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**abase** v. To lower in position, estimation, or the like; degrade.  
**abbess** n. The lady superior of a nunnery.  
**abbey** n. The group of buildings which collectively form the dwelling-place of a society of monks or nuns.  
**abbot** n. The superior of a community of monks.  
**abdicate** v. To give up (royal power or the like).  
**abdomen** n. In mammals, the visceral cavity between the diaphragm and the pelvic floor; the belly.  
**abdominal** n. Of, pertaining to, or situated on the abdomen.  
**abduction** n. A carrying away of a person against his will, or illegally.  
**abed** adv. In bed; on a bed.  
**aberration** n. Deviation from a right, customary, or prescribed course.  
**abet** v. To aid, promote, or encourage the commission of (an offense).  
**abeyance** n. A state of suspension or temporary inaction.  
**abhorrence** n. The act of detesting extremely.  
**abhorrent** adj. Very repugnant; hateful.  
**abidance** n. An abiding.  
**abject** adj. Sunk to a low condition.  
**abjure** v. To recant, renounce, repudiate under oath.  
**able-bodied** adj. Competent for physical service.  
**ablution** n. A washing or cleansing, especially of the body.  
**abnegate** v. To renounce (a right or privilege).  
**abnormal** adj. Not conformed to the ordinary rule or standard.  
**abominable** adj. Very hateful.  
**abominate** v. To hate violently.  
**abomination** n. A very detestable act or practice.  
**aboriginal** adj. Primitive; unsophisticated.  
**aborigines** n. The original of earliest known inhabitants of a country.  
**aboveboard** adv. & adj. Without concealment, fraud, or trickery.  
**abrade** v. To wear away the surface or some part of by friction.  
**abrasion** n. That which is rubbed off.  
**abridge** v. To make shorter in words, keeping the essential features, leaving out minor particles.  
**abridgment** n. A condensed form as of a book or play.  
**abrogate** v. To abolish, repeal.  
**abrupt** adj. Beginning, ending, or changing suddenly or with a break.  
**abscess** n. A Collection of pus in a cavity formed within some tissue of the body.  
**abscission** n. The act of cutting off, as in a surgical operation.  
**abscond** v. To depart suddenly and secretly, as for the purpose of escaping arrest.  
**absence** n. The fact of not being present or available.  
**absent-minded** adj. Lacking in attention to immediate surroundings or business.  
**absolution** n. Forgiveness, or passing over of offenses.  
**absolve** v. To free from sin or its penalties.  
**absorb** v. To drink in or suck up, as a sponge absorbs water.  
**absorption** n. The act or process of absorbing.  
**abstain** v. To keep oneself back (from doing or using something).  
**abstemious** adj. Characterized by self denial or abstinence, as in the use of drink, food.  
**abstinence** n. Self denial.  
**abstruse** adj. Dealing with matters difficult to be understood.  
**absurd** adj. Inconsistent with reason or common sense.  
**abundant** adj. Plentiful.  
**abusive** adj. Employing harsh words or ill treatment.  
**abut** v. To touch at the end or boundary line.  
**abyss** n. Bottomless gulf.  
**academic** adj. Of or pertaining to an academy, college, or university.  
**academician** n. A member of an academy of literature, art, or science.  
**academy** n. Any institution where the higher branches of learning are taught.  
**accede** v. To agree.  
**accelerate** v. To move faster.  
**accept** v. To take when offered.  
**access** n. A way of approach or entrance; passage.  
**accessible** adj. Approachable.  
**accession** n. Induction or elevation, as to dignity, office, or government.  
**accessory** n. A person or thing that aids the principal agent.  
**acclaim** v. To utter with a shout.  
**accommodate** v. To furnish something as a kindness or favor.  
**accompaniment** n. A subordinate part or parts, enriching or supporting the leading part.  
**accompanist** n. One who or that which accompanies.  
**accompany** v. To go with, or be associated with, as a companion.  
**accomplice** n. An associate in wrong-doing.  
**accomplish** v. To bring to pass.  
**accordion** n. A portable free-reed musical instrument.  
**accost** v. To speak to.  
**account** n. A record or statement of receipts and expenditures, or of business transactions.  
**accouter** v. To dress.

**accredit** v. To give credit or authority to.  
**accumulate** v. To become greater in quantity or number.  
**accuracy** n. Exactness.  
**accurate** adj. Conforming exactly to truth or to a standard.  
**accursed** adj. Doomed to evil, misery, or misfortune.  
**accusation** n. A charge of crime, misdemeanor, or error.  
**accusatory** adj. Of, pertaining to, or involving an accusation.  
**accuse** v. To charge with wrong doing, misconduct, or error.  
**accustom** v. To make familiar by use.  
**acerbity** n. Sourness, with bitterness and astringency.  
**acetate** n. A salt of acetic acid.  
**acetic** adj. Of, pertaining to, or of the nature of vinegar.  
**ache** v. To be in pain or distress.  
**Achilleian** adj. Invulnerable.  
**achromatic** adj. Colorless.  
**acid** n. A sour substance.  
**acidify** v. To change into acid.  
**acknowledge** v. To recognize; to admit the genuineness or validity of.  
**acknowledgment** n. Recognition.  
**acme** n. The highest point, or summit.  
**acoustic** adj. Pertaining to the act or sense of hearing.  
**acquaint** v. To make familiar or conversant.  
**acquiesce** v. To comply; submit.  
**acquiescence** n. Passive consent.  
**acquire** v. To get as one's own.  
**acquisition** n. Anything gained, or made one's own, usually by effort or labor.  
**acquit** v. To free or clear, as from accusation.  
**acquittal** n. A discharge from accusation by judicial action.  
**acquittance** n. Release or discharge from indebtedness, obligation, or responsibility.  
**acreage** n. Quantity or extent of land, especially of cultivated land.  
**acrid** adj. Harshly pungent or bitter.  
**acrimonious** adj. Full of bitterness.  
**acrimony** n. Sharpness or bitterness of speech or temper.  
**actionable** adj. Affording cause for instituting an action, as trespass, slanderous words.  
**actuality** n. Any reality.  
**actuary** n. An officer, as of an insurance company, who calculates and states the risks and premiums.  
**actuate** v. To move or incite to action.  
**acumen** n. Quickness of intellectual insight, or discernment; keenness of discrimination.  
**acute** adj. Having fine and penetrating discernment.  
**adamant** n. Any substance of exceeding hardness or impenetrability.  
**addendum** n. Something added, or to be added.  
**addle** v. To make inefficient or worthless; muddle.  
**adduce** v. To bring forward or name for consideration.  
**adhere** v. To stick fast or together.  
**adherence** n. Attachment.  
**adherent** adj. Clinging or sticking fast.  
**adhesion** n. The state of being attached or joined.  
**adieu** inter. Good-by; farewell.  
**adjacency** n. The state of being adjacent.  
**adjacent** n. That which is near or bordering upon.  
**adjudge** v. To award or bestow by formal decision.  
**adjunct** n. Something joined to or connected with another thing, but holding a subordinate place.  
**adjuration** n. A vehement appeal.  
**adjutant** adj. Auxiliary.  
**administrator** n. One who manages affairs of any kind.  
**admissible** adj. Having the right or privilege of entry.  
**admittance** n. Entrance, or the right or permission to enter.  
**admonish** v. To warn of a fault.  
**admonition** n. Gentle reproof.  
**ado** n. unnecessary activity or ceremony.  
**adoration** n. Profound devotion.  
**adroit** adj. Having skill in the use of the bodily or mental powers.  
**adulterant** n. An adulterating substance.  
**adulterate** v. To make impure by the admixture of other or baser ingredients.  
**adumbrate** v. To represent beforehand in outline or by emblem.  
**advent** n. The coming or arrival, as of any important change, event, state, or personage.  
**adverse** adj. Opposing or opposed.  
**adversity** n. Misfortune.  
**advert** v. To refer incidentally.  
**advertiser** n. One who advertises, especially in newspapers.  
**advisory** adj. Not mandatory.  
**advocacy** n. The act of pleading a cause.  
**advocate** n. One who pleads the cause of another, as in a legal or ecclesiastical court.  
**aerial** adj. Of, pertaining to, or like the air.

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**aeronaut** n. One who navigates the air, a balloonist.  
**aeronautics** n. the art or practice of flying aircraft  
**aerostat** n. A balloon or other apparatus floating in or sustained by the air.  
**aerostatics** n. The branch of pneumatics that treats of the equilibrium, pressure, and mechanical properties.  
**affable** adj. Easy to approach.  
**affect** v. To act upon  
**affectation** n. A studied or ostentatious pretense or attempt.  
**affiliate** n. Some auxiliary person or thing.  
**affirmative** adj. Answering yes; to a question at issue.  
**affix** v. To fasten.  
**affluence** n. A profuse or abundant supply of riches.  
**affront** n. An open insult or indignity.  
**afire** adv. & adj. On fire, literally or figuratively.  
**afoot** adv. In progress.  
**aforsaid** adj. Said in a preceding part or before.  
**afresh** adv. Once more, after rest or interval.  
**afterthought** n. A thought that comes later than its appropriate or expected time.  
**agglomerate** v. To pile or heap together.  
**aggrandize** v. To cause to appear greatly.  
**aggravate** v. To make heavier, worse, or more burdensome.  
**aggravation** n. The fact of being made heavier or more heinous, as a crime, offense, misfortune, etc.  
**aggregate** n. The entire number, sum, mass, or quantity of something.  
**aggress** v. To make the first attack.  
**aggression** n. An unprovoked attack.  
**aggrieve** v. To give grief or sorrow to.  
**aghost** adj. Struck with terror and amazement.  
**agile** adj. Able to move or act quickly, physically, or mentally.  
**agitate** v. To move or excite (the feelings or thoughts).  
**agrarian** adj. Pertaining to land, especially agricultural land.  
**aide-de-camp** n. An officer who receives and transmits the orders of the general.  
**ailment** n. Slight sickness.  
**airy** adj. Delicate, ethereal.  
**akin** adj. Of similar nature or qualities.  
**alabaster** n. A white or delicately tinted fine-grained gypsum.  
**alacrity** n. Cheerful willingness.  
**albeit** conj. Even though.  
**albino** n. A person with milky white skin and hair, and eyes with bright red pupil and usually pink iris.  
**album** n. A book whose leaves are so made to form paper frames for holding photographs or the like.  
**alchemy** n. Chemistry of the middle ages, characterized by the pursuit of changing base metals to gold.  
**alcohol** n. A volatile, inflammable, colorless liquid of a penetrating odor and burning taste.  
**alcoholism** n. A condition resulting from the inordinate or persistent use of alcoholic beverages.  
**alcove** n. A covered recess connected with or at the side of a larger room.  
**alder** n. Any shrub or small tree of the genus *Alnus*, of the oak family.  
**alderman** n. A member of a municipal legislative body, who usually exercises also certain judicial functions.  
**aldermanship** n. The dignity, condition, office, or term of office of an alderman.  
**alias** n. An assumed name.  
**alien** n. One who owes allegiance to a foreign government.  
**alienable** adj. Capable of being aliened or alienated, as lands.  
**alienate** v. To cause to turn away.  
**alienation** n. Estrangement.  
**aliment** n. That which nourishes.  
**alkali** n. Anything that will neutralize an acid, as lime, magnesia, etc.  
**allay** v. To calm the violence or reduce the intensity of; mitigate.  
**allege** v. To assert to be true, especially in a formal manner, as in court.  
**allegory** n. The setting forth of a subject under the guise of another subject of aptly suggestive likeness.  
**alleviate** v. To make less burdensome or less hard to bear.  
**alley** n. A narrow street, garden path, walk, or the like.  
**alliance** n. Any combination or union for some common purpose.  
**allot** v. To assign a definite thing or part to a certain person.  
**allotment** n. Portion.  
**allude** v. To refer incidentally, or by suggestion.  
**allusion** n. An indirect and incidental reference to something without definite mention of it.  
**alluvion** n. Flood.  
**ally** n. A person or thing connected with another, usually in some relation of helpfulness.  
**almanac** n. A series of tables giving the days of the week together with certain astronomical information.  
**aloof** adv. Not in sympathy with or desiring to associate with others.  
**altar** n. Any raised place or structure on which sacrifices may be offered or incense burned.  
**alter** v. To make change in.  
**alteration** n. Change or modification.

**altercate** v. To contend angrily or zealously in words.  
**alternate** n. One chosen to act in place of another, in case of the absence or incapacity of that other.  
**alternative** n. Something that may or must exist, be taken or chosen, or done instead of something else.  
**altitude** n. Vertical distance or elevation above any point or base-level, as the sea.  
**alto** n. The lowest or deepest female voice or part.  
**altruism** n. Benevolence to others on subordination to self-interest.  
**altruist** n. One who advocates or practices altruism.  
**amalgam** n. An alloy or union of mercury with another metal.  
**amalgamate** v. To mix or blend together in a homogeneous body.  
**amateur** adj. Practicing an art or occupation for the love of it, but not as a profession.  
**amatory** adj. Designed to excite love.  
**ambidextrous** adj. Having the ability of using both hands with equal skill or ease.  
**ambiguous** adj. Having a double meaning.  
**ambitious** adj. Eagerly desirous and aspiring.  
**ambrosial** adj. Divinely sweet, fragrant, or delicious.  
**ambulance** n. A vehicle fitted for conveying the sick and wounded.  
**ambulate** v. To walk about  
**ambush** n. The act or state of lying concealed for the purpose of surprising or attacking the enemy.  
**ameliorate** v. To relieve, as from pain or hardship  
**amenable** adj. Willing and ready to submit.  
**Americanism** n. A peculiar sense in which an English word or phrase is used in the United States.  
**amicable** adj. Done in a friendly spirit.  
**amity** n. Friendship.  
**amorous** adj. Having a propensity for falling in love.  
**amorphous** adj. Without determinate shape.  
**amour** n. A love-affair, especially one of an illicit nature.  
**ampere** n. The practical unit of electric-current strength.  
**ampersand** n. The character &; and.  
**amphibious** adj. Living both on land and in water.  
**amphitheater** n. An edifice of elliptical shape, constructed about a central open space or arena.  
**amplitude** n. Largeness.  
**amply** adv. Sufficiently.  
**amputate** v. To remove by cutting, as a limb or some portion of the body.  
**amusement** n. Diversion.  
**anachronism** n. Anything occurring or existing out of its proper time.  
**anagram** n. The letters of a word or phrase so transposed as to make a different word or phrase.  
**analogous** adj. Corresponding (to some other) in certain respects, as in form, proportion, relations.  
**analogy** n. Reasoning in which from certain and known relations or resemblance others are formed.  
**analyst** n. One who analyzes or makes use of the analytical method.  
**analyze** v. To examine minutely or critically.  
**anarchy** n. Absence or utter disregard of government.  
**anathema** n. Anything forbidden, as by social usage.  
**anatomy** n. That branch of morphology which treats of the structure of organisms.  
**ancestry** n. One's ancestors collectively.  
**anecdote** n. A brief account of some interesting event or incident.  
**anemia** n. Deficiency of blood or red corpuscles.  
**anemic** adj. Affected with anemia.  
**anemometer** n. An instrument for measuring the force or velocity of wind.  
**anesthetic** adj. Pertaining to or producing loss of sensation.  
**anew** adv. Once more.  
**angelic** adj. Saintly.  
**Anglophobia** n. Hatred or dread of England or of what is English.  
**Anglo-Saxon** n. The entire English race wherever found, as in Europe, the United States, or India.  
**angular** adj. Sharp-cornered.  
**anhydrous** adj. Withered.  
**animadversion** n. The utterance of criticism or censure.  
**animadvert** v. To pass criticism or censure.  
**animalcule** n. An animal of microscopic smallness.  
**animate** v. To make alive.  
**animosity** n. Hatred.  
**annalist** n. Historian.  
**annals** n. A record of events in their chronological order, year by year.  
**annex** v. To add or affix at the end.  
**annihilate** v. To destroy absolutely.  
**annotate** v. To make explanatory or critical notes on or upon.  
**annual** adj. Occurring every year.  
**annuity** n. An annual allowance, payment, or income.

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**annunciation** n. Proclamation.

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

**anonymous** adj. Of unknown authorship.

**antagonism** n. Mutual opposition or resistance of counteracting forces, principles, or persons.

**Antarctic** adj. Pertaining to the south pole or the regions near it.

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

**antecede** v. To precede.

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

**antechamber** n. A waiting room for those who seek audience.

**antedate** v. To assign or affix a date to earlier than the actual one.

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

**antemeridian** adj. Before noon.

**antemundane** adj. Pertaining to time before the world's creation.

**antenatal** adj. Occurring or existing before birth.

**anterior** adj. Prior.

**anteroom** n. A room situated before and opening into another, usually larger.

**anthology** n. A collection of extracts from the writings of various authors.

**anthracite** n. Hard coal.

**anthropology** n. The science of man in general.

**anthropomorphous** adj. Having or resembling human form.

**antic** n. A grotesque, ludicrous, or fantastic action.

**Antichrist** n. Any opponent or enemy of Christ, whether a person or a power.

**anticlimax** n. A gradual or sudden decrease in the importance or impressiveness of what is said.

**anticyclone** n. An atmospheric condition of high central pressure, with currents flowing outward.

**antidote** n. Anything that will counteract or remove the effects of poison, disease, or the like.

**antilogy** n. Inconsistency or contradiction in terms or ideas.

**antipathize** v. To show or feel a feeling of antagonism, aversion, or dislike.

**antiphon** n. A response or alteration of responses, generally musical.

**antiphony** n. An anthem or other composition sung responsively.

**antipodes** n. A place or region on the opposite side of the earth.

**antiquary** n. One who collects and examines old things, as coins, books, medals, weapons, etc.

**antiquate** v. To make old or out of date.

**antique** adj. Pertaining to ancient times.

**antiseptic** n. Anything that destroys or restrains the growth of putrefactive micro-organisms.

**antislavery** adj. Opposed to human slavery.

**antispasmodic** adj. Tending to prevent or relieve non-inflammatory spasmodic affections.

**antistrophe** n. The inversion of terms in successive classes, as in "the home of joy" and "the joy of home".

**antitoxin** n. A substance which neutralizes the poisonous products of micro-organisms.

**antonym** n. A word directly opposed to another in meaning.

**anxious** adj. Distressed in mind respecting some uncertain matter.

**apathy** n. Insensibility to emotion or passionate feeling.

**aperture** n. Hole.

**apex** n. The highest point, as of a mountain.

**aphorism** n. Proverb.

**apiary** n. A place where bees are kept.

**apogee** n. The climax.

**apology** n. A disclaimer of intentional error or offense.

**apostasy** n. A total departure from one's faith or religion.

**apostate** adj. False.

**apostle** n. Any messenger commissioned by or as by divine authority.

**apothecary** n. One who keeps drugs for sale and puts up prescriptions.

**apotheosis** n. Deification.

**appall** v. To fill with dismay or horror.

**apparent** adj. Easily understood.

**apparition** n. Ghost.

**appease** v. To soothe by quieting anger or indignation.

**appellate** adj. Capable of being appealed to.

**appellation** n. The name or title by which a particular person, class, or thing is called.

**append** v. To add or attach, as something accessory, subordinate, or supplementary.

**appertain** v. To belong, as by right, fitness, association, classification, possession, or natural relation.

**apposite** adj. Appropriate.

**apposition** n. The act of placing side by side, together, or in contact.

**appraise** v. To estimate the money value of.

**appreciable** adj. Capable of being discerned by the senses or intellect.

**apprehend** v. To make a prisoner of (a person) in the name of the law.

**apprehensible** adj. Capable of being conceived.

**approbation** n. Sanction.

**appropriate** adj. Suitable for the purpose and circumstances.

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

**aqueous** adj. Of, pertaining to, or containing water.

**arbitrer** n. One chosen or appointed, by mutual consent of parties in dispute, to decide matters.

**arbitrary** adj. Fixed or done capriciously.

**arbitrate** v. To act or give judgment as umpire.

**arbor** n. A tree.

**arboREAL** adj. Of or pertaining to a tree or trees.

**arborescent** adj. Having the nature of a tree.

**arboretum** n. A botanical garden or place devoted to the cultivation of trees or shrubs.

**arboriculture** n. The cultivation of trees or shrubs.

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

**archaic** adj. Antiquated

**archaism** n. Obsolescence.

**archangel** n. An angel of high rank.

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

**archdeacon** n. A high official administrator of the affairs of a diocese.

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

**archetype** n. A prototype.

**archipelago** n. Any large body of water studded with islands, or the islands collectively themselves.

**ardent** adj. Burning with passion.

**ardor** n. Intensity of passion or affection.

**arid** adj. Very dry.

**aristocracy** n. A hereditary nobility

**aristocrat** n. A hereditary noble or one nearly connected with nobility.

**armada** n. A fleet of war-vessels.

**armful** n. As much as can be held in the arm or arms.

**armory** n. An arsenal.

**aroma** n. An agreeable odor.

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

**arrange** v. To put in definite or proper order.

**arrangement** n. The act of putting in proper order, or the state of being put in order.

**arrant** adj. Notoriously bad.

**arrear** n. Something overdue and unpaid.

**arrival** n. A coming to stopping-place or destination.

**arrogant** adj. Unduly or excessively proud, as of wealth, station, learning, etc.

**arrogate** v. To take, demand, or claim, especially presumptuously or without reasons or grounds.

**Artesian well** n. A very deep bored well. water rises due to underground pressure

**artful** adj. Characterized by craft or cunning.

**Arthurian** adj. Pertaining to King Arthur, the real or legendary hero of British poetic story.

**artifice** n. Trickery.

**artless** adj. Ingenuous.

**ascendant** adj. Dominant.

**ascension** n. The act of rising.

**ascent** n. A rising, soaring, or climbing.

**ascetic** adj. Given to severe self-denial and practicing excessive abstinence and devotion.

**ascribe** v. To assign as a quality or attribute.

**asexual** adj. Having no distinct sexual organs.

**ashen** adj. Pale.

**askance** adv. With a side or indirect glance or meaning.

**asperity** n. Harshness or roughness of temper.

**aspirant** n. One who seeks earnestly, as for advancement, honors, place.

**aspiration** n. An earnest wish for that which is above one's present reach.

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

**assailant** n. One who attacks.

**assassin** n. One who kills, or tries to kill, treacherously or secretly.

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

**assassination** n. Murderer, as by secret assault or treachery.

**assay** n. The chemical analysis or testing of an alloy ore.

**assent** v. To express agreement with a statement or matter of opinion.

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

**assessor** n. An officer whose duty it is to assess taxes.

**assets** n. pl. Property in general, regarded as applicable to the payment of debts.

**assiduous** adj. Diligent.

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

**assimilate** v. To adapt.

**assonance** n. Resemblance or correspondence in sound.

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- assonant** adj. Having resemblance of sound.  
**assonate** v. To accord in sound, especially vowel sound.  
**assuage** v. To cause to be less harsh, violent, or severe, as excitement, appetite, pain, or disease.  
**astringent** adj. Harsh in disposition or character.  
**astute** adj. Keen in discernment.  
**atheism** n. The denial of the existence of God.  
**athirst** adj. Wanting water.  
**athwart** adv. From side to side.  
**atomizer** n. An apparatus for reducing a liquid to a fine spray, as for disinfection, inhalation, etc.  
**atone** v. To make amends for.  
**atonement** n. Amends, reparation, or expiation made from wrong or injury.  
**atrocious** adj. Outrageously or wantonly wicked, criminal, vile, or cruel.  
**atrociousness** n. Great cruelty or reckless wickedness.  
**attaché** n. A subordinate member of a diplomatic embassy.  
**attest** v. To certify as accurate, genuine, or true.  
**attorney-general** n. The chief law-officer of a government.  
**auburn** adj. Reddish-brown, said usually of the hair.  
**audacious** adj. Fearless.  
**audible** adj. Loud enough to be heard.  
**audition** n. The act or sensation of hearing.  
**auditory** adj. Of or pertaining to hearing or the organs or sense of hearing.  
**augment** v. To make bigger.  
**augur** v. To predict.  
**Augustinian** adj. Pertaining to St. Augustine, his doctrines, or the religious orders called after him.  
**aura** n. Pervasive psychic influence supposed to emanate from persons  
**aural** adj. Of or pertaining to the ear.  
**auricle** n. One of the two chambers of the heart which receives the blood from the veins.  
**auricular** adj. Of or pertaining to the ear, its auricle, or the sense of hearing.  
**auriferous** adj. Containing gold.  
**aurora** n. A luminous phenomenon in the upper regions of the atmosphere.  
**auspice** n. favoring, protecting, or propitious influence or guidance.  
**austere** adj. Severely simple; unadorned.  
**autarchy** n. Unrestricted power.  
**authentic** adj. Of undisputed origin.  
**authenticity** n. The state or quality of being genuine, or of the origin and authorship claimed.  
**autobiography** n. The story of one's life written by himself.  
**autocracy** n. Absolute government.  
**autocrat** n. Any one who claims or wields unrestricted or undisputed authority or influence.  
**automaton** n. Any living being whose actions are or appear to be involuntary or mechanical.  
**autonomous** adj. Self-governing.  
**autonomy** n. Self-government.  
**autopsy** n. The examination of a dead body by dissection to ascertain the cause of death.  
**autumnal** adj. Of or pertaining to autumn.  
**auxiliary** n. One who or that which aids or helps, especially when regarded as subsidiary or accessory.  
**avalanche** n. The fall or sliding of a mass of snow or ice down a mountain-slope, often bearing with it rock.  
**avarice** n. Passion for getting and keeping riches.  
**aver** v. To assert as a fact.  
**averse** adj. Reluctant.  
**aversion** n. A mental condition of fixed opposition to or dislike of some particular thing.  
**avert** v. To turn away or aside.  
**aviary** n. A spacious cage or enclosure in which live birds are kept.  
**avidity** n. Greediness.  
**avocation** n. Diversion.  
**avow** v. To declare openly.  
**awaken** v. To arouse, as emotion, interest, or the like.  
**awry** adv. & adj. Out of the proper form, direction, or position.  
**aye** adv. An expression of assent.  
**azalea** n. A flowering shrub.  
**azure** n. The color of the sky.  
**Baconian** adj. Of or pertaining to Lord Bacon or his system of philosophy.  
**bacterium** n. A microbe.  
**badger** v. To pester.  
**baffle** v. To foil or frustrate.  
**bailiff** n. An officer of court having custody of prisoners under arraignment.  
**baize** n. A single-colored napped woolen fabric used for table-covers, curtains, etc.  
**bale** n. A large package prepared for transportation or storage.  
**baileful** adj. Malignant.  
**ballad** n. Any popular narrative poem, often with epic subject and usually in lyric form.  
**balsam** n. A medical preparation, aromatic and oily, used for healing.  
**banal** adj. Commonplace.  
**barcarole** n. A boat-song of Venetian gondoliers.  
**barograph** n. An instrument that registers graphically and continuously the atmospheric pressure.  
**barometer** n. An instrument for indicating the atmospheric pressure per unit of surface.  
**barring** prep. Apart from.  
**baritone** adj. Having a register higher than bass and lower than tenor.  
**bask** v. To make warm by genial heat.  
**bass** adj. Low in tone or compass.  
**baste** v. To cover with melted fat, gravy, while cooking.  
**baton** n. An official staff borne either as a weapon or as an emblem of authority or privilege.  
**battalion** n. A body of infantry composed of two or more companies, forming a part of a regiment.  
**batten** n. A narrow strip of wood.  
**batter** n. A thick liquid mixture of two or more materials beaten together, to be used in cookery.  
**bauble** n. A trinket.  
**bawl** v. To proclaim by outcry.  
**beatify** v. To make supremely happy.  
**beatitude** n. Any state of great happiness.  
**beau** n. An escort or lover.  
**becalm** v. To make quiet.  
**beck** v. To give a signal to, by nod or gesture.  
**bedaub** v. To smear over, as with something oily or sticky.  
**bedeck** v. To cover with ornament.  
**bedlam** n. Madhouse.  
**befog** v. To confuse.  
**befriend** v. To be a friend to, especially when in need.  
**beget** v. To produce by sexual generation.  
**begrudge** v. To envy one of the possession of.  
**belate** v. To delay past the proper hour.  
**belay** v. To make fast, as a rope, by winding round a cleat.  
**belie** v. To misrepresent.  
**believe** v. To accept as true on the testimony or authority of others.  
**belittle** v. To disparage.  
**belle** n. A woman who is a center of attraction because of her beauty, accomplishments, etc.  
**bellicose** adj. Warlike.  
**belligerent** adj. Manifesting a warlike spirit.  
**bemoan** v. To lament  
**benediction** n. a solemn invocation of the divine blessing.  
**benefactor** n. A doer of kindly and charitable acts.  
**benefice** n. A church office endowed with funds or property for the maintenance of divine service.  
**beneficent** adj. Characterized by charity and kindness.  
**beneficial** adj. Helpful.  
**beneficiary** n. One who is lawfully entitled to the profits and proceeds of an estate or property.  
**benefit** n. Helpful result.  
**benevolence** n. Any act of kindness or well-doing.  
**benevolent** adj. Loving others and actively desirous of their well-being.  
**benign** adj. Good and kind of heart.  
**benignant** adj. Benevolent in feeling, character, or aspect.  
**benignity** n. Kindness of feeling, disposition, or manner.  
**benison** n. Blessing.  
**bequeath** v. To give by will.  
**bereave** v. To make desolate with loneliness and grief.  
**berth** n. A bunk or bed in a vessel, sleeping-car, etc.  
**beseech** v. To implore.  
**beset** v. To attack on all sides.  
**besmear** v. To smear over, as with any oily or sticky substance.  
**bestial** adj. Animal.  
**bestrew** v. To sprinkle or cover with things strewn.  
**bestride** v. To get or sit upon astride, as a horse.  
**bethink** v. To remind oneself.  
**betide** v. To happen to or befall.  
**betimes** adv. In good season or time.  
**betroth** v. To engage to marry.  
**betrothal** n. Engagement to marry.  
**bevel** n. Any inclination of two surfaces other than 90 degrees.  
**bewilder** v. To confuse the perceptions or judgment of.  
**bibliomania** n. The passion for collecting books.  
**bibliography** n. A list of the words of an author, or the literature bearing on a particular subject.

