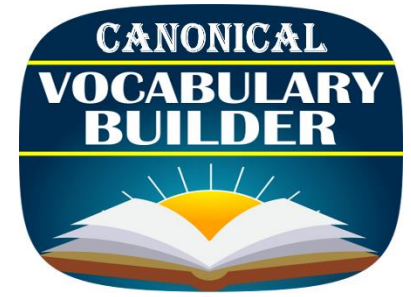


Canonical Vocabulary Builder

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"The underlined (and sometimes CAPITALIZED) words that appear in definitions also have their own entry on the list. The entries with two bolded words indicate how common both forms of the word are."

- **ABACK** (adv.): shocked or surprised, as in "**he was taken ABACK by...**"
- **ABANDON** (n.): a complete lack of self-consciousness or self-control
- **ABASE** (v.): to deprive of self-esteem or confidence; to humiliate or degrade :: DEBASE (v.), DEBASEMENT (n.)
- **ABASEMENT** (n.): a humiliation or dressing-down
- **ABASHED** (adj.): ashamed or embarrassed :: ABASH (v.), UNABASHED (adj.), UNABASHEDLY (adv.)
- **ABATE** (v.): to lessen, diminish, or subside; to reduce in amount, intensity, degree, or severity
- **ABATEMENT** (n.): the reduction or elimination of a tax, claim, fine, or debt :: ABATED, ABATING (v), UNABATED (adj)
- **ABATTOIR** (n.): a slaughterhouse
- **ABERRANT** (adj.): abnormal or deviant; not normal or acceptable; exceptional
- **ABERRATION(S)** (n.): an action, occurrence, or behavior not typical, normal, or acceptable; a wandering
- **ABET** (v.): to help or assist someone else (in doing wrong); to be an accomplice :: ABETTED, ABETTING (v.)
- **ABEYANCE** (n.): a suspension; held in waiting; pending; a temporary cessation; temporary inactivity
 - a lapse in succession in which there is no person in whom the title is VESTED
- **ABJECT** (adj.): utterly hopeless, miserable, humiliating, or wretched; pitiful; low in spirit, hope, or state :: ABJECTLY (adv.), ABJECTNESS, ABJECTION (n.)
- **ABLUTIONS** (n.): the acts or routine of washing or bathing oneself (with water); any cleansing, purification, or purging
- **ABNEGATE** (v.): to RENOUNCE; to deny; to give up, relinquish, or surrender (rights, claims, etc.)
 - to give up, REFRAIN from, or reject an indulgence or something desirable; to refuse or deny oneself :: ABNEGATED, ABNEGATED (v.,adj.), ABNEGATION, SELF-ABNEGATION (n.)
- **ABODE** (n.): a house or home
- **ABOMINABLE** (adj.): detestable; LOATHSOME; ODIOUS; very unpleasant and causing disgust or hatred; disagreeable :: ABOMINABLY (adv.)
- **ABOMINATE** (v.): to hate or detest intensely; to loathe or abhor :: ABOMINATED, ABOMINATING (v.)
- **ABOMINATION(S)** (n.): something that causes disgust, outrage, or AVERSION; an outrage; such a feeling
- **ABORT** (v.): to abandon a half-finished project or effort :: ABORTED, ABORTING (v.), ABORTION (n.)
- **ABORTIVE** (adj.): unsuccessful; coming to nothing
- **ABOUND** (v.): to exist in large numbers or amounts; to TEEM with; RIFE with :: ABOUNDED, ABOUNDING (v.), ABUNDANT (adj.)
- **ABRADE** (v.): to scrape, rub, or wear off :: ABRADED, ABRADING (v.)
- **ABRASIVE** (adj.): rough, harsh, or coarse in manner :: ABRASIVELY (adv.), ABRASIVENESS (n.), ABRASION(S) (n.)
- **ABRIDGE** (v.): to shorten; to edit; to abbreviate; to reduce :: ABRIDGED / UNABRIDGED (adj.), ABRIDGEMENT (n.)

- **ABROGATE** (v.): to abolish by authoritative action; to REPEAL; to annul, revoke, or render void; to treat as nonexistent :: ABROGATED, ABROGATING (v.), ABROGATION (n.)
- **ABSCESS(ES)** (n.): a swelling containing pus
- **ABSCOND** (v.): to depart or sneak away secretly or quietly (to escape notice or avoid arrest) and hide oneself (especially to avoid trouble :: ABSCONDED, ABSCONDING (v.), ABSCONDMENT (n.)
- **ABSOLUTION** (n.): formal forgiveness of a person's sins
- **ABSOLVE** (v.): to set free from the obligation or consequences of guilt, blame, or sin :: ABSOLVED, ABSOLVING (v.)
- **ABSTAIN** (v.): to stop oneself from doing something (enjoyable); to REFRAIN from; to practice self-denial
 - to formally choose not to vote :: ABSTAINED, ABSTAINING, ABSTENTION (n.), ABSTINENT (adj.)
- **ABSTEMIOUS** (adj.): moderate (regarding food or drink); refraining from indulgence; TEMPERATE :: ABSTINENT, ABSTEMIOUSLY (adv.), ABSTEMIOUSNESS (n.)
- **ABSTINENT** (adj.): avoiding something enjoyable or pleasurable such as food or drink; self-restraining :: ABSTINENTLY (adv.), ABSTINENCE (n.), ABSTAIN (v.)
- **ABSTRUSE** (adj.): difficult to understand, comprehend, or learn; complex; obscure :: ARCANE, ABSTRUSELY (adv.), ABSTRUSENESS (n.)
- **ABUT** (v.): to be adjacent to; to touch or join at the edge or border ABUTTED, ABUTTING (v.) :: ABUTMENT(S) (n.)
- **ACADEMIC** (adj.) (fig.): unrelated to any real situation, and therefore not important; MOOT
- **ACCLIMATE, ACCLIMATIZE** (v.): to accustom or become accustomed to a new climate, environment, or situation :: ACCLIMATED, ACCLIMATING (v.), ACCLIMATION (n.), ACCLIMATIZED, ACCLIMATIZING (v.), CLIMATE (n.)
- **ACCORD** (n.): agreement; harmony :: ACCORDANCE (n.), DISCORD (n.)
- **ACCORD** (v.): to give (power or recognition) to; to be in agreement or consistent with :: ACCORDED, ACCORDING (v.)
- **ACCOST** (v.): to approach and speak to boldly or aggressively :: ACCOSTED, ACCOSTING (v.)
- **ACCOUTREMENTS** (n.) (Fr.): accessories; extra items of clothing or equipment :: ACCOUTRE or ACCOUTER (v.), ACCOUTRED, ACCOUTRING (v.)
- **ACCREDIT** (v.): to give someone the credit for (something); to give official authorization to :: ACCREDITED (v.,adj.), ACCREDITING (v.), ACCREDITATION (n.)
- **ACCRUE** (v.): to collect or receive (payments or benefits); (of money): to be received in regular or increasing amounts :: ACCRUED (v.,adj.), ACCRUING (v.), ACCRUAL (n.)
- **ACERBIC** (adj.): sharp, direct, bitter, sour or BITING in temper, mood, tone, or expression :: ACERBICALLY (adv.), ACERBITY (n.)
- **ACME** (n.): the highest point of achievement or excellence; the PINNACLE, APEX, or ZENITH
- **ACOLYTE(S)** (n.): an assistant or follower; an assistant to a clergyperson during a service
- **ACQUIESCE** (v.): to give in to or accept without protest or objection; to submit to or comply quietly or peacefully :: ACQUIESCED, ACQUIESCING (v.), ACQUIESCENT (adj.), ACQUIESCENCE (n.)
- **ACQUISITIVE** (adj.): overly interested in gaining money or possessions (material things) :: ACQUIRE (v.)
- **ACQUIT** (v.): to behave or perform in a particular way
 - to formally state someone is not guilty of a criminal charge :: ACQUITTED, ACQUITTING (v.), ACQUITTAL (n.)
- **ACRID** (adj.): unpleasantly bitter; sharp and harsh :: ACRIDLY (adv.), ACRIDNESS, ACRIDITY (n.)
- **ACRIMONY** (n.): bitterness of feelings or language
- **ACRIMONIOUS** (adj.): bitter; angry; harsh; disputed; strong; sharp; BITING :: ACRIMONIOUSLY (adv.), ACRIMONIOUSNESS
- **ACRONYM(S)** (n.): a word formed from the first letters of other words

- e.g. AWOL, FUBAR, NATO, SCUBA, NIMBY, SNAFU, UNICEF, USA
- **ACUITY** (n.): sharpness of thought, perception, vision, or hearing :: ACUTENESS
- **ACUMEN** (n.): skill; ability; talent; the ability to make good judgments and quick decisions
 - quickness, keenness, or depth of perception, DISCERNMENT, or discrimination, especially in practical matters
- **ACUTE** (adj.): serious; PERVASIVE; highly developed; sharp-witted; shrewd :: ACUTELY (adv.), ACUTENESS, ACUITY (n.)
- **AD HOC** (adj.,adv.) (L.): created or done for one particular purpose only; improvised; fashioned from what is available
- **AD INFINITUM** (adv.) (L.): endlessly; forever; infinitely
- **AD NAUSEUM** (adv.) (L.): to an annoyingly excessive or sickening extent
- **ADAGE(S)** (n.): a proverb or traditional saying expressing a common experience or universal observation; an APHORISM
- **ADDENDUM** (n.) (L.): an extra item added at the end of a book or text
- **ADDLED** (adj.,v.): confused; mixed up :: ADDLE (v.), ADDLING, ADDLE-BRAINED (adj.)
- **ADHERE** (v.): to stick to firmly; to follow (rules, beliefs, etc.) :: ADHERED, ADHERING (v.), ADHERENT (adj.), ADHERENCE, ADHERENT(S) (n.), ADHESIVE (n.,adj.)
- **ADJUDICATE** (v.): to try in a court of law; to settle judicially; to act as a judge; to formally preside over or listen to opposing arguments and help the parties settle their differences and come to an agreement :: ADJUDICATED, ADJUDICATING (v.), ADJUDICATION, ADJUDICATOR(S) (n.)
- **ADJUNCT** (n.): an additional part; something that is added; an APPURTENANCE
- **ADJURE** (v.): to urge or advise earnestly; to command as if under oath
- **ADMONISH** (v.): to reprimand firmly; to urge or warn seriously; to REPROVE gently :: ADMONISHED, ADMONISHING (v.), ADMONISHMENT (n.), ADMONITORY (adj.)
- **ADMONITION** (n.): a gentle or friendly warning, caution, or REPROOF MONITION (n.)
- **ADROIT** (adj.): nimble; expert; skilled; resourceful :: ADROITLY (adv.), ADROITNESS (n.), MALADROIT (n.)
- **ADULATE** (v.): to show excessive admiration for or devotion to; to flatter excessively or admire in a servile or slavish fashion; to adore :: ADULATED (v.,adj.), ADULATING (v.) **ADULATION** (n.): excessive or slavish admiration or flattery; high praise
- **ADULTERATE** (v.): to make poorer in quality by adding another substance; to make impure :: ADULTERATED / UNADULTERATED (adj.), ADULTERATING, ADULTERANT (adj.,n.), ADULTERATION (n.)
- **ADVENT** (n.): the arrival, creation, or coming into being of something important
- **ADVENTITIOUS** (adj.): accidental; happening by chance; INCIDENTAL; arising or occurring SPORADICALLY
 - casual; not essential; added EXTRINSICALLY; not INHERENT :: ADVENTITIOUSLY (adv.)
- **ADVERSE** (adj.): harmful; unfavorable :: ADVERSELY (adv.); ADVERSENESS, ADVERSITY, ADVERSITIES (n.)
- **ADVISEDLY** (adv.): used or behaving sensibly, cautiously, or prudently ADVISE (v.)
- **ADVISORY** (adj.): having the power to advise or make recommendations, but not act or make changes :: ADVISE (v.)
- **ADVOCATE** (v.): to publicly recommend or support :: ADVOCATED, ADVOCATING (v.), ADVOCACY (n.)
- **ADVOCATE(S)** (n.): a person who publicly supports or recommends a particular cause or policy
- **AEGIS** (n.) (fig.): a shield; the protection, backing, or support of someone; sponsorship; AUSPICES
- **AESTHETE** (n.): one who has cultivated a great sensitivity to beauty and culture
- **AESTHETIC** (adj.): related to beauty or appreciation of beauty or the artistic :: AESTHETICALLY (adv.), AESTHETICS (n.)
- **AESTHETIC(S)** (n.): a set of principles behind an artistic style or movement

- **AFFABLE** (adj.): friendly; easy to approach or talk to; at ease; pleasant; gracious; outgoing :: AFFABLY (adv.), AFFABLENESS, AFFABILITY (n.)
- **AFFECTATION(S)** (n.): an exaggerated display; something that is false and designed to impress; show; PRETENSE
- **AFFECTED / UNAFFECTED** (adj.): false and designed to impress; deliberate :: AFFECTEDLY (adv.)
- **AFFINITY** (n.): a natural liking or sympathy; a close relationship based on similar origin or structure
- **AFFIRM** (v.): to state firmly or publicly :: AFFIRMED, AFFIRMING (v.)
- **AFFIRMATION(S)** (n.): something AFFIRMED; a positive assertion; a serious or solemn declaration
- **AFFIRMATIVE** (adj.,n.): agreeing with or to in a statement or request; a statement or word indicating agreement :: AFFIRMATIVELY (adv.)
- **AFFLUENT** (adj.,n.): having great wealth and many possessions; well-off :: AFFLUENTLY (adv.), AFFLUENCE (n.)
- **AFFRONT** (n.,v.): an action or remark that causes offence; an insult; offend; defy :: AFFRONTED, AFFRONTING (v.)
- **AFICIONADO(S)** (n.): one who knows a lot about and is very keen on an activity or subject
 - an enthusiastic admirer; a fan; a DEVOTEE
- **AFOREMENTIONED** (adj.): referring to something or someone previously mentioned or named
- **AGAPE** (adj.) (of a person's mouth): wide open :: GAPE (v.,n.), GAPING (adj.)
- **AGENT PROVOCATEUR** (n.) (Fr.): a person employed to detect suspected political offenders or criminals and tempt them to commit a crime and therefore be convicted :: PROVOCATEUR (n.) (Fr.)
- **AGGLOMERATION** (n.): a cluster or collection of things :: AGGLOMERATE (v.)
- **AGGRANDIZE** (v.): to exaggerate or magnify; to make (or make appear) great or greater; to put on a false front
 - to enlarge; to increase or enhance the power, status, or wealth of; to artificially improve the reputation of
- **AGGRANDIZEMENT** (n.): a magnification; an increase; an advancement :: SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT (n.)
- **AGGREGATE** (n.,adj.): a whole formed by combining several different elements; the whole sum or total of something formed by combining separate items
- **AGGRIEVED** (adj.): resentful because of unfair treatment :: AGGRIEVE (v.)
- **AGNOSTIC(S)** (n.): one who questions the existence of God or other deities;
 - one who is unwilling in principle to hold an opinion for against the exist of God :: AGNOSTICISM (n.)
- **AGITPROP** (n.): political propaganda, particularly in literature or other art
- **AGOG** (adv.): stunned; very eager to see or hear something; in eager desire
- **AGRARIAN** (adj.): of or relating to farmland, farmers, or agriculture
- **AIDE-DE-CAMP** (n.) (Fr.): a military officer acting as a personal assistant to a senior officer; an ally; a colleague
- **AKIMBO** (adv.): with the hands on the hips and elbow pointed outwards
- **AKIN** (adj.): similar to; alike; of similar character; related by blood :: KIN (n.)
- **ALABASTER** (adj.,n.): smooth and white; a white, semi-transparent form of gypsum
- **ALACRITY** (n.): cheerful willingness, eagerness, readiness, or promptness in responding to something
- **ALBATROSS** (n.) (fig.): a worrisome burden, as in "that boat has been nothing but an ALBATROSS around my neck..."
- **ALBEIT** (conjunction): although; even though; NOTWITHSTANDING; yet; conceding the fact that
- **ALCHEMY** (n.): transformation of something common into something of great value, such as gold :: ALCHEMIST (n.)
- **ALFRESCO** (adv.,adj.) (It.): outdoors; outdoor; in the open air

- **ALGORITHM** (n.): a step-by-step process or set of rules used in calculations or other problem-solving operations
- **ALIGHT** (adv.,adj.): shining brightly; on fire
- **ALIGHT** (v.): to notice; to catch sight of; as in ALIGHT ON something :: ALIGHTED, ALIT, ALIGHTING (v.)
- **ALLAY** (v.): to reduce or end (fear, concern, or difficulty); to pacify; to calm; to relieve; to quiet down; to lighten
- **ALLEGORY** (n.): a story that contains or represents a hidden meaning or abstract ideas or principles in order to teach or illustrate :: ALLEGORICAL (adj.), ALLEGORICALLY (adv.)
- **ALLITERATION** (n.): a repetition of consonant sounds in words for musical effect e.g. fine frosty Friday :: ALLITERATIVE (adj.)
- **ALLOCATE** (v.): to give (resources or duties) to; to set aside or reserve for; to assign as a share :: ALLOCATED (v.,adj.), ALLOCATING (v.), ALLOCATION (n.)
- **ALLOT** (v.): to give out as a share to; to METE out :: ALLOTTED, ALLOTTING (v.), ALLOTMENT(S) (n.)
- **ALLOY** (n.): a mixture of two or more metals (usually one inferior with a precious one); (v.): to mix metals; to spoil by adding something inferior :: ALLOYED, ALLOYING (v.)
- **ALLUDE** (v.): to refer to; to hint at; to mention (in passing) :: ALLUDED, ALLUDING (v.), ALLUSIVE (adj.)
- **ALLUSION(S)** (n.): an indirect reference to something else
- **ALOOF** (adj.): cool and distant; unfeeling :: ALOOFLY (adv.), ALOOFNESS (n.)
- **ALTRUISM** (n.): the unselfish interest in the welfare of others :: ALTRUIST(S) (n.)
- **ALTRUISTIC** (adj.): unselfishly concerned for or devoted to the welfare of others :: ALTRUISTICALLY (adv.)
- **AMALGAM** (n.): a mixture or blend; an ALLOY :: AMALGAMATE (v.): to unite or combine
- **AMASS** (v.): to gather many things for oneself; to collect as one's own :: AMASSED, AMASSING (v.)
- **AMATORY** (adj.): expressing love; having to do with sensual love or desire :: AMOROUS (adj.)
- **AMAZON** (n.): a large, athletic, imposing woman :: AMAZONIAN (adj.)
- **AMBIENCE** (n.): the character and atmosphere of a place
- **AMBIENT** (adj.): surrounding
- **AMBIGUOUS** (adj.) (of language): having more than one meaning; unclear; of uncertain position or classification :: AMBIGUOUSLY (adv.), AMBIGUOUSNESS, AMBIGUITY, AMBIGUITIES (n.), UNAMBIGUOUS (adj.)
- **AMBIVALENT** (adj.): having mixed feelings; being uncertain; fluctuating; unable to decide :: AMBIVALENCE (n.)
- **AMBLE** (v.): to walk at a slow, easy pace; to stroll; to SAUNTER :: AMBLED, AMBLING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **AMBROSIA** (n.): food or drink that is exceptionally pleasing to taste or smell :: AMBROSIAL (adj.)
- **AMBULATORY** (adj.): able to walk (around); movable; mobile :: AMBULATE (v.), AMBULATED, AMBULATING, AMBULATION(S) (n.), PERAMBULATE (v)
- **AMELIORATE** (v.): to take actions that make up for, at least in part, for negative actions or failure to take action previously; to correct a deficiency or defect; to make better; to improve; to change :: AMELIORATED, AMELIORATING (v.), AMELIORATION (n.), MELIORATE (v.)
- **AMENABLE** (adj.): willing to be persuaded or influenced (by others); ready to yield (to); favorably disposed; co-operative; suited :: AMENABLY (adv.), AMENABILITY (n.)
- **AMEND** (v.): to make minor improvements to; to alter for the better; to improve; to reform :: AMENDED, AMENDING (v.), AMENDMENT(S) (n.), UNAMENDED (adj.)
- **AMENITY, AMENITIES** (n.): a useful or desirable feature of a place
- **AMIABLE** (adj.): being pleasant or good-natured; friendly :: AMIABLY (adv.), AMIABILITY (n.)
- **AMICABLE** (adj.): friendly; characterized by or showing goodwill :: AMICABLY (adv.) , AMICABILITY (n.)
- **AMISS** (adj.): not quite right; inappropriate; (adv.): wrongly or inappropriately MISS (n.,v.)

- **AMITY** (n.): friendly relations; good will, especially between nations
- **AMOK** or **AMUCK** (adv.): in an uncontrolled, violent, random, or confused manner, as in “TO RUN AMOK”
- **AMORAL** (adj.): without morals; not concerned about morals or right or wrong :: AMORALLY (adv.), AMORALITY (n.) MORAL (adj.,n.), MORALLY (adv.), MORALITY (n.)
- **AMOROUS** (adj.): showing or feeling sexual desire AMOROUSLY (adv.) :: AMOROUSNESS (n.), AMOUR (n.) (Fr.)
- **AMORPHOUS** (adj.): shapeless; without a definite shape or form; lacking definition or boundaries :: MORPH (v.)
- **AMORTIZE** (v.): to gradually pay something off (such as a mortgage) by periodic payments; to gradually reduce the cost or value of an asset
- **AMPERSAND** (n.): the typographical character “&” that is used for the word “and”.
- **AMPLITUDE** (n.): a great size or extent
- **AMUCK** or **AMOK** (adv.): in an uncontrolled, violent, random, or confused way, as in “TO RUN AMUCK”
- **ANACHRONISM(S)** (n.): something out of place in the order of (historical) time, especially something from a former age that is incongruous in the present :: ANACHRONISTIC (adj.)
- **ANAGRAM(S)** (n.): a word or phrase formed by rearranging all the letters of another
- **ANALGESIC** (n.): a remedy used for pain; something that soothes
- **ANALOGOUS** (adj.): comparable; similar or alike in some ways; corresponding to
- **ANALOGY** (n.): the method of explaining or defining something by comparing it to something else :: ANALOGIES (n.)
- **ANALOGUE** (n.): something that is similar to something else
- **ANATHEMA** (n.): something or someone that is detested, loathed, or hated; a poison; a solemn ban or curse
- **ANATHEMATIZE** (v.): to curse or DENOUNCE :: ANATHEMATIZED (v.,adj.)
- **ANCILLARY** (adj.): providing support to the main activities of an organization
 - SUBORDINATE; additional; extra; AUXILIARY; subservient
- **ANDROGYNOUS** (adj.): partly male and partly female :: ANDROGYNOUSLY (adv.), ANDROGYNY (n.)
- **ANECDOTE(S)** (n.): a short, usually amusing story or account of events :: ANECDOTAL (adj.), ANECDOTALLY (adv.)
- **ANGST** (n.): a strong feeling of anxiety (about life in general)
- **ANGULAR** (adj.): lean and bony; placed or directed at an angle; having angles or sharp corners :: ANGLE (n.,v.)
- **ANIMATED** (adj.): lively; excited; full of life or spirit :: ANIMATEDLY (adv.), ANIMATION (n.)
- **ANIMOSITY** (n.): tension; strong feelings of dislike
- **ANIMUS** (n.): a basic attitude or governing spirit; a disposition or intention; often a spiteful, malevolent ill will
- **ANNEAL** (v.): to strengthen, toughen, or TEMPER
- **ANNUNCIATE** (v.): to announce or proclaim the approach or arrival of something; to bring tidings :: ANNUNCIATED, ANNUNCIATING (v.), ANNUNCIATION (n.); ANNOUNCE (v.)
- **ANODYNE** (n.): a pain-killing drug or medicine, (adj.): serving to relieve pain; unlikely to cause offence or disagreement; INNOCUOUS; bland
- **ANOMALY, ANOMALIES** (n.): an exception; an irregularity; something that deviates from what is standard or normal
- **ANOMALOUS** (adj.): differing from what is standard or normal; irregular; exceptional
- **ANOMIE** (n.): a sense of loneliness and anxiety
- **ANON** (adv.): in a short time; soon; immediately; at another time

- **ANTAGONISM** (n.): open hostility or opposition :: **ANTAGONISTIC** (adj.)
- **ANTAGONIST(S)** (n.): an opponent or enemy; an adversary :: **ANTAGONISTIC** (adj.)
- **ANTAGONIZE** (v.): to make someone hostile; to act in opposition to :: **ANTAGONIZED** (v.,adj.), **ANTAGONIZING**
- **ANTEBELLUM** (adj.,adv.): existing before a war, especially in the Old South before the American Civil War
- **ANTECEDENT(S)** (n.): the ancestor of an existing product, idea, etc.; a preceding event or cause
 - something that exists before something else; a **PREDECESSOR** :: **ANTECEDE** (v.)
- **ANTEDATE** (n.,v.): to come before in time; to precede :: **ANTEDATED**, **ANTEDATING** (v.), **DATE(S)** (n.)
- **ANTEDILUVIAN** (adj.): extremely old; ancient; literally, belonging to the time before the Biblical flood
 - old-fashioned; out-of-date
- **ANTERIOR** (adj.): at or near the front :: **POSTERIOR** (adj.,n.)
- **ANTHROPOMORPHIC** (adj.): (an animal or object) treated as if having human qualities such as life or feelings :: **ANTHROPOMORPHISM** (n.), **ANTHROPOMORPHOUS** (adj.), **ANTHROPOMORPHIZE** (v.)
- **ANTICLIMACTIC** (adj.): disappointing :: **CLIMACTIC** (adj.)
- **ANTICLIMAX** - a disappointing end to an exciting series of events :: **CLIMAX** (n.,v.)
- **ANTIHERO** (n.): a central character in a story who lacks typical heroic qualities :: **HERO** (n.)
- **ANTIPATHY** (n.): a strong feeling of dislike or hatred; resistance to :: **ANTIPATHETIC** (adj.)
- **ANTIQUARIAN** (n.): one who deals with **ANTIQUITIES** (adj.): old, ancient, antique in nature
- **ANTIQUATED** (adj.): old-fashioned or outdated; obsolete
- **ANTIQUITY** (n.): the distant past; ancient times; an object from the distant past :: **ANTIQUITIES** (n.)
- **ANTISEPTIC** (adj.,n.): preventing the growth of germs that cause disease or infection; clean; such a substance
- **ANTITHESIS** (n.): a person or thing that is the direct or exact opposite of another; the opposite of; something that contrasts with
- **ANTITHETICAL** (adj.): opposite to; being in direct or **UNEQUIVOCAL** opposition to
 - incompatible with each other; contrasting
- **APATHY** (n.): the state of having or showing no or little interest, caring, or emotion; **INDIFFERENT** :: **APATHETIC** (adj.), **APATHETICALLY** (adv.)
- **APEX** (n.): the peak; the highest point; the pinnacle or acme of something
- **APHORISM(S)** (n.): an **ADAGE**; a brief saying embodying a general truth, sentiment, or astute observation
- **APLOMB** (n.): confidence; flair; style; poise; coolness; assurance of manner or of action
 - complete and confident composure or self-assurance
- **APOCRYPHA** (n.): various religious writings of uncertain origin regarded by some as inspired, but rejected by most authorities
- **APOCRYPHAL** (adj.): of doubtful authorship, authority or authenticity; widely circulated but unlikely to be true or accepted as genuine
- **APOGEE** (n.): the highest point; the peak; the **APEX**; the culmination :: **PERIGEE** (n.)
- **APOLLONIAN** (adj.): harmonious; **MEASURED**, ordered, or balanced in character
- **APOLOGIA** (n.) (L.): a formal (written) defense or justification (of one's behavior or opinions)
- **APOPLECTIC** (adj.): overcome with anger; intense enough to threaten or cause a stroke; relating to **APOPLEXY** (stroke)
 - suffering from or as if from **APOPLEXY** – a sudden stroke causing loss of sensation and motion
- **APOSTASY** (n.): the total desertion of or departure from one's faith, principles, or party
- **APOSTATE** (n.,adj.): one who abandons a faith, belief, or principle; unfaithful to beliefs or principles; rebellious

- **APOTHEOSIS** (n.): the ultimate or highest point; a model of excellence or perfection; the perfect example of something
 - the raising of someone to the rank of a god; elevation to a divine status
- **APPARITION(S)** (n.): a ghost; something remarkable that makes a sudden or unexpected appearance (especially a ghost)
- **APPEASE** (v.): to make someone calm or less hostile by agreeing to their demands; to PACIFY; to satisfy :: APPEASED, APPEASING (v.), APPEASEMENT (n.)
- **APPELLATION** (n.): an identifying name or title; a designation
- **APPEND** (v.): to add to the end of a document or piece of writing :: APPENDED, APPENDING (v.), APPENDAGE(S) (n.), **APPENDIX**, APPENDICES (n.)
- **APPERTAIN** (v.): to belong to; to be a part of; to relate to; to be appropriate for; regarding :: APPERTAINED, APPERTAINING (v.) PERTAIN (v.)
- **APPLE-POLISH** (v): to curry favor with someone, especially in obsequious or flattering manner :: APPLE-POLISHER (n)
- **APPOSITE** (adj.): of striking appropriateness and relevance; PERTINENT; applicable :: APPOSITELY (adv.)
- **APPREHENSIVE** (adj.): worried, anxious, or afraid about what might happen; hesitant; fearful :: APPREHENSIVELY (adv.), APPREHENSIVENESS (n.)
- **APPREHENSION** (n.): awareness in advance, or anticipation of adversity or misfortune; doubt or fear for the future
- **APPRISE** (v.): to inform; to make aware of; to give notice to :: **APPRISED**, APPRISING (v.), APPRISAL (n.)
- **APPROBATION** (n.): formal or official approval; consent; SANCTION; praise; commendation :: APPROVAL (n.)
- **APPROPRIATE** (v.): to take for one's own use without permission; to set aside money for a special purpose :: APPROPRIATED, APPROPRIATING (v.), APPROPRIATION(S) (n.), MISAPPROPRIATE (v.)
- **APPURTENANCE(S)** (n.): an accessory associated with a particular activity; an ADJUNCT
- **APT / INAPT** (adj.): appropriate; suitable; having a tendency to; quick to learn :: APTLY (adv.), APTNESS (n.)
- **APTITUDE** (n.): a natural ability or inclination
- **AQUILINE** (adj.) (of a nose): curved like an eagle's beak
- **ARABLE** (adj.): fertile; able to be used for growing crops
- **ARBOREAL** (adj.): relating to, or resembling trees; living in trees; ARBORESCENT (adj.)
- **Arcadian** (adj.): rural in an unrealistically pleasant, idealized way :: **Arcadia** (n.): a region of simple pleasure and quiet
- **ARCANE** (adj.): obscure; understood by a few; mysterious; strange; rare; secret; trivial :: ARCANA, ARCANUM (n)
- **ARCH** (adj.): cunning; crafty; sly; self-consciously playful or teasing :: ARCHLY (adv.), ARCHNESS (n.)
- **ARCHAIC** (adj.): primitive; outdated; ancient; of an earlier or primitive time; very old or old-fashioned
- **ARCHETYPE(S)** (n.): a very typical or famous example :: ARCHETYPAL (adj.), TYPE (n.)
 - an original model or pattern of which all things of the same type are representations or copies; a PROTOTYPE
- **ARDENT** (adj.): having intense or passionate feeling; intensely devoted, eager, or enthusiastic :: ARDENTLY (adv.), ARDENTNESS, ARDENCY (n.)
- **ARDOUR** (n.): great enthusiasm or passion; fervor; zeal; intense devotion, eagerness, or enthusiasm; burning heat
- **ARDUOUS** (adj.): very difficult and tiring; hard to accomplish or achieve; marked by great labor or effort; exhausting :: ARDUOUSLY (adv.), ARDUOUSNESS (n.)
- **ARGOSY** (n.): a rich supply; a large (merchant) ship
- **ARGOT** (n.): the jargon or slang of a particular group of people; a secret or specialized vocabulary

- **ARIGHT** (adv.): rightly; correctly; properly
- **ARISTOCRATIC** (adj.): pertaining to the highest social class :: **ARISTOCRATICALLY** (adv.), **ARISTOCRAT(S)** (n.), **ARISTOCRACY** (n.)
- **ARRAIGN** (v.): to call (someone) before a court to face a criminal charge :: **ARRAIGNED** (v.,adj.), **ARRAIGNING** (v.)
- **ARRANT** (adj.): utter; complete; outright; downright; out-and-out; very much so :: **ARRANTLY** (adv.)
- **ARRAY** (n.): an impressive display or range; a selection or variety of items
- **ARRESTED** (adj.): stopped (from progressing)
- **ARRESTING** (adj.): attracting attention :: **ARRESTINGLY** (adv.)
- **ARRIVISTE** (n.) (Fr.): a person who has recently become wealthy or risen in social status; an upstart
- **ARTFUL** (adj.): cunningly clever; quick; resourceful :: **ARTFULLY** (adv.), **ARTFULNESS** (n.), **ART** (n.)
- **ARTLESS** (adj.): sincere and straightforward; free of **GUILE** or craft; simple; natural, not artificial :: **ART**(n.)
- **ARTIFICE** (n.): the use of cunning or skill in order to deceive or trick; ingenuity; an **ARTFUL** trick, strategy, or device
- **ASCERTAIN** (v.): to find out for certain; to discover :: **ASCERTAINED**, **ASCERTAINING** (v.), **ASCERTAINMENT** (n.)
- **ASCETIC** (adj.): rigid in self-denial; strictly self-disciplined and avoiding any pleasures or luxuries :: **AUSTERE**; severe; (n.): one who practices extreme self-discipline or self-denial; one who chooses to live a plain and simple life
- **ASCRIBE** (v.): to attribute (to); to regard as caused by; to believe; to follow :: **ASCRIBED**, **ASCRIBING** (v.), **ASCRIBABLE** (adj.), **ASCRPTION** (n.)
- **ASEA** (adj.): at sea; confused; bewildered
- **ASHEN** (adj.): very pale from shock, fear, or illness
- **ASHRAM** (n.): a religious retreat, especially of a Hindu sage
- **ASIDE** (n.): an actor's remark spoken to the audience rather than the other characters
 - a remark that is not directly related to the main subject
- **ASININE** (adj.): extremely stupid or foolish
- **ASKANCE** (adv.): with a side-glance; sideways; **OBLIQUELY**; **ASKEW**; with suspicion, mistrust, or disapproval; scornfully
- **ASKEW** (adj., adv.): not straight or level; out of line; **AWRY**; **ASKANCE**; **OBLIQUE** :: **SKEW** (v.), **SKEWED** (adj.)
- **ASPERITY** (n.): harshness or roughness of manner, temper, or tone; rigor or severity; unevenness; something hard to endure
- **ASPERSION(S)** (n.): critical, **DEROGATORY**, or damaging remarks about someone's character or reputation; abuse
 - a false or injurious charge; **SLANDER** :: **ASPERSE** (v.): to sprinkle; to spatter
- **ASSAIL** (v.): to attack violently (physically or with argument or verbal abuse); to approach in order to overcome; to tempt :: **ASSAILED**, **ASSAILING** (v.), **ASSAILANT(S)** (n.), **ASSAILABLE** / **UNASSAILABLE** (adj.)
- **ASSAY** (v.): to examine or analyze; to test (metal or ore to determine its quality) :: **ASSAYED**, **ASSAYING** (v.)
- **ASSENT** (n.,v.): approval or agreement; to agree (to) :: **ASSENTED**, **ASSENTING** (v.)
- **ASSIDUOUS** (adj.): diligent, persistent, constant in application or attention; hard-working; **PAINSTAKING** :: **ASSIDUOUSLY** (adv.), **ASSIDUOUSNESS** (n.)
- **ASSIGNATION** (n.): a secret arrangement to meet; the action of assigning
- **ASSIMILATE** (v.): to absorb; to **INCORPORATE**; to become alike; to take in and understand information :: **ASSIMILATED**, **ASSIMILATING** (v.), **ASSIMILATION** (n.)
- **ASSUAGE** (v.): to make milder or less severe; to ease or comfort; to relieve; to lessen; to soften; to **APPEASE**; to satisfy :: **ASSUAGED**, **ASSUAGING** (v.), **ASSUAGEABLE** / **UNASSUAGEABLE** (adj.)

- **ASTRAL** (adj.): relating to the stars
- **ASTRINGENT** (adj.): sharp; sharply **INCISIVE**; **PUNGENT**; severe :: **ASTRINGENTLY** (adv.), **ASTRINGENCY** (n.)
- **ASTUTE** (adj.): shrewd; practical; quick; good at making accurate judgments :: **ASTUTELY** (adv.), **ASTUTENESS** (n.)
- **ASUNDER** (adj., adv.): into parts; apart from each other in position; separate(ly)
- **ATAVISTIC** (adj.): returning to something ancient or earlier form; inherited from a remote ancestor :: **ATAVISM** (n.)
- **ATELIER** (n.) (Fr.): a workshop or studio, such as that of an artist or craftsman
- **ATONE** (v.): to make amends for :: **ATONED**, **ATONING** (v.), **ATONEMENT** (n.)
- **ATROPHY** (v.,n.): to waste away; to become weaker gradually; the condition or process of **ATROPHYING** :: **ATROPHIED** (v.,adj.), **ATROPHYING** (v.,adj.)
- **ATTENDANT** (adj.): accompanying; present; following as a consequence :: **ATTEND** (v.): to accompany as a result of
- **ATTENUATE** (v.): to weaken or reduce in force, strength, effect, value, or quantity :: **ATTENUATION** (n.)
- **ATTRITION** (n.): a reduction or decrease in numbers, size, or strength over time; the process of rubbing or wearing away
- **ATYPICAL** (adj.): not typical; unrepresentative; unusual; rare :: **ATYPICALLY** / **TYPICALLY** (adv.), **TYPE(S)** (n.)
- **AU COURANT** (adj.) (Fr.): fully informed about; up-to-date
- **AUCTORIAL** (adj.): of or relating to an author
- **AUGHT** (pron., n, adv.): everything; anything at all; whatever; in any respect
- **AUGMENT** (v.): to add to; to make larger; to increase :: **AUGMENTED**, **AUGMENTING** (v.), **AUGMENTATION(S)** (n.)
- **AUGUR** (v.): to foreshadow; to be an omen of the future; to give promise of something to come later; to predict or foretell :: **AUGURED**, **AUGURING** (v.), **AUGURY** (n.): an omen or prediction
- **AUGUST** (adj.): marked by majestic dignity or grandeur; inspiring respect and admiration; important :: **AUGUSTLY** (adv.), **AUGUSTNESS** (n.)
- **AUSPICE(S)** (n.): an omen; **“UNDER THE AUSPICES OF”**
 - with the support or protection of
- **AUSPICIOUS** (adj.): favorable (circumstances); suggesting a good chance of success; fortunate;
 - impressive; special; prosperous :: **AUSPICIOUSLY** (adv.), **AUSPICIOUSNESS** (n.) , **INAUSPICIOUS** (adj.)
- **AUSTERE** (adj.): severe in manner or appearance; stern; strict; serious; solemn; extreme; unadorned; unornamented :: **AUSTERELY** (adv.), **AUSTERITY** (adj.,n.), **AUSTERENESS** (n.)
- **AUSTRAL** (adj.): southern, or relating to the land south of the equator
- **AUTEUR** (n.) (Fr.): an artist (such as a film director, musician, or writer) whose individual style and practice (such as complete control over all elements of the work) are distinctive
- **AUTOCRATIC** (adj.): to rule or act with absolute power or unlimited authority; **DESPOTIC**; **DOMINEERING** :: **AUTOCRATICALLY** (adv.), **AUTOCRAT(S)** (n.), **AUTOCRACY** (n.)
- **AUTODIDACT** (n.): one who is self-taught :: **AUTODIDACTIC** (adj.)
- **AUTOMATON** (n.): a moving mechanical device resembling a human being
 - a machine that operates according to coded instructions
- **AUTONOMOUS** (adj.): self-governing; independent
- **AUTONOMY** (n.): self-government; independence or freedom of will; the state of maintaining independent thought and action :: **AUTONOMIC** (adj.): independent
- **AUXILIARY** (adj.,n.): constituting a reserve; providing extra help and support; a group of people that provides such support

- **AVAIL** (v.): to use or take advantage of; (n.): use or benefit, as in “his efforts were to no AVAIL” :: **AVAILED**, **AVAILING** (v.), **UNAVAILING** (adj.)
- **AVANT-GARDE** (adj.,n.) (Fr.): (in the arts): new and experimental; leading-edge; cutting-edge; novel; trendy
- **AVARICE** (n.): excessive greed; an **INORDINATE** desire for gain and wealth :: **AVARICIOUS** (adj.), **AVARICIOUSLY** (adv.), **AVARICIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **AVATAR** (n.): an incarnation; a computer image (Hinduism): a god or goddess appearing in bodily form on earth
- **AVER** (v.): to assert as true; to claim or promise :: **AVERRED**, **AVERRING** (v.)
- **AVERSE** (adj.): opposed to; unwilling; having a strong dislike for
- **AVERSION(S)** (n.): a strong dislike
- **AVERT** (v.): to prevent (something unpleasant from happening); to turn away one’s eyes :: **AVERTED** (v.,adj.), **AVERTING** (v.)
- **AVOCATION** (n.): a subordinate occupation or minor employment; a pursuit; a diversion :: **VOCATION** (n.)
- **AVOW** (v.): to declare; to assert or confess openly; to state; to promise (with a **VOW**) :: **AVOWED**, **AVOWING** (v.), **AVOWAL** (n.): an open declaration or acknowledgement **DISAVOW** (v.)
- **AVUNCULAR** (adj.): like an uncle (in being friendly, generous, or indulgent towards a younger person)
- **AWASH** (adj.): covered or flooded with water (or something else); “He enrolled, **AWASH** with optimism...”
- **AWRY** (adv.): contrary to an expected outcome; away from the expected course or position; twisted; **ASKEW**
- **AXIOM(S)** (n.): a statement regarded as obviously true or self-evident; an **ADAGE**; a proverb
- **AXIOMATIC** (adj.): taken for granted; obvious; self-evident; based on or involving an axiom or system of axioms
- **AZURE** (n.): the blue color of the clear sky

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- **BACCHANALIA** (n.): a wild revel, party, or celebration :: **BACCHANALIAN** (adj.)
 - **BAGATELLE** (n.): a trifle; something of little value or importance; a short, light literary or musical piece
 - **BAILIWICK** (n.): a person’s specific area of expertise, authority, interest, skill, or work; a person’s specialty or domain
 - **BALEFUL** (adj.): causing or threatening to cause harm; malignant; destructive; deadly; **FOREBODING** or threatening evil (of a look or manner)
 - gloomy; menacing :: **BALEFULLY** (adv.), **BALEFULNESS** (n.)
 - **BALK** or **BAULK** (v.): to hesitate (to accept, such as an idea); to thwart or hinder :: **BALKED**, **BALKING** (v.)
 - **BALLAST** (n.): anything that gives mental, moral, or political stability or steadiness; heavy rocks or other material placed in the hold of a ship so that it floats steadily; gravel or broken slag the stabilizes the ties and rails of a railroad
 - **BALLYHOO** (n.) (Sl.): excessive publicity or fuss; **ADO**
 - **BALM** (n.): a sweet-smelling ointment used to heal or soothe the skin; something that soothes or heals
 - **BALMY** (adj.) (of the weather): pleasantly warm :: **BALMINESS** (n.)
 - **BANAL** (adj.): unoriginal; dull; lacking vigour or freshness; commonplace; **TRITE**; petty; trivial :: **BANALITY**, **BANALITIES** (n.)
 - **BANDY** (v.): to pass back and forth, from one to another; to give and take; to use (a name or idea) frequently or casually :: **BANDIED**, **BANDYING** (v.), as in “to **BANDY** about...”
 - **BANE** (n.): a cause of great distress or annoyance
 - **BANEFUL** (adj.): seriously harmful; destructive

- **BANTER** (n.,v.): friendly teasing between people; to make friendly, teasing remarks; **REPARTEE** :: **BANTERED**, **BANTERING** (n.,v.)
- **BARB(S)** (n.): the sharp, pointing end of an arrowhead or hook that makes it difficult to take out of what it has pierced
 - a humorous or spiteful remark :: **BARBED** (adj.)
- **BARNBURNER** (n.): something that is highly exciting or impressive
- **Baroque** (adj.): of or relating to a style of art and music marked by complex forms or bold ornamentation
- **BAROQUE** (adj.): characterized by extravagance or complexity; showy and very **ORNATE**
- **BASE** (adj.): bad or immoral; low; of low social class :: **BASELY** (adv.), **BASENESS** (n.)
- **BASELESS** (adj.): not based on fact; untrue
- **BASTION** (n.): a refuge; something that is considered a protection or stronghold; a fortification
- **BATHOS** (n.): **TRITENESS** or triviality of style; a sudden descent from the **SUBLIME** to the ridiculous
- **BAWDY** (adj.): indecent in an amusing way :: **BAWDILY** (adv.), **BAWDINESS** (n.), **BAWDIER**, **BAWDIEST** (adj.)
- **BEARING** (n.): a person's way of standing, moving or behaving
 - relevance; relation; direction or position relative to a fixed point
- **BEATIFIC** (adj.): having a blissful appearance; feeling or expressing blissful happiness; giving joy
- **BECOMING** (adj.): appealing; complimentary; flattering; (clothing) looking good on someone :: **UNBECOMING** (adj.)
- **BEDIZEN** (v.): to dress or adorn in a **GAUDY**, showy, or tasteless manner; to adorn garishly :: **BEDRAGGLED** (adj.): untidy; left wet or limp by or as if by rain; soiled and stained by or as if by being dragged in mud
- **BEDROCK** (n.,adj.): the solid rock underlying soil; the central principles on which something is based
- **BEFALL** (v.): (something bad) happening to :: **BEFELL**, **BEFALLING** (v.), **FALL** (n.,v.)
- **BEFIT** (v.): to be appropriate for; to deserve :: **BEFITTED**, **BEFITTING** (v.), **BEFITTINGLY** (adv.), **FIT** (n.,v.)
- **BEFUDDLE** (v.): to muddle, confuse, or **STUPEFY** (with or as with alcohol) :: **BEFUDDLED** (v.,adj.), **BEFUDDLING** (v.,adj.), **BEFUDDLEMENT** (n.), **FUDDLED** (adj.)
- **BEGET** (v.): to produce (a child); to cause or bring into being :: **BEGAT**, **BEGETTING** (v.)
- **BEGRUDGE** (v.): to feel envious that someone possesses or enjoys something; to give reluctantly or resentfully :: **BEGRUDGED** (v.), **BEGRUDGING** (v.,adj.,n.), **BEGRUDGINGLY** (adv.), **GRUDGE** (n.)
- **BEGUILE** (v.): to charm or trick; to draw notice, interest, or influence by **WILES** or charms; to deceive by cunning means :: **BEGUILED** (v.,adj.), **BEGUILING** (v.,adj.), **BEGUILEMENT** (n.), **GUILE** (n.)
- **BEHEMOTH** (n.): any creature or thing of monstrous size or power
- **BEHEST** (n.): at the request or order of
- **BEHOLDEN (TO)** (adj.): having a duty or obligation to someone to repay a favour; obliged to; indebted to
- **BEHOVE** or **BEHOOVE** (v.): it is right or necessary for someone to do; to **BEFIT**; to suit;
 - to be due; to be **INCUMBENT** upon :: **BEHOVED**, **BEHOVING** (v.)
- **BELABOUR** (v.): to explain, work on, or worry about something beyond what is necessary :: **BELABOURED** (v.,adj.), **BELABOURING** (v.), **LABOUR** (n.,v.)
- **BELATED** (adj.): late; delayed beyond the usual time :: **BELATEDLY** (adv.), **BELATEDNESS** (n.), **LATE** (adj.)
- **BELEAGUER** (v.): to subject to oppressive or **GRIEVOUS** forces; to surround; to force to quit; to upset
- **BELEAGUERED** (adj.): under siege; harassed; in difficulty
- **BELIE** (v.): to show to be false or untrue; to contradict; to misrepresent; to give a false impression of; to deceive
- **(LA) BELLE EPOQUE** (n.) (Fr.): a period of high artistic or cultural development
- **BELLE LETTRES** (n.): novels, short stories, poems, and other writings read for their grace and literary style and not necessarily their content

- **BELlicosE** (adj.): warlike; aggressive and ready and wanting to fight or argue; inclined to or favouring war; confrontational
- **BELLIGERENT** (adj.): waging war; eager to or showing eagerness to fight :: **BELLIGERENTLY** (adv), **BELLIGERENCE** (n)
- **BELLWETHER** (n.): a leading indicator (of trends); a leader that shows the direction of a fashion or trend; a **BENCHMARK**
- **BEMOAN** (v.): to regret and complain; to express sadness for :: **BEMOANED**, **BEMOANING** (n.,v.), **MOAN** (n.,v.)
- **BEMUSE** (v.): to cause to have a feeling of wry or tolerant amusement
 - to occupy the attention of; to absorb; to confuse or bewilder :: **BEMUSED** (adj.,v.)
- **BENCHMARK** (n.): a standard or point of reference; an achievement or high point
- **BENEDICTION** (n.): the speaking of a blessing; the state of being blessed
- **BENEFACtor(S)** (n.): a person who gives money or other help :: **BENEFACtion** (n.): a donation; a benefit
- **BENEFICENCE** (n.): the (habitual) practice of doing good (deeds); active kindness; charity
- **BENEFICENT** (adj.): kindly in action, purpose, or speech
- **BENEVOLENT** (adj.): kind, generous, and well-meaning; helpful; friendly :: **BENEVOLENTLY** (adv.), **BENEVOLENCE** (n.)
- **BENIGN** (adj.): kind; friendly; harmless; mild; favourable; of gentle disposition; gracious :: **BENIGNLY** (adv.), **BENIGNANT** (adj.)
- **BENISON** (n.): a blessing; an utterance of good wishes; a **BENEDICTION**
- **BENT** (n.): a natural inclination or talent; a preference
- **BEQUEATH** (v.): to leave (property) to someone in a will; to hand down or pass on :: **BEQUEATHED**, **BEQUEATHING** (v.), **BEQUEATHAL**, **BEQUEATHMENT**, **BEQUEST** (n.)
- **BERATE** (v.): to scold or criticize angrily or severely (and at length); to **REBUKE** :: **BERATED** (v.,adj.), **BERATING** (v)
- **BEREAVE** (v.): to be deprived of a close relation or friend through their death; to take away, rob, or be deprived of something :: **BEREAVED** (v.,adj.), **BEREAVING** (v.), **BEREAVEMENT** (n.)
- **BEREFT** (adj.): deprived of something and made desolate; lacking something needed, wanted, or expected :: **BEREAVED**
- **BERTH** (n.): a place for a ship to **MOOR** at a wharf; space or room; a bunk on a ship or train
- **BESEECH** (v.): to ask for in a pleading way; to ask for earnestly :: **BESEECHED**, **BESOUGHT**, **BESEECHING** (v.), **BESEECHINGLY** (adv.)
- **BESET** (v.): to trouble or worry continuously; to be plagued with or by
- **BESIEGE** (v.): to surround (a place) with armed forces in order to force it to surrender
 - to worry or overwhelm with requests or complaints :: **BESIEGED** (v.,adj.), **BESIEGING** (v.), **SIEGE** (n.)
- **BESMIRCH** (v.): to **SULLY** or soil; to damage (someone's reputation) :: **BESMIRCHED** (v.,adj.), **BESMIRCHING** (v.,n.)
- **BESOT** (v.): to infatuate; to obsess; to make dull or stupid :: **BESOTTEDLY** (adv.), **BESOTTEDNESS** (n.)
- **BESOTTED** (adj.,v.): in love in an irrational and intense way; entranced; infatuated; intoxicated with
- **BESPEAK(S)** (v.): to be proof or evidence of; to show; to indicate
- **BESPOKE** (adj.): custom-made; made to a specific, individual order; dealing in or producing custom-made articles
- **BESTOW** (v.): to give or **CONFER** :: **BESTOWED**, **BESTOWING** (v.), **BESTOWAL** (n.)
- **BETE NOIRE** (n.) (Fr.): something or someone particularly detested or to be avoided; an arch-enemy
- **BETIMES** (adv.): on occasion; in good time; early; soon

- **BEVY** (n.): a (large) group, assembly or collection; a selection or variety of something
- **BEWAIL** (v.): to express great regret or sorrow over :: BEWAILED, BEWAILING (v.), WAIL (n.,v.)
- **BIANNUAL** (adj.): occurring twice a year; BIWEEKLY, BIMONTHLY (adj.)
- **BIBELOT** (n.): a trinket; a bauble; a decorative object
- **BIBLIOPHILE** (n.): someone who loves or collects books :: **BIBLIOPHOB** (n.): someone who hates, fears, or distrusts books
- **BICAMERAL** (adj.): a government or parliament with two chambers or houses
- **BIDDING** (n.): a command; an invitation; a prayer :: BIDDABLE (adj.): obedient; easily led or commanded
- **BIDE** (v.): to stay in a place :: BIDED, BIDDING (v.), ABIDE (v.)
- **BIENNIAL** (adj.): occurring (once) every two years
- **BIJOU** (n.,adj.): something small, delicate, and exquisitely made, like a jewel
- **BILATERAL** (adj.): having two sides; involving two parties; being agreed to by two sides :: BILATERALLY (adv.), UNILATERAL (adj.)
- **BILDUNGSROMAN** (n.): a novel about the education, development, and moral and psychological growth of the main character (usually a young protagonist)
- **BILE** (n.): a bitter fluid which is produced by the liver and aids digestion; (figuratively): anger; irritability
- **BILIOUS** (adj.): bad-tempered; relating to BILE; affected by sickness; nauseous
- **BILK** (v.): to defraud, cheat, or swindle :: BILKED, BILKING (v.)
- **BILLET** (v.): to house; to quarter; to place in lodgings :: BILLETED, BILLETING (n.,v.)
- **BILLET-DOUX** (n.) (Fr.): a love-letter
- **BILLINGSGATE** (n.): foul, abusive language
- **BILLOW** (v.): to rise or roll in like a great wave; to surge :: BILLOWED, BILLOWING (v.,adj.)
- **BINARY** (adj.): consisting of two things or parts; involving two alternatives only (such as 1 or 2, yes or no, on or off)
- **BINGE** (n.): a short period of uncontrolled eating or drinking; (v.): to do something, especially eating, uncontrollably :: BINGED (v.), BINGING (n.,v.)
- **BIOPSY** (n.): an examination of tissue taken from a body to discover the presence or cause of a disease
- **BIPARTISAN** (adj.): involving members of two (political) parties; unbiased :: PARTISAN (adj.,n)
- **BIPOLAR** (adj.): having to do with two poles or outer limits; having two opposite or contradictory ideas :: POLAR (adj.)
- **BITING** (adj.) (of wit or criticism): cruel; sharp; keen
- **BLACKGUARD** (n.): a scoundrel; a man who behaves in a dishonourable or CONTEMPTIBLE way
- **BLACKLIST** (n.): a list of people or groups seen as unacceptable or untrustworthy; (v.): to put on a BLACKLIST; to shun; to boycott; to avoid :: BLACKLISTED (v.,adj.), BLACKLISTING (v.)
- **BLANCH** (v.): to make or become white or pale :: BLANCHED (v.,adj.), BLANCHING (v.)
- **BLANDISH** (v.): to coax or persuade with flattery; to CAJOLE :: BLANDISHED, BLANDISHING (v.)
- **BLANDISHMENT** (n.): flattering speech or action
- **BLATANT** (ADJ.): OBVIOUS; PLAIN; OPEN AND UNASHAMED :: BLATANTLY (adv.), BLATANCY (n.)
- **BLATHER** (v.,n.): to talk at length without making much sense; to babble; rambling, foolish talk :: BLATHERED, BLATHERING (n.,v.)
- **BLAZON** (v.): to display or describe prominently :: BLAZONED (v.), EMBLAZON (v.)
- **BLEAK** (adj.): bare and exposed to the weather; dreary and unwelcoming; (of a situation) – not hopeful :: BLEAKLY (adj.), BLEAKNESS (n.), BLEAKER, BLEAKEST (adj.)
- **BLEARY** (adj.) (of the eyes): dull and not focussing properly :: BLEARY-EYED (adj.)
- **BLIGHT** (n.,v.): a destructive (plant) disease; something that spoils or damages (and can spread); a curse
- **BLITHE** (adj.): carefree and light-hearted; merry; joyous :: BLITHELY (adv.), BLITHESS (n.),

