; transcribed; transcribing**transcript**

n. a copy made directly from an original

Forms: transcripts**transfer**

v. to convey, remove or cause to pass from one person or place to another

Forms: transferred; transferred; transferring**transferable**

adj. capable of being conveyed from one person or place to another

transferee

n. a person who is moved or directed

transference

n. the act of conveying from one person or place to another

transferrer

n. one who or that which conveys from one person or place to another

transfigure

v. to give an exalted meaning or glorified appearance to

Forms: transfigured; transfigured; transfiguring**transfuse**

v. to pour or cause to pass, as a fluid, from one vessel to another

Forms: transfused; transfused; transfusing**transfusible**

adj. capable of being poured from one vessel to another

transfusion

n. the act of pouring from one vessel to another

Forms: transfusions**transgress**

v. to break a law

Forms: transgressed; transgressed; transgressing**transience**

n. something that is of short duration

transient

n. somebody or something that is only of temporary existence

Forms: transients**transition**

n. passage from one place, condition or action to another

Forms: transitions**transitory**

adj. existing for a short time only

translate

v. to give the sense or equivalent of in another language or dialect

Forms: translated; translated; translating

translator

n. an interpreter

translucence

n. the property or state of allowing the passage of light

translucent

adj. allowing the passage of light

transmissible

adj. that may be sent through or across

transmission

n. the act of sending through or across

Forms: transmissions

transmit

v. to send through or across

Forms: transmitted; transmitted; transmitting

transmute

v. to change in nature, substance or form

Forms: transmuted; transmuted; transmuted

transparent

adj. easy to see through or understand

Forms: more transparent; most transparent

transpire

v. to come to pass

Forms: transpired; transpired; transpiring

transplant

v. to remove from one place and introduce into another (organ, person, etc.); transfer; relocate

Forms: transplanted; transplanted; transplanting

transposition

n. the act of reversing the order or changing the place of

transverse

adj. lying or being across or in a crosswise direction

travail

n. hard or agonizing labor

Forms: travails

travesty

n. a grotesque imitation

Forms: travesties

treacherous

adj. perfidious

Forms: more treacherous; most treacherous

treachery

n. violation of allegiance, confidence or plighted faith

Forms: treacheries

treasonable

adj. of the nature of betrayal, treachery or breach of allegiance

treatise

n. an elaborate literary composition presenting a subject in all its parts

Forms: treatises

treble

adj. multiplied by three

trebly

adv. threefold; triply

tremendous

adj. awe-inspiring

Forms: more tremendous; most tremendous

tremor

n. a shudder; shock; shaking; vibration

Forms: tremors

tremulous

adj. characterized by quivering or unsteadiness

trenchant

adj. cutting deeply and quickly

trepidation

n. nervous uncertainty of feeling

trestle

n. an open braced framework for supporting the horizontal stringers of a railway-bridge

triad

n. a group of three persons or things

tribune

n. any champion of the rights and liberties of the people: often used as the name for a newspaper

Forms: tribunes

trickery

n. artifice

Forms: trickeries

tricolor

adj. of three colors

tricycle

n. a three-wheeled vehicle

trident

n. the three-pronged fork that was the emblem of Neptune

triennial

adj. taking place every third year

trimness

n. order; neatness

trinity

n. a threefold personality existing in the one divine being or substance

Forms: trinities

<p>trio n. three things grouped or associated together</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> trios</p>	<p>triple adj. threefold</p>
<p>triplicate adj. composed of or pertaining to three related things or parts</p>	<p>triplicity n. the condition of existing in three identical copies</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> triplicities</p>
<p>tripod n. a three-legged stand, usually hinged near the top, for supporting some instrument</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> tripods</p>	<p>trisect v. to divide into three parts, especially into three equal parts</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> trisected; trisected; trisecting</p>
<p>trite adj. made commonplace by frequent repetition</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> triter; tritest</p>	<p>triumvir n. one of three men united coordinately in public office or authority</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> triumvirs, triumviri</p>
<p>trivial adj. of little importance or value</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> more trivial; most trivial</p>	<p>troublesome adj. annoying; worrying; difficult; full of distress</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> more troublesome; most troublesome</p>
<p>truculence n. ferocity</p>	<p>truculent adj. having the character or the spirit of a savage</p>
<p>truism n. a statement so plainly true as hardly to require statement or proof</p>	<p>truthful adj. veracious</p> <p><i>Forms:</i> more truthful; most truthful</p>
<p>turgid adj. swollen</p>	<p>turpitude n. depravity</p>
<p>tutelage n. the act of training or the state of being under instruction</p>	<p>tutelar adj. protective</p>