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- bibliophile** n. One who loves books.  
**bibulous** adj. Fond of drinking.  
**bide** v. To await.  
**biennial** n. A plant that produces leaves and roots the first year and flowers and fruit the second.  
**bier** n. A horizontal framework with two handles at each end for carrying a corpse to the grave.  
**bigamist** n. One who has two spouses at the same time.  
**bigamy** n. The crime of marrying any other person while having a legal spouse living.  
**bight** n. A slightly receding bay between headlands, formed by a long curve of a coast-line.  
**bilateral** adj. Two-sided.  
**bilingual** adj. Speaking two languages.  
**biograph** n. A bibliographical sketch or notice.  
**biography** n. A written account of one's life, actions, and character.  
**biology** n. The science of life or living organisms.  
**biped** n. An animal having two feet.  
**birthright** n. A privilege or possession into which one is born.  
**bitterness** n. Acridity, as to the taste.  
**blasé** adj. Sated with pleasure.  
**blaspheme** v. To indulge in profane oaths.  
**blatant** adj. Noisily or offensively loud or clamorous.  
**blaze** n. A vivid glowing flame.  
**blazon** v. To make widely or generally known.  
**bleak** adj. Desolate.  
**blemish** n. A mark that mars beauty.  
**blithe** adj. Joyous.  
**blithesome** adj. Cheerful.  
**blockade** n. The shutting up of a town, a frontier, or a line of coast by hostile forces.  
**boatswain** n. A subordinate officer of a vessel, who has general charge of the rigging, anchors, etc.  
**bodice** n. A women's ornamental corset-shaped laced waist.  
**bodily** adj. Corporeal.  
**boisterous** adj. Unchecked merriment or animal spirits.  
**bole** n. The trunk or body of a tree.  
**bolero** n. A Spanish dance, illustrative of the passion of love, accompanied by caste nets and singing.  
**boll** n. A round pod or seed-capsule, as a flax or cotton.  
**bolster** v. To support, as something wrong.  
**bomb** n. A hollow projectile containing an explosive material.  
**bombard** v. To assail with any missile or with abusive speech.  
**bombardier** n. A person who has charge of mortars, bombs, and shells.  
**bombast** n. Inflated or extravagant language, especially on unimportant subjects.  
**boorish** adj. Rude.  
**bore** v. To weary by tediousness or dullness.  
**borough** n. An incorporated village or town.  
**bosom** n. The breast or the upper front of the thorax of a human being, especially of a woman.  
**botanical** adj. Connected with the study or cultivation of plants.  
**botanize** v. To study plant-life.  
**botany** n. The science that treats of plants.  
**bountiful** adj. Showing abundance.  
**Bowlerize** v. To expurgate in editing (a literary composition) by omitting words or passages.  
**bowler** n. In cricket, the player who delivers the ball.  
**boycott** v. To place the products or merchandise of under a ban.  
**brae** n. Hillside.  
**braggart** n. A vain boaster.  
**brandish** v. To wave, shake, or flourish triumphantly or defiantly, as a sword or spear.  
**bravado** n. An aggressive display of boldness.  
**bravo** interj. Well done.  
**bray** n. A loud harsh sound, as the cry of an ass or the blast of a horn.  
**brazé** v. To make of or ornament with brass.  
**brazier** n. An open pan or basin for holding live coals.  
**breach** n. The violation of official duty, lawful right, or a legal obligation.  
**breaker** n. One who trains horses, dogs, etc.  
**breech** n. The buttocks.  
**brethren** n. pl. Members of a brotherhood, guild, profession, association, or the like.  
**brevity** n. Shortness of duration.  
**bric-a-brac** n. Objects of curiosity or for decoration.  
**bridle** n. The head-harness of a horse consisting of a head-stall, a bit, and the reins.  
**brigade** n. A body of troops consisting of two or more regiments.  
**brigadier** n. General officer who commands a brigade, ranking between a colonel and a major-general.  
**brigand** n. One who lives by robbery and plunder.  
**brimstone** n. Sulfur.  
**brine** n. Water saturated with salt.  
**bristle** n. One of the coarse, stiff hairs of swine: used in brush-making, etc.  
**Britannia** n. The United Kingdom of Great Britain.  
**Britishism** n. A word, idiom, or phrase characteristic of Great Britain or the British.  
**brittle** adj. Fragile.  
**broach** v. To mention, for the first time.  
**broadcast** adj. Disseminated far and wide.  
**brogan** n. A coarse, heavy shoe.  
**brogue** n. Any dialectic pronunciation of English, especially that of the Irish people.  
**brokerage** n. The business of making sales and purchases for a commission; a broker.  
**bromine** n. A dark reddish-brown, non-metallic liquid element with a suffocating odor.  
**bronchitis** n. Inflammation of the bronchial tubes.  
**bronchus** n. Either of the two subdivisions of the trachea conveying air into the lungs.  
**brooch** n. An article of jewelry fastened by a hinged pin and hook on the underside.  
**brotherhood** n. Spiritual or social fellowship or solidarity.  
**browbeat** v. To overwhelm, or attempt to do so, by stern, haughty, or rude address or manner.  
**brusque** adj. Somewhat rough or rude in manner or speech.  
**buffoon** n. A clown.  
**buffoonery** n. Low drollery, coarse jokes, etc.  
**bulbous** adj. Of, or pertaining to, or like a bulb.  
**bullock** n. An ox.  
**bulrush** n. Any one of various tall rush-like plants growing in damp ground or water.  
**bulwark** n. Anything that gives security or defense.  
**bumper** n. A cup or glass filled to the brim, especially one to be drunk as a toast or health.  
**bumptious** adj. Full of offensive and aggressive self-conceit.  
**bungle** v. To execute clumsily.  
**buoyancy** n. Power or tendency to float on or in a liquid or gas.  
**buoyant** adj. Having the power or tendency to float or keep afloat.  
**bureau** n. A chest of drawers for clothing, etc.  
**bureaucracy** n. Government by departments of men transacting particular branches of public business.  
**burgess** n. In colonial times, a member of the lower house of the legislature of Maryland or Virginia.  
**burgher** n. An inhabitant, citizen or freeman of a borough burgh, or corporate town.  
**burnish** v. To make brilliant or shining.  
**bursar** n. A treasurer.  
**bustle** v. To hurry.  
**butt** v. To strike with or as with the head, or horns.  
**butte** n. A conspicuous hill, low mountain, or natural turret, generally isolated.  
**buttress** n. Any support or prop.  
**by-law** n. A rule or law adopted by an association, a corporation, or the like.  
**cabal** n. A number of persons secretly united for effecting by intrigue some private purpose.  
**cabalism** n. Superstitious devotion to one's religion.  
**cabinet** n. The body of men constituting the official advisors of the executive head of a nation.  
**cacophony** n. A disagreeable, harsh, or discordant sound or combination of sounds or tones.  
**cadaverous** adj. Resembling a corpse.  
**cadence** n. Rhythmical or measured flow or movement, as in poetry or the time and pace of marching troops.  
**cadenza** n. An embellishment or flourish, prepared or improvised, for a solo voice or instrument.  
**caitiff** adj. Cowardly.  
**cajole** v. To impose on or dupe by flattering speech.  
**cajolery** n. Delusive speech.  
**calculable** adj. That may be estimated by reckoning.  
**calculus** n. A concretion formed in various parts of the body resembling a pebble in hardness.  
**callosity** n. The state of being hard and insensible.  
**callow** adj. Without experience of the world.  
**calorie** n. Amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1 degree centigrade.  
**calumny** n. Slander.  
**Calvary** n. The place where Christ was crucified.  
**Calvinism** n. The system of doctrine taught by John Calvin.  
**Calvinize** v. To teach or imbue with the doctrines of Calvinism.  
**came** n. A leaden sash-bar or grooved strip for fastening panes in stained-glass windows.  
**cameo** n. Any small engraved or carved work in relief.  
**campaign** n. A complete series of connected military operations.  
**Canaanite** n. A member of one of the three tribes that dwelt in the land of Canaan, or western Palestine.  
**canary** adj. Of a bright but delicate yellow.  
**candid** adj. Straightforward.  
**candor** n. The quality of frankness or outspokenness.  
**canine** adj. Characteristic of a dog.  
**canon** n. Any rule or law.  
**cant** v. To talk in a singsong, preaching tone with affected solemnity.  
**cantata** n. A choral composition.

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**canto** n. One of the divisions of an extended poem.  
**cantonment** n. The part of the town or district in which the troops are quartered.  
**capacious** adj. Roomy.  
**capillary** n. A minute vessel having walls composed of a single layer of cells.  
**capitulate** v. To surrender or stipulate terms.  
**caprice** n. A whim.  
**caption** n. A heading, as of a chapter, section, document, etc.  
**captious** adj. Hypercritical.  
**captivate** v. To fascinate, as by excellence, eloquence, or beauty.  
**carcass** n. The dead body of an animal.  
**cardiac** adj. Pertaining to the heart.  
**cardinal** adj. Of prime or special importance.  
**caret** n. A sign (^) placed below a line, indicating where omitted words, etc., should be inserted.  
**caricature** n. a picture or description in which natural characteristics are exaggerated or distorted.  
**carnage** n. Massacre.  
**carnal** adj. Sensual.  
**carnivorous** adj. Eating or living on flesh.  
**carouse** v. To drink deeply and in boisterous or jovial manner.  
**carrion** n. Dead and putrefying flesh.  
**cartilage** n. An elastic animal tissue of firm consistence.  
**cartridge** n. A charge for a firearm, or for blasting.  
**caste** n. The division of society on artificial grounds.  
**castigate** v. To punish.  
**casual** adj. Accidental, by chance.  
**casualty** n. A fatal or serious accident or disaster.  
**cataclysm** n. Any overwhelming flood of water.  
**cataract** n. Opacity of the lens of the eye resulting in complete or partial blindness.  
**catastrophe** n. Any great and sudden misfortune or calamity.  
**cathode** n. The negative pole or electrode of a galvanic battery.  
**Catholicism** n. The system, doctrine, and practice of the Roman Catholic Church.  
**catholicity** n. Universal prevalence or acceptance.  
**cat-o-nine-tails** n. An instrument consisting of nine pieces of cord, formerly used for flogging in the army and navy.  
**caucus** n. A private meeting of members of a political party to select candidates.  
**causal** adj. Indicating or expressing a cause.  
**caustic** adj. Sarcastic and severe.  
**cauterize** v. To burn or sear as with a heated iron.  
**cede** v. To pass title to.  
**sensor** n. An official examiner of manuscripts empowered to prohibit their publication.  
**censorious** adj. Judging severely or harshly.  
**census** n. An official numbering of the people of a country or district.  
**centenary** adj. Pertaining to a hundred years or a period of a hundred years.  
**centiliter** n. A hundredth of a liter.  
**centimeter** n. A length of one hundredth of a meter.  
**centurion** n. A captain of a company of one hundred infantry in the ancient Roman army.  
**cereal** adj. Pertaining to edible grain or farinaceous seeds.  
**ceremonial** adj. Characterized by outward form or ceremony.  
**ceremonious** adj. Observant of ritual.  
**cessation** n. Discontinuance, as of action or motion.  
**cession** n. Surrender, as of possessions or rights.  
**chagrin** n. Keen vexation, annoyance, or mortification, as at one's failures or errors.  
**chameleon** adj. Changeable in appearance.  
**chancery** n. A court of equity, as distinguished from a common-law court.  
**chaos** n. Any condition of which the elements or parts are in utter disorder and confusion.  
**characteristic** n. A distinctive feature.  
**characterize** v. To describe by distinctive marks or peculiarities.  
**charlatan** n. A quack.  
**chasm** n. A yawning hollow, as in the earth's surface.  
**chasten** v. To purify by affliction.  
**chastise** v. To subject to punitive measures.  
**chastity** n. Sexual or moral purity.  
**chateau** n. A castle or manor-house.  
**chattel** n. Any article of personal property.  
**check** v. To hold back.  
**chiffon** n. A very thin gauze used for trimmings, evening dress, etc.  
**chivalry** n. The knightly system of feudal times with its code, usages and practices.  
**cholera** n. An acute epidemic disease.  
**choleric** adj. Easily provoked to anger.  
**choral** adj. Pertaining to, intended for, or performed by a chorus or choir.  
**Christ** n. A title of Jesus  
**christen** v. To name in baptism.  
**Christendom** n. That part of the world where Christianity is generally professed.  
**chromatic** adj. Belonging, relating to, or abounding in color.

**chronology** n. The science that treats of computation of time or of investigation and arrangement of events.  
**chronometer** n. A portable timekeeper of the highest attainable precision.  
**cipher** v. To calculate arithmetically. (also a noun meaning zero or nothing)  
**circulate** v. To disseminate.  
**circumference** n. The boundary-line of a circle.  
**circumlocution** n. Indirect or roundabout expression.  
**circumnavigate** v. To sail quite around.  
**circumscribe** v. To confine within bounds.  
**circumspect** adj. Showing watchfulness, caution, or careful consideration.  
**citadel** n. Any strong fortress.  
**cite** v. To refer to specifically.  
**claimant** n. One who makes a claim or demand, as of right.  
**clairvoyance** n. Intuitive sagacity or perception.  
**clamorous** adj. Urgent in complaint or demand.  
**clan** n. A tribe.  
**clandestine** adj. Surreptitious.  
**clangor** n. Clanking or a ringing, as of arms, chains, or bells; clamor.  
**clarify** v. To render intelligible.  
**clarion** n. A small shrill trumpet or bugle.  
**classify** v. To arrange in a class or classes on the basis of observed resemblance; and differences.  
**clearance** n. A certificate from the proper authorities that a vessel has complied with the law and may sail.  
**clemency** n. Mercy.  
**clement** adj. Compassionate.  
**close-hauled** adj. Having the sails set for sailing as close to the wind as possible.  
**clothier** n. One who makes or sells cloth or clothing.  
**clumsy** adj. Awkward of movement.  
**coagulate** v. To change into a clot or a jelly, as by heat, by chemical action, or by a ferment.  
**coagulant** adj. Producing coagulation.  
**coalescence** n. The act or process of coming together so as to form one body, combination, or product.  
**coalition** n. Combination in a body or mass.  
**coddle** v. To treat as a baby or an invalid.  
**codicil** n. A supplement adding to, revoking, or explaining in the body of a will.  
**coerce** v. To force.  
**coercion** n. Forcible constraint or restraint, moral or physical.  
**coercive** adj. Serving or tending to force.  
**cogent** adj. Appealing strongly to the reason or conscience.  
**cognate** adj. Akin.  
**cognizant** adj. Taking notice.  
**cohere** v. To stick together.  
**cohesion** n. Consistency.  
**cohesive** adj. Having the property of consistency.  
**coincide** v. To correspond.  
**coincidence** n. A circumstance so agreeing with another: often implying accident.  
**coincident** adj. Taking place at the same time.  
**collaborate** v. To labor or cooperate with another or others, especially in literary or scientific pursuits.  
**collapse** v. To cause to shrink, fall in, or fail.  
**collapsible** adj. That may or can collapse.  
**colleague** n. An associate in professional employment.  
**collective** adj. Consisting of a number of persons or objects considered as gathered into a mass, or sum.  
**collector** n. One who makes a collection, as of objects of art, books, or the like.  
**collegian** n. A college student.  
**collide** v. To meet and strike violently.  
**collier** n. One who works in a coal-mine.  
**collision** n. Violent contact.  
**colloquial** adj. Pertaining or peculiar to common speech as distinguished from literary.  
**colloquialism** n. Form of speech used only or chiefly in conversation.  
**colloquy** n. Conversation.  
**collusion** n. A secret agreement for a wrongful purpose.  
**colossus** n. Any strikingly great person or object.  
**comely** adj. Handsome.  
**comestible** adj. Fit to be eaten.  
**comical** adj. Funny.  
**commemorate** v. To serve as a remembrance of.  
**commentary** n. A series of illustrative or explanatory notes on any important work.  
**commingle** v. To blend.  
**commissariat** n. The department of an army charged with the provision of its food and water and daily needs.  
**commission** v. To empower.  
**commitment** n. The act or process of entrusting or consigning for safe-keeping.

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**committal** n. The act, fact, or result of committing, or the state of being  
**commodity** n. Something that is bought and sold.  
**commotion** n. A disturbance or violent agitation.  
**commute** v. To put something, especially something less severe, in place of.  
**comparable** adj. Fit to be compared.  
**comparative** adj. Relative.  
**comparison** n. Examination of two or more objects with reference to their likeness or unlikeness.  
**compensate** v. To remunerate.  
**competence** n. Adequate qualification or capacity.  
**competent** adj. Qualified.  
**competitive** adj. characterized by rivalry.  
**competitor** n. A rival.  
**complacency** n. Satisfaction with one's acts or surroundings.  
**complacent** adj. Pleased or satisfied with oneself.  
**complaisance** n. Politeness.  
**complaisant** adj. Agreeable.  
**complement** v. To make complete.  
**complex** adj. Complicated.  
**compliant** adj. Yielding.  
**complicate** v. To make complex, difficult, or hard to deal with.  
**complication** n. An intermingling or combination of things or parts, especially in a perplexing manner.  
**complicity** n. Participation or partnership, as in wrong-doing or with a wrong-doer.  
**compliment** v. To address or gratify with expressions of delicate praise.  
**component** n. A constituent element or part.  
**comport** v. To conduct or behave (oneself).  
**composure** n. Calmness.  
**comprehensible** adj. Intelligible.  
**comprehension** n. Ability to know.  
**comprehensive** adj. Large in scope or content.  
**compress** v. To press together or into smaller space.  
**compressible** adj. Capable of being pressed into smaller compass.  
**compression** n. Constraint, as by force or authority.  
**comprise** v. To consist of.  
**compulsion** n. Coercion.  
**compulsory** adj. Forced.  
**compunction** n. Remorseful feeling.  
**compute** v. To ascertain by mathematical calculation.  
**concede** v. To surrender.  
**conceit** n. Self-flattering opinion.  
**conceive** v. To form an idea, mental image or thought of.  
**concerto** n. A musical composition.  
**concession** n. Anything granted or yielded, or admitted in response to a demand, petition, or claim.  
**conciliate** v. To obtain the friendship of.  
**conciliatory** adj. Tending to reconcile.  
**conclusive** adj. Sufficient to convince or decide.  
**concord** n. Harmony.  
**concordance** n. Harmony.  
**concur** v. To agree.  
**concurrence** n. Agreement.  
**concurrent** adj. Occurring or acting together.  
**concussion** n. A violent shock to some organ by a fall or a sudden blow.  
**condensation** n. The act or process of making dense or denser.  
**condense** v. To abridge.  
**condescend** v. To come down voluntarily to equal terms with inferiors.  
**condolence** n. Expression of sympathy with a person in pain, sorrow, or misfortune.  
**conduce** v. To bring about.  
**conductive** adj. Contributing to an end.  
**conductible** adj. Capable of being conducted or transmitted.  
**conduit** n. A means for conducting something, particularly a tube, pipe, or passageway for a fluid.  
**confectionery** n. The candy collectively that a confectioner makes or sells, as candy.  
**confederacy** n. A number of states or persons in compact or league with each other, as for mutual aid.  
**confederate** n. One who is united with others in a league, compact, or agreement.  
**confer** v. To bestow.  
**conferee** n. A person with whom another confers.  
**confessor** n. A spiritual advisor.  
**confidant** n. One to whom secrets are entrusted.  
**confide** v. To reveal in trust or confidence.  
**confidence** n. The state or feeling of trust in or reliance upon another.  
**confident** adj. Assured.  
**confinement** n. Restriction within limits or boundaries.

**confiscate** v. To appropriate (private property) as forfeited to the public use or treasury.  
**conflagration** n. A great fire, as of many buildings, a forest, or the like.  
**confluence** n. The place where streams meet.  
**confluent** n. A stream that unites with another.  
**conformance** n. The act or state of conforming.  
**conformable** adj. Harmonious.  
**conformation** n. General structure, form, or outline.  
**conformity** n. Correspondence in form, manner, or use.  
**confront** v. To encounter, as difficulties or obstacles.  
**congeal** v. To coagulate.  
**congenial** adj. Having kindred character or tastes.  
**congest** v. To collect into a mass.  
**congregate** v. To bring together into a crowd.  
**coniferous** adj. Cone-bearing trees.  
**conjecture** n. A guess.  
**conjoin** v. To unite.  
**conjugal** adj. Pertaining to marriage, marital rights, or married persons.  
**conjugate** adj. Joined together in pairs.  
**conjugation** n. The state or condition of being joined together.  
**conjunction** n. The state of being joined together, or the things so joined.  
**connive** v. To be in collusion.  
**connoisseur** n. A critical judge of art, especially one with thorough knowledge and sound judgment of art.  
**connote** v. To mean; signify.  
**connubial** adj. Pertaining to marriage or matrimony.  
**conquer** v. To overcome by force.  
**consanguineous** adj. Descended from the same parent or ancestor.  
**conscience** n. The faculty in man by which he distinguishes between right and wrong in character and conduct.  
**conscientious** adj. Governed by moral standard.  
**conscious** adj. Aware that one lives, feels, and thinks.  
**conscript** v. To force into military service.  
**consecrate** v. To set apart as sacred.  
**consecutive** adj. Following in uninterrupted succession.  
**consensus** n. A collective unanimous opinion of a number of persons.  
**conservatism** n. Tendency to adhere to the existing order of things.  
**conservative** adj. Adhering to the existing order of things.  
**conservatory** n. An institution for instruction and training in music and declamation.  
**consign** v. To entrust.  
**consignee** n. A person to whom goods or other property has been entrusted.  
**consignor** n. One who entrusts.  
**consistency** n. A state of permanence.  
**console** v. To comfort.  
**consolidate** v. To combine into one body or system.  
**consonance** n. The state or quality of being in accord with.  
**consonant** adj. Being in agreement or harmony with.  
**consort** n. A companion or associate.  
**conspicuous** adj. Clearly visible.  
**conspirator** n. One who agrees with others to cooperate in accomplishing some unlawful purpose.  
**conspire** v. To plot.  
**constable** n. An officer whose duty is to maintain the peace.  
**constellation** n. An arbitrary assemblage or group of stars.  
**consternation** n. Panic.  
**constituency** n. The inhabitants or voters in a district represented in a legislative body.  
**constituent** n. One who has the right to vote at an election.  
**constrict** v. To bind.  
**consul** n. An officer appointed to reside in a foreign city, chiefly to represent his country.  
**consulate** n. The place in which a consul transacts official business.  
**consummate** v. To bring to completion.  
**consumption** n. Gradual destruction, as by burning, eating, etc., or by using up, wearing out, etc.  
**consumptive** adj. Designed for gradual destruction.  
**contagion** n. The communication of disease from person to person.  
**contagious** adj. Transmitting disease.  
**contaminate** v. To pollute.  
**contemplate** v. To consider thoughtfully.  
**contemporaneous** adj. Living, occurring, or existing at the same time.  
**contemporary** adj. Living or existing at the same time.  
**contemptible** adj. Worthy of scorn or disdain.  
**contemptuous** adj. Disdainful.  
**contender** n. One who exerts oneself in opposition or rivalry.  
**contiguity** n. Proximity.  
**contiguous** adj. Touching or joining at the edge or boundary.  
**continence** n. Self-restraint with respect to desires, appetites, and passion.

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- contingency** n. Possibility of happening.  
**contingent** adj. Not predictable.  
**continuance** n. Permanence.  
**continuation** n. Prolongation.  
**continuity** n. Uninterrupted connection in space, time, operation, or development.  
**continuous** adj. Connected, extended, or prolonged without separation or interruption of sequence.  
**contort** v. To twist into a misshapen form.  
**contraband** n. Trade forbidden by law or treaty.  
**contradiction** n. The assertion of the opposite of that which has been said.  
**contradictory** adj. Inconsistent with itself.  
**contraposition** n. A placing opposite.  
**contravene** v. To prevent or obstruct the operation of.  
**contribution** n. The act of giving for a common purpose.  
**contributor** n. One who gives or furnishes, in common with others, for a common purpose.  
**contrite** adj. Broken in spirit because of a sense of sin.  
**contrivance** n. The act planning, devising, inventing, or adapting something to or for a special purpose.  
**contrive** v. To manage or carry through by some device or scheme.  
**control** v. To exercise a directing, restraining, or governing influence over.  
**controller** n. One who or that which regulates or directs.  
**contumacious** adj. Rebellious.  
**contumacy** n. Contemptuous disregard of the requirements of rightful authority.  
**contuse** v. To bruise by a blow, either with or without the breaking of the skin.  
**contusion** n. A bruise.  
**convalesce** v. To recover after a sickness.  
**convalescence** n. The state of progressive restoration to health and strength after the cessation of disease.  
**convalescent** adj. Recovering health after sickness.  
**convene** v. To summon or cause to assemble.  
**convenience** n. Fitness, as of time or place.  
**converge** v. To cause to incline and approach nearer together.  
**convergent** adj. Tending to one point.  
**versant** adj. Thoroughly informed.  
**conversion** n. Change from one state or position to another, or from one form to another.  
**convertible** adj. Interchangeable.  
**convex** adj. Curving like the segment of the globe or of the surface of a circle.  
**conveyance** n. That by which anything is transported.  
**convivial** adj. Devoted to feasting, or to good-fellowship in eating or drinking.  
**convolution** n. A winding motion.  
**convolve** v. To move with a circling or winding motion.  
**convoy** n. A protecting force accompanying property in course of transportation.  
**convulse** v. To cause spasms in.  
**convulsion** n. A violent and abnormal muscular contraction of the body.  
**copious** adj. Plenteous.  
**coquette** n. A flirt.  
**cornice** n. An ornamental molding running round the walls of a room close to the ceiling.  
**cornucopia** n. The horn of plenty, symbolizing peace and prosperity.  
**corollary** n. A proposition following so obviously from another that it requires little demonstration.  
**coronation** n. The act or ceremony of crowning a monarch.  
**coronet** n. Inferior crown denoting, according to its form, various degrees of noble rank less than sovereign.  
**corporal** adj. Belonging or relating to the body as opposed to the mind.  
**corporate** adj. Belonging to a corporation.  
**corporeal** adj. Of a material nature; physical.  
**corps** n. A number or body of persons in some way associated or acting together.  
**corpse** n. A dead body.  
**corpulent** adj. Obese.  
**corpuscle** n. A minute particle of matter.  
**correlate** v. To put in some relation of connection or correspondence.  
**correlative** adj. Mutually involving or implying one another.  
**corrigible** adj. Capable of reformation.  
**corroborate** v. To strengthen, as proof or conviction.  
**corroboration** n. Confirmation.  
**corrode** v. To ruin or destroy little by little.  
**corrosion** n. Gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration.  
**corrosive** n. That which causes gradual decay by crumbling or surface disintegration.  
**corruptible** adj. Open to bribery.  
**corruption** n. Loss of purity or integrity.  
**cosmetic** adj. Pertaining to the art of beautifying, especially the complexion.  
**cosmic** adj. Pertaining to the universe.  
**cosmogony** n. A doctrine of creation or of the origin of the universe.  
**cosmography** n. The science that describes the universe, including astronomy, geography, and geology.  
**cosmology** n. The general science of the universe.  
**cosmopolitan** adj. Common to all the world.  
**cosmopolitanism** n. A cosmopolitan character.  
**cosmos** n. The world or universe considered as a system, perfect in order and arrangement.  
**counter-claim** n. A cross-demand alleged by a defendant in his favor against the plaintiff.  
**counteract** v. To act in opposition to.  
**counterbalance** v. To oppose with an equal force.  
**countercharge** v. To accuse in return.  
**counterfeit** adj. Made to resemble something else.  
**counterpart** n. Something taken with another for the completion of either.  
**countervail** v. To offset.  
**counting-house** n. A house or office used for transacting business, bookkeeping, correspondence, etc.  
**countryman** n. A rustic.  
**courageous** adj. Brave.  
**course** n. Line of motion or direction.  
**courser** n. A fleet and spirited horse.  
**courtesy** n. Politeness originating in kindness and exercised habitually.  
**covenant** n. An agreement entered into by two or more persons or parties.  
**covert** adj. Concealed, especially for an evil purpose.  
**covey** n. A flock of quails or partridges.  
**cower** v. To crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame.  
**coxswain** n. One who steers a rowboat, or one who has charge of a ship's boat and its crew under an officer.  
**crag** n. A rugged, rocky projection on a cliff or ledge.  
**cranium** n. The skull of an animal, especially that part enclosing the brain.  
**crass** adj. Coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine.  
**craving** n. A vehement desire.  
**creak** n. A sharp, harsh, squeaking sound.  
**creamery** n. A butter-making establishment.  
**creamy** adj. Resembling or containing cream.  
**credence** n. Belief.  
**credible** adj. Believable.  
**credulous** adj. Easily deceived.  
**creed** n. A formal summary of fundamental points of religious belief.  
**crematory** adj. A place for cremating dead bodies.  
**crevasse** n. A deep crack or fissure in the ice of a glacier.  
**crevice** n. A small fissure, as between two contiguous surfaces.  
**criterion** n. A standard by which to determine the correctness of a judgment or conclusion.  
**critique** n. A criticism or critical review.  
**crockery** n. Earthenware made from baked clay.  
**crucible** n. A trying and purifying test or agency.  
**crusade** n. Any concerted movement, vigorously prosecuted, in behalf of an idea or principle.  
**crustacean** adj. Pertaining to a division of arthropods, containing lobsters, crabs, crawfish, etc.  
**crustaceous** adj. Having a crust-like shell.  
**cryptogram** n. Anything written in characters that are secret or so arranged as to have hidden meaning.  
**crystallize** v. To bring together or give fixed shape to.  
**cudgel** n. A short thick stick used as a club.  
**culinary** adj. Of or pertaining to cooking or the kitchen.  
**cull** v. To pick or sort out from the rest.  
**culpable** adj. Guilty.  
**culprit** n. A guilty person.  
**culvert** n. Any artificial covered channel for the passage of water through a bank or under a road, canal.  
**cupidity** n. Avarice.  
**curable** adj. Capable of being remedied or corrected.  
**curator** n. A person having charge as of a library or museum.  
**curio** n. A piece of bric-a-brac.  
**cursive** adj. Writing in which the letters are joined together.  
**cursor** adj. Rapid and superficial.  
**curt** adj. Concise, compressed, and abrupt in act or expression.  
**curtail** v. To cut off or cut short.  
**curtsy** n. A downward movement of the body by bending the knees.  
**cycloid** adj. Like a circle.  
**cygnet** n. A young swan.  
**cynical** adj. Exhibiting moral skepticism.  
**cynicism** n. Contempt for the opinions of others and of what others value.  
**cynosure** n. That to which general interest or attention is directed.  
**daring** adj. Brave.

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**darkling** adv. Blindly.

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

**dastard** n. A base coward.

**datum** n. A premise, starting-point, or given fact.

**dauntless** adj. Fearless.

**day-man** n. A day-laborer.

**dead-heat** n. A race in which two or more competitors come out even, and there is no winner.

**dearth** n. Scarcity, as of something customary, essential, or desirable.

**death's-head** n. A human skull as a symbol of death.

**debase** v. To lower in character or virtue.

**debatable** adj. Subject to contention or dispute.

**debonair** adj. Having gentle or courteous bearing or manner.

**debut** n. A first appearance in society or on the stage.

**decagon** n. A figure with ten sides and ten angles.

**decagram** n. A weight of 10 grams.

**decaliter** n. A liquid and dry measure of 10 liters.

**decalogue** n. The ten commandments.

**Decameron** n. A volume consisting of ten parts or books.

**decameter** n. A length of ten meters.

**decamp** v. To leave suddenly or unexpectedly.

**decapitate** v. To behead.

**decapod** adj. Ten-footed or ten-armed.

**decasyllable** n. A line of ten syllables.

**deceit** n. Falsehood.

**deceitful** adj. Fraudulent.

**deceive** v. To mislead by or as by falsehood.

**decency** n. Moral fitness.

**decent** adj. Characterized by propriety of conduct, speech, manners, or dress.

**deciduous** adj. Falling off at maturity as petals after flowering, fruit when ripe, etc.

**decimal** adj. Founded on the number 10.

**decimate** v. To destroy a measurable or large proportion of.

**decipher** v. To find out the true words or meaning of, as something hardly legible.

**decisive** ad. Conclusive.

**declamation** n. A speech recited or intended for recitation from memory in public.

**declamatory** adj. A full and formal style of utterance.

**declarative** adj. Containing a formal, positive, or explicit statement or affirmation.

**declension** n. The change of endings in nouns and adj. to express their different relations of gender.

**decorate** v. To embellish.

**decorous** adj. Suitable for the occasion or circumstances.

**decoy** n. Anything that allures, or is intended to allures into danger or temptation.

**decrepit** adj. Enfeebled, as by old age or some chronic infirmity.

**dedication** n. The voluntary consecration or relinquishment of something to an end or cause.

**deduce** v. To derive or draw as a conclusion by reasoning from given premises or principles.

**deface** v. To mar or disfigure the face or external surface of.

**defalcate** v. To cut off or take away, as a part of something.

**defamation** n. Malicious and groundless injury done to the reputation or good name of another.

**defame** v. To slander.

**default** n. The neglect or omission of a legal requirement.

**defendant** n. A person against whom a suit is brought.

**defensible** adj. Capable of being maintained or justified.

**defensive** adj. Carried on in resistance to aggression.

**defer** v. To delay or put off to some other time.

**deference** n. Respectful submission or yielding, as to another's opinion, wishes, or judgment.

**defiant** adj. Characterized by bold or insolent opposition.

**deficiency** n. Lack or insufficiency.

**deficient** adj. Not having an adequate or proper supply or amount.

**definite** adj. Having an exact signification or positive meaning.

**deflect** v. To cause to turn aside or downward.

**deforest** v. To clear of forests.

**deform** v. To disfigure.

**deformity** n. A disfigurement.

**defraud** v. To deprive of something dishonestly.

**defray** v. To make payment for.

**degeneracy** n. A becoming worse.

**degenerate** v. To become worse or inferior.

**degradation** n. Diminution, as of strength or magnitude.

**degrade** v. To take away honors or position from.

**dehydrate** v. To deprive of water.

**deify** v. To regard or worship as a god.

**deign** v. To deem worthy of notice or account.

**deist** n. One who believes in God, but denies supernatural revelation.

**deity** n. A god, goddess, or divine person.

**deject** v. To dishearten.

**dejection** n. Melancholy.

**delectable** adj. Delightful to the taste or to the senses.

**delectation** n. Delight.

**deleterious** adj. Hurtful, morally or physically.

**delicacy** n. That which is agreeable to a fine taste.

**delineate** v. To represent by sketch or diagram.

**deliquesce** v. To dissolve gradually and become liquid by absorption of moisture from the air.

**delirious** adj. Raving.

**delude** v. To mislead the mind or judgment of.

**deluge** v. To overwhelm with a flood of water.

**delusion** n. Mistaken conviction, especially when more or less enduring.

**demagnetize** v. To deprive (a magnet) of magnetism.

**demagogue** n. An unprincipled politician.

**demeanor** n. Deportment.

**demented** adj. Insane.

**demerit** n. A mark for failure or bad conduct.

**demise** n. Death.

**demobilize** v. To disband, as troops.

**demolish** v. To annihilate.

**demonstrable** adj. Capable of positive proof.

**demonstrate** v. To prove indubitably.

**demonstrative** adj. Inclined to strong exhibition or expression of feeling or thoughts.

**demonstrator** n. One who proves in a convincing and conclusive manner.

**demulcent** n. Any application soothing to an irritable surface

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

**dendroid** adj. Like a tree.

**dendrology** n. The natural history of trees.

**denizen** n. Inhabitant.

**denominate** v. To give a name or epithet to.

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

**denominator** n. Part of a fraction which expresses the number of equal parts into which the unit is divided.

**denote** v. To designate by word or mark.

**denouement** n. That part of a play or story in which the mystery is cleared up.

**denounce** v. To point out or publicly accuse as deserving of punishment, censure, or odium.

**dentifrice** n. Any preparation used for cleaning the teeth.

**denude** v. To strip the covering from.

**denunciation** n. The act of declaring an action or person worthy of reprobation or punishment.

**deplete** v. To reduce or lessen, as by use, exhaustion, or waste.

**deplorable** adj. Contemptible.

**deplore** v. To regard with grief or sorrow.

**deponent** adj. Laying down.

**depopulate** v. To remove the inhabitants from.

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

**deportment** n. Demeanor.

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

**depositor** n. One who makes a deposit, or has an amount deposited.

**depository** n. A place where anything is kept in safety.

**deprave** v. To render bad, especially morally bad.

**deprecate** v. To express disapproval or regret for, with hope for the opposite.

**depreciate** v. To lessen the worth of.

**depreciation** n. A lowering in value or an underrating in worth.

**depress** v. To press down.

**depression** n. A falling of the spirits.

**depth** n. Deepness.

**derelict** adj. Neglectful of obligation.

**deride** v. To ridicule.

**derisible** adj. Open to ridicule.

**derision** n. Ridicule.

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

**derivative** adj. Coming or acquired from some origin.

**derive** v. To deduce, as from a premise.

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

**derrick** n. An apparatus for hoisting and swinging great weights.

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**descendant** n. One who is descended lineally from another, as a child, grandchild, etc.