- **BLITHESOME** (adj.): light-hearted; merry; cheerful
- **BLOC** (n.) (Fr.): a group of countries or political parties who have formed an alliance
- **BLOT** (n.): a spot or stain made by ink; something that spoils something good; (v.): to mark or spoil :: BLOTTED, BLOTTING (v)
- **BLOTCH** (n.): a large, irregular mark :: BLOTCHED, BLOTCHY (adj.)
- **BLOWHARD(S)** (n.): a braggart; one who boasts or BLUSTERS
- **BLUDGEON** (n.): a thick stick with a heavy end, used as a weapon; (v.): to hit or strike (with or as with a BLUDGEON); to bully :: BLUDGEONED, BLUDGEONING (v.)
- **BLUSTER** (v.): to talk or act in a noisy, boastful way; (n.): noisy, boastful protests, complaints, or threats :: BLUSTERED (v.), BLUSTERING (v.,adj.,n.)
- **BODACIOUS** (adj.): remarkable or noteworthy; outright or unmistakable; sexy; voluptuous
- **BODE** (v.): to be a sign of some outcome; to foreshadow :: BODED, BODING (v.), FOREBODE (v.)
- **BOGGLE** (v.): to be baffled or astonished :: BOGGLED, BOGGLING (v.), MIND-BOGGLING (adj.)
- **BOHEMIAN** (adj.,n.): unconventional; a person who does not conform to accepted standards of behaviour
- **BOILERPLATE** (n.): a standardized text; formulaic or hackneyed language
- **BOMBAST** (n.): pompous, PRETENTIOUS, or INFLATED speech or writing; high-sounding but meaningless language :: **BOMBASTIC** (adj.), BOMBASTICALLY (adv.)
- **BON MOT(S)** (n.) (Fr.): a clever or witty remark
- **BON VIVANT** (n.) (Fr.): a person with refined and sociable tastes; one who enjoys a sociable and luxurious lifestyle
- **BONHOMIE** (n.) (Fr.): good-natured, easy friendliness; a pleasant and easy manner
- **BONDAGE** (n.): the state of being a slave or feudal serf
- **BOOKISH** (adj.): devoted to reading and studying :: BOOKISHNESS (n.)
- **BOON** (n.): a benefit or blessing; something that is helpful or beneficial; something to be thankful for
- **BOONDOGGLE** (n.): an often controversial or scandalous useless or wasteful project or activity; a make-work project, often based on favouritism; a pointless project or activity
- **BOOR(S)** (n.): a rude or unmannerly person :: **BOORISH** (adj.), BOORISHLY (adv.), BOORISHNESS (n.)
- **BOOTLEG** (adj.): made or distributed illegally (such as alcohol or music) (n.): an illegal musical recording
- **BOOTLESS** (adj.): useless; ineffective; UNAVAILABLE; unprofitable
- **BOOTY** (n.): valuable stolen goods
- **BORNE** (adj.): transported by or transmitted by, as in AIR-BORNE or WATER-BORNE
- **BOSH** (n.): absurd or foolish talk; nonsense
- **BOTCH** (v.,n.): to do badly or carelessly; to ruin :: **BOTCHED** (v.,adj.), BOTCHING (v.), BOTCHERY (n.)
- **BOUNTY** (n.): something existing in generous amounts; an excess; generosity
 - a reward paid for killing or capturing someone :: BOUNTIFUL (adj.), BOUNTEOUS (adj.)
- **BOURGEOIS** (adj.) (Fr.): having to do with the middle class, especially in being conventional and concerned with gain and wealth
- **BOURGEOISIE** (n.) (Fr.): the middle class
- **BOVINE** (adj.): having to do with cattle; sluggish or stupid
- **BOWDLERIZE** (v.): to (perhaps prudishly) remove or modify the parts of a literary work considered indecent or offensive, such as obscenity or violence, perhaps to make it appropriate for a younger audience :: **BOWDLERIZED** (v.,adj.)
- **BRACING** (adj.): fresh and invigorating
- **BRACKISH** (adj.): somewhat salty; not appealing to the taste; distasteful; repulsive
- **BRAGGADOCIO** (n.): empty boasting or bragging

- **BRANDISH** (v.): to shake or wave (as a weapon) menacingly; to wield; to FLOURISH; to exhibit an aggressive or ostentatious manner :: BRANDISHED, BRANDISHING (v.)
- **BRASH** (adj.): self-confident in a rude, noisy, or OVERBEARING way :: BRASHLY (adv.), BRASHNESS (n.)
- **BRASSY** (adj.): resembling brass in color; harsh or blaring like a brass instrument; tastelessly showy :: BRASSINESS (n.)
- **BRAVADO** (n.): a display of reckless or pretended bravery; a real or pretended show of courage or boldness; flair; dash
- **BRAVURA** (n.): a showy display
- **BRAZEN** (adj.): excessively bold; BRASH; shameless or IMPUDENT; clear and obvious :: BRAZENLY (adv.), BRAZENNESS (n.); (v.): to endure a difficult situation with an apparent lack of shame
- **BREACH** (n.): a gap made in a wall or barrier; an act of breaking a rule or agreement; a break in relations; (v.): to make a hole in; to break through; to break a rule or agreement :: BREACHED, BREACHING (v.), UNBREACHABLE (adj.)
- **BREADTH** (n.): width; the distance from side to side of something; a wide range or selection of something
- **BREVITY** (n.): briefness; shortness in time or duration; expressing much in very few words
- **BRIC-A-BRAC** (n.): various objects of little value; miscellaneous items
- **BRIGAND(S)** (n.): a scoundrel; a cad; a member of a gang of bandits; a thief
- **BRIGHT-LINE** (adj.): providing an unambiguous criterion or guideline, especially in law
- **BRIDLE** (n.): the headgear used to control a horse; (v.): to put a BRIDLE on; to bring under control; to show resentment or anger :: BRIDLED, BRIDLING (v.), UNBRIDLED (adj.)
- **BRIM** (n.): the edge around the bottom of a hat; the lip of a cup, bowl, etc.
 - to fill or be filled to the point of overflowing :: BRIMMED, BRIMMING (v.)
- **BRINDLED** (adj.): grey or tawny with dark streaks or spots
- **BRINKMANSHIP** or **BRINKSMANSHIP** (n.): the pursuit of a dangerous course of action to the limits of safety before stopping
- **BRIO** (n.): vigour; vivacity; liveliness; enthusiasm; spirit
- **BRISK** (adj.): active and energetic; lively; slightly abrupt :: BRISKLY (adv.), BRISKNESS (n.)
- **BRISTLE** (v.): to react angrily or defensively :: BRISTLED (v.), BRISTLING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **BROACH** (v.): to raise a subject for discussion :: BROACHED, BROACHING (v.)
- **BROADSIDE** (n.): a strongly worded critical (political) attack; the firing of all the guns from one side of a ship; (v.): to attack or assault with critical words :: BROADSIDED, BROADSIDING (v.)
- **BROGUE** (n.): any strong regional accent (normally Scottish or Irish)
- **BROKER** (v.): to arrange or negotiate a deal or plan :: BROKERED, BROKERING (v.), BROKER (n.)
- **BROMIDE** (n.): a commonplace, conventional, or clichéd saying; a chestnut
- **BROOD** (n.): all the children in a family; the family of young animals produced at one hatching or birth
- **BROOD** (v.): to think deeply about an unpleasant subject; to consider :: BROODED, BROODING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **BROODING** (adj.): darkly menacing
- **BROOK** (v.): to tolerate, as in “ he would BROOK no opposition” :: BROOKED, BROOKING (v.)
- **BROWBEAT** (v.): to bully or frighten with words or looks :: BROWBEATING (n.,v.), BROWBEATEN (adj.)
- **BRUNT** (n.): the main impact of something bad, as in “ he was the BRUNT of ridicule for weeks...”
- **BRUSQUE** (adj.): markedly short and abrupt; blunt or rough in manner or speech; OFFHAND; DISMISSIVE :: BRUSQUELY (adv.), BRUSQUENESS (n.)
- **BUCKLE** (v.): to bend and give way under pressure, as in “ my knees BUCKLED when it came to my turn to speak...”; BUCKLED (v.), BUCKLING (n.,v.)
- **BUCOLIC** (adj.): relating to country or rural life; PASTORAL; RUSTIC; peaceful; restful; ideal
- **BUDDING** (adj.): beginning and showing signs of promise, as in “ their BUDDING romance...”.

- **BUFFER** (n.): the shock-absorbing devices at the end of a railway track or on a railway car
 - something (or someone) that lessens the impact of harmful effects
 - as in “ ____ served as a BUFFER to ____ ” or “ they legislated a BUFFER zone around the wind turbine... ” :: BUFFER, BUFFERED, BUFFERING (v.)
 - **BUFFET** (v.) (of wind and waves): to strike violently and repeatedly :: BUFFETED, BUFFETING (v.)
 - **BUGABOO** (n.): something causing fear or distress out of proportion to its importance; an imaginary object of fear
 - **BUGBEAR(S)** (n.): a nuisance; a persistent or recurring problem; a cause of anxiety or irritation; an imaginary object of terror
 - **BULBOUS** (adj.): shaped like a bulb; rounded or bulging :: BULBOUSNESS (n.)
 - **BULLY PULPIT** (n.): a prominent public position (such as political office) that provides an opportunity to EXPOUND one’s views
 - **BULWARK** (n.): a defensive or protective wall, structure, barrier, or force
 - **BUMBERSHOOT** (n.): an umbrella
 - **BUMPER** (adj.): exceptionally large or successful, as in “ a BUMPER crop ”
 - **BUMPTIOUS** (adj.): crudely, PRESUMPTUOUSLY, noisily, or annoyingly self-assertive, self-confident, or proud
 - **BUNK** or **BUNKUM** (n.): nonsense; insincere or foolish talk
 - **BUOY** (v.): to keep afloat; to make or remain cheerful and confident, as in “ our hopes were BUOYED by his latest letter... ” :: BUOYED, BUOYED (v.)
 - **BUOYANT** (adj.): able to float; cheerful and optimistic :: BUOYANTLY (adv.), BUOYANCY (n.)
 - **BURGEON** (v.): to grow, expand, or develop quickly; to flourish; to blossom; to sprout :: **BURGEONING** (adj.,v.)
 - **BURGLE** (v.): to break into and steal from; to commit BURGLARY against :: BURGLED, BURGLING (v.)
 - **BURLESQUE** (n.): a comically exaggerated imitation; the mocking of a more serious subject
 - **BURNISH** (v.,n.): to polish (by rubbing) and make shiny :: BURNISHED, BURNISHING (v.)
 - **BUSK** (v.): to play music or perform in the street in order to earn money from passers-by :: BUSKED, BUSKING (v.), **BUSKER(S)** (n.): a street musician or performer
 - **BUSS** (n.,v.): a kiss; to kiss
 - **BUSTLE** (v.): to move energetically or noisily; (of a place) – to be busy or full of activity BUSTLED, BUSTLING (v.,adj.); (n.): excited activity and movement, as in “ the hustle and BUSTLE of downtown ... ”
 - **BUTTRESS** (n.,v.): something (like a wall or building) that supports, props up, or strengthens something else :: BUTTRESSED, BUTTRESSING (v.)
 - **BYZANTINE** (adj.): complex or intricate; crafty and underhanded; CONVOLUTED; devious; LABYRINTHINE
 - (a scheme that is) overly complicated or difficult to understand because of its complexity
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- **CABAL** (n.): a secret (political) group that seeks power usually through plotting and intrigue
 - **CACHE** (n.): a hidden store of things :: **CACHED** (adj.): hidden; stored
 - **CACHET** (n.): a feature or quality conferring prestige; the state of being respected or admired; prestige
 - **CACOPHONY** (n.): loud, harsh, clashing, or DISCORDANT sounds; a loud disturbance or uproar :: CACOPHONOUS (adj.)
 - **CADENCE** (n.): (recurrent) rhythm; the rise and fall in person’s pitch of a person’s voice
 - **CADGE** (v.): to beg or sponge off of
 - **CADRE** (n.): a small group of people trained for a particular purpose or at the centre of a political organization; a framework

- a core or nucleus of trained or otherwise qualified personnel around which an organization is formed
- **CAGEY** or **CAGY** (adj.): sly; shrewdly knowing; **WARY**; cautiously reluctant to speak :: **CAGILY** (adv.), **CAGINESS** or **CAGEYNESS** (n.)
- **CAJOLE** (v.): to coax; to obtain from someone by gentle persuasion; to persuade with flattery; to pester, urge, convince :: **CAJOLED**, **CAJOLING** (v.,n.), **CAJOLERY** (n.)
- **CALCULATED** (adj.): done with awareness of the likely effect; pre-arranged
- **CALCULATING** (adj.): craftily planning things so as to benefit oneself
- **CALLOUS** (adj.): insensitive and cruel; cold and unfeeling :: **CALLOUSLY** (adv.), **CALLOUSNESS** (n.)
- **CALLOW** (adj.): immature; lacking adult sophistication; lacking experience or judgment; inexperienced; youthful
- **CALUMNY** (n.): the making of false and damaging statements about someone; the besmirching of a person's reputation by spreading false or malicious statements and rumours; **LIBEL**; **SLANDER** :: **CALUMNIATE** (v.)
- **CAMP** or **CAMPY** (adj.): deliberately exaggerated or theatrical in style :: **CAMPILY** (adv.); (n.): **CAMP** behaviour or style **CAMPINESS** (n.)
- **CANARD** (n.) (Fr.): an absurd story; an **UNFOUNDED** rumour or false report; a fabrication; a hoax
- **CANDID** (adj.): **FORTHRIGHT**; **FRANK**; blunt; truthful and straightforward :: **CANDIDLY** (adv.), **CANDIDNESS** (n.)
- **CANDOUR** (n.): **FORTHRIGHTNESS**; the quality of being open and honest; an unreserved, sincere, or honest expression
- **CANNIBALIZE** (v.): to take parts from one machine to build or repair another machine :: **CANNIBALIZED** (v.,adj.), **CANNIBALIZING** (v.), **CANNIBALIZATION** (n.), **CANNIBAL(S)** (n.)
- **CANNY** (adj.): careful; cautious; **PRUDENT**
- **CANON(S)** (n.): a general rule or principle by which something is judged; a Church decree or law
 - the body of work of an artist; a list of enduring literary works of the highest quality
- **CANONICAL** (adj.): authorized; recognized; accepted
- **CANONIZE** (v.) (fig.): to treat as illustrious, pre-eminent, or sacred :: **CANONIZED**, **CANONIZING** (v.), **CANONIZATION** (n.)
- **CANOPY** (n.): a covering; a shelter; the sky
- **CANT** (n.): insincere talk about moral or religious matters; empty, solemn speech; hypocrisy
 - the idioms and peculiarities of a particular culture, class, or occupation
- **CANTANKEROUS** (adj.): difficult or irritating to deal with; grumpy, **CONTENTIOUS** :: **CANTANKEROUSLY** (adv.), **CANTANKEROUSNESS** (n.)
- **CAPACIOUS** (adj.): roomy; spacious; able to hold a lot; having a great **CAPACITY**; having a lot of space inside
- **CAPITAL** (n.): wealth owned or invested by a person or organization
- **CAPITAL** (adj.): excellent
- **CAPITULATE** (v.): to **ACQUIESCE**; to give up resistance; to surrender under agreed conditions (after negotiation) :: **CAPITULATED**, **CAPITULATING** (v.), **CAPITULATION** (n.), **RECAPITULATE** (v.)
- **CAPRICIOUS** (adj.): subject to or led by whim; governed by sudden, impulsive, random ideas or actions; unpredictable; changeable :: **CAPRICIOUSLY** (adv.), **CAPRICIOUSNESS** (n.); **CAPRICE(S)** (n.): a sudden, unpredictable change
- **CAPTIOUS** (adj.): prone to petty fault-finding; critical; having an ill-natured inclination to find faults and raise objections
 - calculated to confuse, entangle, or entrap in argument
- **CARCINOGENIC** (adj.): capable of causing cancer :: **CARCINOGEN(S)** (n.)

- **CARDINAL** (adj.): the most important; the chief, as in “it’s a **CARDINAL** sin to be picked off as a baserunner”
- **CAREEN** (v.): to move in a random, uncontrolled way; to tilt to one side :: **CAREENED**, **CAREENING** (v.,adj.)
- **CARICATURE** (n.,v): a picture in which a person’s distinctive features are exaggerated for comic effect
- **CARNAGE** (n.): the slaughter or killing of a large number of people; a massacre; extreme damage
- **CARNAL** (adj.): relating to sexual urges and activities :: **CARNALLY** (adv.), **CARNALITY** (n.)
- **CAROM** (v.,n.): to strike and rebound; to glance off :: **CAROMED**, **CAROMING** (v.)
- **CARP** (v.): to find fault or complain; to complain continually or bitterly :: **CARPED**, **CARPING** (v.,n.,adj.)
- **CARRION** (n.): the decaying flesh of dead animals
- **CARTEL(S)** (n.): an association of manufacturers or suppliers formed to maintain high prices and restrict competition
- **CASCADE** (n.): a small waterfall, a mass of something that falls, hangs, or occurs in large quantities; (v.): to pour downwards rapidly and in large quantities :: **CASCADED** (v.), **CASCADING** (v.,adj.)
- **Cassandra** (n.): a person who predicts misfortune or disaster
 - from Greek mythology, Trojan King Priam’s daughter who could foresee the future but was fated never to be believed
- **CASTE** (n.): a social class; hereditary class of Hindu society
- **CASTIGATE** (v.): to punish, **REPRIMAND**, or criticize severely :: **CASTIGATED**, **CASTIGATING** (v.), **CASTIGATION** (n.), **SELF-CASTIGATING** (adj.)
- **CATAclysm** (n.): a violent deluge, upheaval disaster, or catastrophe; a vast and sudden social or political change :: **CATAclysmic** (adj.)
- **CATATONIC** (adj.): resembling a period of unconsciousness, rigidity, overactivity, or inappropriate or bizarre behaviour
- **CATBIRD SEAT** (n.): a position of great advantage or prominence
- **catch-22** (n.): a problematic situation in which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem
- **CATCHWORD** (n.): a word or phrase commonly used to sum up a particular idea; a slogan
- **CATEGORICAL** (adj.): absolute; **UNQUALIFIED**; of or relating to a category :: **CATEGORICALLY** (adv.)
 - as in “ he issued a **CATEGORICAL** denial of all the charges” or “he **CATEGORICALLY** denied all the charges...”
- **CATERWAUL** (v.): to make a harsh cry or screech; to make a shrill howling or wailing noise; to complain; **CATERWAULED**, **CATERWAULING** (n.,v.)
- **CATHARSIS** (n.): a release of (pent-up) emotion :: **CATHARTIC** (adj.): relieving; cleansing
- **CAUCUS** (n.): a closed group of people with shared concerns within a larger organization, such as the policy-making committee of a political party
- **CAUSAL** (adj.): relating to or being a **CAUSE** for something :: **CAUSALLY** (adv.), **CAUSALITY** (n.)
- **CAUSE CELEBRE** (n.) (Fr.): a matter causing great public interest and discussion
- **CAUSERIE** (n.): a chat or informal conversation; a short informal essay
- **CAUSTIC** (adj.): **CORROSIVE**; capable of eating away by chemical action
 - severely critical or sarcastic; biting; likely to offend or hurt someone’s feelings :: **CAUSTICALLY** (adv.)
- **CAUTERIZE** (v.): to burn the skin or flesh of a wound to stop bleeding or prevent infection :: **CAUTERIZED** (v.,adj.)
- **CAUTIONARY** (adj.): acting as a warning, as in the phrase “A **CAUTIONARY** tale” :: **CAUTION** (n.,v.)
- **CAVALCADE** (n.): a procession, especially of vehicles or riders
- **CAVALIER** (adj.): showing arrogant disregard; marked by or given to **DISDAINFUL** dismissal of important matters

- **CAVEAT(S)** (n.): a warning or caution; a condition or stipulation; a modifying or cautionary detail to be considered; an explanation to prevent misinterpretation
- **CAVERNOUS** (adj.): like a CAVERN in being huge or gloomy
- **CAVIL** (v.): to raise petty, trivial, or frivolous objections to; to find fault without good reason :: CAVILLED, CAVILLING (v); (n.): a petty or trivial objection
- **CAVORT** (v.): to jump, prance, or dance around excitedly; to associate with; to socialize :: CAVORTED, CAVORTING (n.,v.), CAVORTER(S) (n.)
- **CEDE** (v.): to give in, yield, or formally surrender to another (country, etc.) :: CEDED, CEDING (v.), CESSION (n.)
- **CELERITY** (n.): quickness or swiftness of motion or action; rapidness; speediness
- **CELIBATE** (adj.,n.): not marrying or having sexual relations; often for religious reasons; a person who is CELIBATE :: CELIBACY (n.)
- **CENSURE** (n.): an expression of strong disapproval; criticism; punishment; (v.): to criticize harshly or severely :: CENSURED, CENSURING (v.)
- **CEREBRAL** (adj.): pertaining to the brain or intellect; appealing to intellectual appreciation (rather than instinct or emotion) :: CEREBRATION (n.): thinking CEREBRATE (v.): to use the mind; to think or think about
- **CERTIFIABLE** (adj.): able or needing to be CERTIFIED (as insane) :: CERTIFIABLY (adv.)
- **CERTITUDE** (n.): a feeling of complete CERTAINTY
- **CERULEAN** (adj.): a deep sky-blue colour
- **CESSATION** (n.): the action or an instance of CEASING or stopping
- **CHAFE** (v.): to make or become sore or worn by rubbing against something :: **CHAFED**, CHAFING (n.,v.)
 - to become impatient because one is prevented from acting freely
- **CHAFF** (n.): husks of grain separated from the seed by WINNOWING; hay and straw; the less valuable part of something
- **CHAGRIN** (n.): a distressing feeling of regret, humiliation, or embarrassment (due to disappointment or failure)
- **CHANGELING** (n.): a child secretly exchanged for another in infancy
- **CHANTEUSE** (n.) (Fr.): a female singer, especially one who sings in nightclubs and cabarets
- **CHAPTER AND VERSE** (n.): the exact reference or source of information; full, precise information or detail
- **CHARGE(S)** (n.): a person or thing entrusted to someone's care
- **CHARY** (adj.): cautiously reluctant; hesitant and vigilant about dangers and risks; shy; timid
 - discreetly cautious; WARY; prudent; FRUGAL; sparing; slow to accept (change, etc.)
- **CHASM(S)** (n.): a deep crack or opening in the earth; a marked difference between people, opinions, etc.; a gulf
- **CHASTE** (adj.): not engaging in sex outside of marriage or at all; without unnecessary decoration
- **CHASTEN** (v.): to cause to be more humble or restrained; to subdue; to discipline; to correct by punishment :: CHASTENED (v.,adj.), CHASTENING (v.)
- **CHECKERED** or **CHEQUERED** (adj.): marked by periods of varied fortune; shady, as in " a CHEQUERED past or career"
- **CHERUB** (n.): a type of angel (often depicted as a chubby child with wings; a beautiful or innocent-looking child :: CHERUBIC (adj.), CHERUBICALLY (adv.)
- **CHESTNUT** (n.) (fig.): a joke or story that has become uninteresting because it has been repeated too often as in " Oh, that old CHESTNUT again..."
- **CHICANERY** (n.): the use of trickery to deceive; deception by ARTFUL SUBTERFUGE :: CHICANE (v.)
- **CHICHI** (adj.): AFFECTEDLY trendy; stylish; in vogue; fancy
- **CHIDE** (v.): to scold or REBUKE; to criticize :: CHIDED, CHIDING (v.,n.)

- **CHIMERA** (n.): a mythological creature with a lion's head, a goat's body, and a serpent's tail
 - a creature of the imagination; an impossible idea or hope; a vain or idle fancy
- **CHIMERICAL** (adj.): merely imaginary; fanciful; impossible to achieve
- **CHIN-WAG** (n.): a friendly conversation or chat
- **CHOCK-A-BLOCK** or **CHOCKABLOCK** (adj.): extremely full; crammed full; crowded; brought close together
- **CHOCK-FULL** (adj.): very full; full to overflowing; containing a great quantity or variety
- **CHOLER** (n.): anger; a tendency to anger
- **CHOLERIC** (adj.): easily angered; irritable; IRASCIBLE; passionate; indicating or expressing anger
- **CHORTLE** (v.): to utter or express with a snorting, EXULTANT laugh or chuckle :: CHORTLED, CHORTLING (v.)
- **CHRONIC** (adj.): (of an illness, habit, or problem): lasting for a long time; persistent :: CHRONICALLY (adv.)
- **CHURLISH** (adj.): marked by a lack of civility or graciousness; difficult to deal or work with; vulgar, BOORISH, or rude :: CHURLISHLY (adv.), CHURLISHNESS (n.), CHURL (n.)
- **CHUTZPAH** or **CHUTZPA** or **HUTZPAH** or **HUTZPA** (n.) (Yid.): shameless or supreme self-confidence; AUDACITY; nerve; GALL; IMPUDENCE
- **CINEASTE** (n.): a devotee of motion pictures, or an actual moviemaker
- **CIRCA** (ca.) (prep.) (L.): approximately, as in " ... before Shakespeare was even born, ca. 1564."
- **CIRCUITOUS** (adj.): in a roundabout or indirect way; having a circular or winding course
 - not being FORTHRIGHT or direct in language or action :: CIRCUITOUSLY (adv.), CIRCUITOUSNESS (n.), CIRCUIT (n.)
- **CIRCUMLOCUTION** (n.): the use of many words to describe or express an idea that might be expressed in fewer words instead of expressing an idea in a few words, using many words to describe or express that idea using indirect or roundabout language; evasion in speech; pompous or overly formal language
- **CIRCUMNAVIGATE** (v.): to sail all around :: CIRCUMNAVIGATED, CIRCUMNAVIGATING (v.), CIRCUMNAVIGATION (n.)
- **CIRCUMSCRIBE** (v.): to draw a circle around or enclose; to constrict the range of activity of; to define or mark off
- **CIRCUMSPECT** (adj.): cautious; PRUDENT; sensible; careful to consider all circumstances and possible consequences; CIRCUMSPECTION (n.)
- **CIRCUMVENT** (v.): to avoid or get around by strategy, artfulness, or deception, or by anticipating or outwitting :: CIRCUMVENTED, CIRCUMVENTING (v.), CIRCUMVENTION (n.)
- **CITE** (v.): to reference as an authority; to quote :: CITED, CITING (v.), CITATION(S) (n.)
- **CLAMBER** (v.): to climb or move with difficulty, in an awkward and LABORIOUS manner (such as on all fours) :: CLAMBERED, CLAMBERING (v.)
- **CLAMOUR** (n.,v.): a loud and confused noise; a racket; a strong protest or demand :: CLAMoured (v.), CLAMOURING (n.,v.), CLAMOROUS (adj.), CLAMOROUSLY (adv.), CLAMOROUSNESS (n.)
- **CLANDESTINE** (adj.): secret; covert; done with secrecy or concealment (in order to conceal illicit or improper actions)
 - SURREPTITIOUS :: CLANDESTINELY (adv.), CLANDESTINENESS (n.)
- **CLAQUE** (n.): a group of flattering followers or FAWNING admirers; a group of people hired to applaud (or heckle)
- **CLARION** (n.): a trumpet; a clear and shrill-like sound (adj.): loud and clear; very clear :: **CLARION CALL** (n.): a strongly expressed call for action
- **CLEAVE** (v.): to split (in half); to divide by force :: CLEAVED (v.), CLEAVING (n.,v.), CLEAVER (n.)
 - to adhere closely; to stick or cling to; to become (emotionally) attached to; to penetrate or pass through something
- **CLEMENCY** (n.): mercy; a disposition to show mercy; an act of mercy
- **CLEMENT** (adj.): mild; inclined to be merciful :: INCLEMENT (adj.)

- **CLIMACTIC** (adj.): forming an exciting **CLIMAX** (the most intense, exciting, or important part of something); **ANTICLIMAX** (n.), **ANTICLIMACTIC** (adj.)
- **CLIMAX** (v.): to reach or bring to a CLIMAX
- **CLINICAL** (adj.): relating to the observation and treatment of patients (rather than theoretical studies)
 - calm and without feeling or sympathy :: **CLINICALLY** (adv.)
- **CLOISTER** (n.,v.): a monastery or convent **CLOISTERED** (adj.): enclosed; sheltered; naïve :: **CLOISTERING** (v.)
- **CLOT** (n.): a thick mass of a semi-liquid substance, especially blood; (v.): to form into CLOTS :: **CLOTTED** (v.,adj.), **CLOTTING** (n.,v.)
- **CLOY** (v.): to become weary or distasteful through excess :: **CLOYED**, **CLOYING** (v.)
- **CLOYING** (adj.): sickeningly or excessively sweet; sappy or sentimental; annoying or disgusting
- **COAGULATE** (v.) (of a liquid, especially blood): to change to a solid or semisolid state :: **COAGULATED** (v.,adj.), **COAGULATING** (v.), **COAGULATION**, **COAGULANT(S)** (n.)
- **COALESCE** (v.): to grow together; to unite as a whole; to fuse; to unite for a common end; to join forces :: **COALESCED**, **COALESCING** (v.), **COALESCENCE** (n.), **COALITION** (n.,adj.)
- **COBBLE** (v.): to assemble roughly or crudely from available parts :: **COBBLED**, **COBBLING** (v.)
- **COCK** (v.): to tilt or bend something in a particular direction :: **COCKED** (v.,adj.), **COCKING** (v.)
- **COCKSURE** (adj.): arrogantly confident
- **COCOONING** (n.): the practice of spending leisure time at home in preference to going out
- **CODDLE** (v.): to treat tenderly; to pamper :: **CODDLED** (v.,adj.), **CODDLING** (v.), **MOLLYCODDLE** (v.)
- **CODICIL** (n.): an addition, amendment, or supplement that explains, alters, or cancels a will or part of a will
- **CODIFY** (v.): to organize into a system of rules, **CODES**, or principles; to make clear and coherent
- **COEVAL** (adj.): of the same or equal age, antiquity, or duration; a contemporary; existing at the same period of time
- **COGENT** (adj.): appealing to the mind or reason; (of an argument): clear, logical, and convincing; pertinent; relevant :: **COGENCY** (n.)
- **COGITATE** (v.): to think; to ponder :: **COGITATED**, **COGITATING** (v.), **COGITATION** (n.)
- **COGNIZANT** (adj.): aware of; knowing :: **COGNIZANCE** (n.), **RECOGNIZANCE** (n.)
- **COGNOSCENTE** (n)(sing): a person with superior knowledge or understanding of a particular field
- **COGNOSCENTI** (n.) (pl.) (It.): people who are well informed about a particular subject; experts
- **COHERE** (v.): to hold together firmly; to form a whole :: **COHERED**, **COHERING** (v.)
- **COHERENT** (adj.): able to speak clearly and logically; (of an argument): logical and consistent :: **COHERENTLY** (adv.), **COHERENCY** (n.), **INCOHERENT** (adj.)
- **COHESION** (n.): the action of holding together or forming a whole
- **COHESIVE** (adj.): forming a whole; causing **COHESION** :: **COHESIVELY** (adv.), **COHESIVENESS** (n.)
- **COHORT** (n.): a group of individuals having a statistical factor (such as age) in common; a companion; colleague
- **COLLAGE** (n.) (Fr.): a form of art where various materials are arranged and stuck to a backing
 - a combination of various things
- **COLLATE** (v.): to collect and combine (information or texts); to compare two or more sources of information; **COLLATED** (v.,adj.), **COLLATING** (v.), **COLLATION** (n.)
- **COLLATERAL** (adj.): additional but less important, such as in the phrase “ **COLLATERAL damage** ” :: **COLLATERALLY** (adv.)
- **COLLECTIVE** (adj.): done or belonging to all the members of a group; taken as a whole :: **COLLECTIVELY** (adv.)
- **COLLECTIVE** (n.): a business owned or operated cooperatively

- **COLLEGIAL** (adj.): having authority VESTED equally among colleagues; marked by camaraderie among colleagues
- **COLLOGUE** (v.): to confer secretly; to talk privately; to conspire
- **COLLOQUIAL** (adj.): characteristic of informal spoken language or ordinary conversation; not formal or literary :: COLLOQUIALLY (adv.), **COLLOQUIALISM(S)** (n.)
- **COLLUDE** (v.): to conspire (with); to plot or act in concert (with) (secretly) :: COLLUDED, COLLUDING (n.,v.)
COLLUSION (n.): a secret agreement or co-operation to cheat or deceive COLLUSIVE (adj.), COLLUSIVELY (adv.)
- **COLOSSUS** (n.): a person or thing of enormous size :: COLOSSAL (adj.)
- **COMBATIVE** (adj.): ready or eager to fight or argue :: COMBATIVELY (adv.), COMBATIVENESS, COMBAT (n.)
- **COMBUST** (v.): to burn or be burnt b fire :: COMBUSTED, COMBUSTING (v.), **COMBUSTIBLE** (adj.), COMBUSTION (n.)
- **COMELY** (adj.): pleasing to the sight; attractive :: COMELINESS (n.)
- **COMESTIBLE** (adj.,n.): edible; suitable to be eaten; food :: COMESTIBLES (n.)
- **COMEUPPANCE** (n.): a punishment or fate that someone deserves (because of improper behaviour)
- **COMITY** (n.): a state of mutual harmony, respect, and friendship (between people or nations)
 - friendly civility; courtesy; respectful and considerate behaviour towards others
- **COMMENSURATE** (adj.): equal, proportionate, or corresponding in measure, degree, or extent
- **COMMINGLE** (v.): to mix or blend (with) :: COMMINGLED (v.), COMMINGLING (n.,v.), MINGLE (v.)
- **COMMISERATE** (v.): to express sympathy or pity; to sympathize :: COMMISERATED, COMMISERATING (v.), COMMISERATION (n.)
- **COMMODIOUS** (adj.): comfortably or conveniently spacious; roomy :: INCOMMODIOUS (adj.)
- **COMMODITY, COMMODITIES** (n.): a raw material that can be bought and sold; something useful or valuable
- **COMMUNAL** (adj.): shared or done by all members of a COMMUNITY
- **COMMUNION** (n.): the sharing of intimate thoughts and feelings
- **COMMUTE** (v.): to reduce (a judicial sentence) to a less severe one :: COMMUTED, COMMUTING (v.)
- **COMPARABLE** (adj.): able to be COMPARED or LIKENED to; similar :: COMPARABLY (adv.), INCOMPARABLE (adj.), INCOMPARABLY (adv.)
- **COMPARATIVE** (adj.): measured or judged by COMPARISON; relative :: COMPARATIVELY (adv.)
 - involving COMPARISON between two or more subjects, as in the phrase “ a COMPARATIVE literature course ”
- **COMPARTMENTALIZE** (v.): to divide or separate into categories or sections :: COMPARTMENT(S) (n.); COMPARTMENTALIZED (v.,adj.), COMPARTMENTALIZING (v.), COMPARTMENTALIZATION (n.)
- **COMPATRIOT(S)** (n.): a person from the same country (as you or someone else) :: PATRIOT(S) (n.)
- **COMPENDIUM** (n.): a collection of similar things; a collection of detailed information about one subject :: COMPENDIOUS (adj.): concise; succinct; to the point
- **COMPENSATORY** (adj.): that which COMPENSATES, as in “she was also granted COMPENSATORY damages”
- **COMPLACENT** (adj.): overly satisfied with oneself; SMUG; content; ignorant of danger :: COMPLACENTLY (adv.), **COMPLACENCY, COMPLACENCE** (n.)
- **COMPLAISANT** (adj.) (Fr.): marked by a desire to please or willingness to consent to other peoples’ wishes :: COMPLIANT
- **COMPLEMENT** (n.,v.): something that adds to or completes something, or makes something perfect by addition :: COMPLEMENTED, COMPLEMENTING (v.), COMPLEMENTARY (adj.)
- **COMPLICIT** (adj.): guilty of associating or participating in a wrongful act :: COMPLICITLY (adv.), COMPLICITNESS, **COMPLICITY** (n.)

- **COMPLY** (v.): to act in accordance with a wish, rule, law, or command :: **COMPLIED** (v.), **COMPLYING** (n.,v.), **COMPLIANT** (adj.), **COMPLIANCE** (n.)
- **COMPONENT** (n.): a part of a larger whole :: **COMPONENTS** (n.); (adj.): being part of a larger whole
- **COMPORT** (v.): to conduct oneself in a particular manner :: **COMPORTED**, **COMPORTING** (v), **COMPORTMENT** (n)
- **COMPOSITE** (adj.): made up of various parts (n.): something made up of several parts
- **COMPREHENSIVE** (adj.): including or dealing with all or nearly all aspects of something; complete :: **COMPREHENSIVELY** (adv.), **COMPREHENSIVENESS** (n.)
- **COMPUNCTION(S)** (n.): anxiety or unease from guilt or regret; a feeling of guilt that prevents or follows wrong-doing
 - a twinge of **MISGIVING**, remorse, regret :: **CONTRITION**; a **SCRUPLE** **COMPUNCTIOUS** (adj.)
- **CONCEIT(S)** (n.): an artistic effect; a complicated metaphor
- **CONCENTRIC** (adj.) (of circles or arcs): sharing the same centre :: **CONCENTRICALLY** (adv.)
- **CONCERTED** (adj.): jointly arranged or carried out; determined; intense; as in “ a **CONCERTED** effort to save energy ”; **CONCERTEDLY** (adv.), **CONCERTEDNESS** (n.), as in “they acted **IN CONCERT...**” :: **CONCERTED** (adj.)
- **CONCILIATE** (v.): to reconcile; to overcome the distrust or hostility of; to **PLACATE**; to win over :: **CONCILIATED** (v.), **CONCILIATING** (v.,adj.), **CONCILIATION** / **RECONCILIATION** (n.)
- **CONCILIATORY** (adj.): settling a dispute or resolving a conflict in a manner that leaves no hard feelings on either side
- **CONCLAVE** (n.): a private meeting or secret assembly, as in the Roman Catholic Church’s assembly of Cardinals for the election of a Pope
- **CONCLUSIVE** (adj.): decisive or convincing :: **CONCLUSIVELY** (adv.), **CONCLUSIVENESS** (n.), **INCONCLUSIVE** (adj.)
- **CONCORD** (n.): agreement; harmony :: **DISCORD** (n.)
- **CONCUR** (v.): to agree (with); to happen at the same time :: **CONCURRED**, **CONCURRING** (v.)
- **CONCURRENT** (adj.): occurring or happening at the same time; equal :: **CONCURRENTLY** (adv.), **CONCURRENCE** (n.)
- **CONDESCEND** (v.): to behave as if one is better than other people :: **CONDESCENDED**, **CONDESCENDING** (v.)
 - to agree to do something one believes is beneath one’s dignity
- **CONDESCENDING** (adj.): looking down on someone or something; possessing, showing, or implying an air of superiority or **PATRONIZING** tone; talking with an air of superiority
- **CONDITIONAL** (adj.): subject to or depending on a condition (as in a legal contract) :: **CONDITIONALLY** (adv.), **CONDITION(S)** (n.), **UNCONDITIONAL** (adj.)
- **CONDONE** (v.): to regard or treat (something bad or blameworthy) as acceptable, forgivable, or harmless; to allow; to support :: **CONDONED**, **CONDONING** (v.)
- **CONDUCTIVE** (adj.): contributing or helping towards; favourable to :: **CONDUCTIVELY** (adv.), **CONDUCTIVENESS** (n.)
- **CONDUIT(S)** (n.): a channel; a passage; a vessel
- **CONFAB, CONFABULATION** (n.): an informal conversation or discussion; familiar talk
- **CONFABULATE** (v.): to chat or talk informally; to hold a discussion; to confer; to fill in gaps in memory by fabrication
- **CONFECTION(S)** (n.): an elaborate sweet candy or delicacy; a finely or elaborately constructed thing; a light theatrical or entertaining work
- **CONFEDERATE(S)** (n.): an accomplice
- **CONFER** (v.): to grant (a title, degree, or right...); to have discussions with :: **CONFERRED**, **CONFERRING** (v.), **CONFERRAL** (n.), **CONFERENCE** (n.)

- **CONFIGURE** (v.): to arrange in a particular way :: CONFIGURED, CONFIGURING (v.), **CONFIGURATION(S)** (n.), RECONFIGURE (v.)
- **CONFLAGRATION** (n.): a large and destructive fire
- **CONFLATE** (v.): to combine into one; to merge; to fuse things together into one entity; to meld; to bring together :: CONFLATED, CONFLATING (v.), CONFLATION (n.)
- **CONFLUENCE** (n.): a flowing or coming together; the junction of two rivers
- **CONFOUND** (v.): to surprise or bewilder; to perplex; to prevent; to defeat (a plan); to prove wrong :: CONFOUNDED, CONFOUNDING (v.,adj.), CONFOUNDEDLY (adv.)
- **CONFRERE** (n.) (Fr.): a comrade, colleague, or associate; a fellow member of a profession or association
- **CONFUTE** (v.): to REFUTE conclusively; to prove to be wrong :: CONFUTED, CONFUTING (v.), CONFUTATION (n.)
- **CONGEAL** (v.): to become semi-solid, especially on cooling :: CONGEALED, CONGEALING (v.)
- **CONGENIAL** (adj.): sociable; GENIAL; well-suited; having the same disposition, interests, or tastes :: CONGENIALITY (n.)
- **CONGENITAL** (adj.): present from birth; INNATE; having a trait as part of one's character
- **CONGRUENT** (adj.): in agreement or harmony :: INCONGRUENT (adj.)
- **CONGRUOUS** (adj.): marked by agreement or harmony; appropriate :: INCONGRUOUS (adj.)
- **CONJECTURE** (n.,v.): an unsubstantiated or unproven theory or story; a SUPPOSITION
- **CONNIPTION** (n.): a fit of hysterical excitement or anger
- **CONNOTATION(S)** (n): an idea or feeling suggested by something (such as a word) in addition to its meaning :: CONNOTE (v)
- **CONNUBIAL** (adj.): of or pertaining to marriage
- **CONSEQUENTIAL** (adj.): important; following as a result or effect; indirect :: INCONSEQUENTIAL (adj.)
- **CONSTERNATION** (n.): anxiety, frustration, or dismay that hinders or throws into confusion; a sudden dread
- **CONSUMMATE** (adj.): of the highest degree; extremely skilled and accomplished; complete in every detail; perfect
- **CONSUMMATE** (v.): to make a marriage or relationship complete by having sex
 - to CULMINATE; to complete (a transaction) :: CONSUMMATED (v.), CONSUMMATION (n.)
- **CONTEMN** (v.): to scorn; to despise; to SLIGHT; to neglect :: CONTEMNED, CONTEMNING (v.), CONTEMNER (n.)
- **CONTEMPORANEOUS** (adj.): originating, existing, or occurring at the same time :: EXTEMPORANEOUS (adj.)
- **CONTEMPORARY** (adj.): living or occurring at the same time; living or occurring in the present; modern in style; (n.): a person or thing existing at the same time as another; a person of roughly the same age as another
- **CONTENTIOUS** (adj.): disputable, controversial; quarrelsome; tending to cause argument or conflict :: CANTANKEROUS; CONTENTIOUSLY (adv.), CONTENTIOUSNESS (n.)
- **CONTIGUOUS** (adj.): sharing a border; touching; adjacent; next to or together in location, sequence, or time
- **CONTINGENCY, CONTINGENCIES** (n.): a possible future event; a plan for such an event or EVENTUALITY
- **CONTINGENT** (adj.): subject to chance; dependent on
- **CONTINUUM** (n.): a range; a sequence in which the elements create a complete spectrum of that series
- **CONTRABAND** (n.): goods whose importation, exportation, or possession is forbidden; also, smuggled goods; the illegal traffic in goods
- **CONTRADISTINCTION** (n.): a distinction made by contrasting the different qualities of two things

- **CONTRAINDICATE** (v.): to speak against a certain measure; to make a treatment inadvisable; to recommend against :: **CONTRAINEDICATED** (v.), **CONTRAINEDICATION** (n.)
- **CONTRAVENE** (v.): to violate; to **TRANSGRESS**; to be in conflict with; to obstruct; to oppose; to be counter to :: **CONTRAVENED**, **CONTRAVENING** (v.), **CONTRAVENTION** (n.)
- **CONTRETEMPS** (n.) (Fr.): a minor disagreement; an inopportune occurrence or situation with embarrassing results
- **CONTRITE** (adj.): showing sincere remorse (for an offence or sin); full of regret or grief :: **CONTRITELY** (adv.)
- **CONTRITION** (n.): regret; sincere **PENITENCE** or remorse; to be sorry for one's sins and determined to repent
- **CONTRIVE** (v.): to devise or plan using skill and subtlety; to manage to do something foolish :: **CONTRIVANCE(S)** (n.)
- **CONTRIVED** (adj.): deliberately created rather than arising naturally :: **CONTRIVED** (v.), **CONTRIVING** (v.,n.,adj.)
- **CONVERSANT** (adj.): fluent in; familiar with or knowledgeable about
- **CONVERSE** (v.): to hold a conversation :: **CONVERSED**, **CONVERSING** (v.), **CONVERSATION(S)** (n.)
- **CONVERSE** (as in **THE CONVERSE**) (n.): the opposite of a fact or statement; the other side of the case or argument
- **CONVIVIAL** (adj.): friendly; agreeable; festive; celebratory; relating to feasting, drinking, and good company :: **CONVIVIALLY** (adv.), **CONVIVIALITY** (n.), **CONVIVE** (n.)
- **CONVOKE** (v.): to call together (a meeting or assembly) :: **CONVOKED**, **CONVOKING** (v.), **CONVOCATION** (n.)
- **CONVOLUTED** (adj.): intricately involved (to detrimental effect); overly complex or intricate :: **CONVOLUTE** (v.)
- **COPACETIC** (adj.): very satisfactory; alright; favourable; beneficial
- **COPIOUS** (adj.): plentiful; abundant; large in quantity or number; yielding something abundantly; **LAVISH**; full of information or thought :: **COPIOUSLY** (adv.), **COPIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **COQUETTE(S)** (n.): a woman who flirts, teases, or attempts to seduce :: **COQUETTISH** (adj.), **COQUETTISHLY** (adv.), **COQUETTISHNESS**, **COQUETRY** (n.)
- **CORNUCOPIA** (n.): the horn of plenty; a great abundance and variety; an inexhaustible store
- **COROLLORY** (n.): a deduction from a proposition already proved true; a natural consequence or result; a parallel;
- **CORPORAL** (adj.): relating to the human body; physical; as in "CORPORAL punishment"
- - physical punishment
- **CORPOREAL** (adj.): relating to a person's body; physical rather than spiritual
- **CORPULENT** (adj.): very fat; obese :: **CORPULENCE** (n.)
- **CORRELATE** (v.): to relate to; to bring into mutual relation :: **CORRELATED**, **CORRELATING** (v.), **CORRELATION** (n.)
- **CORROBORATE** (v.): to support; to confirm; to strengthen or make more certain with other evidence :: **CORROBORATED**, **CORROBORATING** (adj.,v.), **CORROBORATION**, **CORROBORATOR(S)** (n.)
- **COSMETIC** (adj.): improving something only outwardly; beautifying; superficial :: **COSMETICIZE** (v.)
- **COSMOPOLITAN** (adj.): sophisticated; worldly; at home in all the world :: **COSMOPOLITE** (n.)
- **COSSET** (v.): to pamper; to treat with excessive indulgence :: **COSSETTED** (v.,adj.), **COSSETTING** (v.,n.)
- **COTERIE** (n.) (Fr.): an intimate, exclusive group of people with a unifying or common purpose or interest; a clique
- **COTTON (TO)** (v.): to take a liking to; to come to understand
- **COUCH** (v.): to express in language of a particular style :: **COUCHED**, **COUCHING** (v.)

- **COUNSEL** (n.): advice; a legal representative or advisor; (v.): to advise or recommend; to give professional help and advice to someone with personal problems :: COUNSELLED, COUNSELLING (v.,n.)
- **COUNTENANCE** (n.): the human face; the appearance or expression of the face; one's bearing; favour or approval; (v.): to tolerate, approve of, or encourage :: COUNTENANCED (v.)
- **COUNTERINTUITIVE** (adj.): contrary to INTUITION, logic, or common sense :: INTUITIVE (adj.)
- **COUNTERMAND** (v.): to revoke, cancel, or recall (a former command) with a new command or order
- **COUNTERPOINT** (n.,v.): an idea or theme contrasting with the main element; to contrast with
- **COUNTERVAIL** (v.): to counteract something with something else of equal force; to offset :: **COUNTERVAILING** (adj.,v.)
- **COUP** (n.) (Fr.): a successful move; an accomplishment; a COUP D'ETAT
- **COUP DE GRACE** (n.) (Fr.): a final or decisive blow or shot (given to kill a wounded person or animal)
- **COUP D'ETAT** (n.) (Fr.): a sudden, violent seizure of power from a government
- **COURTESAN** (n.): a prostitute, especially one who is highly placed or refined
- **COUTURE** (n.) (Fr.): the high-fashion clothing created by designers
- **HAUTE COUTURE** (n.) (Fr.): the designing and making of high-quality clothes by leading fashion houses
- **COVERT** (adj.): secret; not done openly :: **COVERTLY** (adv.)
- **COW** (v.): to frighten into giving in to one's wishes; to intimidate; to DAUNT :: **COWED** / UNCOWED (adj.)
- **COWER** (v.): to crouch down or shrink back in fear :: **COWERED**, **COWERING** (v.,adj.,n.)
- **COXCOMB** (n.): a vain, conceited, showy man; a DANDY
- **COZEN** (v.): to deceive, trick or cheat; to gain or obtain by artful deception or coaxing; to INDUCE to do something; to win over :: **COZENED**, **COZENING** (v.), **COZENER**, **COZENAGE** (n.)
- **CRABWISE** (adv.,adj.): sideways; in a cautiously indirect manner
- **CRACKERJACK** (adj.,n.): of striking ability or excellence; first-class
- **CRAPULENT** (adj.): related to the drinking of alcohol or drunkenness
- **CRAPULOUS** (adj.): sick from, or marked by, excessive drinking; **INTEMPERATE** in eating or drinking
- **CRAVEN** (adj.): cowardly; lacking the least bit of courage; contemptibly faint-hearted :: **CRAVENLY** (adv.), **CRAVENNESS** (n.)
- **CREDULITY** (n.): the tendency to be too ready to believe things :: INCREDULITY (n.)
- **CREDULOUS** (adj.): inclined to believe or trust too willingly or readily :: INCREDULOUS (adj.)
- **CRESCENDO** (n.) (It.): a gradual increase in loudness of a piece of music; a climax; a high point
- **CRESCENT** (adj.): marked by an increase, as in "the crescent sound of footsteps..."
- **CRIB** (v.): to copy something dishonestly or without acknowledgement; to plagiarize; to steal; as in "CRIB NOTES"
- **Croesus** (n.): a very wealthy man, as in "richer than Croesus"
- **CRONY, CRONIES** (n.): a close friend or companion
- **CRONYISM** (n.): partiality to CRONIES; (improperly) appointing CRONIES to office without regard to their qualifications
- **CROON** (v.): to sing or hum in a low, soft voice :: **CROONED**, **CROONING** (n.,v.), **CROONER(S)** (n.)
- **CRUCIBLE** (n.): a severe or important test or trial, where concentrated forces interact to cause or influence change or development
- **CRUX** (n.): the most important part or feature of a problem or discussion; an essential point requiring resolution
- **CRYPTIC** (adj.): meant to be puzzling or mysterious; ambiguous; secret :: **CRYPTICALLY** (adv.)
- **CUCKOLD** (n.,v.): a man whose wife has committed adultery; to make a(nother) married man a CUCKOLD :: **CUCKOLDED**, **CUSKOLDING** (v.), **CUCKOLDRY** (n.)
- **CUDGEL** (n.,v.): a short, heavy, thick stick; to beat with a CUDGEL

- **CULINARY** (adj.): having to do with cooking
- **CULL** (v.,n.): to reduce the number of animals by selective slaughter; to select from a wide range or large quantity; to pick the good from the bad - a selective slaughter of animals :: CULLED, CULLING (v.)
- **CULMINATE** (v.): to reach a climax or point of highest development :: CULMINATED, CULMINATING (v.), CULMINATION (n.)
- **CULPABLE** (adj.): guilty for; responsible for; deserving blame; at fault :: CULPABILITY (n.)
- **CUM** (prep.): with; along with; combined with e.g. a library-cum-games room
- **CUMULATIVE** (adj.): increasing by successive additions; accumulating; tending to accumulate
- **CUPIDITY** (n.): greed; AVARICE; eager or excessive desire (especially for wealth or possession); lust
- **CURIO(S)** (n.): an object or article valued because it is unusual, strange or rare; a knickknack; a collectible
- **CURSORY** (adj.): hastily, rapidly, superficially, or carelessly performed or produced
- **CURT** (adj.): (rudely) brief or abrupt in speech or manner; TERSE; **CURTLY** (adv.), CURTNESS (n.)
- **CYNOSURE** (n.): (a person who is) the centre of attention or attraction by their brilliance or interest; something that directs or guides

- **DALLIANCE** (n.): something done in a casual, leisurely way; a brief, casual flirtation or sexual relationship :: DALLY (v.)
- **DALLY** (v.): to linger or DAWDLE; to waste time; to act playfully :: DALLIED, DALLYING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **DANDLE** (v.): to move (an infant, etc.) lightly up and down, as on one's knee or in one's arms
- **DANDY** (n.): a man who is too concerned with a stylish and fashionable appearance; a FOP; a COXCOMB
- **DAPPER** (adj.): neat in dress and appearance; smart; active :: DAPPERLY (adj.), DAPPERNESS (n.)
- **DAPPLE** (n.,v.): a small (contrasting) spot or blotch; to mark with spots :: **DAPPLED** (v.,adj.), **DAPPLING** (v.)
- **DAUNT** (v.): to cause to lose courage
- **DAUNTING** (adj.): intimidating; overwhelming; frightening; discouraging (through fear)
- **DAUNTLESS** (adj.): fearless and determined :: **UNDAUNTED**; INTREPID; **bold**
- **DAWDLE** (v.): to move slowly; to take one's time :: DAWDLED, DAWDLING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **DE FACTO** (adj.): existing in fact, whether legally accepted or not
- **DE RIGUEUR** (adj.) (Fr.): strictly required, as by tradition, etiquette, usage, or fashion; proper; necessary; fashionable
- **DEADPAN** (adj.,v.): marked by a careful PRETENCE of serious or calm detachment :: DEADPANNED, DEADPANNING (v.)
- **DEARTH** (n.): a serious or extreme shortage; scarcity; lack; want; an inadequate supply
- **DEBACLE** (n.): a complete failure; a fiasco; a bungling; a mishandling; a scandal
- **DEBASE** (v.): to lower the quality, value, esteem, or character of :: DEBASED, DEBASING (v.), **DEBASEMENT** (n.), **ABASE** (v.)
- **DEBAUCHERY** (n.): frequent or excessive indulgence in sensual pleasures, alcohol, or drugs :: DEBAUCH (v.): to corrupt morally DEBAUCHED (v.,adj.), DEBAUCHING (v.,n.)
- **DEBILITATE** (v.): to impair the strength of; to make weak or feeble
- **DEBILITATING** (adj.): disabling; crippling; weakening; paralyzing
- **DEBONAIR** (adj.): having a sophisticated charm; suave; courteous; gracious
- **DEBUNK** (v.): to expose as false; to DISPROVE :: DEBUNKED, DEBUNKING (n.,v.), DEBUNKER(S) (n.)
- **DEBUTANTE(S)** (n.): a young upper class woman making her debut in public
- **DECAMP** (v.): to leave suddenly or secretly; to pack up and leave a campsite :: DECAMPED, DECAMPING (v.)
- **DECLAIM** (v.): to speak out against; to speak or recite in a dramatic or passionate way :: **DECLAMATION** (n.)