tutorship

n. the office of a guardian

Forms: tutorships

twinge

n. a darting momentary local pain

Forms: twinges

typical

adj. characteristic

Forms: more typical; most typical

typify

v. to serve as a characteristic example of

Forms: typified; typified; typifying

typographical

adj. of or related to the art of printing

typography

n. the arrangement of composed type or the appearance of printed matter

Forms: typographies

tyrannical

adj. despotic

Forms: more tyrannical; most tyrannical

tyranny

n. absolute power arbitrarily or unjustly administered

Forms: tyrannies

tyro

n. person who is slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession; amateur

Forms: tyros

ubiquitous

adj. being present everywhere

ulterior

adj. not so pertinent as something else to the matter spoken of

ultimate

adj. beyond which there is nothing else

ultimatum

n. a final statement or proposal, as concerning terms or conditions

Forms: ultimatums, ultimata**ultramontane**

adj. beyond the mountains, especially beyond the Alps (that is, on their Italian side)

ultramundane

adj. pertaining to supernatural things or to another life

umbrage

n. a sense of injury

unaccountable

adj. inexplicable

Forms: more unaccountable; most unaccountable**unaffected**

adj. sincere

Forms: more unaffected; most unaffected**unanimity**

n. the state or quality of being of one mind

unanimous

adj. sharing the same views or sentiments

unavoidable

adj. inevitable

unbearable

adj. unendurable

Forms: more unbearable; most unbearable**unbecoming**

adj. unsuited to the wearer, place or surroundings

unbelief

n. doubt; lack of faith; skepticism

unbiased

adj. impartial, as judgment

unbridled

adj. being without restraint

uncommon

adj. rare

Forms: uncommoner; uncommonest**unconscionable**

adj. ridiculously or unjustly excessive

unconscious

adj. not cognizant of objects, actions, etc

unction

n. the art of anointing as with oil

unctuous

adj. oily

undeceive

v. to free from deception, as by apprising of the real state of affairs

Forms: undeceived; undeceived; undeceiving

undercharge

v. to request an inadequate price for something

Forms: undercharged; undercharged; undercharging

underexposed

adj. given too little light to a piece of photographic film when taking a photograph

undergarment

n. a piece of clothing worn beneath outer clothes

underhanded

adj. clandestinely carried on

underlie

v. to be the ground or support of

Forms: underlay; underlain; underlying

underling

n. a subordinate

underman

v. to equip with less than the full complement of men

Forms: undermanned; undermanned; undermanning

undermine

v. to slowly weaken or injure; sabotage; subvert

Forms: undermined; undermined; undermining

underrate

v. to judge the value, degree, or worth of somebody or something to be less than it really is

