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# INTRODUCTION

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If you need synonyms, any old thesaurus will do. If you want to become a word master, turn to the one source that puts it all together: *Super Thesaurus*.

# A

**aback (taken)** *adv.* startled, taken unawares, surprised, confused, \*thrown off guard.

**abaft** *a.* aft, astern, rearward, behind, back.

**abandon** *n.* unrestraint, carelessness, free-spiritedness, spontaneity, wildness, wantonness, intemperance, impulsiveness, devil-may-care attitude. *ANT.* *restraint, reserve, restriction, self-consciousness.*

**abandon** *v.* leave, desert, discard, forsake, quit, dump, \*turn one's back on, cast off, reject, relinquish, discontinue, renounce, lay aside, \*leave in the lurch, \*cut one's losses, \*throw in the towel, strand, drop, give up, \*wash one's hands of, \*deep six, ditch. *ANT.* *stick with, take up, continue, adopt.*

**abandoned** *a.* 1. DESERTED given up, forgotten, left behind, rejected, stranded, forsaken, cast off, cast aside, discarded, destitute, forgotten, scorned, desolate, friendless. 2. UNRESTRAINED unreserved, uncontrolled, dissolute, wild, loose, immoral, wicked, shameless, licentious, lewd, wanton. *ANT.* 1. *used, adopted, taken up, befriended.* 2. *restrained, reserved, moral, seemly.*

**abase** *v.* humble, humiliate, degrade, \*prostrate oneself, deflate, \*put down, debase, vitiate, devalue. *ANT.* *honor, \*puff up.*

**ABASHED** *a.* [uh BASHED] embarrassed, ill at ease. *Mary spoke unabashedly about contraptives.* *SYN.* embarrassed, ashamed, humiliated, red-faced, disconcerted, discomfited, mortified, chagrined, disgraced. *ANT.* *reassured, relaxed, cool.*

**ABATE** *v.* [uh BATE] to subside, lessen, reduce. *The pain from a stubbed toe will gradually abate.* *SYN.* subside, lessen, reduce, weaken, slacken, diminish, decrease, wane, dwindle, decline, let up, taper off. *ANT.* *grow, expand, intensify, surge.*

**abattoir** *n.* slaughterhouse, butchery.

**abbey** *n.* monastery, cloister, friary, convent, nunnery, ministry.

## WORD FIND

**area restricted to members:** cloister  
**governed by prior or prioress:** priory

**orders:** Benedictine, Dominican, Franciscan, Jesuit, Paulist, Trappist

**resident:** monk, friar, nun

**superior or head:** abbot, abbess

**abbreviate** *v.* shorten, abridge, condense, cut, reduce, contract, curtail, clip, compress, synopsise. *ANT.* *expand, broaden, enlarge.*

**abbreviation** *n.* shortening, condensation, abridgement, contraction, reduction, summary, synopsis, brief, abstract, short version, short form.

## WORD FIND

**ABCs:** fundamentals, rudiments, basics, simple elements

**AC:** alternating current; air conditioning

**A.D.:** anno Domini; in the year of the Lord

**a.k.a.:** also known as

**anon:** anonymous

**ASAP:** as soon as possible

**aux.:** auxiliary

**AWOL:** absent without leave

**B.A.:** Bachelor of Arts

**B.C.:** before Christ

**blvd.:** boulevard

**B.S.:** Bachelor of Science

**BTU:** British thermal unit

**BYOB:** bring your own booze

**CB:** Citizens Band

**C:** Celsius, centigrade

**c:** copyright

**Cdr.:** Commander

**CEO:** chief executive officer

**chm.:** chairman

**cl:** centiliter

**cm:** centimeter

**c/o:** care of

**co.:** company

**COD:** cash on delivery

**Col.:** Colonel

**corp.:** corporation

**CPA:** certified public accountant

**CPR:** cardiopulmonary resuscitation

**cu:** cubic

**DA:** district attorney

**DC:** direct current

**D.D.S.:** Doctor of Dental Science  
**DOA:** dead on arrival  
**Dr.:** Doctor  
**DST:** daylight saving time  
**d.t.'s:** delirium tremens  
**EEG:** electroencephalogram  
**e.g.:** *exempli gratia*; for example  
**EKG:** electrocardiogram  
**ERA:** earned run average  
**ESP:** extrasensory perception  
**Esq.:** Esquire  
**et al:** *et alia*; and others  
**etc.:** *etcetera*; and so forth  
**F:** Fahrenheit  
**FM:** frequency modulation  
**f.o.b.:** freight on board  
**FYI:** for your information  
**g:** gram  
**GIGO:** garbage in, garbage out  
**GOP:** Grand Old Party  
**HMS:** His/Her Majesty's Ship  
**Hon.:** Honorable  
**hq.:** headquarters  
**ibid:** *ibidem*; in the same place  
**i.e.:** *id est*; that is  
**IQ:** intelligence quotient  
**ISBN:** International Standard Book Number  
**kg:** kilogram  
**km:** kilometer  
**l:** liter  
**lb.:** pound  
**L.P.N.:** licensed practical nurse  
**Ltd.:** limited  
**M.A.:** Master of Arts  
**MC:** master of ceremonies  
**M.D.:** Doctor of Medicine  
**mg:** milligram  
**ml:** milliliter  
**mm:** millimeter  
**MO:** *modus operandi*; method of operation  
**MP:** Military Police  
**mph:** miles per hour  
**ms.:** manuscript  
**M.S.:** Master of Science  
**M.S.W.:** Master of Social Work  
**N/A:** not applicable  
**oz.:** ounce  
**PA:** public address (system)  
**PC:** personal computer  
**Ph.D.:** Doctor of Philosophy  
**p.m.:** *post meridiem*; afternoon  
**pp.:** pages  
**pro tem:** *pro tempore*, for the time being  
**P.S.:** postscript  
**PX:** post exchange  
**RBI:** runs batted in

**RFD:** Rural Free Delivery  
**RIP:** rest in peace  
**R.N.:** registered nurse  
**rpm:** revolutions per minute  
**RSVP:** *rezpondez s'il vous plait*, please answer  
**Rx:** pharmaceutical prescription  
**SASE:** self-addressed stamped envelope  
**SOS:** save our ship/souls  
**TBA:** to be announced  
**TGIF:** thank God it's Friday  
**TKO:** technical knockout  
**UFO:** unidentified flying object  
**VIP:** very important person  
**viz.:** *videlicet*, that is to say, namely  
**VP:** vice president

**ABDICATE** *v.* [AB duh KATE] to relinquish, surrender, or give up one's power, office, or responsibilities. *The king abdicated in 1452.* **SYN.** relinquish, step down, retire, resign, renounce, yield, surrender, quit, abandon, repudiate, give up, withdraw. **ANT.** *usurp, assume power, take charge.*

**abdomen** *n.* stomach, belly, gut, midsection, paunch, tummy, \*breadbasket, \*spare tire, \*middle-aged spread.

**abdominal** *a.* intestinal, visceral, duodenal.

**abduct** *v.* kidnap, steal away, make off with, seize, grab, spirit away, snatch, \*shanghai.

**aberrant** *a.* abnormal, deviant, deviating, unusual, anomalous, irregular, atypical, unconventional, odd, freakish, weird, errant, peculiar, \*off the beaten track. **ANT.** *normal, usual, typical, \*par for the course.*

**ABERRATION** *n.* [AB uh RAY shun] something atypical, unusual, or unexpected; a deviation from the norm. *A blizzard in Texas is an aberration of local weather patterns.* **SYN.** deviation, abnormality, irregularity, quirk, freak, nonconformity, departure, oddity, anomaly, peculiarity, eccentricity, \*oddball. **ANT.** *norm, average, mean.*

**ABET** *v.* [uh BET] to incite, encourage or support, especially in the performance of a wrongdoing. *She was arrested for aiding and abetting a drug smuggler.* **SYN.** incite, encourage, support, sanction, conspire, goad, spur, egg on, endorse, promote, help, inflame. **ANT.** *discourage, prevent, prohibit, undermine.*

**abettor** *n.* assistant, co-conspirator, inciter, instigator, confederate, accomplice, accessory, \*partner in crime.

**abeyance** *n.* suspension, cessation, inaction, intermission, pause, latency, remission, dormancy, quiescence. **ANT.** *continuance, continuation, prolongation.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ABJECT** *a.* [AB ject] the absolute worst or most miserable. *They live in abject poverty.* **SYN.** miserable, wretched, stark, hopeless, pitiful, pathetic, degrading, squalid, humbling, destitute.

**abjure** *v.* give up, renounce, forswear, recant, retract, disclaim, take back, renege, disavow, withdraw. **ANT.** uphold, swear by, maintain.

**ablate** *v.* erode, wear away, melt, vaporize, evaporate, remove.

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

**able** *a.* capable, habile, skillful, talented, competent, qualified, practiced, expert, deft, adroit, masterful. **ANT.** incompetent, ineffectual, weak, unskilled, unable.

**able-bodied** *a.* healthy, fit, strong, robust, capable, sound, in fine fettle, strapping. **ANT.** infirm.

**abloom** *a.* flowering, in flower, blooming.

**ablution** *n.* washing, cleansing, bath, scrubbing, purification, decontamination, showering.

**ably** *adv.* capably, competently, deftly, expertly, adroitly.

**abnegate** *v.* give up, forgo, abstain, renounce, abdicate, refrain, forbear. **ANT.** indulge, binge, imbibe.

**abnegation** *n.* self-denial, renunciation, abstinence, abdication, relinquishment.

**abnormal** *a.* atypical, irregular, odd, unusual, aberrant, deviant, unnatural, unexpected,

unconventional, weird, eccentric, queer, off-beat, extraordinary, anomalous, strange, mutant. "Not conforming to standard. In matters of thought and conduct, to be independent is to be abnormal."—Ambrose Bierce. **ANT.** normal, usual, standard. **SEE** ECCENTRIC, NEUROTIC, PSYCHOTIC

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

**aboard** *a.* on board, on deck, topside, in, boarded, consigned.

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

#### WORD FIND

**animal:** den, lair, hutch, warren, sty, burrow, diggings

**bird:** nest, roost, aerie, aviary, cote

**abolish** *v.* end, destroy, eliminate, eradicate, stop, annul, quash, extinguish, defeat, terminate, repeal, stamp out, uproot, do away with, abrogate. **ANT.** institute, establish, adopt.

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

**abolitionist** *n.* opponent, subversive, activist, advocate, propagator.

**A-bomb** *n.* atomic bomb, thermonuclear bomb, \*physics package. **SEE** NUCLEAR BOMB

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

**Abominable Snowman** *n.* yeti, beast, creature. **SEE** MONSTER

**abominate** *v.* loathe, despise, hate.

**abomination** *n.* 1. SOURCE OF LOATHING anathema, bête noir. 2. LOATHING aversion, abhorrence, hatred, disgust, repugnance, detestation.

**aboriginal** *a.* indigenous, native, endemic, first, original, primitive.

**aborigine** *n.* native, first inhabitant, indigene, primitive, settler, original, \*bushman.

#### WORD FIND

**AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINE**

**weapon:** boomerang, waddy, nulla, woomera, blowpipe

**wilderness:** outback

**abort** *v.* 1. MISCARRY expel. 2. FAIL fall short, miss, go awry. 3. CANCEL cut short, terminate, \*scrub, \*axe, \*ditch, \*can, \*deep-six.

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

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

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

**about** *prep.* 1. ENCIRCLING on every side, all around, enveloping, encompassing, surrounding. 2. APPROXIMATELY almost, nearly, close to, more or less, roughly. 3. REFERRING TO concerning, in reference to, regarding, relative to, as respects, dealing with, touching on.

**about** *adv.* 1. IN THE REVERSE DIRECTION backwards, around, opposite direction. 2. HERE AND THERE hither and thither, helter-skelter, far and wide.

**about-face** *n.* reversal, turnaround, volte-face, change of heart, \*flip-flop, \*backpedaling, \*a 180, recantation.

**above** *adv.* 1. OVERHEAD up, skyward, higher up, over, atop, heavenward. 2. GREATER more, larger, over and above. 3. SUPERIOR higher, greater, outranking, surpassing.

**aboveboard** *a.* open, forthright, honest, in plain view, \*on the table, straightforward, frank, candid, plain, direct, square, \*on the up and up. *ANT.* *underhand, under the table, dishonest, sneaky.*

**above suspicion** *a.* irreproachable, inculpable, scrupulous, chaste, \*having clean hands, innocent, pure.

**abracadabra** *n.* hocus-pocus, spell, incantation, charm, chant, invocation, mumbo jumbo, gibberish.

**abrade** *v.* scrape, chafe, grate, rub, erode, scuff, grind, scour, wear.

**abrasion** *n.* 1. SCRATCH scrape, chafe, excoriation. 2. FRICTION scratching, scraping, wearing away, erosion, chafing.

**abrasive** *a.* 1. ANNOYING irritating, cutting, nasty, saber-tongued, acid-tongued, galling, hurtful, biting, sarcastic. 2. SCRAPING scratching, chafing, grating, eroding, grinding, grating, scouring, wearing, rough,

coarse, rasping. *ANT.* 1. *conciliatory, soothing.* 2. *smooth.*

**abrasive** *n.* abradent, scourer, scraper, polisher, burnisher, buffer.

**WORD FIND**

**course corundum:** emery

**dark, granular mineral used in grinding,**

**polishing:** aluminum oxide, corundum

**jewelry and metal polisher made of ferric oxide:** rouge

**knife-sharpening stone:** whetstone

**manicuring stick:** emery board

**metal-polishing limestone:** rottenstone

**polishing powder made of chert or limestone:** tripoli

**rough carpenter's paper:** sandpaper

**rough file used on wood:** rasp

**volcanic rock used for scouring, smoothing:** pumice

**abreast** *a./adv.* beside, side by side, aside, \*cheek to jaw. *ANT.* *single file.*

**ABRIDGE** *v.* [uh BRIJ] to shorten, reduce, or lessen. *To bring down costs, the new dictionary will be abridged and printed in paperback.* *SYN.* contract, shorten, condense, decrease, reduce, cut, abbreviate, diminish, \*boil down, curtail. *ANT.* *expand, broaden, enlarge.*

**abridgement** *n.* condensation, reduction, summary, digest, abstract, brief, synopsis, outline. *ANT.* *enlargement, expansion.*

**abroach** *a.* opened, broached, let out.

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

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

**abrupt** *a.* 1. SUDDEN unexpected, surprising, unforeseen, swift, precipitate, unanticipated. 2. CURT gruff, brusque, brisk, discourteous, rude. 3. STEEP sheer, precipitous. *ANT.* 1. *anticipated, expected.* 2. *courteous, polite, gracious.*

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

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

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

- run, \*split, \*beat feet, \*duck out, \*make one-self scarce, \*give the slip.
- absence** *n.* 1. NONATTENDANCE AWOL, nonappearance, truancy. 2. LACKING dearth, need, want, privation, void, vacuum. *ANT.* 1. *attendance, presence.* 2. *fulfillment, abundance.*
- absent** *a.* 1. AWAY elsewhere, gone, out, truant, AWOL, on leave, \*playing hooky. 2. PREOCCUPIED absent-minded, \*out to lunch, abstracted, daydreaming, \*off in space, \*out of it. *ANT.* 1. *present, here, attending.* 2. *attentive, alert, on one's toes.*
- absentee** *n.* \*no-show, truant, malingerer.
- absenteeism** *n.* absence, truancy, desertion, malingering, shirking, \*skipping, \*calling in sick.
- absently** *adv.* inattentively, absent-mindedly.
- absent without leave** *a.* AWOL, truant.
- absent-minded** *a.* inattentive, scatterbrained, \*out to lunch, dreamy, oblivious, daydreaming, lost, forgetful, abstracted, preoccupied, absorbed, remote, \*spacey, \*head in the clouds, distraught. *ANT.* *attentive, alert, sharp, focused.*
- absolute** *a.* 1. TOTAL utter, complete, perfect, pure, unadulterated, consummate, outright, entire, undiluted, unmitigated. 2. DEFINITE positive, unquestionable, certain, actual, exact, undeniable, unequivocal, indisputable. 3. AUTHORITARIAN dictatorial, tyrannical, despotic, autocratic, totalitarian, iron-handed. *ANT.* 1. *incomplete, imperfect.* 2. *indefinite, questionable, uncertain.* 3. *democratic.*
- absolutely** *adv.* 1. TOTALLY utterly, completely, perfectly, entirely. 2. DEFINITELY positively, unquestionably, certainly, undeniably, \*no ifs, ands, or buts, \*no two ways about it, surely, precisely, conclusively.
- absolution** *n.* forgiveness, remission, pardon, clearance, acquittal, amnesty.
- ABSOLVE** *v.* [ab ZOLV] to free from blame, guilt, or responsibility. *They have been absolved of their sins.* *SYN.* acquit, exonerate, forgive, pardon, vindicate, remit, free, clear, exculpate, excuse. *ANT.* *charge, accuse, blame, condemn.*
- absorb** *v.* 1. DRINK UP suck, assimilate, blot, sop up, sponge, osmose, consume. 2. ENGROSS fascinate, interest, mesmerize, grip, rivet, enthrall, spellbind, comprehend, assimilate, understand. *ANT.* 1. *spit out, spew, discharge, repel.* 2. *bore, confuse, tire.*
- absorbed** *a.* 1. ASSIMILATED blotted, consumed, taken in, \*sucked up. 2. ENGROSSED interested, fascinated, riveted, mesmerized, captivated, spellbound, immersed, involved, focused, rapt. *ANT.* *bored, restless, unfocused.*
- absorbent** *a.* bibulous, pervious, permeable, porous, spongelike, retentive, \*thirsty.
- absorbing** *a.* engrossing, arresting, enthralling, riveting, spellbinding, fascinating, interesting, mesmerizing. *ANT.* *tedious, dull.*
- absorption** *n.* 1. ASSIMILATION consumption, osmosis, retention, digestion, soaking up. 2. ENGROSSMENT fascination, interest, captivation, riveting, enthrallment, spellbinding.
- ABSTAIN** *v.* [ub STANE] to voluntarily hold back, to refrain from, or go without. *Everyone is trying to abstain from smoking.* *SYN.* refrain, desist, eschew, go without, forebear, \*swear off, shun, spurn, \*stay on the wagon, deny oneself. *ANT.* *indulge, imbibe.*
- abstainer** *n.* teetotaler, \*health nut, ascetic. "A weak person who yields to the temptation of denying himself a pleasure."—Ambrose Bierce.
- ABSTEMIOUS** *a.* [ab STEEM ee us] eating and drinking in moderation, abstaining from drink, practicing restraint. *Sylvester Graham of graham cracker fame was noted for his clean-living, abstemious lifestyle.* *SYN.* temperate, moderate, self-restraining, teetotaling, sober, abstinent, ascetic, self-denying.
- abstention** *n.* abstaining, abstinence, refraining.
- ABSTINENCE** *n.* [AB stuh nunce] abstaining, voluntary self-denial, the swearing off of unhealthy food and drink. *Longevity and abstinence often go hand in hand.* *SYN.* abstaining, self-restraint, teetotalism, sobriety, chastity, temperance, forbearing, self-denial, self-abnegation, asceticism, celibacy, moderation. "The beginning of saintliness."—Moses Luzzato. *ANT.* *indulgence, extravagance, \*pigging out.*
- ABSTRACT** *a.* [AB STRACT] not easily identified or defined, not based on the concrete, abstruse, theoretical, nonrepresentational. *His notions of the universe were wildly abstract and difficult to envision.* *SYN.* nonrepresentational, theoretical, conceptual, abstruse, indefinite, incomprehensible, general, nonspecific, amorphous, symbolic, recon-dite. *ANT.* *specific, clear, concrete.*
- abstract** *n.* 1. CONDENSATION brief, abridgement, synopsis, summary. 2. ART nonrepresentational art form, amorphous art form, geometrical art form. "A product of the untalented, sold by the unprincipled to the utterly bewildered."—Al Capp. *SEE* ART
- abstract** *v.* 1. TAKE AWAY remove, extract, detach, separate. 2. SUMMARIZE synopsise, abbreviate, condense, abridge.
- abstracted** *a.* lost in thought, lost in reverie, preoccupied, daydreaming, brooding, absent-

- minded, withdrawn, in a trance, \*off in space, remote, inattentive, \*out to lunch. *ANT.* alert, attentive, sharp.
- abstraction** *n.* absent-mindedness, preoccupation, reverie, daydreaming, withdrawal, brooding, reflecting, mulling.
- ABSTRUSE** *a.* [ab STROOS] difficult to understand. *Einstein's abstruse theories confound all but the brightest scholars.* *SYN.* recondite, deep, incomprehensible, complex, inscrutable, undecipherable, profound, unfathomable, \*clear as mud, arcane, esoteric, cerebral. *ANT.* clear, simple, obvious, \*child's play.
- absurd** *a.* ridiculous, ludicrous, laughable, silly, preposterous, foolish, outrageous, asinine, idiotic, loony, stupid, crazy, nonsense. *ANT.* serious, weighty.
- absurdity** *n.* joke, foolishness, nonsense, idiom, \*bullshit, \*bunk, \*fiddle faddle, \*hog-wash, piffle, \*rubbish, \*tripe, drivel, twiddle-twaddle.
- abundance** *n.* lots, plenty, loads, piles, slew, hoard, \*scads, \*tons, \*oodles, plethora, surplus, bounty, \*miser's hoard, profusion, enough, bountiful, overflowing, wealth. *ANT.* scarcity, dearth, paucity.
- abundant** *a.* plentiful, bountiful, copious, profuse, abounding, more than enough, immeasurable, inexhaustible, teeming, overflowing. *ANT.* scarce, scant, rare, sparse.
- abuse** *n.* 1. MISTREATMENT maltreatment, ill-treatment, injury, harm, assault, cruelty, torment, brutality, molestation, exploitation, terrorizing, \*stepping on, torturing, beating, thrashing, battery. 2. INSULTING OR HARSH LANGUAGE belittlement, degradation, denigration, deprecation, tongue-lashing, defamation, maligning, invective, criticism, upbraiding, dressing-down, ridicule, vilification, put-downs, verbal abuse. *ANT.* 1. care, kindness. 2. sweet talk, compliments, flattery.
- abuse** *v.* 1. MISTREAT maltreat, ill-treat, injure, exploit, harm, assault, disrespect, terrorize, molest, brutalize, manhandle, \*step on, strong-arm, torture, beat, thrash, rape. 2. VERBAL ABUSE OR HARSH LANGUAGE belittle, degrade, denigrate, deprecate, tongue-lash, defame, malign, criticize, upbraid, dress down, ridicule, vilify, put down, insult, \*dis, \*dig, \*dump on, \*bad-mouth, \*trash. *ANT.* 1. coddle, respect, nurture, pamper, dote on. 2. sweet talk, flatter, compliment.
- abusive** *a.* 1. HARMFUL injurious, cruel, brutal, hurtful, exploitive, dominating, ruthless, rough, disrespectful. 2. VERBALLY ABUSIVE offensive, insulting, vile, nasty, denigrating, gross, obscene, disparaging, critical, ridiculing, maligning, upbraiding, cutting. *ANT.* 1. helpful, kind, nurturing. 2. sweet, \*honey-tongued, flattering.
- abut** *v.* border on, lean on, adjoin, end on, conjoin, juxtapose.
- abutment** *n.* junction, juxtaposition, connection, conjunction.
- abutter** *n.* neighbor.
- abuzz** *a.* buzzing, chattering, babbling, busy, jumping, hopping, active, animated, spirited, astir, kinetic, restless, bustling. *ANT.* silent, lifeless.
- abysmal** *a.* 1. UNFATHOMABLE immeasurable, deep, bottomless, vast, abyssal, immense. 2. DISPARINGLY BAD wretched, awful, pitiful, the lowest, depressing, miserable. *ANT.* 1. finite, measurable. 2. impressive, commendable, favorable.
- abyss** *n.* depth, chasm, void, fissure, the deep, gulf, hole, bottomless pit.
- abyssal** *a.* unfathomable, abysmal, deep, immeasurable, bottomless. *ANT.* shallow.
- AC** *n.* 1. AIR CONDITIONING. 2. ALTERNATING CURRENT.
- academia** *n.* academe, scholarly world, school, college, groves of academe, ivy halls, academic community. SEE COLLEGE, EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY
- academic** *a.* 1. SCHOLARLY scholastic, collegiate, university, professorial, studious, bookish, erudite, learned, cultured. 2. THEORETICAL hypothetical, conjectural, speculative, suppositional, immaterial, moot. *ANT.* 1. real world, rough-and-tumble, practical. 2. accessible, understandable, meaningful. SEE COLLEGE, SCHOOL, TEACHER
- academic** *n.* scholar, student, teacher, professor, pupil, educator, tutor, doctor.
- academics** *n.* studies, courses, school work.
- academy** *n.* 1. SCHOOL private school, institute, institution, secondary school, prep school, finishing school. 2. ASSOCIATION fellowship, institution, atheneum, club.
- Academy Award** *n.* Oscar.
- a capella** *a./adv.* choral, voices only, without instruments.
- ACCEDE** *v.* [ak SEED] to agree or consent to. *Peer pressure forced the last holdout to accede.* *SYN.* 1. CONSENT agree, concede, submit to, give in, give assent, yield, acquiesce, \*cave in. 2. ATTAIN assume, enter upon, inherit.
- accelerant** *n.* catalyst.
- accelerate** *v.* speed up, race, hasten, step up, \*put the pedal to the metal, \*floor it, \*gun it, \*squel out, \*burn rubber, \*red line, \*peel