- **declassé** (adj.) (Fr.): of a fallen social position or status
- **DECLIVITY** (n.): a descending slope; a downward inclination :: **PROCLIVITY** (n.)
- **DECOLLETAGE** (n.) (Fr.): a low neckline on a woman's garment; a woman's cleavage :: **DECOLLETE** (adj.) (of a garment): low-necked
- **DECOROUS** (adj.): having proper dress, speech, or behaviour; acceptable; marked by propriety and good taste; respectable, correct :: **INDECOROUS** (adj.)
- **DECORUM** (n.): polite and socially acceptable behaviour; proper procedure
- **DECRY** (v.): to DENOUNCE as faulty or worthless; to DENIGRATE; to express strong disapproval of; to complain about :: **DECRIED**, **DECRYING** (v.,n.)
- **DEDUCE** (v.): to arrive at (an opinion by) reasoning :: **DEDUCED**, **DEDUCING** (v.), **DEDUCTION(S)** (n.), **DEDUCTIVE** (adj.)
- **DEEM** (v.): to judge; believe; consider in a specified way; to come to think that; to decide :: **DEEMED**, **DEEMING** (v)
- **DEEP-SIX** (v.): to get rid of; discard; eliminate; to throw overboard
- **DEFAME** (v.): to damage the good reputation of :: **DEFAMED**, **DEFAMING** (v.,n.), **DEFAMATION** (n.), **DEFAMATORY** (adj.)
- **DEFENESTRATE** (v.): to throw out of a window :: **DEFENESTRATION** (n.): the act of throwing out of a window
- **DEFER** (v.): to accept or give into humbly :: **DEFERRED**, **DEFERRING** (v.), **DEFERRAL** (n.)
- **DEFERENCE** (n.): humble respect or esteem due to a superior or elder; affected or ingratiating regard for another's wishes
- **DEFERENTIAL** (adj.): showing DEFERENCE or respect; considerate :: **DEFERENTIALLY** (adv.)
- **DEFILE** (v.): to make dirty; to treat (something holy) with disrespect; to ruin; to betray; to march off in a line :: **DEFILED** (v.,adj.), **DEFILING** (v.,n.), **DEFILEMENT**, **DEFILER(S)** (n.)
- **DEFINITIVE** (adj.): complete; absolute; authoritative; satisfying all criteria :: **DEFINITIVELY** (adv.), **DEFINITIVENESS** (n.)
- **DEGENERATE** (v.): to become worse or weaker :: **DEGENERATED**, **DEGENERATING** (v.), **DEGENERATIVE** (adj.); (adj.): having very low moral standards; (n.): a morally DEGENERATE person
- **DEIFY** (v.): to make someone into or worshipped as a god :: **DEIFIED**, **DEIFYING** (v.), **DEIFICATION** (n.), **DEITY** (n.)
- **DEIGN** (v.): to condescend; to do something one considers to be beneath one's dignity :: **DEIGNED**, **DEIGNING** (v.)
- **DELETERIOUS** (adj.): harmful; damaging; destructive; **INJURIOUS**; detrimental :: **DELETERIOUSLY** (adv.), **DELETERIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **DELIBERATE** (v.): to consider; to debate :: **DELIBERATED**, **DELIBERATING** (v.), **DELIBERATION(S)** (n.)
- **DELINEATE** (v.): to describe or indicate precisely; to portray; to depict; to make clear; to differentiate :: **DELINEATED**, **DELINEATING** (v.), **DELINEATION(S)** (n.)
- **DEMAGOGUE** (n): a leader who gains power by appealing to the emotions and prejudices of the **POPULACE**; a rabble-rouser :: **DEMAGOGUERY** (n.)
- **DEMARCATÉ** (v.): to mark the limits or boundaries of; to set apart; to separate :: **DEMARCATION** (n.)
- **DEMEAN** (v.): to cause to suffer a loss of dignity or respect; to do something that is below one's dignity :: **DEMEANED**, **DEMEANING** (adj.,v.)
- **DEMEANOUR** (n.): outward behaviour; bearing; **DEPORTMENT**; conduct :: **MISDEMEANOR** (n.)
- **DEMONSTRABLE** (adj.): clearly apparent or able to be demonstrated or proved :: **DEMONSTRABLY** (adv.)
- **DEMONSTRATIVE** (adj.): tending to show one's feelings openly; serving to demonstrate something
- **DEMUR** (v.,n.): to object to; to raise objections; to show reluctance; to delay; the act of :: **DEMURRING**

- **DEMURE** (adj.): shy; modest; reserved; withdrawn; quiet; affectedly modest, reserved, or serious; coy :: DEMURELY (adv.), DEMURENESS (n.)
- **DENIGRATE** (v.): to belittle; to Demean; to insult; to insult; to deny the importance or validity of; to criticize unfairly; to attack maliciously :: DENIGRATED, DENIGRATING (v.), DENIGRATION (n.)
- **DENIZEN(S)** (n.): an inhabitant or occupant; one who frequents a place regularly
- **DENOTE** (v.): to be a sign of; (of a word or phrase) – to mean :: DENOTED, DENOTING (v.), DENOTATION (n.)
- **DENOUEMENT** (n.) (Fr.): the final resolution of the main complication of a literary or dramatic work
- **DENUDED** (adj.): stripped; made naked or bare :: DENUDE, DENUDING (v.)
- **DEPLORE** (v.): to hate; to LAMENT; to regret deeply or strongly :: DEPLORED, DEPLORING (v.), **DEPLORABLE** (adj.), DEPLORABLY (adj.)
- **DEPORTMENT** (n.): the way a person carries and conducts themselves; the way a person stands and walks; behaviour :: DEPORT, DEPORTED, DEPORTING (v.)
- **DEPOSE** (v.): to remove from power suddenly and forcefully :: DEPOSED (v.,adj.), DEPOSING
- to testify under oath or by affidavit; to AFFIRM or assert :: **DEPOSITION** (n.)
- **DEPRECATE** (v.): to express disapproval of; to advise against :: DEPRECATED (v.), DEPRECATING (v.,adj.), DEPRECATION(S) (n.), SELF-DEPRECATING (adj.)
- **DEPRAVED** (adj.): made bad; corrupted; deteriorated
- **DEPRAVITY, DEPRAVITIES** (n.): moral corruption; debauchery
- **DEPRECATE** (v.): to belittle or insult; to depreciate or devalue; to express disapproval of :: DEPRECATED, **DEPRECATING** (v.,adj.), DEPRECATORY (adj.), DEPRECATION (n.); SELF-DEPRECATING (adj.), SELF-DEPRECATINGLY (adv.), SELF-DEPRECATION (n.)
- **DEPREDAATION(S)** (n.): acts that cause harm or damage; acts of plundering or RAVAGING
- **DERADICALIZE** (v.): to free from radical ideas
- **DERELICT** (adj.): abandoned by the owner or occupant; neglected; failing to take proper or normal care; (n.): a homeless or destitute person; a vagrant :: **DERELICTION** (n.)
- **DERIDE** (v.): to insult; to mock; to laugh at or treat with contempt or scorn :: **DERISIVE** (adj.): DERISIVELY (adv.), DERISIVENESS (n.)
- **DERIVATIVE** (adj.): something DERIVED, copied, or adapted from another source; secondary; unoriginal
- **DERNIER CRI** (n.): the newest fashion
- **DEROGATE** (v.): to DISPARAGE; to speak critically of; to cause to feel or seem inferior; to DETRACT; to deviate from
- **DEROGATORY** (adj.): critical or disrespectful; insulting; negative
- **DERRING-DO** (n.): daring action; daring; an action displaying heroic courage
- **DESCRIPTOR(S)** (n.): a significant word or phrase used to describe, identify, or categorize text or other material
- **DESCRY** (v.): to catch sight of (something distant or obscure); to detect; to find out or discover :: DESCRIED, DESCRIVING (v.)
- **DESHABILLE** ou **DISHABILLE** (n.) (Fr.): the state of undress or being carelessly or only partially ATTIRE
- **DESICCATED** (adj.): dried up :: **DESICCATE** (v.): to remove the moisture from DESICCANT (adj.,n.)
- **DESIST** (v.): to stop doing something, as in “to cease and DESIST...” :: DESISTED, DESISTING (v.), DESISTANCE (n.)
- **DESPONDENT** (adj.): hopeless; depressed; saddened :: DESPONDENTLY (adv.), DESPONDENCY (n.)
- **DESPOT(S)** (n.): a ruler with total or absolute power, especially one who uses it in a cruel or brutal way :: DESPOTIC (adj.)

- **DESULTORY** (adj.): jumping from one subject to another half-heartedly; erratic; inconsistent; distracted; *unfocussed*
 - lacking enthusiasm; marked by the lack of a definite plan or purpose; disappointing in progress, performance, or quality
- **DETACHED** (adj.): separated or disinterested; unemotional; neutral :: **DETACHEDLY** (adv.), **DETACHMENT** (n.)
- **DÉTENTE** (n.): a relaxing of tension, especially between nations
- **DETER** (v): to discourage (someone) from doing something through the fear of the consequences; to prevent the occurrence of :: **DETERRED**, **DETERRING** (v.), **UNDETERRED** (adj.): persevering despite setbacks
- **DETRACT** (v.): to cause something to seem less impressive or valuable :: **DETRACTED**, **DETRACTING** (v.), **DETRACTOR(S)**, **DETRACTION** (n.)
- **DETRITUS** (n.): debris or waste material; miscellaneous remnants; fragments from disintegration; odds and ends
- **DEUS EX MACHINA** (n.) (L.) home agent that appears suddenly and unexpectedly to resolve (in a CONTRIVED manner) an apparently HOPELESS situation
- **DEVOID** (adj.): empty or free of; lacking; not possessing :: **VOID** (n.,v.)
- **DEVOLVE** (v.): to generate through a gradual change or evolution; to transfer (power) to a lower level; to descend :: **DEVOLVED**, **DEVOLVING** (v.), **DEVOLUTION** (n.)
- **DEVOTEE** (n.) (Fr.): one who is very enthusiastic about something or someone; a follower of a particular philosophy
- **DEWY** (adj.): moist with dew; innocent; unsophisticated
- **DEXTERITY** (n.): skill in performing tasks; ability; flexibility
- **DEXTROUS** or **DEXTEROUS** (adj.): skilful or ADROIT in the use of the hands or body; nimble; ARTFUL
 - mentally sharp, clever, or quick
- **DIADEM** (n.): a crown or royal headband
- **DIASPORA** (n.): the dispersion of a people originally from one nation, such as the dispersion of Jews from Palestine after Babylonian captivity; Jewish communities that arose after this
- **DIAPHANOUS** (adj.): allowing light to pass through; of such a fine, sheer fabric as to be transparent - characterized by extreme delicacy of form; ethereal; insubstantial; vague
- **DIATRIBE(S)** (n.): a bitter verbal attack or criticism; a TIRADE; a speech railing against injustice
- **DICHOTOMY** (n.): a separation or contrast between two things; a division into two (seemingly contradictory) parts
- **DICTION** (n.): the choice and use of words in speech or writing; a person's way of pronouncing words
- **DICTUM** (n.) (L.): an authoritative statement
- **DIDACTIC** (adj.): teaching some (moral) lesson; designed or intended to be educational; instructional; lecturing; preachy
- **DIFFIDENT** (adj.): hesitant in acting or speaking through lack of self-confidence; reserved; unassertive; bashful; shy
 - distrustful of one's own powers or abilities :: **DIFFIDENTLY** (adv.), **DIFFIDENCE** (n.)
- **DIFFUSE** (v.): to spread over a wide area; to circulate :: **DIFFUSED**, **DIFFUSING** (v.), **DIFFUSION** (n.)
- **DIFFUSE** (adj.): not concentrated; spread out over a large area; not clear or concise
- **DIGRESS** (v.): to stray from the main theme or central idea :: **DIGRESSED**, **DIGRESSING** (v.), **DIGRESSION(S)** (n.)
- **DILATE** (v.): to make or become wider, larger, or more open :: **DILATED** (v.,adj.), **DILATING** (v.), **DILATION** (n.)
- **DILATORY** (adj.): given to or marked by delay or procrastination; tending or intended to cause delay, tardiness, or procrastination

- **DILETTANTE(S)** (n.): one who has a shallow or SUPERFICIAL knowledge or interest in an art or area of knowledge; a dabbler; an admirer or lover of the (fine) arts
- **DIMINUTION** (n.): the act, process, or an instance of diminishing; a decreasing
- **DIMINUTIVE** (adj.,n.): extremely or unusually small; a shortened form of a name, used informally
- **DIN** (n.): A PROLONGED AND UNPLEASANT (LOUD) NOISE
- **DIRGE** (n.): a LAMENT for the dead; a MOURNFUL song or piece of music
- **DISABUSE** (v.): to free from mistakes, errors, misconceptions, assumptions, or false beliefs
- **DISAFFECTED** (adj.): discontented and resentful, especially against authority; rebellious
- **DISARMING** (adj.): removing suspicion or hostility; surprising; humbling
- **DISAVOW** (v.): to refuse to acknowledge; to DISCLAIM; to REPUDIATE; to deny responsibility for :: DISAVOWED, DISAVOWING (v.), **DISAVOWAL** (n.)
- **DISCERN** (v.): to distinguish or differentiate; to perceive or recognize :: DISCERNED, DISCERNING (v.), DISCERNMENT (n.), DISCERNIBLE / INDISCERNIBLE (adj.)
- **DISCERNING** (adj.): having or showing good judgement :: DISCRIMINATING
- **DISCLAIM** (v.): to deny; to REPUDIATE; to DISAVOW; to refuse to acknowledge
- **DISCLAIMER(S)** (n.): a warning; a statement abandoning responsibility for
- **DISCLOSE** (v.): to reveal; to bring to light; to share :: DISCLOSURE (n.)
- **DISCOMFIT** (v.): to make uneasy or embarrassed; to DISCONCERT; to perplex; to frustrate the plans of; to thwart :: DISCOMFITED (v.,adj.), DISCOMFITING (v.,adj.), DISCOMFITURE (n.)
- **DISCONCERT** (v.): to unsettle; to upset; to disturb the composure of :: DISCONCERTED, **DISCONCERTING** (v.,adj.)
- **DISCONSOLATE** (adj.): inconsolable; unable to be comforted; hopelessly sad or unhappy
- **DISCORD** (n.): DISSENT; lack of harmony or agreement; unhappiness :: **DISCORDANT** (adj.); CONCORD, ACCORD (n.)
- **DISCOURSE** (n.): a formal discussion of a topic; written or spoken communication or debate
- **DISCREET** (adj.): careful not to attract attention or give offence; prudent; WARY; CIRCUMSPECT; JUDICIOUS; polite :: DISCREETLY (adv.), DISCREETNESS, DISCRETION (n.)
- **DISCRETE** (adj.): individually separate and distinct; unique; consisting of distinct or unconnected parts :: DISCRETELY (adv.), DISCRETENESS (n.)
- **DISCRIMINATING** (adj.): having or showing good taste or judgement :: DISCERNING
- **DISCURSIVE** (adj.): DIGRESSING; rambling; marked by analytical reasoning
- **DISDAIN** (n.,v.): a feeling of CONTEMPT or SCORN; to regard with CONTEMPT or SCORN :: DISDAINED, DISDAINING (v.), **DISDAINFUL** (adj.), DISDAINFULLY (adv.)
- **DISENFRANCHISE** (v.): to deprive of a right, especially the right to vote :: **DISENFRANCISED** (adj.,v.), ENFRANCHISE (v.)
- **DISHABILLE** ou **DESHABILLE** (n.) (Fr.): the state of undress or being only partially, carelessly, or casually clothed
- **DISHEVELED** (adj.): *UNKEMPT; untidy; messy; disordered; disarranged`*
- **DISINCENTIVE(S)** (n.): a factor that discourages a particular action :: INCENTIVE(S) (n.)
- **DISINCLINED** (adj.): not INCLINED; reluctant; unwilling :: DISINCLINATION (n.)
- **DISINFORMATION** (n.): information which is intended to mislead
- **DISINGENUOUS** (adj.): not sincere, especially in pretending ignorance about something; giving a false appearance of simple frankness; not straightforward or candid; calculating :: INGENUOUS (adj.)
- **DISINTERESTED** (adj.): impartial; unbiased; without personal interest or prejudice; not influenced by personal feelings :: DISINTEREST, DISINTERESTEDNESS (n.)

- **DISMEMBER** (v.): to tear or cut the limbs from; to divide up (a territory or organization) :: **DISMEMBERED** (v.,adj.), **DISMEMBERING** (v.,adj.), **DISMEMBERMENT** (n.)
- **DISMISSIVE** (adj.): indicating dismissal or rejection :: **DISREGARDING**; **INDIFFERENT**; unconcerned; **DISMISSIVELY** (adv.), **DISMISSIVENESS** (n.)
- **DISPARAGE** (v.): to insult, mock, or ridicule; to degrade; to slight; to belittle, discredit, or lower in reputation or esteem :: **DISPARAGED**, **DISPARAGING** (v.,adj.), **DISPARAGINGLY** (adv.), **DISPARAGEMENT** (n.)
- **DISPARATE** (adj.): fundamentally different; separate; irreconcilable; markedly distinct in quality or character
 - composed of dissimilar elements :: **DISPARATELY** (adv.), **DISPARATENESS**, **DISPARITY** (n.)
- **DISPASSIONATE** (adj.): impartial; devoid of feeling or bias
- **DISPATCH** (n.): speed; promptness and efficiency
- **DISPENSATION** (n.): a release from a rule or obligation; a special exemption or remission; the suspension of a statute for extenuating circumstances
- **DISPIRITED** (adj.): disheartened or depressed :: **DISPIRIT** (v.)
- **DISPLACE** (v.): to take over the position or role of; to move from the proper or usual position; to SUPERSEDE :: **DISPLACED** (v.,adj.), **DISPLACING** (v.), **DISPLACEMENT** (n.)
- **DISPORT** (v.): to enjoy or amuse oneself without restraint; to frolic; as in “ to DISPORT oneself... ”; (n.): a diversion or amusement :: **DISPORTED**, **DISPORTING** (v.)
- **DISPOSSESS** (v.): to deprive someone of a possession (especially of real estate; to eject; to dislodge :: **DISPOSSESSION** (n)
- **DISPROVE** (v.): to prove to be false; to REFUTE :: **DISPROVED**, **DISPROVING** (v.), **DISPROOF** (n.)
- **DISPUTATIOUS** (adj.): inclined to dispute; provoking debate; controversial :: **DISPUTE** (n.,v.)
- **DISQUIET** (n.,v.): a feeling of anxiety; to make anxious; to make uneasy; to disturb; to harass; to vex; to fret :: **DISQUIETING** (adj.,v.), **DISQUIETED** (v.), **DISQUIETUDE** (n.)
- **DISREMEMBER** (v.): to forget; to be unable to remember :: **DISREMEMBERED**, **DISREMEMBERING** (v.)
- **DISSEMBLE** (v.): to hide under a false appearance; to hide, disguise, or simulate one’s motives, feelings, or opinions
 - to conceal facts :: **DISSEMBLED**, **DISSEMBLING** (v.), **DISSEMBLANCE** (n.)
- **DISSEMINATE** (v.): to disperse; to scatter or spread widely :: **DISSEMINATED**, **DISSEMINATING** (v.), **DISSEMINATION** (n.)
- **DISSENT** (n.,v.): dissatisfaction; disagreement with; to act against :: **DISSENTED**, **DISSENTING** (v.,adj.), **DISSENSION** (n.)
- **DISSIDENT(S)** (n.,adj.): a person who opposes official (government) policy; opposing official policy :: **DISSIDENCE** (n.)
- **DISSIPATE** (v.): to lessen; to scatter; to cause to be DISPERSED; to waste :: **DISSIPATED**, **DISSIPATING** (v.), **DISSIPATION** (n.)
- **DISSOCIATE** (v.): to disconnect or disunite :: **DISSOCIATIVE** (adj.)
- **DISSOLUTE** (adj.): loose in morals and conduct; LICENTIOUS; negligent; overindulgent in physical pleasures
- **DISSOLUTION** (n.): dissolving; the breaking of into parts or fragments
- **DISSONANT** (adj.): lacking harmony; DISCORDANT :: **INCONGRUOUS DISSONANCE** (n.)
- **DISTAFF** (adj.): female; inherited or derived from the female parent e.g. the DISTAFF side
- **DISTEND** (v.): to swell because of internal pressure :: **DISTENDED** (v.,adj.), **DISTENDING** (v.), **DISTENSION** (n.)
- **DISTILL** (v.): to let fall or precipitate in drops or a wet mist; to appear slowly or in small quantities; to extract the essence of; to concentrate :: **DISTILLED** (v.,adj.), **DISTILLING** (v.), **DISTILLATION** (n.)
- **DISTRAIT** (adj.): anxiously or apprehensively divided or withdrawn in attention

- **DIURNAL** (adj.): daily; occurring every day; occurring or active chiefly during the daytime
- **DIVAGATE** (v.): to wander or stray from a course or subject; to DIGRESS or DIVERGE :: DIVAGATED, DIVAGATING (v.), DIVAGATION (n.)
- **DIVERTISSEMENT** (n.) (Fr.): a minor entertainment
- **DIVEST** (v.): to strip or take away from someone or something; to deprive or dispossess of property, authority, or title :: DIVESTED, DIVESTING (v.), DIVESTMENT(S), DIVESTITURE (n.), VEST (v.)
- **DIVINE** (v.): to find out by inspiration, magic, or intuition; to foresee; to PRESAGE
- **DIVINATION** (n.): the act of predicting or foretelling events or discovering hidden or secret meanings by real or supernatural means; an omen; an AUGURY
- **DIVISIVE** (adj.): creating division or DISCORD; disruptive :: DIVISIVELY (adv.), DIVISIVENESS (n.)
- **DOCTRINE** (n.): a set of beliefs or principles held and taught by a religious, political, or other group :: DOCTRINAIRE, DOCTRINAL (adj.)
- **DOFF** (v.): to remove one's hat when greeting someone; to take off; to remove :: DOFFED, DOFFING (v.,n.)
- **DOGGEREL** (n.): badly written, comic, or burlesque verse; irregular, rough, or crude text or poetry; (adj.): marked by inferiority or triviality; loosely styled and irregular in measure, especially to comic effect
- **DOGMA** (n.): principles laid down by an authority and intended to be accepted without question :: DOGMATISM (n.)
- **DOGMATIC** (adj.): arrogantly opinionated or assertive (of unproved principles) :: DOGMATICALLY (adv.)
- **DOLEFUL** (adj.): sad, sorrowful, full of grief; dismal; gloomy :: DOLEFULLY (adv.), DOLEFULNESS (n.)
- **DOLOROUS** (adj.): marked by, expressing, or causing grief, sorrow, or misery :: DOLOUR (n.): great sorrow or distress
- **DOLLOP** (n.,v.): a small lump, portion, or amount of something, usually food; something added or served onto something else
- **DOMINEERING** (adj.): arrogant and OVERBEARING
- **DON** (v.): to put on or dress in; to wear :: DONNED, DONNING (v.)
- **DONNYBROOK** (n.): a wild brawl or dispute; a free-for-all; a public quarrel or dispute
- **DOPPELGANGER** (n.): a ghostly double
- **DORSAL** (adj.): situated on the back
- **DOTAGE** (n.): feebleness of mind due to old age; the period of life when one is old and weak
- **DOULA** (n.): a woman who assists with childbirth
- **DOUR** (adj.): sullen; gloomy; miserable; severe; harsh; stern; UNYIELDING :: DOURLY (adv.), DOURNESS (n.)
- **DOWAGER** (n.,adj.): an elderly woman of STATELY dignity, especially a widow of elevated social position
- **DOWDY** (adj.): unfashionable and dull in appearance (normally used to describe such a woman) :: DOWDIER, DOWDIEST (adj.), DOWDILY (adv.), DOWDINESS (n.)
- **DOYEN** (male), **DOYENNE** (female) (n.) (Fr.): the most senior, respected, or prominent person in a particular group or field
- **Draconian** (adj.): **EXCESSIVELY HARSH OR SEVERE; STRICT; DRASTIC; DRAMATIC; CRUEL**
- **DRAM** (n.): a small drink of spirits
- **DRECK** (n.): worthless junk; trash
- **DROLL** (adj.): amusing; humorous, or funny in a subtle or odd way; quirky
- **DROSS** (n.): rubbish; waste; the dregs; something that is impure, inferior, BASE, or trivial
- **DRUTHERS** (n.): one's own (personal) preference, choice, or way, as in the phrase, "if I had my druthers..."
- **DUBIOUS** (adj.): doubtful; uncertain; of doubtful promise or outcome; questionable; suspect :: DUBIOUSLY (adv.), DUBIOUSNESS, DUBIETY (n.), INDUBITABLE (adj.)
- **DUDGEON** (n.): a state or fit of (intense) indignation, as in the phrase "in high dudgeon".
- **DUENDE** (n.): the power to attract through personal magnetism or charm

- **DULCET** (adj.): melodious; pleasing to the ear; agreeable or soothing sounds, such as music; sweet to the taste; generally pleasing or agreeable
- **DUPE** (v.,n.): to deceive or trick; a victim of deception, as in “I won’t be so easily DUPED next time” :: DUPED, DUPING (v)
- **DUPLICITY** (n.): deliberate deceptiveness (of intentions) or falseness in speech or behaviour; ARTIFICE; deceit :: DUPLICITOUS (adj.), DUPLICITOUSLY (adv.), DUPLICITOUSNESS (n.)
- **DURESS** (n.): threats or violence used to force a person to do something, as in “he was under DURESS when he confessed”
- **DYSPEPTIC** (adj.): irritable; DISGRUNTLED; ill-humoured; suffering from DYSPEPSIA (indigestion, ill humour)
- **DYSTOPIA** (n.): an imagined future society where conditions are terrible :: DYSTOPIAN (adj.)

- **EARMARK** (v.,n.): to designate or set aside money to be used for a specific purpose; such a designation
- **EARWORM** (n.v.): a song or melody that keeps repeating in one’s mind; to work itself into a person’s mind
- **EBB** (v.): to gradually become less; to weaken :: EBBED, EBBING (v.,adj.,n.)
- **EBULLIENT** (adj.): overflowing with excitement; exuberant; highly enthusiastic; high-spirited; lively; bubbly :: EBULLIENTLY (adv.), EBULLIENCE (n.)
- **ECCLESIASTICAL** (adj.): relating to the Christian church or its clergy; churchly :: ECCLESIASTIC (n.)
- **ECHELON** (n.): a level of command or authority; a step-like arrangement; one of a series of levels or grades
- **ECLAT** (n.) (Fr.): a brilliant or notable public success, acclaim, or effect; a dazzling effect; brilliance; praise; applause
- **ECLECTIC** (adj.): coming from, made up from, or combining elements from a variety of sources; varying in style; diverse
- **ECUMENICAL** (adj.): representing a number of different Christian churches; promoting unity among the same
- **EDACIOUS** (adj.): given to eating; VORACIOUS; devouring
- **EDIFICE** (n.): a large, impressive building
- **EDIFY** (v.): to enlighten; to inform; to uplift; to teach, instruct, or improve, especially in moral or religious knowledge :: EDIFIED, EDIFYING (v.,adj.), **EDIFICATION** (n.)
- **EFFABLE** (adj.): capable of being expressed in words (as opposed to INEFFABLE)
- **EFFACE** (v.): to cause to disappear by erasing, rubbing out, or ~~striking out~~; to obliterate; to make inconspicuous :: EFFACED, EFFACING (v.), SELF-EFFACE (v.), SELF-EFFACING (adj.,v.)
- **EFFECTUAL** (adj.): effective :: **INEFFECTUAL** (adj.)
- **EFFERVESCENT** (adj.): lively and enthusiastic :: EFFERVESCENCE (n.), EFFERVESCE (v.)
- **EFFETE** (adj.): having lost strength, vitality, courage, or spirit; worn out; marked by weakness; effeminate; soft; delicate
- **EFFICACY** (n.): effectiveness; efficiency; capacity for producing a desired effect :: **EFFICACIOUS** (adj.)
- **EFFIGY, EFFIGIES** (n.): an image, likeness, sculpture, or model of a person; a representation
- **EFFRONTERY** (n.): offensive, barefaced AUDACITY; shameless or IMPUDENT boldness or aggression; INSOLENT
- **EFFULGENT** (adj.): shining forth brilliantly; bright; radiant; ILLUSTRIOUS; famous :: EFFULGENCE (n.)
- **EFFUSIVE** (adj.): expressing pleasure or approval in an unrestrained way; excessively DEMONSTRATIVE; overflowing :: EFFUSIVELY (adv.), EFFUSIVENESS, EFFUSION (n.)
- **EGALITARIAN** (adj.): believing that all people are equal and deserve equal rights and opportunities
- favouring social equality
- **EGREGIOUS** (adj): outrageously or outstandingly bad; conspicuously bad; obvious; GLARING; FLAGRANT; scandalous :: EGREGIOUSLY (adv.), EGREGIOUSNESS (n.)

- **ELAN** (n.) (Fr.): energy and flair
- **ELEGY** (n.): a sad poem, especially in honour of someone who has died, that expresses grief or sorrow
- **ELEGIAC** (adj.): of, relating to, or suggesting an elegy (relating to the mourning of or remembering of the dead)
- **ELEPHANTINE** (adj.): large and clumsy, similar to an elephant
- **ELICIT** (v.): to EVOKE; to draw out or bring forth; to cause :: ELICITED, ELICITING (v.)
- **ELITIST** (adj.,n.): belief certain people or groups are better; exclusive; superior; one who believes so :: ELITISM (n.)
- **ELLIPSIS** (n.): the omission of words from speech or writing; the set of three dots indicating such an omission (...)
- **ELOCUTION** (n.): the skill of clear and expressive speech; an expert manner of speaking :: ELOCUTE (v.)
- **ELUCIDATE** (v.): to make clear; to clarify; to explain; to enlighten; to make plain :: ELUCIDATED, ELUCIDATING (v.), ELUCIDATION (n.)
- **ELYSIAN** (adj.): blissful or delightful
- **ELYSIUM** (n.): paradise
- **EMANATE** (v.): to send out; to come forth; to originate :: EMANATED, EMANATING (v.), EMANATION(S) (n.)
- **EMANCIPATE** (v.): to free from legal, social, or political restrictions; to free from slavery :: EMANCIPATED (v.,adj.)
- **EMANCIPATION** (n.): the act or process of freeing someone from the control or power of another
- **EMBARGO** (n.): a legal prohibition on trade or commerce; a stoppage or impediment
- **EMBELLISH** (v.): to add to; to enhance; to beautify with ornamentation; to decorate
- **EMBELLISHED** (v.,adj.) :: EMBELLISHING, EMBELLISHMENT(S) (n.) UNEMBELLISHED (adj.)
- **EMBLAZON** (v.): to display on something in a noticeable way; to inscribe; adorn; decorate :: **EMBLAZONED** (v.,adj.), **BLAZON** (v.)
- **EMERITUS** (adj.): retired but allowed to keep a title as an honour e.g. a professor EMERITUS
- **EMIGRATE** (v.): to leave one's country to live permanently somewhere else :: EMIGRATED, EMIGRATING (v.), EMIGRATION, EMIGRE (n.)
- **EMINENCE GRISE** (n.) (Fr.): a powerful person; a man in the background exercising power unofficially
- **EMISSARY, EMISSARIES** (n.): a representative; one designated and sent as an agent for another
- **EMOLLIENT** (n.,adj.): something that softens or soothes; able to soften something, especially skin
- **EMOTE** (v.): to give expression to emotion (especially in acting) :: EMOTED, EMOTING (v.), EMOTION(S) (n.)
- **EMPATHY** (n.): compassion; understanding; the capacity or ability to identify with another person's feelings or desires :: EMPATHETIC (adj.), EMPATHETICALLY (adv.)
- **EMPIRICAL** (adj.): based on or provable from testing (experiment) or experience; factual :: EMIRICALLY (adv.), EMPIRICISM, EMPIRICIST(S) (n.)
- **EN MASSE** (adv.) (Fr.): all together; as a whole
- **ENCIPHER** (v.): to scramble or convert data into a secret code prior to transmission, thereby making it impossible for unauthorized users to understand or decipher
- **ENCLAVE** (n.): a group that is different from those surrounding it;
 - distinct territorial, cultural, or social unit enclosed within foreign territory or foreign :: CONCLAVE (n)
- **ENDEMIC** (adj.): characteristic of , PREVALENT to, or belonging to a particular field, region, or people
- **ENERVATE** (v.,adj.): to weaken; to lessen the vitality or strength of; to reduce the mental or moral vigour of; lacking vigor :: ENERVATED (v.), ENERVATING (adj.,v.): weakening; tiring

- **ENFANT TERRIBLE** (n.): an incorrigible child, as one whose behaviour is embarrassing -- an outrageously outspoken or bold person who says and does indiscreet or irresponsible things - a person whose work, thought, or lifestyle is so unconventional or avant-garde as to appear revolutionary or shocking
- **ENFRANCHISE** (v.): give the right to vote to; to empower :: DISENFRANCHISE (v.), DISENFRANCHISED (adj.)
- **ENGAGE** (adj.) (Fr.): committed to or supportive of a cause
- **ENGAGING** (adj.): charming and attractive; pleasing; winning :: **ENGAGINGLY** (adv.)
- **ENGENDER** (v.): to foster; to cause to exist or develop; to give rise to :: **ENGENDERED**, **ENGENDERING** (v.)
- **ENIGMA** (n.): a mystery or puzzle; something hard to understand or explain :: **ENIGMATIC** (adj.): mysterious, puzzling; difficult to figure out
- **ENJOIN** (v.): to instruct or urge to do; to direct or impose with authority; to order or command; to forbid or prohibit :: **ENJOINED**, **ENJOINING** (v.)
- **ENJOINER** (n.): an authoritative request or command; an **INJUNCTION** or prohibition
- **ENLIVEN** (v.): to make something more lively, cheerful, or interesting; to energize :: **ENLIVENED**, **ENLIVENING** (v.)
- **ENMITY** (n.): hostility; hatred; active, typically mutual hatred or ill will
- **ENNUI** (n.) (Fr.): a feeling of weariness, listlessness, discontent, or dissatisfaction (arising from boredom, lack of interest, or fatigue); boredom
- **ENSCONCE** (v.): to establish, settle, or hide in a comfortable, safe, or secret place; to shelter or conceal
- **ENSCONCED** (adj.): firmly fixed; established in a comfortable, safe, or secret place; surrounded; snug
- **ENTREAT** (v.): to ask for or request earnestly or anxiously; virtually to beg :: **ENTREATED**, **ENTREATING** (v.), **ENTREATY**, **ENTREATIES** (n.)
- **ENTRENCHED** (adj.): firmly established or set; fixed; **RECALCITRANT** :: **ENTRENCHMENT** (n.)
- **ENUMERATE** (v.): to number or list; to add up; to total
- **ENUNCIATE** (v.): to pronounce words carefully and clearly in order to be easily understood; - to speak clearly, deliberately, and slowly; to speak articulately; to set forth precisely or systematically :: **ENUNCIATED**, **ENUNCIATING** (v.), **ENUNCIATION** (n.)
- **ENVISAGE** (v.): to imagine; to have a mental picture of, especially in advance; to view or regard in a certain way :: **ENVISAGED**, **ENVISAGING** (v.)
- **EPHEMERAL** (adj.): short-lived; temporary; momentary; lasting only a very short time; **FLEETING**; **TRANSITORY** :: **EPHEMERA**, **EPHEMERON** (n.): something short-lived
- **EPICURE** (n.): one with sensitive and discriminating tastes, who takes great pleasure in good food and drink
- **EPICUREAN** (n.,adj.): devoted to the enjoyment of good food and comfort
- **EPIGRAM** (n.): a short poem with a witty or satirical ending; a pointed or ingenious saying :: **EPIGRAMMATIC** (adj.)
- **EPIGRAPH** (n.): a short quotation or saying at the beginning of a book or chapter; a brief inscription on a coin, statue, or building
- **EPILOGUE** (n.): a section at the end of a book (or play) that comments on what has happened
- **EPIPHANY** (n.): a sudden, striking understanding of something; a revelation
- **EPISTLE** (n.): a letter **EPISTOLARY** (adj.): relating to the writing of letters; in the form of letters
- **EPITAPH** (n.): an inscription in memory of a dead person; a brief statement commemorating a deceased person or something past
- **EPITHET** (n.): a characterizing word or phrase used to describe the most important quality of a person or thing
 - a **DISPARAGING** or abusive word or phrase
- **EPOCH** (n.): an extended period of time; an era, an age; the beginning of a distinctive period or new development in history :: **EPOCHAL** (adj.)

- **EPONYM** (n.): a name or word derived from the name of a person
- **EPONYMOUS** (adj.) (of a thing): named after a particular person (of a person): giving their name to something
- **EQUABLE** (adj.): equal and uniform; not varying greatly; calm and even-tempered; not easily disturbed :: EQUITABLE (adj)
- **EQUANIMITY** (n): calmness; evenness of temper or mind; (mental or emotional) composure (especially under stress); balance
- **EQUITABLE** (adj.): fair; treating everyone equally; just; impartial :: EQUITABLY (adv.), EQUABLE (adj.), INEQUITABLE (adj.)
- **EQUIVOCAL** (adj.): subject to multiple interpretations; ambiguous; **AMBIVALENT**; uncertain; doubtful; suspicious; undecided :: UNEQUIVOCAL (adj.)
- **EQUIVOCATE** (v): to be deliberately **AMBIGUOUS** or unclear in order to mislead or commit oneself to anything definite - to use language to mislead or avoid the truth or commitment :: EQUIVOCATED, EQUIVOCATING (v.), **EQUIVOCATION** (n.), UNEQUIVOCAL (adj.)
- **ERADICATE** (v.): to remove or destroy completely; to eliminate completely; to **UPROOT** :: ERADICATED (v.,adj.), ERADICATING (v.), ERADICATION (n.), INERADICABLE (adj.), RADICATED (adj.)
- **ERGO** (adv.): therefore; consequently
- **ERGONOMIC** (adj.): designed or arranged for safe, comfortable, efficient use :: ERGONOMICALLY (adv.), **ERGONOMICS** (n.): the study of people's efficiency in their working environment
- **ERRANT** (adj.): straying outside the proper path or bounds; deviating; behaving wrongly; wandering; moving aimlessly
- **ERRONEOUS** (adj.): incorrect; faulty; containing an error; mistaken **ERRONEOUSLY** (adv.)
- **ERSATZ** (adj.): being a (usually inferior or poor quality) substitute for or imitation of
- **ERSTWHILE** (adj.): former; formerly; one-time
- **ERUDITE** (adj.): learned (adj.); well-read; well-informed; scholarly; characterized by extensive knowledge; **HIGHBROW**
- **ESCHEW** (v.): to shun or avoid (habitually, on moral or practical grounds) :: ESCHEWED, ESCHEWING (v.)
- **ESOTERIC** (adj.): designed for or understood by only a select group of people with specialized knowledge or taste
 - difficult to understand :: EXOTERIC
- **ESPOUSE** (v.): to make one's own; to support; to adopt or embrace, as a cause :: ESPOUSED, ESPOUSING (v.), ESPOUSAL (n.): the adoption or support of a cause, belief, or principle
- **ESPRIT DE CORPS** (n.) (Fr.): a feeling of pride and loyalty uniting the members of a group; camaraderie
- **ESPY** (v.): to see (at a distance); to notice or observe; to glance :: ESPIED, ESPying (v.), SPY (v.)
- **ETHER** (n.): the (light, invisible) substance supposed to fill all space; the clear sky; the area above the clouds
- **ETHEREAL** (adj.): light, airy, or **TENUOUS**; insubstantial; **INTANGIBLE**; possessing a heavenly or celestial quality
- **ETHOS** (n.): the core principles or beliefs of a religion, culture, or community
- **ETYMOLOGY** (n.): the history of a word or phrase shown by tracing its development :: ETYMOLOGICAL (adj.)
- **EUPHEMISM** (n.): the substitution of an inoffensive expression for one that is harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing :: EUPHEMISTIC (adj.), EUPHEMISTICALLY (adv.)
- **EUPHONY** (n.): a harmonious succession of words, music, or sounds that have a pleasing, soothing sound :: EUPHONIOUS (adj.): pleasing, harmonious, or sweet in sound CACOPHONY (n.)

- **EVANESCENT** (adj.): having the qualities of mist or vapor; seemingly capable of vanishing into thin air; FLEETING; soon to pass out of sight, memory, or existence; vanishing; fading; gradually disappearing :: EVANESCENCE (n.)
- **EVENTUALITY, EVENTUALITIES** (n.): a possible event or outcome
- **EVINCE** (v.): to reveal the presence of; to show or display in a clear manner :: EVINCED, EVINCING (v.)
- **EVISCERATE** (v.): to disembowel; to remove the intestines of; to empty of all that is vital; to empty; to gut; to destroy :: EVISCERATED, EVISCERATING (v.), EVISCERATION (n.)
- **EVOCATIVE** (adj.): bringing strong images or feelings to mind; suggestive
- **EVOKE** (v.): to call up or produce; to ELICIT :: EVOKED, EVOKING (v.), EVOCATION (n.)
- **EX CATHEDRA** (adj.) (L.): by virtue of one's office or position
- **EX PARTE** (adj.,adv.) (L.): on or from only one side or party; from a PARTISAN point of view
- **EXACERBATE** (v): to aggravate; to make worse; to increase the severity or bitterness of something; to irritate; to exasperate :: EXACERBATED, EXACERBATING (v.,adj.), EXACERBATION (n.)
- **EXACT** (v.): to inflict (revenge) on someone; to demand and obtain something from someone; to call for forcibly or urgently and obtain; to call for as necessary or desirable :: EXACTED, EXACTING (v)
- **EXACTING** (adj.): demanding; rigid or severe in requirements; UNYIELDING
- **EXALT** (v.): to praise highly; to glorify; to honour; to raise to a higher rank or position :: **EXALTED** (v.,adj.), EXALTING (v.), EXALTATION(S) (n.)
- **EXCERPT(S)** (n.): a passage or quotation taken from a book, film, etc.; an EXTRACT; a sample
- **EXCISE** (v.) – to cut out surgically; to remove a section from a piece of writing or music :: EXCISED, EXCISING (v.)
 - (n.): a tax or duty charged on certain goods consumed in a country
- **EXCORIATE** (v.): to express strong disapproval of, criticize, or BERATE severely or SCATHINGLY
 - to ABRABE; to wear the skin off of; to FLAY :: EXCORIATED, EXCORIATING (v.), EXCORIATION (n.)
- **EXCREMENT** (n.): waste material discharged from the bowels :: EXCREMENTAL (adj.)
- **EXCULPATE** (v.): to prove someone innocent; to free or clear from (alleged) guilt, blame, or fault; to vindicate :: **EXCULPATORY** (adj.): serving to clear from guilt or fault
- **EXEGESIS** (n.): a critical explanation, analysis, or interpretation, especially of a text; an exposition
- **EXEMPLAR** (n.): an ideal model or type; a shining example; a role model
- **EXEMPLARY** (adj.): outstanding; commendable; to be used as a model or EXAMPLE to others; worthy of imitation
- **EXHORT** (v.): to urge strongly and earnestly; to INCITE by argument or advice :: EXHORTED, EXHORTING (v.), **EXHORTATION(S)** (n.), HORTATIVE, HORTATORY (adj.)
- **EXHUME** (v.): to dig up something that has been buried :: **EXHUMED** (v.,adj.), EXHUMING (v.), EXHUMATION (n.)
- **EXIGENT** (adj.): urgent; pressing; requiring immediate action or attention; demanding :: **EXIGENCY** (n.)
- **EXIGUOUS** (adj.): extremely SCANTY; inadequate; very small :: EXIGUITY (n.): smallness; thinness; the quality of being meagre
- **EXISTENTIAL** (adj.): referring to ideas, beliefs, and philosophies that support the belief in free will and the freedom of the individual EXISTENTIALISM (n.)
- **EXONERATE** (v.): to clear from accusation, guilt or blame; to ABSOLVE; to pardon; to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship :: EXONERATED (v.,adj.), EXONERATING (v.), EXONERATION (n.)
- **EXORBITANT** (adj.): overly expensive; extravagant; highly excessive; beyond what is fair, reasonable, or expected :: EXORBITANTLY (adv.), EXORBITANCE (n.)
- **EXOTERIC** (adj.): external; suitable to be IMPARTED to the public; belonging to an outer circle :: ESOTERIC (adj.)
- **EXPANSE(S)** (n.): a wide area

- **EXPANSIVE** (adj.): covering a wide area; relaxed; friendly; communicative
- **EXPATiate** (v.): to speak or write at length or in considerable detail; to move about freely; to wander
- **EXPATRIATE(S), EXPAT(S)** (n.): a person who now lives in a foreign country (or DENOUNCES his native country)
- **EXPEDIENT** (adj.): efficient; effective; rapid; suitable for a purpose :: EXPEDIENTLY (adv.), EXPEDIENCY (n.), INEXPEDIENT (adj.)
- **EXPEDITE** (v.): to speed up; to execute promptly; to issue or dispatch :: EXPEDITED (v.,adj.), EXPEDITING (v.)
- **EXPEDITIOUS** (adj.): characterized by speed and (prompt) efficiency :: EXPEDITIOUSLY (adv), EXPEDITIOUSNESS (n)
- **EXPIATE** (v.): to make amends for doing something wrong (guilt or sin); to ATONE for :: EXPIATED, EXPIATING (v.), **EXPIATION** (n.)
- **EXPLICATE** (v.): to (analyse and) explain in detail :: EXPLICATED, EXPLICATING (v.), EXPLICATION (n.)
- **EXPLICIT** (adj.): fully and clearly expressed or demonstrated :: EXPLICITLY (adv.), EXPLICITNESS (n.); IMPLICIT (adj.), IMPLICITLY (adv.), IMPLICITNESS (n.)
- **EXPLOIT(S)** (n.): a daring feat
- **EXPONENT(S)** (n.): an advocate or champion; one who EXPOUNDS; a PROPONENT
- **EXPONENTIAL** (adj.): to increase more and more rapidly; to accelerate :: **EXPONENTIALLY** (adv.)
- **EXPOSTULATE** (v.): to reason earnestly with a person in opposition something he or she has done or intends to do
- **EXPOUND** (v.): to present and explain (a theory or idea) systematically; to elaborate :: **EXPOUNDED**, EXPOUNDING (v.)
- **EXPRESS** (adj.): stated clearly; excluding anything else, as in “ for the EXPRESS purpose of _____ ” :: EXPRESSLY (adv.)
- **EXPROPRIATE** (v.): to transfer, seize, or take (the property of another) to one’s own possession or for public use or benefit :: EXPROPRIATED (v.,adj.), EXPROPRIATING (v.), EXPROPRIATION (n.)
- **EXPUNGE** (v.): to strike out or erase completely; to obliterate; to forcibly eject; to get rid of; to cast out :: **EXPUNGED** (v.,adj.), EXPUNGING (n.,v.), EXPUNCTION (n.)
- **EXPURGATE** (v.): to remove ~~obscene, offensive, unsuitable~~, or otherwise undesirable parts of a text; to censor :: EXPURGATED, EXPURGATING (v.), EXPURGATION (n.), UNEXPURGATED (adj.)
- **EXTANT** (adj.): still in existence
- **EXTEMPORANEOUS** (adj.): said, composed, or done without preparation; spontaneous; IMPROMPTU; off the cuff :: EXTEMPORANEOUSLY (adv.), EXTEMPORANEOUSNESS (n.)
- **EXTEMPORE** (adj.) (L.): spoken or done without premeditation or preparation; spontaneous
- **EXTENUATE** (v.): to lessen or try to lessen the seriousness or extent of by making excuses for; to MITIGATE; to diminish the GRAVITY of; to PALLIATE
- **EXTENUATING** (adj.): excusing; MITIGATING; showing reasons why an offence should be treated less severely
- **EXTIRPATE** (v.): to search out and destroy completely; to ERADICATE; to wipe out; to pull up by the roots :: EXTIRPATED, EXTIRPATING (v.), EXTIRPATION (n.)
- **EXTOL** (v.): to praise highly or enthusiastically; to LAUD :: EXTOLLED, EXTOLLING (v.)
- **EXTORT** (v.): to obtain by force, threats, or other means :: EXTORTED, EXTORTING (v.), EXTORTION (n.)
- **EXTRACT** (n.): a short passage from a text, film, or piece of music; an EXCERPT
- **EXTRACT** (v.): to remove or obtain with care or effort :: EXTRACTED, EXTRACTING (v.), EXTRACTION (n.)
- **EXTRADITE** (v.): to hand over a person convicted of committing a crime in a foreign country back to that country :: EXTRADITED (v.,adj.), EXTRADITING (v.), EXTRADITION (n.)

- **EXTRANEIOUS** (adj.): extra; not PERTINENT, essential, or relevant to the subject in question; coming from the outside :: EXTRANEOUSLY (adv.), EXTRANEOUSNESS (n.)
- **EXTRAPOLATE** (v.): to use a fact valid for one situation to make a conclusion about a different or wider situation :: EXTRAPOLATED, EXTRAPOLATING (v.), EXTRAPOLATION(S) (n.), INTERPOLATE (v.)
- **EXTRICATE** (v.): to free or release from a difficulty or entanglement; to distinguish from a related thing :: **EXTRICATED** (v.,adj.), EXTRICATING (v.), EXTRICATION (n.)
- **EXTRINSIC** (adj.): coming from the outside; not essential :: EXTRINSICALLY (adv.), INTRINSIC (adj.)
- **EXUDE** (v.): to send out or display conspicuously :: EXUDED, EXUDING (v.)
- **EXULT** (v.): to show or feel triumphant joy; to rejoice exceedingly :: EXULTED, EXULTING (v.)
- **EXULTANT** (adj.): showing or feeling triumphant joy; rejoicing :: EXULTANTLY (adv.), EXULTATION (n.)