**descendent** adj. Proceeding downward.

**descent** n. The act of moving or going downward.

**descry** v. To discern.

**desert** v. To abandon without regard to the welfare of the abandoned

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

**designate** v. To select or appoint, as by authority.

**desist** v. To cease from action.

**desistance** n. Cessation.

**despair** n. Utter hopelessness and despondency.

**desperado** n. One without regard for law or life.

**desperate** adj. Resorting to in a last extremity, or as if prompted by utter despair.

**despicable** adj. Contemptible.

**despite** prep. In spite of.

**despond** v. To lose spirit, courage, or hope.

**despondent** adj. Disheartened.

**despot** n. An absolute and irresponsible monarch.

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

**destitute** adj. Poverty-stricken.

**desultory** adj. Not connected with what precedes.

**deter** v. To frighten away.

**deteriorate** v. To grow worse.

**determinate** adj. Definitely limited or fixed.

**determination** n. The act of deciding.

**deterrent** adj. Hindering from action through fear.

**detest** v. To dislike or hate with intensity.

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

**detriment** n. Something that causes damage, depreciation, or loss.

**detrude** v. To push down forcibly.

**deviate** v. To take a different course.

**devilry** n. Malicious mischief.

**deviltry** n. Wanton and malicious mischief.

**devious** adj. Out of the common or regular track.

**devise** v. To invent.

**devout** adj. Religious.

**dexterity** n. Readiness, precision, efficiency, and ease in any physical activity or in any mechanical work.

**diabolic** adj. Characteristic of the devil.

**diacritical** adj. Marking a difference.

**diagnose** v. To distinguish, as a disease, by its characteristic phenomena.

**diagnosis** n. Determination of the distinctive nature of a disease.

**dialect** n. Forms of speech collectively that are peculiar to the people of a particular district.

**dialectician** n. A logician.

**dialogue** n. A formal conversation in which two or more take part.

**diaphanous** adj. Transparent.

**diatomic** adj. Containing only two atoms.

**diatribe** n. A bitter or malicious criticism.

**dictum** n. A positive utterance.

**didactic** adj. Pertaining to teaching.

**difference** n. Dissimilarity in any respect.

**differentia** n. Any essential characteristic of a species by reason of which it differs from other species.

**differential** adj. Distinctive.

**differentiate** v. To acquire a distinct and separate character.

**diffidence** n. Self-distrust.

**diffident** adj. Affected or possessed with self-distrust.

**diffusible** adj. Spreading rapidly through the system and acting quickly.

**diffusion** n. Dispersion.

**dignitary** n. One who holds high rank.

**digraph** n. A union of two characters representing a single sound.

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

**dilapidated** pa. Fallen into decay or partial ruin.

**dilate** v. To enlarge in all directions.

**dilatory** adj. Tending to cause delay.

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

**dilettante** n. A superficial amateur.

**diligence** n. Careful and persevering effort to accomplish what is undertaken.

**dilute** v. To make more fluid or less concentrated by admixture with something.

**diminution** n. Reduction.

**dimly** adv. Obscurely.

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

**diplomacy** n. Tact, shrewdness, or skill in conducting any kind of negotiations or in social matters.

**diplomat** n. A representative of one sovereign state at the capital or court of another.

**diplomatic** adj. Characterized by special tact in negotiations.

**diplomatist** n. One remarkable for tact and shrewd management.

**disagree** v. To be opposite in opinion.

**disallow** v. To withhold permission or sanction.

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

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

**disapprove** v. To regard with blame.

**disarm** v. To deprive of weapons.

**disarrange** v. To throw out of order.

**disavow** v. To disclaim responsibility for.

**disavowal** n. Denial.

**disbeliever** n. One who refuses to believe.

**disburden** v. To disencumber.

**disburse** v. To pay out or expend, as money from a fund.

**discard** v. To reject.

**discernible** adj. Perceivable.

**disciple** n. One who believes the teaching of another, or who adopts and follows some doctrine.

**disciplinary** adj. Having the nature of systematic training or subjection to authority.

**discipline** v. To train to obedience.

**disclaim** v. To disavow any claim to, connection with, or responsibility to.

**discolor** v. To stain.

**discomfit** v. To put to confusion.

**discomfort** n. The state of being positively uncomfortable.

**disconnect** v. To undo or dissolve the connection or association of.

**disconsolate** adj. Grief-stricken.

**discontinuance** n. Interruption or intermission.

**discord** n. Absence of harmoniousness.

**discourtenance** v. To look upon with disfavor.

**discover** v. To get first sight or knowledge of, as something previously unknown or unperceived.

**discredit** v. To injure the reputation of.

**discreet** adj. Judicious.

**discrepant** adj. Opposite.

**discriminate** v. To draw a distinction.

**discursive** adj. Passing from one subject to another.

**discussion** n. Debate.

**disenfranchise** v. To deprive of any right privilege or power

**disengage** v. To become detached.

**disfavor** n. Disregard.

**disfigure** v. To impair or injure the beauty, symmetry, or appearance of.

**dishabile** n. Undress or negligent attire.

**dishonest** adj. Untrustworthy.

**disillusion** v. To disenchant.

**disinfect** v. To remove or destroy the poison of infectious or contagious diseases.

**disinfectant** n. A substance used to destroy the germs of infectious diseases.

**disinherit** v. To deprive of an inheritance.

**disinterested** adj. Impartial.

**disjunctive** adj. Helping or serving to disconnect or separate.

**dislocate** v. To put out of proper place or order.

**dismissal** n. Displacement by authority from an office or an employment.

**dismount** v. To throw down, push off, or otherwise remove from a horse or the like.

**disobedience** n. Neglect or refusal to comply with an authoritative injunction.

**disobedient** adj. Neglecting or refusing to obey.

**disown** v. To refuse to acknowledge as one's own or as connected with oneself.

**disparage** v. To regard or speak of slightly.

**disparity** n. Inequality.

**dispel** v. To drive away by or as by scattering in different directions.

**dispensation** n. That which is bestowed on or appointed to one from a higher power.

**displace** v. To put out of the proper or accustomed place.

**dispossess** v. To deprive of actual occupancy, especially of real estate.

**disputation** n. Verbal controversy.

**disqualify** v. To debar.

**disquiet** v. To deprive of peace or tranquility.

**disregard** v. To take no notice of.

**disreputable** adj. Dishonorable or disgraceful.

**disrepute** n. A bad name or character.

**disrobe** v. To undress.

**disrupt** v. To burst or break asunder.

**dissatisfy** v. To displease.

**dissect** v. To cut apart or to pieces.

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**dissection** n. The act or operation of cutting in pieces, specifically of a plant or an animal.  
**dissemble** v. To hide by pretending something different.  
**disseminate** v. To sow or scatter abroad, as seed is sown.  
**dissension** n. Angry or violent difference of opinion.  
**dissent** n. Disagreement.  
**dissentient** n. One who disagrees.  
**dissentious** adj. Contentious.  
**dissertation** n. Thesis.  
**disservice** n. An ill turn.  
**dissever** v. To divide.  
**dissimilar** adj. Different.  
**dissipate** v. To disperse or disappear.  
**dissipation** n. The state of being dispersed or scattered.  
**dissolute** adj. Lewd.  
**dissolution** n. A breaking up of a union of persons.  
**dissolve** v. To liquefy or soften, as by heat or moisture.  
**dissonance** n. Discord.  
**dissonant** adj. Harsh or disagreeable in sound.  
**dissuade** v. To change the purpose or alter the plans of by persuasion, counsel, or pleading.  
**dissuasion** n. The act of changing the purpose of or altering the plans of through persuasion, or pleading.  
**disyllable** n. A word of two syllables.  
**distemper** n. A disease or malady.  
**distend** v. To stretch out or expand in every direction.  
**distensible** adj. Capable of being stretched out or expanded in every direction.  
**distention** n. Expansion.  
**distill** v. To extract or produce by vaporization and condensation.  
**distillation** n. Separation of the more volatile parts of a substance from those less volatile.  
**distiller** n. One occupied in the business of distilling alcoholic liquors.  
**distinction** n. A note or designation of honor, officially recognizing superiority or success in studies.  
**distort** v. To twist into an unnatural or irregular form.  
**distrain** v. To subject a person to distress.  
**distraitor** n. One who subjects a person to distress.  
**distraught** adj. Bewildered.  
**distrust** n. Lack of confidence in the power, wisdom, or good intent of any person.  
**disunion** n. Separation of relations or interests.  
**diurnal** adj. Daily.  
**divagation** n. Digression.  
**divergent** adj. Tending in different directions.  
**diverse** adj. Capable of various forms.  
**diversion** n. Pastime.  
**diversity** n. Dissimilitude.  
**divert** v. To turn from the accustomed course or a line of action already established.  
**divertible** adj. Able to be turned from the accustomed course or a line of action already established.  
**divest** v. To strip, specifically of clothes, ornaments, or accouterments or disinvestment.  
**divination** n. The pretended forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden.  
**divinity** n. The quality or character of being godlike.  
**divisible** adj. Capable of being separated into parts.  
**divisor** n. That by which a number or quantity is divided.  
**divulge** v. To tell or make known, as something previously private or secret.  
**divulgence** n. A divulging.  
**docile** adj. Easy to manage.  
**docket** n. The registry of judgments of a court.  
**doe** n. The female of the deer.  
**dogma** n. A statement of religious faith or duty formulated by a body claiming authority.  
**dogmatic** adj. Making statements without argument or evidence.  
**dogmatize** v. To make positive assertions without supporting them by argument or evidence.  
**doleful** adj. Melancholy.  
**dolesome** adj. Melancholy.  
**dolor** n. Lamentation.  
**dolorous** adj. Expressing or causing sorrow or pain.  
**domain** n. A sphere or field of action or interest.  
**domesticity** n. Life in or fondness for one's home and family.  
**domicile** n. The place where one lives.  
**dominance** n. Ascendancy.  
**dominant** adj. Conspicuously prominent.  
**dominate** v. To influence controllingly.  
**domination** n. Control by the exercise of power or constituted authority.  
**domineer** v. To rule with insolence or unnecessary annoyance.  
**donate** v. To bestow as a gift, especially for a worthy cause.  
**donator** n. One who makes a donation or present.

**donee** n. A person to whom a donation is made.  
**donor** n. One who makes a donation or present.  
**dormant** adj. Being in a state of or resembling sleep.  
**doublet** n. One of a pair of like things.  
**doubly** adv. In twofold degree or extent.  
**dowry** n. The property which a wife brings to her husband in marriage.  
**drachma** n. A modern and an ancient Greek coin.  
**dragnet** n. A net to be drawn along the bottom of the water.  
**dragoon** n. In the British army, a cavalryman.  
**drainage** n. The means of draining collectively, as a system of conduits, trenches, pipes, etc.  
**dramatist** n. One who writes plays.  
**dramatize** v. To relate or represent in a dramatic or theatrical manner.  
**drastic** adj. Acting vigorously.  
**drought** n. Dry weather, especially when so long continued as to cause vegetation to wither.  
**drowsy** adj. Heavy with sleepiness.  
**drudgery** n. Hard and constant work in any menial or dull occupation.  
**dubious** adj. Doubtful.  
**duckling** n. A young duck.  
**ductile** adj. Capable of being drawn out, as into wire or a thread.  
**duet** n. A composition for two voices or instruments.  
**dun** v. To make a demand or repeated demands on for payment.  
**duplex** adj. Having two parts.  
**duplicity** n. Double-dealing.  
**durance** n. Confinement.  
**duration** n. The period of time during which anything lasts.  
**duteous** adj. Showing submission to natural superiors.  
**dutiable** adj. Subject to a duty, especially a customs duty.  
**dutiful** adj. Obedient.  
**dwindle** v. To diminish or become less.  
**dyne** n. The force which, applied to a mass of one gram for 1 second, would give it a velocity of 1 cm/s.  
**earnest** adj. Ardent in spirit and speech.  
**earthenware** n. Anything made of clay and baked in a kiln or dried in the sun.  
**eatable** adj. Edible.  
**ebullient** adj. Showing enthusiasm or exhilaration of feeling.  
**eccentric** adj. Peculiar.  
**eccentricity** n. Idiosyncrasy.  
**eclipse** n. The obstruction of a heavenly body by its entering into the shadow of another body.  
**economize** v. To spend sparingly.  
**ecstasy** n. Rapturous excitement or exaltation.  
**ecstatic** adj. Enraptured.  
**edible** adj. Suitable to be eaten.  
**edict** n. That which is uttered or proclaimed by authority as a rule of action.  
**edify** v. To build up, or strengthen, especially in morals or religion.  
**editorial** n. An article in a periodical written by the editor and published as an official argument.  
**educe** v. To draw out.  
**efface** v. To obliterate.  
**effect** n. A consequence.  
**effective** adj. Fit for a destined purpose.  
**effectual** adj. Efficient.  
**effeminacy** n. Womanishness.  
**effeminate** adj. Having womanish traits or qualities.  
**effervesce** v. To bubble up.  
**effervescent** adj. Giving off bubbles of gas.  
**effete** adj. Exhausted, as having performed its functions.  
**efficacious** adj. Effective.  
**efficacy** n. The power to produce an intended effect as shown in the production of it.  
**efficiency** n. The state of possessing adequate skill or knowledge for the performance of a duty.  
**efficient** adj. Having and exercising the power to produce effects or results.  
**efflorescence** n. The state of being flowery, or a flowery appearance.  
**efflorescent** adj. Opening in flower.  
**effluvium** n. A noxious or ill-smelling exhalation from decaying or putrefying matter.  
**effrontery** n. Unblushing impudence.  
**effulgence** n. Splendor.  
**effuse** v. To pour forth.  
**effusion** n. An outpouring.  
**egoism** n. The theory that places man's chief good in the completeness of self.  
**egoist** n. One who advocates or practices egoism.  
**egotism** n. Self-conceit.  
**egotist** n. One given to self-mention or who is constantly telling of his own views and experiences.

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- egregious** adj. Extreme.  
**egress** n. Any place of exit.  
**eject** v. To expel.  
**elapse** v. To quietly terminate: said of time.  
**elasticity** n. That property of matter by which a body tends to return to a former shape after being changed.  
**electrolysis** n. The process of decomposing a chemical compound by the passage of an electric current.  
**electrotype** n. A metallic copy of any surface, as a coin.  
**elegy** n. A lyric poem lamenting the dead.  
**element** n. A component or essential part.  
**elicit** v. To elude or extract gradually or without violence.  
**eligible** adj. Qualified for selection.  
**eliminate** v. To separate and cast aside.  
**Elizabethan** adj. Relating to Elizabeth, queen of England, or to her era.  
**elocution** n. The art of correct intonation, inflection, and gesture in public speaking or reading.  
**eloquent** adj. Having the ability to express emotion or feeling in lofty and impassioned speech.  
**elucidate** v. To bring out more clearly the facts concerning.  
**elude** v. To evade the search or pursuit of by dexterity or artifice.  
**elusion** n. Evasion.  
**emaciate** v. To waste away in flesh.  
**emanate** v. To flow forth or proceed, as from some source.  
**emancipate** v. To release from bondage.  
**embargo** n. Authoritative stoppage of foreign commerce or of any special trade.  
**embark** v. To make a beginning in some occupation or scheme.  
**embarrass** v. To render flustered or agitated.  
**embellish** v. To make beautiful or elegant by adding attractive or ornamental features.  
**embezzle** v. To misappropriate secretly.  
**emblazon** v. To set forth publicly or in glowing terms.  
**emblem** n. A symbol.  
**embody** v. To express, formulate, or exemplify in a concrete, compact or visible form.  
**embolden** v. To give courage to.  
**embolism** n. An obstruction or plugging up of an artery or other blood-vessel.  
**embroil** v. To involve in dissension or strife.  
**emerge** v. To come into view or into existence.  
**emergence** n. A coming into view.  
**emergent** adj. Coming into view.  
**emeritus** adj. Retired from active service but retained to an honorary position.  
**emigrant** n. One who moves from one place to settle in another.  
**emigrate** v. To go from one country, state, or region for the purpose of settling or residing in another.  
**eminence** n. An elevated position with respect to rank, place, character, condition, etc.  
**eminent** adj. High in station, merit, or esteem.  
**emit** v. To send or give out.  
**emphasis** n. Any special impressiveness added to an utterance or act, or stress laid upon some word.  
**emphasize** v. To articulate or enunciate with special impressiveness upon a word, or a group of words.  
**emphatic** adj. Spoken with any special impressiveness laid upon an act, word, or set of words.  
**employee** n. One who works for wages or a salary.  
**employer** n. One who uses or engages the services of other persons for pay.  
**emporium** n. A bazaar or shop.  
**empower** v. To delegate authority to.  
**emulate** v. To imitate with intent to equal or surpass.  
**enact** v. To make into law, as by legislative act.  
**enamor** v. To inspire with ardent love.  
**encamp** v. To pitch tents for a resting-place.  
**encomium** n. A formal or discriminating expression of praise.  
**encompass** v. To encircle.  
**encore** n. The call for a repetition, as of some part of a play or performance.  
**encourage** v. To inspire with courage, hope, or strength of mind.  
**encroach** v. To invade partially or insidiously and appropriate the possessions of another.  
**encumber** v. To impede with obstacles.  
**encyclical** adj. Intended for general circulation.  
**encyclopedia** n. A work containing information on subjects, or exhaustive of one subject.  
**endanger** v. To expose to peril.  
**endear** v. To cause to be loved.  
**endemic** adj. Peculiar to some specified country or people.  
**endue** v. To endow with some quality, gift, or grace, usually spiritual.  
**endurable** adj. Tolerable.  
**endurance** n. The ability to suffer pain, distress, hardship, or stress of any kind without succumbing.  
**energetic** adj. Working vigorously.  
**enervate** v. To render ineffective or inoperative.  
**enfeeble** v. To debilitate.  
**enfranchise** v. To endow with a privilege, especially with the right to vote.  
**engender** v. To produce.  
**engrave** v. To cut or carve in or upon some surface.  
**engross** v. To occupy completely.  
**enhance** v. To intensify.  
**enigma** n. A riddle.  
**enjoin** v. To command.  
**enkindle** v. To set on fire.  
**enlighten** v. To cause to see clearly.  
**enlist** v. To enter voluntarily the military service by formal enrollment.  
**enmity** n. Hatred.  
**ennoble** v. To dignify.  
**enormity** n. Immensity.  
**enormous** adj. Gigantic.  
**enrage** v. To infuriate.  
**enrapture** v. To delight extravagantly or intensely.  
**enshrine** v. To keep sacred.  
**ensnare** v. To entrap.  
**entail** v. To involve; necessitate.  
**entangle** v. To involve in difficulties, confusion, or complications.  
**enthrall** v. To bring or hold under any overmastering influence.  
**enthroned** v. To invest with sovereign power.  
**enthuse** v. To yield to or display intense and rapturous feeling.  
**enthusiastic** adj. Full of zeal and fervor.  
**entirety** n. A complete thing.  
**entomology** n. The branch of zoology that treats of insects.  
**entrails** n. pl. The internal parts of an animal.  
**entreaty** n. An earnest request.  
**entree** n. The act of entering.  
**entrench** v. To fortify or protect, as with a trench or ditch and wall.  
**entwine** v. To interweave.  
**enumerate** v. To name one by one.  
**epic** n. A poem celebrating in formal verse the mythical achievements of great personages, heroes, etc.  
**epicure** n. One who cultivates a delicate taste for eating and drinking.  
**Epicurean** adj. Indulging, ministering, or pertaining to daintiness of appetite.  
**epicycle** n. A circle that rolls upon the external or internal circumference of another circle.  
**epicycloid** n. A curve traced by a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls upon another circle.  
**epidemic** n. Wide-spread occurrence of a disease in a certain region.  
**epidermis** n. The outer skin.  
**epigram** n. A pithy phrasing of a shrewd observation.  
**epilogue** n. The close of a narrative or dramatic poem.  
**epiphany** n. Any appearance or bodily manifestation of a deity.  
**episode** n. An incident or story in a literary work, separable from yet growing out of it.  
**epitaph** n. An inscription on a tomb or monument in honor or in memory of the dead.  
**epithet** n. Word used adjectivally to describe some quality or attribute of is objects, as in "Father Aeneas."  
**epitome** n. A simplified representation.  
**epizootic** adj. Prevailing among animals.  
**epoch** n. A interval of time, memorable for extraordinary events.  
**epode** n. A species of lyric poems.  
**equalize** v. To render uniform.  
**equanimity** n. Evenness of mind or temper.  
**equestrian** adj. Pertaining to horses or horsemanship.  
**equilibrium** n. A state of balance.  
**equitable** adj. Characterized by fairness.  
**equity** n. Fairness or impartiality.  
**equivalent** adj. Equal in value, force, meaning, or the like.  
**equivocal** adj. Ambiguous.  
**equivocate** v. To use words of double meaning.  
**eradicate** v. To destroy thoroughly.  
**errant** adj. Roving or wandering, as in search of adventure or opportunity for gallant deeds.  
**erratic** adj. Irregular.  
**erroneous** adj. Incorrect.  
**erudite** adj. Very-learned.  
**erudition** n. Extensive knowledge of literature, history, language, etc.  
**eschew** v. To keep clear of.  
**espy** v. To keep close watch.  
**esquire** n. A title of dignity, office, or courtesy.  
**essence** n. That which makes a thing to be what it is.  
**esthetic** adj. Pertaining to beauty, taste, or the fine arts.  
**estimable** adj. Worthy of respect.  
**estrangle** v. To alienate.  
**estuary** n. A wide lower part of a tidal river.

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**et cetera** Latin. And so forth.  
**eugenic** adj. Relating to the development and improvement of race.  
**eulogize** v. To speak or write a laudation of a person's life or character.  
**eulogy** n. A spoken or written laudation of a person's life or character.  
**euphemism** n. A figure of speech by which a phrase less offensive is substituted.  
**euphonious** adj. Characterized by agreeableness of sound.  
**euphony** n. Agreeableness of sound.  
**eureka** Greek. I have found it.  
**evade** v. To avoid by artifice.  
**evanesce** v. To vanish gradually.  
**evanescent** adj. Fleeting.  
**evangelical** adj. Seeking the conversion of sinners.  
**evangelist** n. A preacher who goes from place to place holding services.  
**evasion** n. Escape.  
**eventual** adj. Ultimate.  
**evert** v. To turn inside out.  
**evict** v. To dispossess pursuant to judicial decree.  
**evidential** adj. Indicative.  
**evince** v. To make manifest or evident.  
**evoked** v. To call or summon forth.  
**evolution** n. Development or growth.  
**evolve** v. To unfold or expand.  
**exacerbate** v. To make more sharp, severe, or virulent.  
**exaggerate** v. To overstate.  
**exasperate** v. To excite great anger in.  
**excavate** v. To remove by digging or scooping out.  
**exceed** v. To go beyond, as in measure, quality, value, action, power, skill, etc.  
**excel** v. To be superior or distinguished.  
**excellence** n. Possession of eminently or unusually good qualities.  
**excellency** n. A title of honor bestowed upon various high officials.  
**excellent** adj. Possessing distinguished merit.  
**excerpt** n. An extract or selection from written or printed matter.  
**excess** n. That which passes the ordinary, proper, or required limit, measure, or experience.  
**excitable** adj. Nervously high-strung.  
**excitation** n. Intensified emotion or action.  
**exclamation** n. An abrupt or emphatic expression of thought or of feeling.  
**exclude** v. To shut out purposely or forcibly.  
**exclusion** n. Non-admission.  
**excrescence** n. Any unnatural addition, outgrowth, or development.  
**excretion** n. The getting rid of waste matter.  
**excruciate** v. To inflict severe pain or agony upon.  
**excursion** n. A journey.  
**excusable** adj. Justifiable.  
**execrable** adj. Abominable.  
**execution** n. An accursed thing.  
**executor** n. A person nominated by the will of another to execute the will.  
**exegesis** n. Biblical exposition or interpretation.  
**exemplar** n. A model, pattern, or original to be copied or imitated.  
**exemplary** adj. Fitted to serve as a model or example worthy of imitation.  
**exemplify** v. To show by example.  
**exempt** adj. Free, clear, or released, as from some liability, or restriction affecting others.  
**exert** v. To make an effort.  
**exhale** v. To breathe forth.  
**exhaust** v. To empty by draining off the contents.  
**exhaustible** adj. Causing or tending to cause exhaustion.  
**exhaustion** n. Deprivation of strength or energy.  
**exhaustive** adj. Thorough and complete in execution.  
**exhilarate** v. To fill with high or cheerful spirits.  
**exhume** v. To dig out of the earth (what has been buried).  
**exigency** n. A critical period or condition.  
**exigent** adj. Urgent.  
**existence** n. Possession or continuance of being.  
**exit** n. A way or passage out.  
**exodus** n. A going forth or departure from a place or country, especially of many people.  
**exonerate** v. To relieve or vindicate from accusation, imputation, or blame.  
**exorbitance** n. Extravagance or enormity.  
**exorbitant** adj. Going beyond usual and proper limits.  
**exorcise** v. To cast or drive out by religious or magical means.  
**exotic** adj. Foreign.  
**expand** v. To increase in range or scope.  
**expanse** n. A continuous area or stretch.  
**expansion** n. Increase of amount, size, scope, or the like.  
**expatriate** v. To drive from one's own country.

**expect** v. To look forward to as certain or probable.  
**expectancy** n. The act or state of looking forward to as certain or probable.  
**expectorate** v. To cough up and spit forth.  
**expediency** n. Fitness to meet the requirements of a particular case.  
**expedient** adj. Contributing to personal advantage.  
**expedite** v. To hasten the movement or progress of.  
**expeditious** adj. Speedy.  
**expend** v. To spend.  
**expense** n. The laying out or expending of money or other resources, as time or strength.  
**expiate** v. To make satisfaction or amends for.  
**explicate** v. To clear from involvement.  
**explicit** adj. Definite.  
**explode** v. To cause to burst in pieces by force from within.  
**explosion** n. A sudden and violent outbreak.  
**explosive** adj. Pertaining to a sudden and violent outbreak.  
**exposition** n. Formal presentation.  
**expository** adj. Pertaining to a formal presentation.  
**expostulate** v. To discuss.  
**exposure** n. An open situation or position in relation to the sun, elements, or points of the compass.  
**expressive** adj. Full of meaning.  
**expulsion** n. Forcible ejection.  
**extant** adj. Still existing and known.  
**extemporaneous** adj. Done or made without much or any preparation.  
**extempore** adv. Without studied or special preparation.  
**extensible** adj. Capable of being thrust out.  
**extension** n. A reaching or stretching out, as in space, time or scope.  
**extensive** adj. Extended widely in space, time, or scope.  
**extensor** n. A muscle that causes extension.  
**extenuate** v. To diminish the gravity or importance of.  
**exterior** n. That which is outside.  
**external** n. Anything relating or belonging to the outside.  
**extinct** adj. Being no longer in existence.  
**extinguish** v. To render extinct.  
**extol** v. To praise in the highest terms.  
**extort** v. To obtain by violence, threats, compulsion, or the subjection of another to some necessity.  
**extortion** n. The practice of obtaining by violence or compulsion.  
**extradite** v. To surrender the custody of.  
**extradition** n. The surrender by a government of a person accused of crime to the justice of another government.  
**extrajudicial** adj. Happening out of court.  
**extraneous** adj. Having no essential relation to a subject.  
**extraordinary** adj. Unusual.  
**extravagance** n. Undue expenditure of money.  
**extravagant** adj. Needlessly free or lavish in expenditure.  
**extremist** n. One who supports extreme measures or holds extreme views.  
**extremity** n. The utmost point, side, or border, or that farthest removed from a mean position.  
**extricate** v. Disentangle.  
**extrude** v. To drive out or away.  
**exuberance** n. Rich supply.  
**exuberant** adj. Marked by great plentifulness.  
**fabricate** v. To invent fancifully or falsely.  
**fabulous** adj. Incredible.  
**facet** n. One of the small triangular plane surfaces of a diamond or other gem.  
**facetious** adj. Amusing.  
**facial** adj. Pertaining to the face.  
**facile** adj. Not difficult to do.  
**facilitate** v. To make more easy.  
**facility** n. Ease.  
**facsimile** n. An exact copy or reproduction.  
**faction** n. A number of persons combined for a common purpose.  
**factionous** adj. Turbulent.  
**fallacious** adj. Illogical.  
**fallacy** n. Any unsound or delusive mode of reasoning, or anything based on such reasoning.  
**fallible** adj. Capable of erring.  
**fallow** n. Land broken up and left to become mellow or to rest.  
**famish** v. To suffer extremity of hunger or thirst.  
**fanatic** n. A religious zealot.  
**fancier** n. One having a taste for or interest in special objects.  
**fanciless** adj. Unimaginative.  
**fastidious** adj. Hard to please.