- out. *ANT. decelerate, slow down, wind down, brake, stop.*
- acceleration** *n.* speeding up, increasing velocity, \*stepping on it, quickening. *ANT. decelerating, slowing, braking.*
- accelerator** *n.* throttle, gas pedal.
- accent** *n.* 1. EMPHASIS stress, significance. 2. EMPHASIS OF PRONUNCIATION stress, accentuation, delivery, attack, inflection, articulation, enunciation, rhythm, tone. 3. REGIONAL SPEAKING MANNER brogue, burr, drawl, twang, dialect. 4. EMBELLISHMENT ornament, dressing, touch.
- accent** *v.* accentuate, highlight, underscore, underline, spotlight, emphasize, point up, punctuate. *ANT. downplay, ignore, hide.*
- accentuate** *v.* SEE ACCENT
- accept** *v.* 1. TAKE receive, get, welcome, acquire, obtain. 2. SUBMIT TO allow, tolerate, take in stride, endure, capitulate, stand for. 3. BELIEVE IN adopt, acknowledge, agree, concur, confirm, \*swallow, \*buy, recognize, affirm, \*take as gospel. *ANT. 1. reject, give, refuse. 2. reject, refuse, oppose. 3. disbelieve, reject.*
- acceptable** *a.* adequate, good enough, worthy, satisfactory, suitable, respectable, fair, passable, tolerable, okay, \*up to snuff, \*passes muster. *ANT. unacceptable, subpar, objectionable, poor.*
- acceptance** *n.* acknowledgement, approval, adoption, assent, recognition, agreement, \*the okay, \*the green light, \*the go-ahead. *ANT. rejection, refusal, disagreement.*
- accepted** *a.* 1. RECEIVED taken, acquired, welcomed. 2. AGREED UPON acknowledged, approved, recognized, endorsed, believed in, affirmed, sanctioned, upheld, authorized, accredited, conventional, normal, standard. *ANT. 2. rejected, refused, unconventional.*
- access** *n.* entry, entree, admission, passage, pathway, approach, ingress, admittance, doorway. SEE ENTRANCE
- accessible** *a.* 1. OBTAINABLE reachable, attainable, available, at hand, handy, approachable. 2. FRIENDLY AND OPEN approachable, available, obliging, familiar, sociable, genial, gracious, \*having an open door policy. 3. EASY TO UNDERSTAND comprehensible, simple, lucid, uncomplicated, unsophisticated. *ANT. 1. unobtainable, out of reach, unavailable. 2. closed, unfriendly, unapproachable. 3. abstruse, cerebral, complex, difficult.*
- accession** *n.* succession, assumption, inauguration, attaining, assuming office, ascending the throne, coming to power.
- accessorize** *v.* supplement, add on, ornament, adorn, attach, equip, trim, accent.
- accessory** *n.* 1. EXTRA add-on, attachment, adornment, peripheral, accent, supplement, trimming, equipment, gear, appendage, trapping. 2. ACCOMPLICE confederate, confidante, cohort, associate, \*partner in crime, co-conspirator, helper, assistant.
- accident** *n.* 1. CHANCE fluke, serendipity, luck, fortuity, circumstance, happenstance, twist of fate. "An inevitable occurrence due to the action of immutable natural laws."—Ambrose Bierce. 2. MISHAP mistake, blunder, misfortune, calamity, casualty, misadventure, disaster, catastrophe, wreck, \*crack-up, \*pile-up, \*fender-bender, collision, \*rear-ender, \*T-bone, \*sideswiping, crash, rollover. "A condition in which presence of mind is good, but absence of body better."—*Foolish Dictionary.*
- accidental** *a.* chance, fortuitous, serendipitous, random, freak, unforeseen, unintentional, haphazard, unwitting, \*flukey, inadvertent, unpremeditated. *ANT. planned, intended, premeditated.*
- accidentally** *a.* fortuitously, randomly, unwittingly, haphazardly, by chance, unintentionally, by some fluke. *ANT. intentionally, planned, by design.*
- accident-prone** *a.* clumsy, \*klutzy, inept, \*two left feet, bungling, bumbling, attention-seeking, neurotic, having a death wish, \*all thumbs. *ANT. coordinated, nimble.*
- acclaim** *n.* applause, acclamation, ovation, cheers, praise, bravos, kudos, approval, adulation, honor, plaudits. *ANT. boos, hisses, jeers, heckles, catcalls, \*razzing, \*Bronx cheers.*
- acclaim** *v.* applaud, cheer, approve, \*give thumbs up to, extol, praise, \*sing the praises of, laud, hail, shout, bravo. *ANT. \*razz, \*give a Bronx cheer, boo, hiss, reject, disapprove.*
- acclaimed** *a.* applauded, cheered, praised, approved, extolled, hailed, lauded. *ANT. rejected, jeered, booded, \*razzed.*
- acclamation** *n.* applause, ovation, cheers, whistles, plaudits, bravos. SEE ACCLAIM
- ACCLIMATE** *v.* [ACK luh mate] to adapt, adjust, or accustom (oneself) to a different environment or situation. *Lowlanders have a difficult time acclimating themselves to the thinner air supply found at high altitudes.* SYN. accustom, adapt, adjust, habituate, get used to, inure, naturalize, familiarize, fit in, condition, harden.
- acclimatize** *v.* SEE ACCLIMATE

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

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

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

**accommodation** *n.* 1. ASSISTANCE aid, favor, service, grant, kindness, nicety, courtesy, help. 2. LODGING room, quarters, housing, \*digs, bed and breakfast, boarding, furnishing, suite, berth, bed, shelter, flat, arrangements. 3. ADAPTATION adjustment, habituation, acclimatization, modification, change, fitting, conformation, reconciliation. *ANT. 1. rejection, turning away, hindrance. 3. maladjustment, rigidity.*

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

**accompaniment** *n.* backup, harmony, back-ground, instrument, rhythm player, \*sidekick.

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

**ACCOMPLICE** *n.* [uh COM pliss] one who accom-panies or assists another in a wrongful act; a partner in crime. *Machine Gun Willy and two accomplices robbed the bank.* SYN. as-sociate, colleague, ally, cohort, collaborator, confederate, accessory, abettor, co-conspirator, henchman, partner in crime, right-hand man, consort, \*gun moll. "One associated with another in crime, having guilty knowl-edge and complicity, as an attorney who de-fends a criminal, knowing him guilty."—Am-brose Bierce. SEE CRIME, CRIMINAL

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

**accomplished** *a.* 1. ACHIEVED completed, ful-filled, consummated, attained, brought about, finished, performed, executed, real-

ized, \*pulled off, \*nailed, brought to fru-ition, produced. 2. SKILLED proficient, talent-ed, expert, practiced, adept, perfected, mas-terly, \*crack, \*crackerjack, deft, experienced, learned, polished. *ANT. 1. uncompleted, un-fulfilled, failed, \*blown, fallen short. 2. un-skilled, unseasoned, amateur, \*green, \*rough around the edges.*

**accomplishment** *n.* achievement, fulfillment, re-alization, deed, fait accompli, execution, at-tainment, completion, consummation, feat, coup, effort, performance, success. *ANT. fail-ure, defeat, \*flop, \*washout, debacle.*

**ACCORD** *n.* [uh CORD] harmony, mutual understanding. *They ended their hostilities and reached accord.* SYN. harmony, agree-ment, concurrence, concert, unison, unity, accordance, rapport, mutual understand-ing, concordance, \*a meeting of the minds, consensus. *ANT. discord, friction, disagree-ment, dissidence.*

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

**accordant** *a.* in agreement, agreeing, congru-ous, harmonious, matching. *ANT. opposing, divergent.*

**accordingly** *adv.* 1. FITTINGLY properly, cor-respondingly. 2. THEREFORE hence, conse-quently, thus, so, subsequently, whereupon, as a result.

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

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

**accordion** *n.* concertina, \*squeezebox, melode-on, \*groanbox, \*windbox, \*stomach Stein-way.

**ACCOST** *v.* [uh COST] approach or greet ag-gressively. *Sally was accosted by an ambi-tious salesman.* SYN. assail, greet, approach, \*hit on, confront, assault, annoy, hail, intrude, address, call, buttonhole, solicit.

**account** *n.* 1. CHRONICLE explanation, report, story, description, narrative, statement, de-tailing, \*blow-by-blow, \*play-by-play, run-down, version. 2. FINANCIAL RECORD bal-ance, ledger, books, credits and debits, com-

putation, reckoning, accrual, profit and loss statement, register, invoice, tab, calculation. SEE BANK 3. WORTH importance, value, weight, consequence, significance, merit.

**account** *v.* 1. RECKON add up, calculate, balance the books. 2. ANSWER FOR explain, give a reason for, justify, rationalize. 3. CONSIDER hold, regard, deem, estimate, judge, believe, rate, view.

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

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

**account, take into** *prep.* consider, allow for, think about.

**accountability** *n.* responsibility. SEE ACCOUNT-ABLE

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

**accountant** *n.* bookkeeper, auditor, CPA, certified public accountant, controller, comptroller, bank examiner, clerk, \*number cruncher, \*bean counter, \*pencil pusher, \*desk jockey, actuary. SEE ACCOUNTING, BANK, MONEY

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

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**WORD FIND**

**account book:** ledger, daybook, journal

**annual accounting period:** calendar year, fiscal year

**cheating on records to hide profits:** cooking the books

**collection of assets after business closes:** liquidation

**computer program organizing financial data into rows and columns:** spreadsheet

**decreasing value of asset over time:** depreciation

**discrepancy corrections:** reconciling

**ease of converting assets to cash:** liquidity

**employee pay:** payroll

**enter a transaction:** log

**entry of earnings not yet received or of expenses not yet paid:** accrual

**examination of accounts:** audit

**examiner of accounts:** auditor

**expenses greater than income:** negative cash flow

**expenses less than income:** positive cash flow

**head accountant of business or government:** controller, comptroller

**increasing value of asset over time:** appreciation

**items and property of value:** assets

**losing money:** in the red

**making money or realizing net profit:** in the black

**money owed to creditors:** accounts payable, liabilities, outstanding accounts

**money to be received:** accounts receivable

**month by month budget:** rolling budget

**net profit or loss:** bottom line

**payout:** disbursement

**profit and loss statement:** P & L

**project income and expenses for the year:** annualize

**pure profit:** net

**record-keeping method having equal credit for each debit:** double-entry accounting

**records:** books

**revenues before costs are deducted:** gross

**state-licensed accountant:** CPA, certified public accountant

**total assets minus liabilities:** net worth

**uncollectable debt:** write-off

**value of assets beyond what is owed on them:** equity

**withdrawal of funds by business owner:** draw

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**accoutre** *v.* dress, equip, outfit, gear up.

**accoutrement** *n.* trappings, outfit, clothes, dress, equipment, gear, attire, habitment.

**accredit** *v.* 1. AUTHORIZE certify, sanction, recognize, license, qualify, approve, legitimize, endorse, validate, warrant, vouch for. 2. ATTRIBUTE credit, ascribe, assign, charge.

**accretion** *n.* growth, accumulation, augmentation, addition, enlargement, expansion, increase. *ANT.* shrinkage, dispersement, scattering.

**accrual** *n.* growth, accumulation, amassing, increase.

**accrue** *v.* accumulate, add up, grow, amass, increase, collect, expand, pile up, compound.

**acculturation** *n.* naturalization, assimilation, nationalization, culture shock.

**accumulate** *v.* heap, collect, pile up, gather, accrete, expand, aggregate, stack up, grow, accrue, swell, amass, assemble. *ANT.* throw off, shed, shuck, disperse, scatter.

**accumulation** *n.* collection, heap, pile, gathering, accretion, assembly, aggregation, agglomeration, conglomeration, mass, growth, accrual, swelling, hoard, stockpile. *ANT.* dispersal, disbursement, shedding, scattering.

**accuracy** *n.* precision, correctness, exactness, fidelity, factualness, veracity, truth, meticulousness, perfection. *ANT.* *inaccuracy, imprecision, slackness.*

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

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

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

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

**accusatory** *a.* accusing, finger-pointing, blaming. *ANT.* *recriminatory.*

**accuse** *v.* charge, blame, indict, implicate, cite, finger-point, prosecute, inculpate, impeach, recriminate, impute, \*hang on, \*finger for, \*pin on.

**accused** *n.* defendant, suspect, alleged perpetrator. SEE COURT, CRIME, LAW

**accuser** *n.* incriminator, prosecutor, \*fink, \*stool pigeon, \*tattletale, \*rat, informer, plaintiff, adversary.

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

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

**ace** *n.* expert, champion, master, star, hero, \*crack hand, \*crackerjack, \*hotshot, \*pistol, \*whiz, \*whiz kid. *ANT.* *loser, benchwarmer, second-stringer.*

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

**acedia** *n.* apathy, ennui, indifference, despair.

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

**acephalous** *a.* 1. HEADLESS. 2. LEADERLESS.

**acerbate** *v.* 1. EMBITTER sour, poison, gall. 2. EXASPERATE aggravate, ruffle, annoy, disturb, \*rattle one's cage, perturb, provoke.

**ACERBIC** *a.* [uh SUR bick] anything sour, bitter, or sharp. *She was an insulting, acerbic-tongued witch.* *SYN.* sour, bitter, harsh, sharp, astringent, acidic, acrid, tart, caustic. *ANT.* *sweet, honeyed, nectarous, saccharine.*

**acerbity** *a.* 1. SOURNESS bitterness, astringency, sharpness, harshness, tartness, acidity, acridity, pungency. 2. NASTINESS irritability, annoyance, sharpness, sourness, bitterness, brusqueness, rancor, sarcasm, venom, acrimony, ill humor, grouchiness. *ANT.* 1. *sweetness, nectarous.* 2. *sweetness, friendliness, good humor.*

**aces** *a.* great, excellent, wonderful, top-notch, fabulous. *ANT.* *horrible, inferior, dreadful.*

**ache** *n.* pain, twinge, pang, soreness, stitch, spasm, throb, discomfort, hurt, pounding, stabbing, smarting, burning, pinching.

**ache** *v.* 1. HURT throb, pound, pang, twinge, pain, spasm, stab, sear, smart, suffer, agonize. 2. SYMPATHIZE pity. 3. YEARN FOR long for, hunger, crave, need, pine for.

**achievable** *a.* doable, attainable, reachable, obtainable, feasible. *ANT.* *impossible, unthinkable.*

**achieve** *v.* accomplish, realize, do, attain, complete, bring about, effect, produce, carry off, succeed, consummate, actualize, follow through, engineer, \*pull off, \*swing, score, win one. *ANT.* *fail, fall short, \*blow it, \*choke, quit.*

**achievement** *n.* accomplishment, attainment, production, success, score, exploit, feat, fulfillment, realization, acquirement, consummation, \*master stroke, coup, masterpiece, creation, triumph, conquest, \*feather in one's cap.

**ACHILLES' HEEL** *n.* [uh KILL eez HEEL] a metaphor used to illustrate a vulnerability or a mortal weakness, from the myth of Achilles, whose body was immunized from harm everywhere but on his heel. *Nobody is all-powerful; even dictators have at least one Achilles' heel.* *SYN.* weakness, vulnerability, \*soft underbelly, susceptibility, frailty, fragility, chink in the armor, deficiency, failing, handicap. *ANT.* *omnipotence, strength, immortality.*

**acid** *n.* corrosive, astringent, chemical. *ANT.* *alkali.*

**WORD FIND**

**ant irritant:** formic acid

**aspirin:** acetylsalicylic acid

**corrosive used in explosives:** sulfuric acid, oil of vitriol

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

**acid** *n.* *Sl.* LSD, \*blotter, \*blue cheer, \*blue heaven, \*California sunshine, \*D, \*dot, \*electric Kool Aid, \*flash, \*green dragon, \*orange sunshine, \*purple haze, \*travel agent, \*wedding bells, \*yellows. SEE DRUG, NARCOTIC

**acid** *a.* 1. OF TASTE sour, bitter, tart, astringent, harsh, sharp, biting, acerbic, vinegary. 2. ILL-TEMPERED OR SHARP-TONGUED sarcastic, caustic, \*saber-tongued, venomous, nasty, cutting, vitriolic, biting, stinging, snide, sardonic, acerbic, scathing. *ANT.* 1. *sweet, sugary, honey.* 2. *good-humored, sweet, kind, warm, flattering.*

**acidhead** *n.* *Sl.* \*junkie. SEE ADDICT

**acidity** *n.* sourness, bitterness, acerbity, sharpness, harshness, astringency, causticity.

**ACID TEST** *n.* [ASS id test] a test of value, quality, or genuineness, a metaphor evolved from the jeweler's nitric acid test to determine the authenticity of gold. *The voluntary adoption of expensive, double-hulled tankers has long served as an acid test of the oil industry's sincerity concerning environmentalism.* SYN. trial, proving ground, analysis, proof, verification, substantiation.

**acidulous** *a.* sour, tart, harsh, citric. SEE ACID

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

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

**ACME** *n.* [ACK me] the very highest; the peak. *The award was the acme of his career.* SYN. summit, pinnacle, peak, high point, zenith,

crown, apex, top, apogee, greatest, best, supremacy. *ANT.* *lowest, valley, pit, bottom.*

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

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

**acorn** *n.* oak nut, fruit.

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

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

#### WORD FIND

**absorbs all sound, produces no echoes:** anechoic

**boom produced by object moving faster than sound:** sonic boom

**harmonious sound:** consonance

**hearing tester:** audiometer

**high frequency sound above human hearing:** ultrasound

**inharmonious sound:** dissonance

**less than speed of sound:** subsonic

**lowest sound audible to ear:** threshold frequency

**noise made from blend of all audible frequencies:** white noise

**prolonged sound caused by vibration or reflection:** resonance

**quality of sound:** timbre

**rebouncing sound wave:** echo

**speed of sound:** sonic, 741 mph

**unit of noise intensity level:** decibel

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

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

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

**ACQUIESCE** *v.* [AK WE ESS] to yield, give in, or assent without enthusiasm. *The dictator acquiesced only after the Bush administration rattled its saber.* SYN. consent, defer, yield, assent, comply, accede, accept, \*buckle under,

- \*cave in, give in, agree, capitulate, concur, abide by, come around, submit, \*fall in line. *ANT.* *resist, fight, challenge, rebuff, make a stand.*
- acquiescence** *n.* yielding, compliance, acceptance, consenting, \*buckling under, capitulation, submission, concurring, \*caving in, deferring, assenting, subservience, servility. *ANT.* *resistance, making a stand, rebellion.*
- acquire** *v.* get, obtain, gain, procure, buy, purchase, earn, catch, \*get one's hands on, \*get hold of, \*land, net, \*snag, \*scare up, secure. *ANT.* *give away, sell, lose, relinquish.*
- acquired immune deficiency syndrome** *n.* AIDS, sexually transmitted disease (STD), HIV. *SEE* DISEASE, MEDICINE
- acquirement** *n.* skill, ability, education, capability, knowledge, accomplishment.
- acquisition** *n.* attainment, procurement, acquirement, securing, purchase, gain, take-over, gift, proceed, grant, obtainment.
- acquisitive** *a.* greedy, materialistic, grasping, avaricious, grabby, hoarding, rapacious, \*gold-digging. *ANT.* *generous, unselfish.*
- ACQUIT** *v.* [uh KWIT] to release, free, or clear one from a responsibility or charge. *Lizzie Borden was acquitted of murder charges against her father and stepmother, but a cloud of suspicion continues to hang over her name.* *SYN.* 1. RELEASE, clear, free, excuse, exonerate, absolve, pardon, forgive, relieve, exempt, let off, exculpate. 2. BEHAVE conduct, act, comport, bear. *ANT.* 1. *convict, condemn, damn.*
- acquittal** *n.* discharge, release, clearance, exoneration, pardon, reprieve, exculpation, absolution, liberation.
- acre** *n.* 160 square rods, 43,560 square feet, 405 hectare, acreage, parcel, plot, real estate.
- acreage** *n.* parcel, plot, holding, land, real estate, property, expanse.
- ACRID** *a.* [AK rid] sharp or bitter in taste or smell, or in one's speech. *We opened the jar and immediately smelled something acrid.* *SYN.* 1. TASTE OR SMELL bitter, sharp, irritating, harsh, pungent, sour, acid, acerbic, stinging, caustic, stinking, foul-smelling, biting. 2. SPEECH sarcastic, sardonic, caustic, biting, acid, saber-tongued, venomous, cutting, snide. *ANT.* 1. *sweet, mild.* 2. *sweet, flattering, good-humored.*
- ACRIMONIOUS** *a.* [AK ri MO nee us] bitter, nasty, spiteful. *The divorcing couple survived an acrimonious session in court.* *SYN.* bitter, biting, caustic, nasty, spiteful, sarcastic, sardonic, sharp, vitriolic, venomous, acerbic, snarling, snide. *ANT.* *sweet, kind, civil.*
- acrimony** *n.* bitterness, nastiness, causticity, vitriol, spite, sarcasm, asperity, harshness. *ANT.* *sweetness, civility, kindness.*
- acrobat** *n.* gymnast, tumbler, aerialist, tightrope walker, stuntman, stuntwoman, circus performer, trapeze artist, contortionist.
- acrobatics** *n.* gymnastics, tumbling, somersaulting, flipping, balancing.
- acronym** *n.* abbreviation.
- acrophobia** *n.* fear of heights. *SEE* PHOBIA
- acropolis** *n.* high city, elevated city, citadel.