- **FABRICATE** (v.): to lie; to create a lie or make something up; to invent :: FABRICATED (v., adj.), FABRICATING (v.), FABRICATION(S) (n.), UNFABRICATED (adj.)
- **FACEPALM** (n.): the gesture of placing the palm of one's hand across the face to express embarrassment, frustration, surprise, etc.
- **FACETIOUS** (adj.): meant to be humorous; not serious; not to be taken literally; sarcastically joking; JOCLAR; trivial :: FACETIOUSLY (adv.), FACETIOUSNESS (n.)
- **FACILE** (adj.): easily done, performed, accomplished, handled, or attained; not difficult; shallow or simplistic
- **FACILITY** (n.): a natural ability to do something well and easily
- **FACILITATE** (v.): to make easy or easier; to make less difficult; to further; to assist :: FACILITATED, FACILITATING (v.), FACILITATION, FACILITATOR(S) (n.)
- **FACSIMILE** (n.): an exact copy; a system of transmitting and reproducing graphic matter by means of signals sent over telephone lines
- **FACTION(S)** (n.): a small (CONTENTIOUS) group within a larger group that disagrees with some of its beliefs; DISSENT
- **FACTIOUS** (adj.): having to do with opposition or disagreement; raising DISSENSION
- **FACTITIOUS** (adj.): artificial; not authentic or genuine; not natural; man-made; made up
- **FACTOTUM** (n.): a person employed to do all kinds of work
- **FAIT ACCOMPLI** (n.) (Fr.): an accomplished and SEEMINGLY irreversible deed or fact; an issue now done or decided
- **FALLACY, FALLACIES** (n.): a misconception; a deceptive or false notion
- **FALLACIOUS** (adj.): embodying a FALLACY; tending to deceive or mislead; describing an idea or conclusion based on false assumptions
- **FALLIBLE** (adj.): faulty; liable to make a mistake or be wrong or false :: FALLIBILITY (n.), INFALLIBLE (adj.)
- **FASTIDIOUS** (adj.): fussy; difficult to please; demanding; very particular; meticulous
 - having high, often unrealistic or unpredictable standards :: FASTIDIOUSLY (adv.), FASTIDIOUSNESS (n.)
- **FATHOM** (v.): to understand; to comprehend; to penetrate the truth of :: FATHOMED, FATHOMING (v.), UNFATHOMABLE (adj.)
- **FATUOUS** (adj.): INANELY foolish and unintelligent; stupid; silly; ILLUSORY
- **FAUX** (n.): fake; phony; artificial
- **FAWN** (v.): to try to gain favour by SERVILE flatter or attentive behaviour, as in "TO FAWN OVER..."
- **FAWNING** (adj.): trying to win favour by SERVILE flattery or attentive behaviour :: FAWNED, FAWNING (v.)
- **FEALTY** (n.): a sense of obligation or loyalty (such as the fidelity of vassal or tenant to his lord)
 - fidelity; allegiance; faithfulness

- **FECKLESS** (adj.): ineffective; weak; feeble; worthless; lacking determination or purpose; irresponsible
- **FECUND** (adj.): fruitful in offspring; **PROLIFIC**; marked by intellectual productivity or creativity; inventive :: **FECUNDITY** (n)
- **FEIGN** (v.): to pretend; to assert as if true; to put on an appearance of; to represent fictitiously :: **FEIGNED**, **FEIGNING**
- **FELICITATE** (v.): to congratulate; to compliment upon a happy occasion; to consider happy or fortunate :: **FELICITATIONS** (n.)
- **FELICITOUS** (adj.): APT, appropriate, or suitable to the occasion; pleasant or delightful :: **FELICITOUSLY** (adv.), **FELICITOUSNESS** (n.)
- **FELICITY** (n.): happiness; **MIRTH**
- **FELONIOUS** (adj.): wicked; base; villainous :: **FELONY** (n.): a serious crime
- **FERAL** (adj.): wild; especially after having been domesticated; fierce; savage
- **FERRET** (v.): to search out; discover, or bring to light out; as in “**TO FERRET OUT ____**” :: **FERRETED**, **FERRETING** (v)
- **FERVENT** (adj.): enthusiastic; having or showing intensity or spirit :: **FERVENTLY** (adv.), **FERVENCY** (n.), **FERVOUR** (n)
- **FERVID** (adj.): **FERVENT**; marked by great passion, zeal, or intense feelings; enthusiastic; very hot; burning
- **FESTER** (v.): (of a wound or sore): to become **SEPTIC**; to become rotten; to become worse :: **FESTERED** (v.), **FESTERING** (v.,n.,adj.)
- **FESTOON** (v.): to decorate; to adorn with hanging chains or strands of any kind :: **FESTOONED**, **FESTOONING** (v.)
- **FETCHING** (adj.): attractive; charming; fascinating :: **FETCHINGLY** (adv.)
- **FETE** (n.,v.) (Fr.): a large, elaborate party (often outdoor); to honour or entertain lavishly :: **FETED**, **FETING** (v.)
- **FETID** (adj.): stinking; very unpleasant-smelling
- **FETTER** (n.,v.): a restraint; a chain or shackle; to impose restraints on; to restrict :: **FETTERED** (v.,adj.), **FETTERING** (v.), **UNFETTERED** (adj.)
- **FETTLE** (n.): a state or condition of fitness or good health; a good state of mind or spirit, as in “I’m in fine fettle today”
- **FEY** (adj.): possessing or displaying a strange, otherworldly, **ETHEREAL** quality; quaintly unconventional
 - able to see into the future;
- **FIAT** (n.): an authoritative (or arbitrary) command or order
- **FICTIVE** (adj.): created by the imagination; not genuine
- **FIDUCIARY** (adj.): involving a confidence or trust; held in trust for another
- **FIGURATIVE** (adj.): not using words in their **LITERAL** sense; **METAPHORICAL** :: **FIGURATIVELY** (adv.), **FIGURATIVENESS** (n.)
- **FILCH** (v.): to steal (something that is small or has little value); to appropriate furtively or casually
- **FILIAL** (adj.): having to do with, relating to, or **BEFITTING** a son or daughter or offspring
- **FILIBUSTER** (n.,v.): prolonged speaking which obstructs progress in a law-making assembly; to obstruct legislation
- **FIN DE SIECLE** (n.) (Fr.): characteristic of the close of the (19th) century
 - progressive; advanced; ultramodern; sophisticated; world-weary
- **FINAGLE** (v.): to obtain by indirect or involved means; to obtain by trickery or devious or dishonest methods
 - to **WANGLE**; to get or achieve by persuasion, manipulation, or persuasion :: **FINAGLED** (v.), **FINAGLING** (n.,v.), **FINAGLER(S)** (n.)
- **FINITE** (adj.): limited in size or extent; having bounds; not infinite

- **FIREBRAND** (n.): one who passionately supports a particular cause and often stirs up unrest or strife; an agitator
- **FIRMAMENT** (n.): the sky; the heavens
- **FISSION** (n.): the action of splitting into two or more parts **FISSIBLE** (adj.): capable of being split or divided
- **FIX** (v.): to attach or position securely :: **FIXED** (v.,adj.), **FIXING**, **FIXTURE** (n.), **AFFIX** (v.)
- **FLACCID** (adj.): soft and limp; lacking firmness, stiffness, vigour, or force
- **FLAGRANT** (adj.): obvious; **conspicuously** offensive; so obvious as to **FLOUT PROPRIETY** :: **FLAGRANTLY** (adv.), **FLAGRANTNESS**, **FLAGRANCY** (n.)
- **FLAP** (n.): a panic; a situation
- **FLAPDOODLE** (n.): nonsense
- **FLAXEN** (adj.): of a pale yellow colour (usually used to describe a hair colour)
- **FLAY** (v.): to strip the skin from (a body or carcass); to whip or beat harshly; to criticize harshly or savagely :: **FLAYED** (v.,adj.), **FLAYING** (n.,v.)
- **FLEDGLING** (adj.): new and inexperienced :: **UNFLEDGED** (adj.)
- **FLEETING** (adj.): lasting for only a very short time; short-lived; temporary; **TRANSITORY**; **FUGACIOUS** :: **FLEETINGLY** (adv.), **FLEETINGNESS** (n.)
- **FLIBBERTIGIBBET** (n.) (Slang): a silly, nonsensical, **FLIGHTY**, or excessively gossipy or talkative person
- **FLIGHTY** (adj.): unreliable and uninterested in serious things; flaky :: **FLIGHTINESS** (n.), **FLIGHTIEST** (adj.)
- **FLINCH** (v.): to make a quick, nervous movement as a reaction to fear or pain :: **FLINCHED**, **FLINCHING** (n.,v.), **UNFLINCHING** (adj.)
- **FLINTY** (adj.): grim and hard; cruel; pitiless; hard-hearted; stern; unyielding
- **FLIP** (adj.): overly casual; not serious or respectful
- **FLIPPANT** (adj.): lacking proper respect or seriousness; showing inappropriate **LEVITY**
 - frivolously disrespectful; **GLIB**; **PERT**; shallow :: **FLIPPANTLY** (adv.), **FLIPPANCY** (n.)
- **FLORID** (adj.): flushed with red (when describing speech or language): flowery; excessively **ORNATE** or elaborate
- **FLOTSAM** (n.): the floating wreckage of a ship or its cargo; floating debris; miscellaneous, unimportant stuff :: **JETSAM** (n.)
- **FLOUNCE** (v.): to move, act, or talk in an exaggerated, foolish, or silly way; to move with jerky or bouncy motions :: **FLOUNCED**, **FLOUNCING** (v.), **FLOUNCY** (adj.)
- **FLOURISH** (v.): to wave around in a dramatic, noticeable way; to thrive; to prosper; to be successful; (n.): a bold or unrestrained gesture; a **BRANDISHING** or waving of a weapon or something else
- **FLOUT** (v.): to openly fail to follow a rule, law, or custom; to treat with **CONTEMPTUOUS** disregard; to mock; to scoff at; to scorn :: **FLOUTED**, **FLOUTING** (v.)
- **FLUMMERY** (n.): nonsensical or unsubstantial writing or talk; mumbo jumbo
- **FLUMMOX** (v.): to confuse; to perplex; to baffle completely :: **FLUMMOXED** (v.,adj.), **FLUMMOXING** (n.,v.)
- **FLUX** (n.): continuous change
- **FOIBLE(S)** (n.): a minor flaw or shortcoming in character or behaviour; a minor weakness or defect; a quirk
- **FOIST** (v.): to force upon or impose fraudulently or unjustifiably :: **FOISTED**, **FOISTING** (v.)
- **FOMENT** (v.): to stir up (activity, revolution, or conflict); to rouse, incite, or instigate (often in a bad way)
 - to promote the growth or development of; to nurse :: **FOMENTED**, **FOMENTING** (v.), **FOMENTATION** (n.)
- **FOOFARAW** (n.): a fuss over a trivial matter; an unnecessary uproar; excessive or flashy ornamentation
- **FOP** (n.): a man who is overly concerned with or vain about his manner of dress and appearance; a **DANDY** :: **FOPPISH** (adj)
- **FORAGE** (v.): the act of searching for food

- **FORAY** (n.): a brief EXCURSION or attempt, especially outside of one's accustomed sphere; a sudden or irregular raid or invasion
- **FORBEAR** (v.): to stop oneself from doing something :: **FORBEARANCE** (n.): patient self-control
FORBEARING (adj)
- **FORBIDDING** (adj.): IMPOSING; intimidating; appearing unfriendly or threatening
- **FORCIBLE** (adj.): done by FORCE, overpowering resistance; powerful :: **FORCIBLY** (adv.)
- **FOREBEAR(S)** (n.): an ancestor or forefather; a PRECURSOR
- **FOREBODE** (v.): to foretell or predict; to indicate beforehand; to be an omen; to PORTEND :: **BODE** (v.)
- **FOREGONE** (adj.): previous; past; such as " a FOREGONE conclusion"
- **FORERUNNER(S)** (n.): a person or thing that precedes and influences someone or something else
- **FORESHORTEN** (v.): to portray (an object or view) as closer or shallower than it really is FORESHORTENING (n.,v.)
 - to make more compact; to shorten; to ABRIDGE; to reduce in time or scale
- **FORESTALL** (v.): to prevent or delay anticipated events by taking action before something happens; to obstruct **FORFEND** (v.): to AVERT; to avoid; to ward off; to fend off; to prevent; to protect, secure, or preserve
- **FORGO** (v.): to do without; to go without (something desirable) :: FORGOING, FORWENT (v.), FORGONE (adj.)
- **FORLORN** (adj.): feeling sad and lonely, especially because of being left alone, deserted ,abandoned, or lost; hopeless
- **FORMIDABLE** (adj.): intimidating; powerful; forceful; strong; causing fear, APPREHENSION, or dread
- **FORMULAIC** (adj.): standard; predictable; made according to a FORMULA
- **FORSAKE** (v.): to abandon; to give up; to RENOUNCE :: FORSAKEN (adj.,n.)
- **FORSWEAR** (v.): to reject, RENOUNCE, or deny (under oath); to agree to give up or do without
- **FORTE** (n.): a specialty; a strength; a special skill or ability
- **FORTHRIGHT** (adj.): honest, direct, and open; OUTSPOKEN :: FORTHRIGHTLY (adj.), FORTHRIGHTNESS (n.)
- **FORTITUDE** (n.): strength of mind that enables a person to encounter danger or bear pain or adversity with courage
- **FORTUITOUS** (adj.): fortunate; lucky; accidental; happening or produced by chance :: FORTUITOUSLY (adv.), FORTUITOUSNESS (n.)
- **FORUM** (n.): a gathering, meeting, or program held for the purpose of discussing matters of public or common concern
- **FORWARD** (adj.): bold or over-familiar in manner; PRESUMPTUOUS
- **FOUNDER** (v.): to become or make lame; to collapse; to sink; to fail :: FOUNDERED, FOUNDERING (v.)
- **FOUNDLING** (n.): a deserted or abandoned child
- **FOUNTAINHEAD** (n.): a spring that is the source of a stream; the original source of something
- **FRACKING** (v.): the injection of fluids into shale beds at high pressure in order to free up petroleum resources
- **FRACTIOUS** (adj.): easily angered; irritable; bad-tempered; difficult to control; UNRULY; quarrelsome :: FRACTIOUSLY (adv.), FRACTIOUSNESS (n.)
- **FRANGIBLE** (adj.): easily breakable; capable of being broken; fragile :: FRANGIBILITY (n.), INFRANGIBLE (adj.)
- **FRANK** (adj.): straightforward and direct in speech or writing :: FRANKLY (adv.), FRANKNESS (n.)
- **FRATERNIZE** (v.): to associate or mingle on fraternal terms; to be friendly or amiable; to associate with members of a hostile group, especially against orders

- **FRAUGHT** (adj.): full of or accompanied by something specified; uneasy; causing tension; as in “FRAUGHT with peril...”
 - **FRAY** (n.): a disordered or chaotic fight, struggle, or dispute
 - **FRENETIC** (adj.): frenzied or frantic; fast and energetic in a disorganized way :: **FRENETICALLY** (adv.)
 - **FRETFUL** (adj.): anxious or irritated; angry :: **FRETFULLY** (adv.), **FRETFULNESS** (n.)
 - **FRIPPERY** (n.): ostentatious or affected elegance
 - **FRISSON** (n.) (Fr.): a thrill; a (sudden) shudder (of emotion); a brief moment of intense emotional excitement
 - **FROTHY** (adj.): gaily frivolous or light in content or treatment; insubstantial; made of light, thin material; full of FROTH
 - **FROWARD** (adj.): wilfully contrary; habitually disposed to disobedience and opposition; unwilling to comply; **ADVERSE**
 - **FROWZY** or **FROWSY** (adj.): habitually **UNKEMPT**; neglected in appearance; scruffy-looking; dingy; musty; stale
 - **FRUGAL** (adj.): sparing with money or food; economical; thrifty :: **FRUGALLY** (adv), **FRUGALNESS**, **FRUGALITY** (n)
 - **FRUITION** (n.): the state of bearing fruit; becoming real or complete; a realization; an accomplishment; a completion
 - **FUDDLED** (adj.): confused or dazed :: **BEFUDDLE** (v.)
 - **FULCRUM** (n.): the critical or pivotal support around which a lever turns; someone that supplies the capability for action
 - **FULGENT** (adj.): dazzlingly bright; radiant :: **FULGENT** (adj.)
 - **FULMINATE** (v.): to issue or utter verbal attacks or **CENSURES**; to **DENOUNCE** :: **FULMINATED**, **FULMINATING** (v.), **FULMINATION** (n.)
 - **FULSOME** (adj.): disgustingly insincere, coarse, or excessive, especially with flattery or praise; **EFFUSIVE**
 - of large size or quantity; generous or abundant; lavish; exceeding the bounds of good taste
 - **FUNAMBULISM** (n.): tightrope walking; a show of mental agility :: **FUNAMBULIST** (n.): a tightrope walker
 - **FUNERIAL** (adj.): pertaining to or having the solemn character appropriate for a **FUNERAL**
 - mournful; gloomy; dismal; sad; dark
 - **FUNGIBLE** (adj.): interchangeable; being such that one part or quantity could be replaced by another equal part with no difference
 - **FURTIVE** (adj.): done secretly or slyly; **SURREPTITIOUS**; obtained underhandedly or by **STEALTH**; stolen; suggestive of guilty nervousness :: **FURTIVELY** (adv.), **FURTIVENESS** (n.)
 - **FUSSBUDGET** (n.): a fussy or needlessly fault-finding person
 - **FUSTIAN** (n.): pompous or **PRETENTIOUS** language; high-flown or **AFFECTED** writing, speech, or style
 - **FUSTY** (adj.): having a stale smell; mouldy; musty; **STUFFY**; rigidly old-fashioned
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- **GADABOUT** (n.): one who roams about in search of amusement or social activity; a social butterfly
 - **GADFLY** (n.): a fly that bites livestock; a pest; a person who stimulates or annoys, especially by persistent criticism
 - **GAFFE(S)** (n.): a social blunder; a faux pas; a **TACTLESS** act
 - **GAINSAY** (v.): to contradict, deny, dispute, or oppose; to declare to be false, untrue, or invalid; to speak against
 - **GAIT** (n.): a distinctive manner or style of walking; a pace
 - **GALLANT** (adj.): brave; heroic; chivalrous; courteous; noble-minded; charming :: **GALLANTLY** (adv.), **GALLANTRY** (n.)

- **GALLIMAUFRY** (n.): a hodgepodge; a jumble; a confused medley; a ragout
- **GALLIVANT** (v.): to wander or travel flashily and frequently (without an itinerary or plan), seeking pleasure or diversion
- **GALUMPH** (v): to move in a heavy, clumsy, noisy way or to move with a heavy tread :: **GALUMPHED**, **GALUMPHING** (n,v)
- **GALVANIZE** (v.): to shock or excite into action :: **GALVANIZED** (v.,adj.), **GALVANIZING** (v.,adj.), **GALVANIZATION** (n.), **GALVANIC** (adj.)
- **GAMBIT** (n.): an action or remark intended to gain an advantage or redirect a conversation; an opening move in a **CONCERTED** plan (or chess)
- **GAMBOL** (v.): to run, jump, skip, or dance around playfully; to frolic :: **GAMBOLLED**, **GAMBOLLING** (v.)
- **GAMINE** (n.): an urchin; a mischievous girl or young woman
- **GAMUT** (n.): an entire range or series; the entire spectrum or extent of possibilities or choices
- **GARBLE** (v.): to distort or obscure the sound or meaning of :: **GARBLED** (v.,adj.), **GARBLING** (v.,n.)
- **GARISH** (adj.): unpleasantly bright and showy; flashy; **GAUDY**; **LURID**; extravagantly or excessively decorated :: **GARISHLY** (adv.), **GARISHNESS** (n.)
- **GARNER** (v.,n.): to gather; to accumulate; to collect; an accumulation or collection :: **GARNERED**, **GARNERING** (v.)
- **GARNISH** (v.): to decorate or embellish; to add a decorative touch to food; to equip with accessories - to seize a portion of a person's wages, property, or assets to pay a debt
- **GARRULOUS** (adj.): (pointlessly or annoyingly) talkative (about trivial or commonplace things); wordy; chatty; chattering; rambling, annoying, or tedious in speech :: **GARRULOUSLY** (adv.), **GARRULOUSNESS** (n.)
- **GASLIGHT** (v.): to cause a person to doubt their sanity through the use of psychological manipulation
- **GASTRONOME** (n.): a lover of good food and drink :: **GASTRONOMIC** (adj.)
- **GAUCHE** (adj.) (Fr.): socially awkward, inexperienced, or unsophisticated; lacking social polish or grace; **TACTLESS**; crude; crudely made or done
- **GAUCHERIE** (n.): a socially awkward or **TACTLESS** act; lack of **TACT**; awkwardness
- **GAUDY** (adj.): excessively or tastelessly bright or showy :: **GAUDILY** (adv.), **GAUDINESS** (n.), **GAUDIER**, **GAUDIEST** (adj.)
- **GELID** (adj.): extremely cold; icy
- **GENIAL** (adj.): friendly; kindly; sympathetically cheerful; mild; favourable to growth or comfort :: **GENIALITY** (n.), **CONGENIAL** (adj.)
- **GENRE** (n.) (Fr.): a category or style of art
- **GENTEEL** (adj.): elegant or graceful in manner; polite; well-bred and possessing a refined temperament
- **GENTRIFY** (v.): to take something rundown, such as a neighbourhood, and improve it :: **GENTRIFICATION** (n.)
- **GENUFLECT** (v.): to lower one's body briefly by bending one knee to the ground in respect or worship; to grovel :: **GENUFLECTION** (n.)
- **GEOPOLITICAL** (adj.): of or relating to the politics affecting the relationships of two or more countries, especially when influenced by geographical factors
- **GERIATRIC** (adj.): related to aging or being elderly; appropriate for elderly people :: **GERIATRICS** (n.)
- **GERMANE** (adj.): relevant to; relating to; pertaining to; fitting; appropriate
- **GERMINAL** (adj.): being in the earliest stages of development
- **GERMINATE** (v.): to begin to grow (after a period of being dormant) :: **GERMINATED**, **GERMINATING** (v.,n.,adj.), **GERMINATION** (n.)
- **GERRYMANDER** (v.): to alter the boundaries of an electoral district for political advantage :: **GERRYMANDERED**, **GERRYMANDERING** (n.,v.)

- **GESTICULATE** (v.): to make gestures or motions (with your hands or arms) :: GESTICULATED, GESTICULATING (v.), GESTICULATION (n.)
- **GEWGAW** (n.): a trinket; a bauble; a showy, gaudy object of little value or use
- **GHOST** (v.): the practice of suddenly ending all (social media) contact with a person without explanation
- **GIBE** (v.): to utter taunting words; to DERIDE or tease with taunting words
- **GIMCRACK** (n.): a showy but useless or worthless object :: **GIMCRACKERY** (n.)
- **GINGERLY** (adv.): in a careful or cautious manner GINGER (adj.)
- **GIRTH** (n.): the width or thickness of something; the measurement taken around the middle of something
- **GLAD-HAND** (v.) (Sl.): to extend a glad hand to; (n.) (Sl.): a warm welcome or greeting (often prompted by ULTERIOR reasons) GLAD-HANDER (n.)
- **GLARING** (adj.): extremely obvious; notable
- **GLASNOST** (n.): a Soviet policy permitting open discussion of issues and freer dissemination of news and information
- **GLEAN** (v.): to gather grain left by reapers; to collect little by little with patient effort; to find out; to learn :: GLEANED, GLEANING (v.), GLEANER(S) (n.)
- **GLIB** (adj.): FLIPPANT; to speak well, but not mean what you say :: GLIBLY (adv.), GLIBNESS (n.)
- **GLINT** (n.,v.): to flash, glitter, reflect :: GLINTED, GLINTING (v.)
- **GLITTERATI** (n.): wealthy or famous people whose lifestyle is usually expensive and well-publicized; celebrities
- **GLOAMING** (n.): twilight; dusk
- **GLOM** (v.): to take hold or possession of; to catch or grab; to seize; to take or steal; as in “to GLOM ONTO” something :: GLOMMED, GLOMMING (v.)
- **GLOSS (OVER)** (v.): to try to conceal or pass over something by mentioning it briefly or misleadingly :: GLOSSED OVER, GLOSSING OVER (v.)
- **GLOWER** (v.,n.): to stare at angrily; to SCOWL at; an angry, annoyed, or sullen look GLOWERED, GLOWERING (n,v)
- **GLUTINOUS** (adj.): sticky (like glue)
- **GNOMIC** (adj.): PITHY; pertaining to a writer of APHORISMS
- **GOAD** (v.): to prod or INCITE :: GOADED, GOADING (n.,v.), GOADER(S) (n.)
- **GOBSMACKED** (adj.) (Br. slang): astounded; astonished
- **GOLDBRICK** (v.): a person who shirks assigned work or wastes time at work :: GOLDBRICKING (n.,v.)
- **Gordian knot** (n.): a complicated or intricate problem, especially unsolvable in its own terms
- **GORMANDIZE** (v.): to eat greedily or RAVENOUSLY; to eat like a glutton
- **GORMLESS** (adj.): stupid or slow-witted; witless; lacking intelligence; clumsy
- **GOSSAMER** (adj.): extremely light, delicate, or TENUOUS; flimsy
- **GOULASH** (n.): a beef stew; a mixture; a MELANGE; a random collection
- **GOURMAND** (n.) (Fr.): one who loves or is interested in good food (in great quantities) and drink; one who eats to excess
- **GRAFT** (n.): bribery; corruption; profit or advancement by corrupt means
- **GRAFT** (v.): to transplant (living tissue in surgery :: GRAFTED (v.,adj.), GRAFTING (v.)
- **GRANDEE** (n.): a person of elevated rank or station; a nobleperson
- **GRANDILOQUENT** (adj.): speaking or writing in a lofty, pompous, or BOMBASTIC style :: GRANDILOQUENCE (n.)
- **GRANDIOSE** (adj.): impressive or magnificent; intending to be impressive
- **GRATIFY** (v.): to give pleasure or satisfaction; to indulge or satisfy (a desire); unrestrained; careless and inconsiderate :: GRATIFIED, GRATIFYING (v.adj.), GRATIFYINGLY (adv.), GRATIFICATION (n.)

- **GRATUITOUS** (adj.): unwarranted; not called for by the circumstances; done without good reason or purpose :: GRATUITOUSLY (adv.), GRATUITOUSNESS (n.)
- **GRAVE** (adj.): serious; giving cause for alarm or concern; solemn :: GRAVELY (adv.), GRAVITY (n.)
- **GRAVID** (adj.): pregnant
- **GRAVITAS** (adj.): high seriousness :: GRAVITY (n.), GRAVE (adj.)
- **GRAVITATE** (v.): to be drawn (naturally) to; to be attracted to; to move toward something :: GRAVITATED, GRAVITATING (v.)
- **GRAVITY** (n.): extreme seriousness or importance; solemnity of manner :: GRAVITAS (n.)
- **GREGARIOUS** (adj.): sociable; seeking and enjoying the company of others; outgoing; friendly; cheerful; AFFABLE :: GREGARIOUSLY (adv.), GREGARIOUSNESS (n.)
- **GRIEVOUS** (adj.) (of something bad): very severe or serious; causing grief and sorrow; flagrant and outrageous :: GRIEVOUSLY (adv.), GRIEVOUSNESS (n.)
- **GRIFT** (v.): to con; to obtain money ILLICITLY as in a confidence game :: GRIFTED, GRIFTING (v.), GRIFTER(S) (n.)
- **GRISLY** (adj.): inspiring horror, REVULSION, or intense fear; disgusting; repulsive
- **GROPE** (v.): to feel around or search blindly or uncertainly with the hands :: GROPED, GROPING (n.,v.), GROPER(S) (n.)
- **GROUSE** (v.,n.): to grumble; to complain (in a petty way); such a complaint :: GROUSED, GROUSING (n.,v.)
- **GRUFF** (adj.): abrupt in manner; harsh; rough; SURLY; (of a voice): rough and low in pitch; hoarse :: GRUFFLY (adv.), GRUFFNESS (n.)
- **GUBERNATORIAL** (adj.): of or pertaining to a governor, as in “ this year’s GUBERNATORIAL race...”
- **GUERRILLA** (n.): one who engages in warfare through small acts of sabotage or attacks **GUERRILLA WARFARE**
- **GUILE** (n.): deceitful cunning; trickery; craftiness; treachery; sly or cunning intelligence :: BEGUILE (v.)
- **GUILELESS** (adj.): very honest and sincere
- **GUISE(S)** (n.): an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation :: DISGUISE (n.,v.)
- **GUSTATORY** (adj.): pertaining to the sense of taste
- **GUTTERSNIPE** (n.): a person belonging to or characteristic of the lowest social group in a city; a street urchin

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- **HABERDASHER** (n.): a dealer in men’s clothing :: HABERDASHERY (n.)
 - **HABILIMENT(S)** (n.): the clothes worn by those of a certain profession; the usual dress of a profession or occasion
 - **HABITUE** (n.) (Fr.): a regular; one who habitually frequents a particular place
 - **HACKNEYED** (adj.): repeated too often; overused; clichéd; made commonplace or TRITE; stale; BANAL
 - lacking freshness or originality
 - **HALCYON** (adj.): calm; tranquil; peaceful; undisturbed; happy; golden; prosperous; as in “**HALCYON DAYS**” (n.)
 - **HALE** (adj.): strong and healthy; sound; free from disease or weakness
 - **HALITOSIS** (n.): bad breath
 - **HALLMARK** (n.): a distinguishing characteristic, trait, or feature
 - **HALLOW** (v.): to make holy; to sanctify; to consecrate :: HALLOWED (adj.)
 - **HAMARTIA** (n.): a tragic flaw or fault
 - **HANGRY** (adj.): irritable as a result of hunger
 - **HAPLESS** (adj.): unlucky; unfortunate; deserving pity :: HAPLESSLY (adv.), HAPLESSNESS (n.)

- **HAPTIC** (adj.): relating to or based on the sense of touch; characterized by a predilection for the sense of touch
- **HARANGUE** (v.): to criticize at length in an aggressive manner **HARANGUED**, **HARANGUING** (v.); (n.): a forceful and aggressive (public) speech; a noisy, ranting, or pompous speech or writing; a lecture
- **HARBINGER** (n.): a **PRECURSOR** for something that will come; something that signals the approach of something else
 - one who foretells or foreshadows what is to come
- **HARDSCRABBLE** (adj.): relating to a place of barren or barely **ARABLE** soil
 - meagre; difficult; rough; **MARGINAL**; marked by poverty
- **HARRIDAN** (n.): a scolding, vicious, bossy, or aggressive (old) woman
- **HARROWING** (adj.): extremely distressing or disturbing; **GRIEVOUS**
- **HARRY** (v.): to harass; to torment by or as if by constant attack :: **HARRIED** (v.,adj.), **HARRYING** (v.), **UNHARRIED** (adj.)
- **HAUTE COUTURE** (n.) (Fr.): the designing and making of high-quality clothes by leading fashion houses :: **COUTURE** (n)
- **HAUTEUR** (n.) (Fr.): haughtiness; arrogance
- **HEADLONG** (adv.,adj.): with the head first; in a rush; without pause or delay; recklessly
- **HEADY** (adj.): having a strong or exciting effect; dizzying
- **HEARSAY** (n.): information gathered from another person that is not part of one's direct knowledge
- **HECTOR** (v.): to intimidate or harass by bluster or personal pressure; to bully :: **HECTORED**, **HECTORING** (n.,v.)
- **HEDGE** (v.): to avoid making a definite decision or statement; to qualify something by making conditions or exceptions :: **HEDGED**, **HEDGING** (v.,n.), **HEDGER(S)** (n.)
- **HEDONISM** (n.): the (nonstop) pursuit of personal pleasure (as a goal) :: **HEDONISTIC** (adj.), **HEDONIST(S)** (n.)
- **HEED** (v.): to pay (careful) attention to, as in "to take **HEED** of, or to pay **HEED** to her advice" :: **HEEDED**, **HEEDING** (v.)
- **HEEDFUL** (adj.): taking **HEED**; attentive (to); regardful of; attentive; **WARY**; **CIRCUMSPECT** :: **UNHEEDED** (adj.)
- **HEEDLESS** (adj.): not taking **HEED**; showing a reckless lack of care or attention; careless; thoughtless; negligent of
- **HEGEMONY** (n.): the social, cultural, ideological, or economic influence exerted by a dominant group; authority
- **Hegira** (n.): an exodus; a journey to escape a dangerous or undesirable situation
- **HELLION** (n.): a rowdy, troublesome, or mischievous person
- **Herculean** (adj.): very difficult, immense, or strong :: **Hercules** (n.)
- **HERESY** (n.): belief or opinion which goes against traditional religious doctrine or what is generally accepted
- **HERETIC(S)** (n.): a person believing in or practising **HERESY**; a radical; an extremist :: **HERETICAL** (adj.)
 - one who boldly, loudly, and publicly defies the conventions of a religion, society, culture, or set of beliefs
- **HERMETIC** (adj.): difficult or impossible for one of ordinary knowledge to comprehend
 - airtight; protected; sealed; resistant to outside influences :: **HERMETICALLY** (adv.)
- **HERMITAGE** (n.): the home of a hermit; a secluded residence; a retreat
- **HETEROGENEOUS** (adj.): varied; consisting of dissimilar elements :: **HOMOGENEOUS** (adj.)
- **HEW** (v.): to chop, cut, or fell with blows (of an axe); to give shape to; to adhere to, uphold, or conform :: **HEWED**, **HEWING** (v.)

- **HEWN** (v.): to be cut or formed (with great toil) from a hard material such as wood or stone, as in to be HEWN from
- **Hibernian** (adj.): Irish; of or relating to Ireland or its people
- **HIDEBOUND** (adj.): having an inflexible or ultraconservative character; stubbornly conservative
- **HIERARCHY** (n.): a pecking order or ranking according to status or level of authority
- **HIEROPHANT** (n.): a person who explains; a commentator; an advocate (from a chief priest in ancient Greece)
- **HIGGLEDY-PIGGLEDY** (adv.): in a confused, disordered, or random manner
- **HIGHBROW** (adj.): intellectual or refined in taste :: LOWBROW (adj.)
- **HIGHFALUTIN** (adj.): AFFECTEDLY grand or self-important; PRETENTIOUS; fancy; BOMBASTIC in language`
- **HIGH-FLOWN** (adj.): grand-sounding; BOMBASTIC; proud
- **HIGH-HANDED** (adj.): using authority without considering the feelings of others; done with haughty disregard :: HIGH-HANDEDLY (adv.), HIGH-HANDEDNESS (n.)
- **HINTERLAND(S)** (n.): the remote areas of a country, away from the coast and major rivers; the backwoods; the outskirts
- **HIRSUTE** (adj.): hairy or shaggy; covered with hair or bristles
- **HISTRIONICS** (n.): exaggerated behaviour intended to attract attention; exaggerated or insincere expression of an emotion
- **HISTRIONIC** (adj.): theatrical; overly dramatic; deliberately AFFECTED
- **HITHERTO** (adv.): up until this point in time
- **HOARY** (adj.): white or grey with (or as if with) age; extremely, impressively old; ancient; tedious from familiarity; stale
- **HOBBYHORSE** (n.): a favorite topic
- **HOI POLLOI** (n.): the common people; the masses
- **HOBNOB** (v.): to socialize with or associate with familiarly, especially with rich or influential people :: HOBNOBBED, HOBNOBBING (n.,v.,adj.), HOBNOBBER(S) (n.)
- **HOICK** (v.): to move or pull abruptly; to yank
- **HOITY-TOITY** (adj.): marked by an air of superiority; HIGHFALUTIN
- **HOKUM** (n.): outright nonsense; BUNKUM; foolishness for comedic effect
- **HOLISTIC** (adj.): treating the whole (person) rather than just the individual symptoms; emphasizing the whole
- **HOMAGE** (n.) (Fr.): a tribute; a respectful imitation of someone (or something) that attests to the worth or influence of that person
- **HOMILY** (n.): a short sermon or lecture, usually on a Biblical or moral topic; a PLATITUDE; an inspirational catch-phrase :: HOMILETIC (adj.), HOMILETICS (n.): the art of preaching
- **HOMOGENEOUS** (adj.): alike; made up of parts of the same kind :: **HOMOGENEITY** (n.) HETEROGENEOUS (adj.)
- **HOMOLOGOUS** (adj.): having a related or similar position or structure; corresponding in characteristics
- **HOODWINK** (v.): to deceive by false appearance; to dupe
- **HORSEFEATHERS** (n.): nonsense; something not worth considering
- **HUBRIS** (n.): excessive or exaggerated pride or self-confidence; OVERBEARING pride or PRESUMPTION
- **HULLABALOO** (n.): an uproar; an outcry; a confused noise
- **HUMBLEBRAG** (v.,n.): to make a disguised boast or brag
- **HUSTINGS** (n.): a place where political speeches are made; the (political) campaign trail
- **HYPERBOLE** (n.): extravagant exaggeration :: **HYPERBOLIC** (adj.)
 - exaggerated statements that are not meant to be taken in the strict sense of the words

- **HYPERCRITICAL** (adj.): excessively or meticulously critical
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- **ICONOCLAST** (n.): one who attacks popular beliefs, images, or established values and practices; a critic of ideas
 - **ICONOCLASTIC** (adj.): characterized by attacks on institutions or long-held beliefs **ICON(S)** (n.)
 - **IDEE FIXE** (n.) (Fr.): a fixed idea; an idea that dominates someone's thoughts or mind; an obsession
 - **IDEOLOGY** (n.): the set of ideas, beliefs, and principles held by a particular group :: **IDEOLOGICAL** (adj.)
 - **IDEOLOGUE** (n.): one who rigidly adheres to an **IDEOLOGY** with a closed mind regarding other perspectives; a theorist
 - **IDIOM(S)** (n.): a group of words whose meaning is different from the meanings of the individual words (e.g. "over the moon") :: **IDIOMATIC** (adj.), **IDIOMATICALLY** (adv.)
 - **IDIOSYNCRATIC** (adj.): peculiar; quirky; belonging to one's particular character :: **IDIOSYNCRASY** (n.)
 - **IDYLL** (n.): a poem or prose work depicting rural or **PASTORAL** life; a very happy, carefree episode or experience
 - **IDYLLIC** (adj.): ideal; very happy, peaceful, or beautiful
 - **IGNOBLE** (adj.): not noble; of low birth or common origin; of low character ; characterized by **BASENESS** or meanness
 - **IGNOMINIOUS** (adj.): marked by public failure or humiliation; deserving or causing public disgrace or shame :: **IGNOMINIOUSLY** (adv.), **IGNOMINIOUSNESS**, **IGNOMINY**, **IGNOMY** (n.)
 - **ILK** (n.): a type; a sort; a kind; a grouping
 - **ILLICIT** (adj.): forbidden by law, rules, or accepted social standards; illegal :: **ILLICITLY** (adv.), **ILLICITNESS** (n.), **LICIT** (adj.)
 - **ILLUSORY** (adj.): deceptive; misleading; causing **ILLUSIONS**
 - **ILLUSTRIOUS** (adj.): noted; accomplished; famous and admired :: **ILLUSTRIOUSLY** (adv.), **ILLUSTRIOUSNESS** (n.)
 - **IMBIBE** (v.): to drink (alcohol); to absorb (ideas or knowledge) :: **IMBIBED**, **IMBIBING** (v.), **BIBULOUS** (adj.)
 - **IMBROGLIO** (n.): a complicated or embarrassing situation or (bitter) altercation
 - an embroilment; a confused mess; a difficult predicament; a complicated plot in a drama or story
 - **IMBUE** (v.): to **INSTILL** in profoundly; to fill with a feeling or quality; to dye :: **IMBUED**, **IMBUING** (v.)
 - **IMMATERIAL** (adj.): irrelevant; unimportant; of no consequence
 - **IMMEMORIAL** (adj.): existing from before what can be remembered or found in records
 - as in "from time **IMMEMORIAL**..."
 - **IMMERSE** (v.): to dip into or completely cover in a liquid; to involve oneself completely in activity, interest, or subject :: **IMMERSED** (v.,adj.), **IMMERSING** (v.), **IMMERSION** (n.), **IMMERSIVE** (adj.)
 - **IMMINENT** (adj.): just about to happen; inevitable; unavoidable :: **IMMINENTLY** (adv.)
 - **IMMISCIBLE** (adj.): incapable of being mixed :: **MISCIBLE** (adj.)
 - **IMMODERATE** (adj.): not **MODERATE**; excessive; exceeding usual, normal, or appropriate bounds
 - **IMMOLATE** (v.): to kill, destroy, or sacrifice by burning with fire :: **IMMOLATION**, **SELF-IMMOLATION** (n.)
 - **IMMURE** (v.): to confine or imprison; to enclose or entomb within or as if within walls; to **SATURATE** :: **IMMURED**, **IMMURING** (v.)
 - **IMMUTABLE** (adj.): unchangeable; not capable of or susceptible to change; unquestioned
 - unable or unwilling to change :: **MUTABLE** (adj.)
 - **IMPALPABLE** (adj.): difficult to understand easily; **INTANGIBLE** :: **PALPABLE** (adj.)
 - **IMPART** (v.): to share information with; to communicate with; to give (a quality) :: **IMPARTED**, **IMPARTING** (v.)

- **IMPASSE** (n.) (Fr.): an insurmountable obstacle; a stumbling block; a stalemate :: **IMPASSABLE** (adj.): impossible to pass or travel along, over, or through
- **IMPASSIBLE** (adj.): incapable of suffering; not subject to feeling; unfeeling or not showing feeling
- **IMPASSIONED** (adj.): deeply moved; showing deep feeling
- **IMPASSIVE** (adj.): not feeling or showing emotion; DEVOID of emotion; STOLID :: **IMPASSIVELY** (adv.), **IMPASSIVENESS** (n.), **PASSIVE** (adj.)
- **IMPEACH** (v.): to question the worth of; to charge (the holder of public office) with misconduct :: **IMPEACHED** (v.,adj.), **IMPEACHING** (v.), **IMPEACHMENT** (n.), **UNIMPEACHABLE** (adj.)
- **IMPECUNIOUS** (adj.): poor; penniless; (habitually) having very little or no money **PECUNIARY** (adj.)
- **IMPEDE** (v.): to stop or hinder progress; to ENCUMBER :: **IMPEDED**, **IMPEDING** (v.), **IMPEDIMENT(S)** (n.)
- **IMPERFECT** (adj.): faulty or incomplete :: **IMPERFECTLY** (adv.), **IMPERFECTION** (n.)
- **IMPERIOUS** (adj.): DOMINEERING; OVERBEARING; dictatorial; arrogant; expecting to be obeyed without question :: **IMPERIOUSLY** (adv.), **IMPERIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **IMPERMEABLE** (adj.): not allowing liquid to pass through :: **PERMEATE** (v.)
- **IMPERTINENT** (adj.): not showing proper respect; INSOLENT; rude; cheeky; unrestrained by PROPRIETY or good taste :: **IMPERTINENTLY** (adv.), **IMPERTINENCE** (n.)
- **IMPERTURBABLE** (adj.): incapable of being upset or agitated; extremely calm; unruffled; composed; steady :: **IMPERTURBABLY** (adv.), **IMPERTURBABILITY** (n.)
- **IMPERVIOUS** (adj.): impenetrable; incapable of being damaged, affected, or disturbed :: **IMPERVIOUSLY** (adv.), **IMPERVIOUSNESS** (n.), **PERVIOUS** (adj.)
- **IMPETUOUS** (adj.): acting suddenly, spontaneously, impulsively, or rashly :: **IMPETUOUSLY** (adv.), **IMPETUOUSNESS** (n.)
- **IMPETUS** (n.): a driving force; an impulse; incentive; the motivation, stimulation or encouragement that results in increased activity; momentum; the property possessed by a moving body
- **IMPISH** (adj.): behaving like an imp; mischievous; spirited; energetic :: **IMPISHLY** (adv.), **IMPISHNESS** (n.)
- **IMPLACABLE** (adj.): incapable of being pleased, APPEASED, PACIFIED or changed; unstoppable; relentless :: **IMPLACABILITY** (n.)
- **IMPLICIT** (adj.): something that is understood, implied, or contained in, but not stated directly; with no doubt or question :: **IMPLICITLY** (adv.), **IMPLICITNESS** (n.), **EXPLICIT** (adj.)
- **IMPLOSION** (n.): a rapid collapse inward with great force
- **IMPLORE** (v.): to beg or urge earnestly or desperately :: **IMPLORED**, **IMPLORING** (v.)
- **IMPOLITIC** (adj.): rash; foolish; unwise; INJUDICIOUS; inexpedient; not POLITIC (sensible; wise; prudent)
- **IMPONDERABLE** (adj.): difficult or impossible to assess; (n.): something that cannot be precisely determined or measured :: **PONDER** (v.)
- **IMPORTUNE** (v.): to urge, plead, or beg with urgency or annoying persistency
- **IMPORTUNATE** (adj.): troublesomely urgent; persistent in solicitation, to the point of annoyance
- **IMPOSING** (adj.): grand and impressive; intimidating; FORBIDDING
- **IMPRACTICABLE** (adj.): unpractical; not able to be done in practice :: **PRACTICABLE** (adj.)
- **IMPRECATE** (v.): to curse; to call down or INVOKE evil on :: **IMPRECATION** (n.): a spoken curse
- **IMPREGNABLE** (adj.): invulnerable; unable to be overcome; UNASSAILABLE; unable to be broken into or captured
- **IMPRESARIO** (n.) (It.): the producer or organizer of an opera, ballet, or concert; a manager or director; a master
- **IMPRIMATUR** (n.) (L.): authority or approval; SANCTION; official LICENCE
- **IMPROVIDENT** (adj.): not PROVIDENT; lacking foresight; not providing for the future; negligent; thoughtless

- **IMPRUDENT** (adj.): not PRUDENT; rash; careless; unwise
- **IMPUDENT** (adj.): being offensively bold; IMPERTINENT; INSOLENT :: IMPUDENTLY (adv.), IMPUDENCE (n.)
- **IMPUGN** (v.): to ASSAIL by words or arguments :: IMPUGNED, IMPUGNING (v.)
 - to oppose or challenge as false or lacking integrity; to call into question; to insinuate; to oppose
- **IMPUNITY** (n.): exemption of freedom from punishment, harm, or loss
- **IMPUTE** (v.): to attribute an action to a particular person or group
 - to believe that something has been done or caused by someone or something :: IMPUTED, IMPUTING (v.), **IMPUTATION(S)** (n.)
- **INALIENABLE** (adj.): incapable of being alienated, surrendered, or transferred
- **INANE** (adj.): lacking sense; silly; FATUOUS; purposeless; empty; VOID :: INANELY (adv.), INANITY (n.)
- **INCALCULABLE** (adj.): too great to be calculated or estimated
- **INCANDESCENT** (adj.): glowing with heat or light; shining; brilliant :: INCANDESCENCE (n.)
- **INCARNATE** (adj.): of a god, spirit, or quality in human form; in physical form, as in “he was evil INCARNATE”; (v.); to be the living embodiment of (a quality) :: INCARNATED, INCARNATING (v.), **INCARNATION** (n.)
- **INCENDIARY** (adj.) (literally, of a bomb): designed to cause fires; (figuratively): tending to stir up conflict
- **INCENSE** (v.): to make very angry; to enrage; to INFLAME; to provoke :: **INCENSED** (v.,adj.), INCENSING (v.)
- **INCEPTION** (n.): the beginning of an organization or activity
- **INCHMEAL** (adv.): little-by-little; gradually
- **INCIDENTAL** (adj.): occurring in connection with or as a result of something else; occurring as a minor result of :: INCIDENTALLY (adv.)
- **INCIPIENT** (adj.): beginning to exist or appear; beginning to happen or develop; becoming apparent :: INCIPIENCE (n.)
- **INCISIVE** (adj.): penetrating; sharp; cutting; insightful; perceptive; clear; impressively direct and decisive :: INCISIVELY (adv.), INCISIVENESS (n.)
- **INCITE** (v.): to stir up (violent or unlawful behaviour); to urge to act (violently or unlawfully) :: INCITED, INCITING (v.)
- **INCLEMENT** (adj.) (of weather): unpleasantly cold or wet; stormy; harsh; severe :: CLEMENT (adj.)
- **INCOMMODIOUS** (adj.): inconvenient, as in not affording sufficient room or space :: COMMODIOUS (adj.)
- **INCOMMUNICADO** (adj.,adv.): without any means of communicating; not allowed to communicate with other people
- **INCOMPARABLE** (adj.): so good that nothing can be COMPARED to it; not COMPARABLE to :: INCOMPARABLY (adv.)
 - out of place; not in harmony or agreement; contradictory; absurd
- **INCONGRUOUS** (adj.) :: INCONGRUOUSLY (adv.), INCONGRUITY (n.), INCONGRUENT (adj.)
- **INCONSTANT** (adj.): constantly or frequently changing
- **INCONTROVERTIBLE** (adj.): indisputable; unquestionable; incapable of being denied or opposed by reason; beyond question or dispute :: INCONTROVERTIBILITY (n.), CONTOVERTIBLE (adj.)
- **INCORPORATE** (v.): to include as part of a whole :: INCORPORATED, INCORPORATING (v.), INCORPORATION (n.)
- **INCORRIGIBLE** (adj.): incapable of being reformed or corrected; unalterable; unruly; having bad habits that cannot be changed; bad beyond hope of improving :: INCORRIGIBILITY (n.)
- **INCREDULOUS** (adj.): unwilling or unable to believe something :: INCREDULOUSLY (adv.), INCREDULITY (n.), CREDULOUS (adj.)
- **INCREMENT(S)** (n.): an increase in a number or an amount; an addition :: INCREMENTAL (adj.), INCREMENTALLY (adv.)

- **INCUMBENT** (adj.,n.): necessary (as a duty) for someone; currently holding office; the current holder of an office
 - as in “ I felt it was INCUMBENT on me to tell you of my past relationship with our new client ”
- **INCUR** (v.): to bring (something unpleasant) upon oneself :: INCURRED, INCURRING (v.)
- **INCURSION** (n.): a sudden or brief invasion or attack
- **INDECOROUS** (adj.): conflicting with accepted standards of good conduct or good taste; improper; in bad taste :: DECOROUS (adj.)
- **INDEFATIGABLE** (adj.): untiring; never tiring, FATIGUING, or stopping; capable of continuing along one’s current course of action without wavering, tiring, or faltering
- **INDEFINITE** (adj.): not clearly expressed or defined; vague; lasting for an unknown or unstated length of time :: **INDEFINITELY** (adv.)
- **INDELIBLE** (adj.): **incapable of being removed or erased; unforgettable :: INDELIBLY** (adv.)
- **INDEMNIFY** (v.): to pay money to someone for harm or loss; to protect or insure against legal responsibility for their actions
- **INDEMNITY** (n.): insurance against damage or loss; protection or security from legal responsibility for one’s actions
- **INDENTURE** (n.): a formal agreement or contract, such as one binding an apprentice to work for a master :: **INDENTURED** (adj.) as in “an INDENTURED servant”
- **INDETERMINATE** (adj.) – not fixed in extent, character, etc.; not limited; doubtful; vague
- **INDICT** (v.): to formally accuse or charge (someone) with a serious crime :: INDICTED (v.,adj.), INDICTING (v.)
- **INDICTMENT** (n.): a formal charge or accusation of a serious crime
 - an indication that something is bad and deserves to be condemned
- **INDIFFERENT** (adj.): uninterested; unconcerned :: INDIFFERENTLY (adv.), **INDIFFERENCE** (n.)
- **INDIGENOUS** (adj.): originating, produced, growing, or living naturally in a particular region or environment; native
- **INDIGENT** (adj.): extremely poor; desperately poor :: **INDIGENCE** (n.): extreme poverty including deprivation and hardship
- **INDITE** (v.): to write or compose a literary work
- **INDOCTRINATE** (v.): to instruct, especially in the fundamentals or rudiments of something; to teach; to imbue with a partisan or sectarian point of view
- **INDOLENT** (adj.): (habitually) lazy; inactive; avoiding labour or exertion :: INDOLENCE (n.)
- **INDOMITABLE** (adj.): undefeatable; incapable of being subdued or overcome; consistent; persistent
- **INDUBITABLE** (adj.): impossible to doubt; unquestionable :: **INDUBITABLY** (adv.), INDUBITABILITY (n.), DUBIOUS (adj.)
- **INDUCE** (v.): to persuade or influence someone to do something; to cause or bring about :: **INDUCED**, INDUCING (v.), INDUCEMENT(S) (n.)
- **INDURATE** (adj.,v.): physically or morally hardened; OBSTINATE; CALLOUS; to make hard; to harden
- **INEFFABLE** (adj.): incapable of being expressed (in words); indescribable :: INEFFABLY (adv.), INEFFABILITY (n.)
 - unspeakable; too great or extreme to be expressed in words; not to be uttered; taboo
- **INEFFECTUAL** (adj): ineffective; lacking the forcefulness to achieve something; weak; useless :: INEFFECTUALLY (adv)
- **INELUCTABLE** (adj.): inevitable; unavoidable; impossible to avoid, evade, resist, or change
 - unable to be resisted or avoided :: INELUCTABILITY (n.)
- **INERT** (adj.): inactive; lacking the ability or strength to move or act
- **INERTIA** (n.): a tendency to do nothing or remain unchanged

- **INEXORABLE** (adj.): impossible to stop or prevent; unyielding; relentless; perpetual; consistent :: **INEXORABLY** (adv.)
- **INFAMOUS** (adj.): well-known for some bad quality, deed, or scandal :: **INFAMY** (n.)
- **INFANTILE** (adj.): having to do with infants; (DEROGATORY): childish; simplistic; **LOWBROW INFANTALIZE** (v.): to treat like an infant or young child; to cause to remain young like an infant or young child :: **INFANTALIZED, INFANTALIZING**
- **INFER** (v.): to DEDUCE; to reason or work out from evidence rather than from direct statements; to conclude; to assume :: **INFERENCE** (n.): the process and result of reaching a logical conclusion by examining and analysing the evidence
- **INFINITESIMAL** (adj.): immeasurably or incalculably small; minute; close to zero in quantity :: **INFINITESIMALLY** (adv.)
- **INFIRMARY** (n.): a place (as in a school or prison) where sick or injured people receive care and treatment
- **INFLAME** (v.): to make worse; to make very angry; to enrage :: **INFLAMED, INFLAMING** (v), **INFLAMMATORY** (adj)
- **INFLAMMABLE** (adj.): flammable; easily inflamed, excited, or angered; **IRASCIBLE**
- **INFLAMMATORY** (adj.) (of comments, etc.): tending to INFLAME; arousing angry feelings :: **INFLAME** (v.)
- **INFLECT** (v.): to bend; to modify words to show grammatical relationships :: **INFLECTION** (n.)
- **INFRANGIBLE** (adj.): incapable of being broken or separated into parts; not to be infringed upon or violated :: **FRANGIBLE**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE** (n.): the basic structures (e.g. buildings, roads, power supplies) needed for the operation of a society or organization
- **INFUSE** (v.): to fill; to spread throughout; to soak (through) :: **INFUSED, INFUSING** (v.), **INFUSION** (n.)
- **INGENUE(S)** (n.) (Fr.): an innocent or naïve girl or young woman; an actress representing such a person
- **INGENUOUS** (adj.): sincere; truthful; honest; sincere; lacking craft or subtlety; showing childlike simplicity or candidness :: **DISINGENUOUS** (adj.)
- **INGRATIATE** (v.): to gain favour or acceptance by deliberate effort :: **INGRATIATED, INGRATIATING** (v.,adj.), **INGRATIATINGLY** (adv.), **GRATITUDE** (n.)
- **INHERENT** (adj.): existing as an essential, permanent and inseparable element or quality of something; **INTRINSIC** :: **INHERENTLY** (adv.), **INHERENCE, INHERENCY** (n.), **INHERE** (v.): to be **INHERENT**
- **INHIBIT** (v.): to hinder, restrain, or prevent (an action or process) :: **INHIBITED** (adj.,v.), **INHIBITING** (v.), **INHIBITION(S)** (n.), **UNINHIBITED** (adj.)
- **INIMITABLE** (adj.): impossible to imitate; unique :: **INIMITABLY** (adv.)
- **INIQUITY, INIQUITIES** (n.): the quality of being unjust, unfair, or wrong :: **INIQUITOUS** (adj.)
- **INJUDICIOUS** (adj.): showing poor judgement; unwise; impractical :: **JUDICIOUS** (adj.)
- **INJUNCTION** (n.): an order or **ADMONITION**; a court order requiring a party to do or refrain from doing a specified act
- **INJURIOUS** (adj.): harmful; causing or likely to cause injury, damage, or harm :: **INJURIOUSLY** (adv.)
- **INKHORN** (n.): **AFFECTEDLY** or **OSTENTATIOUSLY** learned; **PEDANTIC** :: **INKHORNISM** (n.)
- **INNATE** (adj.): inborn; natural; **INHERENT** :: **INNATELY** (adv.)
- **INNOCUOUS** (adj.): harmless; having no injurious qualities; unlikely to offend or provoke; innocent; dull; **INSIPID** :: **INNOCUOUSLY** (adv.), **INNOCUOUSNESS** (n.), **NOCUOUS** (adj.)
- **INNUMERABLE** (adj.) :: **INNUMERABLY** (adv.)
- **INOCULATE** (v.): to introduce something into – especially a serum or antibody to treat or prevent a disease; to prevent as if by inoculation
- **INOOPORTUNE** (adj.): occurring at an inconvenient time :: **OPPORTUNE** (adj.)

- **INORDINATE** (adj.): unusually large; excessive; exceeding reasonable limits; **IMMODERATE** :: **INORDINATELY** (adv)
- **INROAD(S)**: an advance or penetration at the expense of another; a sudden, hostile incursion; a raid
- **INSCRUTABLE** (adj.): difficult to **FATHOM** or understand; mysterious; obscure :: **SCRUTINY** (n.)
- **INSENSATE** (adj.): lacking physical sensation or awareness; lacking sympathy; unfeeling
- **INSIDIOUS** (adj.): proceeding in a gradual and harmful way; treacherous :: **INSIDIOUSLY** (adv.), **INSIDIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **INSIPID** (adj.): lacking flavour; lacking liveliness or interest :: **INSIPIDLY** (adv.), **INSIPIDNESS** (n.)
- **INSIPIENT** (adj.): foolish **INSIPIENCE** (n.): lack of wisdom; foolishness
- **INSOLENT** (adj.): rude and disrespectful :: **INSOLENTLY** (adv.), **INSOLENCE** (n.)
- **INSOLVENT** (adj.): not having enough money to pay one's debts :: **INSOLVENCY** (n.), **SOLVENT** (adj.)
- **INSOUCIANT** (adj.): marked by light-hearted unconcern or **INDIFFERENCE**; carefree; nonchalant :: **INSOUCIANCE** (n)
- **INSPISSATE** (v.): to make or become thick or thicker
- **INSTILL** (v.): to (gradually) establish an idea or value in someone's mind :: **INSTILLED**, **INSTILLING** (v.)
- **INSUBORDINATE** (adj.): disobedient; not submissive to authority; disorderly :: **INDSUBORDINATELY** (adv.), **INSUBORDINATION** (n.)
- **INSUFFERABLE** (adj.): intolerable; too extreme to bear; unbearably arrogant or conceited :: **INSUFFERABLY** (adv.)
- **INSULAR** (adj.): isolated from outside influences, and often narrow-minded as a result; closed-off; tight-knit :: **INSULARITY** (n.)
- **INSURGENT(S)** (n.): a rebel or revolutionary :: **INSURGENCY** (n.)
- **INSURRECTION** (n.): an act of rising in revolt, rebellion, or resistance against an established government or civil authority
- **INTANGIBLE** (adj.): unable to be touched; not solid or real; vague or abstract :: **TANGIBLE** (adj.); (n.): something that is **INTANGIBLE**; a quality that is difficult to name, **QUANTIFY**, or describe
- **INTELLIGENTSIA** (n.): a group of intellectuals or highly educated people
- **INTELLIGIBLE** (adj.): able to be understood :: **UNINTELLIGIBLE** (adj.)
- **INTEMPERATE** (adj.): lacking self-control, will-power, or moderation :: **INTEMPERANCE** (n.), **TEMPERANCE** (n.)
- **INTERDICT** (v.): to prohibit by law or decree; to cut off, damage, or destroy (an enemy line of supply, etc.)
- **INTERFACE** (n.,v.): a point where two entities meet and interact; a meeting; to connect with something by an **INTERFACE**
 - a device or program enabling a user to communicate with a computer or for connecting hardware and software
- **INTERLOCUTOR** (n.): a person who takes part in a conversation or dialogue :: **INTERLOCUTION** (n.)
- **INTERLOPER(S)** (n.): one who intrudes or interferes (wrongly) in another's affairs; an intruder
- **INTERLUDE** (n.): a period of time or activity that contrasts with what gone before and after; a break; a distraction
 - a pause or smaller entertainment between the acts of a play or musical piece :: **PRELUDE** (n.)
- **INTERMINABLE** (adj.): having or seeming to have no end; unending; annoyingly long or drawn out; additional :: **INTERMINABLY** (adv.)
- **INTERMITTENT** (adj.): happening or occurring at irregular intervals :: **INTERMITTENTLY** (adv.)
- **INTERPOLATE** (v.): to insert something into a series or pattern by estimating it from surrounding data :: **INTERPOLATED**, **INTERPOLATING** (v.), **INTERPOLATION(S)** (n.), **EXTRAPOLATE** (v.)