Forms: underrated; underrated; underrating

undersell

v. to promote or advertise in an understated manner

Forms: undersold; undersold; underselling

undersized

adj. smaller than usual

understate

v. to fail to put strongly enough, as a case

Forms: understated; understated; understating

undervalue

v. to estimate something less than the true worth

Forms: undervalued; undervalued; undervaluing

underworld

n. hades

underwrite

v. to issue or be party to the issue of a policy of insurance

Forms: underwrote; underwritten; underwriting

undue

adj. more than sufficient

undulate

v. to move like a wave or in waves

Forms: undulated; undulated; undulating**undulous**

adj. resembling waves

unfavorable

adj. adverse

ungainly

adj. clumsy

Forms: ungainlier; ungainliest**unguent**

n. any ointment or lubricant for local application

unicellular

adj. consisting of a single locus

unify

v. to cause to be one

Forms: unified; unified; unifying**unique**

adj. being the only one of its kind

unison

n. a condition of perfect agreement and accord

unisonant

adj. being in a condition of perfect agreement and accord

unitarian

adj. pertaining to a religious body that rejects the doctrine of the Trinity

univalence

n. monovalency

unlawful

adj. illegal

unlimited

adj. unconstrained

unnatural

adj. artificial

unnecessary

adj. not essential under the circumstances

unsettle

v. to put into confusion

Forms: unsettled; unsettled; unsettling**unsophisticated**

adj. showing inexperience

unspeakable

adj. abominable

untimely

adj. unseasonable

untoward

adj. causing annoyance or hindrance

unutterable

adj. inexpressible

unwieldy

adj. moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape

Forms: unwieldier; unwieldiest**unwise**

adj. foolish

Forms: unwiser; unwisest**unyoke**

v. to separate

Forms: unyoked; unyoked; unyoking**up-keep**

n. maintenance

upbraid

v. to reproach as deserving blame

Forms: upbraided; upbraided; upbraiding**upcast**

n. a throwing upward

upheaval

n. overthrow or violent disturbance of established order or condition

Forms: upheavals**upheave**

v. to raise or lift with effort

Forms: upheaved, uphove; upheaved, uphove; upheaving**uppermost**

adj. first in order of precedence

uproarious

adj. noisy

uproot

v. to eradicate

Forms: uprooted; uprooted; uprooting**upturn**

v. to throw into confusion

Forms: upturned; upturned; upturning**urban**

adj. of or pertaining to or like a city

urbanity

n. refined or elegant courtesy

Forms: urbanities**urchin**

n. a roguish, mischievous boy

Forms: urchins

urgency

n. the pressure of necessity

Forms: urgencies

usage

n. treatment

Forms: usages

usurious

adj. taking unlawful or exorbitant interest on money loaned

usurp

v. to take possession of by force

Forms: usurped; usurped; usurping

usury

n. the demanding for the use of money as a loan, a rate of interest beyond what is allowed by law

Forms: usuries

utilitarianism

n. the ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or of beneficial tendency

utility

n. fitness for some desirable practical purpose

Forms: utilities

utmost

n. the greatest possible extent

vacate

v. to leave

Forms: vacated; vacated; vacating**vaccinate**

v. to render unsusceptible to a disease by inoculating

Forms: vaccinated; vaccinated; vaccinating**vacillate**

v. to waver

Forms: vacillated; vacillated; vacillating**vacuous**

adj. empty

vacuum

n. a space entirely devoid of matter

Forms: vacuums, vacua**vagabond**

n. a wanderer

Forms: vagabonds**vagrant**

n. an idle wanderer

Forms: vagrants**vainglory**

n. excessive, pretentious and demonstrative vanity

Forms: no plural**vale**

n. level or low land between hills

Forms: vales**valediction**

n. a bidding farewell

valedictorian

n. student who delivers an address at graduating exercises of an educational institution

valedictory

n. a parting address

Forms: valedictories**valid**

adj. founded on truth

valorous

adj. courageous

vapid

adj. having lost sparkling quality and flavor

vaporizer

n. an atomizer

variable

adj. having a tendency to change

Forms: more variable; most variable**variance**

n. change

Forms: variances

variant

n. a thing that differs from another in form only, being the same in essence or substance

variation

n. modification

Forms: variations

variegate

v. to mark with different shades or colors

Forms: variegated; variegated; variegating

vassal

n. a slave or bondman

Forms: vassals

vaudeville

n. a variety show

vegetal

adj. of or pertaining to plants

vegetarian

n. one who believes in the theory that man's food should be exclusively vegetable