## WORD FIND

famous Greek temple of: Parthenon

- across** *a.* crosswise, crossways, transversely, criss-cross, astride.
- across** *prep.* 1. OVER opposite to, to the other side, beyond, in front of. 2. INTO CONTACT WITH upon, into.
- across-the-board** *a.* 1. WIN, PLACE, AND SHOW 2. ALL everything, comprehensive, sweeping, all-inclusive, blanket, total, complete. *ANT.* *limited, partial.*
- acrostic** *n.* word puzzle, wordplay, word game.
- act** *n.* 1. DEED action, execution, performance, task, turn, endeavor, undertaking, measure, accomplishment, step, exploit, feat. 2. DECREE enactment, ruling, bill, edict, measure, law, ordinance, amendment, mandate, proclamation, judgment, resolution. 3. FALSE BEHAVIOR affectation, pose, \*false front, pretense, make-believe, put-on, posturing, sham, performance, \*Oscar performance, airs, feigning. 4. STAGE ROUTINE bit, \*schtick, sketch. 5. PART OF A PLAY scene, act one, act two, epilogue, prologue.
- act** *v.* 1. DO perform, execute, get involved, spring into action, carry out, achieve, begin, \*jump in, undertake, function, move, proceed. "Genius is the ability to act wisely without precedent—the power to do the right thing the first time."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. BEHAVE conduct oneself, comport, deport, carry oneself, perform, be like. 3. PERFORM IN AN ENTERTAINMENT portrayal, personify, impersonate, mimic, role-play, characterize, enact, \*ham it up, play a part, star, burlesque.
- acting** *n.* PERFORMANCE AS ENTERTAINMENT depiction, method acting, characterization, impersonation, mimicry, dramatization, portrayal, rendition, \*hamming it up, mime, pantomime, theatrics. "Acting is honesty. If you can fake that, you've got it made."—George Burns. "To seem natural rather than to be natural."—Alan Milne.

**acting** *v.* PRETENDING bluffing, faking, feigning, putting up a false front, playing make-believe, posing, putting up a facade, affecting.

**acting** *a.* SUBSTITUTING surrogate, functioning, operating, alternate, temporary, deputy, interim, provisional, pro tem, adjutant. *ANT.* permanent.

**action** *n.* 1. ACTIVITY motion, movement, functioning, performance, working, energy, commotion. 2. ACT deed, move, effort, enterprise, exercise, exploit. "Deeds are better things than words are, Actions mightier than boastings."—Longfellow. "Well done is better than well said."—Ben Franklin. 3. EFFECT influence. 4. LEGAL ACTION lawsuit, suit, claim, case. 5. COMBAT battle, hostilities, gunfire, enemy fire, fighting. 6. EXCITEMENT movement, slam-bang entertainment.

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

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

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

**activist** *n.* doer, \*a mover and shaker, \*lightning rod, \*spark, champion, advocate, \*influence peddler, logroller, enthusiast, militant, man of deeds, \*catalyst for change.

**activity** *n.* 1. ACTION movement, commotion, motion, bustle, hustle. 2. LIVELINESS energy, vivacity, vigor, alertness, briskness. 3. PASTIME pursuit, recreation, venture, game, hobby. *ANT.* 1. inactivity, stillness, inertia. 2. sloth, tiredness, exhaustion.

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

**actor** *n.* 1. DOER perpetrator, participant, activist, executor, mover, agent, operative. 2. THESPIAN performer, player, actress, star, character, entertainer, mimic, mime, movie idol, matinee idol, impersonator, artist,

leading man, leading lady. "A musician who plays on a homemade instrument—himself."—Helen Hayes. *SEE* ACTRESS, MOVIE, TELEVISION, THEATER

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#### WORD FIND

**group:** cast, company (stock company), ensemble, repertory, troupe

**improvisation:** ad lib

**main role:** lead

**minor role:** bit player, cameo, extra, spear carrier, walk on

**monologue performer:** monologist

**natural, realistic:** method actor

**negotiates contracts, finds work:** agent

**overacting or bad acting:** ham, mugger

**publicizes:** press agent, publicist

**secondary role:** supporting actor

**silent performer:** mime, pantomime

**substitute:** stand-in, understudy

**traveling:** barnstormer

**typecast:** character actor

**veteran:** trouper

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**actress** *n.* leading lady, starlet, diva, prima donna, ingenue. *SEE* ACTOR, MOVIE, TELEVISION, THEATER

**actual** *a.* real, authentic, factual, true, bona fide, existing, concrete, genuine, tangible, certain, veritable, de facto. *ANT.* false, imaginary, fictitious, unreal, nonexistent.

**actuality** *n.* reality, fact, truth, verity, materiality.

**actualize** *v.* make real, bring about, realize, effectualize, produce, engineer, accomplish, reach.

**actually** *adv.* really, in fact, in reality, truthfully, truly, genuinely, literally, in actuality, de facto, as a matter of fact.

**actuary** *n.* statistician, accountant, insurance professional.

**actuate** *v.* put into motion, activate, start, ignite, effectuate, motivate, impel, goad, prompt, stimulate, initiate, \*put into gear, \*get rolling, spur, rouse. *ANT.* stop, extinguish, deter, \*throw a wrench in the works.

**act up** *v.* misbehave, act out, raise hell, \*sow one's wild oats, rebel, \*kick, \*throw a tantrum, carry on.

**acuity** *n.* acuteness, sharpness, keenness, shrewdness.

**ACUMEN** *n.* [AK yuh mun] mental sharpness, accurate and quick judgment. *Frank lacks the acumen needed to succeed in the stock market.* *SYN.* sharpness, shrewdness, quickness, intelligence, perceptiveness, keenness, insight, judgment, astuteness, discernment,

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

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

**A.D.** *adv.* anno Domini, in the year of the Lord.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**addict** *n.* \*junkie, \*fiend, \*dopehead, \*head, \*freak, \*acidhead, \*meth head, \*cokehead, user, \*main-

liner, \*speed freak, \*pothead, \*space cadet, enthusiast, devotee, nut, adherent, buff, hound, zealot. *SEE* DRUG

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**addled** *a.* muddled, befuddled, confused, \*numb, mixed up, \*out to lunch, \*foggy, \*dim, \*out of it, bewildered, disoriented. *ANT.* perceptive, clear-headed.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**adequately** *adv.* sufficiently, acceptably, satisfactorily, suitably, capably, amply. *ANT.* inadequately, insufficiently.

**adhere** *v.* 1. STICK affix, cling, stay, attach, hold fast, cement, fasten, cleave, cohere. 2. STAY WITH OR BE DEVOTED TO support, observe, follow, abide by, respect, maintain, practice, be attached, keep to, be faithful. *ANT.* 1. *separate, come unglued, rebel.* 2. *stray, condemn, ignore, detract.*

**ADHERENT** *n.* [ad HEER ent] a supporter or follower of a cause or belief. *The speaker has been an adherent of conservative politics for years.* *SYN.* follower, supporter, disciple, believer, advocate, backer, fan, devotee, observer, ally, \*card-carrying member. *ANT.* *detractor, opponent, enemy of, critic of.*

**adhesion** *n.* sticking, stickiness, adherence, attachment, cling, holding fast, hold.

**adhesive** *n.* glue, tape, velcro, cement, paste, \*stickum, binder, gum, mortar, resin, plaster.

**AD HOC** *a.* [ADD HOK] for a specific purpose, as a committee, impromptu. *An emergency ad hoc committee was formed.* *SYN.* specified, specific, provisional, special, impromptu.

**adieu** *interj.* goodbye, farewell, au revoir, adios, sayonara, arrivederci, auf Wiedersehen, \*see ya, \*toodleloo, \*toodles. *SEE* GOODBYE

**AD INFINITUM** *adv.* [add in fuh NITE um] forever, endlessly. *The Congressman said taxes would continue to rise ad infinitum.* *SYN.* forever, endlessly, continuously, on and on, neverending, perpetually, relentlessly, unlimitedly.

**adios** *interj.* farewell, adieu, au revoir. *SEE* GOODBYE

**adipose** *n.* fat.

**adjacent** *a.* abutting, juxtaposed, near, close, adjoining, next to, aside, beside, neighboring, contiguous, alongside, bordering, proximate, meeting. *ANT.* *distant, remote.*

**adjective** *n.* modifier, qualifier.

**adjoin** *v.* 1. ABUT touch, be contiguous to, unite, contact, connect, impinge on, border, verge. 2. JOIN affix, unite, connect, link.

**adjoining** *a.* abutting, adjacent, touching, contacting, neighboring, connecting, bordering, contiguous, verging. *ANT.* *separate, apart.*

**adjourn** *v.* 1. RECESS rest, pause, close, delay, suspend, put off, hold. 2. MOVE transfer.

**adjournment** *n.* recess, rest, pause, break, delay, intermission, suspension, postponement.

**ADJUDICATE** *v.* [uh JOO di KATE] to judge and settle a case. *A "kangaroo court" is a court in which a case is adjudicated dishonestly or incompetently.* *SYN.* judge, adjudge, try, hear, decide, process, arbitrate, mediate, determine, settle, sit in judgment, referee.

**adjudication** *n.* judgment, decision, determination, settlement.

**adjunct** *n.* supplement, auxiliary, subordinate, addition, extra, associate, aid, assistant.

**adjure** *v.* command, charge, entreat, order, require, obligate.

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

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

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

**adjutant** *n.* assistant, aid, helper, administrative assistant, staff officer.

**ad lib** *n.* improvisation, extemporization, invention, \*offhand remark, impulse.

**ad lib** *v.* improvise, extemporize, \*wing it, \*fake it, invent, \*play it by ear, speak impromptu, speak off the top of one's head, fabricate, vamp.

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

**ad man** *n.* copywriter, huckster, \*BS artist.

**admeasure** *v.* apportion.

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

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

**administrator** *n.* manager, supervisor, superintendent, executive, executor, CEO (chief

- executive officer), bureaucrat, official, director, overseer, governor, head, chair, leader, \*paper shuffler.
- admirable** *a.* model, praiseworthy, enviable, excellent, honorable, respectable, commendable, wonderful, ideal, great, exceptional, revered, laudable, superior. *ANT.* *despicable, low, rotten.*
- admiral** *n.* commander. "That part of the warship which does the talking while the figurehead does the thinking."—Ambrose Bierce. SEE NAVAL OFFICER
- admiration** *n.* esteem, adoration, reverence, approval, regard, idolizing, applause, praise, awe, respect, veneration, glorification, fondness, \*foot-kissing, worship. "A very short-lived passion, that immediately decays upon growing familiar with its object."—Joseph Addison. "The daughter of ignorance."—Benjamin Franklin. *ANT.* *disgust, despising, loathing, disrespect.*
- admire** *v.* regard, esteem, look up to, respect, revere, idolize, praise, worship, model after, honor, put on a pedestal, hail. *ANT.* *loathe, despise, look down on, disrespect.*
- admirer** *n.* fan, devotee, follower, disciple, supporter.
- admissible** *a.* acceptable, permissible, allowed, passable, legitimate, legal, lawful, okay, tolerable, proper, suitable. *ANT.* *inadmissible, illegal, intolerable.*
- admission** *n.* 1. ENTRANCE entry, passage, access. 2. DOOR CHARGE cover charge, ticket, entrance fee, gate. 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OR CONFESSION admitting, granting, profession, \*owning up, \*fessing up, revelation, affirmation, disclosure, divulgence, testimony, deposition. *ANT.* 1. *blockage, barring, impediment.* 2. *concealment, cover-up, secret, confidentiality.*
- admit** *v.* 1. LET IN accept, let pass, grant access, check, grant, okay, permit, \*give the nod to. 2. CONFESS acknowledge, concede, grant, \*own up, \*fess up, \*come clean, reveal, disclose, divulge, confide, \*sing, \*spill the beans, \*bare one's soul, testify. *ANT.* 1. *block, bar, refuse.* 2. *withhold, keep secret, hide, deny.*
- admittance** *n.* entrance, entry, permission, pass, passage.
- admittedly** *adv.* confessedly, honestly, truthfully, frankly.
- admix** *v.* intermix, blend, combine, mingle.
- admixture** *n.* blend, combination, mixture, compound, melange.
- ADMONISH** *v.* [ad MON ish] to caution or advise, often scoldingly. *He was admonished for drinking and driving.* SYN. 1. CAUTION warn, forewarn, advise, exhort. 2. REPROVE rebuke, berate, scold, \*tell off, \*come down on, \*call on the carpet, \*take to task, chastise, reproach. 3. REMIND apprise, inform, warn. *ANT.* 2. *commend, compliment, reward.*
- admonition** *n.* 1. CAUTION warning, forewarning, advice, appraisal, counsel. 2. REPROVAL scolding, \*dressing down, \*talking to, reprimand, upbraiding, \*slap on the wrist, remonstrance, rebuke, reproach. *ANT.* 2. *commendation, reward, compliment.*
- AD NAUSEAM** *adv.* [AD NAWZ e um] to the point of illness or disgust. *He went on about his accomplishments ad nauseum.* SYN. to a sickening degree, to nauseating extremes, to the point of queasiness, too much, more than one can stomach.
- ado** *n.* trouble, fuss, excitement, running around, \*to-do, bother, travail, hubbub, confusion.
- adobe** *n.* clay, brick.
- adolescence** *n.* puberty, pubescence, youth, teen years, \*awkward years, minor, immaturity, junior high years, high school age. "A kind of emotional seasickness. Both are funny, but only in retrospect."—Arthur Koestler.
- adolescent** *n.* teenager, teen, \*teenybopper, youth, sophomore, junior, minor, youngster, \*bobbysoxer, \*sweet sixteen, juvenile. "One who has reached the age of dissent."—Harold Leslie.
- Adonis** *n.* \*hunk, \*beefcake, \*dreamboat, \*stud, Greek god, \*God's gift to women, \*heart-breaker, \*lady-killer.
- adopt** *v.* 1. TAKE IN ANOTHER'S CHILD take under one's wing, take in, foster, surrogate, mother, father, raise. 2. SELECT OR TAKE UP choose, appropriate, employ, take, espouse, assume, take on, opt, use. 3. VOTE IN select, approve, back, support, sanction, ratify. *ANT.* 1. *orphan, disown, shun.* 2. *reject, shun, refuse.*
- adorable** *a.* charming, cunning, cute, appealing, captivating, cuddly, lovely, lovable, sweet, precious, darling, irresistible, \*huggable. *ANT.* *gross, disgusting, repulsive, monstrous.*
- adoration** *n.* love, praise, devotion, worship, veneration, affection, exaltation, reverence, hero worship, idolization, adulation, admiration, infatuation. *ANT.* *revulsion, repulsion, despising, disgust.*
- adore** *v.* admire, love, worship, hero-worship, idolize, respect, venerate, honor, look up to, praise, revere, glorify, esteem, \*carry a torch for, be taken with, deify, \*put on a pedestal, \*dig, \*groove on, adulate, cherish. *ANT.* *loathe, disrespect, despise, \*spit on.*

**adorn** *v.* ornament, don, bedeck, dress, decorate, embellish, beautify, trim, festoon, garnish, spruce up, emblazon.

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

**adrenalin** *n.* epinephrine, stress hormone, \*fight or flight hormone.

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

**ADROIT** *a.* [uh DROYT] mentally or physically skilled. *Donatello was an adroit sculptor.* *SYN.* skillful, deft, dexterous, expert, clever, \*crack, sharp, talented, experienced, masterful, practiced, proficient, nimble, astute. *ANT.* maladroit, bumbling, fumbling, \*dim.

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

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

**adult** *a.* 1. GROWN-UP mature, aged, seasoned, of age, developed, ripe, at the age of consent, of legal age. 2. (Pertaining to explicitly sexual material) PORNOGRAPHIC x-rated, graphic, dirty, blue, obscene. *ANT.* childlike, immature, juvenile, youthful.

**adult** *n.* grown-up, mature person, \*big person, man, woman, lady, gentleman, elder, authority figure. "An obsolete child."—Theodore Geisel.

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

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

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

**advance** *n.* 1. FORWARD MOVEMENT progression, progress, headway. 2. PROGRESSION progress, improvement, innovation, break-

through, development, discovery. 3. FLIRTIATION overture, \*move, offer, proposal, invitation. 4. PAYMENT loan, wages, prepayment, front, retainer, deposit.

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

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

**advance man** *n.* publicist, press agent.

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

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

**advantage, take** *v.* use, impose upon, \*step on.

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

**advection** *n.* transference.

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

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

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

gun, daredevil, voyager, wanderer, swash-buckler, pioneer, knight, trailblazer, pirate, Don Quixote, romantic, \*armchair adventurer. "An outlaw . . . Adventure must start with running away from home."—William Bolitho. 2. SPECULATOR gold-digger, investor, opportunist, fortune hunter, gambler, entrepreneur, \*wide-eyed dreamer. *ANT. 1. homebody, stick-in-the-mud, \*killjoy, milquetoast, Nervous Nellie.*

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

**adverb** *n.* modifier.

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

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

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

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

**advertisement** *n.* ad, advert, commercial, plug, blurb, spot, broadside, notice, flyer, handbill, classified ad, display ad, placard, circular. "Legalized lying."—H.G. Wells. "The rattling of a stick inside a swill bucket."—George Orwell.

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

**WORD FIND**

**accounts, handles advertising:** account executive

**ad company:** agency

**addresses of potential customers:** mailing list

**ad run in selected locale:** spot ad

**aggressive style of selling:** hard sell

**ambitious presentation:** dog and pony show  
**award for radio and TV advertising excellence:** Clio

**catchy phrase or lyric:** hook, jingle, slogan  
**consumer group serving as guinea pigs:** test market

**editorial-like newspaper ad:** advertorial

**dishonest touting of high-priced item after advertising low-priced item:** bait and switch

**expansion of ad campaign beyond test market:** rollout

**free item, inducement to buy:** premium

**good word in:** plug

**graphic design, art head:** art director

**hand-distributed ad:** handbill

**hidden "buy" messages in advertising:** subliminal advertising

**hinged ad boards worn over shoulders:** sandwich board

**hyperbole:** hype, puffery, ballyhoo

**illustrated ad in paper or magazine:** display ad

**mail advertising:** direct mail

**multimedia sales effort:** campaign

**New York cluster of large ad agencies:** Madison Avenue

**plant in audiences to help sell:** shill

**pre-ad that arouses interest in upcoming product:** teaser

**posting ads on public structures without permission:** sniping

**presentation:** pitch

**print publicity:** ink

**promotional material given to media:** press kit

**public relations:** PR

**recommendation, affirmation of product's quality by consumer:** testimonial

**royalty paid to performer each time ad runs:** residual

**telephone advertising:** telemarketing

**trademark design:** logo

**writer of ads:** copywriter

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

**advisable** *a.* recommended, wise, good advice, good counsel.

**advise** *v.* 1. COUNSEL recommend, tip, direct, guide, admonish, suggest, hint, give a word to the wise, exhort, point out, forewarn, advocate. 2. NOTIFY inform, let know, educate, fill in, clue in.

**advisement** *n.* consideration.

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

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

**ADVOCATE** *v.* [ADD vuh kate] To support a cause or a person. *She advocates equal rights.* SYN. support, propagate, defend, back, plead for, promote, champion, espouse, speak for, uphold, endorse, stand up for. ANT. fight against, criticize, oppose.

**adz** *n.* tool, ax, implement.

**ÆGIS** *n.* [EE jis] sponsorship or protection. *The new emission regulations were presented under the aegis of city authorities.* SYN. sponsorship, auspices, protection, patronage.

**aerial** *a.* 1. AIRBORNE airy, atmospheric, by air, by aircraft, skyward, heavenward, aloft, up, up and away, supernal. 2. UNREAL imaginary, ethereal, intangible, fanciful, visionary. 3. *n.* ANTENNA. ANT. 1. grounded, by land. 2. down-to-earth.

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

**aerobics** *n.* cardiovascular exercise, wind exercises, conditioning, calisthenics, \*dancerize, gymnastics, \*workout.

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

**aesthete** *n.* dilettante, connoisseur, art lover.

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

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

**affair** *n.* 1. MATTER happening, activity, doing, business, thing, operation, concern, occur-

rence, event, incident. 2. SOCIAL FUNCTION \*to-do, gala, black-tie affair, function, party, dinner, celebration, get-together, soiree. 3. LOVE AFFAIR affaire d' amour, affaire de coeur, liaison, tryst, \*fling, romance, rendezvous, intimacy, sexual relationship, \*thing, adultery.

**affect** *v.* 1. INFLUENCE sway, change, act on, evoke, impress, stir, impact upon. 2. TOUCH THE EMOTIONS move, melt one's heart, warm one's heart, pluck at the heartstrings, disturb, perturb, touch a nerve, stir, \*cut to the quick, \*hit home. 3. ASSUME make a pretense, feign, fake, put on, \*B.S., adopt, \*sham, pose, posture.

**AFFECTATION** *n.* [AF ek TAY shun] phony or unnatural behavior, often displayed in an attempt to impress. *His cultured speech was only an affectation.* SYN. pretense, pretentiousness, fraud, airs, show, performance, display, \*going Hollywood, act, pose, posture, mannerism, studied manner, \*Oscar performance.

**affected** *a.* 1. INFLUENCED impressed, swayed, changed, acted upon, stirred, impacted upon. 2. TOUCHED perturbed, moved, stirred, impressed, distressed, heartened, warmed, agitated. 3. ARTIFICIAL phony, fake, assumed, contrived, show-off, counterfeit, pretentious, studied, unnatural, feigned, precious, mannered, \*full of it, \*Hollywood. ANT. 1. unchanged, untouched. 2. unmoved, unaffected. 3. real, authentic, true, down to earth, sincere.

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

**affectionate** *a.* warm, loving, tender, giving, solicitous, devoted, friendly, \*touchy-feely, \*lovey-dovey, sensuous, dotting, fond, feeling, demonstrative. ANT. cold, cool, undemonstrative, aloof.

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

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

**affiliate** *v.* associate, connect, network, join, unite, incorporate, connect, band, \*team up with. ANT. disband, break up, scatter.

**affiliation** *n.* association, connection, alliance, network, membership, relationship, union, incorporation, partnership.

**AFFINITY** *n.* [uh FIN uh tee] attraction, liking. Also, a close relationship or similarity between things. *Children have a natural affinity for junk food. There was a peculiar affinity between Adolph Hitler and Eva Braun.* SYN. 1. RELATIONSHIP connection, resemblance, likeness, kinship, compatibility, similarity. 2. LIKING, ATTRACTION fondness, inclination, bent, predilection, affection, leaning, partiality, fancy, penchant. ANT. 1. *dissimilarity*. 2. *repulsion, aversion*.

**affirm** *v.* assert, declare, firm up, confirm, validate, uphold, proclaim, attest, profess, insist, \*swear to, vouch.