- **INTERPOSE** (v.): to aggressively insert your unsolicited opinion or assistance into a situation where it is not particularly wanted
- **INTERREGNUM** (n.): the interval between two reigns or regimes when normal government is suspended
 - any **BREACH** of continuity in an order
- **INTERSPERSE** (v.): to place something at intervals in or among other things
- **INTERVENE** (v.): to come between (two people or things) in order to prevent or alter a situation :: **INTERVENED**, **INTERVENING** (v.,adj.), **INTERVENTION** (n.), **SUPERVENE** (v.)
- **INTESTATE** (adj.): not having made a will before one dies
- **INTIMATE** (v.): to hint; to suggest or state indirectly :: **INTIMATED**, **INTIMATING** (v.), **INTIMATION(S)** (n.)
- **INTONE** (v.): to recite in monotone or singing voice :: **INTONATION(S)** (n.): a **MODULATION** of voice
- **INTRACTABLE** (adj.): immovable; stubborn; difficult to deal with, direct, or manage :: **TRACTABLE** (adj.)
- **INTRANSIGENT** (adj.): stubborn; uncompromising; inflexible; unmoving :: **INTRANSIGENCE** (n.)
 - refusing to agree, compromise, or abandon an extreme position or attitude
- **INTREPID** (adj.): brave in the face of danger; resolutely fearless; courageous; bold; adventurous :: **INTREPIDLY** (adv.), **INTREPIDNESS** (n.)
- **INTRINSIC** (adj.): belonging to the basic or essential nature of someone or something :: **INTRINSICALLY** (adv.), **INTRINSICNESS** (n.), **EXTRINSIC** (adj.), **EXTRINSICALLY** (adv.)
- **INTROSPECTION** (n.): the act or process of self-examination or reflection :: **INTROSPECTIVE** (adj.)
- **INTRUSIVE** (adj.): **INTRUDING**; having an unwelcome effect; :: **OBTRUSIVE**
- **INTUITIVE** (adj.): having to do with **INTUITION**; instinctive; natural; untaught :: **INTUITIVELY** (adv.), **INTUITIVENESS** (n.), **COUNTERINTUITIVE** (adj.)
- **INURE** (v.): to make used to or accustomed to (something difficult or painful); to harden to habituate
 - to pass or come into use; to legally take effect
- **INURED** (adj.): made used to; accustomed to hardship or difficulty; toughened; hardened
- **INVECTIVE(S)** (n.): (an example of) insulting or abusive language; criticism or negative observations expressed in the strongest, harshest possible terms :: **VITUPERATION** (n.)
- **INVEIGH** (v.): to protest or complain bitterly or vehemently; to **RAIL** against
 - to attack with harsh and bitter language :: **INVEIGHED**, **INVEIGHING** (v.)
- **INVEIGLE** (v.): to **ENTICE**, persuade, or obtain by ingenuity, trickery, flattery, or artful talk; to **WANGLE** :: **INVEIGLED** (v.)
- **INVETERATE** (adj.): habitual; firmly established (by long persistence); deep-rooted; of long standing; addicted; a pattern of behaviour or habit that never changes
- **INVIDIOUS** (adj.): tending to (or intended to) provoke envy, resentment, or ill will; containing or implying a slight; to offend
 - unacceptable, unfair, and likely to cause resentment or anger in others; envious
- **INVIOLEABLE** (adj.): never to be attacked or dishonoured; **UNASSAILABLE**; **SACROSANCT** :: **INVIOLEABILITY** (n.) **INVIOLEATE** (adj.): not violated or profaned; pure;
- **INVOKE** (v.): to call for or pray for; to appeal to (for aid or protection); to **ENTREAT**; to call forth by magic; to conjure :: **INVOKED**, **INVOKING** (v.), **INVOCATION(S)** (n.)
- **INVOLVED** (adj.): complicate; complex; difficult to understand; connected on an emotional or personal level
- **IRASCIBLE** (adj.): easily irritated, annoyed, or provoked to anger; prone to losing one's temper; quick to anger
- **IRENIC** (adj.): promoting peace; favouring, **CONDUCE** to, or operating toward peace, moderation, or **CONCILIATION**
- **IRIDESCENT** (adj.): **showing** luminous **colours** that **seem** to **change** depending **on** the **angle** from **which** they are **viewed** :: **IRIDESCENCE** (n.)

- **IRONY** (n.): to express meaning through language that normally expresses the exact opposite meaning
 - a situation that appears opposite to what one expects :: **IRONIC** (adj.), **IRONICALLY** (adv.)
 - **IRREFRAGABLE** (adj.): undeniable; impossible to REFUTE
 - **IRREFUTABLE** (adj.): that which cannot be denied, REFUTED, or disproved :: **IRREFUTABLY** (adv.), **IRREFUTABILITY** (n.), **REFUTE** (v.)
 - **IRRELIGIOUS** (adj.): **INDIFFERENT** or hostile to religion
 - **IRREPRESSIBLE** (adj.) -not able to be restrained or repressed; constant; consistent :: **IRREPRESSIBLY** (adv.)
 - **IRRESOLUTE** (adj.): not **RESOLUTE**; undecided; uncertain; hesitating
 - **IRRESPECTIVE (OF)** (adj.): regardless of; disregarding; not including :: **RESPECTIVE** (adj.)
 - **IRREVERENT** (adj.): lacking in **REVERENCE**; disrespectful :: **IRREVERENCE** (n.), **REVERENT** (adj.)
 - **IRREVOCABLE** (adj.): unable to be changed, reversed, or recovered :: **IRREVOCABLY** (adv.)
 - **ITINERANT** (adj.): traveling from place to place (especially covering a circuit); roaming; wandering
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- **JACKANAPES** (n.): a saucy or mischievous person; a rascal; an **IMPUDENT** or conceited person; a monkey or ape
 - **JADED** (adj.): tired out or lacking enthusiasm after having had too much of something; cynical; pessimistic
 - **JANUS-FACED** (adj.): having two contrasting aspects; especially **DUPLICITOUS** or two-faced
 - **JAPE** (n.,v.): a trick; a practical joke; to jest; to say or do something jokingly or mockingly; to make mocking fun of
 - **JAUNDICED** (adj.): yellowed (by disease); demonstrating prejudice due to cynicism, envy, or resentment; cynical
 - **JAUNT** (n.): a short, pleasurable walk or journey
 - **JAUNTY** (adj.): lively; spirited; **SPRIGHTLY** in manner or appearance :: **JAUNTILY** (adv.), **JAUNTINESS** (n.)
 - **JEJUNE** (adj.): dull, lacking interest or liveliness; immature; juvenile, naïve; simplistic
 - not fully formed; not well thought-out; describing a poor performance or inferior work wanting in substance
 - **JEREMIAD** (n.): a list of one's troubles; a sad, **DOLEFUL** story; an angry **TIRADE**
 - **JERKwater** (adj.): remote and unimportant; trivial; as in " that jerkwater town..."
 - **JETSAM** (n.): unwanted materials or goods thrown overboard from a ship and washed ashore :: **FLOTSAM** (n.)
 - **JETTISON** (v.): to throw or drop (from an aircraft or ship); to discard :: **JETTISONED** (v.,adj.), **JETTISONING** (v.)
 - **JIBE** (v.): to match or correspond with; to agree with; to be in **ACCORD** with :: **JIBED**, **JIBING** (v.)
 - **JIHAD** (n.): the act of striving toward spiritual self-perfection; a holy war conducted in the name of Islam
JIHADIST (n.)
 - **JILT** (v.): to drop (someone, such as a lover) capriciously or unfeelingly
 - **JINGOISM** (n.): extreme chauvinism or nationalism marked by a **BELLIGERENT** foreign policy :: **JINGOISTIC** (adj.)
 - **JOCOSE** (adj.): given to or characterized by joking; playful or humorous; merry
 - **JOCULAR** (adj.): humorous; given to or characterized by joking; amusing or **FACETIOUS** :: **JOCULARITY** (n.)
 - **JOCUND** (adj.): cheerful and light-hearted; **MIRTHFUL**; marked by high spirits and lively humour :: **JOCUNDITY** (n.)
 - **JOLLITY** (n.): lively and cheerful activity; the state or quality of being **JOLLY**
 - **JOURNEYMAN** (n.): a person who, although not a top master of his possession, has become extremely competent through years of practice at a particular craft or skill; an experienced, reliable worker, athlete, or performer

- **JOVIAL** (adj.): jolly; merry; joyous :: **JOVIALLY** (adv.), **JOVIALITY** (n.)
 - **Judas** (n.): a person who betrays a friend
 - **JUDICIOUS** (adj.): having good judgement; done with good judgement; wise; practical; fair :: **JUDICIOUSLY** (adv.), **JUDICIOUSNESS** (n.), **INJUDICIOUS** (adj.)
 - **JUJU** (n.): magical power attributed to an object; a spiritual belief system incorporating objects, such as amulets and spells used in religious practice
 - **JUNTA** (n.): a military government that has taken power by force
 - a government council or committee, especially one that rules after a revolution
 - **JURISPRUDENCE** (n.): the body or system of laws; the science or philosophy of law behind its practice
 - **JUXTAPOSE** (v.): to observe the differences between two things being compared side by side
 - to place close together; to compare to; to contrast; to differ from :: **JUXTAPOSED**, **JUXTAPOSING** (v.), **JUXTAPOSITION** (n.)
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- **Kafkaesque** (adj.): having a nightmarishly complex, bizarre, or illogical quality
 - **KEELHAUL** (v.): to assault violently; to **REBUKE** severely :: **KEELHAULED**, **KEELHAULING** (n.,v.)
 - **KEN** (n.): perception; perspective; view; range of vision or knowledge; understanding; wisdom; expertise
 - **KERFUFFLE** (n.): a disturbance or fuss
 - **KEYNOTE** (n.,adj.): a central theme; setting out the central theme of a conference, as in a **KEYNOTE** speech or address
 - **KIBITZ** (v.): to chat, **CONVERSE**, or interfere; to offer unwanted comments or advice :: **KIBITZED**, **KIBITZING** (n.,v.), **KIBITZER(S)** (n.)
 - **KIBOSH** (v.,n.): to cancel or put an end to; to stop or end something suddenly; something that serves as a check or stop
 - **KINDLE** (v.): to light (a flame); to arouse (an emotion) :: **KINDLED**, **KINDLING** (v.)
 - **KINETIC** (adj.): moving; having to do with or resulting from motion (involving the forces and energy of objects)
 - **KINGMAKER** (n.): one having great influence over the choice of candidates for political office
 - **KISMET** (n.): destiny; fate
 - **KITH** (n.): acquaintances, friends, neighbours, etc.
 - **KITSCH** (n.): art or objects (produced by the popular culture) that are cheap or junky or in **PRENTIOUSLY** bad taste
 - something that appeals to popular or **LOWBROW** taste :: **KITSCHY** (adj.)
 - **KLATSCH** (n.): a casual gathering of people, especially for refreshments and informal conversation e.g. a coffee klatsch :: **KLATCH** (n.): a gathering usually characterized by informal conversation
 - **KNACKERED** (adj.) (Br.,informal): tired, exhausted
 - **KNAVERY** (n.): unprincipled, untrustworthy, or dishonest dealing; trickery :: **KNAVISH** (adj.), **KNAVE(S)** (n.)
 - **KNELL** (n.): the sound of a bell, especially when rung solemnly, such as at a funeral; a sound; a call
 - an omen, as in "a death **KNELL**" (blow)
 - **KOWTOW** (v.): to act in a subservient or **OBSEQUIOUS** way; to **APPEASE** :: **KOWTOWED**, **KOWTOWING** (n.,v.)
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- **LABORIOUS** (adj.): requiring much time and effort; difficult; **PAINSTAKING**; showing obvious signs of effort
- **LABOURED** (adj.): done with great difficulty; forced; unnatural; e.g. **LABOURED** breathing
- **LABYRINTH** (n.): a large, complex maze (of tunnels and passages) that is difficult to get out of :: **LABYRINTHINE** (adj.)
- **LACHRYMOSE** (adj.): inclined to cry; given to causing or shedding tears; tearful; sad; mournful

- **LACONIC** (adj.): using or marked by the use of a minimum of words; concise to the point of being mysterious or rude
- **LAGGARD** (n.): a person who falls behind others (lags); one who moves sluggishly or reacts slowly; a straggler; a lazy slacker; a loiterer
- **LAISSEZ-FAIRE** (adj.,n.) (Fr.): a policy of leaving things alone to take their own course; non-interference; ABSTENTION
- **LAMBASTE** (v.): to scold sharply; to criticize harshly; to beat (soundly) :: LAMBASTED, LAMBASTING (n.,v.)
- **LAMENT** (v.): to feel or express sorrow or grief; to regret :: LAMENTED, LAMENTING (v.), **LAMENTATION(S)** (n.), **LAMENTABLE** (adj.), LAMENTABLY (adv.)
- **LAMPOON** (v.,n.): to publicly mock or ridicule; to SATIRIZE through imitation; a mocking attack :: LAMPOONED, LAMPOONING (n.,v.)
- **LANGUID** (adj.): lacking vigour or force; weak; slow :: LANGUIDLY (adv.), LANGUIDNESS, LANGUIDITY (n.)
- **LANGUISH** (v.): to grow weak or feeble; to waste away; to stay in an unpleasant place or situation :: LANGUISHED, LANGUISHING (n.,v.)
- **LANGUOR** (n.): lack of energy or vitality :: LANGUOROUS (adj.), LANGUOROUSNESS (n.)
- **LANK** (adj.): lean and tall; long and limp; awkwardly tall and lean
- **LARGESSE** or **LARGESS** (n.): generosity; the generous or liberal giving (of money) as if to an inferior
- **LASCIVIOUS** (adj.): lustful; lewd; arousing desire; feeling or showing an open or offensive desire :: LASCIVIOUSLY (adv.), LASCIVIOUSNESS (n.)
- **LASSITUDE** (n.): a state of having little energy or motivation; weariness of body or mind; LISTLESSNESS; LANGUOR
- **LATENT** (adj.): hidden; existing but not yet apparent, developed, or active :: LATENCY (n.)
- **LATERAL** (adj.): on the side of something; from side to side :: LATERALLY (adv.)
- **LATITUDE** (n.): scope for freedom of action or thought; the absence of constraint or strictness
- **LAUD** (v.): to praise; to glorify; to EXTOL :: LAUDED, LAUDING (v.), LAUDATORY (adj.), LAUDATION (n.)
- **LAUDABLE** (adj.): worthy of or deserving praise; commendable :: LAUDABLY (adv.), LAUDABILITY (n.)
- **LAURELS** (n.): a crown of leaves awarded as a sign of victory or mark of honour (in ancient times); honour or praise
- **LAVE** (v.): to wash or bathe; to pour; to flow along or against :: LAVED, LAVING (v.)
- **LAVISH** (adj.): very rich, elaborate, or luxurious; giving or given in great amounts; (v.): to give or spend in large or extravagant quantities :: LAVISHED, LAVISHING (v.)
- **LEAVEN** (v.): to improve; to make light; to INFUSE with some modifying, alleviating element :: LEAVENED, LEAVENING (v.,n.)
- **LEGERDEMAIN** (n.) (Fr.): sleight of hand; deception; trickery; a display of skill and ADROITNESS
- **LEITMOTIF** or **LEITMOTIV** (n.) (Ger.): a dominant or recurring theme; a short, recurring musical phrase within a longer composition :: **MOTIF** (n.)
- **LENITIVE** (adj.): soothing; alleviating pain or harshness; MITIGATING or softening
- **LENITY** (n.): the state or quality of being lenient
- **LESE-MAJESTE** (n.) (Fr.): a detraction from or affront to dignity or importance
 - an offense violating the dignity of a sovereign
- **LETHARGIC** (adj.): lacking energy and enthusiasm; sluggish; drowsy; INDIFFERENT; APATHETIC :: LETHARGICALLY (adv.), **LETHARGY** (n.)
- **LEVIATHAN** (n.): AN ENORMOUS SEA MONSTER, SUCH AS A WHALE; SOMETHING LARGE OR FORMIDABLE (fig.): the political state, especially a totalitarian state with a vast bureaucracy
- **LEVITY** (n.): *lightness*; frivolity; the treating of a serious subject with humour or a lack of respect
- **LEXICON** (n.): the vocabulary of a person, group, or branch of knowledge; a dictionary

- **LIBATION(S)** (n.): an alcoholic beverage; a liquid refreshment; a drink poured out as an offering or sacrifice
- **LIBEL** (n.,v.): the crime of publishing a false statement that harms a person's reputation; compare with SLANDER :: LIBELLED, LIBELLING (v.), LIBELLOUS (adj.)
- **LIBERTINE** (n.): someone who behaves immorally
- **LIBIDO** (n.): sexual desire :: **LIBIDINOUS** (adj.): having or showing excessive sexual drive or desire
- **LICENCE** (n.): a formal permit; freedom to behave without restraint; an artist's freedom to alter facts or (ignore) rules
- **LICENCE or LICENSE** (v.): to grant a licence to; to authorize
- **LICENTIOUS** (adj.): promiscuous; sexually immoral; unrestrained by law or morality; LASCIVIOUS :: LICENTIOUSLY (adv.), LICENTIOUSNESS (n.)
- **LICIT** (adj.): not forbidden by law; permissible :: **ILLICIT** (adj.)
- **LINCHPIN** (n.): a locking pin; something crucial that serves to hold separate parts or elements together
- **LILLIPUTIAN** (adj.): extremely small; tiny; DIMINUTIVE; trivial; a person with narrow or petty views
- **LIMPID** (adj.): clear and simple in style; transparent; serene and untroubled; (of eyes or a liquid): clear
- **LINCHPIN** (n.): something (such as a locking pin) that holds together parts or elements that exist or function as a unit
- **LINEAGE** (n.): ancestry; your family tree
- **LIONIZE** (v.): to praise; to idolize; to treat or regard as a person (or object) of great importance or interest :: LIONIZED, LIONIZING (v.), LIONIZATION (n.)
- **LIQUIDATE** (v.): to dissolve a company by selling off its assets; to pay off a debt; to kill :: LIQUIDATION (n.)
LIQUIDITY (n.): the relative ease with which a person can buy or sell an asset
- **LISSOME or LISSOM** (adj.): nimble; LITHE; SUPPLE; flexible
- **LISTLESS** (adj.): lacking energy or enthusiasm; having no desire or inclination; spiritless :: LISTLESSLY (adv.), LISTLESSNESS (n.)
- **LITANY** (n.): a sizable list, series, or set; a lengthy recitation
- **LITERAL** (adj.): actual; real; true :: LITERALLY (adv.), LITERALNESS (n.) FIGURATIVE (adj.)
- **LITERATI** (n.): the segment of society comprised of learned or literary men and women
- **LITHE** (adj.): flexible; limber; SUPPLE; easily bent; light and graceful in movement :: LITHELY (adv.), LITHENESS (n.)
- **LITIGATE** (v.): to take a dispute or claim to a court of law :: LITIGATED, LITIGATING (v.), LITIGATION, LITIGATOR(S) (n.)
- **LITIGIOUS** (adj.): having a tendency to go to or use the law to settle disputes; argumentative :: LITIGIOUSLY (adv), LITIGIOUSNESS (n)
- **LITURGY** (n.): the performance of a Christian religious service in a church :: LITURGICAL (adj.)
- **LOATH** (adj.): reluctant or unwilling to do something
- **LOCUTION** (n.): a person's manner and style of speaking
- **LODESTAR** (n.): a guiding star; something that serves as a guide, model, or inspiration
- **LODESTONE** (n.): something that strongly attracts, such as a magnet; a focus or a centre of attention
- **LOFTY** (adj.): high; of great height; elevated; exalted or noble; SUBLIME
- consciously haughty. ALOOF, or dignified
- **LOGISTICS** (n.): the detailed organization of a large and complex exercise; details; strategy :: LOGISTIC, LOGISTICAL (adj.), LOGISTICALLY (adv.)
- **LOGY** (adj.): marked by sluggishness and lack of energy or vitality; groggy; LETHARGIC
- **LOLLAPALOOZA** (n.): something that is extraordinarily impressive; an outstanding example
- **LOLL** (v.): to recline or lean in a relaxed or lazy way; to lounge or droop :: LOLLED, LOLLING (v.,n.)

- **LOLLOP** (v.): to move forward with a clumsy, bounding, or drooping motion; to hang loosely; to droop; to dangle
- **LOQUACIOUS** (adj.): talkative; tending to talk overly freely; given to excessive talk; wordy **LOQUACIOUSLY** (adv.), **LOQUACIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **LOTHARIO** (n.): a man whose chief interest is seducing women
- **LOUCHE** (adj.): not reputable or decent
- **LOUT** (n.): an awkward, brutish, rude, or aggressive man **LOUTISH** (adj.)
- **LOWBROW** (adj.): not intellectual or interested in culture; common :: **HIGHBROW** (adj.)
- **LUCID** (adj.): clear; easily understood; **INTELLIGIBLE**; showing the ability to think clearly; possessed of a clear mental state; having full use of one's faculties; sane :: **LUCIDLY** (adv.), **LUCIDNESS**, **LUCIDITY** (n.), **LUCENT** (adj.): shining, **ELUCIDATE** (v.)
- **LUCRE** (n.): money; wealth; profit; monetary reward or gain :: **LUCRATIVE** (adj.)
- **LUCUBRATE** (v.): to work, study, or write laboriously, particularly at night
- **Luddite** (n.): one opposed to technological change; one who destroys machinery in protest
- **LUGUBRIOUS** (adj.): mournful; gloomy; dismal :: **LUGUBRIOUSLY** (adv.), **LUGUBRIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **LUMINARY, LUMINARIES** (n.): a person of **EMINENCE** or brilliant achievement; one who influences or inspires
- **LUMINOUS** (adj.): bright, shining, or glowing, especially in the dark :: **LUMINOSITY** (n.)
- **LUMMOX** (n.): a clumsy, stupid person
- **LUPINE** (adj.): having to do with a wolf or wolves; savage; **RAVENOUS**; **PREDATORY**
- **LURID** (adj.): glaringly vivid or sensational; ghastly; gruesome; horrible
- **LUSCIOUS** (adj.): having a pleasingly sweet taste or smell; richly or sensually appealing

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- **MACABRE** (adj.): gruesome and horrifying; odd; strange; eerie
 - **MACHIAVELLIAN** (adj.,n.): cunning; underhanded; sinister; complex; scheming; such an individual
 - **MACHINATION(S)** (n.): internal workings; a crafty plot or scheme intended to accomplish some sinister end
 - **MACROCOSM** (n.): the whole of a complex structure; the universe :: **MICROCOSM** (n.)
 - **Maecenas** (n.): a generous patron or sponsor, especially of the arts
 - **MAELSTROM** (n.): a large storm; a large, powerful whirlpool that sucks in objects within a given radius
 - a violent, disordered, confusing, or turbulent situation
 - **MAGNANIMOUS** (adj.): generous or forgiving towards a rival or enemy; noble
 - showing or suggesting nobility of feeling and generosity of spirit :: **MAGNANIMOUSLY** (adv.), **MAGNANIMOUSNESS**, **MAGNANIMITY** (n.)
 - **MAGNATE** (n.): a wealthy, prosperous, and influential business leader; a tycoon
 - **MAGNILOQUENT** (adj.): speaking in or characterized by a **HIGH-FLOWN**, **LOFTY**, **GRANDIOSE**, **BOMBASTIC**, or boastful style or manner :: **MAGNILOQUENTLY** (adv.), **MAGNILOQUENCE** (n.)
 - **MAGNUM OPUS** (n.): a great work, especially the greatest achievement of an artist or writer
 - **MALADROIT** (adj.,n.): clumsy; awkward; uncoordinated; inept; lacking skill or resourcefulness; one who is clumsy
 - **MALAISE** (n.) (Fr.): a condition or general feeling of unease, illness, **LETHARGY**, or low spirits
 - **MALAPROPISM(S)** (n.): the (usually unintentionally) humorous misuse or mistaken use of a word or phrase, especially by confusion with a similar-sounding one
 - **MALAPROPOS** (adj.,adv.) (Fr.): inappropriate; unsuitable; **INOPPORTUNE**; unseasonable; inappropriately; unseasonably
 - **MALCONTENT(S)** (n.): one who is discontented or dissatisfied (and perhaps rebellious)

- **MALEDICTION** (n.): a curse
- **MALEVOLENT** (adj.): showing ill will; evil; mean; **MALICIOUS**; harmful :: **MALEVOLENCE** (n.)
- **MALFEASANCE** (n.): wrongdoing; misconduct; misbehaviour, especially illegal conduct by a public official
- **MALICE** (n.): the desire to harm someone; ill-will
- **MALICIOUS** (adj.): meaning or meant to harm :: **MALICIOUSLY** (adv.), **MALICIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **MALIGNANCY** (n.): a cancerous growth; the quality of being harmful or evil
- **MALIGNANT** (adj.): harmful; **MALEVOLENT**; feeling extreme ill-will; (of a disease); **VIRULENT**
- **MALINGER** (v.): to **FEIGN** illness or inability to avoid work or responsibility :: **MALINGERED**, **MALINGERING** (v.,adj.)
- **MALLEABLE** (adj.): capable of being shaped or moulded; alterable; adaptable; flexible :: **MALLEABILITY** (n.)
- **MALODOROUS** (adj.): having a bad or unpleasant **ODOUR**
- **MAMMON** (n.): wealth personified as an evil influence or false object of worship Mammonism - the greedy pursuit of riches
- **MANACLE(S)** (n.): a metal band or chain fastened around a person's hands or ankles to restrict their movement; (v.): to restrict with **MANACLES**; to chain; to tie up; to restrict :: **MANACLED** (adj.)
- **MANDATE** (n.): an order or authorization to act in a certain way; a directive :: **MANDATORY** (adj.)
- **MANDATE** (v.): to give someone the authority or responsibility to do something :: **MANDATED**, **MANDATING** (v.)
- **MANGY** (adj.): in poor condition; shabby
- **MANIFEST** (v.): to show, appear, or display :: **MANIFESTED**, **MANIFESTING** (v.), **MANIFESTATION(S)** (n.); (adj.): clear and obvious :: **MANIFESTLY** (adv.), **MANIFESTNESS** (n.)
- **manqué** - (adj.) (Fr.): having never become what one might have been
 - short of or frustrated in the fulfilment of one's aspirations or talents (used postpositively)
- **MANTRA** (n.): a word or sound repeated to aid concentration when meditating; a slogan or philosophy
- **MANUMISSION** (n.): freedom from slavery or servitude :: **MANUMIT** (v.): to free from slavery or servitude
- **MARGINAL** (adj.): borderline; obscure; insignificant; of only minor importance :: **MARGINALLY** (adv.), **MARGIN(S)** (n)
- **MARGINALIA** (n.): notes in the margin of a manuscript, book, or letter; trivia; marginal notes or embellishments; nonessential items
- **MARKED** (adj.): clearly noticeable, as in " there was a **MARKED** improvement in his behaviour..." :: **MARKEDLY** (adv.)
- **MARSHAL** (v.): to assemble (a group of people) in order; to bring together (facts, thoughts, resources, etc.) in an organized way to achieve a goal :: **MARSHALLED**, **MARSHALLING** (v.)
- **MARTIAL** (adj.): pertaining to war
- **MASTERFUL** (adj.): having the skills of a master; powerful; suggestive of a domineering nature :: **MASTERFULLY** (adv.)
- **MASTERLY** (adj.): performed very skilfully
- **MASTICATE** (v.): to chew
- **MATCHLESS** (adj.): so good that nothing can equal it; unequalled; unparalleled; **NONPAREIL**
- **MATERFAMILIAS** (n.): the mother of a family; the female head of a family :: **PATERFAMILIAS** (n.)
- **MATRIARCH** (n.): a female who is the head of a family or tribe; a powerful older woman :: **MATRIARCHAL** (adj.), **MATRIARCHY** (n.), **PATRIARCH** (n.)
- **MATRICULATE** (v.): to enrol in a college or university as a candidate for a degree :: **MATRICULATED**, **MATRICULATING** (v.), **MATRICULATION** (n.)
- **MAUDLIN** (adj.): excessively sentimental; full of self-pity

- **MAUNDER** (v.): to move or speak in a rambling, foolish, meaningless, aimless, confused, or disconnected way
- **MAVEN** (n.): one who is experienced or knowledgeable; an expert
- **MAW** (n.): the jaws or throat; the stomach; as in “ he was swallowed up by the great MAW that is Hollywood ”
- **MAWKISH** (adj.): having a faint, sickly flavour; weakly, sickly or excessively sentimental :: MAWKISHLY (adv.), MAWKISHNESS (n.)
- **MAXIM(S)** (n.): a short, common statement expressing a general practical truth or rule of behaviour
- **MEA CULPA** (n.): a formal acknowledgement of personal fault or error
- **MEAN** (n.): in mathematics, the average value of a series of numbers, determined by taking the sum of the series and dividing by the number of items in that series
- **MEANDER** (v.): to follow a winding or intricate course; to wander aimlessly or casually without urgent destination :: MEANDERED, MEANDERING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **MEASURED** (adj.): carefully considered; slow and regular in rhythm
- **MEDDLESOME** (adj.): interfering; fond of MEDDLING or interfering in other people’s affairs :: MEDDLE (v.)
- **MEGALOMANIA** (n.): the obsession with having and using power :: MEGALOMANIAC(S) (n.)
 - a mental disorder characterized by DELUSIONS of GRANDEUR; the false belief that one has great power or importance
- **MELANCHOLY** (n.): deep and long-lasting sadness; depression :: MELANCHOLIC (adj.),
- **MELANCHOLIA** (n.): a mental condition characterized chiefly by extreme depression; a feeling of sadness and depression
- **MELANGE** (n.) (Fr.): a mixture; a (confused) mixture of INCONGRUOUS elements
- **MELEE** (n.) (Fr.): a confused conflict, fight, or brawl; a disorderly mass of people
- **MELLIFLUOUS** (adj.): music, speech, or other sounds that are sweet and pleasant to listen to; flowing sweetly or smoothly; smooth-sounding; musical
- **MELODRAMATIC** (adj.): exaggerated, overdramatic; emotional; sentimental :: MELODRAMA (n.)
- **MEME** (n.): an idea, behavior, style, or usage that spreads from person to person within a culture
- **MENAGERIE** (n.) (Fr.): a collection of wild or unusual animals; a zoo; a collection; a variety; a diverse group
- **MENDACIOUS** (adj.): given to or characterized by deception, falsehood, or dishonesty; untrue; untruthful
- **MENDACITY** (n.): a tendency to lie; untruthfulness :: MENDACIOUSLY (adv.)
- **MENDICANT** (n.,adj.): a beggar
- **MENSCH** (n.): a decent, upright, mature, responsible, and reliable person; a good person
- **MERCENARY** (adj.): motivated purely by money; greedy; AVARICIOUS
- **MERCENARY, MERCENARIES** (n.): a professional soldier-for-hire
- **MERCURIAL** (adj.): changeable; VOLATILE; TEMPERAMENTAL; fickle; tending to change mood suddenly
- **MERETRICIOUS** (adj.): tawdry; flashy, gaudy, showily attractive (of dress or style)
 - characteristic or worthy of a prostitute :: MERETRICIOUSLY (adv.), MERETRICIOUSNESS (n.)
- **MERITOCRACY** (n.): government or leadership by people of great merit or accomplishment; such a society
- **MERITORIOUS** (adj.): deserving reward, praise, honour, esteem, or gratitude :: MERIT (n.,v.)
- **MESSIANIC** (adj.): relating to the Messiah; inspired by belief in a messiah (a leader or saviour)
- **META** (adj.): of, or related to a story, play, film, or character that consciously references its own subject
- **METADATA** (n.): data that provides information about other data
- **METAPHOR** (n.): a direct comparison between two dissimilar things (to show that they are similar in some way); a representation; symbolism :: METAPHORICAL (adj.), METAPHORICALLY (adv.)

- **METAPHYSICAL** (adj.): beyond physical matter; dealing with abstractions; TRANSCENDENTAL; supernatural
- **METAPHYSICS** (n.): the study of arguments, thoughts, and principles based primarily on thinking and abstract reasoning rather than hard facts that can be demonstrated through physical evidence
- **METASTASIZE** (v.): the tendency of cancer cells to spread throughout the body; to spread or grow
- **METE** (v.): to distribute, allot, or deal out (justice, punishment, etc.) :: METED, METING (v.)
- **Methuselah** (n.): an extremely old man
- **METIER** (n.) (Fr.): an area of expertise; a strength; an occupation or area of activity at which one excels
- **METRIC(S)** (n.): a measurement
- **METTLE** (n.): strength of spirit, TEMPERAMENT, or disposition; courage and fortitude; stamina; staying power
- **METTLESOME** (adj.): spirited; full of vigour and stamina
- **MEWL** (v.): to whimper or cry feebly, as a baby, young child, or the like :: MEWLED, MEWLING (n.,v.)
- **MIASMA** (n.): a fog; a thick, vaporous (often NOXIOUS) atmosphere; a heavy or unpleasant atmosphere; a mess
- **MICROCOSM** (n.): a smaller, representative system having analogies to a much larger system :: MACROCOSM (n.)
- **MIDDLING** (adj.): moderate or average in size, amount, or rank
- **MIEN** (n.): a person's manner or BEARING, look or appearance; aspect; DEPARTMENT; demeanor
- **MILIEU** (n.) (Fr.): the physical environment, surroundings, (social) setting, etc. where something takes place or develops; an area where one is home or comfortable; an area of expertise
- **MILITATE** (v.): to have force or influence; to be a powerful or decisive factor in preventing something
- **MILKSOP** (n.): an unmanly, EFFEMINATE man; a timid or indecisive person
- **MILLSTONE** (adj.) (fig.): a burden or responsibility weighing down on a person or entity
- **MILQUETOAST** (n.): a very timid, mild-mannered, or unassertive person; a wimp
- **MIMETIC** (adj.): imitative; mimicking :: MIMESIS (n.): imitation; mimicry
- **MINATORY** (adj.): having a menacing quality; threatening
- **MINDFUL** (adj.): aware of or recognizing that; inclined :: MINDFULLY (adv), MINDFULNESS (n), UNMINDFUL (adj)
- **MINION(S)** (n.): an obedient but unimportant follower of a powerful person
- **MINUTIAE** (n.): small, trifling matters that one encounters on an average day
- **MIRTH** (n.): laughter; glee; gaiety accompanied by laughter :: MIRTHFUL (adj.), MIRTHFULLY (adv.)
- **MISANTHROPE** (n.): one who hates or distrusts mankind; an antisocial person who dislikes and avoids other people
 - a RECLUSE; a cynic MISANTHROPY (n.)
- **MISAPPROPRIATE** (v.): to dishonestly or unfairly take for one's own use :: MISAPPROPRIATED, MISAPPROPRIATING (v.), MISAPPROPRIATION (n.), APPROPRIATE (v.)
- **MISBEGOTTEN** (adj.): having an improper or disreputable origin; contemptible or deformed
- **MISCEGENATION** (n.): the mixture of the races; a marriage, relationship, or collaboration between different races or cultural groups
- **MISCIBLE** (adj.): capable of being mixed :: IMMISCIBLE (adj.)
- **MISCREANT(S)** (n.): a person who behaves badly or unlawfully; a villain; a scoundrel; a HERETIC
- **mise-en-scène** (n.) (Fr.): the stage setting; the arrangement of actors and scenery on a stage; the physical setting of an action
- **MISGIVING(S)** (n.): feelings of doubt, worry, or suspicion
- **MISNOMER(S)** (n.): a misnaming; a misleading name or label; a wrong or inappropriate name
- **MISOGYNY** (n.): hatred of women :: MYSOGYNISTIC (adj.), MISOGYNIST(S) (n.): a man who hates women

- **MISSIVE(S)** (n.): a letter; an official or formal letter; a written message
- **MITIGATE** (v.): to lessen in force or intensity, as with grief, pain, wrath, or harshness; to moderate; to excuse :: MITIGATED, **MITIGATING** (v.,adj.), MITIGATION (n.),UNMITIGATED(adj.)
- **MNEMONIC** (adj.): assisting or attempting to assist memory, as in a MNEMONIC device (n.): a rhyming sentence or other word pattern designed to help one memorize facts
- **MODICUM** (n.): a small portion; a limited quantity; a token amount; a trace, as in “ ... even a MODICUM of decency...”
- **MODULATE** (v.): to regulate; to vary in tone; to change the musical key :: MODULATION(S) (n.)
- **MOGUL** (n.): a person of rank, power, influence, or distinction often in a specified area
- **MOIETY** (n.): a half; a small part of something
- **MOLLIFY** (v.): to soothe; to appease; to PACIFY; to soften in feeling or temper; to reduce in intensity :: MOLLIFIED (v.,adj.), MOLLIFYING (v.,adj.), MOLLIFICATION (n.)
- **MOMENTOUS** (adj.): of great or far-reaching importance or consequence
- **MONASTIC** (adj.): relating to the practice of withdrawing from society to live a quiet, contemplative life, often dedicated to religious faith
- **MONGER** (n.): a broker or dealer; one who spreads discreditable information e.g. FISHMONGER, FEARMONGER
- **MONOLATRY** (n.): the worship of a single god with the recognition of other gods
- **MONOLITH** (n.): a single large upright block of stone
- **MONOLITHIC** (adj.): formed of a single large block of stone; massive and uniform; unique; ICONIC
- **MONTAGE** (n.) (Fr.): a picture or film made up by putting together pieces from other pictures or films; a medley
- **MOOT** (adj.): pointless; irrelevant; made purely academic or absurd; disputed; doubtful; open to discussion or debate
- **MORASS** (n.): a marsh or swamp; a complicated situation that traps, confuses, or impedes
- **MORBID** (adj.): affected with or induced by disease; sickly; unwholesome - abnormally susceptible to or characterized by gloomy or unwholesome feelings
- **MORBIDITY** (n.): the relative incidence of disease
- **MORDACIOUS** (adj.): BITING or sharp in manner, style, or tone; CAUSTIC
- **MORDANT** (adj.): sharply sarcastic; BITING; CAUSTIC; PUNGENT (in thought, manner, or style); INCISIVE
- **MORDANTLY** (adv.): to behave in a negative, malicious, or damaging fashion
- **MORES** (n.): customs; habits; ways
- **MORIBUND** (adj.): dying; at the point of death; soon to be dead or defunct; losing effectiveness and about to end; lacking vigor
- **MOROSE** (adj.): extremely sad; gloomy; sullen; ill-tempered; given to morbid BROODING
- **(LE) MOT JUSTE** (n.) (Fr.): the exact right word or phrase; the perfect thing to say; the appropriate expression
- **MOTE** (n.): a small particle or speck, especially of dust
- **MOTIF** (n.) (Fr.): a single, dominant, or repeated image forming a design; a recurring theme in an artistic or literary work
- **MOTLEY** (adj.): varied in colour; composed of diverse, often INCONGRUOUS elements
- **MOTTLED** (adj.): marked with patches of a different colour; PIEBALD
- **MOUE** (n.) (Fr.): a pout; a pouting grimace
- **MOUNTEBANK** (n.): a swindler; a charlatan; a quack; one who sells quack medicines to the public
- **MOURNFUL** (adj.): feeling or showing sadness
- **MOXIE** (n.): flair; style; energy; vigour; verve; pep; nerve

- **MUCKETY-MUCK** (n.) (Slang): an important and often arrogant person
- **MUCKRAKE** (v.): to search for and publicly expose real or apparent misconduct of a prominent individual, especially in politics :: MUCKRAKED, MUCKRAKING (n.,v.), MUCKRAKER(S) (n.)
- **MUGWUMP** (n.): one who is independent (in politics) or who remains neutral, undecided, or who cannot decide
- **MULTIFARIOUS** (adj.): having or occurring in great variety; diverse
- **MULTIPARTITE** (adj.): divided into many PARTS; having several PARTS or divisions
- **MULTIPLICITY** (n.): a large number or variety
- **MULTITUDINOUS** (adj.): including a great MULTITUDE of people, elements, or aspects; very numerous
- **MUNDANE** (adj.,n.): ordinary; regular; commonplace; lacking interest or excitement
 - relating to the earthly world rather than a heavenly or spiritual one
- **MUNIFICENT** (adj.): displaying great generosity in giving; BENEVOLENT :: MUNIFICENCE (n.)
- **MUTABLE** (adj.): changeable; liable to change; adaptable :: MUTABILITY (n.) **IMMUTABLE** (adj.)
- **MUTED** (adj.): softened; downplayed; of low intensity or volume
- **MYOPIC** (adj.): short-sighted (literally or figuratively) :: **MYOPIA** (n.): near-sightedness
 - lacking foresight or perspective; limited in outlook; lacking DISCERNMENT
- **MYRIAD** (n.,adj.): a great number (and variety) of people or things; a slew; a multitude; countless e.g. MYRIAD delays
 - an abundance of possibilities, selections, choices, or options
- **MYRMIDON(S)** (n.): a loyal follower, especially a subordinate who executes orders unquestioningly or UNSCRUPULOUSLY
- **MYTHOMANIA** (n.): an excessive or abnormal propensity for lying and exaggeration

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- **NABOB** (n.): a very rich man
 - **NADIR** (n.): the lowest point; the worst that something can get or become; rock-bottom
 - **NAIF** (n.): a naïve or inexperienced person
 - **NAISSANCE** (n.): a birth, an origination, or a growth, as that of a person, organization, idea, or movement
 - **NAMBY-PAMBY** (adj.): lacking in character, substance, courage, strength, or vigour; feeble; bland; INSIPID; indecisive
 - **NAMELY** (adv.): that is to say _____ ; for example _____ ; to be specific _____
 - **NARCISSISM** (n.): VANITY; excessive interest in oneself or one's appearance; self-love :: NARCISSISTIC (adj.), NARCISSISTICALLY (adv.), NARCISSIST(S) (n.), Narcissus (n.)
 - **NARCOTIC** (n.): an addictive drug which affects mood or behaviour; a drug which causes drowsiness or unconsciousness; (adj.): related to NARCOTICS
 - **NARRATIVE** (n.,adj.): a story; the NARRATED part of a literary work; having to do with NARRATION
 - **NASCENT** (adj.): just coming into existence and beginning to develop; still on the early stages of growth or development
 - INCIPIENT :: **RENASCENT** (adj.), RENAISSANCE (n.)
 - **NATTER** (v.): to talk incessantly, without stopping; to chatter away
 - **NATTY** (adj.): neatly or trimly smart in dress or appearance :: NATTILY (adv.)
 - **NAUGHT** (n.): nothing (adj.): worthless; lost; ruined; bad; wicked (adv.): in no degree :: **NOUGHT** (n.,pron.)
 - **NAVEL-GAZING** (n.): useless or excessive self- reflection of self-contemplation; self-absorption
 - **NB** (nota bene) (L.) (abbrev.): note well
 - **NE PLUS ULTRA** (n.) (L.): the ultimate; the ACME; the most profound degree of a quality or state
 - **NEBBISH** (n.): a weak-willed, timid, or INEFFECTUAL person
 - **NEBULOUS** (adj.): cloudy; obscure; hazy; vague; indistinct :: NEBULA (n.): an interstellar cloud

- **NEFARIOUS** (adj.): extremely or **FLAGRANTLY** wicked; evil; **INFAMOUS**; criminal; villainous; underhanded :: **NEFARIOUSLY** (adv.), **NEFARIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **NEGLIGIBLE** (adj.): **TRIFLING**; not important or great in size or volume
- **NEOCONSERVATIVE** (n.): a liberal who has become a conservative
- **NEOLOGISM** (n.): a new word, expression, or phrase; the creation of a new word or expression
- **NEONATAL** (adj.): of or relating to newborn children
- **NEOPHYTE** (n.): a **NOVICE** or beginner; a new convert
- **NEPOTISM** (n.): favoritism shown to one's relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs
- **NESTLE** (v.): to settle in comfortably within or against something; (of a place): to lie in a sheltered position :: **NESTLED**, **NESTLING** (v.)
- **NETHER** (adj.): lower in position
- **NETTLESOME** (adj.): causing irritation, vexation, or distress; irksome :: **NETTLE** (v.): to sting; to irritate or annoy; to provoke; to anger **NETTLED**, **NETTLING** (v.)
- **NEWSPEAK** (n.): deliberately misleading, indirect, and propagandistic language (used by politicians)
- **NEXUS** (n.): a connecting point or link, connection, or series of connections between two or more things; a connected group or series; a center or focus
- **NICETY, NICETIES** (n.): a small, fine, or delicate detail, difference, or distinction; accuracy; exactness; precision
- **NIGGARDLY** (adj.): not generous; stingy; miserly; mean
- **NIGGLING** (adj.,v.): demanding a great deal of care, attention, or time, or trifling or significant
- **NIGGLE** (v.): to worry or annoy slightly; to bother; to criticize in a petty way
- **NIHILISM** (n.): total rejection of laws or institutions; anarchy; chaos :: **NIHILISTIC** (adj.), **NIHILIST(S)** (n.)
- **NOBLESSE OBLIGE** (n.) (Fr.): the obligation of honourable, generous, and responsible behaviour associated with high rank or birth
- **NOCTURNAL** (adj.): of, pertaining to, or active at night
- **NOCUOUS** (adj.): harmful :: **INNOCUOUS** (adj.)
- **NOISOME** (adj.): offensive or disgusting, especially as an odour; unwholesome; harmful; **NOXIOUS**; highly obnoxious or **OBJECTIONABLE**
- **NOMAD** (n.): one who travels from place to place; one who wanders :: **NOMADIC** (adj.)
- **NOMENCLATURE** (n.): a system of names used in a particular field of science or art
- **NOMINAL** (adj.): in name but not in reality; (of a sum of money): very small, but paid because some payment is necessary
 - **TRIFLING**; insignificant
- **NON SEQUITUR** (n.) (L.): a conclusion that does not logically follow from the previous statement(s) or reasoning; an inference that does not follow from the premise(s); a statement that is not clearly related to anything previously said; toast and honey
- **NON-COMMITTAL** (adj.): not showing what one thinks or which side one supports :: **COMMITT** (v.)
- **NON-STARTER** (n.): something that has no chance of succeeding; something that is out of the question
- **NONDESCRIPT** (adj.): lacking distinction or special or interesting features; plain; ordinary; dull
- **NONPAREIL** (adj.) (Fr.): unparalleled; having no equal; **MATCHLESS**
- **NONPLUS** (v.): to perplex; to bewilder; to **CONFOUND**; to puzzle completely
 - to cause to be at a loss of what to say, do, or think; to puzzle completely :: **NONPLUSSED** (adj.,v.): not being bothered by commotion; undisturbed; unaffected
- **NOSEGAY** (n.): a bouquet of flowers
- **NOSH** (v.): to snack or eat between meals; to eat enthusiastically or greedily :: **NOSHED**, **NOSHING** (n.,v.)

- **NOSTRUM** (n.): a questionable remedy or scheme; a PANACEA - an ineffective solution that covers up a problem or masks its symptoms, but never addresses its root cause for a permanent fix
 - **NOTWITHSTANDING** (prep.): in spite of; despite; (adv.): nevertheless; in spite of this; (conj.): although; in spite of the fact that...
 - **NOUGAT** (n.): a candy made from sugar or honey, nuts, and egg white
 - **NOUGHT** (n.,pron.): the figure "0"; nothing :: NAUGHT (n.,adj.)
 - **NOUVEAU RICHE** (n.,adj.): a person who has recently acquired wealth
 - **NOXIOUS** (adj.): poisonous, harmful, or very unpleasant; PERNICIOUS
 - **NUANCE** (n.) (Fr.): a very slight or subtle difference, distinction, or variation in meaning, expression, tone, sound, etc. :: NUANCED (adj.)
 - **NUBILE** (adj.) (of a girl or young woman): sexually developed, mature, and attractive
 - **NUMEN** (n.): a spiritual or divine force or influence often identified with a natural object, phenomenon, or place
 - **NUMINOUS** (adj.): having a mysterious, spiritual, or religious quality; holy; divine; feeling awe of the divine
 - **NUPTIALS** (n.): a wedding NUPTIAL (adj.): of or pertaining to marriage
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- **OBDURATE** (adj.): stubborn; unyielding; resistant to persuasion :: OBDURATELY (adv.), OBDURATENESS (n.)
 - hardened in feelings or in wrongdoing; stubbornly wicked; persistent in wrongdoing
 - **OBEISANCE** (n.) (Fr.): humble respect; acknowledgement of another's superiority or importance; DEFERENCE; a movement made as a token of respect or submission; a bow
 - **OBFUSCATE** (v.): to block; to darken; to obscure; to (deliberately) make unclear; to confuse; to bewilder; to STUPEFY
 - to talk or write about something that deliberately makes it unclear, SELECTIVELY omitting certain facts, or communicating wrong ideas or impressions, so that the listener or reader does not grasp the whole truth of the situation :: OBFUSCATED, OBFUSCATING (v.), OBFUSCATION (n.)
 - **OBJECTIFY** (vé.): to treat as an object; to dehumanize :: OBJECTIFIED (v.,adj.), OBJECTIFYING (v.,n.), OBJECTIFICATION (n.)
 - **OBJECTIONABLE** (adj.): offensive or unpleasant :: OBJECTIONABLY (adv.), OBJECT (v.)
 - **objet trouvé** (n.): a natural or discarded object found by chance that is held to have artistic or aesthetic value
 - **OBLIQUE** (adj.): at an angle; slanting; diagonal; not done in a direct way :: OBLIQUELY (adv.), OBLIQUENESS (n.)
 - **OBLIVIOUS** (adj): unaware of one's surroundings, situations, or the consequences of one's actions; UNMINDFUL; forgetful :: OBLIVIOUSLY (adv.), OBLIVIOUSNESS (n.)
 - **OBSEQUIOUS** (adj.): excessively obedient or respectful; excessively compliant, submissive, or attentive; subservient
 - SERVILELY attentive; excessively eager to please; FAWNING :: OBSEQUIOUSLY (adv.), OBSEQUIOUSNESS (n.)
 - **OBTRUDE** (v.): to thrust out; to impose on others
 - **OBTRUSIVE** (adj.): noticeable in an unwelcome way :: UNOBTRUSIVE (adj) OBTRUSIVELY (adv),OBTRUSIVENESS (n)
 - **OBTUSE** (adj.): not sharp or quick of wit; not quick or alert in perception, sensitivity, feeling, or intellect; dense
 - difficult to understand :: OBTUSELY (adv.), OBTUSENESS (n.)