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- fathom** n. A measure of length, 6 feet.  
**fatuous** adj. Idiotic.  
**faulty** adj. Imperfect.  
**faun** n. One of a class of deities of the woods and herds represented as half human, with goats feet.  
**fawn** n. A young deer.  
**fealty** n. Loyalty.  
**feasible** adj. That may be done, performed, or effected; practicable.  
**federate** v. To league together.  
**feint** n. Any sham, pretense, or deceptive movement.  
**felicitate** v. To wish joy or happiness to, especially in view of a coming event.  
**felicity** n. A state of well-founded happiness.  
**felon** n. A criminal or depraved person.  
**felonious** adj. Showing criminal or evil purpose.  
**felony** n. One of the highest class of offenses, and punishable with death or imprisonment.  
**feminine** adj. Characteristic of woman or womankind.  
**fernery** n. A place in which ferns are grown.  
**ferocious** adj. Of a wild, fierce, and savage nature.  
**ferocity** n. Savageness.  
**fervent** adj. Ardent in feeling.  
**fervid** adj. Intense.  
**fervor** n. Ardor or intensity of feeling.  
**festal** adj. Joyous.  
**festive** adj. Merry.  
**fete** n. A festival or feast.  
**fetus** n. The young in the womb or in the egg.  
**feudal** adj. Pertaining to the relation of lord and vassal.  
**feudalism** n. The feudal system.  
**fez** n. A brimless felt cap in the shape of a truncated cone, usually red with a black tassel.  
**fiasco** n. A complete or humiliating failure.  
**fickle** adj. Unduly changeable in feeling, judgment, or purpose.  
**fictitious** adj. Created or formed by the imagination.  
**fidelity** n. Loyalty.  
**fiducial** adj. Indicative of faith or trust.  
**fief** n. A landed estate held under feudal tenure.  
**filibuster** n. One who attempts to obstruct legislation.  
**finale** n. Concluding performance.  
**finality** n. The state or quality of being final or complete.  
**finally** adv. At last.  
**financial** adj. Monetary.  
**financier** n. One skilled in or occupied with financial affairs or operations.  
**finery** n. That which is used to decorate the person or dress.  
**finesse** n. Subtle contrivance used to gain a point.  
**finite** adj. Limited.  
**fiscal** adj. Pertaining to the treasury or public finances of a government.  
**fishmonger** n. One who sells fish.  
**fissure** n. A crack or crack-like depression.  
**fitful** adj. Spasmodic.  
**fixture** n. One who or that which is expected to remain permanently in its position.  
**flag-officer** n. The captain of a flag-ship.  
**flagrant** adj. Openly scandalous.  
**flamboyant** adj. Characterized by extravagance and in general by want of good taste.  
**flatulence** n. Accumulation of gas in the stomach and bowels.  
**flection** n. The act of bending.  
**fledgling** n. A young bird.  
**flexible** adj. Pliable.  
**flimsy** adj. Thin and weak.  
**flippant** adj. Having a light, pert, trifling disposition.  
**floe** n. A collection of tabular masses of floating polar ice.  
**flora** n. The aggregate of plants growing without cultivation in a district.  
**floral** adj. Pertaining to flowers.  
**florid** adj. Flushed with red.  
**florist** n. A dealer in flowers.  
**fluctuate** v. To pass backward and forward irregularly from one state or degree to another.  
**fluctuation** n. Frequent irregular change back and forth from one state or degree to another.  
**flue** n. A smoke-duct in a chimney.  
**fluent** adj. Having a ready or easy flow of words or ideas.  
**fluential** adj. Pertaining to streams.  
**flux** n. A state of constant movement, change, or renewal.  
**foggy** adj. Obscure.  
**foible** n. A personal weakness or failing.  
**foist** v. To palm off.  
**foliage** n. Any growth of leaves.  
**folio** n. A sheet of paper folded once, or of a size adapted to folding once.  
**folklore** n. The traditions, beliefs, and customs of the common people.  
**fondle** v. To handle tenderly and lovingly.  
**foolery** n. Folly.  
**foot-note** n. A note of explanation or comment at the foot of a page or column.  
**foppery** n. Dandyism.  
**foppish** adj. Characteristic of one who is unduly devoted to dress and the niceties of manners.  
**forbearance** n. Patient endurance or toleration of offenses.  
**forby** adv. Besides.  
**forcible** adj. Violent.  
**forecourt** n. A court opening directly from the street.  
**forejudge** v. To judge of before hearing evidence.  
**forepeak** n. The extreme forward part of a ship's hold, under the lowest deck.  
**foreshore** n. That part of a shore uncovered at low tide.  
**forebode** v. To be an omen or warning sign of, especially of evil.  
**forecast** v. To predict.  
**forecastle** n. That part of the upper deck of a ship forward of the after fore-shrouds.  
**foreclose** v. To bar by judicial proceedings the equitable right of a mortgagor to redeem property.  
**forefather** n. An ancestor.  
**forego** v. To deny oneself the pleasure or profit of.  
**foreground** n. That part of a landscape or picture situated or represented as nearest the spectator.  
**forehead** n. The upper part of the face, between the eyes and the hair.  
**foreign** adj. Belonging to, situated in, or derived from another country.  
**foreigner** n. A citizen of a foreign country.  
**foreknowledge** n. Prescience.  
**foreman** n. The head man.  
**foreordain** v. To predetermine.  
**foreordination** n. Predestination.  
**forerun** v. To go before as introducing or ushering in.  
**foresail** n. A square sail.  
**foresee** v. To discern beforehand.  
**foresight** n. Provision against harm or need.  
**foretell** v. To predict.  
**forethought** n. Premeditation.  
**forfeit** v. To lose possession of through failure to fulfill some obligation.  
**forfend** v. To ward off.  
**forgery** n. Counterfeiting.  
**forgo** v. To deny oneself.  
**formation** n. Relative disposition of parts.  
**formidable** adj. Difficult to accomplish.  
**formula** n. Fixed rule or set form.  
**forswear** v. To renounce upon oath.  
**forte** n. A strong point.  
**forth** adv. Into notice or view.  
**forthright** adv. With directness.  
**fortify** v. To provide with defensive works.  
**fortitude** n. Patient courage.  
**foursome** adj. Consisting of four.  
**fracture** n. A break.  
**fragile** adj. Easily broken.  
**frailty** n. Liability to be broken or destroyed.  
**fragile** adj. Capable of being broken.  
**frankincense** n. A gum or resin which on burning yields aromatic fumes.  
**frantic** adj. Frenzied.  
**fraternal** adj. Brotherly.  
**fraudulence** n. Deceitfulness.  
**fraudulent** adj. Counterfeit.  
**fray** v. To fret at the edge so as to loosen or break the threads.  
**freemason** n. A member of an ancient secret fraternity originally confined to skilled artisans.  
**freethinker** n. One who rejects authority or inspiration in religion.  
**free trade** n. Commerce unrestricted by tariff or customs.  
**frequency** n. The comparative number of any kind of occurrences within a given time or space.  
**fresco** n. The art of painting on a surface of plaster, particularly on walls and ceilings.  
**freshness** n. The state, quality, or degree of being fresh.  
**fretful** adj. Disposed to peevishness.  
**frightful** adj. Apt to induce terror or alarm.  
**frigid** adj. Lacking warmth.  
**frigidarium** n. A room kept at a low temperature for preserving fruits, meat, etc.  
**frivolity** n. A trifling act, thought, saying, or practice.  
**frivolous** adj. Trivial.

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- frizz** v. To give a crinkled, fluffy appearance to.  
**frizzle** v. To cause to crinkle or curl, as the hair.  
**frolicsome** adj. Prankish.  
**frontier** n. The part of a nation's territory that abuts upon another country.  
**frowzy** adj. Slovenly in appearance.  
**frugal** adj. Economical.  
**fruition** n. Fulfillment.  
**fugacious** adj. Fleeting.  
**fulcrum** n. The support on or against which a lever rests, or the point about which it turns.  
**fulminate** v. To cause to explode.  
**fulsome** adj. Offensive from excess of praise or commendation.  
**fumigate** v. To subject to the action of smoke or fumes, especially for disinfection.  
**functionary** n. An official.  
**fundamental** adj. Basal.  
**fungible** adj. That may be measured, counted, or weighed.  
**fungous** adj. Spongy.  
**fungus** n. A plant destitute of chlorophyll, as a mushroom.  
**furberish** v. To restore brightness or beauty to.  
**furlong** n. A measure, one-eighth of a mile.  
**furlough** n. A temporary absence of a soldier or sailor by permission of the commanding officer.  
**furrier** n. A dealer in or maker of fur goods.  
**further** adj. More distant or advanced.  
**furtherance** n. Advancement.  
**furtive** adj. Stealthy or sly, like the actions of a thief.  
**fuse** v. To unite or blend as by melting together.  
**fusible** adj. Capable of being melted by heat.  
**futile** adj. Of no avail or effect.  
**futurist** n. A person of expectant temperament.  
**gauge** n. An instrument for measuring.  
**gaiety** n. Festivity.  
**gaily** adv. Merrily.  
**gait** n. Carriage of the body in going.  
**gallant** adj. Possessing a brave or chivalrous spirit.  
**galore** adj. Abundant.  
**galvanic** adj. Pertaining or relating to electricity produced by chemical action.  
**galvanism** n. Current electricity, especially that arising from chemical action.  
**galvanize** v. To imbue with life or animation.  
**gamble** v. To risk money or other possession on an event, chance, or contingency.  
**gambol** n. Playful leaping or frisking.  
**gamester** n. A gambler.  
**gamut** n. The whole range or sequence.  
**garnish** v. In cookery, to surround with additions for embellishment.  
**garrison** n. The military force stationed in a fort, town, or other place for its defense.  
**garrote** v. To execute by strangling.  
**garrulous** adj. Given to constant trivial talking.  
**gaseous** adj. Light and unsubstantial.  
**gastric** adj. Of, pertaining to, or near the stomach.  
**gastritis** n. Inflammation of the stomach.  
**gastronomy** n. The art of preparing and serving appetizing food.  
**gendarme** n. In continental Europe, particularly in France, a uniformed and armed police officer.  
**genealogy** n. A list, in the order of succession, of ancestors and their descendants.  
**genealogist** n. A tracer of pedigrees.  
**generality** n. The principal portion.  
**generalize** v. To draw general inferences.  
**generally** adv. Ordinarily.  
**generate** v. To produce or cause to be.  
**generic** adj. Noting a genus or kind; opposed to specific.  
**generosity** n. A disposition to give liberally or to bestow favors heartily.  
**genesis** n. Creation.  
**geniality** n. Warmth and kindness of disposition.  
**genital** adj. Of or pertaining to the animal reproductive organs.  
**genitive** adj. Indicating source, origin, possession, or the like.  
**genteel** adj. Well-bred or refined.  
**gentile** adj. Belonging to a people not Jewish.  
**geology** n. The department of natural science that treats of the constitution and structure of the earth.  
**germane** adj. Relevant.  
**germinate** v. To begin to develop into an embryo or higher form.  
**gestation** n. Pregnancy.  
**gesticulate** v. To make gestures or motions, as in speaking, or in place of speech.  
**gesture** n. A movement or action of the hands or face, expressive of some idea or emotion.  
**ghastly** adj. Hideous.  
**gibe** v. To utter taunts or reproaches.  
**giddy** adj. Affected with a whirling or swimming sensation in the head.  
**gigantic** adj. Tremendous.  
**giver** n. One who gives, in any sense.  
**glacial** adj. Icy, or icily cold.  
**glacier** n. A field or stream of ice.  
**gladden** v. To make joyous.  
**glazier** n. One who cuts and fits panes of glass, as for windows.  
**glimmer** n. A faint, wavering, unsteady light.  
**glimpse** n. A momentary look.  
**globose** adj. Spherical.  
**globular** adj. Spherical.  
**glorious** adj. Of excellence and splendor.  
**glutinous** adj. Sticky.  
**gluttonous** adj. Given to excess in eating.  
**gnash** v. To grind or strike the teeth together, as from rage.  
**Gordian knot** n. Any difficulty the only issue out of which is by bold or unusual manners.  
**gourmand** n. A connoisseur in the delicacies of the table.  
**gosling** n. A young goose.  
**gossamer** adj. Flimsy.  
**gourd** n. A melon, pumpkin, squash, or some similar fruit having a hard rind.  
**graceless** adj. Ungracious.  
**gradation** n. A step, degree, rank, or relative position in an order or series.  
**gradient** adj. Moving or advancing by steps.  
**granary** n. A storehouse for grain after it is thrashed or husked.  
**grandeur** n. The quality of being grand or admirably great.  
**grandiloquent** adj. Speaking in or characterized by a pompous or bombastic style.  
**grandiose** adj. Having an imposing style or effect.  
**grantee** n. The person to whom property is transferred by deed.  
**grantor** n. The maker of a deed.  
**granular** adj. Composed of small grains or particles.  
**granulate** v. To form into grains or small particles.  
**granule** n. A small grain or particle.  
**grapple** v. To take hold of.  
**gratification** n. Satisfaction.  
**gratify** v. To please, as by satisfying a physical or mental desire or need.  
**gratuitous** adj. Voluntarily.  
**gratuity** n. That which is given without demand or claim. Tip.  
**gravity** n. Seriousness.  
**gregarious** adj. Not habitually solitary or living alone.  
**grenadier** n. A member of a regiment composed of men of great stature.  
**grief** n. Sorrow.  
**grievance** n. That which oppresses, injures, or causes grief and at the same time a sense of wrong.  
**grievous** adj. Creating affliction.  
**grimace** n. A distortion of the features, occasioned by some feeling of pain, disgust, etc.  
**grindstone** n. A flat circular stone, used for sharpening tools.  
**grisly** adj. Fear-inspiring.  
**grotesque** adj. Incongruously composed or ill-proportioned.  
**grotto** n. A small cavern.  
**ground** n. A pavement or floor or any supporting surface on which one may walk.  
**guess** n. Surmise.  
**guile** n. Duplicity.  
**guileless** adj. Frank.  
**guinea** n. An English monetary unit.  
**guise** n. The external appearance as produced by garb or costume.  
**gullible** adj. Credulous.  
**gumption** n. Common sense.  
**gusto** n. Keen enjoyment.  
**guy** n. Stay-rope.  
**guzzle** v. To swallow greedily or hastily; gulp.  
**gynecocracy** n. Female supremacy.  
**gynecology** n. The science that treats of the functions and diseases peculiar to women.  
**gyrate** v. To revolve.  
**gyroscope** n. An instrument for illustrating the laws of rotation.  
**habitable** adj. Fit to be dwelt in.  
**habitant** n. Dweller.  
**habitual** adj. According to usual practice.  
**habitude** n. Customary relation or association.  
**hackney** v. To make stale or trite by repetition.  
**haggard** adj. Worn and gaunt in appearance.  
**halcyon** adj. Calm.  
**hale** adj. Of sound and vigorous health.  
**handwriting** n. Penmanship.  
**hanger-on** n. A parasite.  
**happy-go-lucky** adj. Improvident.

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- harangue** n. A tirade.  
**harass** v. To trouble with importunities, cares, or annoyances.  
**harbinger** n. One who or that which foreruns and announces the coming of any person or thing.  
**hard-hearted** adj. Lacking pity or sympathy.  
**hardihood** n. Foolish daring.  
**harmonious** adj. Concordant in sound.  
**havoc** n. Devastation.  
**hawthorn** n. A thorny shrub much used in England for hedges.  
**hazard** n. Risk.  
**head first** adv. Precipitately, as in diving.  
**head foremost** adv. Precipitately, as in diving.  
**heartrending** adj. Very depressing.  
**heathenish** adj. Irreligious.  
**heedless** adj. Thoughtless.  
**heifer** n. A young cow.  
**heinous** adj. Odiously sinful.  
**hemorrhage** n. Discharge of blood from a ruptured or wounded blood-vessel.  
**hemorrhoids** n. pl. Tumors composed of enlarged and thickened blood-vessels, at the lower end of the rectum.  
**henchman** n. A servile assistant and subordinate.  
**henpeck** v. To worry or harass by ill temper and petty annoyances.  
**heptagon** n. A figure having seven sides and seven angles.  
**heptarchy** n. A group of seven governments.  
**herbaceous** adj. Having the character of a herb.  
**herbarium** n. A collection of dried plants scientifically arranged for study.  
**herbivorous** adj. Feeding on herbs or other vegetable matter, as animals.  
**hereditary** adj. Passing naturally from parent to child.  
**heredity** n. Transmission of physical or mental qualities, diseases, etc., from parent to offspring.  
**heresy** n. An opinion or doctrine subversive of settled beliefs or accepted principles.  
**heretic** n. One who holds opinions contrary to the recognized standards or tenets of any philosophy.  
**heritage** n. Birthright.  
**hernia** n. Protrusion of any internal organ in whole or in part from its normal position.  
**hesitancy** n. A pausing to consider.  
**hesitant** adj. Vacillating.  
**hesitation** n. Vacillation.  
**heterodox** adj. At variance with any commonly accepted doctrine or opinion.  
**heterogeneity** n. Unlikeness of constituent parts.  
**heterogeneous** adj. Consisting of dissimilar elements or ingredients of different kinds.  
**heteromorphic** adj. Deviating from the normal form or standard type.  
**hexangular** adj. Having six angles.  
**hexapod** adj. Having six feet.  
**hexagon** n. A figure with six angles.  
**hiatus** n. A break or vacancy where something necessary to supply the connection is wanting.  
**hibernal** adj. Pertaining to winter.  
**Hibernian** adj. Pertaining to Ireland, or its people.  
**hideous** adj. Appalling.  
**hilarious** adj. Boisterously merry.  
**hillock** n. A small hill or mound.  
**hinder** v. To obstruct.  
**hindmost** adj. Farthest from the front.  
**hindrance** n. An obstacle.  
**hirsute** adj. Having a hairy covering.  
**hoard** v. To gather and store away for the sake of accumulation.  
**hoarse** adj. Having the voice harsh or rough, as from a cold or fatigue.  
**homage** n. Reverential regard or worship.  
**homogeneity** n. Congruity of the members or elements or parts.  
**homogeneous** adj. Made up of similar parts or elements.  
**homologous** adj. Identical in nature, make-up, or relation.  
**homonym** n. A word agreeing in sound with but different in meaning from another.  
**homophone** n. A word agreeing in sound with but different in meaning from another.  
**honorarium** n. A token fee or payment to a professional man for services.  
**hoodwink** v. To deceive.  
**horde** n. A gathered multitude of human beings.  
**hosiery** n. A stocking.  
**hospitable** adj. Disposed to treat strangers or guests with generous kindness.  
**hospitality** n. The practice of receiving and entertaining strangers and guests with kindness.  
**hostility** n. Enmity.  
**huckster** n. One who retails small wares.  
**humane** adj. Compassionate.  
**humanitarian** n. A philanthropist.  
**humanize** v. To make gentle or refined.  
**humbug** n. Anything intended or calculated to deceive or mislead.  
**humiliate** v. To put to shame.  
**hussar** n. A light-horse trooper armed with saber and carbine.  
**hustle** v. To move with haste and promptness.  
**hybrid** adj. Cross-bred.  
**hydra** n. The seven- or nine-headed water-serpent slain by Hercules.  
**hydraulic** adj. Involving the moving of water, of the force exerted by water in motion.  
**hydrodynamics** n. The branch of mechanics that treats of the dynamics of fluids.  
**hydroelectric** adj. Pertaining to electricity developed water or steam.  
**hydromechanics** n. The mechanics of fluids.  
**hydrometer** n. An instrument for determining the density of solids and liquids by flotation.  
**hydrostatics** n. The branch of science that treats of the pressure and equilibrium of fluids.  
**hydrous** adj. Watery.  
**hygiene** n. The branch of medical science that relates to improving health.  
**hypercritical** adj. Faultfinding.  
**hypnosis** n. An artificial trance-sleep.  
**hypnotic** adj. Tending to produce sleep.  
**hypnotism** n. An artificially induced somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestion.  
**hypnotize** v. To produce a somnambulistic state in which the mind readily acts on suggestions.  
**hypocrisy** n. Extreme insincerity.  
**hypocrite** n. One who makes false professions of his views or beliefs.  
**hypodermic** adj. Pertaining to the area under the skin.  
**hypotenuse** n. The side of a right-angled triangle opposite the right angle.  
**hypothesis** n. A proposition taken for granted as a premise from which to reach a conclusion.  
**hysteria** n. A nervous affection occurring typically in paroxysms of laughing and crying.  
**ichthyic** adj. Fish-like.  
**ichthyology** n. The branch of zoology that treats of fishes.  
**ichthyosaurs** n. A fossil reptile.  
**icily** adv. Frigidly.  
**iciness** n. The state of being icy.  
**icon** n. An image or likeness.  
**iconoclast** n. An image-breaker.  
**idealize** v. To make to conform to some mental or imaginary standard.  
**idiom** n. A use of words peculiar to a particular language.  
**idiosyncrasy** n. A mental quality or habit peculiar to an individual.  
**idolize** v. To regard with inordinate love or admiration.  
**ignoble** adj. Low in character or purpose.  
**ignominious** adj. Shameful.  
**Iliad** n. A Greek epic poem describing scenes from the siege of Troy.  
**illegal** adj. Not according to law.  
**illegible** adj. Undecipherable.  
**illegitimate** adj. Unlawfully begotten.  
**illiberal** adj. Stingy.  
**illicit** adj. Unlawful.  
**illimitable** adj. Boundless.  
**illiterate** adj. Having little or no book-learning.  
**ill-natured** adj. Surly.  
**illogical** adj. Contrary to the rules of sound thought.  
**illuminant** n. That which may be used to produce light.  
**illuminate** v. To supply with light.  
**illumine** v. To make bright or clear.  
**illusion** n. An unreal image presented to the senses.  
**illusive** adj. Deceptive.  
**illusory** adj. Deceiving or tending to deceive, as by false appearance.  
**imaginable** adj. That can be imagined or conceived in the mind.  
**imaginary** adj. Fancied.  
**imbibe** v. To drink or take in.  
**imbroglio** n. A misunderstanding attended by ill feeling, perplexity, or strife.  
**imbrue** v. To wet or moisten.  
**imitation** n. That which is made as a likeness or copy.  
**imitator** n. One who makes in imitation.  
**immaculate** adj. Without spot or blemish.  
**immaterial** adj. Of no essential consequence.  
**immature** adj. Not full-grown.  
**immeasurable** adj. Indefinitely extensive.  
**immense** adj. Very great in degree, extent, size, or quantity.  
**immerse** v. To plunge or dip entirely under water or other fluid.  
**immersion** n. The act of plunging or dipping entirely under water or another fluid.  
**immigrant** n. A foreigner who enters a country to settle there.  
**immigrate** v. To come into a country or region from a former habitat.  
**imminence** n. Impending evil or danger.  
**imminent** adj. Dangerous and close at hand.  
**immiscible** adj. Separating, as oil and water.

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**immoral** adj. Habitually engaged in licentious or lewd practices.

**immortalize** v. To cause to last or to be known or remembered throughout a great or indefinite length of time.

**immovable** adj. Steadfast.

**immune** adj. Exempt, as from disease.

**immutable** adj. Unchangeable.

**impair** v. To cause to become less or worse.

**impalpable** adj. Imperceptible to the touch.

**impartial** adj. Unbiased.

**impassable** adj. That can not be passed through or over.

**impassible** adj. Not moved or affected by feeling.

**impassive** adj. Unmoved by or not exhibiting feeling.

**impatience** n. Unwillingness to brook delays or wait the natural course of things.

**impeccable** adj. Blameless.

**impecunious** adj. Having no money.

**impede** v. To be an obstacle or to place obstacles in the way of.

**impel** v. To drive or urge forward.

**impend** v. To be imminent.

**imperative** adj. Obligatory.

**imperceptible** adj. Indiscernible.

**imperfectible** adj. That can not be perfected.

**imperil** v. To endanger.

**imperious** adj. Insisting on obedience.

**impermissible** adj. Not permissible.

**impersonal** adj. Not relating to a particular person or thing.

**impersonate** v. To appear or act in the character of.

**impersuadable** adj. Unyielding.

**impertinence** n. Rudeness.

**imperturbable** adj. Calm.

**impervious** adj. Impenetrable.

**impetuosity** n. Rashness.

**impetuous** adj. Impulsive.

**impetus** n. Any impulse or incentive.

**impiety** n. Irreverence toward God.

**impious** adj. Characterized by irreverence or irreligion.

**implausible** adj. Not plausible.

**impliable** adj. Capable of being inferred.

**implicate** v. To show or prove to be involved in or concerned

**implicit** adj. Implied.

**imply** v. To signify.

**impolitic** adj. Inexpedient.

**importation** n. The act or practice of bringing from one country into another.

**importunate** adj. Urgent in character, request, or demand.

**importune** v. To harass with persistent demands or entreaties.

**impotent** adj. Destitute of or lacking in power, physical, moral, or intellectual.

**impoverish** v. To make indigent or poor.

**impracticable** adj. Not feasible.

**impregnable** adj. That can not be taken by assault.

**impregnate** v. To make pregnant.

**impromptu** n. Anything done or said on the impulse of the moment.

**improper** adj. Not appropriate, suitable, or becoming.

**impropriety** n. The state or quality of being unfit, unseemly, or inappropriate.

**improvident** adj. Lacking foresight or thrift.

**improvise** v. To do anything extemporaneously or offhand.

**imprudent** adj. Heedless.

**impudence** n. Insolent disrespect.

**impugn** v. To assail with arguments, insinuations, or accusations.

**impulsion** n. Impetus.

**impulsive** adj. Unpremeditated.

**impunity** n. Freedom from punishment.

**impure** adj. Tainted.

**impute** v. To attribute.

**inaccessible** adj. Difficult of approach.

**inaccurate** adj. Not exactly according to the facts.

**inactive** adj. Inert.

**inadequate** adj. Insufficient.

**inadmissible** adj. Not to be approved, considered, or allowed, as testimony.

**inadvertent** adj. Accidental.

**inadvisable** adj. Unadvisable.

**inane** adj. Silly.

**inanimate** adj. Destitute of animal life.

**inapprehensible** adj. Not to be understood.

**inapt** adj. Awkward or slow.

**inarticulate** adj. Speechless.

**inaudible** adj. That can not be heard.

**inborn** adj. Implanted by nature.

**inbred** adj. Innate.

**incandescence** n. The state of being white or glowing with heat.

**incandescent** adj. White or glowing with heat.

**incapacitate** v. To deprive of power, capacity, competency, or qualification.

**incapacity** n. Want of power to apprehend, understand, and manage.

**incarcerate** v. To imprison.

**incendiary** n. Chemical or person who starts a fire-literally or figuratively.

**incentive** n. That which moves the mind or inflames the passions.

**inception** n. The beginning.

**inceptive** adj. Beginning.

**incessant** adj. Unceasing.

**inchmeal** adv. Piecemeal.

**inchoate** adj. Incipient.

**inchoative** n. That which begins, or expresses beginning.

**incidence** n. Casual occurrence.

**incident** n. A happening in general, especially one of little importance.

**incidentally** adv. Without intention.

**incinerate** v. To reduce to ashes.

**incipience** n. Beginning.

**incipient** adj. Initial.

**incisor** n. A front or cutting tooth.

**incite** v. To rouse to a particular action.

**incitement** n. That which moves to action, or serves as an incentive or stimulus.

**incoercible** adj. Incapable of being forced, constrained, or compelled.

**incoherence** n. Want of connection, or agreement, as of parts or ideas in thought, speech, etc.

**incoherent** adj. Not logically coordinated, as to parts, elements, or details.

**incombustible** adj. That can not be burned.

**incomparable** adj. Matchless.

**incompatible** adj. Discordant.

**incompetence** n. General lack of capacity or fitness.

**incompetent** adj. Not having the abilities desired or necessary for any purpose.

**incomplete** adj. Lacking some element, part, or adjunct necessary or required.

**incomprehensible** adj. Not understandable.

**incompressible** adj. Resisting all attempts to reduce volume by pressure.

**inconceivable** adj. Incomprehensible.

**incongruous** adj. Unsuitable for the time, place, or occasion.

**inconsequential** adj. Valueless.

**inconsiderable** adj. Small in quantity or importance.

**inconsistent** adj. Contradictory.

**inconstant** adj. Changeable.

**incontrovertible** adj. Indisputable.

**inconvenient** adj. Interfering with comfort or progress.

**indefensible** adj. Untenable.

**indefinitely** adv. In a vague or uncertain way.

**indelible** adj. That can not be blotted out, effaced, destroyed, or removed.

**indescribable** adj. That can not be described.

**indestructible** adj. That can not be destroyed.

**inducant** adj. That which points out.

**indicator** n. One who or that which points out.

**indict** v. To find and declare chargeable with crime.

**indigence** n. Poverty.

**indigenous** adj. Native.

**indigent** adj. Poor.

**indigestible** adj. Not digestible, or difficult to digest.

**indigestion** n. Difficulty or failure in the alimentary canal in changing food into absorptive nutriment.

**indignant** adj. Having such anger and scorn as is aroused by meanness or wickedness.

**indignity** n. Unmerited contemptuous conduct or treatment.

**indiscernible** adj. Not perceptible.

**indiscreet** adj. Lacking wise judgment.

**indiscriminate** adj. Promiscuous.

**indispensable** adj. Necessary or requisite for the purpose.

**indistinct** adj. Vague.

**indivertible** adj. That can not be turned aside.

**indivisible** adj. Not separable into parts.

**indolence** n. Laziness.

**indolent** adj. Habitually inactive or idle.

**indomitable** adj. Unconquerable.

**induct** v. To bring in.

**indulgence** n. The yielding to inclination, passion, desire, or propensity in oneself or another.

**indulgent** adj. Yielding to the desires or humor of oneself or those under one's care.

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- inebriate** v. To intoxicate.  
**inedible** adj. Not good for food.  
**ineffable** adj. Unutterable.  
**inefficient** adj. Not accomplishing an intended purpose.  
**inefficiency** n. That which does not accomplish an intended purpose.  
**ineligible** adj. Not suitable to be selected or chosen.  
**inept** adj. Not fit or suitable.  
**inert** adj. Inanimate.  
**inestimable** adj. Above price.  
**inevitable** adj. Unavoidable.  
**inexcusable** adj. Not to be justified.  
**inexhaustible** adj. So large or furnishing so great a supply as not to be emptied, wasted, or spent.  
**inexorable** adj. Unrelenting.  
**inexpedient** adj. Unadvisable.  
**inexpensive** adj. Low-priced.  
**inexperience** n. Lack of or deficiency in experience.  
**inexplicable** adj. Such as can not be made plain.  
**inexpressible** adj. Unutterable.  
**inextensible** adj. Of unchangeable length or area.  
**infallible** adj. Exempt from error of judgment, as in opinion or statement.  
**infamous** adj. Publicly branded or notorious, as for vice, or crime.  
**infamy** n. Total loss or destitution of honor or reputation.  
**inference** n. The derivation of a judgment from any given material of knowledge on the ground of law.  
**infernal** adj. Akin to or befitting hell or its occupants.  
**infest** v. To be present in such numbers as to be a source of annoyance, trouble, or danger.  
**infidel** n. One who denies the existence of God.  
**infidelity** n. Disloyalty.  
**infinite** adj. Measureless.  
**infinity** n. Boundless or immeasurable extension or duration.  
**infirm** adj. Lacking in bodily or mental strength.  
**infirmary** n. A place for the reception or treatment of the sick.  
**infirmity** n. A physical, mental, or moral weakness or flaw.  
**inflammable** adj. Easily set on fire or excited.  
**inflammation** n. A morbid process in some part of the body characterized by heat, swelling, and pain.  
**inflexible** adj. That can not be altered or varied.  
**influence** n. Ability to sway the will of another.  
**influential** adj. Having the power to sway the will of another.  
**influx** n. Infusion.  
**infrequency** n. Rareness.  
**infrequent** adj. Uncommon.  
**infringe** v. To trespass upon.  
**infuse** v. To instill, introduce, or inculcate, as principles or qualities.  
**infusion** n. The act of imbuing, or pouring in.  
**ingenious** adj. Evincing skill, originality, or cleverness, as in contrivance or arrangement.  
**ingenuity** n. Cleverness in contriving, combining, or originating.  
**ingenuous** adj. Candid, frank, or open in character or quality.  
**inglorious** adj. Shameful.  
**ingraft** v. To set or implant deeply and firmly.  
**ingratiate** v. To win confidence or good graces for oneself.  
**ingratitude** n. Insensibility to kindness.  
**ingredient** n. Component.  
**inherence** n. The state of being permanently existing in something.  
**inherent** adj. Intrinsic.  
**inhibit** v. To hold back or in.  
**inhospitable** adj. Not disposed to entertain strangers gratuitously.  
**inhuman** adj. Savage.  
**inhume** v. To place in the earth, as a dead body.  
**inimical** adj. Adverse.  
**iniquity** n. Gross wrong or injustice.  
**initiate** v. To perform the first act or rite.  
**inject** v. To introduce, as a fluid, by injection.  
**injunction** n. Mandate.  
**inkling** n. A hint.  
**inland** adj. Remote from the sea.  
**inlet** n. A small body of water leading into a larger.  
**inmost** adj. Deepest within.  
**innocuous** adj. Harmless.  
**innovate** v. To introduce or strive to introduce new things.  
**innuendo** n. Insinuation.  
**innumerable** adj. Countless.  
**inoffensive** adj. Causing nothing displeasing or disturbing.  
**inopportune** adj. Unsuitable or inconvenient, especially as to time.  
**inquire** v. To ask information about.  
**inquisition** n. A court or tribunal for examination and punishment of heretics.  
**inquisitive** adj. Given to questioning, especially out of curiosity.  
**inquisitor** n. One who makes an investigation.  
**inroad** n. Forcible encroachment or trespass.  
**insatiable** adj. That desires or craves immoderately or unappeasably.  
**inscribe** v. To enter in a book, or on a list, roll, or document, by writing.  
**inscrutable** adj. Impenetrably mysterious or profound.  
**insecure** adj. Not assured of safety.  
**insensible** adj. Imperceptible.  
**insentient** adj. Lacking the power of feeling or perceiving.  
**inseparable** adj. That can not be separated.  
**insidious** adj. Working ill by slow and stealthy means.  
**insight** n. Intellectual discernment.  
**insignificance** n. Lack of import or of importance.  
**insignificant** adj. Without importance, force, or influence.  
**insinuate** v. To imply.  
**insipid** adj. Tasteless.  
**insistence** n. Urgency.  
**insistent** adj. Urgent.  
**insolence** n. Pride or haughtiness exhibited in contemptuous and overbearing treatment of others.  
**insolent** adj. Impudent.  
**insomnia** n. Sleeplessness.  
**inspector** n. An official appointed to examine or oversee any matter of public interest or importance.  
**instance** n. A single occurrence or happening of a given kind.  
**instant** n. A very brief portion of time.  
**instantaneous** adj. Done without perceptible lapse of time.  
**instigate** v. To provoke.  
**instigator** n. One who incites to evil.  
**instill** v. To infuse.  
**instructive** adj. Conveying knowledge.  
**insufficiency** n. Inadequacy.  
**insufficient** adj. Inadequate for some need, purpose, or use.  
**insular** adj. Pertaining to an island.  
**insulate** v. To place in a detached state or situation.  
**insuperable** adj. Invincible.  
**insuppressible** adj. Incapable of being concealed.  
**insurgence** n. Uprising.  
**insurgent** n. One who takes part in forcible opposition to the constituted authorities of a place.  
**insurrection** n. The state of being in active resistance to authority.  
**intangible** adj. Not perceptible to the touch.  
**integrity** n. Uprightness of character and soundness of moral principle.  
**intellect** n. The faculty of perception or thought.  
**intellectual** adj. Characterized by intelligence.  
**intelligence** n. Capacity to know or understand.  
**intelligible** adj. Comprehensible.  
**interference** n. Immoderate action or indulgence, as of the appetites.  
**intension** n. The act of stringing or stretching, or state of being strained.  
**intensive** adj. Adding emphasis or force.  
**intention** n. That upon which the mind is set.  
**interact** v. To act reciprocally.  
**intercede** v. To mediate between persons.  
**intercept** v. To interrupt the course of.  
**intercession** n. Entreaty in behalf of others.  
**intercessor** n. A mediator.  
**interdict** n. Authoritative act of prohibition.  
**interim** n. Time between acts or periods.  
**interlocutor** n. One who takes part in a conversation or oral discussion.  
**interlude** n. An action or event considered as coming between others of greater length.  
**intermediate** adj. Being in a middle place or degree or between extremes.  
**interminable** adj. Having no limit or end.  
**intermission** n. A recess.  
**intermit** v. To cause to cease temporarily.  
**intermittent** adj. A temporary discontinuance.  
**interpolation** n. Verbal interference.  
**interpose** v. To come between other things or persons.  
**interposition** n. A coming between.  
**interpreter** n. A person who makes intelligible the speech of a foreigner by oral translation.  
**interrogate** v. To examine formally by questioning.