**affirmation** *n.* assertion, declaration, confirmation, validation, avowal, word, swearing, oath, profession.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION** *n.* a policy which attempts to prevent discrimination of minorities, as in employment, through hiring quotas or other means. *Affirmative action has opened the employment door for many African Americans.* SYN. fair treatment, balanced treatment, quota system, fair hiring practices, anti-discrimination program, equal opportunity, reverse discrimination. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

**affix** *v.* 1. ATTACH stick, fasten, bind, fix, connect, staple. 2. ADD append, annex, tack on. ANT. 1. *detach, unfasten, remove*. 2. *subtract*.

**afflict** *v.* plague, distress, trouble, bother, prey on, hurt, harm, pester, beset, burden, molest, agitate, torment, torture, injure, weaken. ANT. *relieve*.

**affliction** *n.* hardship, pain, trouble, illness, suffering, burden, plague, curse, handicap, scourge, \*cross to bear, torment, torture, misfortune, adversity, calamity. ANT. *blissing, godsend, gift*.

**affluence** *n.* riches, abundance, wealth, opulence, plenty, prosperity, luxury, fortune. ANT. *poverty, destitution, lack*.

**AFFLUENT** *a.* [AFF loo unt] wealthy, opulent. *The affluent residents of Beverly Hills are rich in material belongings.* SYN. rich, wealthy, prosperous, opulent, well-to-do, well-off, moneyed, \*loaded, \*well-heeled, \*flush, \*fat, \*filthy rich, \*rolling in dough, abundant, plentiful, bountiful. ANT. *impoverished, destitute, \*poor as Job's turkey*.

**affront** *n.* insult, offense, slight, put-down, dig, disrespect, \*crack, \*shot, \*swipe, injury, denigration, barb, slur. ANT. *compliment, flattery*.

**AFFRONT** *v.* [uh FRUNT] to insult or offend. He was sorely affronted. SYN. insult, offend, injure, hurt, irritate, annoy, gall, rile, displease, provoke, pique, slight. ANT. *compliment, flatter, adulate*.

**aficionado** *n.* devotee, connoisseur, follower, fanatic, enthusiast, \*nut. SEE FAN

**afield** *adv.* off the beaten track, out of bounds, away, astray.

**afloat** *adv.* floating, adrift, offshore, at sea, on the water.

**afoot** *a./adv.* about, up and about, astrir.

**afraid** *a.* scared, frightened, fearful, terrified, panic-stricken, alarmed, apprehensive, anxious, shocked, frozen, rattled, startled, leery, jumpy, \*wide-eyed with fear, shaky, quivering, \*chicken, \*sweating bullets, \*spooked, \*scared stiff, faint-hearted, paralyzed, \*saucer-eyed, horrified. ANT. *courageous, cool, calm, fearless*. SEE FEAR

**afresh** *adv.* anew, again, once more.

**African** *a.* Negro, Negroid, black, Nigerian, Egyptian, Algerian, Libyan, Sudanese, Ethiopian, Ugandan, Kenyan, Tanzanian, Angolan, Zambian, Botswanian, South African, Namibian, Bantu, Gabunese, Moroccan, Tunisian, Senegalese, Ghanaian, Bushman, Pygmy, Masai, Zulu.

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**WORD FIND**

**bushman:** Qung

**dance:** juba

**desert:** Sahara, Kalahari, Libyan

**garment:** tobe, kaross, haik

**gold region:** Rand

**grassland:** veldt

**house:** tembe

**hut:** kraal, tembe

**language:** Bantu, Hamite, Swahili, Hausa

**tableland:** karoo

**tree:** cola, baobab, baku, sassy, moli, kola, bumbo, gamdeboo

**village:** dorp, stad, kraal

**wind:** simoom, simoon

**wood:** ebony, teak

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**aft** *a.* astern, abaft, back. ANT. *fore, front*.

**after** *a.* 1. LATER afterward, thereafter, following, subsequent. 2. BEHIND preceded by, in back of, following.

**after** *prep.* in pursuit of, looking for, in search of.

**afterbirth** *n.* placenta, membranes.

**afterlife** *n.* heaven, hereafter, eternity, bliss, \*the great beyond, immortality. SEE HEAVEN

- aftermath** *n.* consequence, aftereffect, result, outcome, effect, fallout, repercussions, \*rip-ple, wake, by-product.
- again** *adv.* once more, repeatedly, anew.
- against** *prep.* opposite to, contrary to.
- agape** *a./adv.* 1. OPEN gaping, wide open. 2. STATE OF AMAZEMENT dumbstruck, flabbergasted, astonished, saucer-eyed, goggle-eyed, bug-eyed, wonderstruck.
- age** *n.* 1. PERIOD OF TIME generation, duration, lifetime, era, epoch, period, century, millennium, cycle, span. 2. STAGE season, phase, point, year, maturity, majority, minority, adulthood, declining years, youth, adolescence, infancy, middle age. "It takes about ten years to get used to how old you are."—Unknown. "[Something that] doesn't matter unless you're a cheese."—Billie Burke. SEE TIME
- age** *v.* mature, ripen, develop, grow older, season, weather, mellow, slow down, waste away. "To take in sail."—Emerson. SEE OLD, OLD AGE, OLD-FACED
- aged** *a.* elderly, old, venerable, advanced, matured, past one's prime, vintage, seasoned, weathered, ripened, ageless, \*long in the tooth, \*one foot in the grave, old as Methuselah, worn, decrepit, decayed, deteriorated. *ANT.* *fresh, green, unseasoned.* SEE ANTIQUE, OLD, OLD-FACED
- ageless** *a.* eternal, infinite, perpetual, timeless.
- agency** *n.* 1. ORGANIZATION department, office, bureau, company, corporation, firm, concern, operation. 2. POWER auspices, action, operation, means, influence, work, activity, medium.
- AGENDA** *n.* [uh JEN da] a list of things to be done. *What's on your agenda today?* SYN. schedule, list, program, itinerary, calendar, docket, planning, lineup.
- agent** *n.* 1. DOER actor, executor, functionary, mover. 2. REPRESENTATIVE assignee, delegate, deputy, advocate, proxy, middleman, broker, go-between, proctor, salesman, envoy, handler. 3. FORCE power, instrument, cause, mechanism, means.
- AGENT PROVOCATEUR** *n.* [a zahn pro vok uh TUR] an agitator or instigator; one who tries to provoke others into action and get them in trouble. SYN. agitator, instigator, goad, troublemaker, rabble-rouser, spark, incendiary. *ANT.* *peacemaker.*
- agglomeration** *n.* heap, jumble, mass, pile, gathering, collection, cluster.
- agglutinate** *v.* join, attach, adhere, glue, stick.
- aggrandize** *v.* enlarge, extend, expand, blow up, exaggerate, increase, inflate, puff up. *ANT.* *minimalize, shrink, deflate.*
- aggravate** *v.* 1. MAKE WORSE worsen, exacerbate, intensify, heighten, deepen, \*add fuel to the fire, \*fan the flames, \*rub it in. 2. ANNOY irritate, \*bug, exasperate, vex, provoke, inflame, rile, irk, ruffle, \*rub the wrong way, \*miff, \*yank one's chain, \*rattle one's cage, \*piss off. *ANT.* 1. *lessen, relieve, mitigate.* 2. *calm, humor, pacify.*
- aggravation** *n.* 1. WORSENING exacerbation, intensification, deepening, inflammation, magnifying, deepening. 2. ANNOYANCE irritation, vexation, exasperation, inflammation, \*pain, \*pain in the ass, hassle, nuisance, \*headache, \*thorn in one's side, bother. *ANT.* 1. *improvement, lessening, relieving.* 2. *pleasure, delight.*
- aggregate** *n.* composite, total, mass, cluster, mix, blend, assembly, sum total, whole.
- aggress** *v.* attack, \*jump on, initiate.
- aggression** *n.* 1. ASSAULT attack, offensive, raid, invasion, blitzkrieg. 2. HOSTILITY offensiveness, violence, belligerence, combativeness, pugnaciousness, fight. "An innate, independent, instinctual disposition in man ... it constitutes the most powerful obstacle to culture."—Sigmund Freud.
- aggressive** *a.* 1. HOSTILE belligerent, combative, offensive, violent, pugnacious, nasty, quarrelsome, militant. 2. BOLD OR COMPETITIVE enterprising, \*go-getting, \*high octane, ambitious, assertive, persistent, pushy, vigorous, obnoxious, domineering, forceful, \*ballsy. *ANT.* 1. *passive, peaceful, mild.* 2. *passive, lazy, ineffectual, laid-back, timid.*
- aggressor** *n.* attacker, initiator, invader, raider, trespasser, assailant, provoker, offender, instigator.
- aggrieve** *v.* distress, wrong, disturb, hurt, injure, offend, slight, trouble, wound.
- aggrieved** *a.* wronged, offended, distressed, disturbed, injured, hurt, afflicted, wounded, depressed, troubled. *ANT.* *comforted, assisted, relieved.*
- aghost** *a.* terrified, horrified, horror-struck, dismayed, appalled, stunned, shocked, agape. *ANT.* *unperturbed, undisturbed.*
- AGILE** *a.* [A] il] nimble and quick. *The agile basketball player darted past the defense to score the winning basket.* SYN. nimble, quick, spry, deft, keen, brisk, light-footed, dexterous, sprightly, active, lithe, lively, supple. *ANT.* *clumsy, ponderous, oafish.*

**agility** *n.* nimbleness, quickness, keenness, sharpness, light-footedness, dexterity, sprightliness, suppleness, liveliness, adroitness. *ANT.* *clumsiness, slowness, oafishness.*

**aging** *n.* maturing, growing, seasoning, senescent, declining, mellowing, getting old, wearing out, wilting. *SEE* AGE

**agitate** *v.* 1. SHAKE OR MIX stir, move, churn, make turbulent, bounce, disturb, toss. 2. DISTURB EMOTIONALLY shake up, stir, arouse, inflame, ignite, wind up, jolt, fluster, excite, incite. *ANT.* 2. *becalm, quiet, pacify.*

**agitation** *n.* 1. SHAKING OR MIXING stirring, churning, turbulence, bouncing, disturbance, tossing, turning. 2. EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCE arousal, excitement, inflammation, stirring, jolt, turmoil, upheaval, commotion, provocation, rattle-raising. *ANT.* 2. *becalming, quieting, pacifying.*

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

**aglow** *a.* radiant, shining. *ANT.* *dull, pale.*

**agnate** *a.* akin. *SEE* RELATED

**agnomen** *n.* *SEE* NICKNAME

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

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

**agog** *a.* eager, excited, anxious, enthusiastic, expectant. *ANT.* *apathetic, indifferent.*

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

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

**agrarian** *a.* agricultural, pastoral, rural, rustic. *ANT.* *urban, citified.* *SEE* AGRICULTURE, FARM, FARMING

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

**agreeable** *a.* 1. CONSENTING conforming, complying, amenable, in accord, accepting. 2. PLEASING acceptable, good, likable, to one's liking, unobjectionable, appealing, felicitous, pleasurable. *ANT.* 1. *dissenting.* 2. *disagreeable, unacceptable.*

**agreement** *n.* 1. WRITTEN OR ORAL CONTRACT understanding, contract, bargain, deal, covenant, pact, arrangement. 2. HARMONY, ACCORD conformity, compromise, correspondence, accordance, consensus, accession, understanding, compatibility, uniformity, \*meeting of the minds.

**agriculture** *n.* farming, crop-raising, husbandry, cultivation, agronomy, agribusiness. *SEE* FARM, FARMING

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

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

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

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

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

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

**AIDS** *n.* acquired immune deficiency syndrome, disease, disorder, immunological disorder, immune failure, sickness, illness, sexually transmitted disease, STD. *SEE* MEDICINE, DISEASE

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**WORD FIND**

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

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**ail** *v.* trouble, pain, distress, bother, upset, afflict, hurt.

**ailing** *a.* ill, aching, afflicted. *SEE* SICK

**ailment** *n.* illness, malady, affliction. *SEE* SICKNESS

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

**aim** *v.* 1. POINT direct, draw a bead on, level, train, zero in on, measure, eye. 2. DIRECT ONE'S EFFORTS shoot for, go for, try for, plan, intend, aspire.

**aimless** *a.* purposeless, pointless, drifting, straying, wandering, desultory, haphazard. *ANT.* focused, directed.

**air** *n.* 1. gas, atmosphere, oxygen, nitrogen, ozone, sky, aerospace. 2. BEARING manner, attitude, deportment, appearance, aura. 3. AFFECTATION pose, posture, pretense, manner, haughtiness. SEE ATMOSPHERE, WIND

**air** *v.* 1. AERATE ventilate, let out, expose, dry, cool, freshen. 2. ANNOUNCE PUBLICLY publicize, confess, profess. 3. BROADCAST transmit, televise.

**airborne** *a.* aloft, in flight, flying, in the clouds, \*in the wild blue yonder. *ANT.* grounded.

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

**aircraft** *n.* airplane, jet, balloon, helicopter, dirigible, blimp, lighter-than-air craft, airship, airliner, zeppelin, \*chopper, \*egg beater, flying machine, \*whirlbird, flying saucer, UFO, ultralight, Learjet, Cessna Citation, Rockwell Sabreliner, Grumman Gulfstream, Concorde, SST, Airbus, Boeing 707-757, Douglas DC-10. SEE AIR FORCE, AIRPORT, BALLOON, DIRIGIBLE, ROCKET, SATELLITE, SPACESHIP

**WORD FIND**

- air hole causing sudden drop:** air pocket
- air traffic jam:** stack
- air washed behind:** backwash, prop wash, slipstream
- altitude measuring device:** altimeter
- approach to airport:** approach, glidepath
- automatic flying system:** autopilot
- boom after exceeding speed of sound:** sonic boom
- broadside wind hazard:** crosswind
- cargo, baggage, and passengers:** payload
- climbing stunt turn of 180 degrees:** chandelle
- cockpit:** cabin
- course:** flight path
- cover over motor:** cowling
- crash-land in water:** ditch
- dangerous wind condition:** wind shear
- detracted landing gear and flaps:** flying clean
- distance required for safe landing:** rollout
- disturbed air:** turbulence
- double-winged craft:** biplane
- drive on ground:** taxi
- exhaust trail in sky:** contrail
- falling out of sky due to low air speed:** stall
- faster than speed of sound:** supersonic, hypersonic
- flap on trailing edge of wing:** aileron, airfoil

**flap that slows aircraft or increases rate of descent:** spoiler

**flashing white lights on wingtips:** strobes

**flight data recorder:** black box

**fluid-based controls:** hydraulics

**green identification light on right side:** starboard light

**high-speed wind stream:** jet stream

**ice accumulation:** icing

**international flight route:** corridor

**late-night flight:** redevye

**light, single-seat aircraft:** ultralight

**long body portion:** fuselage

**loss of engine combustion during flight:** flameout

**lowest possible speed before stalling:** critical speed

**maximum altitude according to weather conditions:** ceiling

**motorless plane:** glider

**navigation computer system:** inertial navigation system, loran

**nose forced up or down by wind:** pitching

**opposing wind during flight:** headwind

**oxygen deprivation over 12,500 feet:** hypoxia

**perfect landing:** three-point landing

**physics behind flight:** aerodynamics

**pitch and roll display:** artificial horizon

**radio landing aid:** microwave landing system

**raise air pressure:** pressurize

**rapid, uncontrolled descent:** dive, spin

**red light on left side of craft:** port light

**roll and yaw caused by wind gust:** Dutch roll

**rollover stunt:** barrel roll

**sideways motion caused by wind:** crabbing

**speedometer:** air speed indicator

**stunt flying exhibition:** barnstorming

**tail flap controlling up and down movement of craft:** elevator

**tail flap that turns craft:** rudder

**triangular wing:** delta wing

**turn:** bank

**UFO:** bogey

**unmanned, radio-controlled craft:** drone

**vertical stabilizer at tail:** fin

**workshop, shelter:** hangar

**Air Force** *n.* air defense, air power, strategic air command; A-4 Skyhawk, A-6 Intruder, A-7 Corsair, A-10 Thunderbolt, AC-130 Hercules, B-52 Stratofortress, C-5A Galaxy, C-141 Starlifter, F-4 Phantom, F-14 Tomcat, F-15 Eagle, F-16 air combat fighter, F-101 Voodoo, F-105 Thunderchief, KC-135 Stratotanker, B-2 Stealth Bomber, F-117A Stealth

Fighter, P-3 Orion, Harrier. SEE AIRCRAFT, AIRPORT, ROCKET, MISSILE, NAVY

**WORD FIND**

**air attack:** air strike, bombing run, dog fight, strafing  
**airborne early warning system:** AWACS  
**altitude code for thousands of feet:** angels  
**bombing over large area:** carpet bombing  
**bombs:** eggs  
**distress call:** mayday  
**electronic jamming:** music  
**emergency takeoff:** scramble  
**enemy shot down, code:** splashed  
**fire upon enemy aircraft:** engage  
**gravity suit:** anti-g suit  
**group:** echelon, escadrille, squadron, wing  
**information gathering:** reconnaissance  
**landing, wish to land, code:** pancake  
**missile fired, code:** fox away  
**one aircraft flight:** sortie  
**over land, code:** feet dry  
**over water, code:** feet wet  
**radar confusers comprised of metal foil, strips dropped from air:** chaff  
**reduced visibility, code:** popeye  
**suspected carrier of nuclear weapons, code:** purple  
**target position in relation to aircraft:** clock code position  
**UFO assumed to be enemy:** bogey  
**unmanned reconnaissance craft:** drone

**airhead** *n.* *Sl.* idiot, dolt. SEE MORON

**airplane** SEE AIRCRAFT

**airport** *n.* airfield, airstrip, jetport, air base, aerodrome, landing strip, runway. SEE AIRCRAFT, AIR FORCE, DIRIGIBLE

**WORD FIND**

**ascent area beyond runway:** clearway  
**baggage conveyor:** baggage carousel  
**barrier, wall that shields passengers from jet exhaust:** blast fence  
**centerline landing, takeoff strip:** runway  
**control center:** control tower  
**driveway leading on or off runway:** taxiway  
**glassed-in enclosure in control tower:** cab  
**ground traffic directors:** marshalls  
**guide lights leading to airport:** approach lights, sequence flashers; barrette  
**loading and refueling area:** apron  
**luggage carrier, assistant:** skycap  
**maintenance and aircraft shelter:** hangar  
**maintenance crew:** ground crew  
**off-runway waiting area:** holding bay

**overseeing agency:** FAA, Federal Aviation Administration

**pilot's weather and route info center:** flight service center

**radio-guided landing system:** microwave landing system

**tower personnel:** air traffic controller

**turnoff lanes off runway:** rollout lanes

**wind direction indicator:** wind sock

**airs** SEE AIR

**air sickness** *n.* motion sickness, nausea, dizziness, vertigo.

**air strike** *n.* bombing, bombing run, strafing, carpet bombing, air assault.

**airtight** *a.* 1. SEALED TIGHT hermetic, impermeable. 2. INVULNERABLE impregnable, flawless, sound.

**airy** *a.* 1. BREEZY windy, ventilated, open. 2. AT HIGH ALTITUDE lofty. 3. LIGHT delicate, gossamer, diaphanous, thin, ethereal, vaporous, sheer. *ANT.* 1. *stifling.* 2. *sturdy, solid.*

**aisle** *n.* walkway, lane, corridor, passageway, nave.

**ajar** *a.* open, unlatched. *ANT.* *shut, sealed.*

**a.k.a.** also known as, alias.

**akin** *a.* 1. RELATED kin, kindred, agnate. 2. SIMILAR like, resembling, analogous, identical, germane.

**a la mode** *a.* fashionable, in fashion, in style, stylish, chic, \*hip, in vogue, \*in. SEE FASHION, STYLE

**ALACRITY** *n.* [uh LAK ri tee] eager willingness. *He accepted his nomination for beauty contest judge with great alacrity.* *SYN.* eagerness, willingness, enthusiasm, readiness, fervor, quickness. *ANT.* *hesitance, reservation, reluctance.*

**alarm** *n.* 1. FEAR shock, terror, horror, astonishment, anxiety, panic, trepidation, fight or flight response, apprehension, distress. 2. ALERT siren, bell, horn, whistle, tocsin, call to arms, alarum, blast. *ANT.* 1. *calm, nonchalance, reassurance.*

**alarm** *v.* 1. FRIGHTEN shock, scare, terrify, horrify, astonish, panic, distress, startle. 2. ALERT warn, arouse, caution, signal. *ANT.* *calm, reassure, soothe.*

**ALARMIST** *n.* [uh LARM ist] one who overreacts to a situation and spreads alarm needlessly. *Those who believe the world will end soon are generally brushed off as alarmists.* *SYN.* prophet/voice of doom, scaremonger, Chicken Little, Cassandra.

**ALBATROSS (around one's neck)** *n.* [AL ba tross] used metaphorically to symbolize a burden of guilt or disgrace; from the alba-

- cross that brought bad luck after it was shot and hung around the Mariner's neck in "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." *Watergate* was Richard Nixon's albatross. SYN. burden, disgrace, cross to bear, millstone, misery, woe, load.
- albeit** *conj.* even though, although.
- album** *n.* anthology, folder, scrapbook, notebook, miscellany.
- alchemist** *n.* pseudo scientist, magician.
- ALCHEMY** *n.* [AL kem ee] the medieval pseudo sciences involving the transmutation of ordinary metal into gold, the search for a cure-all medicine and an elixir to increase lifespan. Any seemingly magical process. *The investors quickly bailed out when they learned the company was something on par with alchemy.* SYN. pseudo science, pseudo chemistry, magic, transmutation, sorcery, wizardry, black magic, black arts, witchcraft.
- alcohol** *n.* liquor, spirits, \*booze, \*firewater, \*joy juice, \*the sauce, \*John Barleycorn, \*hard stuff, intoxicant, solvent. SEE BEER, COCKTAIL, DRINK, MOONSHINE, WINE
- alcoholic** *a.* fermented, intoxicating, spiritous, distilled, inebriative, hard. *ANT. non-alcoholic, soft.*
- alcoholic** *n.* \*lush, drunk, \*boozer, \*rummy, \*souse, \*sot, \*wino, problem drinker, \*rum hound, \*bar fly, substance abuser.
- alcoholism** *n.* alcohol dependence, addiction, problem drinking, drunkenness, alcohol habit, substance abuse.
- alcove** *n.* recess, nook, niche, bower, bay.
- ale** *n.* beer, lager, stout.
- alert** *a.* on guard, watchful, ready, vigilant, on one's toes, keen, wide-awake, wary, attentive, \*on the ball, \*with it, sharp, active, lively. *ANT. asleep, \*out to lunch, comatose.*
- alert** *n.* alarm, signal, warning, tocsin.
- alert** *v.* warn, signal, inform, notify.
- alfresco** *a.* outdoors, in fresh air.
- algebra** *n.* math, mathematics, equations, arithmetic. SEE MATHEMATICS
- alias** *n.* a.k.a. (also known as), assumed name. SEE PEN NAME
- alibi** *n.* explanation, defense, plea, excuse, \*cover story, pretext.
- alien** *a.* 1. FOREIGN strange, odd, unfamiliar, exotic, outlandish. *ANT. ordinary, familiar.*
- alien** *n.* 1. FOREIGNER immigrant, illegal alien, outsider, refugee, stranger, noncitizen. 2. EXTRATERRESTRIAL spaceman, space creature, \*little green man, otherworldly creature. *ANT. native, citizen, local.*
- ALIENATE** *v.* [AY lee uh NAYT] to estrange; to cause another to withdraw; to turn one off. *His crude fat jokes would always alienate the overweight people in the audience.* SYN. estrange, distance, separate, come between, \*turn off, turn away, disengage, shut out, ignore. *ANT. unite.*
- alienation** *n.* estrangement, distance, remoteness, withdrawal, disaffection, separation, dissociation, isolation.
- alight** *v.* settle, land, light.
- align** *v.* true, aline, line up, level, make flush.
- alignment** *n.* positioning, straightening, lining up, adjustment, evening, sighting, calibration, fine-tuning.
- alike** *a.* like, similar, identical, comparable, kindred, corresponding, mirror images. *ANT. unlike, disparate, contrasting.*
- alimony** *n.* support payment, child support, allowance. "Disinterest, compounded annually."—Walter McDonald. "Buying oats for a dead horse."—Arthur Baer.
- alive** *a.* 1. LIVING vital, animate, existing, \*alive and kicking, organic. 2. LIVELY alert, vigorous, vivacious, animated, spirited, bubbly, energetic, vibrant, bustling. *ANT. 1. dead, inanimate, nonfunctioning. 2. sluggish, lethargic, slothlike.*
- all** *n.* total, totality, whole, entirety, everything, \*bag and baggage.
- all** *a.* whole, entire, complete, every, each, each and every. *ANT. some, none, incomplete.*
- all-around** *a.* versatile, multifaceted, complete, diverse, inclusive, comprehensive. *ANT. exclusive, incomplete.*
- ALLAY** *v.* [uh LAY] to quiet, lessen, or relieve. *The babysitter hoped a bedtime story would allay the child's fear of the dark.* SYN. reduce, quiet, lessen, abate, alleviate, mitigate, ease, slake, put to rest, sooth, assuage. *ANT. magnify, intensify, heighten.*
- allegation** *n.* assertion, accusation, charge, incrimination, claim, statement, complaint, indictment, insinuation.
- ALLEGE** *v.* [uh LEJ] to make an assertion, particularly without proof. *We allege that Ralph took the last cookie.* SYN. assert, accuse, charge, incriminate, claim, state, complain, indict, declare, insinuate, affirm, attest, purport.
- allegiance** *n.* loyalty, devotion, support, obedience, fidelity. *ANT. disloyalty, disobedience, betrayal.*
- allegory** *n.* parable, fable, moral, myth, story, tale.