- **OBVIATE** (v.): to anticipate and prevent (by interception) or dispose of something; to make unnecessary :: OBVIATED (v.)
- **OCCAM'S RAZOR** (n.): a scientific or philosophical rule that favors the simplest explanation
- **OCCIDENTAL** (adj.): western OCCIDENT (n.): regions or countries lying to the west of a place
- **OCCLUDE** (v.): to close up or block (an opening or passage); to shut in, out, or off :: OCCLUDED, OCCLUDING (v.), OCCLUSION (n.)
- **OCCULT** (n.,adj.): supernatural beliefs, practices, or events; relating to the OCCULT :: OCCULTISM (n.)
- **ODIOUS** (adj.): very unpleasant; repulsive; hateful; unpopular
- **ODIUM** (n.): intense hatred or dislike; widespread hatred or disgust
- **ODORIFEROUS** (adj.): having an ODOUR; yielding or DIFFUSING an ODOUR
- **OEUVRE** (n.) (Fr.): the complete body of work of an artist, composer, author, etc.
- **OFFHAND** (adj.,adv.): rudely casual or abrupt; without previous thought :: OFFHANDED (adj.), OFFHANDEDLY (adv.)
- **OFFICIOUS** (adj.): asserting authority or power in an obnoxious, overbearing, or pompous manner; eagerly offering unwanted help or advice; meddling; intrusive; informal, unofficial :: OFFICIOUSLY (adv.), OFFICIOUSNESS (n.)
- **OLFACTORY** (adj.): pertaining to the sense of smell
- **OLIGARCHY** (n.): a small group of people having control of a state; a state governed by such a group
- **OLIO** (n.): a hodgepodge; a mixture of different elements
- **OMBUDSMAN** (n.): a government official appointed to investigate people's complaints against public officials
- **OMNIBUS** (n.): a single volume of collected works by a single author, or works of a single theme; (adj.): relating to many things at once; containing or including many items
- **OMNISCIENT** (adj.): all-knowing; having universal or complete knowledge :: OMNISCIENCE (n.)
- **OMOPHAGOUS** (adj.): eating raw food, especially raw meat
- **ONEROUS** (adj.): burdensome; oppressive; causing hardship; troublesome; having obligations that outweigh the advantages
- **ONOMATOPOEIA** (n.): an instance of a word that sounds like, or suggests its meaning e.g. CRACK
- **ONUS** (n.): a burden or responsibility
- **OPAQUE** (adj.): not able to be seen through; obscure; difficult or impossible to understand :: OPAQUENESS, OPACITY (n)
- **OPIATE** (n.): relating to or containing opium; something (addictive) that causes a false sense of contentment
- **OPINE** (v.): to state as an opinion; to think; to suppose :: OPINED, OPINING (v.), OPINION(S) (n.), REPINE (v.)
- **OPPORTUNE** (adj.): occurring at a convenient time; suitable for a given purpose or occasion :: INOPPORTUNE (adj.)
- **OPPRESSIVE** (adj.): causing distress and anxiety; OVERBEARING; TYRANNICAL; demanding strict obedience; harsh :: OPPRESSIVELY (adv.), OPPRESSIVENESS (n.)
- **OPPROBRIOUS** (adj.): conveying or expressing disgrace or shame
- **OPPROBRIUM** (n.): public disgrace from conduct considered outrageous or shameful
- something that brings disgrace, CONTEMPT, or REPROACH
- **OPPUGN** (v.): to attack with criticism, argument, or action; to fight against; to call into question :: OPPUGNED, OPPUGNING (v.)
- **OPTICS** (n.): how something appears (to the public)

- **ORACLE** (n.): a seer; one who interprets advice or prophecy from the gods; an authority that is always correct
- **ORACULAR** (adj.): resembling or suggesting an oracle; ambiguous; obscure
- **ORATORY** (n.): skill in public speaking
- **ORDINANCE** (n.): a specific law or regulation
- **ORGIASTIC** (adj.): relating to or like an orgy; wild; arousing unrestrained emotional release
- **ORNATE** (adj.): highly decorated; adorned; ornamented; richly embellished; FLORID; elaborately finished :: ORNATELY (adv.), ORNATENESS (n.)
- **ORTHODOX** (adj.): adhering to the strictest interpretation of a law or religion; conventional, mainstream :: ORTHODOXY (n.)
- **ORTHOGRAPHY** (n.): correct spelling; a way or style of spelling
- **OSCILLATE** (v.): to move, sway, or swing back and forth at a regular rate; to WAVER ; to change one's mind frequently about a belief or opinion :: OSCILLATED (v.), OSCILLATING (v.,adj.), OSCILLATION (n.)
- **OSMOSIS** (n.): the movement of a liquid through a membrane; the slow absorption of ideas or concepts
- **OSSIFY** (v.): to turn to bone; to harden; to become inflexible or set in one's ways :: OSSIFIED, OSSIFYING (v.), OSSIFICATION (n.)
- **OSTENSIBLY** (adv.): apparently true, but not necessarily so; PLAUSIBLE but unproven; done for an obvious reason
- **OSTENSIBLE** (adj.): to be shown; plausible instead of verifiable
- **OSTENTATIOUS** (adj.): showy in actions or manners; intended to impress or attract notice or attention; pretentious
 - displaying great wealth; flamboyant :: OSTENTATIONOUSLY (adv.), OSTENTATIONOUSNESS, OSTENTATION (n.): an excessive or PRETENTIOUS display
- **OSTRACIZE** (v.): to exclude from society or a group by common consent; to banish or expel :: OSTRACIZED (v.,adj.), OSTRACIZING (v.), OSTRACISM (n.)
- **OTHER-WORLDLY** (adj.): relating to an imaginary or spiritual world
 - having little awareness of the realities of life :: UNWORLDLY (adj.)
- **OUTLANDISH** (adj.): strange or unfamiliar; out of the ordinary; bizarre; exceeding proper or reasonable limits :: OUTLANDISHLY (adv.), OUTLANDISHNESS (n.)
- **OUTLIER** (n.): someone who stands apart from others of his or her group because of differing locations, attributes, abilities, actions, beliefs, religious practices, etc.; an outsider; a nonconformist; a maverick; an original; an eccentric
 - in statistics, an observation that is well outside the expected range of values in a sample, study or experiment
- **OUTMODED** (adj.): old-fashioned; out of fashion; ANTIQUATED; obsolete; SUPERANNUATED
- **outré** (adj.) (Fr.): outside the limits of expected conduct or behaviour; unusual and rather shocking; radically unconventional; eccentric; bizarre
- **OUTRIDER** (n.): a person who escorts someone (on horseback or in a vehicle); a mounted attendant; an advance scout
 - one who leads the way; a FORERUNNER; an innovator
- **OUTSET** (n.): the very beginning; the very start
- **OUTSIZED** (adj.): very large
- **OUTSPOKEN** (adj.): CANDID and FRANK in expressing one's opinion; open :: OUTSPOKENLY (adv.), OUTSPOKENNESS (n.)
- **OVER-ARCHING** (adj.): covering everything; all-encompassing; all-inclusive
- **OVERBEARING** (adj.): trying to control or manipulate people in a CONDESCENDING way; OVERWEENING
- **OVERBLOWN** (adj.): exaggerated or PRETENTIOUS

- **OVERSTUFFED** (adj.): stuffed or filled to excess; obese; filled with tedious or **EXTRANEOUS** material; overly long
- **OVERT** (adj.): open to view; not concealed; apparent; obvious :: **OVERTLY** (adv.), **OVERTNESS** (n.)
- **OVERTONE(S)** (n.): a quality that accompanies something without being directly expressed; a suggestion; a hint
- **OVERTURES** (n.): approaches made with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship
- **OVERWEENING** (adj.): **OVERBEARING**; arrogant or presumptuous; overly confident or proud;
 - excessive; **IMMODERATE**; exaggerated :: **OVERWEENINGLY** (adv.)
- **OVERWROUGHT** (adj.): very worried or nervously excited; (of writing or a work of art): overly elaborate
- **OXYMORON** (n.): a combination of contradictory or **INCONGRUOUS** words or elements e.g. jumbo shrimp, military intelligence

- **PABLUM** or **PABULUM** (n.): baby food; something that nourishes; material for intellectual nourishment; something (writing or speech) that is bland, simplistic, **TRITE**, or **INSIPID**
- **PACHYDERM** (n): a very large mammal with a thick skin, such as an elephant; one who is not sensitive to criticism or ridicule
- **PACIFY** (v.): to bring peace to; to **APPEASE**; to make less angry or upset :: **PACIFIED** (v.,adj.), **PACIFYING** (v.), **PACIFICATION** (n.), **PACIFISM**, **PACIFIST(S)** (n.)
- **PAEAN** (n.): a joyous song or hymn of praise, tribute, thanksgiving, or triumph
- **PAINSTAKING** (adj.): very careful and thorough; **LABORIOUS**; diligent; difficult; detailed :: **PAINSTAKINGLY** (adv.)
- **PALADIN** (n.): a champion of a cause
- **PALATABLE** (adj.): pleasant to taste; agreeable; acceptable :: **UNPALATABLE** (adj.)
- **PALATE** (n.): a person's ability to distinguish between different flavours; a person's taste
- **PALATIAL** (adj.): spacious or impressive, like a **PALACE**
- **PALAUVER** (n.,v.): idle talk; a conference or discussion between people of different cultural levels; to talk idly
 - a rambling, **MEANDERING** stream-of-consciousness conversation spoken to make or prove a point
- **PALETTE** (n.) (lit.,fig.): the thin board on which an artist lays his paints; the range of colours used by an artist; a spectrum
- **PALINDROME** (n.): a word, phrase, or sentence that reads the same backward as forward e.g. kayak, Otto, I am Mai.
- **PALL** (n.): a **gloom**; a **dark shadow** hanging (figuratively) over something
- **PALLIATE** (v.): to moderate the intensity of; to relieve; to ease the symptoms without curing the disease; to **EXTENUATE**; to cover by excuses and apologies :: **PALLIATIVE** (adj.)
- **PALLID** (adj.): pale; faint or deficient in colour, typically due to illness or weakness; **WAN**; lacking in energy or vitality
- **PALLOR** (n.): unusual or extreme paleness
- **PALPABLE** (adj.): able to be touched or felt; **TANGIBLE**
 - so powerful as to be almost touched or felt; **VISCERAL**; obvious; plain; distinct :: **PALPABLY** (adv.), **PALPABILITY** (n.), **IMPALPABLE** (adj.): **INTANGIBLE**; difficult to understand easily
- **PALPITATE** (v.): to pulsate with unusual rapidity from exertion, emotion, etc.; to flutter :: **PALPITATION(S)** (n.)
- **PALTRY** (adj.) (of an amount or quantity): very small; contemptibly small; meager; measly; petty; trivial; inferior, despicable

- **PANACEA** (n.): a cure-all (whether hypothetical, theoretical, or magical); a universal remedy or solution for all problems
- **PANACHE** (n.): flair; dash; impressive confidence or flamboyance in style, manner, or action; verve
- **PANDEMIC** (adj.,n.): affecting a whole people or a number of countries through widespread infection; such an outbreak of disease or affliction
- **PANDER** (v.): to provide gratification or satisfaction for another's desires
 - to indulge (an immoral or distasteful) desire or habit :: **PANDERED**, **PANDERING** (n.,v.), **PANDERER(S)** (n.)
- **PANEGYRIC** (n.): a lofty expression of formal or elaborate praise
- **PANG(S)** (n.): a sudden sharp pain or painful emotion
- **PANJANDRUM** (n.): an important or self-important or **PRETENTIOUS** official or authority
- **PANOPLY** (n.): a splendid or impressive **ARRAY**; a variety; a complete or impressive collection or display; attire; armour
- **PANORAMA** (n.): a clear view of a wide area; a complete survey of a subject or sequence of events :: **PANORAMIC** (adj.)
- **PANTHEON** (n.): the **COLLECTIVE** (revered) gods of a people; a group of illustrious and revered persons
- **PAP** (n.): soft baby food, such as **PABLUM**; worthless or trivial reading matter or entertainment
- **PARABLE** (n.): a fictitious story that illustrates a moral lesson or religious principle
- **PARADIGM** (n.): a pattern; a framework; example, or model; an outstanding example or **ARCHETYPE**
- **PARAGON** (n.): a model, example, or pattern of excellence or perfection; an ideal; the epitome
- **PARAMETER(S)** (n.): something that decides or limits the way in which something is done; a constant limit or boundary
- **PARAMOUNT** (adj.): more important than anything else; having supreme power
- **PARAMOUR** (n.) (Fr.): a lover
- **PARAPHRASE** (v.): to rephrase something; to express the meaning of something using different words :: **PARAPHRASED** (v.), **PARAPHRASING** (n.,v.), **PERIPHRAISIS** (n.)
- **PARE** (v.): to trim by cutting away the outer edges of; to gradually reduce something :: **PARED**, **PARING** (n.,v.)
- **PARENTHETICAL** (adj.): relating to or added as a **PARENTHESIS**; {extra or explanatory information added}
- **PARIAH** (n.): a social outcast; a person shunned by society for their behaviour
- **PARLANCE** (n.): a way of using words associated with a particular subject e.g. "in political **PARLANCE** ..."
- **PARLAY** (v.): to bet or gamble (an original amount and its winnings) on a subsequent wager or investment; such a bet
 - to transfer; to use one's talent or other assets to achieve a greater or desired objective :: **PARLAYED**, **PARLAYING** (v.)
- **PARLEY** (n.,v.): a conference or discussion; to confer; to discuss terms with an enemy
- **PAROCHIAL** (adj.): having a narrow or limited outlook or range; **PROVINCIAL**; of or relating to a church parish :: **PAROCHIALLY** (adv.)
- **PARRY** (v.): to ward off (a weapon or attack) with a countermove; to impede the movement of; to avoid answering a question directly :: **PARRIED**, **PARRYING** (n.,v.)
- **PARSE** (v.): to analyse {a sentence into the parts it is made up of and describe their roles}
 - to analyze critically; to examine in detail **PARSED**, **PARSING** (v.,n.)
- **PARSIMONIOUS** (adj.): being **FRUGAL** to the point of stinginess; (excessively) careful with money or resources :: **PARSIMONIOUSLY** (adv.), **PARSIMONIOUSNESS**, **PARSIMONY** (n.)
- **PARTICULATE** (n.): matter in the form of minute particles, such as dust or crumbs

- **PARTISAN** (adj.,n.): biased; influenced or controlled by a certain group; one who is biased :: BIPARTISAN (adj.)
- **PARVENU** (n.) (Fr.): a person from a humble background who has recently become wealthy or famous but has not yet secured the social position or acceptance associated with it; an upstart; a newcomer
- **PARVENUE** (n.): a woman who has suddenly come into some money
- **PASSIVE** (adj.): inactive; accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without resistance :: **PASSIVELY** (adv.), **PASSIVENESS**, **PASSIVITY** (n.)
- **PASTICHE** (n.): an artistic composition made up of selections from different works; a mixture; a hodgepodge; a potpourri
- **PASTORAL** (adj.): related to country life
- **PATCHY** (adj.): uneven in quality; inconsistent (as in “a PATCHY memory”)
 - existing or happening in a small, isolated area (as in “a PATCHY fog”)
- **PATENT** (adj.): obvious; plain; easily recognizable :: **PATENTLY** (adv.)
- **PATERFAMILIAS** (n.): the male head of a household; the father of a family :: MATERFAMILIAS (n.)
- **PATHOLOGICAL** (adj.): compulsive; obsessive; relating to or caused by a disease :: **PATHOLOGICALLY** (adv.)
- **PATHOLOGY** (n.): the typical behaviour or pattern of a disease
- **PATHOS** (n.) (Gr.): a quality in artistic representation that arouses sympathy, compassion, pity, or sadness
- **PATINA** (n.): a thin, superficial exterior layer or surface; a green or brown film on the surface of old bronze
- **PATOIS** (n.): a regional version of a language that differs from its standard, literary form
- **PATRIARCH** (n.): the male head of a family or tribe; a powerful or respected older man :: **PATRIARCHAL** (adj.), **PATRIARCHY** (n.), MATRIARCH (n.)
- **PATRICIAN** (n.): a nobleman; an **ARISTOCRAT**; a person of refined upbringing, manners, and taste; (adj.): typical of **ARISTOCRATS**
- **PATRONIZE** (v.): to be a regular customer (or **PATRON**) of
 - to treat someone in a way that suggests they are inferior; to treat someone as if they were a child
- **PATRONIZING** (adj.): in an offensively **CONDESCENDING** manner
- **PATTER** (n.): fast, continuous talk; the jargon of a profession or social group
- **PAUCITY** (n.): an extreme shortage of something; scarcity; fewness; insufficiency; **SCANTINESS**; **DEARTH**
- **PECCADILLO** (n.): a minor or petty fault or quirk; a slight offense or indiscretion; a small, irritating problem
- **PECKSNIFFIAN** (adj.): hypocritically and fervently affecting kindness or high moral principles
- **PECULATE** (v.): to embezzle; to steal or take dishonestly (money, esp. from public funds, or property entrusted to one’s care)
- **PECUNIARY** (adj.): relating to money or cash; consisting of or measured in money
- **PECUNIOUS** (adj.): having plenty of money :: IMPECUNIOUS (adj.)
- **PEDAGOGUE** (n.): a teacher (usually used with contempt, implying conceit or **PEDANTRY**) :: **PEDAGOGY** (n.): the profession or theory of teaching **PEDAGOGICAL** (adj.): of, relating to, or befitting a teacher or education
- **PEDANT** (n.): a person who is excessively concerned with minor details or with displaying technical knowledge
- **PEDANTIC** (adj.): making a vain, pretentious display of learning; bookish; academic; unimaginative or **PEDESTRIAN**
 - overstressing learning over practicality or common sense; having a narrow focus on small details of a subject
- **PEDANTRY** (n.): an obsessive behaviour of being proper and technically correct down to the last detail
- **PEDESTRIAN** (adj.): lacking in imagination or distinction; unoriginal; dull; commonplace

- **PEDIGREE** (n.): the record of descent of an animal, showing it to be purebred; a person's family background or ancestry
- **PEEVISH** (adj.): irritable; FRETFUL; PETULANT; expressing discontent :: PEEVISHLY (adv.), PEEVISHNESS (n.)
- **PEJORATIVE** (adj.,n.): insulting; expressing contempt or disapproval; DISPARAGING; belittling; having negative connotations
- **PELETON** (n.): the main body of riders in a bicycle race
- **PELL-MELL** (adv.): in a confused haste; in a mingled confusion or disorder; randomly
- **PELLUCID** (adj.): easy to understand; clear; transparent; shining through; reflecting light evenly, without distortion
- **PENAL** (adj.): relating to the punishment of offenders under the legal system (as in "the PENAL code"); very severe
- **PENANCE** (n.): an act done as a punishment for having sinned or done wrong PENITENT (adj.)
- **PENCHANT** (n.): a strong and continuing inclination or liking; a partiality; a preference; a tendency; a habit
- **PENITENT** (adj.,n.): feeling sorrow or regret for sin or having done something wrong; one who feels so :: PENITENCE, PENANCE (n.)
- **PENSIVE** (adj.): engaged in deep thought; contemplative :: PENSIVENESS (n.)
- **PENULTIMATE** (adj.): the thing next to the last; a final thing almost to the extreme
- **PENURY** (n.): extreme poverty; an OPPRESSIVE lack of resources; need; insufficiency :: PENURIOUS (adj.)
- **PEON** (n.): a DISPARAGING term used to describe an undistinguished member of society such as a servant, day-labourer, attendant, foot-soldier, etc.
- **PER CONTRA** (adv.): on the contrary; by way of contrast; as an offset
- **PERAMBULATE** (v.): to walk or travel from place to place; to stroll; to walk through or over :: PERAMBULATION(S) (n.), AMBULATE (v.), AMBULATORY (adj.)
- **PERCIPIENT** (adj.): keenly or readily perceiving; discriminating
- **PERDITION** (n.): a state of final spiritual ruin; damnation; the loss of the soul
- **PEREGRINATION(S)** (n.): travels or journeys; traveling from place to place, especially on foot :: PEREGRINATE (v.)
- **PEREMPTORY** (adj.): PRECLUDING or putting an end to all debate or action; insisting on immediate attention or obedience
 - expressive of urgency or command; marked by arrogant self-assurance; haughty
- **PERENNIAL** (adj.): RECURRENT; regularly repeated or renewed; permanent; continuing to live from year to year; present at all seasons of the year :: PERENNIALLY (adv.)
- **PERFIDIOUS** (adj.): deliberately faithless; disloyal; untrustworthy; treacherous
- **PERFIDY** (n.): a deliberate BREACH of trust; treachery; faithlessness
- **PERFORCE** (adv.): by necessity; necessarily; unavoidably; by force of circumstances
- **PERFUNCTORY** (adj.): mechanically or carelessly performed; performed merely as a routine; done INDIFFERENTLY
 - hasty; superficial
- **PERIGEE** (n.): the point in the orbit of the moon or a satellite at which it is nearest to the Earth :: APOGEE (n.)
- **PERIPATETIC** (adj.): walking about or traveling from place to place; working or based in a SUCCESSION of places
- **PERIPETEIA** (n.): a sudden or unexpected reversal of circumstances or situation (especially in a play or literary work)
- **PERIPHERAL** (adj.): relating to or situated on the outer limits of something; of secondary importance :: PERIPHERALLY (adv.), PERIPHERY (n.)

- **PERMEATE** (v.): to spread or penetrate through something; to **DIFFUSE** through something :: **PERMEATED**, **PERMEATING** (v.,adj.), **PERMEABLE**, **IMPERMEABLE** (adj.)
- **PERMUTATION(S)** (n.): each of the possible ways in which things can be arranged or ordered
 - potential outcomes; possibilities
- **PERNICIOUS** (adj.): deadly; dangerous; destructive; harmful; injurious; hurtful; **NOXIOUS** :: **PERNICIOUSLY** (adv.), **PERNICIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **PERPETUITY** (n.): the state of lasting forever :: **PERPETUATE** (v.)
- **PERQUISITE(S)** (n.): a gratuity; a tip; a benefit in addition to a salary
 - a special right or privilege enjoyed as a result of one's position **PERK(S)** (n.)
- **PERSNICKETY** (adj.): fussy about small details; **FASTIDIOUS**; demanding; overly particular; snobbish; demanding great precision
- **PERSPICACITY** (n.): clearness of understanding or insight; penetration; **DISCERNMENT**
- **PERSPICACIOUS** (adj.): having keen mental perception and understanding; **DISCERNING**
 - quickly achieving an insight into and understanding of a thing
- **PERSPICUOUS** (adj.): plain to the understanding especially because of the clarity or precision of presentation
- **PERT** (adj.): attractively lively or cheeky; **SPRIGHTLY**; lively; saucy; **FORWARD** :: **PERTLY** (adv.), **PERTNESS** (n.)
- **PERTAIN** (v.): to relate to; to be relevant; to be appropriate :: **PERTAINED**, **PERTAINING** (v.)
- **PERTINENT** (adj.): relevant or appropriate :: **PERTINENTLY** (adv.), **PERTINENCE** (n.), **IMPERTINENT** (adj.)
- **PERTINACIOUS** (adj.): stubbornly persistent; holding obstinately to a belief, purpose, or design :: **PERTINACITY** (n.)
- **PERTURB** (v.): to disturb, make anxious, or unsettle :: **PERTURBED** (v.,adj.), **PERTURBATION** (n.)
- **PERUSE** (v.): to read carefully and attentively; to study, examine, or review in detail
 - to look over or look through casually or hastily :: **PERUSED**, **PERUSING** (v.), **PERUSAL(S)** (n.)
- **PERVADE** (v.): to spread or be present throughout; to dominate :: **PERVADED**, **PERVADING** (v.,adj.)
- **PERVASIVE** (adj.): spreading widely through or present everywhere in something; dominating :: **PERVASIVELY** (adv.), **PERVASIVENESS** (n.)
- **PERVIOUS** (adj.): allowing water to pass through; vulnerable to attack or damage; open or accessible to reason, influence, or argument :: **IMPERVIOUS** (adj.)
- **PESTILENCE** (n.): a deadly contagious, epidemic disease; a plague :: **PESTILENTIAL** (adj.)
- **PETTIFOG** (v.): to act in a mean, **QUIBBLING**, or shifty way; to do legal business in a mean and tricky way
- **PETTIFOGGER** (n.): a petty, second-rate lawyer, especially one given to **UNSCRUPULOUS** practices or **CHICANERY**; someone who quibbles over trivia; (v.): to bicker or quibble over trifles or unimportant matters :: **PETTIFOGGERY** (n.)
- **PETULANT** (adj.): childishly sulky or bad-tempered; sullen; **IMPUDENT** :: **PETULANTLY** (adv.), **PETULANCE** (n.)
- **PHALANX** (n.): a compact body of troops; a square of infantry in close formation; any closely ranked crowd of people
- **PHANTASMAGORIA** (n.): a shifting series or succession of things seen or imagined
 - a bizarre or fantastic combination **PHANTASMAGORICAL** (adj.)
- **PHILADELPHIA LAWYER** (n.): a lawyer knowledgeable in the most minute aspects of the law
- **PHILISTINE(S)** (n.): a crude and ignorant person lacking in or (smugly) **INDIFFERENT** to cultural or intellectual pursuits or social or aesthetic refinement
- **PHILOMATH** (n.): a lover of learning; a scholar
- **PHLEGMATIC** (adj.): calm and unemotional; cool; unexcitable; not easily emotional or excited to action
 - having or showing a **STOLID** temperament; slow; **PLODDING**; sluggish

- **PHOTOGENIC** (adj.): looking attractive in photographs
- **PHYSIOLOGY** (n.): the way in which a living body works or functions :: **PHYSIOLOGICAL** (adj.)
- **PICARESQUE** (adj.): of or relating to rogues or rascals; relating to fiction dealing with a dishonest but appealing hero
- **PICAYUNE** (adj.): trivial; lacking importance or significance; of little value; **PALTRY**; petty; small-minded
- **PIDGIN** (n.): a simplified local language used for communication between people speaking different languages
- **PIEBALD** (adj.) (of a horse): having irregular patches of two colours; **MOTTLED**; composed of **INCONGRUOUS** parts
- **PIED** (adj.): having patches of two or more different colours, such as horses or other animals
- **PIECEMEAL** (adj.,adv.): done in a gradual and inconsistent way
- **PIED-A-TERRE** (n.) (Fr.): a temporary or secondary place of lodging; (v.): to steal (things of little value) :: **PILFERED**, **PILFERING** (v.,n.)
- **PIFFLE** (n.,v.): nonsense, trivial or senseless talk; to talk piffle or nonsense
- **PILFFER** (v): to steal things of little value, or to steal in small quantities :: **PILFERED**, **PILFERING** (v.,n.)
- **PILLORY** (v.,n.): to expose or attack for public ridicule or abuse; a device like the stocks for public ridicule :: **PILLORIED** (v.,adj.), **PILLORYING** (v.,n.)
- **PIMP** (n.,v.): someone who controls prostitutes and arranges clients for them, taking a percentage of the earnings in return :: **PIMPED**, **PIMPING** (n.,v.)
- **PINE** (v.): to miss and long for the return of someone or something **PINED**, **PINING** (v.,n.)
- **PINNACLE** (n.): a cliff or high piece of rock; the highest point; the most successful point; the **ACME**, the **ZENITH**
- **PIQUANT** (adj.): having a pleasantly sharp or spicy taste; **PUNGENT**; stimulating to the **PALATE**
 - pleasantly exciting; having a lively charm; stimulating to the mind; **ENGAGING**; provocative
- **PIQUE** (v.,n.): to stimulate interest or curiosity; to feel hurt or resentful; resentment arising from hurt pride or perceived injustice :: **PIQUED**, **PIQUING** (v.)
- **PITHY** (adj.): concise and expressing a point clearly; **TERSE** :: **PITHILY** (adv.), **PITHINESS** (n.)
- **PITTANCE** (n.): a small portion or allowance, especially of money; a meagre wage or **REMUNERATION**
- **PLACATE** (v.): to make less angry or hostile; to **APPEASE**; to **PACIFY** :: **PLACATED**, **PLACATING** (v.)
- **PLACEBO** (n.): a medicine prescribed for the mental benefit of the patient rather than for any physical effect
- **PLACID** (adj.): pleasantly calm or peaceful; serenely free of interruption or disturbance; tranquil; complacent
- **PLAINTIVE** (adj.): sounding sad and mournful; expressive of suffering, sorrow or **MELANCHOLY** :: **PLAINTIVELY** (adv)
- **PLATITUDE(S)** (n.): a cliché; a phrase that has been used too often to be interesting or thoughtful; a **HOMILY**
 - a **BANAL**, **TRITE**, or stale thought or remark
- **PLAUDIT(S)** (n.): praise; compliments; enthusiastic approval
- **PLAUSIBLE** (adj.): believable; credible; appearing reasonable or truthful :: **PLAUSIBLY** (adv.), **PLAUSIBILITY** (n.), **IMPLAUSIBLE** (adj.)
- **PLEB(S)** (n.) (Slang): a member of the lower social classes
- **PLEBEIAN** (adj.,n.): common; vulgar; lower-class; unsophisticated; a member of the lower social classes; a commoner
- **PLEBISCITE** (n.): a direct vote regarding some important public issue
- **PLENARY** (adj.): full or complete in all respects; entire; absolute; fully attended

- e.g. - a **PLENARY** meeting is fully attended by all qualified members
- **PLENITUDE** (n.): the quality or state of being abundant, full, or complete; a large amount or supply of something
- **PLETHORA** (n.): a great quantity or variety; an excess amount of something; an overabundance; a PROFUSION
- **PLIABLE** (adj.): easily bent; flexible; easily influence or persuaded :: **PLIABILITY** (n.), **UNPLIABLE** (adj.)
- **PLIANT** (adj.): flexible; bending readily; easily influenced; **COMPLIANT** :: **PLIANCY** (n.), **PLY** (v.)
- **PLODDING** (adj.): slow; deliberate; **LABORIOUS**; wearisome :: **PLODDINGLY** (adv.)
- **PLUCK** (n.): courage; nerve; spirit :: **PLUCKY** (adj.), **PLUCKINESS** (n.)
- **PLURALISM** (n.): a political system of sharing power among a number of political parties
 - belief in more than one doctrine at the same time
- **PLURALITY** (n.): the majority; a great number
- **PODUNK** (n.): a small, unimportant, and isolated town
- **POINT MAN** (n.): a soldier who goes ahead of a patrol; one who is in the forefront; a principal spokesman or advocate
- **POINTED** (adj.) (of a remark or look): directed towards a particular person or expressing a clear message
- **POLAR** (adj.): relating to the North or South Poles; completely opposite, as in “POLAR opposites” :: **BIPOLAR** (adj.)
- **POLARIZE** (v.): to divide into opposites; to separate :: **POLARIZED**, **POLARIZING** (v.,adj.), **POLARIZATION** (n.)
- **POLEMIC** (n.): an aggressive attack on or **REFUTATION** of the opinions or principles of another
 - a controversial argument, as one against some doctrine or opinion; a long, rambling speech meant to persuade
- **POLEMICAL** (adj.): involving dispute or controversy; argumentative, quarrelsome
- **POLITESSE** (n.) (Fr.): formal politeness; **DECOROUSNESS**; as in “toujours la **POLITESSE**” (“always be polite”)
- **POLITIC** (adj.): sensible and wise under the circumstances ; **PRUDENT**; shrewd; **TACTFUL**; political :: **IMPOLITIC** (adj)
- **POLLYANNA** (n.): a person characterized by **IRREPRESSIBLE** or excessive optimism, who finds good in everything
- **POLTERGEIST** (n.): a ghost-like supernatural being supposedly responsible for throwing objects around
- **POLTROON** (n.): a complete and wretched coward
- **POLYGLOT** (n.,adj.): a person who can speak several languages; containing or made up of several languages; widely diverse
- **POLYMATH** (n.): a person of encyclopaedic learning; a person of great or varied learning :: **POLYMATHY** (n.)
- **POLYPHONIC** (adj.): having many different sounds
- **PONDEROUS** (adj.): **UNWIELDY**, slow, or clumsy because of weight or size; boringly solemn or long-winded; dull; lifeless :: **PONDEROUSLY** (adv.), **PONDEROUSNESS** (n.)
- **PONTIFICATE** (v.): to speak on a topic in which one is knowledgeable; to speak or express opinions in a pompous, **OVERBEARING**, or **DOGMATIC** way :: **PONTIFICATED**, **PONTIFICATING** (v.,n.,adj.), **PONTIFICATION(S)** (n.)
- **Ponzi scheme** (n.): an investment swindle in which some early investors are paid off with money put up by later ones in order to encourage more and bigger risks
- **POPINJAY** (n.): a strutting, **SUPERCILIOUS** person; a vain and talkative person
- **POPULACE** (n.): the general public
- **POPULIST** (adj.): supportive of the rights and power of the people; democratic :: **POPULISM** (n.)
- **POPULOUS** (adj.): densely populated

- **PORTEND** (v.): to warn or foreshadow that something bad or important is going to happen; to BODE; to FOREBODE
- **PORTENT(S)** (n.): a warning sign that something bad is going to happen; an omen
- **PORTENTOUS** (adj.): being a sign or omen; FOREBODING
 - serving to amaze or impress; self-consciously solemn or important; pompous
- **POSIT** (v.): to POSTULATE; to suggest; to put forward as a fact or a basis for argument :: POSITED, POSITING (v.)
- **POSTERIOR** (adj.,n.): at or near the rear or back; a person's backside :: ANTERIOR (adj.)
- **POSTERITY** (n.): all future generations of people; eternity
- **POSTHASTE** (adv.): with the greatest possible speed or promptness
- **POSTHUMOUS** (adj.): following or occurring after death, such as an award or publication of a novel :: POSTHUMOUSLY (adv.)
- **POSTULATE** (v.): to propose, suggest, assume, accept, or claim that something is true, as a basis for theory or discussion
 - to theorize :: POSTULATED, POSTULATING (v.), POSTULATION(S) (n.)
- **POTABLE** (adj.,n.): drinkable; fit to drink; suitable to drink; a beverage, especially an alcoholic one
- **POTBOILER** (n.): a usually inferior work (novel) produced quickly and cheaply for the purpose of making money
- **POTEMKIN VILLAGE** (n.): a false front or facade
- **POTENTATE** (n.): a powerful dictator, king, leader, or ruler; one who holds great power or sway
- **POTPOURRI** (n.): a mixture of petals and spices to perfume a room a mixture of things; a combination of different things
- **POULTICE** (n.): a home remedy for physical injuries
- **PRACTICABLE** (adj.): practical; feasible; realistic; usable :: IMPRACTICABLE (adj.)
- **PRAGMATIC** (adj.): practical; realistic; sensible; concerned with practical, rather than intellectual or abstract matters
- **PRAGMATISM** (n.): the belief that one's actions should be guided primarily based on knowledge or opinion of what is likely to work best in a given situation; the imperative to always do what is practical and effective :: **PRAGMATIST(S)** (n.)
- **PRATFALL(S)** (n.): a fall on one's backside; a humiliating mishap or blunder
- **PREAMBLE** (n.): an introductory statement
- **PRECARIOUS** (adj.): unstable; dangerously lacking in security or steadiness; likely to fall or cause someone to fall - TENUOUS; uncertain; dependent on unknown conditions or chance events :: PRECARIOUSLY (adv), PRECARIOUSNESS (n)
- **PRECEPT(S)** (n.): a general rule about how to behave or what to think
- **PRECIPICE** (n.): a cliff; a very steep and high face of a mountain or rock
- **PRECIPITATE** (v.): to cause something (bad) to happen suddenly or too soon; (adj.): falling or rushing with violent or unwise speed, such as in a steep descent; steep
- **PRECIPITOUS** (adj.): dangerously high or steep; sudden and considerable; abrupt; unstable; volatile :: PRECIPITANCY (n.): rash haste
- **PRECLUDE** (v.): to prevent something from happening or someone from doing something
 - to exclude; to eliminate as a possibility :: PRECLUDED, PRECLUDING (v.), PRECLUSION (n.)
- **PRECOCIOUS** (adj.): exhibiting mature qualities at an unusually early age; FORWARD; IMPERTINENT :: PRECOCIOUSLY (adv.), PRECOCIOUSNESS, PRECOCITY (n.)
- **PRECOGNITION** (n.): knowledge of an event before it happens, gained by paranormal means :: COGNITION (n.)
- **PRECURSOR(S)** (n.): a person or thing that preceded; a forerunner; a PREDECESSOR

- **PREDATORY** (adj.): hunting; pursuing; taking advantage of others
- **PREDECESSOR(S)** (n.): someone who precedes another in a position, office, etc.; a forerunner; a PRECURSOR
- **PREDESTINATION** (n.): the belief that we do not have free will and that our lives and destinies are preordained and beyond our control
- **PREDICATE** (v.): to base something on; to base an argument on :: **PREDICATED**, **PREDICATING** (v.), **PREDICATION** (n.): a foundation; an assumption or implication
- **PREDILECTION(S)** (n.): an established preference; a special liking for something; an inclination
- **PREDISPOSE** (v.): to make someone likely to be, do, or think something :: **PREDISPOSED**, **PREDISPOSING** (v.), **PREDISPOSITION** (n.)
- **PREDOMINANT** (adj.): present as the main element; having the greatest control or power over :: **PREDOMINANTLY** (adv.), **PREDOMINANCE** (n.), **PREDOMINATE**, **DOMINATE** (v.)
- **PRE-EMINENT** (adj.): better than all the others; outstanding; having **PARAMOUNT** rank, dignity, or importance :: **PRE-EMINENTLY** (adv.), **PRE-EMINENCE** (n.)
- **PRE-EMPTIVE** or **PRE-EMPTORY** (adj.): done to prevent someone from doing something e.g. a **PRE-EMPTIVE** attack
- **PREEN** (v.): to make oneself look attractive and then admire one's appearance; to dress up; to **PRIMP**; - to gloat; to congratulate oneself for some achievement :: **PREENED**, **PREENING** (n.,v.)
- **PREFACE** (n.,v.): an introduction (to a book, etc.) stating its subject or aims; to introduce or qualify :: **PREFATORY** (adj.)
- **PREFECT** (n.): a chief officer, magistrate, or regional governor; a senior student appointed to enforce discipline in a school
- **PREFIGURE** (v.): to be an early sign or version of :: **PREFIGURES**, **PREFIGURED**, **PREFIGURING** (v.)
- **PRELUDE** (n.): an action or event serving as an introduction to something greater or more important :: **INTERLUDE** (n.)
- **PREMONITION(S)** (n.): a strong feeling that something is about to happen; a foresight :: **PREMONITORY** (adj.), **PREMONISH** (v.): to warn beforehand
- **PREPONDERANCE** (n.): the state of being greater in number (than something else) :: **PREPONDERANT** (adj.), **PREPONDERATE** (v.): to exceed in amount, weight, influence, importance, etc.
- **PREPOSSESSING** (adj.): attractive or appealing in appearance; tending to create a favourable impression
- **PREROGATIVE** (n.): an exclusive or special right, power, or privilege that sets one apart from others; perspective
- **PRESAGE** (n.,v.): an omen; to predict; to be a sign or warning of :: **PRESAGED**, **PRESAGING** (v.)
- **PRESCIENT** (adj.): possessing the knowledge of the outcomes of events before they occur :: **PRESCIENCE** (n.): foresight
- **PRESENTIMENT** (n.): a **PREMONITION**; a feeling that something (especially something bad) will or is about to happen
- **PRESTIDIGITATION** (n.): **SLEIGHT** of hand; legerdemain; the art of performing magic tricks (illusions) with the hands
- **PRESUMPTUOUS** (adj.): behaving with disrespectful boldness :: **PRESUMPTUOUSLY** (adv.), **PRESUMPTUOUSNESS**, **PRESUMPTION** (n.)
- **PRESUPPOSE** (v.): to depend on (something) in order to be true or to exist; to assume to be the case :: **PRESUPPOSES**, **PRESUPPOSED**, **PRESUPPOSING** (v.), **PRESUPPOSITION(S)** (n.), **SUPPOSE** (v.)
- **PRETENCE(S)** (n.): an act of pretending; a claim to have or be something
- **PRETENTIOUS** (adj.): trying to impress by pretending to be more important or better than one actually is; pompous :: **PRETENTIOUSLY** (adv.), **PRETENTION(S)** (n.), **UNPRETENTIOUS** (adj.)

- **PRETERNATURAL** (adj.): supernatural; beyond what is natural or normal; extraordinary; inexplicable by ordinary means
- **PREVAILING** (adj.): the most dominant, influential, accepted, current, or fashionable (sentiment, opinion, theory, etc.)
- **PREVALENT** (adj.): widespread; common; **PREDOMINANT** :: **PREVALENCE** (n.), **PREVAIL** (v.)
- **PREVARICATE** (v.): to depart from or evade the truth; to avoid giving a direct answer to a question :: **PREVARICATED**, **PREVARICATING** (v.), **PREVARICATION(S)**, **PREVARICATOR(S)** (n.)
- **PRICKLY** (adj.): having prickles; causing a tingling feeling; easily offended or annoyed; **ABRASIVE**; delicate
- **PRIDIAN** (adj.): of or relating to yesterday or a previous day; former
- **PRIG** (n.): someone who behaves as if they are superior to others in moral matters :: **PRIGGISH** (adj.), **PRIGGISHLY** (adv.)
- **PRIMA FACIE** (adj.,adv.) (legal) (L.): at first view; on the surface; accepted as correct until proven otherwise
- **PRIMER** (n.): a book for teaching (children) to read or giving a basic introduction to a subject; a manual
- **PRIMEVAL** (adj.): ancient; primitive; relating to the earliest ages (of the world or human history)
- **PRIMOGENITURE** (n.): the state of being the firstborn of the same parents; the exclusive rights held by the eldest son :: **PRIMOGENITOR** (n.)
- **PRIMORDIAL** (adj.): existing at or from the beginning (of time)
 - first created or developed; original; primitive; primary or fundamental
- **PRIMP** (v.): to make small adjustments to one's appearance (hair, clothes, make-up, etc.); **PREEN** :: **PRIMPED**, **PRIMPING** (n.,v.)
- **PRISTINE** (adj.): pure; unspoiled; uncorrupted; **UNSULLIED**; fresh or clean as if new; original
- **PRIVATION** (n.): the state of being deprived of something; lacking the essentials such as food and warmth
- **PRIVY** (adj.): sharing in the knowledge of (something secret); as in "he was **PRIVY TO** the budget's contents weeks ago..."; (n.): a toilet in a small shed outside of a house; an outhouse
- **PROACTIVE** (adj.): aggressively creating or controlling a situation rather than just responding to it
- **PROBATIVE** (adj.): proving or tending to prove; serving as proof or evidence :: **PROBATORY** (adj.)
- **PROBITY** (n.): honesty; uprightness; complete integrity; the **ADHERENCE** to the highest ethics, principles, or ideals
- **PROBOSCIS** (n.): the nose; the long, flexible nose of a mammal, such as an elephant's trunk
- **PROCLIVITY, PROCLIVITIES** (n.): a strong **INHERENT**, natural inclination toward something **OBJECTIONABLE**
 - a tendency; a **PROPENSITY**; a **BENT**; a **PREDISPOSITION**; a habit :: **DECLIVITY** (n.)
- **PROCTOR** (n.): one who manages or supervises another person's activities and affairs
- **PROCURE** (v.): to obtain :: **PROCURED**, **PROCURING** (v.), **PROCUREMENT**, **PROCURER(S)** (n.)
- **PRODIGAL** (adj.,n.): wasteful; using money or resources in a wasteful way; **LAVISH**; a spendthrift
- **PRODIGIOUS** (adj.): enormous or extraordinary (in size, quality, extent, etc.); wonderful; astounding :: **PRODIGIOUSLY** (adv.), **PRODIGIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **PRODIGY** (n.): a highly talented child; a **WUNDERKIND**; something extraordinary; a wonder
- **PROFANE** (adj.): not holy or religious; not showing respect for God or holy things :: **PROFANELY** (adv.), **PROFANITY** (n.); (v.): to treat (something holy) with a lack of respect :: **PROFANED**, **PROFANING** (v.)
- **PROFFER** (v.): to offer or present for acceptance; to tender :: **PROFFERED**, **PROFFERING** (v.)
- **PROFLIGATE** (adj.): shamelessly immoral; recklessly extravagant or wasteful
 - completely given to **LICENTIOUSNESS**; corrupt :: **PROFLIGACY** (n.)
- **PROFUSE** (adj.): plentiful; abundant; **COPIOUS** :: **PROFUSELY** (adv.), **PROFUSENESS** (n.)
- **PROFUSION** (n.): an abundance or large quantity; a **PLETHORA**
- **PROGENITOR** (n.): an ancestor or parent; the originator of an artistic, political, or intellectual movement

- **PROGENY** (n.): offspring, descendants, children; a body of followers, disciples, or successors
- **PROGNOSTICATE** (v.): to predict; to forecast; to foretell from signs or symptoms :: **PROGNOSTICATED**, **PROGNOSTICATING** (v.), **PROGNOSTICATION(S)**, **PROGNOSTICATOR(S)** (n.)
- **PROGRESSIVE** (adj.): happening gradually or in stages; favouring new ideas or social reform; (n.): one who supports such social reform
- **PROLETARIAT** (n.): the working class :: **PROLETARIAN** (n., adj.)
- **PROLIFERATE** (v.): to grow or increase in number rapidly; to spread; to reproduce
 - **PROLIFERATED**, **PROLIFERATING** (v.), **PROLIFERATION** (n.)
- **PROLIFIC** (adj.): productive; producing many works; fruitful
- **PROLIX** (adj.): wordy; marked by an excessive use of words; overly long, prolonged, or drawn out :: **PROLIXITY** (n.)
- **PROLOGUE** (n.): an introductory section of a book, play, or musical work; an event or action leading to another
- **Promethean** (adj.): relating to Prometheus (who in Greek mythology gave fire to mankind); daringly original or inventive
- **PROMONTORY** (n.): a high point of land sticking over a sea or lowland; a cliff
- **PROMULGATE** (v.): to promote or make (widely) known to the public; to officially declare the introduction of (a law) :: **PROMULGATED**, **PROMULGATING** (v.), **PROMULGATION** (n.)
- **PRONOUNCED** (adj.): very noticeable, as in “a **PRONOUNCED** limp”
- **PROPAGATE** (v.): to cause to spread; to foster growing knowledge or acceptance of an idea or belief; to reproduce :: **PROPAGATED**, **PROPAGATING** (v.), **PROPAGATION** (n.)
- **PROPENSITY** (n.): a tendency to behave in a certain way; a natural inclination or preference; a habit
- **PROPINQUITY** (n.): nearness (in place or time); proximity; kinship; nearness of blood; a similarity or affinity of nature or character
- **PROPITIATE** (v.): to gain or regain favour; to **CONCILIATE**; to **APPEASE**
- **PROFITIOUS** (adj.): presenting favourable circumstances; favourably inclined or disposed; suitable; advantageous; **AUSPICIOUS** :: **PROFITIOUSLY** (adv.), **PROFITIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **PROPONENT(S)** (n.): an advocate; one who argues in favour something; an **EXPONENT**
- **PROPOUND** (v.): to put forward (an idea or theory) for consideration; to promote :: **PROPOUNDED**, **PROPOUNDING** (v.)
- **PROPRIETARY** (adj.): of or pertaining to a **PROPRIETOR** or owner, or ownership and its exclusive rights **PROPERTY** (n)
- **PROPRIETY** (n.): properness; correctness of behaviour or morals; appropriateness; the code of generally accepted behaviour
- **PRORATE** (v.): to charge or **ALLOCATE** equally over time (such as day by day) e.g. \$48,000 per year = \$4000 per month – - to assess on a **PRO RATA** basis :: **PRORATED**, **PRORATING** (v.)
- **PROSAIC** (adj.): having the style or wording of prose; ordinary; commonplace; dull; **MUNDANE**; unimaginative; unromantic :: **PROSAICALLY** (adv.)
- **PROSCRIBE** (v.): to officially forbid; to prohibit; to denounce, condemn, or criticize :: **PROSCRIBED**, **PROSCRIBING** (v.), **PROSCRIPTION** (n.)
- **PROSELYTIZE** (v.): to convert someone from one religion, cause, or opinion to another; to recruit :: **PROSELYTIZED**, **PROSELYTIZING** (n.,v.), **PROSELYTIZER(S)**, **PROSELYTE(S)** (n.)
- **PROSODY** (n.): the patterns of rhythm and sound used in writing (such as poetry)
- **PROSPECTIVE** (adj.): future; expected; potential; concerned with or applying to the future
- **PROSPECTUS** (n.): a booklet describing the main objects and plans of a commercial, institutional, or educational enterprise

- **PROSTHESIS** (n.): an artificial body part, such as a limb, used to replace a damaged or missing part :: **PROSTHETIC** (adj.), **PROSTHETICS** (n.)
- **PROTAGONIST(S)** (n.): the leading character in a drama, film, or novel; one who drives the action
 - an important person in a real situation; an advocate or champion of a cause
- **PROTEAN** (adj.): readily assuming different shapes or forms; displaying great variety or diversity versatile
- **PROTOTYPE(S)** (n.): the first or earliest form from which other forms or models are developed or copied :: **PROTOTYPICAL** (adj.)
- **PROTRACTED** (adj.): extended; drawn-out; prolonged; lasting longer than usual or expected :: **PROTRACT** (v.)
- **PROVENANCE** (n.): the origin, source, or earliest known history of something; the place or source of origin
 - a record of ownership of a work of art or antique
- **PROVENDER** (n.): food or provisions
- **PROVERBIAL** (adj.): commonly spoken of; resembling a **PROVERB** :: **PROVERBIALLY** (adv.)
- **PROVIDENCE** (n.): the protective care of God or nature as a spiritual power
- **PROVIDENT** (adj.): providing carefully for the future; prepared; shrewd :: **IMPROVIDENT** (adj.)
- **PROVIDENTIAL** (adj.): resulting from divine **PROVIDENCE**; happening by chance and at a favourable time
 - peculiarly fortunate or appropriate
- **PROVINCIAL** (adj.): unsophisticated or narrow-minded; local; belonging to a particular area :: **PROVINCIALISM** (n.)
- **PROVISO(S)** (n.): a stipulation or condition attached to an agreement
- **PROVOCATEUR** (n.) (Fr.): one who incites or stimulates another to action :: **AGENT PROVOCATEUR** (n.) (Fr.): a person employed to detect suspected political offenders or criminals and tempt them to commit a crime and therefore be convicted
- **PROVOCATIVE** (adj.): tending to **PROVOKE** a response; deliberately causing annoyance or anger; **INFLAMMATORY**
 - intended to arouse sexual desire or interest :: **PROVOCATIVELY** (adv), **PROVOCATIVENESS** (n)
- **PROXY** (n.): a person authorized to act on behalf of another (or such authority itself) e.g. "he voted by **PROXY**..."
- **PRUNE** (v.): to trim (a tree or bush) by cutting away dead or unwanted branches or stems; to remove unwanted parts from :: **PRUNED**, **PRUNING** (v.,n.)
- **PRURIENT** (adj.): having an excessive interest in sexual matters :: **PRURIENCE** (n.)
- **PSEUDONYM** (n.): a pen name; a fictitious name used by a writer to conceal his or her identity
- **PSYCHOSOMATIC** (adj.): regarding a physical illness caused or made worse by a mental factor such as stress
 - relating to the relationship between mind and body
- **PUCKISH** (adj.): whimsical; mischievous; **IMPISH** :: **PUCKISHLY** (adv.), **PUCKISHNESS** (n.)
- **PUERILE** (adj.): juvenile; childish; immature; displaying or suggesting a lack of maturity; foolish; trivial
- **PUGILIST(S)** (n.): a boxer :: **PUGILISM** (n.): boxing **PUGILISTIC** (adj.)
- **PUGNACIOUS** (adj.): having a quarrelsome or **COMBATIVE** nature; inclined to fight; **BELLIGERENT**; aggressive :: **PUGNACIOUSNESS**, **PUGNACITY** (n.)
- **PUISSANT** (adj.) (Fr.): powerful; strong; mighty :: **PUISSANCE** (n.)
- **PULCHRITUDE** (n.): physical beauty :: **PULCHRITUDINOUS** (adj.): physically beautiful; attractive
- **PUNCTILIO(S)** (n.): a fine (or petty) point in conduct, ceremony, or procedure; a minute detail; an idiosyncrasy
- **PUNCTILIOUS** (adj.): annoyingly precise; exact in the smallest details or particulars; fussy; demanding
- **PUNDIT(S)**: a so-called authority or expert; a critic; a learned person or teacher; a (social) commentator

- **PUNGENT** (adj.): having a sharply strong taste or smell; (of remarks or humour): sharp or **INCISIVE** :: **PUNGENTLY** (adj.), **PUNGENCY** (n.)
- **PUNITIVE** (adj.): punishing; intended as punishment
- **PURGATORY** (n.): a place where the souls of sinners who are making up for their sins go to before going to heaven; limbo
- **PURGE** (n.,v.): to emit or rid oneself of something undesirable or harmful :: **PURGED** (v.,adj.), **PURGING** (n.,v.)
- **PURITAN(S)** (n.): a person with strong moral beliefs who is critical of the behaviour of others :: **PURITANICAL** (adj.)
- **PURLIEU** (n.): an area of expertise or interest; a place where one visits often and is comfortable; a haunt, confines or bounds
- **PURLOIN** (v.): to steal; to take dishonestly or by breaking a trust :: **PURLOINED** (v.,adj.), **PURLOINING** (v.)
- **PURPORT** (v.): to claim; to convey or profess outwardly; to appear to be or do (especially falsely) :: **PURPORTED** (v.,adj.), **PURPORTING** (v.), **PURPORTEDLY** (adv.)
- **PURVEY** (v.): to provide or supply something as one's business; to **PIMP**; to **PANDER** :: **PURVEYED**, **PURVEYING** (v.), **PURVEYOR(S)** (n.)
- **PURVIEW** (n.): the range of the influence or concerns of something; the range or limit of authority, responsibility, or vision
- **PUSILLANIMOUS** (adj.): cowardly; fearful; lacking courage and resolution; marked by **CONTEMPTIBLE** timidity
- **PUTATIVE** (adj.): assumed to be true or right; generally considered to be; commonly thought to be; supposed; accepted; assumed to exist or have existed
- **PYRE** (n.): a large pile of wood on which a dead body is ritually burned, as in "a funeral **PYRE**"
- **PYROMANIA** (n.): the compulsion to set fires
- **PYROTECHNICS** (n.): fireworks; special effects; excitement
- **Pyrrhic victory** (n.): a victory achieved at a great or excessive cost or loss, perhaps too great, outweighing the expected benefits

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- **QUAFF** (v.): to drink quickly, deeply, or heartily; to drink with gusto and in large volume :: **QUAFFED**, **QUAFFING** (v.)
 - **QUAGMIRE** (n.): a soft, boggy, swampy area of land that gives way underfoot;
 - a messy, complicated, or difficult situation; a predicament
 - **QUAIL** (v.): to feel or show fear or worry; to **RECOIL** in dread or terror; to cower; to shrink; to lose heart; to give way to
 - **QUALIFIED** (adj.) (of a statement): with added restrictions to limit the meaning (of the statement) :: **QUALIFY** (v.)
 - **QUALITATIVE** (adj.): based on or measured by quality (rather than quantity) :: QUANTITATIVE (adj.)
 - **QUALM(S)** (n.): an uneasy feeling or pang of conscience regarding some conduct or moral decision; doubts; issues; regrets
 - **QUANDARY** (n.): a dilemma; a state of difficulty, perplexity, or uncertainty (about one's next move)
 - **QUANTIFY** (v.): to express or measure the **QUANTITY** of :: **QUANTIFIED**, **QUANTIFYING** (v.)
 - **QUANTITATIVE** (adj.): based on or measured by quantity (rather than quality) :: QUALITATIVE (adj.)
 - **QUANTUM LEAP** (n.): a sudden large increase or advance; a distinct or unique new level :: **QUANTUM** (n.)
 - **QUASH** (v.): to put an end to; to cancel; to nullify; to annul; to repress; to subdue; to crush :: **QUASHED**, **QUASHING** (v.)

- **QUAVER** (v.,n.) (of a voice): to *tremble*; such a *trembling* :: **QUAVERED** (v.), **QUAVERING** (n.,v.,adj.), **QUAVERINGLY** (adv.)
- **QUELL** (v.): to put an end to (a rebellion or other disorder) by force; to suppress or extinguish (an unpleasant feeling); to subdue **QUELLED**, **QUELLING** (v.)
- **QUERULOUS** (adj.): (habitually) complaining; complaining in an annoying or irritable way; whining; **FRETFUL**; disagreeable
- **QUIBBLE** (v.,n.): to argue about a trivial matter; a slight objection or criticism :: **QUIBBLED**, **QUIBBLING** (n.,v.,adj.)
- **QUID PRO QUO** (L.) (n.): a favour given in return for something of equal value - a fair, **RECIPROCAL** exchange of assets or services
- **QUIESCENT** (adj.): being at rest; inactive; still; calm; motionless :: **QUIESCENCE** (n.), **QUIET** (n.,adj.)
- **QUIETUDE** (n.): a state of quiet and calmness
- **QUIETUS** (n.): death or a cause of death; rest; something that ends or settles a situation; a final settlement, as from debt
- **QUINTESSENCE** (n.): the essence of a thing in its purest, most concentrated form; the most typical example or representative
- **QUINTESSENTIAL** (adj.): the perfect or ultimate example of; being the most typical example or representative of :: **QUINTESSENTIALLY** (adv.)
- **QUIP** (n.,v.): a witty or funny observation or response usually made on the spur of the moment :: **QUIPPED**, **QUIPPING** (v.)
- **QUISLING** (n.): a collaborator or traitor
- **QUIXOTIC** (adj.): foolishly impractical, especially in the pursuit of ideals; dreamily impulsive; **CAPRICIOUS**; unpredictable
- **QUONDAM** (adj.): formerly, one-time, or sometime e.g. the **QUONDAM** poet
- **QUORUM** (n.): such a number of the officers or members of a body as is legally required to transact business; a select group
- **QUOTIDIAN** (adj.): daily; occurring every day; belonging to each day; commonplace; ordinary

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- **RABBLE** (n.): a disorderly crowd; a mob; the lowest class of people, seen as common or uncouth
 - **RABBLE-ROUSER** (n.): a person who stirs up trouble
 - **RACONTEUR** (n.) (Fr.): one who excels at and enjoys telling stories and **ANECDOTES**
 - **RAFFISH** (adj.): characterized by a carefree or fun-loving attitude; slightly disreputable in a charming way; **RAKISH**
 - tawdry; vulgar; cheap
 - **RAGAMUFFIN** (n.): a ragged, often disreputable person, especially a poorly clothed, often dirty child
 - **RAGOUT** (n.): a mixture; a *mélange*; a well-seasoned dish of meat and vegetables cooked in a thick sauce
 - **RAIL** (v.): to complain strongly about; to carry on; to scoff at e.g. "as usual, he railed against Government inefficiencies..."
 - **RAILLERY** (n.): good-humoured teasing or joking; good-natured **BANTER**; teasing **REPARTEE**
 - **RAIMENT(S)** (n.): clothing (in general); garments; **ARRAY**
 - **RAISON D'ETRE** (n.) (Fr.): the reason for being; why something exists; its central purpose or mission
 - **RAKISH** (adj.): having a smart, dashing, or slightly disreputable appearance :: **RAKE(S)** (n.)
 - **RAMSHACKLE** (adj.): rickety; appearing ready to collapse; poorly or carelessly constructed
 - **RANCOR** (n.): bitter feeling or resentment, deep anger, or ill will resulting from disagreements over an action or issue :: **RANCOROUS** (adj.): bitter; resentful; hateful
 - **RANK** (adj.): having a very unpleasant smell; (adj.): complete, as in "a **RANK** amateur"

- **RANKLE** (v.): to upset or irritate; to cause resentment :: RANKLED, RANKLING (v.,adj.,n.)
- **RAPACIOUS** (adj.): extremely greedy; grasping :: RAPACIOUSLY (adv.), RAPACIOUSNESS (n.)
- **RAPACITY** (n.): excessive and selfish greed for wealth, power, fame, success
- **RAPINE** (n.): the act of plundering
- **RAPPROCHEMENT** (n.) (Fr.): the formal (re-)establishment or state of friendly or CORDIAL relations between nations following a period of war or hostility
- **RAPT** (adj.): deeply engrossed or absorbed; transported with emotion; enraptured
- **RARA AVIS** (n.) (L.): a rare bird; a rare or unique person or thing
- **RAREFIED** (adj.): elevated; lofty; thin; less dense; EXALTED; of high class or calibre; elitist; understood by a limited group of people or experts
- **RASH** (adj.): hasty; careless; marked by or proceeding from undue haste or lack of deliberation; acting or done without considering the possible results :: RASHLY (adv.), RASHNESS (n.)
- **RAUCOUS** (adj.): sounding (unpleasantly) loud and harsh :: RAUCOUSLY (adv.), RAUCOUSNESS (n.)
- **RAVAGE** (v.): to cause great damage to :: RAVAGED (v.,adj.), RAVAGING (v.)
- **RAVENOUS** (adj.): extremely hungry :: RAVENOUSLY (adv.), RAVENOUSNESS (n.)
- **RAVISHING** (adj.): very beautiful and attractive
- **RAZE** (v.): to tear down or demolish :: RAZED (v.,adj.), RAZING (v.,n.)
- **REACTIONARY** (adj.,n.): opposing political or social progress or reform; one who holds these views
- **REBARBATIVE** (adj.): repellent; serving or tending to irritate or repel
- **REBUFF** (v.,n.): to reject in an abrupt or unkind way; an abrupt or unkind rejection :: REBUFFED (v.,adj.), REBUFFING
- **REBUKE** (v.): to criticize or reprimand sharply; to BERATE; to REPROVE; to find fault with :: REBUKED , REBUKING (v.), REBUKES (n.,v.)
- **REBUS** (n.): a representation of syllables or words by means of pictures or symbols
- **REBUT** (v.): to reply; to REFUTE by evidence or support; to counter; to answer :: REBUTTAL(S) (n.)
- **RECALCITRANT** (adj.): stubbornly resistant to or defiant of authority or restraint; ENTRENCHED; disobedient
- **RECANT** (v.): to withdraw a former statement, opinion, or belief :: RECANTED, RECANTING (v.,n.)
- **RECAPITULATE** (v.): to give a summary of what has just been said :: RECAPITULATED, RECAPITULATING (v.), RECAPITULATION (n.), CAPITULATE (v.)
- **RECHERCHE** (adj.) (Fr.): exotic; rare; unusual or little-known and therefore not well understood; obscure; ARCANÉ
- AFFECTED; PRETENTIOUS
- **RECIDIVISM** (n.): a tendency to lapse into a previous condition or pattern of behaviour, especially criminal behaviour
- **RECIDIVIST** (n.): a person who constantly commits crimes and is not rehabilitated or discouraged by being punished
- **RECIPROCAL** (adj.): given or done in return
- **RECIPROCATE** (v.): to pay back or return in kind or degree; to give and take mutually; to respond in kind :: RECIPROCATED, RECIPROCATING (v.)
- **RECIPROCITY** (n): a mutual exchange; mutual cooperation :: RECIPROICATION (n.)
- **RECLUSE** (n.): a hermit; one who lives in seclusion apart from society
- **RECLUSIVE** (adj.): living apart from society; antisocial; isolated :: RECUSIVELY (adv.), RECLUSIVENESS (n.)
- **RECOGNIZANCE** (n.): recognition; an obligation to a court to return or appear when called upon; a token
- **RECOIL** (v.): to suddenly or violently move back in fear, horror, or disgust :: RECOILED, RECOILING (v.,n.)
- **RECOMPENSE** (n.): a repayment; compensation; REMUNERATION (for favours or gifts) :: COMPENSATE (v.)