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- interrogative** adj. Having the nature or form of a question.  
**interrogatory** n. A question or inquiry.  
**interrupt** v. To stop while in progress.  
**intersect** v. To cut through or into so as to divide.  
**intervale** n. A low tract of land between hills, especially along a river.  
**intervene** v. To interfere for some end.  
**intestacy** n. The condition resulting from one's dying not having made a valid will.  
**intestate** adj. Not having made a valid will.  
**intestine** n. That part of the digestive tube below or behind the stomach, extending to the anus.  
**intimacy** n. Close or confidential friendship.  
**intimidate** v. To cause to become frightened.  
**intolerable** adj. Insufferable.  
**intolerance** n. Inability or unwillingness to bear or endure.  
**intolerant** adj. Bigoted.  
**intoxicant** n. Anything that unduly exhilarates or excites.  
**intoxicate** v. To make drunk.  
**intracellular** adj. Occurring or situated within a cell.  
**intramural** adj. Situated within the walls of a city.  
**intrepid** adj. Fearless and bold.  
**intricacy** n. Perplexity.  
**intricate** adj. Difficult to follow or understand.  
**intrigue** n. A plot or scheme, usually complicated and intended to accomplish something by secret ways.  
**intrinsic** adj. Inherent.  
**introductory** adj. Preliminary.  
**introgression** n. Entrance.  
**intromit** v. To insert.  
**introspect** v. To look into.  
**introspection** n. The act of observing and analyzing one's own thoughts and feelings.  
**introversion** n. The act of turning or directing inward, physically or mentally.  
**introvert** v. To turn within.  
**intrude** v. To come in without leave or license.  
**intrusion** n. The act of entering without warrant or invitation; encroachment.  
**intuition** n. Instinctive knowledge or feeling.  
**inundate** v. To fill with an overflowing abundance.  
**inundation** n. Flood.  
**inure** v. To harden or toughen by use, exercise, or exposure.  
**invalid** adj. Having no force, weight, or cogency.  
**invalid** n. One who is disabled by illness or injury.  
**invalidate** v. To render of no force or effect.  
**invaluable** adj. Exceedingly precious.  
**invariable** adj. Unchangeable.  
**invasion** n. Encroachment, as by an act of intrusion or trespass.  
**invective** n. An utterance intended to cast censure, or reproach.  
**inveigh** v. To utter vehement censure or invective.  
**inventive** adj. Quick at contrivance.  
**inverse** adj. Contrary in tendency or direction.  
**inversion** n. Change of order so that the first shall become last and the last first.  
**invert** v. To turn inside out, upside down, or in opposite direction.  
**investigator** n. One who investigates.  
**investor** n. One who invests money.  
**inveterate** adj. Habitual.  
**invidious** adj. Showing or feeling envy.  
**invigorate** v. To animate.  
**invincible** adj. Not to be conquered, subdued, or overcome.  
**inviolable** adj. Incapable of being injured or disturbed.  
**invoke** v. To call on for assistance or protection.  
**involuntary** adj. Unwilling.  
**involution** n. Complication.  
**involve** v. To draw into entanglement, literally or figuratively.  
**invulnerable** adj. That can not be wounded or hurt.  
**inwardly** adv. With no outward manifestation.  
**iota** n. A small or insignificant mark or part.  
**irascible** adj. Prone to anger.  
**irate** adj. Moved to anger.  
**ire** n. Wrath.  
**iridescence** n. A many-colored appearance.  
**iridescent** adj. Exhibiting changing rainbow-colors due to the interference of the light.  
**irk** v. To afflict with pain, vexation, or fatigue.  
**irksome** adj. Wearisome.  
**irony** n. Censure or ridicule under cover of praise or compliment.  
**irradiance** n. Luster.  
**irradiate** v. To render clear and intelligible.  
**irrational** adj. Not possessed of reasoning powers or understanding.  
**irreducible** adj. That can not be lessened.  
**irrefragable** adj. That can not be refuted or disproved.  
**irrefragible** adj. That can not be broken or violated.  
**irrelevant** adj. Inapplicable.  
**irreligious** adj. Indifferent or opposed to religion.  
**irreparable** adj. That can not be rectified or made amends for.  
**irrepressible** adj. That can not be restrained or kept down.  
**irresistible** adj. That can not be successfully withstood or opposed.  
**irresponsible** adj. Careless of or unable to meet responsibilities.  
**irreverence** n. The quality showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things.  
**irreverent** adj. Showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things.  
**irreverential** adj. Showing or expressing a deficiency of veneration, especially for sacred things.  
**irreversible** adj. Irrevocable.  
**irrigant** adj. Serving to water lands by artificial means.  
**irrigate** v. To water, as land, by ditches or other artificial means.  
**irritable** adj. Showing impatience or ill temper on little provocation.  
**irritancy** n. The quality of producing vexation.  
**irritant** n. A mechanical, chemical, or pathological agent of inflammation, pain, or tension.  
**irritate** v. To excite ill temper or impatience in.  
**irruption** n. Sudden invasion.  
**isle** n. An island.  
**islet** n. A little island.  
**isobar** n. A line joining points at which the barometric pressure is the same at a specified moment.  
**isochronous** adj. Relating to or denoting equal intervals of time.  
**isolate** v. To separate from others of its kind.  
**isothermal** adj. Having or marking equality of temperature.  
**itinerant** adj. Wandering.  
**itinerary** n. A detailed account or diary of a journey.  
**itinerate** v. To wander from place to place.  
**jargon** n. Confused, unintelligible speech or highly technical speech.  
**jaundice** n. A morbid condition, due to obstructed excretion of bile or characterized by yellowing of the skin.  
**jeopardize** v. To imperil.  
**Jingo** n. One of a party in Great Britain in favor of spirited and demonstrative foreign policy.  
**jocose** adj. Done or made in jest.  
**jocular** adj. Inclined to joke.  
**joggle** n. A sudden irregular shake or a push causing such a shake.  
**journalize** v. To keep a diary.  
**jovial** adj. Merry.  
**jubilation** n. Exultation.  
**judgment** n. The faculty by the exercise of which a deliberate conclusion is reached.  
**judicature** n. Distribution and administration of justice by trial and judgment.  
**judicial** adj. Pertaining to the administration of justice.  
**judiciary** n. That department of government which administers the law relating to civil and criminal justice.  
**judicious** adj. Prudent.  
**juggle** v. To play tricks of sleight of hand.  
**jugglery** n. The art or practice of sleight of hand.  
**jugular** adj. Pertaining to the throat.  
**juicy** adj. Succulent.  
**junction** n. The condition of being joined.  
**juncture** n. An articulation, joint, or seam.  
**junta** n. A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government.  
**juridical** adj. Assumed by law to exist.  
**jurisdiction** n. Lawful power or right to exercise official authority.  
**jurisprudence** n. The science of rights in accordance with positive law.  
**juror** n. One who serves on a jury or is sworn in for jury duty in a court of justice.  
**joust** v. To engage in a tilt with lances on horseback.  
**justification** n. Vindication.  
**juvenile** adj. Characteristic of youth.  
**juxtapose** v. To place close together.  
**keepsake** n. Anything kept or given to be kept for the sake of the giver.  
**kerchief** n. A square of linen, silk, or other material, used as a covering for the head or neck.  
**kernel** n. A grain or seed.  
**kiln** n. An oven or furnace for baking, burning, or drying industrial products.  
**kiloliter** n. One thousand liters.  
**kilometer** n. A length of 1,000 meters.  
**kilowatt** n. One thousand watts.

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**kimono** n. A loose robe, fastening with a sash, the principal outer garment in Japan.

**kind-hearted** adj. Having a kind and sympathetic nature.

**kingling** n. A petty king.

**kingship** n. Royal state.

**kinsfolk** n. pl. Relatives.

**knavery** n. Deceitfulness in dealing.

**knead** v. To mix and work into a homogeneous mass, especially with the hands.

**knickknack** n. A small article, more for ornament than use.

**knight errant** n. One of the wandering knights who in the middle ages went forth in search of adventure.

**knighthood** n. Chivalry.

**laborious** adj. Toilsome.

**labyrinth** n. A maze.

**lacerate** v. To tear rudely or raggedly.

**lackadaisical** adj. Listless.

**lactation** n. The secretion of milk.

**lacteal** adj. Milky.

**lactic** adj. Pertaining to milk.

**laddie** n. A lad.

**ladle** n. A cup-shaped vessel with a long handle, intended for dipping up and pouring liquids.

**laggard** adj. Falling behind.

**landholder** n. Landowner.

**landlord** n. A man who owns and lets a tenement or tenements.

**landmark** n. A familiar object in the landscape serving as a guide to an area otherwise easily lost track of.

**landscape** n. A rural view, especially one of picturesque effect, as seen from a distance or an elevation.

**languid** adj. Relaxed.

**languor** n. Lassitude of body or depression.

**lapse** n. A slight deviation from what is right, proper, or just.

**lascivious** adj. Lustful.

**lassie** n. A little lass.

**latent** adj. Dormant.

**latency** n. The state of being dormant.

**later** adv. At a subsequent time.

**lateral** adj. Directed toward the side.

**latish** adj. Rather late.

**lattice** n. Openwork of metal or wood, formed by crossing or interlacing strips or bars.

**laud** v. To praise in words or song.

**laudable** adj. Praiseworthy.

**laudation** n. High praise.

**laudatory** adj. Pertaining to, expressing, or containing praise.

**laundress** n. Washerwoman.

**laureate** adj. Crowned with laurel, as a mark of distinction.

**lave** v. To wash or bathe.

**lawgiver** n. A legislator.

**lawmaker** n. A legislator.

**lax** adj. Not stringent or energetic.

**laxative** adj. Having power to open or loosen the bowels.

**lea** n. A field.

**leaflet** n. A little leaf or a booklet.

**leaven** v. To make light by fermentation, as dough.

**leeward** n. That side or direction toward which the wind blows.

**left-handed** adj. Using the left hand or arm more dexterously than the right.

**legacy** n. A bequest.

**legalize** v. To give the authority of law to.

**legging** n. A covering for the leg.

**legible** adj. That may be read with ease.

**legionary** n. A member of an ancient Roman legion or of the modern French Legion of Honor.

**legislate** v. To make or enact a law or laws.

**legislative** adj. That makes or enacts laws.

**legislator** n. A lawgiver.

**legitimacy** n. Accordance with law.

**legitimate** adj. Having the sanction of law or established custom.

**leisure** n. Spare time.

**leniency** n. Forbearance.

**lenient** adj. Not harsh.

**leonine** adj. Like a lion.

**lethargy** n. Prolonged sluggishness of body or mind.

**levee** n. An embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent overflow.

**lever** n. That which exerts, or through which one may exert great power.

**leviathan** n. Any large animal, as a whale.

**levity** n. Frivolity.

**levy** v. To impose and collect by force or threat of force.

**lewd** adj. Characterized by lust or lasciviousness.

**lexicographer** n. One who makes dictionaries.

**lexicography** n. The making of dictionaries.

**lexicon** n. A dictionary.

**liable** adj. Justly or legally responsible.

**libel** n. Defamation.

**liberalism** n. Opposition to conservatism.

**liberate** v. To set free or release from bondage.

**licentious** adj. Wanton.

**licit** adj. Lawful.

**liege** adj. Sovereign.

**lien** n. A legal claim or hold on property, as security for a debt or charge.

**lieu** n. Stead.

**lifelike** adj. Realistic.

**lifelong** adj. Lasting or continuous through life.

**lifetime** n. The time that life continues.

**ligament** n. That which binds objects together.

**ligature** n. Anything that constricts, or serves for binding or tying.

**light-hearted** adj. Free from care.

**ligneous** adj. Having the texture of appearance of wood.

**likelihood** n. A probability.

**likely** adj. Plausible.

**liking** n. Fondness.

**limitation** n. A restriction.

**linear** adj. Of the nature of a line.

**liner** n. A vessel belonging to a steamship-line.

**lingo** n. Language.

**lingua** n. The tongue.

**lingual** adj. Pertaining to the use of the tongue in utterance.

**linguist** n. One who is acquainted with several languages.

**linguistics** n. The science of languages, or of the origin, history, and significance of words.

**liniment** n. A liquid preparation for rubbing on the skin in cases of bruises, inflammation, etc.

**liquefacient** adj. Possessing a liquefying nature or power.

**liquefy** v. To convert into a liquid or into liquid form.

**liqueur** n. An alcoholic cordial sweetened and flavored with aromatic substances.

**liquidate** v. To deliver the amount or value of.

**liquor** n. Any alcoholic or intoxicating liquid.

**listless** adj. Inattentive.

**literacy** n. The state or condition of knowing how to read and write.

**literal** adj. Following the exact words.

**literature** n. The written or printed productions of the human mind collectively.

**lithe** adj. Supple.

**lithesome** adj. Nimble.

**lithograph** n. A print made by printing from stone.

**lithotype** n. In engraving, an etched stone surface for printing.

**litigant** n. A party to a lawsuit.

**litigate** v. To cause to become the subject-matter of a suit at law.

**litigious** adj. Quarrelsome.

**littoral** adj. Of, pertaining to, or living on a shore.

**liturgy** n. A ritual.

**livelihood** n. Means of subsistence.

**livid** adj. Black-and-blue, as contused flesh.

**loam** n. A non-coherent mixture of sand and clay.

**loath** adj. Averse.

**loathe** v. To abominate.

**locative** adj. Indicating place, or the place where or wherein an action occurs.

**loch** n. A lake.

**locomotion** n. The act or power of moving from one place to another.

**lode** n. A somewhat continuous unstratified metal-bearing vein.

**lodgment** n. The act of furnishing with temporary quarters.

**logic** n. The science of correct thinking.

**logical** adj. Capable of or characterized by clear reasoning.

**logician** n. An expert reasoner.

**loiterer** n. One who consumes time idly.

**loneliness** n. Solitude.

**longevity** n. Unusually prolonged life.

**loot** v. To plunder.

**loquacious** adj. Talkative.

**lordling** n. A little lord.

**lough** n. A lake or loch.

**louse** n. A small insect parasitic on and sucking the blood of mammals.

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- lovable** adj. Amiable.  
**low-spirited** adj. Despondent.  
**lowly** adv. Rudely.  
**lucid** adj. Mentally sound.  
**lucrative** adj. Highly profitable.  
**ludicrous** adj. Laughable.  
**luminary** n. One of the heavenly bodies as a source of light.  
**luminescent** adj. Showing increase of light.  
**luminescence** n. Showing increase.  
**luminosity** n. The quality of giving or radiating light.  
**luminous** adj. Giving or radiating light.  
**lunacy** n. Mental unsoundness.  
**lunar** adj. Pertaining to the moon.  
**lunatic** n. An insane person.  
**lune** n. The moon.  
**lurid** adj. Ghastly and sensational.  
**luscious** adj. Rich, sweet, and delicious.  
**lustrous** adj. Shining.  
**luxuriance** n. Excessive or superfluous growth or quantity.  
**luxuriant** adj. Abundant or superabundant in growth.  
**luxuriate** v. To live sumptuously.  
**lying** n. Untruthfulness.  
**lyre** n. One of the most ancient of stringed instruments of the harp class.  
**lyric** adj. Fitted for expression in song.  
**macadamize** v. To cover or pave, as a path or roadway, with small broken stone.  
**machinery** n. The parts of a machine or engine, taken collectively.  
**machinist** n. One who makes or repairs machines, or uses metal-working tools.  
**macrocosm** n. The whole of any sphere or department of nature or knowledge to which man is related.  
**madden** v. To inflame with passion.  
**Madonna** n. A painted or sculptured representation of the Virgin, usually with the infant Jesus.  
**magician** n. A sorcerer.  
**magisterial** adj. Having an air of authority.  
**magistracy** n. The office or dignity of a magistrate.  
**magnanimous** adj. Generous in treating or judging others.  
**magnate** n. A person of rank or importance.  
**magnet** n. A body possessing that peculiar form of polarity found in nature in the lodestone.  
**magnetize** v. To make a magnet of, permanently, or temporarily.  
**magnificence** n. The exhibition of greatness of action, character, intellect, wealth, or power.  
**magnificent** adj. Grand or majestic in appearance, quality, or action.  
**magnitude** n. Importance.  
**maharaja** n. A great Hindu prince.  
**maidenhood** n. Virginity.  
**maintain** v. To hold or preserve in any particular state or condition.  
**maintenance** n. That which supports or sustains.  
**maize** n. Indian corn: usually in the United States called simply corn.  
**makeup** n. The arrangements or combination of the parts of which anything is composed.  
**malady** n. Any physical disease or disorder, especially a chronic or deep-seated one.  
**malaria** n. A fever characterized by alternating chills, fever, and sweating.  
**malcontent** n. One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs.  
**malediction** n. The calling down of a curse or curses.  
**malefactor** n. One who injures another.  
**maleficent** adj. Mischievous.  
**malevolence** n. Ill will.  
**malevolent** adj. Wishing evil to others.  
**malign** v. To speak evil of, especially to do so falsely and severely.  
**malignant** adj. Evil in nature or tending to do great harm or mischief.  
**malleable** adj. Pliant.  
**mallet** n. A wooden hammer.  
**maltreat** v. To treat ill, unkindly, roughly, or abusively.  
**man-trap** n. A place or structure dangerous to human life.  
**mandate** n. A command.  
**mandatory** adj. Expressive of positive command, as distinguished from merely directory.  
**mane** n. The long hair growing upon and about the neck of certain animals, as the horse and the lion.  
**man-eater** n. An animal that devours human beings.  
**maneuver** v. To make adroit or artful moves: manage affairs by strategy.  
**mania** n. Insanity.  
**maniac** n. A person raving with madness.  
**manifesto** n. A public declaration, making announcement, explanation or defense of intentions, or motives.  
**manlike** adj. Like a man.  
**manliness** n. The qualities characteristic of a true man, as bravery, resolution, etc.  
**mannerism** n. Constant or excessive adherence to one manner, style, or peculiarity, as of action or conduct.  
**manor** n. The landed estate of a lord or nobleman.  
**mantel** n. The facing, sometimes richly ornamented, about a fireplace, including the usual shelf above it.  
**mantle** n. A cloak.  
**manufacturer** n. A person engaged in manufacturing as a business.  
**manumission** n. Emancipation.  
**manumit** v. To set free from bondage.  
**marine** adj. Of or pertaining to the sea or matters connected with the sea.  
**maritime** adj. Situated on or near the sea.  
**maroon** v. To put ashore and abandon (a person) on a desolate coast or island.  
**martial** adj. Pertaining to war or military operations.  
**Martian** adj. Pertaining to Mars, either the Roman god of war or the planet.  
**martyrdom** n. Submission to death or persecution for the sake of faith or principle.  
**marvel** v. To be astonished and perplexed because of (something).  
**masonry** n. The art or work of constructing, as buildings, walls, etc., with regularly arranged stones.  
**masquerade** n. A social party composed of persons masked and costumed so as to be disguised.  
**massacre** n. The unnecessary and indiscriminate killing of human beings.  
**massive** adj. Of considerable bulk and weight.  
**masterpiece** n. A superior production.  
**mastery** n. The attainment of superior skill.  
**material** n. That of which anything is composed or may be constructed.  
**materialize** v. To take perceptible or substantial form.  
**maternal** adj. Pertaining or peculiar to a mother or to motherhood.  
**matinee** n. An entertainment (especially theatrical) held in the daytime.  
**matricide** n. The killing, especially the murdering, of one's mother.  
**matrimony** n. The union of a man and a woman in marriage.  
**matrix** n. That which contains and gives shape or form to anything.  
**matter of fact** n. Something that has actual and undeniable existence or reality.  
**maudlin** adj. Foolishly and tearfully affectionate.  
**mausoleum** n. A tomb of more than ordinary size or architectural pretensions.  
**mawkish** adj. Sickening or insipid.  
**maxim** n. A principle accepted as true and acted on as a rule or guide.  
**maze** n. A labyrinth.  
**mead** n. A meadow.  
**meager** adj. scanty.  
**mealy-mouthed** adj. Afraid to express facts or opinions plainly.  
**meander** v. To wind and turn while proceeding in a course.  
**mechanics** n. The branch of physics that treats the phenomena caused by the action of forces.  
**medallion** n. A large medal.  
**meddlesome** adj. Interfering.  
**medial** adj. Of or pertaining to the middle.  
**mediate** v. To effect by negotiating as an agent between parties.  
**medicine** n. A substance possessing or reputed to possess curative or remedial properties.  
**medieval** adj. Belonging or relating to or descriptive of the middle ages.  
**mediocre** adj. Ordinary.  
**meditation** n. The turning or revolving of a subject in the mind.  
**medley** n. A composition of different songs or parts of songs arranged to run as a continuous whole.  
**meliorate** v. To make better or improve, as in quality or social or physical condition.  
**mellifluous** adj. Sweetly or smoothly flowing.  
**melodious** adj. Characterized by a sweet succession of sounds.  
**melodrama** n. A drama with a romantic story or plot and sensational situation and incidents.  
**memento** n. A souvenir.  
**memorable** adj. Noteworthy.  
**menace** n. A threat.  
**menagerie** n. A collection of wild animals, especially when kept for exhibition.  
**mendacious** adj. Untrue.  
**mendicant** n. A beggar.  
**mentality** n. Intellectuality.  
**mentor** n. A wise and faithful teacher, guide, and friend.  
**mercantile** adj. Conducted or acting on business principles; commercial.  
**mercenary** adj. Greedy  
**merciful** adj. Disposed to pity and forgive.  
**merciless** adj. Cruel.  
**meretricious** adj. Alluring by false or gaudy show.  
**mesmerize** v. To hypnotize.

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- messieurs** n. pl. Gentlemen.
- metal** n. An element that forms a base by combining with oxygen, is usually hard, heavy, and lustrous.
- metallurgy** n. The art or science of extracting a metal from ores, as by smelting.
- metamorphosis** n. A passing from one form or shape into another.
- metaphor** n. A figure of speech in which one object is likened to another, by speaking as if the other.
- metaphysical** adj. Philosophical.
- metaphysician** n. One skilled in metaphysics.
- metaphysics** n. The principles of philosophy as applied to explain the methods of any particular science.
- mete** v. To apportion.
- metempsychosis** n. Transition of the soul of a human being at death into another body, whether human or beast.
- meticulous** adj. Over-cautious.
- metonymy** n. A figure of speech that consists in the naming of a thing by one of its attributes.
- metric** adj. Relating to measurement.
- metronome** n. An instrument for indicating and marking exact time in music.
- metropolis** n. A chief city, either the capital or the largest or most important city of a state.
- metropolitan** adj. Pertaining to a chief city.
- mettle** n. Courage.
- mettlesome** adj. Having courage or spirit.
- microcosm** n. The world or universe on a small scale.
- micrometer** n. An instrument for measuring very small angles or dimensions.
- microphone** n. An apparatus for magnifying faint sounds.
- microscope** n. An instrument for assisting the eye in the vision of minute objects or features of objects.
- microscopic** adj. Adapted to or characterized by minute observation.
- microscopy** n. The art of examining objects with the microscope.
- midsummer** n. The middle of the summer.
- midwife** n. A woman who makes a business of assisting at childbirth.
- mien** n. The external appearance or manner of a person.
- migrant** adj. Wandering.
- migrate** v. To remove or pass from one country, region, or habitat to another.
- migratory** adj. Wandering.
- mileage** n. A distance in miles.
- militant** adj. Of a warlike or combative disposition or tendency.
- militarism** n. A policy of maintaining great standing armies.
- militate** v. To have weight or influence (in determining a question).
- militia** n. Those citizens, collectively, who are enrolled and drilled in temporary military organizations.
- Milky Way** n. The galaxy.
- millet** n. A grass cultivated for forage and cereal.
- mimic** v. To imitate the speech or actions of.
- miniature** adj. Much smaller than reality or that the normal size.
- minimize** v. To reduce to the smallest possible amount or degree.
- minion** n. A servile favorite.
- ministration** n. Any religious ceremonial.
- ministry** n. A service.
- minority** n. The smaller in number of two portions into which a number or a group is divided.
- minute** adj. Exceedingly small in extent or quantity.
- minutia** n. A small or unimportant particular or detail.
- mirage** n. An optical effect looking like a sheet of water in the desert.
- misadventure** n. An unlucky accident.
- misanthropic** adj. Hating mankind.
- misanthropy** n. Hatred of mankind.
- misapprehend** v. To misunderstand.
- misbehave** v. To behave ill.
- misbehavior** n. Ill or improper behavior.
- mischievous** adj. Fond of tricks.
- miscount** v. To make a mistake in counting.
- miscreant** n. A villain.
- misdeed** n. A wrong or improper act.
- misdeemeanor** n. Evil conduct, small crime.
- miser** n. A person given to saving and hoarding unduly.
- mishap** n. Misfortune.
- misinterpret** v. To misunderstand.
- mislay** v. To misplace.
- mismanage** v. To manage badly, improperly, or unskillfully.
- misnomer** n. A name wrongly or mistakenly applied.
- misogamy** n. Hatred of marriage.
- misogyny** n. Hatred of women.
- misplace** v. To put into a wrong place.
- misrepresent** v. To give a wrong impression.
- misrule** v. To misgovern.
- missal** n. The book containing the service for the celebration of mass.
- missile** n. Any object, especially a weapon, thrown or intended to be thrown.
- missive** n. A message in writing.
- mistrust** v. To regard with suspicion or jealousy.
- misty** adj. Lacking clearness.
- misunderstand** v. To Take in a wrong sense.
- misuse** v. To maltreat.
- mite** n. A very small amount, portion, or particle.
- miter** n. The junction of two bodies at an equally divided angle.
- mitigate** v. To make milder or more endurable.
- memonics** n. A system of principles and formulas designed to assist the recollection in certain instances.
- moat** n. A ditch on the outside of a fortress wall.
- mobocracy** n. Lawless control of public affairs by the mob or populace.
- moccasin** n. A foot-covering made of soft leather or buckskin.
- mockery** n. Ridicule.
- moderation** n. Temperance.
- moderator** n. The presiding officer of a meeting.
- modernity** n. The state or character of being modern.
- modernize** v. To make characteristic of the present or of recent times.
- modification** n. A change.
- modify** v. To make somewhat different.
- modish** adj. Fashionable.
- modulate** v. To vary in tone, inflection, pitch or other quality of sound.
- mollify** v. To soothe.
- molt** v. To cast off, as hair, feathers, etc.
- momentary** adj. Lasting but a short time.
- momentous** adj. Very significant.
- momentum** n. An impetus.
- monarchy** n. Government by a single, sovereign ruler.
- monastery** n. A dwelling-place occupied in common by persons under religious vows of seclusion.
- monetary** adj. Financial.
- mongrel** n. The progeny resulting from the crossing of different breeds or varieties.
- monition** n. Friendly counsel given by way of warning and implying caution or reproof.
- monitory** n. Admonition or warning.
- monocracy** n. Government by a single person.
- monogamy** n. The habit of pairing, or having but one mate.
- monogram** n. A character consisting of two or more letters interwoven into one, usually initials of a name.
- monograph** n. A treatise discussing a single subject or branch of a subject.
- monolith** n. Any structure or sculpture in stone formed of a single piece.
- monologue** n. A story or drama told or performed by one person.
- monomania** n. The unreasonable pursuit of one idea.
- monopoly** n. The control of a thing, as a commodity, to enable a person to raise its price.
- monosyllable** n. A word of one syllable.
- monotone** n. The sameness or monotony of utterance.
- monotonous** adj. Unchanging and tedious.
- monotony** n. A lack of variety.
- monsieur** n. A French title of respect, equivalent to Mr. and sir.
- monstrosity** n. Anything unnaturally huge or distorted.
- moonbeam** n. A ray of moonlight.
- morale** n. A state of mind with reference to confidence, courage, zeal, and the like.
- moralist** n. A writer on ethics.
- morality** n. Virtue.
- moralize** v. To render virtuous.
- moratorium** n. An emergency legislation authorizing a government suspend some action temporarily.
- morbid** adj. Caused by or denoting a diseased or unsound condition of body or mind.
- mordacious** adj. Biting or giving to biting.
- mordant** adj. Biting.
- moribund** adj. On the point of dying.
- morose** adj. Gloomy.
- morphology** n. the science of organic forms.
- motley** adj. Composed of heterogeneous or inharmonious elements.
- motto** n. An expressive word or pithy sentence enunciating some guiding rule of life, or faith.
- mountaineer** n. One who travels among or climbs mountains for pleasure or exercise.
- mountainous** adj. Full of or abounding in mountains.
- mouthful** n. As much as can be or is usually put into the or exercise.
- muddle** v. To confuse or becloud, especially with or as with drink.
- muffle** v. To deaden the sound of, as by wraps.
- mulatto** n. The offspring of a white person and a black person.