**allergen** *n.* irritant, immune trigger, antigen, foreign substance, pollen, dust mite, dander, ragweed.

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**extreme allergic reaction:** anaphylaxis

**red blotches:** hives

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

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

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

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**related:** crocodile, caiman

**all-nighter** *n.* \*redeye, \*graveyard shift/duty.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**carbon and iron:** steel

**copper and tin:** bronze, pewter

**copper and zinc:** brass

**lead and tin:** pewter

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

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

**all right** *a.* 1. SEE OKAY 2. SEE INTACT, WELL

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

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

**allure** *v.* attract, entice, fascinate, bait, charm, seduce, tempt, captivate, beguile, lure, tantalize.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**almond** *n.* nut, kernel.

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

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

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

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

**along** *prep.* beside, over the length of, alongside, parallel with.

**ALOOF** *a.* [uh LOOF] distant or remote. *He was strangely quiet and aloof, like a lone wolf.* SYN. distant, remote, reserved, \*at arm's length, cool, standoffish, chilly, \*stuck up, unapproachable, closed, unfriendly, unso-  
ciable, cold, frosty, detached. ANT. *friendly, warm, open.*

**aloof** *adv.* audible, loudly, intelligibly, distinctly. ANT. *inaudibly, silently.*

**alpine** *a.* lofty, alpestrine, high. SEE MOUNTAIN-  
OUS

**already** *adv.* by now, before now, previously, be-  
forehand.

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

**altar** *n.* platform, table, shrine.

**altar boy** *n.* attendant, acolyte.

**alter** *v.* change, modify, fit, adjust, reform, shift,  
adapt, revise, correct, amend. ANT. *maintain, keep.*

**alteration** *n.* change, modification, fitting, ad-  
justment, shift, adaptation, revision, correc-  
tion, amendment.

**altercation** *n.* quarrel, fight, argument, dispute,  
wrangle, \*row, bickering, \*tiff, squabble,  
\*run-in, \*words, falling out. ANT. *peace, har-  
mony.* SEE FIGHT

**ALTER EGO** *n.* [ALL ter EE go] another side  
of one's personality. Also, a close friend or  
companion. *Everyone has an alter ego; Hitler liked dogs.* SYN. 1. DARK SIDE private side,  
id, counterpart, doppelgänger. 2. SIDEKICK  
\*buddy, pal, companion, comrade, chum,  
confidante, soul mate.

**alternate** *n.* backup, second, stand-in, double,  
substitute, surrogate.

**alternate** *v.* take turns, rotate, switch off, change,  
reciprocate, vacillate.

**alternative** *n.* choice, option, backup, pick, se-  
lection, replacement, substitute.

**alternator** *n.* generator.

**although** *conj.* albeit, in spite of, notwithstanding,  
granting that, even though, regardless of.

**altitude** *n.* height. SEE ELEVATION

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

**ALTRUISM** *n.* [AL troo IZ um] unselfish concern  
for others, humanitarianism without  
selfish gain. *Anonymous donation is a rare  
form of altruism.* SYN. selflessness, humani-  
tarianism, benevolence, kindness, philan-  
thropy, charity, big-heartedness, magnanim-  
ity, humaneness. "Disregarding one's own  
cause."—Eugene Brussell. ANT. *selfishness,  
greediness, piggishness.*

**altruistic** *a.* selfless, unselfish, humanitari-  
an, benevolent, kind, giving, philanthrop-  
ic, charitable, big-hearted, magnanimous,  
humane. ANT. *selfish, self-centered, greedy,  
cold-hearted.*

**always** *adv.* forever, everlasting, perpetually,  
relentlessly, unremittingly, infinitely, eter-  
nally, unceasingly, constantly. ANT. *never,  
temporarily.*

**amalgam** *n.* mixture, blend, combination, amal-  
gamation, alloy, compound.

**amalgamate** *v.* mix, blend, combine, compound,  
consolidate, fuse, merge, integrate, unite.  
ANT. *separate, divide, diffuse, disperse.*

**amalgamation** *n.* SEE AMALGAM

**amass** *v.* lump, pile, heap, accumulate, gath-  
er, assemble, collect, compile, save, acquire,  
\*squirrel away, stockpile, hoard. ANT. *disperse,  
scatter.*

**amateur** *n.* nonprofessional, dabbler, dilettante,  
neophyte, tyro, novice, rookie, layman,  
\*bush-leaguer, \*lightweight. "A public nu-  
isance who confounds his ambition with his  
ability."—Ambrose Bierce. ANT. *professional,  
master, virtuoso.*

**amateurish** *a.* unprofessional, unskilled, inex-  
perienced, bumbling, fumbling, incompe-  
tent, inept, unpolished, rough, \*bush-league,  
second-rate, insipid, hackneyed. ANT. *profes-  
sional, skilled, polished.*

**amatory** *a.* sexual, loving, passionate, lustful,  
amorous, erotic, romantic, sensual, ardent,  
rapturous. ANT. *indifferent, cool, turned off.*

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

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

**amazing** *a.* astonishing, fascinating, stunning,  
shocking, wonderful, surprising, bewildering,  
prodigious, awesome, unbelievable, as-  
tounding, incredible, marvelous. ANT. \**ho-  
hum, boring, nothing special.*

**ambassador** *n.* diplomat, representative, emis-  
sary, delegate, consul, goodwill ambassador,  
envoy, agent. SEE POLITICS, GOVERNMENT

**amber** *a.* gold. SEE YELLOW

**ambidextrous** *a.* two-handed, switch hitting;  
adroit, skillful.

**ambience** *n.* atmosphere, air, milieu, environ-  
ment, climate, setting, surroundings, aura,  
mood.

**ambient** *a.* surrounding, encircling, enveloping,  
encompassing.

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

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

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

**AMBIVALENT** *a.* [am BIV uh lent] having mixed or contrasting attitudes. *Many people have ambivalent feelings about abortion.* SYN. mixed, conflicting, contradictory, wavering, vacillating, undecided, confused, of two minds, indecisive. ANT. certain, concrete, \*no two ways about it, settled.

**amble** *v.* stroll, saunter, shuffle, ramble, \*mosey, \*sashay. SEE WALK

**ambrosia** *n.* food of the gods, food fit for a king, epicurean delight, delicacy, heavenly spread, gastronomical delight, pièce de résistance.

**ambrosial** *a.* fit for the gods, delectable, mouth-watering, heavenly, savory, delicious, tasty, toothsome, divine, sweet-smelling, fragrant, aromatic. ANT. distasteful, disgusting.

**ambulance** *n.* rescue vehicle, emergency vehicle, medical transport, \*meat wagon.

**ambulate** *v.* move about, walk, get about, step, \*hoof, range, amble.

**ambush** *n.* ambushade, surprise attack, \*booby trap, assault, mugging, hiding place, cover, blind.

**ambush** *v.* attack, jump, assault, surprise, \*bush-wack, waylay.

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

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

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

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

**amends** *n.* apology, redress, recompense, atonement, restitution, reparation.

**amenity** *n.* 1. PLEASANTNESS agreeableness, civility, courtesy, geniality, politeness, manners. 2. COMFORT nicety, extra, frill, luxury, convenience, pleasantry, refinement, creature comfort, facility. ANT. 1. unpleasantness, rudeness, nastiness. 2. discomfort, bare necessity.

**America** *n.* United States, U.S., land of opportunity, New World, country, nation, land mass.

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

**AMICABLE** *a.* [AM i kuh buhl] characterized by goodwill. *They came to an amicable agreement.* SYN. friendly, peaceable, affable, easygoing, gracious, congenial, neighborly, benign, amiable, harmonious. ANT. unfriendly, nasty, aggressive.

**amid** *prep.* amidst, among.

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

**Amish** *n.* Anabaptist sect, people, group.

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

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**bullet-holding belt worn over shoulder:**  
bandolier, cartridge belt

**cartridge with no projectile:** blank  
**case of projectiles fired from cannon:** canister  
**cast-iron balls:** grapeshot  
**dangerous fragments of:** shrapnel  
**glowing trail across sky, produces:** tracer  
**gun's bullet-storage receptacle:** clip, magazine  
**one shot:** round  
**stockpile of ammo:** munitions dump  
**wagon that carries ammunition:** caisson

**amnesia** *n.* memory loss, fugue, forgetfulness.  
**AMNESTY** *n.* [AM nes tee] a pardon, often of a political nature. *The war resisters were granted amnesty.* **SYN.** pardon, forgiveness, absolution, exemption, excusing, clemency, lenience, immunity. "The state's magnanimity to those offenders whom it would be too expensive to punish."—Ambrose Bierce. **ANT.** *damnation, sentencing, condemnation.*  
**among** *prep.* amidst, amid, in, between, in the middle of.  
**AMOROUS** *a.* [AM uh rus] loving, especially in a physical or sexual way. *Feeling amorous, the couple retired to the bedroom.* **SYN.** loving, sexual, romantic, seductive, passionate, \*turned on, \*in the mood, \*horny, \*hot, lustful, erotic, carnal, affectionate, \*touchy-feely, demonstrative, sensuous, tender. **ANT.** *\*turned off, repulsed.*  
**AMORPHOUS** *a.* [uh MOR fus] shapeless, without form. *Abstract art is sometimes completely amorphous.* **SYN.** shapeless, vague, formless, undefined, nondescript, characterless, nebulous. **ANT.** *defined, outlined, specific, distinct.*  
**amount** *n.* 1. **AGGREGATE** total, sum, bottom line, \*whole shebang. 2. **QUANTITY** number, total, count, mass, volume, measure.  
**amour** *n.* affair, fling, tryst, relationship, dalliance, romance, liaison.  
**amphetamine** *n.* drug, stimulant, analeptic, \*bennies, \*crank, crystal, \*dexies, \*pep pills, \*speed, \*STP, \*tabs, \*truck drivers, \*uppers. **SEE DRUG**  
**amphitheater** *n.* theater, coliseum, gallery. **SEE ARENA**  
**ample** *a.* 1. **LARGE** spacious, capacious, commodious, huge, immense, extensive, roomy. 2. **ABUNDANT** sufficient, plenty, enough, copious, lavish, bountiful, more than adequate. **ANT.** 1. *tiny, cramped, restricted.* 2. *inadequate, insufficient, small.*  
**amplify** *v.* increase, heighten, intensify, enlarge, magnify, strengthen, augment, \*crank, \*beef

up, turn up, boost. **ANT.** *decrease, diminish, turn down.*  
**amputate** *v.* cut off, remove, sever, dismember, excise, lop off. **SEE OPERATION**  
**amuck** *adv.* berserk, wild, violent.  
**amulet** *n.* charm, talisman, good luck piece, fetish.  
**amuse** *v.* occupy, entertain, interest, divert, beguile, distract, regale, engross, tickle, cheer. **ANT.** *bore, put to sleep, weary, cloy, depress.*  
**amusement** *n.* entertainment, diversion, pleasure, pastime, distraction, enjoyment, fun, sport, game, play, merriment, \*laughs, \*jolies. "A metaphysical trick to deceive our anguish."—Jean De Menasse.  
**amusing** *a.* 1. **OCCUPYING** absorbing, engrossing, entertaining, diverting, distracting, beguiling, cheering. 2. **FUNNY** hilarious, tickling, comical, silly, foolish, ludicrous, zany, sidesplitting, whimsical, droll, jocular, \*a scream. **ANT.** 1. *boring, somnolent, dull.* 2. *depressing, grim, sad.*  
**ANACHRONISM** *n.* [a NAK ruh niz em] a person, idea, or thing placed in the wrong historical period, as a telephone in the 1700s. Also any thing or person considered outdated. *A television appearing in a Victorian novel would be an obvious anachronism.* **SYN.** misfit, incongruity, \*square peg in a round hole, \*fish out of water, oversight, mistake, goof.  
**analgesic** *n.* pain reliever, anesthetic, numbing agent, painkiller, opiate.  
**analogous** *a.* comparable, similar, corresponding, like, congruous, equivalent, akin, cognate, homologous. **ANT.** *dissimilar, different, opposite.*  
**ANALOGY** *n.* [uh NAL uh jee] A comparison between two similar or dissimilar things. *There is an analogy between self-confidence and speaking ability.* **SYN.** comparison, similarity, resemblance, semblance, likeness, relationship, kinship, correlation, correspondence. **ANT.** *difference, dissimilarity.*  
**analysis** *n.* examination, dissection, investigation, study, breakdown, test, assay, evaluation, review, interpretation.  
**analytical** *a.* investigative, inquisitive, evaluative, critical.  
**analyze** *v.* examine, dissect, investigate, study, break down, test, assay, evaluate, review, interpret.  
**anarchist** *n.* rebel, revolutionary, radical, rabble-rouser, nihilist, insurrectionist, terrorist, agitator, "[One who] may want his neighbor to

be governed, but he himself doesn't want to be governed."—George Bernard Shaw.

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

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

**anatomy** *n.* structure, skeleton, framework, composition.

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

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**heaviest, released from the bow:** bower

**hoist:** cat, weigh

**hoisting rig:** capstan, windlass

**light anchor used to free ship run aground:**  
kedge

**prongs:** flukes

**round, flukeless type:** mushroom anchor

**small:** kedge, grapnel, killick

**stone:** killick

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**WORD FIND**

**person with these qualities:** androgyny

**android** *n.* robot, automaton.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**anew** *adv.* again, once more, afresh.

**angel** *n.* 1. HEAVENLY BEING cherub, guardian angel, spirit, archangel, seraph, divine messenger, fallen angel, spiritual being, immortal; Gabriel, Raphael. "The dispensers and administrators of the Divine beneficence toward us. . . ."—John Calvin. 2. WONDERFUL PERSON sweetheart, saint, dear, darling, honey, doll. 3. FINANCIER backer, supporter, \*sugar daddy, underwriter, \*meal ticket, benefactor, patron. **ANT.** 1. *devil, demon.* 2. *jerk, devil, bastard.*

**angel dust** *n.* *Sl.* phencyclidine, PCP, drug, hallucinogen, anesthetic, narcotic, \*crystal, \*magic dust, \*star dust, \*angel hair, \*cadillac, \*monkey dust, \*ozone, \*purple rain. **SEE DRUG**

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

**anger** *n.* rage, fury, irritation, annoyance, outrage, indignation, ire, wrath, resentment, temper, venom, \*dander, huff, petulance, vexation, passion, animosity, rankling, spitting rage, murderous rage, \*slow burn, pique, snarling rage, bitterness, gall, spleen, virulence, ill feelings, infuriation, \*piss and vinegar, \*burning, \*stew, \*conniption fit, soreness, umbrage. "[Anger] boils at differ-

ent degrees.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. “Momentary insanity.”—Horace. “A wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.”—Robert Ingersoll. *ANT. glee, calm, affection, goodwill.*  
SEE ANGRY

**anger** *v.* enrage, infuriate, irritate, annoy, outrage, incense, \*get one’s dander up, rankle, \*rattle one’s cage, \*yank one’s chain, embitter, chafe, \*burn one up, rile, bristle, antagonize, \*raise one’s hackles, blow up, \*stir up, gall, \*piss off, \*bend out of shape, \*get a rise out of, madden, \*make blood boil, inflame, \*make one hot under the collar, \*miff, \*steam, \*tee off, \*tick off, displease, irk, \*get on one’s nerves, nettle, provoke. *ANT. please, tickle, pacify, placate.*

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

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

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

**angler** *n.* SEE FISHERMAN

**angry** *a.* mad, enraged, infuriated, \*pissed, irritated, annoyed, incensed, \*spitting mad, bitter, \*boiling, \*stewing, burning, bristling, \*gone ballistic, raging, \*bent out of shape, enflamed, \*hot under the collar, \*miffed, \*steamed, \*teed off, \*ticked off, displeased, provoked, \*hot, irked, indignant, irate, galled, nettled, cross, vexed, wrathful, fuming, \*mad as a hornet, \*mad as a wet hen, \*having a fit, \*having a hissy fit, \*having a conniption fit, \*having a hemorrhage, livid, \*blowing a gasket, \*blowing a fuse, \*in a snit, \*having a cow, \*spitting tacks, \*seeing red, \*popping one’s cork, rabid, venomous, volcanic, fiery, explosive, peeved, \*hot and bothered, \*huffy, \*in a lather, \*sore, \*in a tizzy, \*bellowing fire and brimstone, \*full of piss and vinegar, berserk, frenzied, snarling mad, \*throwing a nutty. *ANT. pleased, gleeful, euphoric, placated.*

## WORD FIND

### Facial expressions and body language:

scorching look; piercing look; keep-your-mouth-shut look; eyes narrowed with contempt; level stare; glower; scowl; withering glare; warning look; eyes blazing murderously; eyes sharpening; sneer; frown; snarl; smouldering eyes; lips curling with disgust; spasm of irri-

tation crossing one’s face; stony expression; face flushing with indignation; eyes bulging from their sockets; face turning red, then purple; veins in neck standing out in livid ridges; crazed look; unyielding jaw; sticking out chin defiantly; looking about wildly; eyes raking the room; predatory expression; lips contorted grotesquely; smiling maliciously; face lit with bitter triumph; teeth gritted; lips pursed with suppressed fury; face pinched, tight; arrogantly impassive; rolling one’s eyes; knitted brow; gesticulating furiously; nostrils flaring; vein throbbing at temple; veins in neck swelling dangerously; stomach knotting; throwing up hands with disgusted resignation; bunch fists; stalk out; storm out

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

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

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

**angular** *a.* 1. BENT crooked, bending, elbowed, doglegged, cornered. 2. RAWBONED gaunt, bony, lean, spindly, lanky, spare, scrawny,

anorexic, skeletonlike. *ANT. 1. straight, flat. 2. fat, fleshy, beefy, plump.*

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

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

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

**animate** *v.* enliven, breathe life into, vitalize, activate, invigorate, stimulate, quicken.

**ANIMATED** *a.* [AN uh may tid] full of life; lively. *After breaking the ice, the party-goers quickly became animated and then drunk.* SYN. lively, full of life, vigorous, lifelike, gay, energetic, spirited, active, vivacious, energized, dynamic, uninhibited. *ANT. stiff, lifeless, wooden, dead.*

**animation** SEE SPIRIT, MOTION PICTURE

**ANIMOSITY** *n.* [AN uh MOSS ih tee] feelings of hatred or hostility. *It's normal to feel a certain amount of animosity toward the tax collector.* SYN. hatred, hostility, enmity, antagonism, bitterness, ill will, dislike, hard feelings, animus, resentment. *ANT. love, affection.*

**animus** *n.* hatred, ill will. SEE ANIMOSITY

**annals** *n.* chronicles, history, accounts, annuals, history, records, archives, registers.

**animal (continued)**

**WORD FIND**

ANIMAL	GROUP	MALE	FEMALE	YOUNG
Antelope	herd	buck	doe	kid
Ass	herd/drove	jack	jenny	colt/foal
Badger	cete	boar	sow	cub
Bear	sloth	boar	sow	cub
Bee	swarm/hive	drone	queen	
Buffalo	herd	bull	cow	calf
Camel	herd/flock	bull	cow	foal/calf
Cattle	herd/drove	bull	cow	calf/heifer
Deer	herd	buck/stag	doe	fawn
Dog	pack	hound	bitch	puppy/whelp
Elephant	herd	bull	cow	calf
Elk	gang	bull	cow	calf
Ferret	business	dog	bitch	
Fish	school/shoal			
Fox	skulk	vix	vixen	cub
Frog	army/colony			tadpole
Goat	herd/tribe	billy	nanny	kid
Goose	gaggle/skein	gander	goose	gosling
Horse	herd/stable	stallion	mare	colt/foal/filly
Kangaroo	troop			joey
Leopard	leap	leopard	leopardess	cub

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

**annex** *v.* add, attach, append, join, incorporate, connect, merge, unite. *ANT.* *detach, disconnect.*

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

**annihilation** *n.* demolition. *SEE* DESTRUCTION

**anniversary** *n.* commemoration. *SEE* HOLIDAY

**ANNOTATE** *v.* [AN o tayt] to add notes or comments. *Authors sometimes annotate editions of their books to add clarity.* *SYN.* commentate, notate, interpret, footnote, expound, elucidate, gloss.