- **RECONDITE** (adj.) (of a subject or knowledge): difficult to understand or comprehend; beyond typical knowledge and understanding; mysterious; concerned with obscure subject matter; little-known; obscure; hidden from sight; concealed
- **RECONNAISSANCE** (n.) (Fr.): military observation of an area to gain information
- **RECONNOITER** (v.): to make an inspection or observation; to make a military observation of an area :: RECONNOITRED, RECONNOITRING (n.,v.)
- **RECOUNT** (v.): to tell someone about something; to pass on an account of events :: RECOUNTED, RECOUNTING (v.)
- **RECREANT** (adj.,n.): CRAVEN; cowardly; a deserter; unfaithful; disloyal; a mean-spirited wretch
- **RECRIMINATION(S)** (n.): a retaliatory accusation; a counter-charge; an allegation
- **RECTITUDE** (n.): straightness; moral virtue or integrity; righteousness; correctness in judgment or procedure :: RECTITUDINOUS (adj.)
- **RECUMBENT** (adj.): reclining; lying down
- **RECURRENT** (adj.): happening often or repeatedly :: RECUR (v.), RECURRENCE (n.), OCCURRENCE (n.)
- **RECUSE** (v.): to remove or disqualify oneself (as a judge) in a particular case
- **RECUSANCY** (n.): the refusal to recognize or obey established authority :: RECUSED, RECUSING (v.), RECUSAL (n.), RECUSANT (adj.): refusing to submit to authority
- **REDACT** (v.): to prepare, adapt, or edit before publication (by obscuring or removing sensitive information) :: REDACTED (v.,adj.), REDACTING (v.), REDACTION (n.)
- **REDOLENT** (adj.): fragrant; scented; EVOCATIVE; suggestive of; reminiscent of :: REDOLENCE (n.)
- **REDOUBTABLE** (adj.): FORMIDABLE; worthy or deserving of respect, fear, or alarm; ILLUSTRIOUS; EMINENT
- **REDRESS** (n.,v.): payment or action to make amends for a wrong; to set right something that is wrong or unfair
- **REDUX** (adj.): brought back; redone
- **REEL** (v.): to stagger; to feel shocked or bewildered :: REELED, REELING (v.)
- **REFINEMENT** (n.): fineness or elegance of feeling, taste, manners, etc.; gentility :: REFINED (adj.)
- **REFRACTORY** (adj.): stubborn or unmanageable; disobedient; resistant to treatment or cure
- **REFRAIN** (n.): the part of a song that is repeated at the end of each verse
- **REFRAIN** (v.): to stop oneself from doing something :: REFRAINED, REFRAINING (v.)
- **REFULGENT** (adj.): shining very brightly; brilliant; RESPLENDENT :: FULGENT (adj.)
- **REFUTE** (v.): to prove something to be false or wrong; to DISPROVE :: REFUTED, REFUTING (v.), REFUTATION (n.), IRREFUTABLE (adj.)
- **REGALE** (v.): to entertain with conversation or something that delights; to amuse; to generously supply with food or drink :: REGALED, REGALING (v.,n.)
- **REGIMEN** (n.): a strict pattern of living; a REGIMENTED system or course of treatment or training
- **REGIMENT** (v.): to organize according to a strict system :: REGIMENTED (v.,adj.), REGIMENTING (v.), REGIMENTATION (n.), UNREGIMENTED (adj.)
- **REGISTER** (n.): the particular range of a person's voice or musical instrument
- **REGURGITATE** (v.): to bring swallowed food back up to the mouth; to repeat information without understanding it :: REGURGITATED (v.,adj.), REGURGITATING (v.), REGURGITATION (n.)
- **REJOINDER** (n.): a quick or witty reply; an answer to a reply **REJOIN** (v.): to say in reply; to RETORT
- **RELEGATE** (v.): to place in a lower rank or inferior position; to assign or remove, usually to an inferior position :: RELEGATED, RELEGATING (v.), RELEGATION (n.)
- **REMAND** (v.): to place a person charged with a crime in jail or on bail :: **REMANDED** (v.)
- **REMISS** (adj.): lacking care or attention to duty; neglectful

- **REMIT** (v.): to send money in payment; to cancel a debt or punishment; to refer (a matter for decision) to an authority
- to slacken or relax :: REMITTED, REMITTING (v.) UNREMITTING (adj.)
- **REMONSTRATE** (v.): to protest or challenge; to speak out in protest or disapproval; to oppose; to urge against :: **REMONSTRATION(S)** (n.)
- **REMUNERATE** (v.): to compensate; to repay; to pay someone for work done or for a loss or expense :: REMUNERATED, REMUNERATING (v.), REMUNERATION(S) (n.)
- **RENAISSANCE** (n.) (Fr.) (fig.): a revival of interest in something
- **RENASCENT** (adj.): becoming active again; rising again into being; showing renewed vigour :: NASCENT (adj.)
- **REND** (v.): to tear to pieces; to cause great emotional pain to :: RENT (v.)
- **RENDER** (v.): to provide a service, help, etc.; to cause to become, as in “RENDERED speechless”; to interpret artistically :: RENDERED, RENDERING (n.,v.)
- **RENEGE** or **RENEGUE** (v.,n.): to go back on a commitment, promise, or contract; to not follow suit at cards :: RENEGED, RENEGING (n.,v.), RENEGUER(S) (n.)
- **RENOWN** (n.): fame; the state of being famous or well-known
- **RENOWNED** (adj.): celebrated; famous; acclaimed; distinguished
- **REPARATION(S)** (n.): the making of amends for a past wrong; compensation for war damages paid by the defeated side
- **REPARTEE** (n.) (Fr.): quick, witty comments and replies; **BANTER**; a witty exchange or routine
- **REPAST** (n.): a meal
- **REPEAL** (v.,n.): to official cancel (a law or act); the act of :: REPEALING REPEALED, REPEALING (v.)
- **REPELLENT** or **REPELLANT** (adj.): causing disgust or distaste; repulsive
- **REPertoire** (n.): a list of plays, pieces, or parts that a theatre or performer is prepared to perform; a set of skills or devices in a person’s possession
- **REPertory** (n.,adj.): the performance by a company of the plays, operas, or ballets in its **REPertoire** at the time
- **REPINE** (v.): to be unhappy; to fret; to feel or express discontent :: REPINED, REPINING (v.), PINE (v.), OPINE (v.)
- **REPLETE** (adj.): filled or well-supplied with; abundantly provided; very or excessively full (with food); complete :: REPLETION (n.)
- **REPOSE** (n.,v.): rest; a state of calm or peace; to be placed or kept in a particular place
- **REPREHENSIBLE** (adj.): wrong or bad and deserving condemnation
- **REPRIEVE** (n.,v.): the cancellation of a punishment; a short rest from difficulty or danger; to cancel or postpone punishment
- **REPRISAL(S)** (n.): an act of retaliation; consequences
- **REPRISE** (n.): a RECURRENCE, renewal, or resumption of an action; musical repetition; a further performance; (v.): to repeat a piece of music or a performance, as in “he REPRISED his role for the movie version...”
- **REPROACH** (v.): to express one’s disapproval of or disappointment with :: REPROACHED, REPROACHING (v.)
- **REPROACH** (n.): an expression of disapproval or disappointment :: REPROACHFUL (adj.)
- **REPROBATE** (n.): a person who behaves in an illegal, unethical, or immoral way without hesitation or remorse; someone without SCRUPLES
- **REPROOF(S)** (n.): a criticism or reprimand
- **REPROVE** (v.): to criticize or reprimand and correct others; to blame; to REBUKE :: REPROVED, REPROVING (v.), REPROVAL(S) (n.)

- **REPUDIATE** (v.): to refuse to accept or be associated with; to reject as false; to deny the truth or validity of; to disown :: **REPUDIATED**, REPUDIATING (v.), REPUDIATION (n.)
- **REPUGNANT** (adj.): disgusting or very unpleasant; distasteful :: REPUGNANTLY (adv.), REPUGNANCE (n.)
- **REQUIEM** (n.): a hymn or mass sung for the dead; a DIRGE; REPOSE; rest; quiet
- **REQUISITE** (adj.,n.): REQUIRED; mandatory; necessary; essential; indispensable; a requirement (by laws or rules), a condition :: PREREQUISITE (n.) REQUISITION (n.,v.): a demand made
- **REQUITE** (v.): to seek revenge for an actual or assumed wrong
- **RESCIND** (v.): to take back; to cancel (a law, order, or agreement); to REPEAL (by legislative action); to make void; to take away or remove :: RESCINDED (v.,adj.), RESCINDING (n.,v.)
- **RESILIENT** (adj.): able to recover (quickly) from difficult situations :: RESILIENCE, RESILIENCY (n.)
 - flexible; able to spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed
- **RESOLUTE** (adj.): resolved; firmly determined; convinced :: RESOLUTELY (adv.), RESOLUTENESS, RESOLUTION (n.), IRRESOLUTE (adj.)
- **RESOLVE** (n.): firm determination
- **RESONANT** (adj.): familiar; suggesting images, memories, or emotions; relatable :: RESONANCE (n.)
- **RESONATE** (v.): to make a deep, clear, ringing sound; to echo; to feel familiarity with or sympathy for :: RESONATED, RESONATING (v.), **RESONANT** (adj.), **RESONANCE** (n.)
- **RESOUND** (v.): to echo; to fill or be filled with a ringing, booming, or echoing sound; to REVERBERATE
- **RESOUNDING** (adj.): definite; unmistakable :: RESOUNDINGLY (adv.)
- **RESPECTIVE** (adj.): belonging or relating separately to each of two or more people or things, as in “their RESPECTIVE homes” :: RESPECTIVELY (adv.), IRRESPECTIVE (adj.)
- **RESPIRE** (n.): a temporary rest; an interval of rest or relief; a REPRIEVE; a break; a delay
- **RESPLENDENT** (adj.): impressively bright and colourful; brilliant; radiant; glowing; beautiful
- **RESTIVE** (adj.): restless; marked by impatience or uneasiness; unable to keep still or silent; fidgety
 - stubborn; stubbornly resisting control :: RESTIVELY (adv.), RESTIVENESS (n.)
- **RESULTANT** (adj.): occurring as a result (of), as in “the RESULTANT rise in the price of orange juice”
- **RETCH** (v.): to make the sound and movement of vomiting :: RETCHED, RETCHING (v.,n.)
- **RETICENT** (adj.): reluctant to openly express one’s thoughts and feelings; inclined to keep silent or be uncommunicative; showing doubt or unwillingness; quiet in tone or appearance; reserved; restrained :: **RETICENCE** (n.)
- **RETINUE** (n.): a group of advisers or assistants accompanying an important person
- **RETORT(S)** (v.,n.): to say something sharp or witty in answer to a remark; a sharp or witty reply
- **RETRACT** (v.): to draw or be drawn back; to withdraw (a statement) because it is not correct or true :: RETRACTED (v.,adj.), RETRACTING (v.), RETRACTION(S) (n.)
- **RETRIBUTION** (n.): revenge; severe punishment as revenge; something given as repayment :: RETRIBUTIVE (adj.)
- **RETROGRADE** (adj.): moving backwards; making a situation worse; retiring or retreating
- **RETROSPECT** (n.) (as in the phrase “IN RETROSPECT...): when looking back on a past event or events
- **RETROSPECTIVE** (adj.,n.): looking back on or dealing with past events; an exhibition reviewing an artist’s career
- **REVAMP** (v.,n.): to alter something to improve its appearance or performance; an improved version :: **REVAMPED** (v.,adj.), REVAMPING (v.,n.)
- **REVEL** (v.): to enjoy oneself in a lively and noisy way; to gain great pleasure from a lively and noisy celebration :: REVELLED (v.), REVELLING (n.,v.), **REVELRY**, REVELLER(S) (n.)
- **REVENANT** (n.): one who returns after death or a long absence

- **REVERBERATE** (v.): to RESOUND; to continue in (or as in) a series of echoes series of echoes :: **REVERBERATED** (v.), **REVERBERATING** (v.,adj.), **REVERBERATION(S)** (n.)
- **REVERENT** (adj.): having or showing respect; respectful :: **REVERENTLY** (adv.), **REVERENCE** (n.), **REVERE** (v.), **IRREVERENT** (adj.)
- **REVERIE** (n.): a daydream; a dreamy state of abstracted musing
- **REVILE** (v.): to criticize in a rude or scornful way :: **REVILED** (v.,adj.), **REVILING** (v.,n.), **REVILEMENT** (n.)
- **REVISIONIST** (n.): one in favour of REVISION; a REVISER (of history, etc.)
- **REVULSION** (n.): a feeling of disgust and horror :: **REVULSE** (v.)
- **RHETORIC** (n.): the art of using language skilfully; persuasive speaking or writing, often exaggerated or empty
- **RHETORICAL** (adj.): related to RHETORIC; (of a question): not truly meant to be answered
 - (of a question): asked for effect or to make a statement rather than to obtain an answer :: **RHETORICALLY** (adv.)
- **RIBALD** (adj.): humorous in a coarse or vulgar way; prone to such humour
- **RIDDLED (WITH)** (v.): to have many holes, as in “RIDDLED with bullet holes”
 - to be filled with something undesirable, as in “RIDDLED with doubt”
- **RIFE** (adj.): abundant (with); ABOUNDING; common; prevalent; well supplied; as in “RIFE with corruption...”
- **RIFT** (n.): a crack, split, or break; a serious break in friendly relations
- **RIGMAROLE** (n.): a complex, lengthy, and sometimes ritualistic procedure; rambling, confused or meaningless talk
- **RIPOSTE** (n.) (Fr.): a RETORT; a quick, clever, effective reply; a retaliatory verbal SALLY (or fencing manoeuvre)
- **RISIBLE** (adj.): causing or provoking laughter; laughable; ludicrous :: **RISIBLY** (adv.)
- **ROISTER** (v.): to revel; to carouse; to enjoy oneself or celebrate in a noisy way :: **ROISTERED**, **ROISTERING** (n.,v.)
- **ROISTERERS** (n.): partiers, celebrators, or a group having a good time in a loud and boisterous manner
- **ROTE** (n.): the learning of something by regular repetition
- **ROTUND** (adj.): rounded in figure; plump :: **ROTUNDITY** (n.)
- **ROUE** (n.) (Fr.): a man devoted to a life of sensual pleasures; one who leads an immoral life
- **ROUST** (v.): to ROUSE; to stir up; to disturb
- **ROUSTABOUT** (n.): a hired hand; a labourer; a person who does heavy labour (e.g. a dock worker, in a circus, etc.)
- **RUBE(S)** (n.) (Sl.): an unsophisticated person (from a rural area); a hick; a DUPE; a sucker
- **RUBE GOLDBERG DEVICE** (n.): a highly complex machine that is designed to perform a simple task
- **Rubenesque** (adj.): (of the human body): VOLUPTUOUS; full-figured, as depicted in the paintings of Peter Paul Rubens
- **RUBICON** (n.): a line or limit that, when crossed, commits a person irrevocably; **CROSSING THE RUBICON**
- **RUBRIC** (n.): a title or heading printed in red or otherwise distinguished from the rest of the text; a rule, class, or category; a guide listing specific criteria for grading or scoring
- **RUDDY** (adj.): red; reddish; (of a person’s face or complexion) having a healthy, reddish colour
- **RUDIMENTARY** (adj.): elementary; fundamental; basic; imperfectly developed or formed :: **RUDIMENTS** (n.): very imperfectly developed or represented by only a small part compared to the fully developed form
- **RUMINATE** (v.): to ponder; to reflect; to contemplate; to think about over and over again; to consider :: **RUMINATED**, **RUMINATING** (v.), **RUMINATION(S)** (n.), **RUMINANT** (n.)
- **RUMPUS** (n.): a noisy disturbance; a fuss

- **RUSE** (n.): an action intended to deceive or trick someone
- **RUSTIC** (adj.): having to do with life in the country; simple and charming as in the countryside
- **RUSTICATE** (v.): to retire to or dwell in the country; to send to the country; to suspend from a university residence :: **RUSTICATED**, **RUSTICATING** (v.), **RUSTICATION** (n.)

- **SABBATICAL** (n.): any extended leave from one's customary work, especially for rest or to acquire new skills
- **SACRILEGE** (n.): blasphemous behaviour
- **SACRILEGIOUS** (adj.): openly insulting or disrespectful to the sacred beliefs, religion, ideas, or practices of others
- **SACROSANCT** (adj.): highly sacred or holy; **INVIOABLE**; beyond criticism because it is considered sacred
- **SAGACIOUS** (adj.): wise; shrewd; having keen practical sense; of keen judgement; **DISCERNING** :: **SAGACITY** (n.): wisdom; soundness of judgement
- **SAGE** (n.,adj.): a very wise person; wise
- **SALACIOUS** (adj.): obscene, lecherous, lustful, lewd :: **SALACIOUSLY** (adv.), **SALACIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **SALAD DAYS** (n.): the period when one is young and inexperienced; a golden time
- **SALIENT** (adj.): pertinent; prominent; relevant; **GERMANE**; main :: **SALIENCE** (n.)
 - noticeable; notable; important; significant; conspicuous; standing out; leaping (out); projecting
- **SALLOW** (adj.): unhealthy looking; (of a person's complexion): pale; grayish, greenish, yellow in colour suggesting sickliness
- **SALLY** (n.,v.): a sudden charge when surrounded by the enemy; a witty or lively reply; to burst forth; to rush; to set out
- **SALTY** (adj.) (of language or humour): coarse; potentially offensive; off-colour; earthy
- **SALUBRIOUS** (adj.): favourable to one's health; healthful; wholesome; promoting health or well-being; restorative
- **SALUTARY** (adj.): beneficial; favourable; healthful; having a soothing or healing effect; helping one recover
- **SALUTATION(S)** (n.): greeting(s); words of greeting or expressing good wishes; courtesies; salute(s)
- **SALVE** (n.): an ointment used to soothe or heal the skin; something that reduces guilty feelings
- **SALVO(S)** (n.): the firing of a number of guns at the same time in a battle or as a salute; a figurative attack
 - the release of all bombs or rockets at once; a sudden series of aggressive statements or acts
- **SANCTIMONIOUS** (adj.): hypocritically pious or devout; making a false show of religious devotion; hypocritical :: **SANCTIMONIOUSLY** (adv.), **SANCTIMONIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **SANCTION** (n.): a threatened penalty for disobeying a law or rule; measures by a state to force another to do something
- **SANCTION** (v.): to approve; to consent to ; to ratify; to make valid :: **SANCTIONED**, **SANCTIONING** (v.)
- **SANCTUM** (n.): a sacred place; a private place; a place where one is free from intrusion; as in "his inner SANCTUM"
- **SANDBAG** (v.): to conceal or misrepresent one's true position or intent for advantage :: **SANDBAGGED** (v.,adj.), **SANDBAGGING** (n.,v.), **SANDBAGGER(S)** (n.)
- **SANGFROID** (n.) (Fr.): the ability to remain calm under difficult or stressful circumstances; self-possession; coolness
 - imperturbability, especially from strain; freedom from agitation or excitement of mind
- **SANGUINARY** (adj.): bloodthirsty; murderous; **ATTENDED** by or causing bloodshed; bloody
- **SANGUINE** (adj.): accepting of circumstances with good cheer and a positive attitude; confidently optimistic

- having a lively, cheerful temperament; having a ruddy (reddish) complexion; blood-red in colour
- **SAPID** (adj.): having flavour, especially a strong and pleasant flavour; not INSIPID, VAPID, or uninteresting
- **SAPIENT** (adj.): wise; possessing or expressing great wisdom or intelligence; DISCERNING :: SAPIENCE (n.)
- **SARDONIC** (adj.): mocking; sarcastic; sneering; SCORNFUL; bitterly ironic; unnatural; forced; AFFECTED; insincere :: SARDONICALLY (adv.)
- **SARTORIAL** (adj.): of or relating to a tailor, tailoring, or clothes (one's style of dress), as in "SARTORIAL splendor"
- **SASHAY** (v.): to walk, glide, or move in an OSTENTATIOUS or conspicuous manner :: SASHAYED, SASHAYING (n.,v.)
- **SATE** (v.): to satisfy the appetite or desire of; to SATIATE
- **SATED** (adj.): having had as much as one wants, or so much that one does not want any more
- **SATIATE** (v.): to satisfy; to give as much or more than is needed :: SATIATED, SATIATING (v.,adj.), SATIATION (n.)
- **SATIETY** (n.): the state of being well fed, full, or GRATIFIED (to or beyond the point of satisfaction); revulsion or disgust caused by overindulgence
- **SATIRE** (n.): the use of ridicule in order to point out weaknesses; mockery; parody :: SATIRICAL (adj.), SATIRIZE (v.), SATIRIZATION (n.)
- **SATURATE** (v.): to soak thoroughly with a liquid; to supply with something beyond what is needed, necessary, or wanted :: SATURATED, SATURATING (v.), SATURATION (n.), OVERSATURATE (v.)
- **SATURNALIA** (n.): a festival or party with wild, out-of-control behaviour
- **SATURNINE** (adj.): sluggish in TEMPERAMENT; slow to act or change; cold and steady in mood
 - unhappy; gloomy; sullen; listless; moody; MOROSE; TACITURN; SARDONIC; pessimistic
- **SAUNTER** (v.,n.): to walk in a slow, relaxed way; a leisurely stroll :: SAUNTERED, SAUNTERING (v.,n.,adj.)
- **SAVANT** (n.): a person of profound or extensive learning; a learned scholar in some specialized field
- **SAVVY** (n.,adj.,v.): practical knowledge or understanding; having common sense or practical skill; being aware of
- **SCABROUS** (adj.): indelicate; risqué, SALACIOUS
- **SCANT** (adj.): hardly any; not enough; PAUCITY; DEARTH :: **SCANTY** (adj.), **SCANTILY** (adv.), SCANTINESS (n)
- **SCARIFY** (v.): to make scratches or small cuts in; to lacerate the feelings of
- **SCARLET PIMPERNEL** (n.): a person who rescues others from mortal danger by smuggling them across a border
- **SCATOLOGICAL** (adj.): preoccupied or obsessed with EXCREMENT and excretion, bodily functions, or obscenity
 - as in "he is famous for his SCATOLOGICAL sense of humour"
- **SCATHING** (adj.): harshly critical; bitterly severe; CAUSTIC; cutting
- **Schadenfreude** (n.) (Ger.): a (malicious) enjoyment, pleasure, or satisfaction felt from the misfortune or suffering of others
- **SCHISM** (n.): a deep disagreement between two groups
 - the formal separation of a Church into two Churches because of profound differences in belief
- **SCHLEMIEL** (n.): an unlucky bungler; a chump
- **SCHLEP** (v.): to move (or carry something) slowly, awkwardly or tediously :: SCHLEPPED, SCHLEPPING (v.)
- **SCINTILLA** (n.): a very small amount of something; an IOTA; a trace; a spark
- **SCION** (n.): an heir; a descendant or child
- **SCISSION** (n.): a division or split in a group or union
- **SCOFFLAW** (n.): a CONTEMPTUOUS and habitual law-breaker; one who flouts the law, or refuses to pay fines owed

- **SCORN** (n.): CONTEMPT; DISDAIN; DERISION; mockery; the feeling that someone or something is worthless; (v.): to express SCORN for; to hold in extreme CONTEMPT or DISDAIN; to reject in a CONTEMPTUOUS way :: SCORNE, SCORNING (v.), SCORNFUL (adj.), SCORNFULLY (adv.)
- **SCOUR** (v.): to clean or brighten by rubbing with something rough or a detergent; to search everywhere :: SCOURED, SCOURING (v.,n.)
- **SCOWL** (n.,v.): an angry or bad-tempered expression; to frown in an angry or bad-tempered way :: SCOWLED, SCOWLING (v.,adj.)
- **SCRABBLE** (v.): to scrape or scratch with the hands or feet; to GROPE to find and hold on to something :: SCRABBLED, SCRABBLING (n.,v.), HARDSCRABBLE (adj.)
- **SCRAWL** (n.,v.): hurried, careless handwriting; to write in a hurried, careless way :: SCRAWLED, SCRAWLING (v.), SCRAWLING(S) (n.)
- **SCRIMP** (v.): to be very careful with money; to economize; as in “to SCRIMP and save” :: SCRIMPED, SCRIMPING (v.,n.)
- **SCRUM** (n.): a crowded rugby formation; a disorderly crowd; (v.): to gather in such a crowd :: SCRUMMED, SCRUMMING (v.)
- **SCRUPLE(S)** (n.): a feeling of doubt as to whether an action is morally right
- **SCRUPULOUS** (adj.): having moral integrity; having strong principles; honest; honourable :: UNSCRUPULOUS (adj.)
 - acting in strict regard for what is right or proper; exact
- **SCRUTINIZE** (v.): to examine in close detail, with careful attention; to observe carefully; to analyse :: SCRUTINIZED, SCRUTINIZING (v.), SCRUTINIZATION (n.)
- **SCRUTINY** (n.): close and critical examination; review; PERUSAL
- **SCUPPERED** (adj.): out of luck; sabotaged :: **SCUPPER** (v.): to prevent from working or succeeding; to deliberately sink a ship
- **SCURRILOUS** (adj.): grossly or obscenely abusive or indecent; vulgar; offensive :: SCURRILOUSLY (adv.), SCURRILOUSNESS (n.)
- **SCUTTLE** (v.): to deliberately cause a plan to fail; to sink (one’s own ship) deliberately :: **SCUTTLED**, SCUTTLING (v.)
- **SEA CHANGE** (n.): a great or remarkable transformation; a completely new or revolutionary way of doing something
- **SEAMLESS** (adj.): smooth and without obvious seams or joints; uninterrupted :: SEAMLESSLY (adv), SEAMLESSNESS (n)
- **SEAR** (v.): to burn or scorch with a sudden intense heat; (of pain): to experience as a sudden burning sensation :: SEARED, SEARING (v.,adj.)
- **SEASONED** (adj.): experienced, as in “Our guide was obviously a seasoned fisherman as well.”
- **SECEDE** (v.): to withdraw formally from a federation of states or a political or religious organization :: SECEDED, SECEDING (v.), **SECESSION** (n.)
- **SECTARIAN** (adj.): relating to the practices, nature, or activities of a SECT or SECTS :: NONSECTARIAN (adj.)
- **SECULAR** (adj.): relating to the worldly or temporal rather than the religious or spiritual :: SECULARIZE (v.), SECULARIZATION, SECULARISM (n.)
- **SEDATE** (v.): to put someone under SEDATION :: SEDATED (v.,adj.), SEDATING (v.), SEDATIVE (n.,adj.)
- **SEDATE** (adj.): calm and unhurried; composed; respectable; dull; STAID
- **SEDULOUS** (adj.): diligent in application or pursuit; involving or accomplished with careful perseverance
- **SEDENTARY** (adj.): not physically active; doing much sitting
- **SEDITION** (n.): conduct or speech INCITING rebellion against the (lawful) authority of a state or ruler :: SEDITIOUS (adj.)
- **SEDULOUS** (adj.): diligent in application or pursuit; involving careful perseverance; persistently maintained

- **SEEDY** (adj.): unpleasant because it is dirty or immoral :: SEEDIER, SEEDIEST (adj.), SEEDINESS (n.)
- **SEEMING** (adj.): apparent; appearing to be real or true (but not necessarily so) :: **SEEMINGLY** (adv.)
- **SEEMLY** (adj.): respectable or in good taste; decent; BECOMING; suited to the occasion or purpose :: UNSEEMLY (adj.)
- **SEETHE** (v.): to be filled with great but unexpressed anger; to be crowded with people or things :: SEETHED, SEETHING (v.,adj.)
- **SEGUE** (v.): to proceed without interruption from one thing (topic, scene, song, etc.) to another; (n.): such a transition; a smooth transition :: SEGUED, SEGUING (v.)
- **SELECT** (adj.): carefully chosen as being among the best SELECT (v.)
- **SELECTIVE** (adj.): tending to choose carefully; affecting some things but not others :: SELECTIVELY (adv.), SELECTIVENESS, SELECTIVITY (n.)
- **SELF-AGGRANDIZEMENT** (n.): a magnification of a person by that person; self-importance GRAND (adj.)
- **SELF-POSSESSED** (adj.): calm, confident, and in control of one's feelings :: SELF-POSSESSION (n.)
- **SELFSAME** (adj.): the very same, as in "the SELFSAME candidate who had campaigned against it prior to the election"
- **SEMANTICS** (n.): the branch of linguistics concerned with the meaning of words or phrases
 - as in "SEMANTICS aside, what I'm really saying is that ..."
- **SEMINAL** (adj.) (of a work, event, or idea): strongly influencing later developments; ground-breaking; GERMINAL
- **SENESCENT** (adj.): growing old; deteriorating because of age SENESCENCE (n.): the state of being or growing old
- **SENSATE** (adj.,v.): perceived by the senses; feeling; to perceive by the senses
- **SENSATIONALISTIC** (adj.): meant to produce startling or thrilling impressions; exciting :: SENSATIONALISM (n.)
- **SENSIBILITY, SENSIBILITIES** (n.): the ability to appreciate and respond to emotion or art
 - the emotions or feelings a person is capable of; delicacy of feelings; sensitivity
- **SENSUAL** (adj.): relating to the senses as a source of pleasure SENSUALLY (adv.), SENSUALITY (n.)
- **SENSUOUS** (adj.): relating to the senses rather than the intellect; physically pleasing or attractive :: SENSUOUSLY (adv.), SENSUOUSNESS (n.)
- **SENTENTIOUS** (adj.): short and PITHY; TERSE; brief; energetic; moralistic or pompous in tone :: SENTENTIIOUSLY (adv.), SENTENTIIOUSNESS (n.)
- **SENTIENT** (adj.): capable of perceiving by the senses; responsive to or conscious of sense impressions; aware; sensitive :: SENTIENCE (n.)
- **SENTINEL** (n.): a person who watches out; a guard
- **SEPULCHRE** (n.): a grave chamber; a stone tomb :: **SEPULCHRAL** (adj.): having to do with a tomb or burial; gloomy
- **SEQUESTER** (v.,n): to isolate or hide away, as in the SEQUESTERING of a jury at a major criminal trial; such isolation :: SEQUESTERED (v.,adj.), SEQUESTERING (v.,n.)
- **SERENDIPITY** (n): luck; good fortune; when good things happen by accident; the phenomenon of accidental discovery; fate :: **SERENDIPITOUS** (adj.), SERENDIPITOUSLY (adv.)
- **SERPENTINE** (adj.): winding or twisting; MEANDERING; subtle; WILY; treacherous
- **SERVILE** (adj.): excessively willing to serve or please others; slavishly submissive; FAWNING; grovelling
- **SESQUICENTENNIAL** (adj.,n.): pertaining to a period of 150 years
- **SHAGGY-DOG STORY** (n.): a long, drawn-out, circumstantial story concerning an inconsequential happening that impresses the teller as humorous but the hearer as boring and pointless
 - such a (humorous) story whose humour lies in the pointlessness or irrelevance of the punch line
- **SHAMUS** (n.) (slang): a private detective or police officer

- **SHANGHAI** (v.): to force aboard ship to work as a sailor; to force or trick into service; to **COMMANDEER**
- **SHARD** (n.): a sharp piece of broken glass, pottery, etc.
- **SHEEPISH** (adj.): embarrassed from shame or shyness, as in “a **SHEEPISH** grin” :: **SHEEPISHLY** (adv.), **SHEEPISHNESS** (n.)
- **SHELL GAME** (n.): a fraud or swindle involving the substitution of something of little or no value for a valuable item
- **SHIBBOLETH** (n.): a word, pronunciation, or practice that distinguishes one group from another
 - a catchword or slogan; a widely held belief or truism
- **SHIFTLESS** (adj.): lazy; inefficient
- **SHILL** (n.,v.): one who acts as a decoy (for a pitchman or gambler, etc.); to sell
- **SHIV** (n.) (Sl.): a knife, especially a switchblade
- **SHRILL** (adj.) (of a voice or sound): high-pitched and piercing :: **SHRILLY** (adv.), **SHRILLNESS** (n.)
- **SHROUD** (n.): a length of cloth in which a dead body is wrapped for burial; something that surrounds or hides something; (v.): to cover or hide, as in “the entire affair was **SHROUDED** in mystery” :: **SHROUDED**, **SHROUDING** (v.)
- **SHUNT** (v.): to change the direction of; to divert
- **SIBYL** (n.): a prophetess; a fortune-teller :: **SIBYLLINE** (adj.)
- **(sic.)** (adv.): intentionally so written; an exact reproduction of the original text or speech
- **SIDEBAR** (n.): a private conversation between the judge and attorneys during a legal trial
 - a short piece of additional information placed alongside a main article in a newspaper or magazine
- **SIDLE** (v.): to move sideways; to edge along or move obliquely
- **SIEGE** (n.): a military operation in which enemy forces try to capture a town or building by surrounding it and cutting it off from supplies; an assault **BESIEGE** (v.)
- **SILVER-TONGUED** (adj.): persuasive; eloquent
- **SIMILE** (n.): a figure of speech where one thing is compared to another (different thing) using the words ‘like’ or ‘as’
- **SIMMER** (v.): to stay or cause to stay just below the boiling point :: **SIMMERED** (v.), **SIMMERING** (v.,adj.,n.)
 - to be in a state of anger or excitement which is only just kept under control
- **SIMON-PURE** (adj.): of untainted purity or integrity; also, pretentiously or hypocritically pure
- **SIMPATICO** (adj.): being on the same wavelength as or co-operative with another person; sympathetic; agreeable
- **SIMPER** (v.,n.): to smile in an **AFFECTED** or coy and silly way; to smirk; such a smile :: **SIMPERED** (v.), **SIMPERING** (v.,adj.,n.)
- **SINE QUA NON** (n.) (L.): an indispensable thing
- **SINECURE** (n.): an office or position that involves little work or responsibility or active service; a cushy job
- **SINGULAR** (adj.): unique; remarkable; great or very good; strange or eccentric :: **SINGULARLY** (adv.), **SINGULARITY** (n.)
- **SINUOUS** (adj.): winding; **SERPENTINE**; having many curves, bends, or turns; intricate; complex; indirect; devious
- **SIREN** (n.): a destructive but seductively beautiful, beguiling woman, or anything dangerously seductive
- **Sisyphian** (adj.): requiring continual and often ineffective or futile effort (as in the labours of Sisyphus in Greek mythology)
- **SKEW** (v.,n.): to suddenly change direction or move at an angle; to distort or make biased :: **SKEWED** (v.,adj.), **SKEWING** (n.,v.), **ASKEW** (adj.)
- **SKEWER** (v.): to (hold in place and) pierce with a pin or **SKEWER**; to criticize mercilessly :: **SKEWERED** (v.)

- **SKOSH** (n.): a small amount or portion; a bit; a smidgen
- **SKULDUGGERY** (n.): devious, underhanded, dishonest, or UNSCRUPULOUS behaviour or activity
- **SKULK** (v.): to hide or linger in a sneaky manner :: SKULKED, SKULKING (v.,n.)
- **SLAKE** (v.): to satisfy or quench; to cause to lessen :: SLAKED, SLAKING (v.)
- **SLANDER** (n.,v.): the crime of saying something untrue that harms a person's reputation; to say such a thing :: SLANDERED (v.,adj.), SLANDERING (v.,n.), SLANDEROUS (adj.); compare with LIBEL
- **SLAPDASH** (adj.): done too hurriedly and carelessly; SLIPSHOD; haphazard
- **SLATHER** (v.): to spread or smear thickly :: SLATHERED (v.), SLATHERING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **SLATTERNLY** (adj.): dirty; UNKEMPT; untidy SLATTERN (n.): a dirty, untidy, or sluttish woman
- **SLAVER** (v.,n.): to slobber; to drool; saliva running from the mouth :: SLAVERED (v.), SLAVERING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **SLEIGHT** (n.) (as in "SLEIGHT OF HAND"): skilful use of the hands, especially when performing a magic trick
- **SLEW** (n.): a large number
- **SLIGHT** (n.,v.): an insult or offence; to insult someone by not treating them with the proper respect :: SLIGHTED (v.,adj.), SLIGHTING (v.)
- **SLINKY** (adj.): graceful and curvy; sleek; flowing; attractive :: SLINKINESS (n.), SLINKIER, SLINKIEST (adj.)
- **SLIPSHOD** (adj.): careless, thoughtless or disorganized; SLAPDASH; shabby; slovenly
- **SLOG** (v.): to work extremely hard over a period of time :: SLOGGED, SLOGGING (v.,n.); (n.): a spell of difficult, tiring work or travelling
- **SLOTH** (n.): laziness; spiritual APATHY and inactivity :: SLOTHFUL (adj.)
- **SLOUGH (OFF)** (v.): to cast off or become cast off; to get rid of (as irksome, OBJECTIONABLE, or disadvantageous)
- **SLUGABED** (n.): a lazy person, as one who is sluggish or stays in bed until a late hour; a SLUGGARD
- **SLUGGARD** (n.): a lazy, inactive person :: SLUGGARDLY (adj.,adv.)
- **SMALL BEER** (n.): weak or inferior beer; something of small importance; trivia
- **SMARMY** (adj): polite and friendly in an excessive, insincere, and self-serving way :: SMARMINESS (n), SMARMIEST (adj)
- **SMATTERING** (n.): a small amount, as in "a SMATTERING of applause" ; a slight knowledge of a language or subject
- **SMIRCH** (v.,n.): to discolour or soil; to spot or smudge with soot, dust, dirt, etc.; to sully or tarnish a person's reputation or character
- **SMITE** (v.): to strike with a firm blow; to kill or severely injure by striking; to defeat or conquer :: **SMOTE** (v.)
- **SMITTEN** (v.) (as in "to be SMITTEN"): to be strongly affected by a disease; to be strongly attracted to someone
- **SMOLDER, SMOULDER** (v): to burn slowly with smoke but no flame; to feel strong (and hidden) anger, hatred, lust, etc. :: SMOULDERED, **SMOULDERING** (v.,adj.)
- **SNAPPY** (adj.): irritable and sharp; cleverly brief and to the point, as in "a SNAPPY reply" :: SNAPPILY (adv.)
- neat and stylish, as in "a SNAPPY dresser" :: SNAPPIER, SNAPPIEST (adj.)
- **SNARKY** (adj.): irritable; short-tempered
- **SNIGGER** (n.,v.): a half-suppressed laugh; to laugh in such away :: SNIGGERED, SNIGGERING (n.,v.,adj.), SNIGGERINGLY (adv.)
- **SNIPPY** (adj.): short-tempered; UNDULY brief or CURT
- **SNUFF** (v.): to abruptly put an end to; to extinguish or suppress, as in "to SNUFF OUT..." :: SNUFFED, SNUFFING (v.)
- **SOBRIQUET** (n.): a nickname; a descriptive name or EPITHET
- **SOIREE** (n.) (Fr.): an evening party or social gathering for music or conversation

- **SOJOURN** (n..v.): a temporary stay; a brief period of residence; to stay temporarily; to dwell for a time; to TARRY :: SOUJOURNED, SOJOURNING (v.)
- **SOLECISM** (n.): a breach of good manners or etiquette; a nonstandard usage or grammatical construction; a deviation from the accepted order
- **SOLICIT** (v.): to ask for or try to obtain something from someone :: SOLICITED, SOLICITING (v.), UNSOLICITED (adj.)
 - to approach someone and offer one's services as a prostitute SOLICITATION (n.)
- **SOLICITOUS** (adj.): concerned; full of care; anxious; APPREHENSIVE; worried; attentive; disturbed
 - eager; full of desire; meticulously careful :: SOLICITOUSLY (adv.), SOLICITOUSNESS, SOLICITUDE (n.)
- **SOLIDARITY** (n.): the unity or bonding of people to others because of shared interests, beliefs, goals, or attitudes
- **SOLILOQUY** (n.): a speech in a play when a character speaks their thoughts (to the audience) when alone (or thinks he is alone)
- **SOLVENT** (adj.): having more money than one owes :: SOLVENCY (n.), INSOLVENT (adj.)
- **SOMBRE** (adj.): gloomily dark; dismal; dreary; serious
- **SOMMELIER** (n.) (Fr.): the waiter, in a club or restaurant, who is in charge of wines
- **SOMNAMBULISM** (n.): sleepwalking :: SOMNAMBULIST(S) (n.)
- **SOMNIFEROUS** (adj.): causing or INDUCING sleep
- **SOMNOLENT** (adj.): drowsy; sleepy; tending to cause sleepiness; inclined to sleep :: SOMNOLENCE (n.)
- **SONOROUS** (adj.): having a deep, RESONANT sound; RESOUNDING; impressive in sound; booming
- **SOOTHSAYER** (n.): a person able to see into the future and foretell future events by magical or intuitive means
- **SOPHISTRY** (n.): subtly deceptive reasoning or argument; the use of (SPECIOUS but) false argument :: **SOPHISTIC** (adj.): sounding reasonable, yet patently false
- **SOPHOMORIC** (adj.): conceited and overconfident of one's knowledge while being poorly informed or immature; juvenile
- **SOPORIFIC** (adj.,n.): causing, tending to cause, or INDUCING sleep or LETHARGY; tending to dull alertness or awareness
- **SOUPCON** (n.) (Fr.): a small amount of something; a trace
- **SOVEREIGN** (adj.,n.): possessing supreme power; completely independent; a monarch who is the supreme ruler of a country
- **SOVEREIGNTY** (n.): complete (independent) power or authority
- **SPARE** (adj.): elegantly simple; thin
- **SPARING** (adj.): not wasting; economical :: SPARINGLY (adv.)
- **SPARSE** (adj.): thinly scattered; not thickly or densely planted :: SPARSELY (adv.), **SPARSITY**, SPARSENESS (n.)
- **SPARTAN** (adj.,n.): lacking in comfort or luxury; one bearing pain or suffering with strength and determination
- **SPATE** (n.): a large number of similar things coming quickly one after another; an accumulation; a collection
- **SPECIOUS** (adj.): apparently right or PLAUSIBLE, but not really true or genuine
 - pleasing to the eye; having deceptive attraction or allure; showy :: SPECIOUSLY (adv.), SPECIOUSNESS (n.)
- **SPELUNKER** (n.): one who explores or studies caves
- **SPENDTHRIFT** (n.): a person who spends money in an extravagant, irresponsible way

- **SPHERE** (n.): a round or circular body; an area of activity, interest, or expertise, as in “his immense SPHERE of influence...”
- **SPIEL** (n.): a pitch; an elaborate, extravagant, or insincere speech made to persuade someone to believe or buy something
- **SPINDLY** (adj.): disproportionately long or tall and thin, suggesting weakness or frailty
- **SPLAY** (v.): to spread out or further apart; to turn outwards :: SPLAYED, SPLAYING (v.)
- **SPLEEN** (n.): bad temper
- **SPLENETIC** (adj.): bad-tempered or spiteful; MALEVOLENT; irritable; PEEVISH
- **SPOONERISM(S)** (n.): the TRANSPOSITION of the initial sounds or letters in a *wair of pords* (pair of words) e.g. “a blushing crow” instead of “a crushing blow”.
- **SPOONY** (adj.): foolishly or sentimentally in love
- **SPORADIC** (adj.): occurring randomly, irregularly, or only occasionally :: SPORADICALLY (ad.)
- **SPORTIVE** (adj.): playful; light-hearted
- **SPRAWL** (v.): to spread out irregularly over a large area :: SPRAWLED, **SPRAWLING** (v.,adj.); (n.): the disorganized expansion of an urban or industrial area, as in “urban SPRAWL”
- **SPRIGHTLY** (adv.): lively; spirited; energetic; vivacious; cheerful :: SPRIGHTLINESS (n.)
- **SPUME** (n.): frothy matter on liquids; foam; scum
- **SPURIOUS** (adj.): not genuine; not authentic; artificial; false; fake; counterfeit; illegitimate; not true :: SPURIOUSLY (adv.), SPURIOUSNESS (n.)
- **SQUALID** (adj.): extremely dirty and unpleasant; very immoral or dishonest :: **SQUALOR** (n.)
- **SQUAT** (adj.): marked by a disproportionate shortness or thickness; short or low to the ground, and wide
- **SQUELCH** (v.): to put down or suppress, as with a crushing retort or argument :: SQUELCHED (v.,adj.), SQUELCHING (v)
- **STACCATO** (adj.): having shortened and detached sounds when played or sung; abrupt or disjointed; disconnected
- **STAGGERING** (adj.): overwhelming; so great as to cause one to STAGGER, as in “a STAGGERING accomplishment” :: STAGGERINGLY (adv.), STAGGER (v.)
- **STAIID** (adj.): steady or SEDATE in character; fixed; permanent; serious; self-restrained; respectable and unadventurous
- **STALWART** (adj.,n.): loyal, reliable, and hard-working; strong and stoutly built; an important member of an organization
- **STAMMER** (n.,v.): to speak with sudden unwanted pauses and a tendency to repeat the first letters of words; such speech :: STAMMERED, STAMMERING (n.,v.,adj.)
- **STANCH** or **STAUNCH** (v.): to stop or slow down the flowing of (blood from a wound, etc.); to check
- **STAND-OFFISH** (adj.): distant and cold in manner; ALOOF; reserved :: STAND-OFFISHNESS (n.)
- **STAR-CHAMBER** (n.): a secret organization used to wield power to oppress or manipulate
- **STASIS** (n.): a state of balance, EQUILIBRIUM, or STAGNATION; a period or state where there is no change or development
- **STATELY** (adj.): dignified or grand; lofty; elevated; IMPOSING :: STATELINESS (n.)
- **STATIC** (adj.): unmoved; motionless; immobile; having a fixed or stationary position
- **STATION** (n.): a person’s social rank or position, as in “he seemed to be oblivious to his true STATION in life”
- **STAUNCH** (adj.): very loyal and committed :: **STAUNCHLY** (adv.), STAUNCHNESS (n.)
- **STAUNCH** or **STANCH** (v.): to stop or slow down the flow of (blood from a wound, etc.); to check
- **STAY** (v.,n.): to stop, delay, or prevent; a suspension or postponement of the proceedings of a law court - “a stay of execution”

- **STEAD** (n.): the place or role that someone or something should have or fill, as in “Jeremy stood in my STEAD”
- **STEADFAST** (adj.): determined and firm; firmly fixed in place; immovable; not subject to change :: STEADFASTLY (adv.), STEADFASTNESS (n.)
- **STEALTH** (n.): secretive and careful action or movement :: STEALTHY (adj.), STEALTHILY (adv.)
- **STEAMY** (adj.): involving passionate sexual activity :: STEAMINESS (n.), STEAMIER, STEAMIEST (adj.)
- **STELLAR** (adj.): having to do with a star or the stars; outstanding; notable
- **STEM** (v.): to stop or slow down (the progress of something), as in “to STEM the tide of commercialism” :: STEMMED, STEMMING (v.)
- **STENTORIAN (ADJ.): EXTREMELY LOUD AND POWERFUL**
- **STEWARD** (n.): a person who looks after the passengers on a ship or aircraft
 - a person responsible for the management of a large estate or enterprise :: **STEWARDSHIP** (n.)
- **STIGMA** (n.): a mark or sign of disgrace; a negative reputation
- **STIGMATIZE** (v.): to regard or treat as shameful :: STIGMATIZED (v.,adj.), STIGMATIZATION (n.)
- **STILTED** (adj.) (of speech and writing): stiff and unnatural
- **STINT** (v.): to be FRUGAL; to restrict how much someone can have (of something), as in “STINTING on food, etc.”; (n.): an allotted period of time (in some position or role), as in “he was famous for only working in 15-minute STINTS” :: STINTED, STINTING (v.), STINTINGLY (adv.)
- **STOIC** (adj.): indifferent to or unaffected by pleasure or pain; unemotional; not showing one’s feelings or complaining; (n.): a follower of a philosophy believing that one should be free from passions, unmoved by joy or grief :: STOICALLY (adv.), STOICNESS, STOICISM (n.)
- **STOLID** (adj.): dull, unexcitable; unemotional; IMPASSIVE; calm, dependable, and showing little emotion
- **STONEWALL** (v.): to block, stall, or resist intentionally :: STONEWALLED, STONEWALLING (n.,v.)
- **STOUT** (adj.): fat or heavily built; sturdy and thick; strong; brave and determined :: STOUTLY (adv.), STOUTNESS (n.)
- **STRAFE** (v.): to attack with machine gun fire or bombs from low-flying aircraft; to bombard; to damage or injure :: STRAFED, STRAFING (v.)
- **STRATAGEM** (n.): a strategy; a scheme intended to outwit an opponent
- **STRIATION** (n.): one of a series of parallel lines
- **STRICTURE(S)** (n.): a rule restricting behaviour or action; a sternly critical remark
- **STRIDENT** (adj.): loud and harsh; grating; shrill; expressing a point of view in an excessively forceful way
- **STRIFE** (n.): angry or bitter disagreement; CONTENTION; conflict; hostile struggle
- **STRINGENT** (adj.): extremely strict or severe; rigid; rigorous; tight; constricted; marked by money scarcity and credit strictness :: STRINGENTLY (adv.), STRINGENCY (n.)
- **STRIPLING** (n.): an adolescent youth; a young man
- **STRUMPET** (n.): a promiscuous woman
- **STUDIED** (adj.): done with deliberate and careful effort; carefully considered or prepared; designed; thoughtful
- **STUFFY** (adj.): old-fashioned; conventional; straight-laced; narrow-minded :: STUFFINESS (n.)
- **STULTIFY** (v.): to impair, invalidate, or make ineffective; to cause to appear foolish, ridiculous, or illogical
 - to cause to feel bored or drained of energy; to have a dulling effect :: **STULTIFYING** (adj.), **STULTIFYINGLY** (adv.)
- **STUNT** (v): to slow down the growth or development, as in “as a boy, I was told smoking cigarettes would STUNT my growth”
- **STUNTED** (adj.,v.): slowed or stopped in growth or development; interrupted :: STUNTING (v.)
- **STUPEFY** (v.): to astonish and shock; to make someone unable to think or feel properly

- STUPEFIED (v.,adj.), STUPEFYING (adv.), STUPEFYINGLY (adv.), STUPEFACTION, STUPEFICATION (n.)
- **STYGIAN** (adj.): extremely **dark, gloomy**, or FORBIDDING; concerning the river Styx
- **SUASION** (n.): the act of persuading :: SUASIVE (adj.) PERSUASION (n.), PERSUADE (v.)
- **SUB ROSA** (adv.) (L.): secretly; privately; confidentially
- **SUBJUGATE** (v.): to subdue; to conquer and bring under control; to enslave :: SUBJUGATED, SUBJUGATING (v.), SUBJUGATION (n.)
- **SUBLIMATE** (v.): to direct the energy of a primitive impulse into activities that are considered to be more acceptable socially
 - to transform into a purer or idealized form; to refine; to purify :: SUBLIMATED, SUBLIMATING (v.), SUBLIMATION (n.)
- **SUBLIME** (adj.): supreme or lofty; majestic; ideal; splendid - reaching new levels of quality and perfection unduplicated elsewhere; of such immense beauty that the viewer's breath is taken away
- **SUBLIMINAL** (adj.) (of a stimulus or mental process): operating below the level of consciousness, but still having an effect on the mind; affecting someone's mind without their being aware of it :: SUBLIMINALLY (adv.)
- **SUBMISSIVE** (adj.): very obedient or PASSIVE; SUBMITTING to the will of others; meek :: SUBMISSIVELY (adv.), SUBMISSIVENESS (n.)
- **SUBORDINATE** (adj.,n.): lower in rank or position; less important; a person under the authority of another :: SUBORDINATION (n.), INSUBORDINATION (n.)
- **SUBORN** (v.): to pay, persuade, or induce someone to commit an unlawful act such as perjury :: SUBORNED, SUBORNING (v.)
- **SUBROGATE** (v.): to put into the place of another; (Leg.): to substitute one person for another, with reference to a claim or right
- **SUBSIST** (v.): to maintain or support oneself at a basic level :: SUBSISTED, SUBSISTING (v.), **SUBSISTENCE** (n.)
- **SUBSTANTIATE** (v.): to verify; to confirm; to provide evidence to prove the truth of :: SUBSTANTIATED / UNSUBSTANTIATED (adj.)
- **SUBSTANTIVE** (adj.): having substance; involving important matters
- **SUBTERFUGE** (n.): deception; a deceptive device or strategy in order to conceal, escape, or evade
- **SUBVERSIVE** (adj.,n.): describing an act performed to challenge or overthrow the authority of those in power
- **SUBVERT** (v.): to undermine the power and authority of (an established system or institution) :: SUBVERTED, SUBVERTING (v.), SUBVERSION (n.),
- **SUCCESSION** (n.): a sequence; a number of people or things following one after the other
 - the action or right of inheriting a position, title, etc.
- **SUCCOUR** (n.,v.): aid; help, support, or comfort in times of hardship and distress; to comfort, help, or relieve
- **SUCKLE** (v.) (with reference to an infant or young animal): to feed from the breast or teat :: SUCKLED, SUCKLING (v.)
- **SUFFRAGE** (n.): the right to vote, especially in political elections :: SUFFRAGETTE(S), SUFFRAGIST(S) (n.)
- **SUFFUSE** (v.): to gradually spread through or over; to overspread; to cover; to flush (with) :: **SUFFUSED**, SUFFUSING (v.), SUFFUSION (n.)
- **SULLY** (v.): to spoil the purity or cleanliness of; to tarnish v.SULLIED (v.,adj.), SULLYING (v.), UNSULLIED (adj.)
- **SUMMARY** (adj.): done immediately, without attention to details or perhaps the usual legal formalities

- **SUMPTUOUS** (adj.): magnificent; splendid; LAVISH; expensive-looking :: SUMPTUOUSLY (adv.), SUMPTUOUSNESS (n.)
- **SUNDRY** (adj.): of various kinds, not important enough to be mentioned individually :: SUNDRIES (n.)
- **SUPERANNUATED** (adj.): OUTMODED; too old to be effective or useful; discharged or disqualified because of old age
 - older than a typical representative of a group
- **SUPERCILIOUS** (adj.): DISDAINFUL; haughty; arrogant; CONTEMPTUOUS; OVERBEARING
 - haughtily INDIFFERENT :: SUPERCILIOUSLY (adv.), SUPERCILIOUSNESS (n.)
- **SUPERFLUOUS** (adj.): exceeding what is necessary, sufficient, required, or wanted; extra; unnecessary; REDUNDANT
- **SUPERLATIVE** (adj.): the quality of something's being the best in its class; of the highest quality or degree
- **SUPERLATIVE(S)** (n.): an exaggerated expression of praise
- **SUPERNUMERARY** (n.): a person who is present in excess of what is necessary or required :: **SUPERNUMERARIES** (n.); (adj.): exceeding what is necessary or required; exceeding the usual number
- **SUPERSEDE** (v.): to replace or take the place of; to take PRECEDENCE; to DISPLACE; to cause to be set aside :: SUPERSEDED, SUPERSEDING (v.), SUPERSEDCENCE, SUPERSESSION (n.)
- **SUPERVENE** (v.): to take place or occur as something additional or unexpected, especially because of anxiety
 - to occur as an interruption or change to an existing situation :: SUPERVENED, SUPERVENING (v.,adj.,n.), SUPERVENTION (n.), INTERVENE (v.)
- **SUPINE** (adj.): lying on the back, face up; failing to act as a result of laziness or fear; INDOLENT; LISTLESS
- **SUPPLANT** (v.): to take the place of; to replace one thing with another; to substitute :: SUPPLANTED, SUPPLANTING (v)
- **SUPPLE** (adj.): flexible; easily bent; soft; PLIABLE; YIELDING; COMPLIANT :: SUPPLENESS (n.)
- **SUPPLICATE** (v.): to make a humble and earnest petition :: SUPPLICATED, SUPPLICATING (v.), SUPPLICATION (n.)
- **SUPPOSITION(S)** (n.): an assumption **SUPPOSITIOUS** (adj.): hypothetical; fraudulently substituted
- **SURFEIT** (n.,v.): an excess; an overabundance; a supply that is more than enough; too much of a good thing
 - enjoying (food or drink) beyond what is good or necessary; disgust caused by an overindulgence
- **SURLY** (adj.): mean; miserable; bad-tempered and unfriendly; irritably sullen or CHURLISH in mood or manner; GRUFF :: SURLINESS (n.), SURLIER, SURLIEST (adj.)
- **SURMISE** (v.,n.): to suppose without having evidence; to guess at based on what little evidence is available :: SURMISED, SURMISING (v.)
- **SURREAL** (adj.): having the qualities of a dream; very strange :: SURREALISTIC (adj.), SURREALISM (n.)
- **SURREPTITIOUS** (adj.): done secretly or STEALTHILY :: SURREPTITIOUSLY (adv.), SURREPTIOUSNESS (n.)
- **SURROGATE** (n.): a person who stands in for another in a role or office; a substitute :: SURROGACY (n.)
- **SUSPECT** (adj.): possibly dangerous or false, as in "I've always considered his motives to be SUSPECT"
- **SUSTAIN** (v.): to keep something going (over time); to strengthen or support (physically or mentally)
 - to suffer something unpleasant (such as a blow or an injury) :: SUSTAINED (v.,adj.), SUSTAINING (v.)
- **SUSTAINABLE** (adj.): able to be SUSTAINED; avoiding using up natural resources :: **SUSTAINABILITY** (n.)
- **SUSTENANCE** (n.): that which SUSTAINS; the nourishment in food
- **SVELTE** (adj.): slender; thin; LITHE; sleek; having even and smooth lines; URBANE; suave
- **Svengali** (n.): one who manipulates or exerts a controlling influence over another
- **SWADDLE** (v.): to bind an infant with long, narrow strips of cloth to prevent free movement :: SWADDLING (adj.,v.)