vegetate

v. to live in a monotonous, passive way without exercise of the mental faculties

Forms: vegetated; vegetated; vegetating

vegetation

n. plant-life in the aggregate

vegetative

adj. pertaining to the process of plant-life

vehement

adj. very eager or urgent

velocity

n. rapid motion

Forms: velocities

velvety

adj. marked by lightness and softness

venal

adj. mercenary, corrupt

vendible

adj. marketable

vendition

n. the act of selling

vendor

n. a seller

Forms: vendors

vener

n. outside show or elegance

venerable

adj. meriting or commanding high esteem

venerate

v. to cherish reverentially

Forms: venerated; venerated; venerating

venereal

adj. pertaining to or proceeding from sexual intercourse

venial

adj. that may be pardoned or forgiven; a forgivable sin

venison

n. the flesh of deer

venom

n. the poisonous fluid that certain animals secrete

venous

adj. of, pertaining to or contained or carried in a vein or veins

veracious

adj. habitually disposed to speak the truth

veracity

n. truthfulness

Forms: veracities**verbatim**

adv. word for word

verbiage

n. use of many words without necessity

verbose

adj. wordy

verdant

adj. green with vegetation

verification

n. the act of proving to be true, exact or accurate

Forms: verifications**verify**

v. to prove to be true, exact or accurate

Forms: verified; verified; verifying**verily**

adv. in truth

verity

n. truth

Forms: verities**vermin**

n. a noxious or troublesome animal

Forms: vermin**vernacular**

n. the language of one's country

Forms: vernaculars**vernal**

adj. belonging to or suggestive of the spring

versatile

adj. having an aptitude for applying oneself to new and varied tasks or to various subjects

version

n. a description or report of something as modified by one's character or opinion

Forms: versions

vertex

n. peak; highest point; top; summit

Forms: vertexes, vertices

vertical

adj. lying or directed perpendicularly to the horizon

vertigo

n. dizziness

Forms: vertigoes, vertigines

vestige

n. a visible trace, mark or impression, of something absent, lost or gone

Forms: vestiges

vestment

n. clothing or covering

Forms: vestments

veto

n. the constitutional right in a chief executive of refusing to approve an enactment

Forms: vetoes

vicarious

adj. suffered or done in place of or for the sake of another

viceroys

n. a ruler acting with royal authority in place of the sovereign in a colony or province

Forms: viceroys

vicissitude

n. a change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune

Forms: vicissitudes

vie

v. to contend

Forms: vied; vied; vying

vigilance

n. alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger

vigilant

adj. being on the alert to discover and ward off danger or insure safety

vignette

n. a picture having a background or that is shaded off gradually

vincible

adj. conquerable

vindicate

v. to prove true, right or real

Forms: vindicated; vindicated; vindicating

vindicative

adj. revengeful

vindicatory

adj. punitive

vinery

n. a greenhouse for grapes

*Forms: vineries***viol**

n. a six-stringed instrument from the 16th and 17th centuries

viola

n. a musical instrument somewhat larger than a violin

*Forms: violas***violation**

n. infringement

*Forms: violations***violator**

n. person who transgresses

*Forms: violators***violoncello**

n. a stringed instrument held between the player's knees

*Forms: violoncellos***virago**

n. a bold, impudent, turbulent woman

*Forms: viragoes, viragos***virile**

adj. masculine

virtu

n. rare, curious or beautiful quality

*Forms: no plural***virtual**

adj. being in essence or effect but not in form or appearance

virtuoso

n. a master in the technique of some particular fine art

*Forms: virtuosos, virtuosi***virulence**

n. extreme poisonousness

virulent

adj. exceedingly noxious or deleterious

visage

n. the face, countenance or look of a person

*Forms: visages***viscount**

n. in England, a title of nobility, ranking fourth in the order of British peerage