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- muleteer** n. A mule-driver.  
**multiform** adj. Having many shapes, or appearances.  
**multiplicity** n. the condition of being manifold or very various.  
**mundane** adj. Worldly, as opposed to spiritual or celestial.  
**municipal** adj. Of or pertaining to a town or city, or to its corporate or local government.  
**municipality** n. A district enjoying municipal government.  
**munificence** n. A giving characterized by generous motives and extraordinary liberality.  
**munificent** adj. Extraordinarily generous.  
**muster** n. An assemblage or review of troops for parade or inspection, or for numbering off.  
**mutation** n. The act or process of change.  
**mutilate** v. To disfigure.  
**mutiny** n. Rebellion against lawful or constituted authority.  
**myriad** n. A vast indefinite number.  
**mystic** n. One who professes direct divine illumination, or relies upon meditation to acquire truth.  
**mystification** n. The act of artfully perplexing.  
**myth** n. A fictitious narrative presented as historical, but without any basis of fact.  
**mythology** n. The whole body of legends cherished by a race concerning gods and heroes.  
**nameless** adj. Having no fame or reputation.  
**naphtha** n. A light, colorless, volatile, inflammable oil used as a solvent, as in manufacture of paints.  
**Narcissus** n. The son of the Athenian river-god Cephissus, fabled to have fallen in love with his reflection.  
**narrate** v. To tell a story.  
**narration** n. The act of recounting the particulars of an event in the order of time or occurrence.  
**narrative** n. An orderly continuous account of the successive particulars of an event.  
**narrator** n. One who narrates anything.  
**narrow-minded** adj. Characterized by illiberal views or sentiments.  
**nasal** adj. Pertaining to the nose.  
**natal** adj. Pertaining to one's birth.  
**nationality** n. A connection with a particular nation.  
**naturally** adv. According to the usual order of things.  
**nausea** n. An affection of the stomach producing dizziness and usually an impulse to vomit.  
**nauseate** v. To cause to loathe.  
**nauseous** adj. Loathsome.  
**nautical** adj. Pertaining to ships, seamen, or navigation.  
**naval** adj. Pertaining to ships.  
**navel** n. The depression on the abdomen where the umbilical cord of the fetus was attached.  
**navigable** adj. Capable of commercial navigation.  
**navigate** v. To traverse by ship.  
**nebula** n. A gaseous body of unorganized stellar substance.  
**necessary** adj. Indispensably requisite or absolutely needed to accomplish a desired result.  
**necessitate** v. To render indispensable.  
**necessity** n. That which is indispensably requisite to an end desired.  
**necrology** n. A list of persons who have died in a certain place or time.  
**necromancer** n. One who practices the art of foretelling the future by means of communication with the dead.  
**necropolis** n. A city of the dead.  
**necrosis** n. the death of part of the body.  
**nectar** n. Any especially sweet and delicious drink.  
**nectarine** n. A variety of the peach.  
**needlework** n. Embroidery.  
**needy** adj. Being in need, want, or poverty.  
**nefarious** adj. Wicked in the extreme.  
**negate** v. To deny.  
**negation** n. The act of denying or of asserting the falsity of a proposition.  
**neglectful** adj. Exhibiting or indicating omission.  
**negligee** n. A loose gown worn by women.  
**negligence** n. Omission of that which ought to be done.  
**negligent** adj. Apt to omit what ought to be done.  
**negotiable** v. Transferable by assignment, endorsement, or delivery.  
**negotiable** v. To bargain with others for an agreement, as for a treaty or transfer of property.  
**Nemesis** n. A goddess; divinity of chastisement and vengeance.  
**neocracy** n. Government administered by new or untried persons.  
**neo-Darwinsim** n. Darwinism as modified and extended by more recent students.  
**neo-Latin** n. Modernized Latin.  
**neopaganism** n. A new or revived paganism.  
**Neolithic** adj. Pertaining to the later stone age.  
**neology** n. The coining or using of new words or new meanings of words.  
**neophyte** adj. Having the character of a beginner.  
**nestle** v. To adjust cozily in snug quarters.  
**nestling** adj. Recently hatched.  
**nettle** v. To excite sensations of uneasiness or displeasure in.  
**network** n. Anything that presents a system of cross- lines.  
**neural** adj. Pertaining to the nerves or nervous system.  
**neurology** n. The science of the nervous system.  
**neuter** adj. Neither masculine nor feminine.  
**neutral** adj. Belonging to or under control of neither of two contestants.  
**nevertheless** conj. Notwithstanding.  
**Newtonian** adj. Of or pertaining to Sir Isaac Newton, the English philosopher.  
**niggardly** adj. Stingy. (no longer acceptable to use)  
 **nihilist** n. An advocate of the doctrine that nothing either exists or can be known.  
**nil** n. Nothing.  
**nimble** adj. Light and quick in motion or action.  
**nit** n. The egg of a louse or some other insect.  
**nocturnal** adj. Of or pertaining to the night.  
**noiseless** adj. Silent.  
**noisome** adj. Very offensive, particularly to the sense of smell.  
**noisy** adj. Clamorous.  
**nomad** adj. Having no fixed abode.  
**nomadic** adj. Usual or customary.  
**nominal** adj. Trivial.  
**nominate** v. To designate as a candidate for any office.  
**nomination** n. The act or ceremony of naming a man or woman for office.  
**nominee** n. One who receives a nomination.  
**non-existent** n. That which does not exist.  
**non-resident** adj. Not residing within a given jurisdiction.  
**nonchalance** n. A state of mind indicating lack of interest.  
**non-combatant** n. One attached to the army or navy, but having duties other than that of fighting.  
**nondescript** adj. Indescribable.  
**nonentity** n. A person or thing of little or no account.  
**nonpareil** n. One who or that which is of unequalled excellence.  
**norm** n. A model.  
**normalcy** n. The state of being normal.  
**Norman** adj. Of or peculiar to Normandy, in northern France.  
**nostrum** n. Any scheme or recipe of a charlatan character.  
**noticeable** adj. Perceptible.  
**notorious** adj. Unfavorably known to the general public.  
**novellette** n. A short novel.  
**novice** n. A beginner in any business or occupation.  
**nowadays** adv. In the present time or age.  
**nowhere** adv. In no place or state.  
**noxious** adj. Hurtful.  
**nuance** n. A slight degree of difference in anything perceptible to the sense of the mind.  
**nucleus** n. A central point or part about which matter is aggregated.  
**nude** adj. Naked.  
**nugatory** adj. Having no power or force.  
**nuisance** n. That which annoys, vexes, or irritates.  
**numeration** n. The act or art of reading or naming numbers.  
**numerical** adj. Of or pertaining to number.  
**nunnery** n. A convent for nuns.  
**nuptial** adj. Of or pertaining to marriage, especially to the marriage ceremony.  
**nurture** n. The process of fostering or promoting growth.  
**nutriment** n. That which nourishes.  
**nutritive** adj. Having nutritious properties.  
**oaken** adj. Made of or from oak.  
**oakum** n. Hemp-fiber obtained by untwisting and picking out loosely the yarns of old hemp rope.  
**obdurate** adj. Impassive to feelings of humanity or pity.  
**obelisk** n. A square shaft with pyramidal top, usually monumental or commemorative.  
**obese** adj. Exceedingly fat.  
**obesity** n. Excessive fatness.  
**obituary** adj. A published notice of a death.  
**objective** adj. Grasping and representing facts as they are.  
**objector** n. One who objects, as to a proposition, measure, or ruling.  
**obligate** v. To hold to the fulfillment of duty.  
**obligatory** adj. Binding in law or conscience.  
**oblique** adj. Slanting; said of lines.  
**obliterate** v. To cause to disappear.  
**oblivion** n. The state of having passed out of the memory or of being utterly forgotten.  
**oblong** adj. Longer than broad: applied most commonly to rectangular objects considerably elongated.  
**obnoxious** adj. Detestable.  
**obsequies** n. Funeral rites.  
**obsequious** adj. Showing a servile readiness to fall in with the wishes or will of another.

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**observance** n. A traditional form or customary act.  
**observant** adj. Quick to notice.  
**observatory** n. A building designed for systematic astronomical observations.  
**obsolescence** n. The condition or process of gradually falling into disuse.  
**obsolescent** adj. Passing out of use, as a word.  
**obsolete** adj. No longer practiced or accepted.  
**obstetrician** n. A practitioner of midwifery.  
**obstetrics** n. The branch of medical science concerned with the treatment and care of women during pregnancy.  
**obstinacy** n. Stubborn adherence to opinion, arising from conceit or the desire to have one's own way.  
**obstreperous** adj. Boisterous.  
**obstruct** v. To fill with impediments so as to prevent passage, either wholly or in part.  
**obstruction** n. Hindrance.  
**obtrude** v. To be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.  
**obtrusive** adj. Tending to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.  
**obvert** v. To turn the front or principal side of (a thing) toward any person or object.  
**obviate** v. To clear away or provide for, as an objection or difficulty.  
**occasion** n. An important event or celebration.  
**Occident** n. The countries lying west of Asia and the Turkish dominions.  
**occlude** v. To absorb, as a gas by a metal.  
**occult** adj. Existing but not immediately perceptible.  
**occupant** n. A tenant in possession of property, as distinguished from the actual owner.  
**occurrence** n. A happening.  
**octagon** n. A figure with eight sides and eight angles.  
**octave** n. A note at this interval above or below any other, considered in relation to that other.  
**octavo** n. A book, or collection of paper in which the sheets are so folded as to make eight leaves.  
**octogenarian** adj. A person of between eighty and ninety years.  
**ocular** adj. Of or pertaining to the eye.  
**oculist** n. One versed or skilled in treating diseases of the eye.  
**oddity** n. An eccentricity.  
**ode** n. The form of lyric poetry anciently intended to be sung.  
**odious** adj. Hateful.  
**odium** n. A feeling of extreme repugnance, or of dislike and disgust.  
**odoriferous** adj. Having or diffusing an odor or scent, especially an agreeable one.  
**odorous** adj. Having an odor, especially a fragrant one.  
**off** adj. Farther or more distant.  
**offhand** adv. Without preparation.  
**officiate** v. To act as an officer or leader.  
**officious** adj. Intermeddling with what is not one's concern.  
**offshoot** n. Something that branches off from the parent stock.  
**ogre** n. A demon or monster that was supposed to devour human beings.  
**ointment** n. A fatty preparation with a butter-like consistency in which a medicinal substance exists.  
**olfactory** adj. of or pertaining to the sense of smell.  
**olive-branch** n. A branch of the olive-tree, as an emblem of peace.  
**ominous** adj. Portentous.  
**omission** n. Exclusion.  
**omnipotence** n. Unlimited and universal power.  
**Omnipotent** adj. Possessed of unlimited and universal power.  
**omniscience** n. Unlimited or infinite knowledge.  
**omniscient** adj. Characterized by unlimited or infinite knowledge.  
**omnivorous** adj. Eating or living upon food of all kinds indiscriminately.  
**onerous** adj. Burdensome or oppressive.  
**onrush** n. Onset.  
**onset** n. An assault, especially of troops, upon an enemy or fortification.  
**onslaught** n. A violent onset.  
**onus** n. A burden or responsibility.  
**opalescence** n. The property of combined refraction and reflection of light, resulting in smoky tints.  
**opaque** adj. Impervious to light.  
**operate** v. To put in action and supervise the working of.  
**operative** adj. Active.  
**operator** n. One who works with or controls some machine or scientific apparatus.  
**operetta** n. A humorous play in dialogue and music, of more than one act.  
**opinion** n. A conclusion or judgment held with confidence, but falling short of positive knowledge.  
**opponent** n. One who supports the opposite side in a debate, discussion, struggle, or sport.  
**opportune** adj. Especially fit as occurring, said, or done at the right moment.  
**opportunism** n. One who takes advantage of circumstances to gain his ends.  
**opportunity** n. Favorable or advantageous chance or opening.

**opposite** adj. Radically different or contrary in action or movement.  
**opprobrium** n. The state of being scornfully reproached or accused of evil.  
**optic** n. Pertaining to the eye or vision.  
**optician** n. One who makes or deals in optical instruments or eye-glasses.  
**optics** n. The science that treats of light and vision, and all that is connected with sight.  
**optimism** n. The view that everything in nature and the history of mankind is ordered for the best.  
**option** n. The right, power, or liberty of choosing.  
**optometry** n. Measurement of the powers of vision.  
**opulence** n. Affluence.  
**opulent** adj. Wealthy.  
**oral** adj. Uttered through the mouth.  
**orate** v. To deliver an elaborate or formal public speech.  
**oration** n. An elaborate or formal public speech.  
**orator** n. One who delivers an elaborate or formal speech.  
**oratorio** n. A composition for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra, generally taken from the Scriptures.  
**oratory** n. The art of public speaking.  
**ordeal** n. Anything that severely tests courage, strength, patience, conscience, etc.  
**ordinal** n. That form of the numeral that shows the order of anything in a series, as first, second, third.  
**ordination** n. A consecration to the ministry.  
**ordnance** n. A general name for all kinds of weapons and their appliances used in war.  
**orgies** n. Wild or wanton revelry.  
**origin** n. The beginning of that which becomes or is made to be.  
**original** adj. Not copied nor produced by imitation.  
**originate** v. To cause or constitute the beginning or first stage of the existence of.  
**ornate** adj. Ornamented to a marked degree.  
**orthodox** adj. Holding the commonly accepted faith.  
**orthodoxy** n. Acceptance of the common faith.  
**orthogonal** adj. Having or determined by right angles.  
**orthopedic** adj. Relating to the correcting or preventing of deformity.  
**orthopedist** n. One who practices the correcting or preventing of deformity.  
**oscillate** v. To swing back and forth.  
**osculate** v. To kiss.  
**ossify** v. to convert into bone.  
**ostentation** n. A display dictated by vanity and intended to invite applause or flattery.  
**ostracism** n. Exclusion from intercourse or favor, as in society or politics.  
**ostracize** v. To exclude from public or private favor.  
**ought** v. To be under moral obligation to be or do.  
**oust** v. To eject.  
**out-and-out** adv. Genuinely.  
**outbreak** n. A sudden and violent breaking forth, as of something that has been pent up or restrained.  
**outburst** n. A violent issue, especially of passion in an individual.  
**outcast** n. One rejected and despised, especially socially.  
**outcry** n. A vehement or loud cry or clamor.  
**outdo** v. To surpass.  
**outlandish** adj. Of barbarous, uncouth, and unfamiliar aspect or action.  
**outlast** v. To last longer than.  
**outlaw** n. A habitual lawbreaker.  
**outlive** v. To continue to exist after.  
**out-of-the-way** adj. Remotely situated.  
**outpost** n. A detachment of troops stationed at a distance from the main body to guard against surprise.  
**outrage** n. A gross infringement of morality or decency.  
**outrageous** adj. Shocking in conduct.  
**outreach** v. To reach or go beyond.  
**outride** v. To ride faster than.  
**outrigger** n. A part built or arranged to project beyond a natural outline for support.  
**outright** adv. Entirely.  
**outsirt** n. A border region.  
**outstretch** v. To extend.  
**outstrip** v. To go beyond.  
**outweigh** v. To surpass in importance or excellence.  
**overdo** v. To overtax the strength of.  
**overdose** n. An excessive dose, usually so large a dose of a medicine that its effect is toxic.  
**overeat** v. To eat to excess.  
**overhang** n. A portion of a structure which projects or hangs over.  
**overleap** v. To leap beyond.  
**overlord** n. One who holds supremacy over another.  
**overpass** v. To pass across or over, as a river.  
**overpay** v. To pay or reward in excess.  
**overpower** v. To gain supremacy or victory over by superior power.  
**overproduction** n. Excessive production.

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**overreach** v. To stretch out too far.  
**overrun** v. To infest or ravage.  
**oversee** v. To superintend.  
**overseer** n. A supervisor.  
**overshadow** v. To cast into the shade or render insignificant by comparison.  
**overstride** v. To step beyond.  
**overthrow** v. To vanquish an established ruler or government.  
**overtone** n. A harmonic.  
**overture** n. An instrumental prelude to an opera, oratorio, or ballet.  
**overweight** n. Preponderance.  
**pacify** v. To bring into a peaceful state.  
**packet** n. A bundle, as of letters.  
**pact** n. A covenant.  
**pagan** n. A worshiper of false gods.  
**pageant** n. A dramatic representation, especially a spectacular one.  
**palate** n. The roof of the mouth.  
**palatial** adj. Magnificent.  
**paleontology** n. The branch of biology that treats of ancient life and fossil organisms.  
**palette** n. A thin tablet, with a hole for the thumb, upon which artists lay their colors for painting.  
**palinode** n. A retraction.  
**pall** v. To make dull by satiety.  
**palliate** v. To cause to appear less guilty.  
**pallid** adj. Of a pale or wan appearance.  
**palpable** n. perceptible by feeling or touch.  
**palsy** n. Paralysis.  
**paly** adj. Lacking color or brilliancy.  
**pamphlet** n. A brief treatise or essay, usually on a subject of current interest.  
**pamphleteer** v. To compose or issue pamphlets, especially controversial ones.  
**panacea** n. A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases.  
**Pan-American** adj. Including or pertaining to the whole of America, both North and South.  
**pandemic** adj. Affecting a whole people or all classes, as a disease.  
**pandemonium** n. A fiendish or riotous uproar.  
**panegyric** n. A formal and elaborate eulogy, written or spoken, of a person or of an act.  
**panel** n. A rectangular piece set in or as in a frame.  
**panic** n. A sudden, unreasonable, overpowering fear.  
**panoply** n. A full set of armor.  
**panorama** n. A series of large pictures representing a continuous scene.  
**pantheism** n. The worship of nature for itself or its beauty.  
**Pantheon** n. A circular temple at Rome with a fine Corinthian portico and a great domed roof.  
**pantomime** n. Sign-language.  
**pentoscope** n. A very wide-angled photographic lens.  
**papacy** n. The official head of the Roman Catholic Church.  
**papyrus** n. The writing-paper of the ancient Egyptians, and later of the Romans.  
**parable** n. A brief narrative founded on real scenes or events usually with a moral.  
**paradox** n. A statement or doctrine seemingly in contradiction to the received belief.  
**paragon** n. A model of excellence.  
**parallel** v. To cause to correspond or lie in the same direction and equidistant in all parts.  
**parallelism** n. Essential likeness.  
**paralyze** n. Loss of the power of contractility in the voluntary or involuntary muscles.  
**paralyse** v. To deprive of the power to act.  
**paramount** adj. Supreme in authority.  
**paramour** n. One who is unlawfully and immorally a lover or a mistress.  
**paraphernalia** n. Miscellaneous articles of equipment or adornment.  
**paraphrase** v. Translate freely.  
**pare** v. To cut, shave, or remove (the outside) from anything.  
**parentage** n. The relation of parent to child, of the producer to the produced, or of cause to effect.  
**Pariah** n. A member of a degraded class; a social outcast.  
**parish** n. The ecclesiastical district in charge of a pastor.  
**Parisian** adj. Of or pertaining to the city of Paris.  
**parity** n. Equality, as of condition or rank.  
**parlance** n. Mode of speech.  
**parley** v. To converse in.  
**parliament** n. A legislative body.  
**parlor** n. A room for reception of callers or entertainment of guests.  
**parody** v. To render ludicrous by imitating the language of.  
**paronymous** adj. Derived from the same root or primitive word.  
**paroxysm** n. A sudden outburst of any kind of activity.  
**parricide** n. The murder of a parent.  
**parse** v. To describe, as a sentence, by separating it into its elements and describing each word.  
**parsimonious** adj. Unduly sparing in the use or expenditure of money.  
**partible** adj. Separable.

**participant** n. One having a share or part.  
**participate** v. To receive or have a part or share of.  
**partition** n. That which separates anything into distinct parts.  
**partisan** adj. Characterized by or exhibiting undue or unreasoning devotion to a party.  
**passible** adj. Capable of feeling of suffering.  
**passive** adj. Unresponsive.  
**pastoral** adj. Having the spirit or sentiment of rural life.  
**paternal** adj. Fatherly.  
**paternity** n. Fatherhood.  
**pathos** n. The quality in any form of representation that rouses emotion or sympathy.  
**patriarch** n. The chief of a tribe or race who rules by paternal right.  
**patrician** adj. Of senatorial or noble rank.  
**patrimony** n. An inheritance from an ancestor, especially from one's father.  
**patriotism** n. Love and devotion to one's country.  
**patronize** v. To exercise an arrogant condescension toward.  
**patronymic** adj. Formed after one's father's name.  
**patter** v. To mumble something over and over.  
**paucity** n. Fewness.  
**pauper** n. One without means of support.  
**pauperism** n. Dependence on charity.  
**pavilion** n. An open structure for temporary shelter.  
**payee** n. A person to whom money has been or is to be paid.  
**peaceable** adj. Tranquil.  
**peaceful** adj. Tranquil.  
**peccable** adj. Capable of sinning.  
**peccadillo** n. A small breach of propriety or principle.  
**peccant** adj. Guilty.  
**pectoral** adj. Pertaining to the breast or thorax.  
**pecuniary** adj. Consisting of money.  
**pedagogics** n. The science and art of teaching.  
**pedagogue** n. A schoolmaster.  
**pedagogy** n. The science and art of teaching.  
**pedal** n. A lever for the foot usually applied only to musical instruments, cycles, and other machines.  
**pedant** n. A scholar who makes needless and inopportune display of his learning.  
**peddle** v. To go about with a small stock of goods to sell.  
**pedestal** n. A base or support as for a column, statue, or vase.  
**pedestrian** n. One who journeys on foot.  
**pediatrics** n. The department of medical science that relates to the treatment of diseases of childhood.  
**pedigree** n. One's line of ancestors.  
**peddler** n. One who travels from house to house with an assortment of goods for retail.  
**peerage** n. The nobility.  
**peerless** adj. Of unequaled excellence or worth.  
**peevish** adj. Petulant. (irritable)  
**pellucid** adj. Translucent.  
**penalty** n. The consequences that follow the transgression of natural or divine law.  
**penance** n. Punishment to which one voluntarily submits or subjects himself as an expression of penitence.  
**penchant** n. A bias in favor of something.  
**pendant** n. Anything that hangs from something else, either for ornament or for use.  
**pendulous** adj. Hanging, especially so as to swing by an attached end or part.  
**pendulum** n. A weight hung on a rod, serving by its oscillation to regulate the rate of a clock.  
**penetrable** adj. That may be pierced by physical, moral, or intellectual force.  
**penetrate** v. To enter or force a way into the interior parts of.  
**penetration** n. Discernment.  
**peninsular** adj. Pertaining to a piece of land almost surrounded by water.  
**penitence** n. Sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone.  
**penitential** adj. Pertaining to sorrow for sin with desire to amend and to atone.  
**pennant** n. A small flag.  
**pension** n. A periodical allowance to an individual on account of past service done by him/her.  
**pentagram** n. A figure having five points or lobes.  
**pentavalent** adj. Quinquevalent.  
**pentad** n. The number five.  
**pentagon** n. A figure, especially, with five angles and five sides.  
**pentahedron** n. A solid bounded by five plane faces.  
**pentameter** n. In prosody, a line of verse containing five units or feet.  
**pentathlon** n. The contest of five associated exercises in the great games and the same contestants.  
**penultimate** adj. A syllable or member of a series that is last but one.  
**penurious** adj. Excessively sparing in the use of money.  
**penury** n. Indigence.

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**perambulate** v. To walk about.

**perceive** v. To have knowledge of, or receive impressions concerning, through the medium of the body senses.

**perceptible** adj. Cognizable.

**perception** n. Knowledge through the senses of the existence and properties of matter or the external world.

**percipience** n. The act of perceiving.

**percipient** n. One who or that which perceives.

**percolate** v. To filter.

**percolator** n. A filter.

**percussion** n. The sharp striking of one body against another.

**peremptory** adj. Precluding question or appeal.

**perennial** adj. Continuing though the year or through many years.

**perfectible** adj. Capable of being made perfect.

**perfidy** n. Treachery.

**perforate** v. To make a hole or holes through.

**perform** v. To accomplish.

**perfumery** n. The preparation of perfumes.

**perfunctory** adj. Half-hearted.

**perhaps** adv. Possibly.

**perigee** n. The point in the orbit of the moon when it is nearest the earth.

**periodicity** n. The habit or characteristic of recurrence at regular intervals.

**peripatetic** adj. Walking about.

**perjure** v. To swear falsely to.

**perjury** n. A solemn assertion of a falsity.

**permanence** n. A continuance in the same state, or without any change that destroys the essential form or nature.

**permanent** adj. Durable.

**permeate** v. To pervade.

**permissible** adj. That may be allowed.

**permutation** n. Reciprocal change, different ordering of same items.

**pernicious** adj. Tending to kill or hurt.

**perpendicular** adj. Straight up and down.

**perpetrator** n. The doer of a wrong or a criminal act.

**perpetuate** v. To preserve from extinction or oblivion.

**perquisite** n. Any profit from service beyond the amount fixed as salary or wages.

**persecution** n. Harsh or malignant oppression.

**perseverance** n. A persistence in purpose and effort.

**persevere** v. To continue striving in spite of discouragements.

**persiflage** n. Banter.

**persist** v. To continue steadfast against opposition.

**persistence** n. A fixed adherence to a resolve, course of conduct, or the like.

**personage** n. A man or woman as an individual, especially one of rank or high station.

**personal** adj. Not general or public.

**personality** n. The attributes, taken collectively, that make up the character and nature of an individual.

**personnel** n. The force of persons collectively employed in some service.

**perspective** n. The relative importance of facts or matters from any special point of view.

**perspicacious** adj. Astute.

**perspicacity** n. Acuteness or discernment.

**perspicuous** adj. Lucid.

**perspiration** n. Sweat.

**perspire** v. To excrete through the pores of the skin.

**persuade** v. To win the mind of by argument, eloquence, evidence, or reflection.

**persuadable** adj. capable of influencing to action by entreaty, statement, or anything that moves the feelings.

**pertinacious** adj. Persistent or unyielding.

**pertinacity** n. Unyielding adherence.

**pertinent** adj. Relevant.

**perturb** v. To disturb greatly.

**perturbation** n. Mental excitement or confusion.

**perusal** n. The act of reading carefully or thoughtfully.

**pervade** v. To pass or spread through every part.

**pervasion** n. The state of spreading through every part.

**pervasive** adj. Thoroughly penetrating or permeating.

**perverse** adj. Unreasonable.

**perversion** n. Diversion from the true meaning or proper purpose.

**perversity** n. Wickedness.

**pervert** n. One who has forsaken a doctrine regarded as true for one esteemed false.

**pervious** adj. Admitting the entrance or passage of another substance.

**pestilence** n. A raging epidemic.

**pestilent** adj. Having a malign influence or effect.

**pestilential** adj. having the nature of or breeding pestilence.

**peter** v. To fail or lose power, efficiency, or value.

**petrify** v. To convert into a substance of stony hardness and character.

**petulance** n. The character or condition of being impatient, capricious or petulant.

**petulant** adj. Displaying impatience.

**pharmacopoeia** n. A book containing the formulas and methods of preparation of medicines for the use of druggists.

**pharmacy** n. The art or business of compounding and dispensing medicines.

**phenomenal** adj. Extraordinary or marvelous.

**phenomenon** n. Any unusual occurrence.

**philander** v. To play at courtship with a woman.

**philanthropic** adj. Benevolent.

**philanthropist** n. One who endeavors to help his fellow men.

**philanthropy** n. Active humanitarianism.

**philately** n. The study and collection of stamps.

**philharmonic** adj. Fond of music.

**philogynist** n. One who is fond of women.

**philologist** n. An expert in linguistics.

**philology** n. The study of language in connection with history and literature.

**philosophize** v. To seek ultimate causes and principles.

**philosophy** n. The general principles, laws, or causes that furnish the rational explanation of anything.

**phlegmatic** adj. Not easily roused to feeling or action.

**phonetic** adj. Representing articulate sounds or speech.

**phonic** adj. Pertaining to the nature of sound.

**phonogram** n. A graphic character symbolizing an articulate sound.

**phonology** n. The science of human vocal sounds.

**phosphorescence** n. The property of emitting light.

**photoelectric** adj. Pertaining to the combined action of light and electricity.

**photometer** n. Any instrument for measuring the intensity of light or comparing the intensity of two lights.

**photometry** n. The art of measuring the intensity of light.

**physicist** n. A specialist in the science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy.

**physics** n. The science that treats of the phenomena associated with matter and energy.

**physiocracy** n. The doctrine that land and its products are the only true wealth.

**physiognomy** n. The external appearance merely.

**physiography** n. Description of nature.

**physiology** n. The science of organic functions.

**physique** n. The physical structure or organization of a person.

**picayune** adj. Of small value.

**piccolo** n. A small flute.

**piece** n. A loose or separated part, as distinguished from the whole or the mass.

**piecemeal** adv. Gradually.

**pillage** n. Open robbery, as in war.

**pillory** n. A wooden framework in which an offender is fastened to boards and is exposed to public scorn.

**pincers** n. An instrument having two lever-handles and two jaws working on a pivot.

**pinchers** n. An instrument having two jaws working on a pivot.

**pinnacle** n. A high or topmost point, as a mountain-peak.

**pioneer** n. One among the first to explore a country.

**pious** adj. Religious.

**pique** v. To excite a slight degree of anger in.

**piteous** adj. Compassionate.

**pitiable** adj. Contemptible.

**pitiful** adj. Wretched.

**pitiless** adj. Hard-hearted.

**pittance** n. Any small portion or meager allowance.

**placate** v. To bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness.

**placid** adj. Serene.

**plagiarism** n. The stealing of passages from the writings of another and publishing them as one's own.

**planisphere** n. A polar projection of the heavens on a chart.

**plasticity** n. The property of some substances through which the form of the mass can readily be changed.

**platitude** n. A written or spoken statement that is flat, dull, or commonplace.

**plaudit** n. An expression of applause.

**plausible** adj. Seeming likely to be true, though open to doubt.

**playful** adj. Frolicsome.

**playwright** n. A maker of plays for the stage.

**plea** n. An argument to obtain some desired action.

**pleasant** adj. Agreeable.

**pleasurable** adj. Affording gratification.

**plebeian** adj. Common.

**pledgee** n. The person to whom anything is pledged.

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**pledgeor** n. One who gives a pledge.  
**plenary** adj. Entire.  
**plenipotentary** n. A person fully empowered to transact any business.  
**plenitude** n. Abundance.  
**plenteous** adj. Abundant.  
**plumb** n. A weight suspended by a line to test the verticality of something.  
**plummet** n. A piece of lead for making soundings, adjusting walls to the vertical.  
**pluperfect** adj. Expressing past time or action prior to some other past time or action.  
**plural** adj. Containing or consisting of more than one.  
**plurality** n. A majority.  
**plutocracy** n. A wealthy class in a political community who control the government by means of their money.  
**pneumatic** adj. Pertaining to or consisting of air or gas.  
**poesy** n. Poetry.  
**poetaster** n. An inferior poet.  
**poetic** adj. Pertaining to poetry.  
**poetics** n. The rules and principles of poetry.  
**poignancy** n. Severity or acuteness, especially of pain or grief.  
**poignant** adj. Severely painful or acute to the spirit.  
**poise** n. Equilibrium.  
**polar** adj. Pertaining to the poles of a sphere, especially of the earth.  
**polemics** n. The art of controversy or disputation.  
**pollen** n. The fine dust-like grains or powder formed within the anther of a flowering plant.  
**pollute** v. To contaminate.  
**polyarchy** n. Government by several or many persons of what-ever class.  
**polycracy** n. The rule of many.  
**polygamy** n. The fact or condition of having more than one wife or husband at once.  
**polyglot** adj. Speaking several tongues.  
**polygon** n. A figure having many angles.  
**polyhedron** n. A solid bounded by plane faces, especially by more than four.  
**polysyllable** adj. Having several syllables, especially more than three syllables.  
**polytechnic** adj. Pertaining to, embracing, or practicing many arts.  
**polytheism** n. The doctrine or belief that there are more gods than one.  
**pommel** v. To beat with something thick or bulky.  
**posposity** n. The quality of being marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner.  
**pompous** adj. Marked by an assumed stateliness and impressiveness of manner.  
**ponder** v. To meditate or reflect upon.  
**ponderous** adj. Unusually weighty or forcible.  
**pontiff** n. The Pope.  
**populace** n. The common people.  
**populous** adj. Containing many inhabitants, especially in proportion to the territory.  
**portend** v. To indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs.  
**portent** n. Anything that indicates what is to happen.  
**portfolio** n. A portable case for holding writing-materials, drawings, etc.  
**posit** v. To present in an orderly manner.  
**position** n. The manner in which a thing is placed.  
**positive** adj. Free from doubt or hesitation.  
**posse** n. A force of men.  
**possess** v. To own.  
**possession** n. The having, holding, or detention of property in one's power or command.  
**possessive** adj. Pertaining to the having, holding, or detention of property in one's power or command.  
**possessor** n. One who owns, enjoys, or controls anything, as property.  
**possible** adj. Being not beyond the reach of power natural, moral, or supernatural.  
**postdate** v. To make the date of any writing later than the real date.  
**posterior** n. The hinder part.  
**postgraduate** adj. Pertaining to studies that are pursued after receiving a degree.  
**postscript** n. Something added to a letter after the writer's signature.  
**potency** n. Power.  
**potent** adj. Physically powerful.  
**potentate** n. One possessed of great power or sway.  
**potential** n. Anything that may be possible.  
**potion** n. A dose of liquid medicine.  
**powerless** adj. Impotent.  
**practicable** adj. Feasible.  
**prate** v. To talk about vainly or foolishly.  
**prattle** v. To utter in simple or childish talk.  
**preamble** n. A statement introductory to and explanatory of what follows.  
**precarious** adj. Perilous.  
**precaution** n. A provision made in advance for some possible emergency or danger.  
**precede** v. To happen first.  
**precedence** n. Priority in place, time, or rank.  
**precedent** n. An instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule.  
**precedential** adj. Of the nature of an instance that may serve as a guide or basis for a rule.  
**precession** n. The act of going forward.  
**precipice** n. A high and very steep or approximately vertical cliff.  
**precipitant** adj. Moving onward quickly and heedlessly.  
**precipitate** v. To force forward prematurely.  
**precise** adj. Exact.  
**precision** n. Accuracy of limitation, definition, or adjustment.  
**preclude** v. To prevent.  
**precocious** adj. Having the mental faculties prematurely developed.  
**precursor** n. A forerunner or herald.  
**predatory** adj. Prone to pillaging.  
**predecessor** n. An incumbent of a given office previous to another.  
**predicament** n. A difficult, trying situation or plight.  
**predicate** v. To state as belonging to something.  
**predict** v. To foretell.  
**prediction** n. A prophecy.  
**predominance** n. Ascendancy or preponderance.  
**predominant** adj. Superior in power, influence, effectiveness, number, or degree.  
**predominate** v. To be chief in importance, quantity, or degree.  
**preeminence** n. Special eminence.  
**preempt** v. To secure the right of preference in the purchase of public land.  
**preemption** n. The right or act of purchasing before others.  
**preengage** v. To preoccupy.  
**preestablish** v. To settle or arrange beforehand.  
**preexist** v. To exist at a period or in a state earlier than something else.  
**preexistence** n. Existence antecedent to something.  
**preface** n. A brief explanation or address to the reader, at the beginning of a book.  
**prefatory** adj. Pertaining to a brief explanation to the reader at the beginning of a book.  
**prefer** v. To hold in higher estimation.  
**preferable** adj. More desirable than others.  
**preference** n. An object of favor or choice.  
**preferential** adj. Possessing, giving, or constituting preference or priority.  
**preferment** n. Preference.  
**prefix** v. To attach at the beginning.  
**prehensible** adj. Capable of being grasped.  
**prehensile** adj. Adapted for grasping or holding.  
**prehension** n. The act of laying hold of or grasping.  
**prejudice** n. A judgment or opinion formed without due examination of the facts.  
**prelacy** n. A system of church government.  
**prelate** n. One of a higher order of clergy having direct authority over other clergy.  
**prelude** n. An introductory or opening performance.  
**premature** adj. Coming too soon.  
**premier** adj. First in rank or position.  
**premise** n. A judgment as a conclusion.  
**premonition** n. Foreboding.  
**preoccupation** n. The state of having the mind, attention, or inclination preoccupied.  
**preoccupy** v. To fill the mind of a person to the exclusion of other subjects.  
**preordain** v. To foreordain.  
**preparation** n. An act or proceeding designed to bring about some event.  
**preparatory** adj. Having to do with what is preliminary.  
**preponderant** adj. Prevalent.  
**preponderate** v. To exceed in influence or power.  
**prepossession** n. A preconceived liking.  
**preposterous** adj. Utterly ridiculous or absurd.  
**prerogative** adj. Having superior rank or precedence.  
**presage** v. To foretell.  
**prescience** n. Knowledge of events before they take place.  
**prescient** adj. Foreknowing.  
**prescript** adj. Prescribed as a rule or model.  
**prescriptible** adj. Derived from authoritative direction.  
**prescription** n. An authoritative direction.  
**presentient** adj. Perceiving or feeling beforehand.  
**presentiment** n. Foreboding.  
**presentment** n. Semblance.  
**preservation** n. Conservation.  
**presumption** n. That which may be logically assumed to be true until disproved.  
**presumptuous** adj. Assuming too much.  
**pretension** n. A bold or presumptuous assertion.  
**pretentious** adj. Marked by pretense, conceit, or display.  
**preternatural** adj. Extraordinary.  
**pretext** n. A fictitious reason or motive.  
**prevalence** n. Frequency.  
**prevalent** adj. Of wide extent or frequent occurrence.  
**prevaricate** v. To use ambiguous or evasive language for the purpose of deceiving or diverting attention.