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

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

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

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

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

**annual** *a.* yearly, perennial.

**annuity** *n.* payment, allowance.

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

Lion	pride	lion	lioness	cub
Monkey	troop/trib			
Moose		bull	cow	calf
Mouse	nest			
Mule	span/barren/rake			
Otter		dog	bitch	
Ox	herd/drove/yoke			
Pheasant	bouquet/covey			
Pig	litter/herd	boar	sow	piglet/farrow/shote
Rabbit	nest	buck	doe	bunny
Rhino	crash			
Seal	herd/pod	cub		
Sheep	drove/flock	ram	ewe	lamb
Sparrow	host			
Squirrel	dray			
Tiger		tiger	tigress	cub
Toad	knot			
Turtle	bale			
Whale	gam/pod	bull	cow	calf
Wolf	pack/rout	dog	bitch	cub/pup/whelp

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**answer** *n.* 1. REPLY acknowledgement, response, counter, rejoinder, \*comeback, retort, reaction, feedback. 2. SOLUTION explanation, resolution.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ANTECEDENT** *n.* [AN ti SEED unt] what came before or previously. *The buckboard was an*

*antecedent of the Model T.* SYN. forerunner, precursor, predecessor, ancestor. *ANT. descendant, successor.*

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

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

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

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

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

**anterior** *a.* 1. FORE front, forward. 2. PREVIOUS before, prior, antecedent. *ANT. 1. back, aft. 2. after, following.*

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

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

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

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

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

**anticipation** *n.* expectation, apprehension, pre-conception, foresight, dread, prospect, contemplation, foreknowledge.

**anticlimax** *n.* letdown, disappointment, much ado about nothing, \*dud, \*bomb, disillusionment, bathos, \*comedown, fizzle.

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

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

**antipasto** *n.* appetizer.

**ANTIPATHY** *n.* [an TIP uh thee] an acute dislike, aversion. *He feels a certain antipathy toward telephone solicitors.* SYN. aversion, dislike, hatred, antagonism, animosity, revulsion, loathing, distaste, abhorrence, enmity,

repugnance. *ANT. liking, attraction, appeal, affection.*

**ANTIQUATED** *a.* [ANT i kwayt ed] obsolete, out of date. *With the introduction of the automobile, the horse and buggy became antiquated.* *SYN. obsolete, out of date, outmoded, old-fashioned, demode, dated, archaic, passé, bygone, fossilized, venerable, old-world, seasoned, primordial, antediluvian.* *ANT. new, modern, \*cutting edge, fresh.* SEE OLD

**antique** *n.* relic, curio, collectible, heirloom, artifact, antiquity, \*hand-me-down, museum piece. "Remnants of history which have casually escaped the shipwrecks of time."—Francis Bacon. "Glorified scrap."—Max Gralnick.

**antique** *a.* SEE ANTIQUATED

**antiquity** *n.* 1. PREHISTORY yore, olden days, dark ages. 2. SEE ANTIQUE

**anti-Semite** *n.* Jew-hater, bigot, chauvinist, Nazi.

**ANTI-SEMITISM** *n.* [an te SEM i tiz um] hatred toward or prejudice against Jews or Judaism. *The Nazis in World War II strongly advocated anti-Semitism, with horrifying results.* *SYN. fascism, Nazism, Jew-hating, anti-Jewish sentiment, chauvinism, bigotry, prejudice.* "A noxious weed."—William Howard Taft. "The swollen envy of pigmy minds."—Mark Twain.

**antiseptic** *n.* germicide, disinfectant, sterilizing agent, alcohol, iodine, chlorine.

**antiseptic** *a.* sterile, disinfected, clean, sanitary. *ANT. septic, contaminated, infected.*

**antisocial** *a.* 1. UNSOCIABLE aloof, misanthropic, unfriendly, reclusive, withdrawn, uncommunicative, hermitic, solitary. 2. HOSTILE antagonistic, depraved, indifferent, rebellious, destructive, troublesome, cruel. *ANT. 1. friendly, warm, gregarious, outgoing. 2. friendly, kind, caring, benevolent.*

**ANTITHESIS** *n.* [an TITH uh sis] opposite, in contrast. *Love is the antithesis of hate.* *SYN. opposite, contrast, reverse, converse, inverse, contradiction, contrary.*

**antithetical** *a.* reverse, converse. *ANT. alike.* SEE OPPOSITE

**antitoxin** *n.* antivenin, remedy. SEE ANTIDOTE

**antsy** *a.* *Sl.* fidgety, restless, nervous, impatient, apprehensive, anxious, edgy, ill at ease, \*on pins and needles. *ANT. calm, composed.*

**anus** *n.* rectum, \*butthole, \*where the sun don't shine.

**anxiety** *n.* nervousness, tension, angst, apprehension, jitters, \*shakes, \*pins and needles, uneasiness, \*butterflies, foreboding, misgiving, worry, concern, uncertainty, \*hee-

bie-jeebies, free-floating anxiety. "The essence of conscience."—Freud. *ANT. calm, relaxation, tranquility, ease.* SEE FEAR, PSYCHOTHERAPY

**anxious** *a.* 1. NERVOUS tense, apprehensive, jittery, shaky, \*on pins and needles, uneasy, \*sweating bullets, disquieted, fearful, edgy, \*uptight, jumpy, \*strung out, overwrought, \*unglued, \*wired, \*worked up, ill at ease. SEE FRIGHTENED 2. EAGER \*itching, impatient, \*raring to go, intent, fervent, desirous. *ANT. 1. relaxed, calm, cool, at ease. 2. apathetic, indifferent.*

## WORD FIND

### Facial expressions and body language:

wide-eyed, blinking nervously, smiling spastically, forcing a smile, lip-twitching, pacing, throat-clearing, gulping, swallowing a lump in the throat, face paling, nails dug into palms, palms sweating, stomach knotting, stomach clenching and fluttering, fidgeting, finger-drumming, sweating, hyperventilating, spasms crossing the face, swallowing dryly, teeth-grinding/gnashing/clamping, toes curling tightly in one's shoes, hand-wringing, clasping and unclasping hands, struggling to control one's voice, voice strained/constricted/quavering/strangled/rising an octave, adrenalin coursing through arteries, butterflies in stomach, nausea, jitters, heart palpitations

**anyhow** *adv.* anyway, nonetheless, in any case, regardless.

**anyone** *pron.* anybody, one, everybody.

**apace** *adv.* swiftly, quickly, rapidly. SEE FAST

**apart** *a.* 1. IN PIECES OR TO PIECES disassembled, dismantled, piecemeal, asunder, disassociated, scattered. 2. SEPARATE by itself, alone, independent, individual, singly, isolated. 3. APART FROM besides, with the exception of, save for, excluding. *ANT. 1. together. 2. among, amidst, together.*

**APARTHEID** *n.* [uh PART hiyt] any practice of racial segregation, but especially that in South Africa. *A policy of apartheid separates blacks from whites.* *SYN. segregation, separation, discrimination, racism, division.* *ANT. integration.*

**apartment** *n.* flat, room, duplex, rental unit, walk-up, efficiency apartment, place, \*pad, \*digs, tenement, suite.

**apathetic** *a.* uninterested, indifferent, uncaring, unmoved, listless, unconcerned, impassive, cool, dispassionate, phlegmatic, unsympathetic, removed. *ANT.* *passionate, caring, interested.*

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

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

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

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

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

**aphorism** *n.* saying, proverb, maxim, axiom, adage, epigram, dictum. "Portable wisdom."—William Alger.

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

**aphrodisiac** *n.* \*love potion, eyringo, \*Spanish fly, oysters.

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

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

**apocalyptic** *a.* prophetic, revelatory, oracular, prescient.

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

**apologetic** *a.* sorry, regretful, remorseful, contrite, \*on one's knees, conciliatory, prostrate,

penitent, sheepish. *ANT.* *stubborn, self-righteous, defensive.*

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

**apology** *n.* regrets, remorse, plea, prostration, retraction, amends, atonement, \*eating crow, \*eating humble pie, repentance, acknowledgement, defense. "[T]he foundation for a future offense."—Ambrose Bierce.

**apostate** *n.* renegade, defector, deserter, heretic.

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

**apothecary** *n.* *Brit.* druggist, pharmacist, chemist.

**apotheosis** *n.* glorification, deification, immortalization.

**apotheosize** *v.* glorify.

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

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

**apparatus** *n.* device, equipment, appliance, machine, tackle, mechanism, gadget, contraption, tool, \*doohickey, \*gizmo, outfit, instruments, contrivance, \*thingamajig, \*whatsis.

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

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

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

**appeal** *n.* 1. PETITION entreaty, plea, request, imploration, supplication, application, call. 2. ATTRACTION charm, allure, charisma, sex appeal, glamour, \*je ne sais quoi, \*it.

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

**appear** *v.* 1. COME INTO VIEW show, emerge, loom, materialize, issue, surface, present, arrive, turn up, \*meet the light of day. 2. SEEM look, be obvious. *ANT.* 1. *disappear, vanish.*

**appearance** *n.* 1. SHOWING presentation, emerging, arrival, materialization, manifestation, coming. 2. OUTWARD APPEARANCE facade, image, impression, illusion, semblance, exterior, guise. 3. LOOK form, shape, demeanor, countenance, air, character, mien, features, bearing, aspect.

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

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

**append** *v.* add, affix, attach, adjoin, annex, tack on. *ANT. subtract, remove.*

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

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

**appertain** *v.* belong. SEE PERTAIN

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

**appetizer** *n.* tidbit, snack, starter, hors d'oeuvre, finger food, dip, cold cuts, kickshaw, olives, anchovies. SEE FOOD

#### WORD WFIND

**bread, toast, or cracker with spread:** canapé  
**dough casing filled with minced meat or vegetables:** dim sum

**drink, alcoholic:** aperitif

**herring fillet rolled up on pickle or onion:** rollmops

**Italian marinated vegetables, sliced meats:** antipasto

**raw vegetables served with dip:** crudités.

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

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

**applause** *n.* clapping, ovation, cheers, hurrahs, bravos, whistles, encores, praise, acclaim,

plaudits, kudos, tribute, approval. "Often less a blessing than a snare."—Edward Young. *ANT. boos, hisses, rejection, denigration, disapproval.*

**apple** *n.* pome, pippin, fruit, codling.

#### WORD FIND

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

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

**bright green and crisp:** Granny Smith

**dark red winter apple:** Winesap

**late fall variety:** Jonathan

**red:** McIntosh, Red Delicious, Rome (Beauty)

**red winter:** Baldwin

**rough-skinned and mottled winter apple:** russet

**Russian:** Astrachan

**wild:** crab

**yellowish red winter variety:** Northern Spy

**yellow, large, with red streaks:** Gravenstein

**apple-polisher** *n. Sl.* \*brownnose, toady. SEE FLATTERER

**applesauce** *n. Sl.* hokum, baloney. SEE NONSENSE

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

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

**applicant** *n.* candidate, job seeker.

**application** *n.* 1. UTILIZATION employment, use. 2. REMEDY dressing, ointment, poultice, salve, balm, lotion, medication. 3. REQUEST solicitation, inquiry, petition, appeal, form, resume. 4. DILIGENCE attention, \*stick-to-it-iveness, zeal, devotion. 5. RELEVANCE pertinence, aptness, suitability.

**apply** *v.* 1. UTILIZE use, employ, implement. 2. DRESS spread on, put on, administer, smear. 3. DEVOTE dedicate, concentrate, \*buckle down, \*put one's nose to the grindstone, persevere, \*give one's all, be diligent, \*focus one's energies. 4. REQUEST petition, appeal, solicit, requisition. 5. PERTAIN fit, suit, relate, refer.

**appoint** *v.* 1. DESIGNATE name, nominate, select, choose, assign, install, commission, fix, set. 2. FURNISH equip, accoutre, outfit, arrange.

**appointment** *n.* 1. DESIGNATION naming, nomination, selection, assignment, installation, placement, job, office, position, \*gig. 2. ENGAGEMENT assignment, rendezvous, meeting, date, tryst. 3. FURNISHING equip-

- ment, accoutrement, outfit, accessory, fitting, trapping.
- apportion** *v.* allot, divide, distribute, dole out, allocate, mete.
- opposite** *a.* relevant, apt, fitting, appropriate, apropos, befitting, proper, suited. *ANT.* *inappropriate, irrelevant.*
- appraisal** *n.* evaluation, valuation, assessment, rating, estimate.
- appraise** *v.* evaluate, value, assess, rate, estimate, measure, judge, put a value on.
- appreciable** *a.* perceptible, significant, substantial, measurable, discernible. *ANT.* *negligible, insignificant.*
- appreciate** *v.* 1. ENJOY esteem, value, prize, regard, respect, like, cherish. 2. BE THANKFUL FOR be obliged, be grateful, give thanks, acknowledge, credit. 3. GROW IN VALUE increase, gain, compound, enhance, inflate. *ANT.* 1. *overlook, disregard, ignore.* 2. *depreciate, decrease, deflate, lose.*
- appreciation** *n.* 1. ENJOYMENT esteem, regard, respect, liking, prizing, cherishing, affection. 2. THANKS gratefulness, gratitude, acknowledgement, thankfulness, credit. 3. GROWTH IN VALUE increase, compounding, inflation, escalation. *ANT.* 1. *disrespect, disregard.* 2. *ungratefulness.* 3. *depreciation, loss, deflation.*
- apprehend** *v.* 1. ARREST catch, capture, \*nab, \*collar, take into custody, seize, incarcerate, jail. 2. UNDERSTAND perceive, comprehend, see, \*get the picture, recognize, know, grasp.
- apprehensible** *a.* understandable, comprehensible.
- apprehension** *n.* 1. ARREST capture, seizure, incarceration, jailing, \*collaring, \*nabbing. 2. UNDERSTANDING perception, comprehension, recognition, grasping. 3. ANXIETY foreboding, dread, angst, fear, uneasiness, misgiving. *ANT.* 3. *confidence, tranquility, reassurance.*
- APPREHENSIVE** *a.* [AP ri HEN siv] anxious about the future. *He was apprehensive about his final exams.* *SYN.* anxious, uneasy, nervous, \*edgy, dreading, fearful, full of misgiving, filled with foreboding, distressed, \*uptight. *ANT.* *confident, cocksure, assured, worry-free.*
- apprentice** *n.* trainee, learner, beginner, novice, \*rookie, \*greenhorn, student, amateur, neophyte, pupil. *ANT.* *teacher, mentor, master, guru.*
- apprise** *v.* notify, inform, fill in, brief, tell, advise.
- approach** *n.* 1. METHOD procedure, modus operandi, way, course. 2. COMING NEAR advance, drawing near. 3. ACCESS way, entry, passage, course, drive, route, road, pathway.
- approach** *v.* 1. NEAR come, draw near, close in, advance, loom, gain on, converge. 2. APPROXIMATE compare, come close, near, resemble, match up to, be like, equal. 3. PROPOSE recommend, make overtures to, offer, bring up, suggest, present. 4. SET ABOUT start, begin, get the ball rolling, tackle. *ANT.* 1. *withdraw, depart.* 4. *finish up, conclude, close.*
- approachable** *a.* open, accessible, friendly, warm. *ANT.* *reserved, uncommunicative, distant.*
- approbation** *n.* approval, sanction, commendation. *SEE* APPROVAL
- appropriate** *v.* take, confiscate, seize, steal, expropriate, impound, claim, assume, commandeer, \*pirate, pilfer, pocket.
- appropriate** *a.* proper, fitting, suitable, correct, apt, befitting, becoming, seemly, right, apropos, \*politically correct. *ANT.* *inappropriate, improper, incorrect.*
- appropriation** *n.* 1. ALLOTMENT allocation, funds, stipend, allowance. 2. SEIZURE capture, confiscation, impounding, stealing, \*pirating, commandeering.
- approval** *n.* 1. ESTEEM regard, favor, liking, respect, acceptance, good opinion, blessing, honor. 2. SANCTION consent, support, endorsement, imprimatur, approbation, \*the okay, \*the nod, \*the green light, permission, authorization. *ANT.* 1. *disapproval, rejection, disrespect.* 2. *denial, refusal, rejection.*
- approve** *v.* 1. ESTEEM regard, favor, like, respect, accept, bless, honor. 2. SANCTION consent, support, endorse, authorize, permit, allow, ratify. *ANT.* 1. *disapprove, disrespect.* 2. *deny, refuse, reject.*
- approximate** *v.* approach, come close, near, equal, match, parallel, resemble.
- approximate** *a.* about, near, close, around, rough, estimated, in the neighborhood, in round numbers, well-nigh. *ANT.* *exact, precise.*
- approximately** *adv.* about, close to, nearly, approaching, roughly, estimated, \*guestimated, virtually, in round numbers, well-nigh, more or less, around. *ANT.* *exactly, precisely.*
- appurtenance** *n.* adjunct, accessory.
- April** *n.* "Love's spring."—Shakespeare.
- apron** *n.* pinafore, garment, bib, smock, coverall.
- APROPOS** *adv.* [AP ruh PO] timely; also, fitting or appropriate. *His speech was particularly apropos for the occasion.* *SYN.* timely, opportune, fitting, befitting, appropriate, relevant, apt, suitable, germane, pertinent. *ANT.* *untimely, inopportune, irrelevant.*

**apt** *a.* 1. SUITED appropriate, fitting, relevant, germane, apropos. 2. LIKELY inclined, prone, quick, liable, disposed. 3. CLEVER quick, bright, adept. SEE INTELLIGENT *ANT.* 1. *inappropriate, irrelevant.* 2. *unlikely.* 3. *slow, dull.*

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

**aqua** *n.* water, liquid, solution.

**aquamarine** *n.* bluish green.

**aquarium** *n.* tank, fishbowl.

**aquatic** *a.* marine, lacustrine, fluvial.

**aqueduct** *n.* conduit, pipe, channel, trough, watercourse, race.

**aqueous** *a.* watery. *ANT.* *dry.*

**arable** *a.* plowable, tillable, fertile. *ANT.* *barren, desolate, sterile.*

**ARBITER** *n.* [AR bi tur] one who judges or mediates. *The arbiter negotiated a settlement between the two conflicting parties.* *SYN.* judge, mediator, arbitrator, umpire, referee, intermediary, go-between, negotiator, authority, expert, specialist.

**ARBITRARY** *a.* [AR bi trer ee] random, discretionary, capricious. *He didn't go by any set rules; his decision was arbitrary.* *SYN.* random, discretionary, capricious, dictatorial, whimsical, fanciful, unscientific, autocratic, personal. *ANT.* *objective, by set rules, scientific.*

**ARBITRATE** *v.* [AR bi TRATE] to decide or settle. *An authority will be brought in to arbitrate the dispute.* *SYN.* decide, settle, mediate, reconcile, negotiate, judge, moderate, adjudicate, referee, umpire.

**arbitrator** *n.* judge, middleman. SEE ARBITER

**arbor** *n.* bower, pergola, trellis.

**arboreal** *a.* tree-like, arborescent.

**arboretum** *n.* conservatory, greenhouse, hot-house, nursery, vinery.

**arc** *n.* semicircle, curve, arch.

**arcade** *n.* gallery, cloister, walkway, passageway, piazza, archway.

**ARCANE** *a.* [ar KANE] mysterious, secret. *Much of the universe remains arcane.* *SYN.* mysterious, secret, hidden, esoteric, enigmatic, incomprehensible, occult, recondite, abstruse. *ANT.* *known, knowable, comprehensible.*

**arch** *n.* 1. VAULT ogive, dome. 2. CURVATURE arc, bow, parabola, bend, crescent.

**arch** *v.* bend, curve, bow, flex, round.

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

**ARCHAIC** *a.* [ar KAY ik] ancient, antiquated. *The crossbow is an archaic weapon.* *SYN.* ancient, antiquated, obsolete, from an earlier time, outmoded, old-fashioned, passé,

old-world, antediluvian. *ANT.* *modern, fresh, \*cutting edge, new.*

**archbishop** *n.* chief bishop.

**archenemy** *n.* 1. Satan, the Devil. 2. CHIEF ENEMY adversary, nemesis, bête noire.

**archeologist** *n.* historian, anthropologist.

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

#### WORD FIND

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

**artifacts, list of:** catalogue

**artifacts, look after:** curate

**artifacts, looks after:** curator

**bone pile:** butchering station

**bones that are still joined together when found:** articulated

**chipping of flakes to make stone tool:** knapping

**chips and waste left over from making stone tools:** debitage

**confirming age by comparing with another established site:** cross dating

**dating by fossil or evolutionary changes in specimen:** faunal dating

**dating by light energy stored in crystals:** luminescence dating

**dating by magnetic field positioning:** magnetic dating

**dating by tree rings:** dendrochronology

**dating method of radioactive decay:** carbon 14, radiocarbon dating.

**disease, study of past:** paleopathology

**division of squares over dig site:** grid

**earliest people known in America:** paleo-Indians

**excavation, archeological:** dig

**garbage heap:** midden

**Ice Age animals, large:** megafauna

**implement used to throw spear:** atlatl

**layer of excavation:** level

**layering of soil or sediment deposits:** strata; stratigraphy

**manuscript, handwritten Christian or meso-American:** codex

**mesh and frame sifter for small objects:** screen

**monument of large flat stone laid across standing stones:** dolmen

**monument of stone:** monolith

**mound:** barrow, tumulus, burial mound, cairn

**object used by past humans:** artifact

**oil or wine container found in shipwrecks:** amphora

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

**archer** *n.* bowman.

**archetype** *n.* model, prototype, original, template, example, exemplar, precursor, mold, classic.

**archipelago** *n.* chain of islands.

**architect** *n.* draftsman, designer, builder, creator, engineer, planner.

**architecture** *n.* drafting, designing, building design. "The flowering of geometry."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Frozen music."—Johann Goethe. SEE BRIDGE, BUILDING, CASTLE, CATHEDRAL, CHURCH, HOUSE

**WORD FIND**

**borrowed style of motherland:** colonial  
**British and American highly ornamental style of nineteenth century:** Victorian  
**classical Greek and Roman forms revived:** Greek Revival, neoclassical, Renaissance  
**classical orders of Hellenic Greece and Imperial Rome:** Corinthian, Doric, Ionic, Tuscan, Composite  
**domes, round arches and columns of early Greece:** Byzantine

**eighteenth-century style derived from classical, Renaissance, and Baroque:** Georgian  
**elaborately decorative European style from 1550-1700s:** baroque  
**exposed beams style of sixteenth-century Britain:** Tudor  
**florid ornamentation, eighteenth-century France:** rococo  
**French Gothic form with flaming tracery, fifteenth century:** flamboyant style  
**futuristic chevron and zigzag style of the 1930s:** art deco  
**Gothic revived:** Gothic Revival  
**Italian, classically derived, fourteenth through sixteenth centuries:** Renaissance  
**Mediterranean style characterized by horseshoe arches, domes, tunnel vaults, geometrical ornaments:** Islamic style  
**pointed arches, rib vaulting, flying buttresses, twelfth through fifteenth centuries:** Gothic style  
**retro style:** revival  
**Spanish, eleventh-fourteenth centuries' style featuring elaborate stucco work and Arabesque designs:** Moorish

**archives** *n.* records, chronicles, annals, historical documents, memorabilia.

**archivist** *n.* librarian, curator, record-keeper.

**arctic** *a.* frigid, cold, freezing, polar, boreal. *ANT.* warm, temperate, tropical.

**ARDENT** *a.* [AR dent] passionate, highly enthusiastic. *Bill is an ardent fan of the Celtics.* *SYN.* passionate, enthusiastic, devoted, intense, zealous, fervent, feverish, torrid, vehement. *ANT.* apathetic, cool, dispassionate.

**ardor** *n.* 1. PASSION warmth, love, sensuality, desire. 2. EAGERNESS zeal, enthusiasm, devotion, fervor, intensity. *ANT.* coldness, indifference, apathy.