*Forms: viscounts***vista**

n. a view or prospect

*Forms: vistas***visual**

adj. perceptible by sight

visualize

v. to give pictorial vividness to a mental representation

Forms: visualized; visualized; visualizing

vitality

n. the state or quality of being necessary to existence or continuance

vitalize

v. to endow with life or energy

Forms: vitalized; vitalized; vitalizing

vitiate

v. to contaminate

Forms: vitiated; vitiated; vitiating

vituperable

adj. deserving of censure

vivacity

n. liveliness

vivify

v. to endue with life

Forms: vivified; vivified; vivifying

vivisection

n. the dissection of a living animal

voala

int. here we go; here you are; there you go

vocable

n. a word, especially one regarded in relation merely to its qualities of sound

vocative

adj. of or pertaining to the act of calling

vociferance

n. the quality of making a clamor

vociferate

v. to utter with a loud and vehement voice

Forms: vociferated; vociferated; vociferating

vociferous

adj. making a loud outcry

vogue

n. the prevalent way or fashion

Forms: vogues

volant

adj. flying or able to fly

volatile

adj. changeable

volition

n. an act or exercise of will

volitive

adj. exercising the will

voluble

adj. having great fluency in speaking

voluptuous

adj. having fullness of beautiful form, as a woman, with or without sensuous or sensual quality

voracious

adj. eating with greediness or in very large quantities

vortex

n. a mass of rotating or whirling fluid, especially when sucked spirally toward the center

Forms: vortexes, vortices

votary

adj. consecrated by a vow or promise

votive

adj. dedicated by a vow

vulgarity

n. lack of refinement in conduct or speech

Forms: vulgarities

vulnerable

adj. capable of receiving injuries

waif

n. a homeless, neglected wanderer

waistcoat

n. a vest

Forms: waistcoats**waive**

v. to relinquish, especially temporarily, as a right or claim

Forms: waived; waived; waiving**wampum**

n. beads strung on threads, formerly used among the American Indians as currency

wane

v. to diminish in size and brilliancy

Forms: waned; waned; waning**wantonness**

n. recklessness

warlike

adj. belligerent

wavelet

n. a ripple

weak-kneed

adj. without resolute purpose or energy

weal

n. well-being

wean

v. to transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment

Forms: weaned; weaned; weaning**wearisome**

adj. fatiguing

wee

adj. very small

Forms: weer; weest**well-bred**

adj. of good ancestry

well-doer

n. a performer of moral and social duties

well-to-do

adj. in prosperous circumstances

whereabouts

n. the place in or near which a person or thing is

whereupon

adv. after which

wherever

adv. in or at whatever place

wherewith

n. the necessary means or resources

whet

v. to make more keen or eager

*Forms: whetted; whetted; whetting***whimsical**

adj. capricious

whine

v. to utter with complaining tone

*Forms: whined; whined; whining***wholly**

adv. completely

wield

v. to use, control or manage, as a weapon or instrument, especially with full command

*Forms: wielded; wielded; wielding***wile**

n. an act or a means of cunning deception

*Forms: wiles***winsome**

adj. attractive

wintry

adj. lacking warmth of manner

*Forms: wintrier; wintriest***wiry**

adj. thin, but tough and sinewy

*Forms: wirier; wiriest***witchcraft**

n. sorcery

witless

adj. foolish, indiscreet or silly

witling

n. a person who has little understanding

witticism

n. a clever or sarcastic remark

wittingly

adv. with knowledge and by design

wizen

v. to become or cause to become withered or dry

*Forms: wizened; wizened; wizening***wizen-faced**

adj. looking old and shriveled

working-man

n. one who earns his bread by physical labor

workmanlike

adj. well-performed; skillful

workmanship

n. artistry; skillfulness; manner of execution

wrangle

v. to maintain by noisy argument or dispute

Forms: wrangled; wrangled; wrangling

wreak

v. to inflict, as a revenge or punishment

Forms: wreaked; wreaked; wreaking

wrest

v. to pull or force away by or as by violent twisting or wringing

Forms: wrested; wrested; wresting

wretchedness

n. extreme misery or unhappiness

writhe

v. to twist the body, face or limbs or as in pain or distress

Forms: writhed; writhed; writhing

writing

n. the act or art of tracing or inscribing on a surface
letters or ideographs

Forms: writings

wry

adj. deviating from that which is proper or right

Forms: wrier, wryer; wriest, wryest

yearling

n. a young animal past its first 12 months of age

zealot

n. one who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner

zeitgeist

n. the intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch

zenith

n. the culminating-point of prosperity, influence or greatness

Forms: zeniths

zephyr

n. any soft, gentle wind

Forms: zephyrs

zodiac

n. an imaginary belt encircling the heavens within which are the larger planets