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- prevention** n. Thwarting.  
**prickle** v. To puncture slightly with fine, sharp points.  
**priggish** adj. Conceited.  
**prim** adj. Stiffly proper.  
**prima** adj. First.  
**primer** n. An elementary reading-book for children.  
**primeval** adj. Belonging to the first ages.  
**primitive** adj. Pertaining to the beginning or early times.  
**principal** adj. Most important.  
**principality** n. The territory of a reigning prince.  
**principle** n. A general truth or proposition.  
**priory** n. A monastic house.  
**pristine** adj. Primitive.  
**privateer** n. A vessel owned and officered by private persons, but carrying on maritime war.  
**privilege** n. A right or immunity not enjoyed by all, or that may be enjoyed only under special conditions.  
**privity** n. Knowledge shared with another or others regarding a private matter.  
**privy** adj. Participating with another or others in the knowledge of a secret transaction.  
**probate** adj. Relating to making proof, as of a will.  
**probation** n. Any proceeding designed to ascertain or test character, qualification, or the like.  
**probe** v. To search through and through.  
**probity** n. Virtue or integrity tested and confirmed.  
**procedure** n. A manner or method of acting.  
**proceed** v. To renew motion or action, as after rest or interruption.  
**proclamation** n. Any announcement made in a public manner.  
**procrastinate** v. To put off till tomorrow or till a future time.  
**procrastination** n. Delay.  
**proctor** n. An agent acting for another.  
**prodigal** n. One wasteful or extravagant, especially in the use of money or property.  
**prodigious** adj. Immense.  
**prodigy** n. A person or thing of very remarkable gifts or qualities.  
**productive** adj. Yielding in abundance.  
**profession** n. Any calling or occupation involving special mental or other special disciplines.  
**professor** n. A public teacher of the highest grade in a university or college.  
**proffer** v. To offer to another for acceptance.  
**proficiency** n. An advanced state of acquirement, as in some knowledge, art, or science.  
**proficient** adj. Possessing ample and ready knowledge or of skill in any art, science, or industry.  
**profile** n. An outline or contour.  
**profiteer** n. One who profits.  
**profligacy** n. Shameless viciousness.  
**profligate** adj. Abandoned to vice.  
**profuse** adj. Produced or displayed in overabundance.  
**progeny** n. Offspring.  
**progression** n. A moving forward or proceeding in course.  
**prohibition** n. A decree or an order forbidding something.  
**prohibitionist** n. One who favors the prohibition by law of the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages.  
**prohibitory** adj. Involving or equivalent to prohibition, especially of the sale of alcoholic beverages.  
**projection** n. A prominence.  
**proletarian** n. A person of the lowest or poorest class.  
**prolific** adj. Producing offspring or fruit.  
**prolix** adj. Verbose.  
**prologue** n. A prefatory statement or explanation to a poem, discourse, or performance.  
**prolong** v. To extend in time or duration.  
**promenade** v. To walk for amusement or exercise.  
**prominence** n. The quality of being noticeable or distinguished.  
**prominent** adj. Conspicuous in position, character, or importance.  
**promiscuous** adj. Brought together without order, distinction, or design (for sex).  
**promissory** adj. Expressing an engagement to pay.  
**promontory** n. A high point of land extending outward from the coastline into the sea.  
**promoter** n. A furtherer, forwarder, or encourager.  
**promulgate** v. To proclaim.  
**propaganda** n. Any institution or systematic scheme for propagating a doctrine or system.  
**propagate** v. To spread abroad or from person to person.  
**propel** v. To drive or urge forward.  
**propellant** adj. Propelling.  
**propeller** n. One who or that which propels.  
**prophecy** n. Any prediction or foretelling.  
**prophecy** v. To predict or foretell, especially under divine inspiration and guidance.  
**propitious** adj. Kindly disposed.  
**proportionate** adj. Being in proportion.  
**propriety** n. Accordance with recognized usage, custom, or principles.  
**propulsion** n. A driving onward or forward.  
**prosaic** adj. Unimaginative.  
**proscenium** n. That part of the stage between the curtain and the orchestra.  
**proscribe** v. To reject, as a teaching or a practice, with condemnation or denunciation.  
**proscription** n. Any act of condemnation and rejection from favor and privilege.  
**proselyte** n. One who has been won over from one religious belief to another.  
**prosody** n. The science of poetical forms.  
**prospector** n. One who makes exploration, search, or examination, especially for minerals.  
**prospectus** n. A paper or pamphlet containing information of a proposed undertaking.  
**prostrate** adj. Lying prone, or with the head to the ground.  
**protagonist** n. A leader in any enterprise or contest.  
**protection** n. Preservation from harm, danger, annoyance, or any other evil.  
**protective** adj. Sheltering.  
**protector** n. A defender.  
**protégé** n. One specially cared for and favored by another usually older person.  
**Protestant** n. A Christian who denies the authority of the Pope and holds the right of special judgment.  
**protomartyr** n. The earliest victim in any cause.  
**protocol** n. A declaration or memorandum of agreement less solemn and formal than a treaty.  
**protoplasm** n. The substance that forms the principal portion of an animal or vegetable cell.  
**prototype** n. A work, original in character, afterward imitated in form or spirit.  
**protract** v. To prolong.  
**protrude** v. To push out or thrust forth.  
**protrusion** n. The act of protruding.  
**protuberance** n. Something that swells out from a surrounding surface.  
**protuberant** adj. Bulging.  
**protuberate** v. To swell or bulge beyond the surrounding surface.  
**proverb** n. A brief, pithy saying, condensing in witty or striking form the wisdom of experience.  
**provident** adj. Anticipating and making ready for future wants or emergencies.  
**providential** adj. Effected by divine guidance.  
**provincial** adj. Uncultured in thought and manner.  
**proviso** n. A clause in a contract, will, etc., by which its operation is rendered conditional.  
**provocation** n. An action or mode of conduct that excites resentment.  
**proveness** n. Strength, skill, and intrepidity in battle.  
**proximately** adv. Immediately.  
**proxy** n. A person who is empowered by another to represent him or her in a given matter.  
**prudence** n. Caution.  
**prudential** adj. Proceeding or marked by caution.  
**prudery** n. An undue display of modesty or delicacy.  
**prurient** adj. Inclined to lascivious thoughts and desires.  
**pseudapostle** n. A pretended or false apostle.  
**pseudonym** n. A fictitious name, especially when assumed by a writer.  
**pseudonymity** n. The state or character of using a fictitious name.  
**psychiatry** n. The branch of medicine that relates to mental disease.  
**psychic** adj. Pertaining to the mind or soul.  
**psychopathic** adj. Morally irresponsible.  
**psychotherapy** n. The treatment of mental disease.  
**pudgy** adj. Small and fat.  
**puerile** adj. Childish.  
**pugnacious** adj. Quarrelsome.  
**puissant** adj. Possessing strength.  
**pulmonary** adj. Pertaining to the lungs.  
**punctilious** adj. Strictly observant of the rules or forms prescribed by law or custom.  
**punctual** adj. Observant and exact in points of time.  
**pungent** adj. Affecting the sense of smell.  
**pungency** n. The quality of affecting the sense of smell.  
**punitive** adj. Pertaining to punishment.  
**pupilage** n. The state or period of being a student.  
**purgatory** n. An intermediate state where souls are made fit for paradise or heaven by expiatory suffering.  
**purl** v. To cause to whirl, as in an eddy.  
**purloin** v. To steal.  
**purport** n. Intent.  
**purveyor** n. one who supplies  
**pusillanimous** adj. Without spirit or bravery.  
**putrescent** adj. Undergoing decomposition of animal or vegetable matter accompanied by fetid odors.  
**pyre** n. A heap of combustibles arranged for burning a dead body.  
**pyromania** n. An insane propensity to set things on fire.  
**pyrotechnic** adj. Pertaining to fireworks or their manufacture.

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**pyx** n. A vessel or casket, usually of precious metal, in which the host is preserved.

**quackery** n. Charlatanry

**quadrate** v. To divide into quarters.

**quadruple** v. To multiply by four.

**qualification** n. A requisite for an employment, position, right, or privilege.

**qualify** v. To endow or furnish with requisite ability, character, knowledge, skill, or possessions.

**qualm** n. A fit of nausea.

**quandary** n. A puzzling predicament.

**quantity** n. Magnitude.

**quarantine** n. The enforced isolation of any person or place infected with contagious disease.

**quarrelsome** adj. Irascible.

**quarter** n. One of four equal parts into which anything is or may be divided.

**quarterly** adj. Occurring or made at intervals of three months.

**quartet** n. A composition for four voices or four instruments.

**quarto** n. An eight-page newspaper of any size.

**quay** n. A wharf or artificial landing-place on the shore of a harbor or projecting into it.

**querulous** adj. Habitually complaining.

**query** v. To make inquiry.

**queue** n. A file of persons waiting in order of their arrival, as for admittance.

**quibble** n. An utterly trivial distinction or objection.

**quiescence** n. Quiet.

**quiescent** adj. Being in a state of repose or inaction.

**quiet** adj. Making no noise.

**quietus** n. A silencing, suppressing, or ending.

**quintessence** n. The most essential part of anything.

**quintet** n. Musical composition arranged for five voices or instruments.

**quite** adv. Fully.

**Quixotic** adj. Chivalrous or romantic to a ridiculous or extravagant degree.

**rabid** adj. Affected with rabies or hydrophobia.

**racy** adj. Exciting or exhilarating to the mind.

**radiance** n. Brilliant or sparkling luster.

**radiate** v. To extend in all directions, as from a source or focus.

**radical** n. One who holds extreme views or advocates extreme measures.

**radix** n. That from or on which something is developed.

**raillery** n. Good-humored satire.

**ramify** v. To divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions.

**ramose** adj. Branch-like.

**rampant** adj. Growing, climbing, or running without check or restraint.

**rampart** n. A bulwark or construction to oppose assault or hostile entry.

**rancor** n. Malice.

**rankle** v. To produce irritation or festering.

**rapacious** adj. Disposed to seize by violence or by unlawful or greedy methods.

**rapid** adj. Having great speed.

**rapine** n. The act of seizing and carrying off property by superior force, as in war.

**rapt** adj. Enraptured.

**raptorial** adj. Seizing and devouring living prey.

**ration** v. To provide with a fixed allowance or portion, especially of food.

**rationalism** n. The formation of opinions by relying upon reason alone, independently of authority.

**raucous** adj. Harsh.

**ravage** v. To lay waste by pillage, rapine, devouring, or other destructive methods.

**ravenous** adj. Furiously voracious or hungry.

**ravine** n. A deep gorge or hollow, especially one worn by a stream or flow of water.

**reaction** n. Tendency towards a former, or opposite state of things, as after reform, revolution, or inflation.

**reactionary** adj. Pertaining to, of the nature of, causing, or favoring reaction.

**readily** adv. Without objection or reluctance.

**readjust** v. To put in order after disarrangement.

**ready** adj. In a state of preparedness for any given purpose or occasion.

**realism** n. The principle and practice of depicting persons and scenes as they are believed really to exist.

**rearrange** v. To arrange again or in a different order.

**reassure** v. To give new confidence.

**rebellious** adj. Insubordinate.

**rebuff** n. A peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches.

**rebuild** v. To build again or anew.

**rebut** v. To oppose by argument or a sufficient answer.

**recant** v. To withdraw formally one's belief (in something previously believed or maintained).

**recapitulate** v. To repeat again the principal points of.

**recapture** v. To capture again.

**recede** v. To move back or away.

**receivable** adj. Capable of being or fit to be received - often money.

**receptive** adj. Having the capacity, quality, or ability of receiving, as truths or impressions.

**recessive** adj. Having a tendency to go back.

**recidivist** n. A confirmed criminal.

**reciprocal** adj. Mutually interchangeable or convertible.

**reciprocate** v. To give and take mutually.

**reciprocity** n. Equal mutual rights and benefits granted and enjoyed.

**recitation** n. The act of reciting or repeating, especially in public and from memory.

**reck** v. To have a care or thought for.

**reckless** adj. Foolishly headless of danger.

**reclaim** v. To demand or to obtain the return or restoration of.

**recline** v. To cause to assume a leaning or recumbent attitude or position.

**recluse** n. One who lives in retirement or seclusion.

**recluse** n. A hermitage.

**recognizance** n. An acknowledgment entered into before a court with condition to do some particular act.

**recognize** v. To recall the identity of (a person or thing).

**recoil** v. To start back as in dismay, loathing, or dread.

**recollect** v. To recall the knowledge of.

**reconcilable** adj. Capable of being adjusted or harmonized.

**reconnoiter** v. To make a preliminary examination of for military, surveying, or geological purposes.

**reconsider** v. To review with care, especially with a view to a reversal of previous action.

**reconstruct** v. To rebuild.

**recourse** n. Resort to or application for help in exigency or trouble.

**recover** v. To regain.

**recreant** n. A cowardly or faithless person.

**recreate** v. To refresh after labor.

**recrudescence** n. The state of becoming raw or sore again.

**recrudescence** adj. Becoming raw or sore again.

**recruit** v. To enlist men for military or naval service.

**rectify** v. To correct.

**rectitude** n. The quality of being upright in principles and conduct.

**recuperate** v. To recover.

**recur** v. To happen again or repeatedly, especially at regular intervals.

**recure** v. To cure again.

**recurrent** adj. Returning from time to time, especially at regular or stated intervals.

**redemption** n. The recovery of what is mortgaged or pledged, by paying the debt.

**redolent** adj. Smelling sweet and agreeable.

**redolence** n. Smelling sweet and agreeable.

**redoubtable** adj. Formidable.

**redound** n. Rebound.

**redress** v. To set right, as a wrong by compensation or the punishment of the wrong-doer.

**reducible** adj. That may be reduced.

**redundance** n. Excess.

**redundant** adj. Constituting an excess.

**reestablish** v. To restore.

**refer** v. To direct or send for information or other purpose.

**referrer** n. One who refers.

**referable** adj. Ascribable.

**referee** n. An umpire.

**refinery** n. A place where some crude material, as sugar or petroleum, is purified.

**reflectible** adj. Capable of being turned back.

**reflection** n. The throwing off or back of light, heat, sound, or any form of energy that travels in waves.

**reflector** n. A mirror, as of metal, for reflecting light, heat, or sound in a particular direction.

**reflexible** adj. Capable of being reflected.

**reform** n. Change for the better.

**reformer** n. One who carries out a reform.

**refract** v. To bend or turn from a direct course.

**refractory** adj. Not amenable to control.

**refragable** adj. Capable of being refuted.

**refringency** n. Power to refract.

**refracting** adj. Having the power to refract.

**refusal** n. Denial of what is asked.

**refute** v. To prove to be wrong.

**regale** v. To give unusual pleasure.

**regalia** n. pl. The emblems of royalty.

**regality** n. Royalty.

**regenerate** v. To reproduce.

**regent** n. One who is lawfully deputized to administer the government for the time being in the name of the ruler.

**regicide** n. The killing of a king or sovereign.

**regime** n. Particular conduct or administration of affairs.

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**regimen** n. A systematized order or course of living with reference to food, clothing and personal habits.

**regiment** n. A body of soldiers.

**regnant** adj. Exercising royal authority in one's own right.

**regress** v. To return to a former place or condition.

**regretful** adj. Feeling, expressive of, or full of regret.

**rehabilitate** v. To restore to a former status, capacity, right rank, or privilege.

**reign** v. To hold and exercise sovereign power.

**reimburse** v. To pay back as an equivalent of what has been expended.

**rein** n. A step attached to the bit for controlling a horse or other draft-animal.

**reinstate** v. To restore to a former state, station, or authority.

**reiterate** v. To say or do again and again.

**rejoin** v. To reunite after separation.

**rejuvenate** v. To restore to youth.

**rejuvenescence** n. A renewal of youth.

**relapse** v. To suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery.

**relegate** v. To send off or consign, as to an obscure position or remote destination.

**relent** v. To yield.

**relevant** adj. Bearing upon the matter in hand.

**reliance** n. Dependence.

**reliant** adj. Having confidence.

**relinquish** v. To give up using or having.

**reliquary** n. A casket, coffer, or repository in which relics are kept.

**relish** v. To like the taste or savor of.

**reluctance** n. Unwillingness.

**reluctant** adj. Unwilling.

**remembrance** n. Recollection.

**reminiscence** n. The calling to mind of incidents within the range of personal knowledge or experience.

**reminiscent** adj. Pertaining to the recollection of matters of personal interest.

**remiss** adj. Negligent.

**remission** n. Temporary diminution of a disease.

**remodel** v. Reconstruct.

**remonstrance** n. Reproof.

**remonstrant** adj. Having the character of a reproof.

**remonstrate** v. To present a verbal or written protest to those who have power to right or prevent a wrong.

**remunerate** v. To pay or pay for.

**remuneration** n. Compensation.

**Renaissance** n. The revival of letters, and then of art, which marks the transition from medieval to modern time.

**rendezvous** n. A prearranged place of meeting.

**rendition** n. Interpretation.

**renovate** v. To restore after deterioration, as a building.

**renunciation** n. An explicit disclaimer of a right or privilege.

**reorganize** v. To change to a more satisfactory form of organization.

**reparable** adj. Capable of repair.

**reparation** n. The act of making amends, as for an injury, loss, or wrong.

**repartee** n. A ready, witty, or apt reply.

**repeal** v. To render of no further effect.

**repel** v. To force or keep back in a manner, physically or mentally.

**repellent** adj. Having power to force back in a manner, physically or mentally.

**repentance** n. Sorrow for something done or left undone, with desire to make things right by undoing the wrong.

**repertory** n. A place where things are stored or gathered together.

**repetition** n. The act of repeating.

**repine** v. To indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding.

**replenish** v. To fill again, as something that has been emptied.

**replete** adj. Full to the uttermost.

**replica** n. A duplicate executed by the artist himself, and regarded, equally with the first, as an original.

**repository** n. A place in which goods are stored.

**reprehend** v. To find fault with.

**reprehensible** adj. Censurable.

**reprehension** n. Expression of blame.

**repress** v. To keep under restraint or control.

**repressible** adj. Able to be kept under restraint or control.

**reprieve** v. To grant a respite from punishment to.

**reprimand** v. To chide or rebuke for a fault.

**reprisal** n. Any infliction or act by way of retaliation on an enemy.

**reprobate** n. One abandoned to depravity and sin.

**reproduce** v. To make a copy of.

**reproduction** n. The process by which an animal or plant gives rise to another of its kind.

**reproof** n. An expression of disapproval or blame personally addressed to one censured.

**repudiate** v. To refuse to have anything to do with.

**repugnance** n. Thorough dislike.

**repugnant** adj. Offensive to taste and feeling.

**repulse** n. The act of beating or driving back, as an attacking or advancing enemy.

**repulsive** adj. Grossly offensive.

**repute** v. To hold in general opinion.

**requiem** n. A solemn mass sung for the repose of the souls of the dead.

**requisite** adj. Necessary.

**requital** n. Adequate return for good or ill.

**requite** v. To repay either good or evil to, as to a person.

**rescind** v. To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or a superior authority.

**reseat** v. To place in position of office again.

**resemblance** n. Similarity in quality or form.

**resent** v. To be indignant at, as an injury or insult.

**reservoir** n. A receptacle where a quantity of some material, especially of a liquid or gas, may be kept.

**residue** n. A remainder or surplus after a part has been separated or otherwise treated.

**resilience** n. The power of springing back to a former position.

**resilient** adj. Having the quality of springing back to a former position.

**resistance** n. The exertion of opposite effort or effect.

**resistant** adj. Offering or tending to produce resistance.

**resistive** adj. Having or exercising the power of resistance.

**resistless** adj. Powerless.

**resonance** n. The quality of being able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.

**resonance** adj. Able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.

**resonate** v. To have or produce resonance.

**resource** n. That which is restored to, relied upon, or made available for aid or support.

**respite** n. Interval of rest.

**resplendent** adj. Very bright.

**respondent** adj. Answering.

**restitution** n. Restoration of anything to the one to whom it properly belongs.

**resumption** n. The act of taking back, or taking again.

**resurgent** adj. Surging back or again.

**resurrection** n. A return from death to life.

**resuscitate** v. To restore from apparent death.

**retaliate** v. To repay evil with a similar evil.

**retch** v. To make an effort to vomit.

**retention** n. The keeping of a thing within one's power or possession.

**reticence** n. The quality of habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance.

**reticent** adj. Habitually keeping silent or being reserved in utterance.

**retinue** n. The body of persons who attend a person of importance in travel or public appearance.

**retort** n. A retaliatory speech.

**retouch** v. To modify the details of.

**retrace** v. To follow backward or toward the place of beginning, as a track or marking.

**retract** v. To recall or take back (something that one has said).

**retrench** v. To cut down or reduce in extent or quantity.

**retrieve** v. To recover something by searching.

**retroactive** adj. Operative on, affecting, or having reference to past events, transactions, responsibilities.

**retrograde** v. To cause to deteriorate or to move backward.

**retrogression** n. A going or moving backward or in a reverse direction.

**retrospect** n. A view or contemplation of something past.

**retrospective** adj. Looking back on the past.

**reunite** v. To unite or join again, as after separation.

**revelation** n. A disclosing, discovering, or making known of what was before secret, private, or unknown.

**revere** v. To regard with worshipful veneration.

**reverent** adj. Humble.

**reversion** n. A return to or toward some former state or condition.

**revert** v. To return, or turn or look back, as toward a former position or the like.

**revile** v. To heap approach or abuse upon.

**revisal** n. Revision.

**revise** v. To examine for the correction of errors, or for the purpose of making changes.

**revocation** n. Repeal.

**revoke** v. To rescind.

**rhapsody** n. Rapt or rapturous utterance.

**rhetoric** n. The art of discourse.

**rhetorician** n. A showy writer or speaker.

**ribald** adj. Indulging in or manifesting coarse indecency or obscenity.

**riddance** n. The act or ridding or delivering from something undesirable.

**ridicule** n. Looks or acts expressing amused contempt.

**ridiculous** adj. Laughable and contemptible.

**rife** adj. Abundant.

**righteousness** n. Rectitude.

**rightful** adj. Conformed to a just claim according to established laws or usage.

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**rigmarole** n. Nonsense.  
**rigor** n. Inflexibility.  
**rigorous** adj. Uncompromising.  
**ripple** n. A small ripple, as of water.  
**risible** adj. Capable of exciting laughter.  
**rivulet** n. A small stream or brook.  
**robust** adj. Characterized by great strength or power of endurance.  
**rondo** n. A musical composition during which the first part or subject is repeated several times.  
**rookery** n. A place where crows congregate to breed.  
**rotary** adj. Turning around its axis, like a wheel, or so constructed as to turn thus.  
**rotate** v. To cause to turn on or as on its axis, as a wheel.  
**rote** n. Repetition of words or sounds as a means of learning them, with slight attention.  
**rotund** adj. Round from fullness or plumpness.  
**rudimentary** adj. Being in an initial, early, or incomplete stage of development.  
**rue** v. To regret extremely.  
**ruffian** adj. A lawless or recklessly brutal fellow.  
**ruminant** adj. Chewing the cud.  
**ruminare** v. To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.  
**rupture** v. To separate the parts of by violence.  
**rustic** adj. Characteristic of dwelling in the country.  
**ruth** n. Sorrow for another's misery.  
**sacrifice** v. To make an offering of to deity, especially by presenting on an altar.  
**sacrificial** adj. Offering or offered as an atonement for sin.  
**sacrilege** n. The act of violating or profaning anything sacred.  
**sacriligious** adj. Impious.  
**safeguard** v. To protect.  
**sagacious** adj. Able to discern and distinguish with wise perception.  
**salacious** adj. Having strong sexual desires.  
**salience** n. The condition of standing out distinctly.  
**salient** adj. Standing out prominently.  
**saline** adj. Constituting or consisting of salt.  
**salutary** adj. Beneficial.  
**salutation** n. Any form of greeting, hailing, or welcome, whether by word or act.  
**salutatory** n. The opening oration at the commencement in American colleges.  
**salvage** n. Any act of saving property.  
**salvo** n. A salute given by firing all the guns, as at the funeral of an officer.  
**sanctimonious** adj. Making an ostentatious display or hypocritical pretense of holiness or piety.  
**sanction** v. To approve authoritatively.  
**sanctity** n. Holiness.  
**sanguinary** adj. Bloody.  
**sanguine** adj. Having the color of blood.  
**sanguineous** adj. Consisting of blood.  
**sapid** adj. Affecting the sense of taste.  
**sapience** n. Deep wisdom or knowledge.  
**sapient** adj. Possessing wisdom.  
**sapiential** adj. Possessing wisdom.  
**saponaceous** adj. Having the nature or quality of soap.  
**sarcasm** n. Cutting and reproachful language.  
**sarcophagus** n. A stone coffin or a chest-like tomb.  
**sardonic** adj. Scornfully or bitterly sarcastic.  
**satiate** v. To satisfy fully the appetite or desire of.  
**satire** n. The employment of sarcasm, irony, or keenness of wit in ridiculing vices.  
**satiric** adj. Resembling poetry, in which vice, incapacity, or corruption is held up to ridicule.  
**satirize** v. To treat with sarcasm or derisive wit.  
**satyr** n. A very lascivious person.  
**savage** n. A wild and uncivilized human being.  
**savor** v. To perceive by taste or smell.  
**scabbard** n. The sheath of a sword or similar bladed weapon.  
**scarcity** n. Insufficiency of supply for needs or ordinary demands.  
**scholarly** adj. Characteristic of an erudite person.  
**scholastic** adj. Pertaining to education or schools.  
**scintilla** n. The faintest ray.  
**scintillate** v. To emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light.  
**scope** n. A range of action or view.  
**scoundrel** n. A man without principle.  
**scribble** n. Hasty, careless writing.  
**scribe** n. One who writes or is skilled in writing.  
**script** n. Writing or handwriting of the ordinary cursive form.  
**Scriptural** adj. Pertaining to, contained in, or warranted by the Holy Scriptures.  
**scruple** n. Doubt or uncertainty regarding a question of moral right or duty.  
**scrupulous** adj. Cautious in action for fear of doing wrong.  
**scurrilous** adj. Grossly indecent or vulgar.

**scuttle** v. To sink (a ship) by making holes in the bottom.  
**scythe** n. A long curved blade for mowing, reaping, etc.  
**séance** n. A meeting of spirituals for consulting spirits.  
**sear** v. To burn on the surface.  
**sebaceous** adj. Pertaining to or appearing like fat.  
**secant** adj. Cutting, especially into two parts.  
**secede** v. To withdraw from union or association, especially from a political or religious body.  
**secession** n. Voluntary withdrawal from fellowship, especially from political or religious bodies.  
**seclude** v. To place, keep, or withdraw from the companionship of others.  
**seclusion** n. Solitude.  
**secondary** adj. Less important or effective than that which is primary.  
**secondly** adv. In the second place in order or succession.  
**second-rate** adj. Second in quality, size, rank, importance, etc.  
**secrecy** n. Concealment.  
**secretary** n. One who attends to correspondence, keeps records, or does other writing for others.  
**secretive** adj. Having a tendency to conceal.  
**sedate** adj. Even-tempered.  
**sedentary** adj. Involving or requiring much sitting.  
**sediment** n. Matter that settles to the bottom of a liquid.  
**sedition** n. Conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.  
**seditious** adj. Promotive of conduct directed against public order and the tranquility of the state.  
**seduce** v. To entice to surrender chastity.  
**sedulous** adj. Persevering in effort or endeavor.  
**seer** n. A prophet.  
**seethe** v. To be violently excited or agitated.  
**seignior** n. A title of honor or respectful address, equivalent to sir.  
**seismograph** n. An instrument for recording the phenomena of earthquakes.  
**seize** v. To catch or take hold of suddenly and forcibly.  
**selective** adj. Having the power of choice.  
**self-respect** n. Rational self-esteem.  
**semblance** n. Outward appearance.  
**semicivilized** adj. Half-civilized.  
**semiconscious** adj. Partially conscious.  
**semiannual** adj. Recurring at intervals of six months.  
**semicircle** n. A half-circle.  
**seminar** n. Any assemblage of pupils for real research in some specific study under a teacher.  
**seminary** n. A special school, as of theology or pedagogics.  
**senile** adj. Peculiar to or proceeding from the weakness or infirmity of old age.  
**sensation** n. A condition of mind resulting from spiritual or inherent feeling.  
**sense** n. The signification conveyed by some word, phrase, or action.  
**sensibility** n. Power to perceive or feel.  
**sensitive** adj. Easily affected by outside operations or influences.  
**sensorium** n. The sensory apparatus.  
**sensual** adj. Pertaining to the body or the physical senses.  
**sensuous** adj. Having a warm appreciation of the beautiful or of the refinements of luxury.  
**sentence** n. A related group of words containing a subject and a predicate and expressing a complete thought.  
**sentience** n. Capacity for sensation or sense-perception.  
**sentient** adj. Possessing the power of sense or sense-perception.  
**sentinel** n. Any guard or watch stationed for protection.  
**separable** adj. Capable of being disjoined or divided.  
**separate** v. To take apart.  
**separatist** n. A seceder.  
**septennial** adj. Recurring every seven years.  
**sepulcher** n. A burial-place.  
**sequacious** adj. Ready to be led.  
**sequel** n. That which follows in consequence of what has previously happened.  
**sequence** n. The order in which a number or persons, things, or events follow one another in space or time.  
**sequent** adj. Following in the order of time.  
**sequester** v. To cause to withdraw or retire, as from society or public life.  
**sequester** v. To confiscate.  
**sergeant** n. A non-commissioned military officer ranking next above a corporal.  
**sergeant-at-arms** n. An executive officer in legislative bodies who enforces the orders of the presiding officer.  
**sergeant-major** n. The highest non-commissioned officer in a regiment.  
**service** n. Any work done for the benefit of another.  
**serviceable** adj. Durable.  
**servitude** n. Slavery.

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**severance** n. Separation.  
**severely** adv. Extremely.  
**sextet** n. A band of six singers or players.  
**sextuple** adj. Multiplied by six.  
**sheer** adj. Absolute.  
**shiftless** adj. Wanting in resource, energy, or executive ability.  
**shrewd** adj. Characterized by skill at understanding and profiting by circumstances.  
**shriek** n. A sharp, shrill outcry or scream, caused by agony or terror.  
**shrinkage** n. A contraction of any material into less bulk or dimension.  
**shrivel** v. To draw or be drawn into wrinkles.  
**shuffle** n. A mixing or changing the order of things.  
**sibilance** n. A hissing sound.  
**sibilant** adj. Made with a hissing sound.  
**sibilate** v. To give a hissing sound to, as in pronouncing the letter s.  
**sidelong** adj. Inclining or tending to one side.  
**sidereal** adj. Pertaining to stars or constellations.  
**siege** n. A beleaguering.  
**significance** n. Importance.  
**significant** adj. Important, especially as pointing something out.  
**signification** n. The meaning conveyed by language, actions, or signs.  
**similar** adj. Bearing resemblance to one another or to something else.  
**simile** n. A comparison which directs the mind to the representative object itself.  
**similitude** n. Similarity.  
**simplify** v. To make less complex or difficult.  
**simulate** v. Imitate.  
**simultaneous** adj. Occurring, done, or existing at the same time.  
**sinecure** n. Any position having emoluments with few or no duties.  
**singe** v. To burn slightly or superficially.  
**sinister** adj. Evil.  
**sinuosity** n. The quality of curving in and out.  
**sinuous** adj. Curving in and out.  
**sinus** n. An opening or cavity.  
**siren** n. A sea-nymph, described by Homer as dwelling between the island of Circe and Scylla.  
**sirocco** n. hot winds from Africa.  
**sisterhood** n. A body of sisters united by some bond of sympathy or by a religious vow.  
**skeptic** n. One who doubts any statements.  
**skepticism** n. The entertainment of doubt concerning something.  
**skiff** n. Usually, a small light boat propelled by oars.  
**skirmish** n. Desultory fighting between advanced detachments of two armies.  
**sleight** n. A trick or feat so deftly done that the manner of performance escapes observation.  
**slight** adj. Of a small importance or significance.  
**slothful** adj. Lazy.  
**sluggard** n. A person habitually lazy or idle.  
**sociable** adj. Inclined to seek company.  
**socialism** n. A theory of civil polity that aims to secure the reconstruction of society.  
**socialist** adj. One who advocates reconstruction of society by collective ownership of land and capital.  
**sociology** n. The philosophical study of society.  
**Sol** n. The sun.  
**solace** n. Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.  
**solar** adj. Pertaining to the sun.  
**solder** n. A fusible alloy used for joining metallic surfaces or margins.  
**soldier** n. A person engaged in military service.  
**solecism** n. Any violation of established rules or customs.  
**solicitor** n. One who represents a client in court of justice; an attorney.  
**solicitude** n. Uneasiness of mind occasioned by desire, anxiety, or fear.  
**soliloquy** n. A monologue.  
**solstice** n. The time of year when the sun is at its greatest declination.  
**soluble** adj. Capable of being dissolved, as in a fluid.  
**solvent** adj. Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.  
**somber** adj. Gloomy.  
**somniferous** adj. Tending to produce sleep.  
**somnolence** n. Oppressive drowsiness.  
**somnolent** adj. Sleepy.  
**sonata** n. An instrumental composition.  
**sonnet** n. A poem of fourteen decasyllabic or octosyllabic lines expressing two successive phrases.  
**sonorous** adj. Resonant.  
**soothsayer** n. One who claims to have supernatural insight or foresight.  
**sophism** n. A false argument understood to be such by the reasoner himself and intentionally used to deceive.  
**sophistical** adj. Fallacious.  
**sophisticate** v. To deprive of simplicity of mind or manner.