**ARDUOUS** *a.* [AR joo us] extremely difficult. *Mowing a golf course is an arduous task.* *SYN.* difficult, hard, taxing, demanding, laborious, burdensome, grueling, back-breaking, trying, strenuous, Herculean, exhausting. *ANT.* easy, simple, \*a snap.

**area** *n.* 1. EXPANSE stretch, range, breadth, space. 2. REGION territory, district, section, locality, tract, stretch, ward, division, lot, sector, belt, quarter, zone. 3. REALM sphere, dominion, province, field.

**arena** *n.* 1. stadium, coliseum, amphitheater, stage, ring, hippodrome. 2. DOMINION field, area, realm, province.

**argot** *n.* jargon, lingo, cant, idiom, vocabulary, vernacular, parlance, slang.

**argue** *v.* 1. PLEAD contend, maintain, hold, assert, expostulate, evince, insist. 2. QUARREL fight, bicker, debate, haggle, quibble, \*hash out, \*lock horns, altercate, squabble, \*have a row, \*mix it up, wrangle. *ANT.* agree, concur, assent. *SEE* ANGRY, WORD FIND

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

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

**aria** *n.* song, air, melody, solo, vocal piece. *SEE* OPERA

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

**arise** *v.* 1. STAND UP get up, rise. 2. ASCEND move upward, climb, rise. 3. EMANATE originate, spring, issue, well up, occur, stem from, crop up. *ANT.* 1. recline, lie down. 2. descend, drop.

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

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

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

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

**ark** *n.* boat; refuge, shelter.

**arm** *n.* 1. LIMB extremity, forearm. 2. BRANCH extension, offshoot, appendage, projection.

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

**armada** *n.* fleet, squadron, argosy, flotilla, navy, convoy, flight.

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

**armaments** *SEE* ARMS

**armchair** *n.* easy chair, rocking chair, recliner. *SEE* CHAIR

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

**armistice** *n.* truce, cease-fire, peace.

**armoire** *n.* cabinet, wardrobe.

**armor** *n.* protective covering, shield, sheathing, mail. *SEE* AMMUNITION, BOMB, BULLET, GUN, MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON

#### WORD FIND

##### SUIT OF ARMOR

**arm, from elbow to shoulder:** brassard

**armpit plate:** palette

**back and breast plate:** cuirass

**bearer:** armiger, squire

**chain:** mail

**foot:** solleret

**hand:** gauntlet

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

**jacket or tunic:** jupon

**joint:** gusset

**leg, knee to ankle:** greave

**neck:** gorget

**shoulder:** ailette, pauldron

**thigh:** cuisse, tasset

**trunk:** tasset

**armory** *n.* arsenal, depot, drill hall.

**arms** *n.* weapons, armaments, ordnance, munitions, armor, ammunition. *SEE* AMMUNITION, BOMB, BULLET, GUN, MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON

**arm's length, at** *adv.* at a distance, aloof, unfriendly.

**arms, up in** *a.* in an uproar, hostile, prepared for war.

**army** *n.* 1. HORDE legion, mass, multitude, throng, swarm. 2. ARMED FORCES troops, infantry, soldiers, division, battalion, ground forces. "A body of men assembled to rectify the mistakes of the diplomats."—Joseph Daniels. SEE AIR FORCE, AMMUNITION, BOMB, BULLET, GUN, MARINES, NAVY, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON

**WORD FIND**

**absent without leave:** AWOL  
**bursts from anti-aircraft guns:** flak  
**clandestine movement:** ratline  
**collective term for ammo, guns, explosives:** ordnance  
**combat fatigue:** shell shock  
**discharge for physical or mental problem:** section eight  
**drab camp uniform:** fatigues  
**eating facility:** mess  
**emergency call-up troops:** reserves  
**enemy ground to be won:** bridgehead  
**enemy role during NATO exercise:** orange forces  
**finishing off defeated enemy:** mopping up  
**form up and come to attention:** fall in  
**fortification, small, of concrete or sandbags:** pillbox  
**friendly role during NATO exercise:** blue forces  
**hiding material:** camouflage  
**i.d. piece on chain:** dogtag  
**infantryman, slang:** grunt  
**items:** materiel  
**jeep:** hum-vee  
**kilometer, slang:** click  
**largest unit:** army group  
**liberty that ends at midnight:** Cinderella liberty  
**lowest grade soldier:** buck private  
**medal for wounds received:** Purple Heart  
**mess hall duty:** K.P. (kitchen police)  
**military store:** PX, post exchange  
**missing in action:** MIA  
**movement of troops:** deployment  
**multilanguage message to return captured soldier, with reward:** blood chit  
**negotiator sent behind enemy lines:** parlementaire  
**passing safely through minefield:** breaching  
**phonetic alphabet:** Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo, Foxtrot, Golf, Hotel, India, Juliet, Kilo, Lima, Mike, November, Oscar, Papa, Quebec, Romeo, Sierra, Tango,

Uniform, Victor, Whiskey, X-ray, Yankee, Zulu.

**ranks, in ascending order:** (enlisted men) Private E-1, Private E-2, Private First-Class E-3; (noncommissioned officers) Corporal E-4, Sergeant E-5, Staff Sergeant E-6, Platoon Sergeant E-7, Master Sergeant E-8, First Sergeant E-8, Sergeant Major E-9, Command Major Sergeant E-9, Sergeant Major of the Army E-9; (warrant officers) Warrant Officer, grade one; Chief Warrant Officer, grade two; Chief Warrant Officer, grade three; Chief Warrant Officer, grade four; (commissioned officers) Second Lieutenant, First Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel, Brigadier General, Major General, Lieutenant General, Four Star General, Five Star General of the Army

**recruit training facility:** boot camp  
**request for fire:** call for fire, all available  
**shelter, lodging:** billet, barracks  
**shield from enemy:** defilade  
**shore foothold:** beachhead  
**simultaneous fire at target from multiple guns:** salvo  
**subdivision of a unit:** echelon  
**sweeping line of gunfire:** enfilade  
**tank, armored group:** armored division  
**temporary ammo storage:** munitions dump  
**trial for crime:** court-martial  
**unit separated from larger group:** detachment  
**units, in ascending order of size:** unit (at least two soldiers), squad (10), platoon (4 squads), company (2 platoons), battalion (2 companies), group (2 battalions), brigade (2 groups), division (3 brigades), corps (2 divisions), field army (2 corps)  
**vulnerable troops at high risk:** cannon fodder

**aroma** *n.* scent, odor, smell, fragrance, bouquet, savor. SEE ODOR

**aromatic** *a.* fragrant, odoriferous, redolent, pungent, savory, scented, spicy. *ANT. un-scented, stinky.*

**around** *prep.* about, close to, near, approximately.

**arouse** *v.* rouse, enliven, stimulate, awaken, stir, inflame, excite, fire up, shake up, disturb, incite, provoke. *ANT. put to sleep, lull, pacify.*

**ARRAIGN** *v.* [uh RANE] to bring before a court and accuse one of a crime. *The court will arraign the suspected murderer today.* *SYN. accuse, call to account, charge, indict, incrim-*

inate, serve a summons, blame, \*point the finger at. *ANT.* *exonerate, absolve, acquit.*

**arrange** *v.* 1. PUT IN ORDER organize, straighten, position, rearrange, sort, classify, alphabetize, systematize. 2. PLAN devise, scheme, design, make preparations, map out, draw up. 3. SETTLE resolve, straighten out, determine, come to terms. *ANT.* 1. *mix up, jumble, mess up, disorder.*

**arrangement** *n.* 1. ORDER organization, system, positioning, classification, lineup, configuration, design. 2. PLAN scheme, design, preparation, provision, \*game plan. 3. MUSICAL COMPOSITION score, chart.

**arrant** *a.* notorious, flagrant, out-and-out, glaring, unmitigated. *ANT.* *inconspicuous.*

**array** *n.* 1. GROUPING arrangement, alignment, lineup, order, muster, marshaling, congregation, collection. 2. FINERY clothing, attire, dress, garments, \*getup, \*threads. *ANT.* 1. *disarray, disorder, mess.*

**arrest** *n.* apprehension, capture, taking into custody, \*collar, \*bust. SEE DETECTIVE, POLICE, COURT, CRIME, LAW

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#### WORD FIND

**book in which arrests are recorded at police station:** blotter

**photo taken of suspect:** mug shot

**reading of rights, rule:** Miranda rule

**record of a criminal's arrests and convictions:** rap sheet

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**arrest** *v.* 1. TAKE INTO CUSTODY apprehend, capture, seize, \*collar, \*bust. 2. HALT stop, check, obstruct, delay, slow. 3. FIX hold, seize, absorb, engross.

**arrival** *n.* 1. COMING landing, entrance, appearance, homecoming, advent. 2. NEWCOMER visitor, traveler, tourist. *ANT.* 1. *departure, exit.* 2. *native, local.*

**arrive** *v.* 1. COME appear, show up, enter, disembark, land, take place, occur, happen. 2. SUCCEEDED attain, reach the top, \*make good. *ANT.* 1. *depart, leave, exit.* 2. *fail, \*blow it, lose.*

**arrogant** *n.* conceit, imperiousness, haughtiness, overconfidence, snobbery, hauteur, hubris, airs, cockiness, insolence, swaggering pomposity, egotism, presumption, condescension. *ANT.* *modesty, humility.*

**arrogant** *a.* conceited, imperious, cocky, insolent, superior, pompous, swaggering, egotistical, haughty, presumptuous, condescending, overbearing, hoity-toity, self-important, supercilious, \*high and mighty. *ANT.* *modest, self-effacing, humble.*

**arrow** *n.* shaft, bolt, dart, projectile, missile.

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#### WORD FIND

**barb:** fluke

**bowstring notch:**nock

**case:** quiver

**crossbow:** bolt

**feather, put on:** fletch

**feather:** vane

**like an arrow:** sagittal

**maker:** fletcher

**user:** archer, bowman

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**arroyo** *n.* gully, gulch, stream bed, creek bed, trench.

**arsenal** *n.* armory, stockpile, munitions dump, depot, magazine, cache. SEE AMMUNITION, WAR, WEAPON

**arson** *n.* fire-setting, \*torching, pyromania.

**art** *n.* 1. CREATIVITY craft, artistry, craftsmanship, handiwork, workmanship, finesse, knack, flair. 2. CUNNING slyness, artfulness, artifice, craftiness. 3. WORKS OF ART painting, sculpture, depiction, abstract, simulation, representation, illustration. "By means of appearances . . . the illusion of a loftier reality."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "An instant arrested in eternity."—James Huneker. "[T]he shadow of humanity."—Henry James. "[A] sublime excrement."—George Moore. SEE DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE WORD FIND

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#### WORD FIND

**SCHOOLS AND STYLES**

**absurd:** dada

**aggressive painting method:** action painting

**cubed and other geometrically distorted forms:** cubism

**cursive, flowing lines, swirling motifs style, late nineteenth century:** art nouveau

**dark realism, early twentieth century:** ashcan school

**emotion and color, focus on:** expressionism

**experimental or unorthodox:** avant-garde  
**geometrical and curvilinear style of the 1920–1930s:** art deco

**graphic, optical effects:** op art

**hallucinatory, dreamlike, subconscious imagery:** surrealism

**idyllic nature scenes, France, nineteenth century:** Barbizon School

**modern, minimalist style, graffiti, cartoons:** new wave

**Monet's vague outline style:** impressionism

**nonrepresentational:** abstract  
**nonrepresentational style that focuses on emotion and the act of painting itself:** abstract expressionism  
**nonschooled:** folk art  
**points or tiny dots creating a whole:** pointillism  
**realistic, photographic:** photorealism, hyperrealism, tromp l'oeil, magic realism, representational  
**rich ornamentation, curved lines, sixteenth through eighteenth century:** baroque  
**traditional forms:** academic art  
**Warhol's (Andy) bigger-than-life depictions of everyday objects:** pop art

**artery** *n.* channel, vein, blood vessel, canal.  
**artful** *a.* 1. **CLEVER** adroit, skillful, ingenious. 2. **CUNNING** sly, crafty, shrewd, wily. *ANT.* 1. *unskilled, inept.* 2. *artless, naive.*  
**article** *n.* 1. **STORY** piece, news release, report, write-up, feature. 2. **ITEM** object, thing, bit, piece, \*thingamajig.  
**articulate** *v.* express, enunciate, voice, pronounce, utter, make clear, elucidate.  
**ARTICULATE** *a.* [ar TIK yuh lut] expressive, eloquent, well-spoken. *The talk show host was an articulate woman.* *SYN.* expressive, eloquent, well-spoken, intelligible, lucid, smooth-talking, fluent, facile. *ANT.* *inarticulate, tongue-tied, stammering, mumbled.*  
**ARTIFICE** *n.* [ART uh fis] ingenuity or cleverness; cunning, trickery. *He succeeded in fooling us through artifice.* *SYN.* ingenuity, cleverness, inventiveness, skillfulness, wile, ruse, trickery, contrivance, cunning, craftiness, duplicity, machination, guile, artfulness, deceit, finesse. *ANT.* *honesty, artlessness, naivete.*  
**artificial** *a.* 1. **UNNATURAL** man-made, synthetic, fake, ersatz, counterfeit, imitation, manufactured, \*bogus. 2. **AFFECTED** mannered, forced, phony, unnatural, theatrical, feigned, \*put on, pretentious, contrived. *ANT.* 1. *natural, organic, authentic.* 2. *sincere, genuine, real.*  
**artillery** *n.* gunnery, cannons, howitzer. *SEE* WEAPONS  
**artisan** *n.* *SEE* ARTIST  
**artist** *n.* 1. **EXPERT** master, \*pro, virtuoso, talent. 2. **ARTISAN** craftsman, painter, portraitist, sculptor, technician, designer. "An exhibitionist by profession."—Vincent van Gogh. *ANT.* 1. *amateur, tyro.* *SEE* ART, DRAWING, PAINTING, SCULPTURE  
**artistic** *a.* aesthetic, artful, tasteful, graceful, ornamental, decorative, stylish, pleasing to the

eye, brilliant, masterful. *ANT.* *crude, gross, unattractive, tasteless.*  
**artistry** *n.* quality, skill, talent, virtuosity, creativity, flair, style, finesse, touch, feel, genius.  
**ARTLESS** *a.* [ART less] unskilled, uncultured, simple, naive. *The man was as artless as a child.* *SYN.* 1. **UNSKILLED** untalented, unschooled, inartistic. 2. **CRUDE** plain, simple, primitive, natural. 3. **NAIVE** simple, ingenuous, innocent, guileless, unsophisticated, childlike, genuine, direct, natural. *ANT.* 1. *artful, skilled, talented, schooled.* 2. *artful, sophisticated, worldly.* 3. *sophisticated, self-conscious, insincere, unnatural.*  
**arty** *a.* pretentious, \*artsy-fartsy, highbrow, affected, assuming. *ANT.* *down-to-earth, unaffected.*  
**ascend** *v.* rise, arise, climb, surmount, scale, levitate, soar, escalate. *ANT.* *descend, drop, fall.*  
**ascendancy** *n.* supremacy, control, domination, power, preeminence.  
**ascension** *n.* scaling. *SEE* ASCENT  
**ascend** *n.* 1. **CLIMB** rise, ascension, progression. 2. **UPWARD SLOPE** acclivity, upgrade, elevation, incline, gradient. *ANT.* 1. *descent, fall, drop.* 2. *declivity, descent.*  
**ascertain** *v.* learn, verify, find out, determine, certify, \*pin down, establish, uncover, discover.  
**ascetic** *n.* abstainer, celibate, religious fanatic, monk, anchorite.  
**ascetic** *a.* austere, abstinent, abstemious, self-denying, strict, puritanical. *ANT.* *hedonistic, self-gratifying, indulgent.*  
**ascribe** *v.* attribute, credit, assign, charge, connect, associate, link.  
**ashamed** *a.* embarrassed, humiliated, mortified, chagrined, humbled, \*red-faced, guilty, conscious-stricken, sheepish, abashed, disgraced, flustered, shamefaced. *ANT.* *proud, high and mighty, arrogant.*  
**ashen** *a.* pale, pallid, gray, wan, white, sallow, cadaverous. *ANT.* *rosy, ruddy.*  
**ashes** *n.* cinders, soot, embers.  
**asinine** *a.* stupid, moronic, idiotic, sophomoric, silly, absurd, foolish. *ANT.* *brilliant, wise.*  
**ask** *v.* 1. **QUESTION** query, pose a question, interrogate, quiz. 2. **REQUEST** appeal, solicit, express a desire for. 3. **INVITE** summon, request, call upon.  
**askance** *adv.* 1. **SIDEWAYS** obliquely, sidelong, askew. 2. **SUSPICIOUSLY** OR **DISAPPROVINGLY** disdainfully, dubiously, skeptically. *ANT.* 1. *straight-on, directly.* 2. *respectfully, confidently.*  
**askew** *a.* awry, aslant, sidelong, crooked. *ANT.* *straight.*

- asleep** *a.* slumbering, \*snoozing, \*catching some ZZZs, \*catching forty winks, napping, dozing, \*comatose, hibernating, dormant. *ANT.* *awake, alert.*
- aspect** *n.* 1. LOOK air, mien, bearing, manner. 2. FEATURE facet, side, angle, point, element, view.
- aspen** *n.* poplar tree.
- asperity** *n.* harshness, roughness, sharpness, nastiness, ill temper, venom, irritability, crossness, hostility, acrimony, surliness, irascibility. *ANT.* *mildness, softness, good cheer.*
- aspersion** *n.* disparagement, slander, abuse, defamation, innuendo, smear, slur, vilification, blot, denigration, mud-slinging, calumny.
- asphalt** *n.* bitumen, tar, pavement.
- asphyxiate** *v.* suffocate, smother, choke, strangle, throttle.
- aspirant** *n.* contender, applicant. SEE CANDIDATE
- ASPIRATION** *n.* [as puh RAY shun] a drive for or goal of some achievement; an ambition. *He had an aspiration of being a professional baseball player.* *SYN.* ambition, goal, drive, want, desire, dream, hope, longing, hunger, wish, aim, scheme. "The desire of the moth for the star."—Shelley.
- aspire** *v.* strive for, desire, try for, wish for, hope for, hunger for, thirst for, shoot for, aim for.
- ass** *n.* 1. DONKEY burro, jackass, jenny, jack, beast of burden. SEE ANIMAL 2. BUTTOCKS rear, rump, \*buns, \*butt. 3. FOOL idiot, \*boob, jerk, clown, \*nincompoop, \*dolt.
- assail** *v.* attack, assault, accost, jump on, lay into, set upon, \*rip into, \*light into, impugn.
- assailant** *n.* attacker, assaulter, accoster, molester, mugger, aggressor, adversary, enemy, foe.
- assassin** *n.* killer, slayer, executioner, \*hit man, \*liquidator, sniper, gunman, \*trigger man. SEE MURDERER
- assassinate** *v.* kill, slay, execute, gun down, \*hit, \*liquidate. SEE MURDER
- assassination** *n.* killing, slaying, execution, \*hit, \*liquidation. "The extreme form of censorship."—George Bernard Shaw. SEE MURDER
- assault** *n.* 1. PHYSICAL OR VERBAL ATTACK of fence, affront, insult, beating, pounding, pummeling, mugging, molestation, rape, battery, violence. 2. RAID siege, blitz, storming, foray, offensive, invasion.
- assualt** *v.* attack, charge, storm, strike, beat, hit, abuse, pound, pummel, mug, molest, rape, commit battery, jump, punch, strongarm, assail, insult, offend, verbally attack.
- assay** *n.* examination, test, analysis, probe, investigation, assessment.
- assay** *v.* examine, test, analyze, probe, investigate, assess.
- assemblage** *n.* group, assembly, collection, cluster, aggregation, congregation.
- assemble** *v.* 1. PUT TOGETHER fit, piece, connect, construct, compile, puzzle out, compose, throw together. 2. GATHER amass, congregate, muster, band, convene, meet. *ANT.* 1. *disassemble, disconnect, dismantle.* 2. *scatter, disband, disperse.*
- assembly** *n.* 1. FITTING TOGETHER connection, construction, compilation, piecing together. 2. GATHERING mass, congregation, mustering, band, meeting, convention, crowd, multitude, mob. *ANT.* 1. *disassembly, disconnection.* 2. *scattering, disbanding, dispersal.*
- assent** *n.* agreement, concurrence, consent, acceptance, accord, approval. *ANT.* *disagreement, dissent.*
- assent** *v.* agree, concur, accept, consent, concede, approve, grant, acquiesce, go along. *ANT.* *dissent, disagree.*
- assert** *v.* state, declare, affirm, announce, aver, pronounce, claim, profess, attest, say. *ANT.* *deny, controvert.*
- assertion** *n.* statement, declaration, affirmation, pronouncement, profession, proclamation, averment, claim, avowal. *ANT.* *denial, disavowal.*
- assertive** *a.* outspoken, direct, forthright, forward, unreserved, uninhibited, blunt, brash, confident, assured, aggressive. *ANT.* *shy, reserved, inhibited.*
- assess** *v.* 1. IMPOSE levy, tax, dun, fine, charge. 2. EVALUATE appraise, measure, estimate, judge, consider, weigh.
- assessment** *n.* 1. DUNNAGE charge, tax. 2. EVALUATION appraisal, estimate.
- asset** *n.* 1. VALUABLE resource, possession, property, cash, inventory. 2. QUALITY strength, gift, blessing, advantage. *ANT.* 1. *liability.* 2. *liability, handicap, disadvantage.*
- ASSIDUOUS** *a.* [uh SID yoo us] hard-working, diligent, devoted. *The governor has always had an assiduous striving for success.* *SYN.* hard-working, diligent, devoted, persistent, constant, persevering, tenacious, unremitting, tireless, attentive, earnest. *ANT.* *casual, lax, lazy, laid-back.*
- assign** *v.* 1. DESIGNATE appoint, name, choose, commission, nominate, charge, entrust, cast. 2. ALLOCATE allot, distribute, consign, give, dispense, dole out. 3. ATTRIBUTE ascribe, credit, charge with.
- assignment** *n.* task, duty, job, lesson, homework.