- **SWAG** (n.): money or goods taken by a thief or burglar; free merchandise given to an attendee of some event
- **SWAGGER** (v.,n.): to walk or behave in a very confident or arrogant manner; a confident walk or attitude
- **SWARTHY** (adj.): having a dark skin; dark or dusky in complexion :: **SWARTHINESS** (n.)
- **SWATCH** (n.): a piece of fabric used as a sample
- **SWATH** (n.): a broad strip or area, as in “the invasion left behind a wide **SWATH** of destruction still visible today...”
- **SWAY** (n.): power or influence, as in “even long-retired, his opinion still **HELD SWAY** in the industry”
- **SWEEPING** (adj.): wide in area or effect; extended or performed in a long, continuous curve
 - as in “the President promised **SWEEPING** changes to the nation’s financial system...”
- **SYBARITE(S)** (n.): a person devoted to luxury and pleasure
- **SYCOPHANT(S)** (n.): one who attempts to win favour by flattering (and being **SERVILE** to) influential people; a **TOADY** :: **SYCOPHANTIC** (adj.)
- **SYLLABUS** (n.): the list of topics to be covered in a course of study
- **SYLPH** (n.): an imaginary spirit of the air; a slender, graceful woman or girl
- **SYLVAN** (adj.,n.): pertaining to or located in woods or forests; a person inhabiting the forest; a spirit of the forest
- **SYMBIOSIS** (n.): a close association or interdependency between two organisms from two different species
 - a co-operative relationship; living closely together for mutual benefit :: **SYMBIOTIC** (adj.)
- **SYMPOSIUM** (n.): a (formal) conference or meeting to discuss a particular academic subject; a collection of opinions on a subject
- **SYNCHRONICITY** (n.): the simultaneous or coincidental occurrence of events, especially psychic events :: **SYNCHRONOUS** (adj.): acting or functioning with regularity, or a schedule; **ASYNCHRONOUS** (adj.)
- **SYNERGY** (n.): when different parts, things, or people work together to great(er) effect
- **SYNOPSIS** (n.): a brief summary or general survey
- **SYNTAX** (n.): the arrangement of words and phrases to create sentences; a set of rules for the formation of sentences
- **SYNTHESIS** (n.): the combination of parts to form a connected whole
- **SYSTEMIC** (adj.): relating to a **SYSTEM** as a whole, and not just its **COMPONENT** parts :: **SYSTEMICALLY** (adv.)

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- **TABLEAU** (n.) (Fr.): a memorable scene (created by the grouping of objects and people)
 - **TABULA RASA** (n.) (L.): a blank or clean slate; lacking preconceived notions, beliefs, prejudices; **PRISTINE**
 - receptive to new information or instruction
 - **TACIT** (adj.): understood without being spoken; implied; necessarily indicated :: **TACITLY** (adv.), **TACITNESS** (n.)
 - **TACITURN** (adj.): quiet; sullen; **DISINCLINED** to talk; uncommunicative; reserved
 - **TACT** (n.): sensitivity and skill in dealing with others or with difficult issues; politeness
 - **TACTFUL** (adj.): having or showing **TACT**; skilful in avoiding offense or controversy; diplomatic :: **TACTFULLY** (adv.)
 - **TACTLESS** (adj.): lacking **TACT**; thoughtless and insensitive :: **TACTLESSLY** (adv.), **TACTLESSNESS** (n.)
 - **TACTILE** (adj.): having to do with the sense of touch; liking to touch others in a friendly way
 - **TALISMAN** (n.): an object thought to have magic powers and to bring good luck; a lucky charm
 - **TANGENT** (n.): a completely different line of thought or action
 - **TANGENTIAL** (adj.): relating to or along a **TANGENT**; only slightly connected or relevant to the subject at hand :: **TANGENTIALLY** (adv.)

- **TANGIBLE** (adj.): touchable; able to be touched and felt; real; definite :: **INTANGIBLE** (adj.)
- **TANTAMOUNT** (adj.): equivalent in value, significance, or effect; virtually the same as; as in “tantamount to perjury”.
- **TARRADIDDLE** (n.): PRETENTIOUS nonsense; a minor falsehood; a fib
- **TARRY** (v.): to delay; to stay longer than expected; to hesitate; to SOJOURN :: **TARRIED**, **TARRYING** (n.,v.)
- **TAUT** (adj.): stretched or pulled tight; tense :: **TAUTLY** (adv.), **TAUTNESS** (n.), **TAUTEN** (v.)
- **TAUTOLOGY** (n.): the saying of the same thing over again in different words for emphasis and resulting in redundancy (seen as a fault in style) :: **TAUTOLOGICAL** (adj.)
 - the logical construction “All dogs are sweet; Hunter is a dog; therefore Hunter is sweet”
- **TAWDRY** (adj.): GAUDY; showy; cheap, as clothes; sleazy, BASE or mean, as motives :: **TAWDRINESS** (n.)
- **TAXONOMY** (n.): the branch of science concerned with classification; a system of classifying things
- **TCHOTCHKE** (n.): a trinket; a knickknack
- **TEEM** (v.): to ABOUND; to become filled (to overflowing) with something; to swarm with :: **TEEMED**, **TEEMING** (v.)
- **TEETOTALLER(S)** (n.): one who totally ABSTAINS from alcohol :: **TEETOTAL** (v.)
- **TELEGENIC** (adj.): well-suited to the medium of television (attractive to the viewers)
- **TELEKINISIS** (n): the (supposed) ability to move objects by mental power or other non-physical means :: **TELEKINETIC** (adj)
- **TEMERITY** (n.): reckless boldness; rashness; unreasonable or foolhardy contempt for danger or DECORUM
- **TEMPER** (v.): to make something less extreme by adding something that balances or modifies it :: **TEMPERED** (v.,adj.), **TEMPERING** (v.)
- **TEMPERAMENT** (n.): a person’s natural character or personality; disposition; how they behave
- **TEMPERAMENTAL** (adj.): changing mood in an unreasonable way; fussy :: **TEMPERAMENTALLY** (adv.)
- **TEMPERANCE** (n.): the complete avoidance of drinking alcohol; moderation and self-restraint
- **TEMPERATE** (adj.): having mild and pleasant temperatures; moderate; showing self-restraint :: **INTEMPERATE** (adj.)
- **TEMPESTUOUS** (adj.): turbulent or stormy, like a TEMPEST; full of strong and changeable emotions
- **TEMPORAL** (adj.): relating to time; relating to worldly affairs
- **TENABLE** (adj.): sustainable; VIABLE; able to be defended against attack or objection :: **UNTENABLE** (adj.)
- **TENACIOUS** (adj.): stubborn; obstinate; persistent; determined; RESOLUTE; keeping a firm hold on :: **TENACIOUSLY** (adv.), **TENACIOUSNESS**, **TENACITY** (n.)
- **TENET(S)** (n.): a central or fundamental principle, belief, or doctrine held by members of an organization or movement
- **TENOR** (n.): the general tone, meaning, or nature of something, as in “the initial TENOR of the conversation was negative”
- **TENTERHOOKS** (n.): a state of uneasy suspense or painful anxiety
- **TENUOUS** (adj.): delicate; very slight or weak; very slender or fine
 - lacking a sound basis, as in reasoning; unsubstantiated :: **TENUOUSLY** (adv.), **TENUOUSNESS** (n.)
- **TEPID** (adj.): lukewarm; unenthusiastic :: **TEPIDLY** (adv.), **TEPIDNESS** (n.)
- **TERMINAL** (adj): having to do with or situated at the end; (of a disease): predicted to lead to death :: **TERMINALLY** (adv)
- **TERSE** (adj.): short; brief; abrupt; blunt; abruptly concise; CURT; BRUSQUE :: **TERSELY** (adv.), **TERSENESS** (n.)
- **TESTAMENT** (n.): evidence or proof of a fact, event, or quality, as in “one TESTAMENT to her singing ability was requiring no musical accompaniment during her performance of the national anthem”

- **THEOCRACY** (n.): a system of government in which priests rule in the name of a god or religion :: THEOCRATIC (adj.)
- **THRALL** (n.): the state of being in another's power :: ENTHRALL (v.)
- **THROATY** (adj.) (of a voice or other sound): deep and husky
- **THRONG** (n.): a large, densely packed crowd
- **THWART** (v.): to oppose successfully; to hinder or prevent from succeeding or accomplishing something; to defeat the hopes of :: **THWARTED** (v.,adj.), THWARTING (v.), THWARTER(S) (n.), UNTHWARTED (adv.)
- **TIMBRE** (n.): the character or quality of a musical sound or voice as distinct from its pitch and strength
- **TIMOROUS** (adj.): timid; nervous; fearful; lacking in courage or confidence; APPREHENSIVE :: TIMOROUSLY (adv.), TIMOROUSNESS (n.)

- **TINCTURE** (n.): colour or tint; a slight trace; a characteristic quality
- **TINGE** (n.,v.): a slight trace of a colour or quality; to colour slightly; to give a small amount of a quality to
 - TINGED, TINGING (v.)
- **TINTINNABULATION** (n.): the ringing or sounding of bells; a jingling or tinkling sound as if of bells
- **TIPPLE** (v.): to drink liquor, especially habitually or to some excess :: **TIPPLER(S)** (n.)
- **TITANIC** (adj.): colossal; having great magnitude, force or power, such as the TITANS of Greek mythology
- **TITHE** (v.): to donate one-tenth of what one earns to one's Church :: TITHED (v.), TITHING (n.,v.)
- **TITTLE** (n.): a very small part or amount
- **TITULAR** (adj.): by title (only); holding a purely formal position or title without holding any real power
- **TOADY** (n.v.): a person who flatters another in the hopes of receiving favours; one who is FAWNING or SERVILE :: TOADIED (v.), TOADYING (n..v.)
- **TOME** (n.): a book, especially a large, scholarly one
- **TONTINE** (n.): a joint financial arrangement whereby the participants contribute a prize that is awarded entirely to the final survivor
- **TOOTHsome** (adj.): delicious; luscious; attractive; pleasing; agreeable; tempting; voluptuous; alluring
- **TOPICAL** (adj.): relating to or dealing with current affairs; relating to a particular subject or the subject at hand
- **TOPOGRAPHY** (n.): the arrangement of the physical features of a place, area, or physical object, the "lay of the land" :: TOPOGRAPHICAL (adj.)
- **TORPID** (adj.): dull; sluggish; inactive and lacking energy; APATHETIC; numb :: TORPIDNESS, TORPIDITY (n.)
- **TORPOR** (n.): the state of being inactive, dull, sluggish, lacking vitality; LETHARGIC INDIFFERENCE; APATHY - a state of mental and motor inactivity with partial or total insensibility; a state of lowered physiological activity (hibernation)
- **TORQUE** (n.): the moment of a force that tends to cause rotation
- **TORRENT(S)** (n.): a strong and fast-moving flow of water or other liquid; a large outpouring of something :: **TORRENTIAL** (adj.), TORRENTIALLY (adv.)
- **TORRID** (adj.): very hot and dry; scorching with heat; burning; parched; ardent; passionate
- **TORTUOUS** (adj.): twisting; marked by repeated twists, turns, or bends; crooked; not straightforward
 - highly INVOLVED or intricate; tricky
- **TOTALITARIAN** (adj.) (of government): consisting of only one leader or party with complete power and control
- **TOTALITY** (n.): the whole of something :: TOTAL (n.,adj.,v.)
- **TOTEM** (n.): anything that serves as a venerated symbol
- **TOTEMIC** (adj.): pertaining to an object or phenomenon that a family considers itself closely related to

- **TOTTER** (v.): to move in an unsteady way; to shake or rock as if about to collapse; to be insecure or on the brink of failure :: TOTTERED, TOTTERING (v.)
- **TOUCHSTONE** (n.): a fundamental or QUINTESSENTIAL part or feature of something
 - a test or criterion for judging something or determining its quality or genuineness
- **TOUSLE** (adv.): to make (a person's hair) untidy; to rumple :: **TOUSLED** (adj.,v.), TOUSLING (v.)
- **TOUT** (v.): to praise or publicize loudly, extravagantly, or boastfully; to attempt to persuade people of the worth of; to solicit
 - as in "the highly **TOUTED** new Danish film _____" :: **TOUTED**, TOUTING (v.)
- **TOXIC** (adj.): having the effect of poison; hazardous; harmful :: TOXICITY (n.)
- **TOXIN(S)** (n.): a poison produced by a microorganism to which the body reacts by producing antibodies
- **TRACTABLE** (adj.): (capable of being) easily managed or controlled; easy-going; docile; yielding; MALLEABLE :: INTRACTABLE (adj.)
- **TRAJECTORY** (n.): the arc or curve that an object travels along through space; the (projected) path of something
- **TRAMMEL** (n.): a restriction to freedom or action; (v.): to restrict or block the freedom or progress of :: UNTRAMMELLED (adj.)
- **TRANSCEND** (v.): to be or go beyond the range or limits of; to be better than :: TRANSCENDED, TRANSCENDING (v.)
- **TRANSCENDENT** (adj.): going beyond normal or physical human experience
- **TRANSCENDENTAL** (adj.): going beyond human experience or knowledge and into a spiritual area; supernatural
- **TRANSFIGURE** (v.): to transform into something more beautiful or spiritual; to change the outward appearance of :: TRANSFIGURED (v.), TRANSFIGURING (v.,adj.), TRANSFIGURATION(S) (n.)
- **TRANSFIX** (v.): to make motionless with horror, wonder, or astonishment :: **TRANSFIXED** (adj.,v.)
- **TRANSGRESS** (v.): to violate or go beyond the limits set by the law or moral principles; to sin :: TRANSGRESSED, TRANSGRESSING (v.), TRANSGRESSION(S) (n.)
- **TRANSIENT** (adj.): not lasting or permanent; temporary; short-lived; FLEETING; TRANSITORY :: TRANSIENCE (n.); (n.): one who is homeless; a drifter
- **TRANSITORY** (adj.): short-lived; temporary; FLEETING; passing; FUGACIOUS :: TRANSITORINESS (n.)
- **TRANSLUCENT** (adj.): allowing light to partially pass through; semi-transparent :: TRANSLUCENCE (n.)
 - free from disguise or falseness LUCENT (adj.), LUCID (adj.)
- **TRANSMOGRIFY** (v.): to transform; to change or alter greatly to grotesque or humorous effect :: TRANSMOGRIFIED, TRANSMOGRIFYING (v.), TRANSMOGRIFICATION (n.)
- **TRANSMUTE** (v.): to change from one form or state into another :: TRANSMUTED (v.), TRANSMUTATION (n.)
- **TRANSPIRE** (v.): to come into being; to develop; to happen; to occur; to take place :: TRANSPIRED, TRANSPIRING (v.)
- **TRANSPOSE** (v.): to cause two or more things to change places with each other :: TRANSPOSED, TRANSPOSING (v.), TRANSPOSITION (n.)
- **TRAVAIL(S)** (n.): painful, ARDUOUS experiences or work; LABORIOUS effort - pain and suffering due to a mental or physical hardship; to endure such pain and suffering; sufferings; agony; anguish
- **TRAVERSE** (v.): to travel or extend across or through something :: TRAVERSED, TRAVERSING (v.)
- **TREACLE** (n.) (Br.): molasses; syrup; something (like a tone of voice) heavily sweet and CLOYING
 - contrived or mawkish sentimentality :: TREACLY (adj.)
- **TREATISE** (n.): a written work dealing formally and systematically with a subject
- **TREMULOUS** (adj.): marked by *trembling; shaking; quivering*; fearful; timid; TIMOROUS; exceedingly sensitive

- **TRENCHANT** (adj.): sharply or keenly perceptive; direct and to the point; incisive; intelligently analytical and accurate
- articulate; clear-cut; distinct; clearly or sharply defined; effective; vigorous; energetic; forceful; (of speech or writing): expressed strongly and clearly; cutting; biting; CAUSTIC; sarcastic :: TRENCHANTLY (adv.)
- **TREPID** (adj.): fearful; TIMOROUS :: INTREPID (adj.)
- **TREPIDATION(S)** (n.): hesitation due to fear or nervousness; APPREHENSION; dread; doubt; uncertainty; agitation
- **TRESSES** (n.): a woman's hair or hairstyle
- **TRIAGE** (n.) (Fr.) (in a hospital or war zone)
 - the assessment of the seriousness of wounds or illnesses in order to decide the order in which the patients should be treated
- **TRICE** (n.): an instant; a moment; as in the phrase "in a TRICE"
- **TRIFLING** (adj.): unimportant or trivial :: TRIFLE (n.,v.)
- **TRIPARTITE** (adj.): consisting of three parts; shared by or involving three parties
- **TRISTESSE** (n.) (Fr.): sadness
- **TRISTFUL** (adj.): full of sadness; sorrowful
- **TRITE** (adj.) (of a remark or idea): unoriginal and dull because of overuse :: TRITELY (adv.), TRITENESS (n.)
- **TRIUMVIRATE** (n.): a group of three powerful or important people or things
- **TROGLODYTE** (n.): a hermit; a person who lives in a cave; one with RECLUSIVE habits or OUTMODED attitudes
 - a person considered to be primitive, out of date, coarse, uncouth, ill-mannered, or brutish
- **TROPE** (n.): the FIGURATIVE or METAPHORICAL use of a word or expression
- **TROUBADOUR** (n.): a (travelling) singer, especially of folk songs
- **TROVE** (n.): a discovery or find; a valuable collection; a treasure; a haul
- **TRUANT** (adj.): absent; wandering; straying :: TRUANCY (n.)
- **TRUCKLE** (v.): to act in a subservient manner; to be SERVILE; to give way to the will of another; to submit
- **TRUCULENT** (adj.): very fierce; harsh; aggressive; cruel; brutal; savage; violent; ferocious; deadly; COMBATIVE; destructive :: TRUCULENCE (n.)
- **TRUISM(S)** (n.): a basic, self-evident, fundamental, obvious truth
- **TRUMPERY** (n.): trivial or useless articles (with only superficial appeal); junk; worthless nonsense
- **TRUNCATE** (v.): to shorten by or as if by cutting off the end or top; to cut short :: TRUNCATED (adj.,v.), TRUNCATING (v.), TRUNCATION (n.)
- **TRYST** (n.): a private, romantic meeting between lovers
- **TUMULT** (n.): a great fuss, commotion, or clatter; chaos or confusion; agitation; uproar
- **TUMULTUOUS** (adj.): turbulent; disorderly; noisy; highly agitated mentally or emotionally :: TUMULTUOUSLY (adv.)
- **TURBID** (adj.): muddy; cloudy; discoloured by sediment; not clear; muddled; confused; unclear; disordered; obscure :: TURBIDITY (n.)
- **TURGID** (adj.): swollen or full; bloated; (of language or style): pompous and boring; BOMBASTIC; OVERBLOWN
- **TURPITUDE** (n.): (INHERENT) BASENESS; vileness; DEPRAVITY
- **TUTELAGE** (n.): instruction; protection; guardianship; authority over someone :: TUTELARY (adj.)
- **TWEAK** (v.,n.): to twist or pull with a small but sharp movement; to improve by making small adjustments :: TWEAKED, TWEAKING (v.)
- **TYRANNICAL** (adj.): using power over others in a cruel and unfair way :: TYRANNICALLY (adv.)

- **TYRANNY** (n.): cruel and OPPRESSIVE government or rule; a state under such rule :: TYRANT(S) (n.)

- **UBIQUITOUS** (adj.): (seemingly) being everywhere (at the same time); ALL-PERVASIVE; widespread; inescapable :: UBIQUITOUSLY (adv.), UBIQUITY, UBIQUITOUSNESS (n.)
- **ULTERIOR** (adj.): other than that which is obvious or admitted; intentionally concealed, as motives
 - going beyond what is said or shown; more remote; farther away
- **UMBRAGE** (n.): resentment; offence; annoyance; as in “I take UMBRAGE at your insinuation...”
 - shade; a shadow; an indistinct indication; a vague suggestion; reason for doubt :: **UMBRA** (n.): the invariable or characteristic accompaniment or companion of a person or thing
- **UNABASHED** (adj.): undisguised or unapologetic; not embarrassed or ashamed; not disconcerted :: **UNABASHEDLY** (adv.), **UNABASHEDNESS** (n.), **ABASH** (v.)
- **UNABATED** (adj.): with no reduction in intensity or strength :: **ABATE** (v.)
- **UNABRIDGED** (adj.): (of a text): not cut or shortened; unedited :: **ABRIDGED** (adj.) **ABRIDGE** (v.)
- **UNADULTERATED** (adj.): pure; total; complete; not mixed with any different or inferior substances :: **ADULTERATE** (v)
- **UNAFFECTED** (adj.): feeling or showing no effects; (of a person): sincere and genuine; innocent
- **UNAPOLOGETIC** (adj.): not sorry for one’s actions; offered or put forward without APOLOGY :: **UNAPOLOGETICALLY** (adv.)
- **UNASSAILABLE** (adj.): IMPREGNABLE; protected from attack or assault; undeniable; INVIOABLE :: **ASSAIL** (v.)
- **UNASSUMING** (adj.): not wanting to draw attention to oneself or one’s abilities
- **UNAVAILING** (adj.): achieving little or nothing :: **AVAIL** (v.)
- **UNBECOMING** (adj.): not flattering; improper; UNSEEMLY **BECOMING** (adj.)
- **UNBEKNOWNST (TO)** (adj.): unknown (to); happening or existing without one’s knowledge
- **UNBENDING** (adj.): unwilling to change one’s mind; inflexible **UNBENDINGLY** (adv.)
- **UNBREACHABLE** (adj.):
- **UNBRIDLED** (adj.): unrestrained; uncontrolled; without limitations or boundaries **BRIDLE** (n.,v.)
- **UNBUTTONED** (adj.): not under constraint; free and unrestricted in action or expression
- **UNCEREMONIOUSLY** (adv.): in an impolite or abrupt manner, as in “he was fired **UNCEREMONIOUSLY**” :: **UNCEREMONIOUS** (adj.), as in “it was an **UNCEREMONIOUS** dismissal”
- **UNCHECKED** (adj.): not controlled or restrained; not examined :: **CHECK** (n.,v.)
- **UNCONDITIONAL** (adj.): without conditions; not subject to any conditions; unlimited :: **UNCONDITIONALLY** (adv.), **CONDITIONAL** (adj.)
- **UNCONSCIONABLE** (adj.): lacking conscience; not right or reasonable; heinous; immoral
- **UNCOUTH** (adj.): awkward or uncultured in appearance, manner, or behaviour; lacking good manners; rude
- **UNCOWED** (adj.): unfrightened; unintimidated; unthreatened; undeterred :: **COW** (v.) **COWED** (adj.)
- **UNCTUOUS** (adj.): oily; greasy; smooth and greasy in texture or appearance
 - marked by a false or smug earnestness or agreeableness; excessively flattering or friendly
 - possessing an untrustworthy or dubious nature; characterized by an insincere manner
- **UNDAUNTED** (adj.): not discouraged by difficulty, danger, or disappointment :: **DAUNTLESS** (adj.)
- **UNDERPIN** (v.): to support or form the basis for (an argument, claim, etc.); to support a structure from below :: **UNDERPINNED** (v.), **UNDERPINNING(S)** (n.,v.)
- **UNDERScore** (v.): to stress or emphasized; to feature; to accentuate :: **UNDERScoreD**, **UNDERScoreING** (v.)
- **UNDERSTATED** (adj.): subtle; restrained in design or presentation :: **UNDERSTATEDNESS** (n.)

- **UNDERTONE(S)** (n.): an underlying quality or feeling
 - a subdued or muted colour or tone of sound; a colour modified by another colour
- **UNDETERRED** (adj.): persevering despite setbacks :: DETER (v.)
- **UNDONE** (adj.): ruined by a disastrous setback; not done or finished; not tied or fastened
- **UNDRESS** (n.): a state of wearing no or very few clothes, as in “in a state of **UNDRESS**” :: **UNDRESSED** (adj.)
- **UNDUE** (adj.): more than is reasonable or necessary; excessive; unwarranted :: **UNDULY** (adv.)
- **UNDULATE** (v.): *to move in a wave-like manner; to rise and fall in waves; to fluctuate* :: **UNDULATED**, **UNDULATING** (v.,adj.), **UNDULANT** (adj.), **UNDULATION(S)** (n.)
- **UNEMBELLISHED** (adj.): genuine; original; real; honest :: EMBELLISHED (adj.)
- **UNEQUIVOCAL** (adj.): leaving no doubt; unambiguous; clear in meaning :: **UNEQUIVOCALLY** (adv.), EQUIVOCAL (adj.), EQUIVOCATE (v.)
- **UNEVEN** (adj.): not **EVEN**; not level or smooth; not regular, consistent, or equal :: **UNEVENLY** (adv), **UNEVENNESS** (n)
- **UNEXPURGATED** (adj.): uncensored; original; unremoved :: EXPURGATE (v.)
- **UNFAILING** (adj.): reliable or constant; without error :: **UNFAILINGLY** (adv.)
- **UNFATHOMABLE** (adj.): unimaginable; unthinkable :: FATHOM (v.)
- **UNFETTERED** (adj.): unrestrained or uninhibited; free :: FETTER (n.,v.)
- **UNFLAGGING** (adj.): tireless or persistent; consistent
- **UNFLAPPABLE** (adj.): calm in a crisis; **IMPETURBABLE**
- **UNFLEDGED** (adj.): not fully developed; immature :: FLEDGLING (n.,adj.)
- **UNFLINCHING** (adj.): not **FLINCHING** or shrinking; not afraid or hesitant; **STEADFAST**; uncompromising :: **UNFLINCHINGLY** (adv.)
- **UNFOUNDED** (adj.): having no basis in fact; unproven; unsubstantiated
- **UNGAINLY** (adj.): clumsy; awkward; hard to handle; **UNWIELDY**
- **UNHARRIED** (adj.): not bothered; not harassed :: **HARRIED** (adj.), **HARRY** (v.)
- **UNILATERAL** (adj.): performed by or affecting only one person or group :: **UNILATERALLY** (adv.), **BILATERAL** (adj.)
- **UNIMPEACHABLE** (adj.): above **REPROACH**; beyond doubt or criticism; impossible to discredit or slander :: IMPEACH (v)
- **UNKEMPT** (adj.): having an untidy appearance; neglected
- **UNLESSONED** (adj.): not educated or trained
- **UNLETTERED** (adj.): poorly educated or unable to read and write
- **UNMITIGATED** (adj.): absolute; complete; total; as in “an **UNMITIGATED** disaster” :: MITIGATE (v.)
- **UNNERVE** (v.): to make someone feel nervous or frightened; to intimidate :: **UNNERVED**, **UNNERVING** (v.,adj.)
- **UNOBTRUSIVE** (adj.): not conspicuous or attracting attention; non-interfering :: **UNOBTRUSIVELY** (adv.), OBTRUSIVE (adj.)
- **UNPALATABLE** (adj.): unpleasant to taste; difficult to accept :: PALATABLE (adj.), **PALATE** (n.)
- **UNPRETENTIOUS** (adj.): not **PRETENTIOUS**; modest; humble; sincere; honest; open
- **UNQUALIFIED** (adj.): complete; utter; **CATEGORICAL**; as in “AN **UNQUALIFIED** SUCCESS”
- **UNREASONING** (adj.): foolish; impulsive; rash; not guided by reason or sense :: **UNREASONINGLY** (adv.)
- **UNREGENERATE** (adj.): not spiritually reborn or converted; not reformed; obstinate; stubborn
- **UNREGIMENTED** (adj.): not **REGIMENTED**; not organized according to or dominated by a strict (social) system
- **UNREMITTING** (adj.): constant; never-ending; perpetual; never relaxing or slackening :: **REMIT** (v.)
- **UNREQUITED** (adj.) (of love): not returned

- **UNRULY** (adj.): disobedient, disorderly and disruptive; unmanageable :: **UNRULINESS** (n.)
- **UNSAVOURY** (adv.): unpleasant to taste, smell, or look at; **UNSEEMLY**; distasteful; not morally respectable
- **UNSCATHED** (adj.): without suffering any injury, damage, or harm
- **UNSCRUPULOUS** (adj.): lacking moral principles; dishonest; unfair :: **UNSCRUPULOUSLY** (adv.), **UNSCRUPULOUSNESS** (n.), **SCRUPULOUS** (adj.), **SCRUPLE(S)** (n.)
- **UNSEEMLY** (adj.) (of behaviour or actions): not proper or appropriate :: **SEEMLY** (adj.)
- **UNSOLICITED** (adj.): not asked for :: **SOLICIT** (v.)
- **UNSTINTING** (adj.): given or giving freely; generous :: **STINT** (v.)
- **UNSUBSTANTIATED** (adj.): unconfirmed; not supported or proven by evidence :: **SUBSTANTIATE** (v.)
- **UNSULLIED** (adj.): untarnished :: **SULLY** (v.)
- **UNTENABLE** (adj.): unable to be defended or held :: **TENABLE** (adj.)
- **UNTOWARD** (adj.): improper; unwanted; unexpected; not favourable or fortunate; **UNRULY**; difficult to deal with
- **UNTRAMMELLED** (adj.): not restricted or hampered :: **TRAMMEL** (n.,v.)
- **UNVARNISHED** (adj.): not varnished; plain and straightforward; as in “the **UNVARNISHED** truth is that _____”
- **UNWIELDY** (adj.): not easily moved, managed, or handled because of something’s size, shape, or weight; cumbersome :: **WIELDY** (adj.)
- **UNWITTING** (adj.): not aware of the full facts; unknowing; lacking knowledge; unintentional :: **UNWITTINGLY** (adv.), **WITTING** (adj.), **WITTINGLY** (adv.)
- **UNWORLDLY** (adj.): having little awareness of the realities of life; not seeming to belong to this world
- **UNYIELDING** (adj.): not yielding; unbending; stiff; firm; **OBSTINATE**; stubborn; uncompromising; consistent
- **UPBRAID** (v.): to criticize, scold, or **REPROACH** vehemently or severely; to find fault :: **UPBRAIDED**, **UPBRAIDING** (n.,v.)
- **UPROARIOUS** (adj.): very noisy; causing an **UPROAR**; very funny or amusing :: **UPROARIOUSLY** (adv.), **UPROARIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **UPROOT** (v.): to pull (a plant or tree) out of the ground; to move someone from their home or a familiar location :: **UPROOTED** (v.,adj.), **UPROOTING** (n.,v.)
- **UPSHOT** (n.): the eventual outcome or conclusion; the main point of something
- **UPTAKE** (n.): the action of taking up or making use of something; understanding, as in “he’s slow on the **UPTAKE**”
- **UPTICK** (n.): an increase or rise; a selling price of a share that is higher than the previous price
- **URBANE** (adj.): civilized; refined; suave; polished; smooth; courteous; polite :: **URBANELY** (adv.), **URBANENESS**, **URBANITY** (n.)
- **USURP** (v.): to seize and hold a position, office, or power, by force or deception (without **LEGAL** right) :: **USURPED**, **USURPING** (v.), **USURPER(S)** (n.)
- **USURY** (n.): the practice of lending money at unreasonably (or illegally) high interest rates :: **USURIOUS** (adj.)
- **UTILITARIAN** (adj.): practical; useful
 - showing a preference for things and ideas that are practical and utterly **PRAGMATIC** rather than fanciful and useless
- **UTILITY** (n.): usefulness; fitness for some purpose
- **UTOPIA** (n.): a perfect or ideal society :: **UTOPIAN** (adj.)
- **UXORIOUS** (adj.): excessively fond of or submissive to a wife

- **VACILLATE** (v.): to swing back and forth between points; to waver between different opinions or actions :: VACILLATED, VACILLATING (v.,n.,adj.), VACILLATION (n.)
- **VACUOUS** (adj.): empty; unfilled; lacking content; devoid of emotion, intelligence, or any normal thought process
 - lacking ideas or intelligence; INANELY foolish; unintelligent; blank; expressionless; idle :: VACUOUSLY (adv.), VACUOUSNESS, VACUITY (n.)
- **VAGARY, VAGARIES** (n.): a miscellaneous, unpredictable, or extravagant occurrence, action, or notion; a triviality
- **VALEDICTION** (n.): a farewell speech :: VALEDICTORY (adj.): related to bidding farewell; VALEDICTORIAN (n.); **Valhalla** (n.): the great hall in Norse mythology where the souls of heroes slain in battle are received
 - a place of honour, glory, or happiness; heaven
- **VAMP** (n.): a woman who uses her attraction to control or manipulate men :: VAMPY, VAMPISH (adj.)
- **VANGUARD** (n.): the leading or forward position in a movement; the forefront; the most advanced (military) group
- **VANITY** (n.): VAINNESS; excessive pride in one's appearance or achievements :: VAIN (adj.), VAINLY (adv.)
 - the quality of being pointless or FUTILE
- **VANQUISH** (v.): to conquer or subdue by superior force; to overcome or overpower :: **VANQUISHED** (v.,adj.,n.), VANQUISHING (v.)
- **VANTAGE** (n.): a place or position giving a good view, as in "from his VANTAGE POINT..." :: ADVANTAGE (n.)
- **VAPID** (adj.): flat or dull; lacking liveliness or force; spiritless :: VAPIDLY (adv.), VAPIDNESS (n.)
- **VARICOLOURED** (adj.): consisting of a variety of colours
- **VARIEGATED** (adj.): varied in appearance or color; marked with patches or spots of different colors; having DISCRETE markings; varied; diverse
- **VASSAL(S)** (n.): a man who promises to fight for a monarch or lord in return for holding a piece of land
- **VAUDEVILLE** (n.): a type of entertainment featuring a mixture of musical and comedy acts :: **VAUDEVILLIAN** (adj.)
- **VAUNTED** (adj.): highly or widely praised, admired, or boasted about
- **VEILED** (adj.): covered or concealed as if by a VEIL; hidden; disguised
- **VENAL** (adj.): corruptible; open to bribery; capable of being bought
- **VENEER** (n.) (lit.): the thin decorative covering of fine wood applied to a coarser wood or other material; (fig.): an attractive appearance that disguises the true nature or feelings of something or someone
- **VENERABLE** (adj.): deserving of or demanding respect due to age, dignity, or achievement; admirable; respectable`
- **VENERATE** (v.): to revere; to regard and treat with great respect; to honor with a ritual act of devotion :: VENERATED (v.,adj.), VENERATING (v.), VENERATION (n.)
- **VENIAL** (adj.) (of a sin, offence, or fault): excusable or forgivable; pardonable; slight; not seriously wrong
- **VERACIOUS** (adj.): truthful; speaking or representing the truth
- **VERACITY** (n.): truth; truthfulness; devotion to the truth; accuracy
- **VERBATIM** (adv.,adj.) (L.): word for word; in exactly the same words as were used originally
- **VERBIAGE** (n.): DICTION; the manner of expressing oneself in words; an overabundance of words
 - excessively long or technical speech or writing; a PROFUSION of words usually of little or obscure content
- **VERBOSE** (adj.): wordy; given to wordiness; having or using too many words; using more words than are necessary :: VERBOSITY (n.)
- **VERBOTEN** (adj.) (Ger.): forbidden; prohibited

- **VERDANT** (adj.): green with growing plants (grass, plants, or other lush vegetation); unripe in experience or judgment
- **VERISIMILITUDE** (n.): the quality of seeming to be true; the appearance or semblance of truth; likelihood
- **VERITABLE** (adj.): real; true; genuine
- **VERITY, VERITIES** (n.): a truth; a true principle or belief
- **VERNACULAR** (n.): the plain, everyday, common variety of language
- **VERNAL** (adj.): appearing, occurring in, or relating to spring; fresh or new like spring; youthful
- **VERSED** (adj.) (as in (well) VERSED IN ...): experienced or skilled in; knowledgeable about
- **VERTIGO** (n.): a feeling of dizziness caused by looking down from a great height
- **VERTIGINOUS** (adj.): marked by, affected with, or tending to cause dizziness; marked by frequent change; inconstant
- **VERVE** (n.): vigour; energy; enthusiasm; spirit and style
- **VESPERTINE** (adj.): of, pertaining to, or occurring in the evening (or twilight)
- **VEST (IN)** (v.): to give power, property, etc. to; to give the legal right to power, property, etc. :: **VESTED** (v.)
DIVEST (v.)
- **VESTIGE(S)** (n.): the remaining trace(s) of something that no longer exists **VESTIGIAL** (adj.): describing a remaining sample or trace of something that is disappearing
- **VET** (v.): to investigate a person's background before hiring them;
 - to subject to thorough **SCRUTINY** or appraisal; to evaluate :: **VETTED, VETTING** (v.,adj.)
- **VIABLE** (adj.): feasible; workable; cap[able of surviving or living successfully :: **VIABLY** (adv.), **VIABILITY** (n.)
- **VIAND(S)** (n.): an article of food, particularly a choice example or tasty dish
- **VICARIOUS** (adj.): indirect; to experience something through someone else; done for the benefit of someone else :: **VICARIOUSLY** (adv.), **VICARIOUSNESS** (n.)
- **VICE(S)** (n.): a bad habit; an immoral or wicked quality in a person's character; immoral criminal activity
- **VICISSITUDE(S)** (n.): a difficulty or hardship usually beyond one's control; a (constant) change of circumstances or fortune; cyclical ups and downs
- **VICTUALS** (n.): supplies of food or provisions for people
- **VIGIL** (n.): a watch; a period of staying awake during the night to keep watch or pray, as in "a candlelight VIGIL"
- **VIGNETTE(S)** (n.) (Fr.): a short, vivid, descriptive literary scene or sketch; a small photograph, illustration, or engraving; a brief story, incident, or episode, usually told to illustrate some point
- **VILIFY** (v.): to speak or write about in a very abusive or harshly critical way; to **DEFAME**; to **SLANDER** :: **VILIFIED, VILIFYING** (v.), **VILIFICATION** (n.)
- **VIM** (n.): energy; vigour; spirit; force
- **VINDICATE** (v.): to clear of blame or suspicion; to show to be right or justified :: **VINDICATED** (v.,adj.), **VINDICATING** (v.), **VINDICATION** (n.)
- **VIRAGO** (n.): an ill-tempered, **DOMINEERING, OVERBEARING** woman; OR, a woman of great strength and courage
- **VIRILE** (adj.) (of a man): strong, energetic, and having a strong sex drive :: **VIRILITY** (n.)
- **VIRTUOUSO** (n.,adj.): a person highly skilled in music or other art; an exceptional performer :: **VIRTUOSITY** (n.)
- **VIRULENCE** (n.): bitterness and loathing :: **VIRUS** (n.)
- **VIRULENT** (adj.) (of a disease or poison): extremely harmful or poisonous; spreading quickly; bitterly hostile
- **VIS-À-VIS** (prep.) (Fr.): in relation to; regarding; concerning
- **VISAGE** (n.): a person's face, facial features, expression, **COUNTENANCE**, or appearance; an aspect

- **VISCERAL** (adj.): relating to deep inward feelings rather than the intellect; instinctive; coarse; **BASE**
 - creating an immediate and strong (gut) reaction; real; intense; **PALPABLE** :: **VISCERALLY** (adv.)
 - **VISCOUS** (adj.): having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; **GLUTINOUS**; adhesive :: **VISCID** (adj.)
 - **VISTA(S)** (n.): a distant, **PANORAMIC** view or scene; a pleasing view
 - **VITIATE** (v.): to make ineffective, faulty, **IMPERFECT**, or defective; to impair the quality or effectiveness of
 - to render invalid, ineffectual, faulty, or imperfect; to make legally defective
 - to debase in moral or aesthetic status; to corrupt; to pervert :: **VITIATED**, **VITIATING** (v.)
 - **VITRIOL** (n.): extreme bitterness or **MALICE**
 - **VITRIOLIC** (adj.): harsh in tone; **CAUSTIC**; bitter; cutting
 - **VITUPERATE** (v.): to overwhelm with verbal abuse; to abuse or **CENSURE** severely; to use harsh language
 - to find fault with; to **BERATE**; to scold
 - **VITUPERATION** (n.): bitter and abusive language; **INVECTIVES** :: **VITUPERATIVE** (adj.): bitter and abusive
 - **VIVIFY** (v.): to make more lively or interesting; to enliven :: **VIVIFIED**, **VIVIFYING** (v.), **VIVIFICATION** (n.)
 - **VIVISECTION** (n.): the practice of performing operations on live animals for scientific research
 - **VOCATION** (n.): a calling; a particular occupation, career, or profession :: **VOCATIONAL** (adj.), **AVOCATION** (n.)
 - **VOCIFEROUS** (adj.): expressing opinions or feelings in a loud and forceful way; characterized by noisiness or vehemence :: **VOCIFEROUSLY** (adv.), **VOCIFEROUSNESS** (n.), **VOCIFERATE** (v.)
 - **VOLITION** (n.): will; willingness; the power of choosing freely and making one's own decisions
 - **VOLUBLE** (adj.): characterized by a ready flow of (rapid) speech; **GLIB** or fluent; easily rolling or rotating :: **VOLUBILITY** (n)
 - **VOLUMINOUS** (adj.): being of great volume; large; bulky
 - **VOLUPTUARY** (n.): a person devoted to luxury and the gratification of **SENSUAL** appetites
 - **VOLUPTUOUS** (adj.): giving sensory or sensual pleasure; (of a woman): curvaceous and attractive; **BODACIOUS** :: **VOLUPTUOUSLY** (adv.), **VOLUPTUOUSNESS** (n.)
 - **VORACIOUS** (adj.): excessively eager or avid; greedy; insatiable; possessing a huge and insatiable appetite (for something)
 - craving or consuming large quantities of food; **RAVENOUS** :: **VORACIOUSLY** (adv.), **VORACIOUSNESS**, **VORACITY** (n.)
 - **VORTEX** (n.): a whirling mass of water or air; a whirlpool; something that literally or figuratively resembles a whirlpool
 - **VOTARY** (n): a **STAUNCH** believer; one devoted to or bound by some (religious) vow, belief, pursuit, study, or way of life
 - **VOX POPULI** (n.) (L.): the voice of the people; the expression of the prevailing moods, concerns, and opinions in a country
 - (current) popular sentiment
 - **VULPINE** (adj.): having to do with or like a fox; cunning or crafty
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- **WAFFLE** (v.): to speak or write at length in a vague or trivial way; to be indecisive or vague :: **WAFFLED** (v.), **WAFFLING** (n.,v.)
 - **WAFT** (v.): to pass easily or gently through the air :: **WAFTE**, **WAFTE** (v.)
 - **WAG(S)** (n.): an amusing rascal; a wit; a person fond of making jokes
 - **WAGGISH** (adj.): displaying good-humoured mischief; humorous; sporting :: **WAGGISHLY** (adv.), **WAGGISHNESS** (n.)
 - **WAIF(S)** (n.): a poor and homeless child; a stray person or animal :: **WAIFISH** (adj.)

- **WAITRON** (n.): a person who waits tables; a waitperson
- **WAIVE** (v.): to refrain from insisting on or applying a right or claim :: **WAIVED**, **WAIVING** (v.), **WAIVER(S)** (n.)
- **WAN** (adj.) (of a person): pale and appearing ill or exhausted; weak; lacking vitality or intensity; strained
- **WANDERLUST** (n.) (Ger.): a strong desire or impulse to travel or wander far from home
- **WANE** (v.): to grow smaller; to diminish; to decrease; to decline; to lessen; to weaken :: **WANED**, **WANING** (v.,adj.), **WAX** (v.)
- **WANGLE** (v.): to obtain something by persuasion, trickery, or deception; to **INVEIGLE**; to **FINAGLE**
 - to adjust or manipulate for personal or fraudulent ends :: **WANGLED**, **WANGLING** (v.)
- **WANTON** (adj.): lewd; promiscuous; **LASCIVIOUS**; reckless; wild :: **WANTONLY** (adv.), **WANTONNESS** (n.)
 - (of a cruel or violent action): deliberate and unprovoked; thoughtless as in “a **WANTON** disregard for other people...”
- **WARBLE** (v.): to express or sing with trills or quavers :: **WARBLED**, **WARBLING** (v.), **WARBLER(S)** (n.)
- **WARES** (n.): articles offered for sale; **COMMODITIES**
- **WARY** (adj.): on guard against danger; distrustful; watchful; cautious; careful :: **WARILY** (adv.), **WARINESS** (n.)
- **WASPISH** (adj.): **IRASCIBLE** and **PETULANT**; given to resentment
- **WASSAIL** (v.): to toast or to drink to the health, well-being, or success of someone; to indulge in riotous drink
- **WASTREL** (n.): a wasteful or worthless person; a loafer
- **WATCHFUL** (adj.): alert to possible difficulty or danger, as in “he kept a **WATCHFUL** eye on his ambitious nephew”
- **WATERLOO** (n.): a downfall; a decisive or final defeat or setback
- **WATERSHED** (adj.): an important or pivotal time possibly indicating the beginning of a new era or phase; a turning point, as in “this is a **WATERSHED** moment for the automobile industry”
- **WAVER** (v.): to move **QUAVERINGLY**; to flicker; to begin to weaken or falter; to be indecisive :: **WAVERED**, **WAVERING** (v.)
- **WAX** (v.): to increase in size, quantity, power, or extent; to grow :: **WAXED**, **WAXING** (v.,adj.), **WANE** (v.)
- **WAYFARER** (n.): a person who travels on foot :: **WAYFARING** (adj.): traveling on foot
- **WAYLAY** (v.): to intercept (someone) in order to attack them; to ambush or **ACCOST**
 - to stop someone and detain them for questioning, etc. :: **WAYLAID** (adj.,v.), **WAYLAYING** (v.)
- **WAYWARD** (adj.): disobedient; wandering; turning or changing irregularly
- **WAYWORN** (adj.): wearied by traveling
- **WEAL** (n.): well-being; a sound, healthy, or prosperous state :: **WEALTH** (n.)
- **WEAN** (v.): to make a young mammal used to food other than its mother’s milk
- **WEANED ON** ____ (v): to be strongly influenced by something from an early age, as in “**WEANED** on television...”
- **WEANED OFF OF** ____ (v): to make someone give up a habit or addiction, as in “he had to be **WEANED** off of thumbsucking”
- **WEIGHTY** (adj.): heavy; very serious and important; very influential
- **WEND** (v.): to wind; to go slowly or by an indirect route; to proceed :: **WENDED**, **WENDING** (v.)
- **WHEEDLE** (v.): to use flattery to **ENTICE** someone to do something; to **FINAGLE** :: **WHEEDED**, **WHEEDLING** (v.)
- **WHELM** (v.): to overwhelm; to turn a dish or plate upside-down to cover something
- **WHELP(S)** (n.): a puppy or young dog; a boy or young man
- **WHEREWITHAL** (n.): the money, backing, or resources necessary for a particular purpose

- **WHET** (v.): to sharpen the blade (of a tool or weapon); to excite or stimulate, as in “to WHET one’s appetite or interest”
- **WHIMSICAL** (adj.): erratic, unpredictable, CAPRICIOUS
- **WHIT** (n.): a very small part or amount, as in “he didn’t care a WHIT about opera”
- **WHITE ELEPHANT** (n.): a property requiring much care and expense and yielding little profit; an object no longer of value to its owner but of value to others
- **WHITEWASH** (n.,v.): a deliberate concealment of someone’s mistakes or faults
 - a complete and dominant victory over an opponent; a sweep
- **WHITHER** (adv.): to where?; to what place or state?; what is the likely future of?
- **WIELDY** (adj.): that which can be WIELDED; manageable :: **UNWIELDY** (adj.)
- **WILES** (n.): devious or cunning plans :: **WILY** (adj.)
- **WILFUL** (adj.): deliberate; stubborn and determined, as in “a WILFUL disregard for public safety” :: **WILFULLY** (adv.)
- **WILTING** (adj.): to droop; to grow weak or faint, as in “his WILTING enthusiasm for the violin saddened his mother”
- **WILY** (adj.): skilled at gaining an advantage (perhaps deceptively or deceitfully); clever; resourceful :: **WILES** (n.)
- **WINNOW** (v.): to remove the CHAFF from the grain
 - to get rid of something undesirable or unwanted; to eliminate; to narrow; to sort :: WINNOWED, **WINNOWING** (v.)
 - to gradually reduce the number in a set of people or things until only the best ones are left
- **WINSOME** (adj.): attractive or appealing; pleasing; engaging; cheerful; light-hearted (with a childlike charm and innocence)
- **WIRY** (adj.): resembling wire in form and texture; lean, tough, and sinewy
- **WISEACRE** (n.): a smart aleck; someone who pretends to be wise or knowledgeable
- **WISP** (n.): a small, thin bunch or amount of something :: **WISPY, WISPISH** (adj.): resembling a WISP; insubstantial
- **WISTFUL** (adj.): having a feeling of MELANCHOLY; showing of a vague, regretful longing, or timid desire; yearning :: WISTFULLY (adv.), WISTFULNESS (n.)
- **WITTING** (adj.): aware of what one is doing :: WITTINGLY (adv.), **UNWITTING** (adj.), **UNWITTINGLY** (adv.)
- **WIZENED** (adj.): shrivelled or wrinkled with age; withered; dried up :: WIZEN (v.)
- **WOEBEGONE** (adj.): woeful; exhibiting sorrow and misery; sad or miserable in appearance; run-down; neglected
- **WONT** (n.): one’s normal preference, inclination, or behaviour, as in “as is one’s WONT” :: UNWONTED (adj.)
- **WOODEN** (adj.): made of wood; awkwardly stiff or formal; lacking ease or flexibility
- **WOOLGATHERING** (n.): indulgence in idle daydreaming
- **WORKADAY** (adj.): ordinary; regular; commonplace
- **WORLDLY** (adj.): of this world, as in “all my WORLDLY possessions were destroyed”; (adj.): of or concerned with material things rather than spiritual ones, as in “our WORDLY concerns”; (adj.): experienced and sophisticated, as in “Charles had a WORLDLY air about him” WORDLINESS (n.)
- **WORST** (v.): to get the better of, as in “he WORSTED me in front of the entire school” :: WORSTED, WORSTING (v.)
- **WRAITH** (n.): a ghost or ghostly image of someone, especially seen shortly before or after their death
 - something insubstantial or shadowy
- **WRENCH** (v.): to pull or twist suddenly or violently; to injure as a result of such a pull or twist :: WRENCHED (v.,adj.), WRENCHING (v.,n.)

- **WREST** (v.): to forcibly pull from a person's grasp; to take something (away) by force or threat; to pull away
 - to take (power or control) after effort or resistance **WRESTED**, **WRESTING** (v.)
 - **WRITHE** (v.): to twist or squirm in struggle or pain or as if in pain :: **WRITHED**, **WRITHING** (adj.,v.,n.), **WRITHINGS** (n.), **WRITHE** (adj.): twisted or contorted
 - **WROUGHT** (adj.): beaten out or shaped by hammering; made in a specified way, as in "a well-WROUGHT question"
 - **WRY** (adj.): using or expressing dry, mocking humour; bended or twisted (to one side) :: **WRYLY** (adv.), **WRYNESS** (n.)
 - **WUNDERKIND** (n.) (Ger.): one who achieves great success or acclaim at a young age; a **PRODIGY**
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- **XENOPHOBIA** (n.): the fear (or hatred) of strangers or what is foreign or strange :: **XENOPHOBIC** (adj.), **XENOPHOBE(S)** (n.), **XENOPHILIA** (n.)
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- **YAMMER** (v.): to talk loudly and without pausing **YAMMERED** (v.), **YAMMERING** (n.,v.); (n.): a loud and sustained noise
 - **YAWP** (v.): to **CLAMOR** or complain; to squawk or make a **RAUCOUS** noise :: **YAWPED**, **YAWPING** (n.,v.)
 - **YEN** (n.): a longing or yearning; a strong desire, urge, or craving; an inclination; a **PROPENSITY**
 - **YIELD** (n.): an amount or result produced or **YIELDED**
 - (v.): to produce or provide (a product or result); to give way to demands or pressure; to give up possession of
 - **YIELDING** (adj.): compliant; giving in (to)
 - **YOKE** (v.): to bring two things together into a close relationship; to unite or bond; to join or link :: **YOKED**, **YOKING** (v), **UNYOKE** (v.)
 - **YORE** (n.): of former times; long ago, as in "in days of **YORE** ..."
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- **ZAFTIG** (adj.): full-bodied; full-figured; well-proportioned; Rubenesque; plump
 - **ZEAL** (n.): great energy or enthusiasm for a cause, activity, or aim; fervour for a person, cause, or object :: **ZEALOT(S)** (n.)
 - **ZEALOUS** (adj.): very enthusiastic :: **ZEALOUSLY** (adv.), **ZEALOUSNESS** (n.), **OVER-ZEALOUS** (adj.)
 - **ZEITGEIST** (n.) (Ger.): the spirit of the time; the general intellectual, moral, or cultural climate of a given era
 - **Zen** (n.): a type of Buddhism emphasizing that truth is in one's heart and can be learned only by meditation, intuition, and self-mastery; (v.): to figure out the answer to a difficult problem with a flash of sudden insight
 - **ZENITH** (n.): the highest point of something; the peak; the **ACME**; the culmination of something
 - **ZEPHYR** (n.): a mild, gentle breeze; the west wind
 - **ZERO-SUM** (adj.): relating to a situation in which a gain for one side entails a corresponding loss for the other side
 - **ZEST** (n.): great enthusiasm and energy; the quality of being exciting or interesting :: **ZESTY** (adj.), **ZESTINESS** (n.)
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