**sophistry** n. Reasoning sound in appearance only, especially when designedly deceptive.  
**soprano** n. A woman's or boy's voice of high range.  
**sorcery** n. Witchcraft.  
**sordid** adj. Of degraded character or nature.  
**souvenir** n. A token of remembrance.  
**sparse** adj. Thinly diffused.  
**Spartan** adj. Exceptionally brave; rigorously severe.  
**spasmodic** adj. Convulsive.  
**specialize** v. To assume an individual or specific character, or adopt a singular or special course.  
**specialty** n. An employment limited to one particular line of work.  
**specie** n. A coin or coins of gold, silver, copper, or other metal.  
**species** n. A classificatory group of animals or plants subordinate to a genus.  
**specimen** n. One of a class of persons or things regarded as representative of the class.  
**specious** adj. Plausible.  
**spectator** n. One who beholds or looks on.  
**specter** n. Apparition.  
**spectrum** n. An image formed by rays of light or other radiant energy.  
**speculate** v. To pursue inquiries and form conjectures.  
**speculator** n. One who makes an investment that involves a risk of loss, but also a chance of profit.  
**sphericity** n. The state or condition of being a sphere.  
**spheroid** n. A body having nearly the form of a sphere.  
**spherometer** n. An instrument for measuring curvature or radii of spherical surfaces.  
**spinous** adj. Having spines.  
**spinster** n. A woman who has never been married.  
**spontaneous** adj. Arising from inherent qualities or tendencies without external efficient cause.  
**sprightly** adj. Vivacious.  
**spurious** adj. Not genuine.  
**squabble** v. To quarrel.  
**squalid** adj. Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.  
**squatter** n. One who settles on land without permission or right.  
**stagnant** adj. Not flowing: said of water, as in a pool.  
**stagnate** v. To become dull or inert.  
**stagnation** n. The condition of not flowing or not changing.  
**stagy** adj. Having a theatrical manner.  
**staid** adj. Of a steady and sober character.  
**stallion** n. An uncastrated male horse, commonly one kept for breeding.  
**stanchion** n. A vertical bar, or a pair of bars, used to confine cattle in a stall.  
**stanza** n. A group of rimed lines, usually forming one of a series of similar divisions in a poem.  
**statecraft** n. The art of conducting state affairs.  
**static** adj. Pertaining to or designating bodies at rest or forces in equilibrium.  
**statics** n. The branch of mechanics that treats of the relations that subsist among forces in order.  
**stationary** adj. Not moving.  
**statistician** n. One who is skilled in collecting and tabulating numerical facts.  
**statuesque** adj. Having the grace, pose, or quietude of a statue.  
**statuette** n. A figurine.  
**stature** n. The natural height of an animal body.  
**statute** n. Any authoritatively declared rule, ordinance, decree, or law.  
**stealth** n. A concealed manner of acting.  
**stellar** adj. Pertaining to the stars.  
**steppe** n. One of the extensive plains in Russia and Siberia.  
**sterling** adj. Genuine.  
**stifle** v. To smother.  
**stigma** n. A mark of infamy or token of disgrace attaching to a person as the result of evil-doing.  
**stiletto** n. A small dagger.  
**stimulant** n. Anything that rouses to activity or to quickened action.  
**stimulate** v. To rouse to activity or to quickened action.  
**stimulus** n. Incentive.  
**stingy** adj. Cheap, unwilling to spend money.  
**stipend** n. A definite amount paid at stated periods in compensation for services or as an allowance.  
**Stoicism** n. The principles or the practice of the Stoics-being very even tempered in success and failure.  
**stolid** adj. Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.  
**strait** n. A narrow passage of water connecting two larger bodies of water.  
**stratagem** n. Any clever trick or device for obtaining an advantage.  
**stratum** n. A natural or artificial layer, bed, or thickness of any substance or material.  
**streamlet** n. Rivulet.  
**stringency** n. Strictness.

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- stringent** adj. Rigid.  
**stripling** n. A mere youth.  
**studious** adj. Having or showing devotion to the acquisition of knowledge.  
**stultify** v. To give an appearance of foolishness to.  
**stupendous** adj. Of prodigious size, bulk, or degree.  
**stupor** n. Profound lethargy.  
**suasion** n. The act of persuading.  
**suave** adj. Smooth and pleasant in manner.  
**subacid** adj. Somewhat sharp or biting.  
**subaquatic** adj. Being, formed, or operating under water.  
**subconscious** adj. Being or occurring in the mind, but without attendant consciousness or conscious perception.  
**subadjacent** adj. Situated directly underneath.  
**subjection** n. The act of bringing into a state of submission.  
**subjugate** v. To conquer.  
**subliminal** adj. Being beneath the threshold of consciousness.  
**sublingual** adj. Situated beneath the tongue.  
**submarine** adj. Existing, done, or operating beneath the surface of the sea.  
**submerge** v. To place or plunge under water.  
**submergence** n. The act of submerging.  
**submersible** adj. Capable of being put underwater.  
**submersion** n. The act of submerging.  
**submission** n. A yielding to the power or authority of another.  
**submittal** n. The act of submitting.  
**subordinate** adj. Belonging to an inferior order in a classification.  
**subsequent** adj. Following in time.  
**subservience** n. The quality, character, or condition of being servilely following another's behests.  
**subservient** adj. Servilely following another's behests.  
**subside** v. To relapse into a state of repose and tranquility.  
**subsist** v. To be maintained or sustained.  
**subsistence** n. Sustenance.  
**substantive** adj. Solid.  
**subtend** v. To extend opposite to.  
**subterfuge** n. Evasion.  
**subterranean** adj. Situated or occurring below the surface of the earth.  
**subtle** adj. Discriminating.  
**subtrahend** n. That which is to be subtracted.  
**subversion** n. An overthrow, as from the foundation.  
**subvert** v. To bring to ruin.  
**succeed** v. To accomplish what is attempted or intended.  
**success** n. A favorable or prosperous course or termination of anything attempted.  
**successful** adj. Having reached a high degree of worldly prosperity.  
**successor** n. One who or that which takes the place of a predecessor or preceding thing.  
**succinct** adj. Concise.  
**succulent** adj. Juicy.  
**succumb** v. To cease to resist.  
**sufferance** n. Toleration.  
**sufficiency** n. An ample or adequate supply.  
**suffrage** n. The right or privilege of voting.  
**suffuse** v. To cover or fill the surface of.  
**suggestible** adj. That can be suggested.  
**suggestive** adj. Stimulating to thought or reflection.  
**summary** n. An abstract.  
**sumptuous** adj. Rich and costly.  
**superabundance** n. An excessive amount.  
**superadd** v. To add in addition to what has been added.  
**superannuate** v. To become deteriorated or incapacitated by long service.  
**superb** adj. Sumptuously elegant.  
**supercilious** adj. Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt.  
**superficial** adj. Knowing and understanding only the ordinary and the obvious.  
**superfluity** n. That part of anything that is in excess of what is needed.  
**superfluous** adj. Being more than is needed.  
**superheat** v. To heat to excess.  
**superintend** v. To have the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement.  
**superintendence** n. Direction and management.  
**superintendent** n. One who has the charge and direction of, especially of some work or movement.  
**superlative** n. That which is of the highest possible excellence or eminence.  
**supernatural** adj. Caused miraculously or by the immediate exercise of divine power.  
**supernumerary** adj. Superfluous.  
**supersede** v. To displace.  
**supine** adj. Lying on the back.  
**supplant** v. To take the place of.  
**supple** adj. Easily bent.  
**supplementary** adj. Being an addition to.  
**supplicant** n. One who asks humbly and earnestly.  
**supplicate** v. To beg.  
**supposition** n. Conjecture.  
**suppress** v. To prevent from being disclosed or punished.  
**suppressible** adj. Capable of being suppressed.  
**suppression** n. A forcible putting or keeping down.  
**supramundane** adj. Supernatural.  
**surcharge** n. An additional amount charged.  
**surety** n. Security for payment or performance.  
**surfeit** v. To feed to fullness or to satiety.  
**surmise** v. To conjecture.  
**surmount** v. To overcome by force of will.  
**surreptitious** adj. Clandestine.  
**surrogate** n. One who or that which is substituted for or appointed to act in place of another.  
**surround** v. To encircle.  
**surveyor** n. A land-measurer.  
**susceptibility** n. A specific capability of feeling or emotion.  
**susceptible** adj. Easily under a specified power or influence.  
**suspense** n. Uncertainty.  
**suspension** n. A hanging from a support.  
**suspicious** adj. Inclined to doubt or mistrust.  
**sustenance** n. Food.  
**swarthy** adj. Having a dark hue, especially a dark or sunburned complexion.  
**Sybarite** n. A luxurious person.  
**sycophant** n. A servile flatterer, especially of those in authority or influence.  
**syllabic** adj. Consisting of that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllabication** n. Division of words into that which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllable** n. That which is uttered in a single vocal impulse.  
**syllabus** n. Outline of a subject, course, lecture, or treatise.  
**sylph** n. A slender, graceful young woman or girl.  
**symmetrical** adj. Well-balanced.  
**symmetry** n. Relative proportion and harmony.  
**sympathetic** adj. Having a fellow-feeling for or like feelings with another or others.  
**sympathize** v. To share the sentiments or mental states of another.  
**symphonic** adj. Characterized by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.  
**symphonious** adj. Marked by a harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.  
**symphony** n. A harmonious or agreeable mingling of sounds.  
**synchronism** n. Simultaneousness.  
**syndicate** n. An association of individuals united for the prosecution of some enterprise.  
**syneresis** n. The coalescence of two vowels or syllables, as e'er for ever.  
**synod** n. An ecclesiastical council.  
**synonym** n. A word having the same or almost the same meaning as some other.  
**synopsis** n. A syllabus or summary.  
**systematic** adj. Methodical.  
**tableau** n. An arrangement of inanimate figures representing a scene from real life.  
**tacit** adj. Understood.  
**taciturn** adj. Disinclined to conversation.  
**tack** n. A small sharp-pointed nail.  
**tact** n. Fine or ready mental discernment shown in saying or doing the proper thing.  
**tactician** n. One who directs affairs with skill and shrewdness.  
**tactics** n. Any maneuvering or adroit management for effecting an object.  
**tangency** n. The state of touching.  
**tangent** adj. Touching.  
**tangible** adj. Perceptible by touch.  
**tannery** n. A place where leather is tanned.  
**tantalize** v. To tease.  
**tantamount** adj. Having equal or equivalent value, effect, or import.  
**tapestry** n. A fabric to which a pattern is applied with a needle, designed for ornamental hangings.  
**tarnish** v. To lessen or destroy the luster of in any way.  
**taut** adj. Stretched tight.  
**taxation** n. A levy, by government, of a fixed contribution.  
**taxidermy** n. The art or process of preserving dead animals or parts of them.  
**technic** adj. Technical.  
**technicality** n. Something peculiar to a particular art, trade, or the like.  
**technique** n. Manner of performance.  
**technography** n. The scientific description or study of human arts and industries in their historic development.  
**technology** n. The knowledge relating to industries and manufactures.  
**teem** v. To be full to overflowing.  
**telepathy** n. Thought-transference.

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- telephony** n. The art or process of communicating by telephone.
- telescope** v. To drive together so that one slides into the another like the sections of a spy-glass.
- telltale** adj. That gives warning or information.
- temerity** n. Recklessness.
- temporal** adj. Pertaining to or concerned with the affairs of the present life.
- temporary** adj. Lasting for a short time only.
- temporize** v. To pursue a policy of delay.
- tempt** v. To offer to (somebody) an inducement to do wrong.
- tempter** n. An allurer or enticer to evil.
- tenacious** adj. Unyielding.
- tenant** n. An occupant.
- tendency** n. Direction or inclination, as toward some object or end.
- tenet** n. Any opinion, principle, dogma, or doctrine that a person believes or maintains as true.
- tenor** n. A settled course or manner of progress.
- tense** adj. Strained to stiffness.
- tentative** adj. Done as an experiment.
- tenure** n. The term during which a thing is held.
- tercentenary** adj. Pertaining to a period of 300 years.
- termagant** adj. Violently abusive and quarrelsome.
- terminal** adj. Pertaining to or creative of a boundary, limit.
- terminate** v. To put an end or stop to.
- termination** n. The act of ending or concluding.
- terminus** n. The final point or goal.
- terrify** v. To fill with extreme fear.
- territorial** adj. Pertaining to the domain over which a sovereign state exercises jurisdiction.
- terse** adj. Pithy.
- testament** n. A will.
- testator** n. The maker of a will.
- testimonial** n. A formal token of regard, often presented in public.
- thearchy** n. Government by a supreme deity.
- theism** n. Belief in God.
- theocracy** n. A government administered by ecclesiastics.
- theocracy** n. The mixed worship of polytheism.
- theologian** n. A professor of divinity.
- theological** adj. Based on or growing out of divine revelation.
- theology** n. The branch of theological science that treats of God.
- theoretical** adj. Directed toward knowledge for its own sake without respect to applications.
- theorist** n. One given to speculating.
- theorize** v. To speculate.
- thereabout** adv. Near that number, quantity, degree, place, or time, approximately.
- therefor** adv. For that or this.
- thermal** adj. Of or pertaining to heat.
- thermoelectric** adj. Denoting electricity produced by heat.
- thermoelectricity** n. Electricity generated by differences of temperature.
- thesis** n. An essay or treatise on a particular subject.
- thoroughbred** adj. Bred from the best or purest blood or stock.
- thoroughfare** n. A public street or road.
- thrall** n. One controlled by an appetite or a passion.
- tilth** n. Cultivation.
- timbre** n. The quality of a tone, as distinguished from intensity and pitch.
- timorous** adj. Lacking courage.
- tincture** n. A solution, usually alcoholic, of some principle used in medicine.
- tinge** n. A faint trace of color.
- tipsy** adj. Befuddled with drinks.
- tirade** n. Harangue.
- tireless** adj. Untiring.
- tiresome** adj. Wearisome.
- Titanic** adj. Of vast size or strength.
- toilsome** adj. Laborious.
- tolerable** adj. Moderately good.
- tolerance** n. Forbearance in judging of the acts or opinions of others.
- tolerant** adj. Indulgent.
- tolerate** v. To passively permit or put up with.
- toleration** n. A spirit of charitable leniency.
- topography** n. The art of representing on a map the physical features of any locality or region with accuracy.
- torpor** n. Apathy.
- torrid** adj. Excessively hot.
- tortious** adj. Wrongful.
- tortuous** adj. Abounding in irregular bends or turns.
- torturous** adj. Marked by extreme suffering.
- tractable** adj. Easily led or controlled.
- trait** n. A distinguishing feature or quality.
- trajectory** n. The path described by a projectile moving under given forces.
- trammel** n. An impediment.
- tranquil** adj. Calm.
- tranquelize** v. To soothe.
- tranquility** n. Calmness.
- transalpine** adj. Situated on the other side of the Alps.
- transact** v. To do business.
- transatlantic** adj. Situated beyond or on the other side of the Atlantic.
- transcend** v. To surpass.
- transcendent** adj. Surpassing.
- transcontinental** adj. Extending or passing across a continent.
- transcribe** v. To write over again (something already written)
- transcript** n. A copy made directly from an original.
- transfer** v. To convey, remove, or cause to pass from one person or place to another.
- transferable** adj. Capable of being conveyed from one person or place to another.
- transferee** n. The person to whom a transfer is made.
- transference** n. The act of conveying from one person or place to another.
- transferer** n. One who or that which conveys from one person or place to another.
- transfigure** v. To give an exalted meaning or glorified appearance to.
- transfuse** v. To pour or cause to pass, as a fluid, from one vessel to another.
- transfusible** adj. Capable of being poured from one vessel to another.
- transfusion** n. The act of pouring from one vessel to another.
- transgress** v. To break a law.
- transience** n. Something that is of short duration.
- transient** n. One who or that which is only of temporary existence.
- transition** n. Passage from one place, condition, or action to another.
- transitory** adj. Existing for a short time only.
- translate** v. To give the sense or equivalent of in another language or dialect.
- translator** n. An interpreter.
- translucence** n. The property or state of allowing the passage of light.
- translucent** adj. Allowing the passage of light.
- transmissible** adj. That may be sent through or across.
- transmission** n. The act of sending through or across.
- transmit** v. To send through or across.
- transmute** v. To change in nature, substance, or form.
- transparent** adj. Easy to see through or understand.
- transpire** v. To come to pass.
- transplant** v. To remove and plant in another place.
- transposition** n. The act of reversing the order or changing the place of.
- transverse** adj. Lying or being across or in a crosswise direction.
- travail** n. Hard or agonizing labor.
- travesty** n. A grotesque imitation.
- treacherous** adj. Perfidious.
- treachery** n. Violation of allegiance, confidence, or plighted faith.
- treasonable** adj. Of the nature of betrayal, treachery, or breach of allegiance.
- treasure** n. An elaborate literary composition presenting a subject in all its parts.
- treble** adj. Multiplied by three.
- trebly** adv. Triply.
- tremendous** adj. Awe-inspiring.
- tremor** n. An involuntary trembling or shivering.
- tremulous** adj. Characterized by quivering or unsteadiness.
- trenchant** adj. Cutting deeply and quickly.
- trepidation** n. Nervous uncertainty of feeling.
- trellis** n. An open braced framework for supporting the horizontal stringers of a railway-bridge.
- triad** n. A group of three persons or things.
- tribune** n. Any champion of the rights and liberties of the people: often used as the name for a newspaper.
- trickery** n. Artifice.
- tricolor** adj. Of three colors.
- tricycle** n. A three-wheeled vehicle.
- trident** n. The three-pronged fork that was the emblem of Neptune.
- triennial** adj. Taking place every third year.
- trimness** n. Neatness.
- trinity** n. A threefold personality existing in the one divine being or substance.
- trio** n. Three things grouped or associated together.
- triple** adj. Threefold.
- triplicate** adj. Composed of or pertaining to three related things or parts.
- triplicity** n. The state of being triple or threefold.
- tripod** n. A three-legged stand, usually hinged near the top, for supporting some instrument.
- trisection** v. To divide into three parts, especially into three equal parts.
- trite** adj. Made commonplace by frequent repetition.

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**triumvir** n. One of three men united coordinately in public office or authority.

**trivial** adj. Of little importance or value.

**troublesome** adj. Burdensome.

**truculence** n. Ferocity.

**truculent** adj. Having the character or the spirit of a savage.

**truism** n. A statement so plainly true as hardly to require statement or proof.

**truthful** adj. Veracious.

**turgid** adj. Swollen.

**turpitude** n. Depravity.

**tutelage** n. The act of training or the state of being under instruction.

**tutelar** adj. Protective.

**tutorship** n. The office of a guardian.

**twinge** n. A darting momentary local pain.

**typical** adj. Characteristic.

**typify** v. To serve as a characteristic example of.

**typographical** adj. Pertaining to typography or printing.

**typography** n. The arrangement of composed type, or the appearance of printed matter.

**tyrannical** adj. Despotic.

**tyranny** n. Absolute power arbitrarily or unjustly administered.

**tyro** n. One slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession.

**ubiquitous** adj. Being present everywhere.

**ulterior** adj. Not so pertinent as something else to the matter spoken of.

**ultimate** adj. Beyond which there is nothing else.

**ultimatum** n. A final statement or proposal, as concerning terms or conditions.

**ultramundane** adj. Pertaining to supernatural things or to another life.

**ultramontane** adj. Beyond the mountains, especially beyond the Alps (that is, on their Italian side).

**umbrage** n. A sense of injury.

**unaccountable** adj. Inexplicable.

**unaffected** adj. Sincere.

**unanimous** adj. Sharing the same views or sentiments.

**unanimity** n. The state or quality of being of one mind.

**unavoidable** adj. Inevitable.

**unbearable** adj. Unendurable.

**unbecoming** adj. Unsuitable to the wearer, place, or surroundings.

**unbelief** n. Doubt.

**unbiased** adj. Impartial, as judgment.

**unbridled** adj. Being without restraint.

**uncommon** adj. Rare.

**unconscionable** adj. Ridiculously or unjustly excessive.

**unconscious** adj. Not cognizant of objects, actions, etc.

**unction** n. The act of anointing as with oil.

**unctuous** adj. Oily.

**undecieve** v. To free from deception, as by apprising of the real state of affairs.

**undercharge** v. To make an inadequate charge for.

**underexposed** adj. Insufficiently exposed for proper or full development, as negatives in photography.

**undergarment** n. A garment to be worn under the ordinary outer garments.

**underman** v. To equip with less than the full complement of men.

**undersell** v. To sell at a lower price than.

**undersized** adj. Of less than the customary size.

**underhanded** adj. Clandestinely carried on.

**underlie** v. To be the ground or support of.

**underling** n. A subordinate.

**undermine** v. To subvert in an underhand way.

**underrate** v. To undervalue.

**understate** v. To fail to put strongly enough, as a case.

**undervalue** v. To underestimate.

**underworld** n. Hades.

**underwrite** v. To issue or be party to the issue of a policy of insurance.

**undue** adj. More than sufficient.

**undulate** v. To move like a wave or in waves.

**undulous** adj. Resembling waves.

**unfavorable** adj. Adverse.

**ungainly** adj. Clumsy.

**unguent** n. Any ointment or lubricant for local application.

**unicellular** adj. Consisting of a single cell.

**univalence** n. Monovalency.

**unify** v. To cause to be one.

**unique** adj. Being the only one of its kind.

**unison** n. A condition of perfect agreement and accord.

**unisonant** adj. Being in a condition of perfect agreement and accord.

**Unitarian** adj. Pertaining to a religious body that rejects the doctrine of the Trinity.

**unlawful** adj. Illegal.

**unlimited** adj. Unconstrained.

**unnatural** adj. Artificial.

**unnecessary** adj. Not essential under the circumstances.

**unsettle** v. To put into confusion.

**unsophisticated** adj. Showing inexperience.

**unspeakable** adj. Abominable.

**untimely** adj. Unseasonable.

**untoward** adj. Causing annoyance or hindrance.

**unutterable** adj. Inexpressible.

**unwieldy** adj. Moved or managed with difficulty, as from great size or awkward shape.

**unwise** adj. Foolish.

**unyoke** v. To separate.

**up-keep** n. Maintenance.

**upbraid** v. To reproach as deserving blame.

**upcast** n. A throwing upward.

**upheaval** n. Overthrow or violent disturbance of established order or condition.

**upheave** v. To raise or lift with effort.

**uppermost** adj. First in order of precedence.

**uproarious** adj. Noisy.

**uproot** v. To eradicate.

**upturn** v. To throw into confusion.

**urban** adj. Of, or pertaining to, or like a city.

**urbanity** n. Refined or elegant courtesy.

**urchin** n. A roguish, mischievous boy.

**urgency** n. The pressure of necessity.

**usage** n. Treatment.

**usurious** adj. Taking unlawful or exorbitant interest on money loaned.

**usurp** v. To take possession of by force.

**usury** n. The demanding for the use of money as a loan, a rate of interest beyond what is allowed by law.

**utilitarianism** n. The ethical doctrine that actions are right because they are useful or of beneficial tendency.

**utility** n. Fitness for some desirable practical purpose.

**utmost** n. The greatest possible extent.

**vacate** v. To leave.

**vaccinate** v. To inoculate with vaccine virus or virus of cowpox.

**vacillate** v. To waver.

**vacuous** adj. Empty.

**vacuum** n. A space entirely devoid of matter.

**vagabond** n. A wanderer.

**vagrant** n. An idle wanderer.

**vainglory** n. Excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.

**vale** n. Level or low land between hills.

**valediction** n. A bidding farewell.

**valedictorian** n. Student who delivers an address at graduating exercises of an educational institution.

**valedictory** n. A parting address.

**valid** adj. Founded on truth.

**valorous** adj. Courageous.

**vapid** adj. Having lost sparkling quality and flavor.

**vaporizer** n. An atomizer.

**variable** adj. Having a tendency to change.

**variance** n. Change.

**variant** n. A thing that differs from another in form only, being the same in essence or substance.

**variation** n. Modification.

**variegate** v. To mark with different shades or colors.

**vassal** n. A slave or bondman.

**vaudeville** n. A variety show.

**vegetal** adj. Of or pertaining to plants.

**vegetarian** n. One who believes in the theory that man's food should be exclusively vegetable.

**vegetate** v. To live in a monotonous, passive way without exercise of the mental faculties.

**vegetation** n. Plant-life in the aggregate.

**vegetative** adj. Pertaining to the process of plant-life.

**vehement** adj. Very eager or urgent.

**velocity** n. Rapid motion.

**velvety** adj. Marked by lightness and softness.

**venal** adj. Mercenary, corrupt.

**vendible** adj. Marketable.

**vendition** n. The act of selling.

**vendor** n. A seller.

**veneer** n. Outside show or elegance.

**venerable** adj. Meriting or commanding high esteem.

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- venerate** v. To cherish reverentially.  
**venereal** adj. Pertaining to or proceeding from sexual intercourse.  
**venial** adj. That may be pardoned or forgiven, a forgivable sin.  
**venison** n. The flesh of deer.  
**venom** n. The poisonous fluid that certain animals secrete.  
**venous** adj. Of, pertaining to, or contained or carried in a vein or veins.  
**veracious** adj. Habitually disposed to speak the truth.  
**veracity** n. Truthfulness.  
**verbatim** adv. Word for word.  
**verbiage** n. Use of many words without necessity.  
**verbose** adj. Wordy.  
**verdant** adj. Green with vegetation.  
**verification** n. The act of proving to be true, exact, or accurate.  
**verify** v. To prove to be true, exact, or accurate.  
**verily** adv. In truth.  
**verity** n. Truth.  
**vermin** n. A noxious or troublesome animal.  
**vernacular** n. The language of one's country.  
**vernal** adj. Belonging to or suggestive of the spring.  
**versatile** adj. Having an aptitude for applying oneself to new and varied tasks or to various subjects.  
**version** n. A description or report of something as modified by one's character or opinion.  
**vertex** n. Apex.  
**vertical** adj. Lying or directed perpendicularly to the horizon.  
**vertigo** n. Dizziness.  
**vestige** n. A visible trace, mark, or impression, of something absent, lost, or gone.  
**vestment** n. Clothing or covering.  
**veto** n. The constitutional right in a chief executive of refusing to approve an enactment.  
**vicarious** adj. Suffered or done in place of or for the sake of another.  
**viceroy** n. A ruler acting with royal authority in place of the sovereign in a colony or province.  
**vicissitude** n. A change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune.  
**vie** v. To contend.  
**vigilance** n. Alert and intent mental watchfulness in guarding against danger.  
**vigilant** adj. Being on the alert to discover and ward off danger or insure safety.  
**vignette** n. A picture having a background or that is shaded off gradually.  
**vincible** adj. Conquerable.  
**vindicate** v. To prove true, right, or real.  
**vindictory** adj. Punitive.  
**vindictive** adj. Revengeful.  
**vinery** n. A greenhouse for grapes.  
**viol** n. A stringed instrument of the violin class.  
**viola** n. A musical instrument somewhat larger than a violin.  
**violator** n. One who transgresses.  
**violation** n. Infringement.  
**violoncello** n. A stringed instrument held between the player's knees.  
**virago** n. A bold, impudent, turbulent woman.  
**virile** adj. Masculine.  
**virtu** n. Rare, curious, or beautiful quality.  
**virtual** adj. Being in essence or effect, but not in form or appearance.  
**virtuoso** n. A master in the technique of some particular fine art.  
**virulence** n. Extreme poisonousness.  
**virulent** adj. Exceedingly noxious or deleterious.  
**visage** n. The face, countenance, or look of a person.  
**viscount** n. In England, a title of nobility, ranking fourth in the order of British peerage.  
**vista** n. A view or prospect.  
**visual** adj. Perceptible by sight.  
**visualize** v. To give pictorial vividness to a mental representation.  
**vitality** n. The state or quality of being necessary to existence or continuance.  
**vitalize** v. To endow with life or energy.  
**vitiate** v. To contaminate.  
**vituperable** adj. Deserving of censure.  
**vivacity** n. Liveliness.  
**vivify** v. To endue with life.  
**vivisection** n. The dissection of a living animal.  
**vocable** n. A word, especially one regarded in relation merely to its qualities of sound.  
**vocative** adj. Of or pertaining to the act of calling.  
**vociferance** n. The quality of making a clamor.  
**vociferate** v. To utter with a loud and vehement voice.  
**vociferous** adj. Making a loud outcry.  
**vogue** n. The prevalent way or fashion.  
**volant** adj. Flying or able to fly.  
**volatile** adj. Changeable.  
**volition** n. An act or exercise of will.  
**volitive** adj. Exercising the will.  
**voluble** adj. Having great fluency in speaking.  
**voluptuous** adj. Having fullness of beautiful form, as a woman, with or without sensuous or sensual quality.  
**voracious** adj. Eating with greediness or in very large quantities.  
**vortex** n. A mass of rotating or whirling fluid, especially when sucked spirally toward the center.  
**votary** adj. Consecrated by a vow or promise.  
**votive** adj. Dedicated by a vow.  
**vulgarity** n. Lack of refinement in conduct or speech.  
**vulnerable** adj. Capable of receiving injuries.  
**waif** n. A homeless, neglected wanderer.  
**waistcoat** n. A vest.  
**waive** v. To relinquish, especially temporarily, as a right or claim.  
**wampum** n. Beads strung on threads, formerly used among the American Indians as currency.  
**wxane** v. To diminish in size and brilliancy.  
**wantonness** n. Recklessness.  
**warlike** adj. Belligerent.  
**wavelet** n. A ripple.  
**weak-kneed** adj. Without resolute purpose or energy.  
**weal** n. Well-being.  
**wean** v. To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment.  
**wearisome** adj. Fatiguing.  
**wee** adj. Very small.  
**well-bred** adj. Of good ancestry.  
**well-doer** n. A performer of moral and social duties.  
**well-to-do** adj. In prosperous circumstances.  
**whereabouts** n. The place in or near which a person or thing is.  
**whereupon** adv. After which.  
**wherever** adv. In or at whatever place.  
**wherewith** n. The necessary means or resources.  
**whet** v. To make more keen or eager.  
**whimsical** adj. Capricious.  
**whine** v. To utter with complaining tone.  
**wholly** adv. Completely.  
**wield** v. To use, control, or manage, as a weapon, or instrument, especially with full command.  
**wile** n. An act or a means of cunning deception.  
**winsome** adj. Attractive.  
**wintry** adj. Lacking warmth of manner.  
**wiry** adj. Thin, but tough and sinewy.  
**witchcraft** n. Sorcery.  
**witless** adj. Foolish, indiscreet, or silly.  
**witling** n. A person who has little understanding.  
**witticism** n. A witty, brilliant, or original saying or sentiment.  
**wittingly** adv. With knowledge and by design.  
**wizen** v. To become or cause to become withered or dry.  
**wizen-faced** adj. Having a shriveled face.  
**working-man** n. One who earns his bread by manual labor.  
**workmanlike** adj. Like or befitting a skilled workman.  
**workmanship** n. The art or skill of a workman.  
**wrangle** v. To maintain by noisy argument or dispute.  
**wreak** v. To inflict, as a revenge or punishment.  
**wrest** v. To pull or force away by or as by violent twisting or wringing.  
**wretchedness** n. Extreme misery or unhappiness.  
**writhe** v. To twist the body, face, or limbs or as in pain or distress.  
**writing** n. The act or art of tracing or inscribing on a surface letters or ideographs.  
**wry** adj. Deviating from that which is proper or right.  
**yearling** n. A young animal past its first year and not yet two years old.  
**zealot** n. One who espouses a cause or pursues an object in an immoderately partisan manner.  
**zeitgeist** n. The intellectual and moral tendencies that characterize any age or epoch.  
**zenith** n. The culminating-point of prosperity, influence, or greatness.  
**zephyr** n. Any soft, gentle wind.  
**zodiac** n. An imaginary belt encircling the heavens within which are the larger planets.

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