**ASSIMILATE** *v.* [uh SIM uh LATE] to absorb, digest. Also, to adjust, integrate. *The new math is difficult to assimilate. It takes time to assimilate in another country.* SYN. 1. ABSORB digest, metabolize, incorporate, master, comprehend, take in. 2. ADJUST integrate, adapt, acclimatize, fit in, homogenize, \*do as the natives do, \*go native, naturalize. ANT. 1. *regurgitate, reject.* 2. *reject, maladapt, separate.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**astonishing** *a.* amazing, astounding, surprising, shocking, breathtaking, dumbfounding, awesome, \*eye-popping, startling, dazzling, bewildering, extraordinary. ANT. *humdrum, expected.*

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

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

**astounding** *a.* astonishing, amazing, bewildering, shocking, surprising, startling, \*eye-popping, stupefying, mind-boggling, electrifying, staggering, confounding, \*mind-blowing, wondrous. ANT. \**ho-hum, boring, ordinary.*

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

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

**astrology** *n.* horoscopy, reading of the stars, divination. "The excellent foppery of the world."—Shakespeare.

**WORD FIND**

**birth, zodiacal sign rising in the east at time of one's:** ascent

**chart of positions of planets, stars, relationship to birth:** horoscope

**constellations and signs:** Aries (The Ram); Taurus (The Bull); Gemini (The Twins); Cancer (The Crab); Leo (The Lion); Virgo (The Virgin); Libra (The Balance); Scorpio (The Scorpion); Sagittarius (The Archer); Capricorn (The Goat); Aquarius (The Water Bearer); Pisces (The Fishes)

**diagram:** scheme

**legendary astrologer:** Merlin

**one of twelve sectors in celestial sphere:** house

**pathway of planets, divided into twelve astrological signs:** zodiac

**table of positions of stars and planets at specific times:** ephemeris

**transitional period from one zodiac sign to another:** cusp

**astronaut** *n.* spaceman, cosmonaut, sailor of the stars.

**astronomer** *n.* stargazer, cosmologist, astrophysicist.

**astronomy** *n.* stargazing, cosmology, astrophysics. SEE COMET, CONSTELLATION, METEOR, MOON, PLANET, SPACE, STAR

**WORD FIND**

**eclipse, or passage of one celestial body in front of another:** occultation

**great circle spanning horizons:** meridian

**location of celestial object in sky:** azimuth, declination, right ascension

**path of sun on celestial sphere:** ecliptic

**point of sky directly overhead:** zenith

**star motion unrelated to earth's rotation:** proper motion

**table showing future positions of celestial objects:** ephemeris

**unit of distance, by speed of light:** light year, 5,880,000,000,000 miles; parsec, 3.26 light years

**unit of distance, equal to that from the earth to the sun:** astronomical unit, 92,900,000 miles

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

**asunder** *a.* apart, separate, in pieces.

**asylum** *n.* 1. SANCTUARY refuge, shelter, haven, safe harbor, hospice. 2. HOSPITAL psychiatric hospital, sanitarium, mental institution, insane asylum, \*nut house, \*booby hatch, \*laughing academy, \*loony bin, \*madhouse.

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

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

**atheist** *n.* nonbeliever, agnostic, skeptic, free thinker, infidel, \*doubting Thomas, heathen. "A man who has no invisible means of support."—John Buchan. "A man who believes himself an accident."—Francis Thompson. "An orphaned heart."—Jean Paul Richter. ANT. believer, the faithful. SEE AGNOSTIC

**athlete** *n.* \*jock, competitor, sportsman, champion. SEE SPORT

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

**WORD FIND**

**competition combo of five track and field events:** pentathlon

**competition combo of skiing and rifle-shooting:** biathlon

**competition combo of swimming, biking, and long-distance running:** triathlon, \*iron man contest

**competition combo of ten track and field events:** decathlon

**atmosphere** *n.* 1. AMBIENCE aura, surroundings, air, \*vibes, feeling, environment. 2. SKY air, heavens, smog, biosphere. SEE AIR, RAIN, SNOW, WEATHER, WIND

**WORD FIND**

**hole resulting from chemical depletion in the ozone layer:** ozone hole

**ion-rich layer, reflects radio waves, in thermosphere:** ionosphere

layer of oxygen in stratosphere, protects earth from ultraviolet radiation: ozone layer

refrigerants and aerosols known to deplete ozone layer: chlorofluorocarbons

rising column of warm air: thermal

stratum from 0–10 miles up: troposphere

stratum from 10–30 miles up: stratosphere

stratum from 30–50 miles up: mesosphere

stratum from 50–300 miles up: thermosphere

stratum from 300 miles to space: exosphere

trapping of heat and radiation by excess carbon dioxide, causing long-term climate change: greenhouse effect; global warming

trapping of solar radiation and heat by carbon dioxide buildup: greenhouse effect

**atoll** *n.* coral island.

**atom** *n.* particle, jot, bit, iota, scintilla, shred, bit. “A specter threatening us with annihilation.”—Max Born. SEE SCIENCE

**atomic** *a.* SEE NUCLEAR

**atomic bomb** *n.* SEE NUCLEAR BOMB

**atomize** *v.* separate, disintegrate, vaporize, spray, pulverize.

**ATONE** *v.* [uh TONE] to make up for a bad deed; to make amends. *Atone for your sins.* SYN. amend, make amends, redeem, do penance, repent, confess, expiate, make reparations, shrive.

**atonement** *n.* amends, reparations, redemption, expiation, penance, restitution, compensation, redress. “The blood of Jesus Christ ...” —The Bible, John 1:7.

**atrium** *n.* court.

**atrocious** *a.* evil, brutal, appalling, cruel, bad, monstrous, unspeakable, vicious, despicable, horrible, abominable, heinous, outrageous. *ANT. good, pleasant, lovely, benevolent.*

**ATROCITY** *n.* [uh TRAW suh tee] a cruelty, brutality, or outrageous thing or act. *The drive-by shooting is an atrocity that originated during prohibition.* SYN. cruelty, brutality, outrage, monstrosity, unspeakable act, horror, savagery, barbarity, crime, abomination. *ANT. kindness, good deed.*

**atrophy** *n.* degeneration, wasting, deterioration, withering, emaciation, decline, weakening.

**atrophy** *v.* degenerate, waste, deteriorate, wither, emaciate, decline, weaken.

**attach** *v.* 1. FASTEN tie, stick, secure, bind, link, hook, affix, connect, tack, pin. 2. AFFILIATE join, associate, enlist. 3. ASCRIBE attribute, assign, accredit, apply, place. *ANT. 1. detach,*

*loosen, free. 2. drop out, quit, dissociate. 3. take, deflect.*

**attaché** *n.* consul, envoy, aide. SEE DIPLOMAT

**attachment** *n.* 1. FASTENING tying, connection, joining. 2. DEVOTION regard, affection, crush, affinity, bond, esteem, fondness, love. 3. ACCESSORY appendage, appurtenance, fixture, addition, extension, supplement. *ANT. 1. detachment, separation. 2. repulsion, aversion.*

**attack** *n.* 1. ASSAULT offensive, raid, invasion, siege, ambush, blitz, aggression, strike, incursion, onslaught. 2. ONSET OR RECURRENCE OF AN ILLNESS bout, relapse, throes, seizure, convulsion, spell, turn for the worse.

**attack** *v.* 1. ASSAULT strike, jump on, raid, besiege, invade, ambush, assail, pounce on, molest, set upon, take the offensive, aggress, mug. 2. VERBALLY ASSAULT \*rip into, \*tear apart, criticize, abuse, malign, bash, defame, scold, \*rake over the coals, damn, censure, \*dis, \*jump down one’s throat, impugn, \*bad-mouth, denounce, revile. 3. TO BEGIN WORK ON tackle, dive into, undertake, \*jump into with both feet. *ANT. 1. retreat, defend, lay low. 2. flatter, compliment, praise. 3. procrastinate, avoid.*

**attacker** *n.* assailant, aggressor, offender.

**attain** *v.* achieve, accomplish, get, procure, secure, acquire, obtain, realize, fulfill, \*make it, win. *ANT. fail, lose, fall short.*

**attainment** *n.* achievement, accomplishment, getting, procurement, securing, acquirement, obtaining, realization, fulfillment, winning, success, coup, skill.

**attempt** *n.* try, endeavor, shot, \*crack, undertaking, \*stab, \*the old college try, venture, bid.

**attempt** *v.* try, endeavor, make an effort, undertake, take a shot at it, \*take a crack at it, \*take a stab at it, \*give it the old college try, venture, make a bid for it, strive.

**attend** *v.* 1. LOOK AFTER minister to, serve, tend, take care of, nurse, assist, doctor. 2. TO BE PRESENT appear, show up, go to, turn up. 3. ACCOMPANY come with, go hand in hand, escort, be associated with.

**attendance** *n.* 1. PRESENCE appearance. 2. TURN-OUT crowd, house, audience.

**attendant** *n.* servant, aide, assistant, orderly, steward, valet, consort, escort.

**attention** *n.* 1. CONCENTRATION mindfulness, consciousness, awareness, heed, notice, thoughtfulness, regard. 2. OBSERVATION notice, recognition, regard, consideration, scrutiny. *ANT. 1. absent-mindedness, abstraction, inattention. 2. oversight, disregard.*

**attention deficit disorder** *n.* ADD, learning disorder, short attention span, hyperactivity.

**attentions** *n.* consideration, courtesy, devotion, civility, care, respect, service.

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

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

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

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

**attire** *n.* dress, clothing, apparel, garb, costume, raiment, \*duds, \*togs, outfit, garments, \*threads.

**attire** *v.* dress, clothe, garb, deck out, fit out, outfit, \*doll up, costume, accoutre.

**attitude** *n.* 1. OUTLOOK mind, disposition, frame of mind, temperament, feeling, view, perspective, \*mindset, demeanor, bias. 2. POSTURE stance, manner, bearing, pose, mien, carriage, air.

**attitude problem** *n.* \*hair across the ass, \*chip on one's shoulder.

**attorney** *n.* counselor, legal representative, DA, barrister, solicitor, \*ambulance chaser. SEE LAWYER, LAW, COURT

**attract** *v.* 1. DRAW pull, magnetize. 2. ALLURE lure, invite, tempt, interest, charm, captivate, fascinate, beguile, bewitch, \*turn on, \*spellbind. *ANT.* 1. *repel, repulse.* 2. *repel, repulse, turn off.*

**attraction** *n.* appeal, temptation, magnetism, affinity, pull, charm, interest, allure, bewitchment, fascination, enticement, \*chemistry, charisma. *ANT.* *repellant, repulsion, aversion.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**auction** *n.* sale, vendue, sell-off.

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

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

**audacity** *n.* 1. COURAGE bravery, daring, nerve, pluck, backbone, \*guts, \*spine, grit, dering-do, mettle, boldness. 2. SHAMELESSNESS brashness, impudence, effrontery, \*gall, \*nerve, \*cheek, arrogance, impertinence, brass, presumption. *ANT.* 1. *cowardice, fear, spinelessness.* 2. *courtesy, decorum, propriety.*

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

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

**audit** *n.* examination, accounting, review, investigation.

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

**auditor** *n.* accountant, inspector, analyst, bookkeeper.

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

**auger** *n.* bore, tool. SEE TOOL

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

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

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

**augury** *n.* 1. PREDICTION prophesy, divination, forecast, forewarning, soothsaying, forecasting. 2. OMEN portent, sign, harbinger, herald, forewarning.

**AUGUST** *a.* [aw GUST] awe-inspiring, magnificent, worthy of great respect. *Visitors grew silent as they entered the august cathedral.* SYN. grand, magnificent, glorious, imposing, sublime, noble, stately, dignified, regal, supreme, eminent, lofty, distinguished. *ANT. lowly, pedestrian, humble.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**author** *n.* 1. WRITER novelist, playwright, storyteller, screenwriter, poet, bard, historian, chronicler, biographer, dramatist, journalist, \*hack, wordsmith. "A person who you can silence by shutting his book."—Max Gralnik. SEE BOOK, NOVELIST 2. ORIGINATOR creator, architect, designer, father, founder.

**WORD FIND**

**best-selling author with staying power:** brand-name author

**multiple books, author of:** polygraph

**pen name:** pseudonym, nom de plume, al-  
lonym, ananym, anonym

**publicizes author and books:** publicist  
**sells author's books, handles contracts:** literary agent

**writes a book for someone else who may or may not take credit:** ghostwriter

**authoritarian** *n.* dictator, tyrant, despot, disciplinarian, martinet.

**authoritarian** *a.* dictatorial, tyrannical, repressive, totalitarian, strict, dogmatic, rigid, despotic, imperious, autocratic, domineering. *ANT. libertarian, permissive, liberal, democratic.*

**authoritative** *a.* official, validated, authentic, true, genuine, documented, sound, certified, reliable, trustworthy, scholarly. *ANT. questionable, frivolous, unsubstantiated.*

**authorities** *n.* the powers that be, City Hall, officials, government, officialdom, \*the law.

**authority** *n.* 1. POWER jurisdiction, rule, license, charge, control, command, dominion, administration, influence. "A halter."—Adelard of Bath. "Tyranny unless tempered by freedom."—Stefan Zweig. 2. EXPERT specialist, professional, scholar, connoisseur, \*walking encyclopedia, trusted source.

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

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

**autocracy** *n.* dictatorship, despotism, totalitarianism.

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

**autograph** *n.* signature, name, inscription, \*John Hancock, \*John Henry, X.

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

**automatic** *a.* 1. SELF-OPERATING mechanical, self-propelling, self-regulating, self-programmed, servo-mechanized, automated. 2. INVOLUNTARY unconscious, reflex, unpremeditated, spontaneous. *ANT. 1. manual, labor-intensive. 2. voluntary, conscious.*

**automaton** SEE ROBOT

**automobile** *n.* car, vehicle, sedan, \*wheels, station wagon, hatchback, compact, subcompact, \*bucket of bolts, \*clunker, \*junker, \*lemon, \*gas-guzzler, transport, fastback, \*flivver, convertible, \*lowrider, \*horseless carriage, roadster, town car, \*crate, coupe, \*hot rod, \*jalopy, van, minivan, SUV (sport utility vehicle). SEE ACCIDENT, DRIVE, MOTOR, ROAD, TRUCK

**WORD FIND**

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

**AUTONOMOUS** *a.* [aw TON uh mus] acting independently. *It was an autonomous island*

*government, free of the mainland's dictates.*  
**SYN.** independent, self-governing, self-ruling, self-reliant, sovereign. **ANT.** *dependent, subject, overruled, occupied.*

**autonomy** *n.* independence, sovereignty, self-rule, self-reliance, home rule, freedom. **ANT.** *dependence, subjugation.*

**autumn** *n.* fall, harvest time, Indian summer. "A second spring when every leaf's a flower."—Albert Camus.

**auxiliary** *a.* 1. **SUPPORTING** assisting, aiding, adjunct, helping, contributing. 2. **SUBSIDIARY** subordinate, supplementary, accessory, additional, secondary, reserve. **ANT.** 2. *main, primary.*

**avail** *n.* use, usefulness, benefit, help, aid, advantage, profit.

**avail** *v.* utilize, help, assist, aid, serve.

**available** *a.* handy, ready, accessible, on hand, at hand, obtainable, on tap, free, at one's disposal. **ANT.** *unavailable, out.*

**avalanche** *n.* 1. **SNOWSLIDE** landslide. 2. **INUNDATION** cataclysm, deluge, flood, torrent, barrage. **SEE** MOUNTAIN, MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

**WORD FIND**

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

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

**AVARICE** *n.* [AV ur is] unhealthy desire for wealth, greed. *Her avarice compelled her to hobnob with wealthy bachelors.* **SYN.** greed, cupidity, acquisitiveness, covetousness, rapacity, gluttony, miserliness. "A mere madness, to live like a wretch, and die rich."—Robert Burton. "The spur of industry."—David Hume. **ANT.** *generosity, benevolence, charity.*

**AVARICIOUS** *a.* [AV ur ISH us] greedy. *He was after her money; he was avaricious.* **SYN.** greedy, covetous, acquisitive, rapacious, pig-gish, hoarding, predatory, \*tight, selfish, \*gold-digging, gluttonous. **ANT.** *generous, giving, beneficent.*

**avenge** *v.* revenge, retaliate, take vengeance, \*pay back, \*get even, punish, vindicate, wreak vengeance. **ANT.** *forgive, excuse, overlook.*

**avenue** *n.* 1. **ROAD** roadway, drive, lane, boulevard, highway, thoroughfare, promenade, street, parkway, artery, expressway. 2. **WAY** means, route, path, course.

**average** *n.* norm, par, standard, mean.

**average** *a.* ordinary, typical, usual, common, standard, \*garden variety, middling, intermediate, fair, moderate, median, run-of-the-mill, so-so, everyday. *ANT.* *exceptional, above par, extraordinary.*

**averse** *a.* loath, ill-disposed, opposed, hostile, unfavorable, disinclined, hesitant, unwilling, against. *ANT.* *agreeable, willing, eager.*

**AVERSION** *n.* [uh VUR zhun] an intense dislike or repugnance. *I have an aversion to pickled beets.* *SYN.* dislike, repugnance, loathing, antipathy, revulsion, disgust, hostility, hatred, detestation. *ANT.* *liking, attraction, fondness.*

**avert** *v.* 1. TURN AWAY shift, turn aside. 2. PREVENT ward off, avoid, thwart, deter, preclude, forestall, nip in the bud. *ANT.* 1. *invite.* 2. *cause, exacerbate.*

**aviator** *n.* pilot, flyer, airman, ace, aviatrix.

**avid** *a.* 1. EAGER enthusiastic, fervent, ardent, flaming, rabid, fanatical, burning, zealous. 2. DESIROUS greedy, avaricious, rapacious, covetous, voracious. *ANT.* 1. *lukewarm, blasé, bored.* 2. *indifferent, uninterested.*

**avocation** *n.* hobby, pastime, interest, pursuit, sideline, work; profession.

**avoid** *v.* evade, dodge, steer clear of, bypass, elude, sidestep, hedge, duck, shirk, avert, eschew, shun, \*give the slip, refrain. *ANT.* *embrace, meet head on, confront, invite.*

**avoidance** *n.* evasion, dodging, bypassing, sidestepping, hedging, shirking, ducking out, averting, eschewing, shunning, refraining.

**avow** *v.* declare, admit, acknowledge, avouch, aver, confess, profess, announce, swear. *ANT.* *disavow, deny.*

**avowal** *n.* declaration, admission, acknowledgment, confession, profession, announcement, assertion, affirmation. *ANT.* *disavowal, denial.*

**await** *v.* wait for, anticipate.

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

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

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

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

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

**aware** *a.* conscious, cognizant, in touch, knowing, mindful, \*wise to, wary, sharp, apprised,

awake, enlightened, \*know the score, versed, \*hip, \*with it, \*plugged in, grounded, au courant. *ANT.* *unaware, ignorant, \*out to lunch, unconscious.*

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

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

**awesome** *a.* impressive, overwhelming, intimidating, moving, formidable, astonishing, amazing, \*eye-popping, breathtaking, wonderful, wondrous, stunning, \*mind-blowing, stupefying, excellent, \*bad, \*cool, \*dynamite, \*gnarly, \*gone, immense, super, \*ripping, \*out of this world, \*unreal. *ANT.* *unimpressive, \*ho-hum, \*lame, \*lightweight, \*bush league, trivial.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**ax to grind (having an)** wanting or going after something for self-serving reasons, not for the unselfish reasons sometimes presented; a hidden motive. *His support of the project appeared to be civil-minded; in reality he had an ax to grind.* *SYN.* motive, hidden motive, motivation, agenda, hidden agenda, score to settle, purpose, reason, incentive, driving force.

# B

**babble** *n.* prattle, babel, gibberish, spluttering, mumbling, blabbing, jabber, burble, blubbering, drivel.

**babble** *v.* prattle, blab, gibber, \*yak, jabber, burble, blather, murmur, sputter, mutter, gush, splutter, blat, prate, gurgle.

**babe in the woods** *n.* easy mark, sucker, dupe, innocent.

**babel** *n.* confusion, tumult, clamor.

**baby** *n.* 1. INFANT newborn, babe, neonate, \*bambino, papoose, tot, nursling, nipper, toddler. "It is all gut and squall."—Charles Brown. "An inestimable blessing and both-er."—Mark Twain. 2. SNIVELER whiner, cry-baby, \*wimp. SEE BIRTH, CHILD, CHILDREN, PREGNANCY

## WORD FIND

**abandoned and found:** foundling

**ailment:** croup

**bathtub:** bathinette

**bed:** cradle, bassinot

**bounce on one's knee or swing up and down in one's arms:** dandle

**breastfeeder, hired:** wet nurse

**breast-feeding cessation:** weening

**carriage:** buggy, pram, stroller, perambulator

**chewy toy:** teething ring, pacifier

**clean enclosure used to protect premature infants from infection:** incubator

**contented, happy cry:** crow

**crusty skull dermatitis:** cradle cap

**cry loudly:** squall

**cry weakly:** whimper, mewl

**dead at birth:** stillborn

**diaper irritation:** diaper rash

**distress or crying due to trapped gas or other unexplained cause:** colic

**embryo implant:** test-tube baby

**foreskin removal from male:** circumcision

**illegitimate:** love child, bastard

**milk sometimes secreted from newborn's nipples, due to hormone exposure:** witch's milk

**multiple:** twins, triplets, quadruplets, quintuplets, sextuplets

**murder of:** infanticide

**Native American infant or infant carrier:** papoose

**outfit:** layette

**premature infant:** preemie

**rubber soother:** pacifier

**soft spot on head:** fontanelle

**song:** lullaby

**spoil and baby:** coddle

**startle reflex characterized by spread of arms:** Moro reflex

**talk:** babble, coo, gurgle

**tooth eruption:** teething

**walking:** toddling

**whine and whimper:** pule

**baby** *v.* spoil, indulge, dote on, pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, overprotect, shelter, smother.

**baby** *a.* small, wee, miniature, tiny, young, teeny, pocket-sized. *ANT.* large, mature.

**baby boom** *n.* population explosion, birth spurt, birthrate bulge.

**babyish** *a.* childish, infantile, juvenile, immature. *ANT.* mature.

**baby-sit** *v.* tend, watch, sit, care for, \*keep an eye on, mind, look after, act as guardian.

**baby-sitter** *n.* sitter, nanny, governess, guardian.

**bacchanal** *n.* SEE ORGY, PARTY

**bachelor** *n.* single, stag, playboy, man about town. "A man who is footloose and fiancé free."—F.G. Kernan.

**back** *n.* backside, posterior, spine, tail end, hind, rear, stern, rump. SEE ASS

**back** *v.* 1. SUPPORT assist, sponsor, \*go to bat for, abet, boost, stand behind, promote, endorse. 2. REVERSE go backwards, backtrack, return, turn tail, rebound, regress, recoil. *ANT.* 1. undermine, reject, denounce. 2. progress, advance.

**back** *a.* 1. REAR hind, end, posterior. 2. DISTANT remote, faraway, outermost, rural, secluded. 3. PAST earlier, previous, dated, bygone. *ANT.* 1. front, anterior, head. 3. future, upcoming.

**back and forth** *adv.* to and fro, from side to side, vacillating.

**backbite** *v.* slander, malign, \*backstab, defame, vilify, gossip, smear, \*badmouth, \*dump on, \*tell tales out of school.

**backbone** *n.* 1. SPINE spinal column, vertebrae. 2. FOUNDATION mainstay, basis. 3. COURAGE strength, character, mettle, \*guts, grit, spunk, fortitude, pluck, resolve. *ANT.* 3. *timidity, cowardice, spinelessness.*

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

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

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

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

**background** *n.* 1. DISTANCE backdrop, horizon, offing. 2. EXPERIENCE upbringing, environment, grounding, family, past, education, circumstances. *ANT.* 1. *foreground.*

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

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

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

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

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

**backpedal** *v.* retract, take back, recant, retreat, renege, back down.

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

**backstab** *v.* backbite, attack, smear, slander, \*sell down the river, betray, \*play Judas, \*doublecross.

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

**backup** *n.* auxiliary, extra, substitute, alternate.

**backward** *a.* 1. TOWARD THE REAR rearward, in reverse, behind. 2. IN REVERSE upside-down, inside-out, wrong, \*bassackwards. 3. SHY hesitant, reticent, bashful, reserved, timid,

demure. 4. RETARDED slow, behind, simple, inept, stupid, rustic, impeded, laggard, dull. *ANT.* 3. *confident, bold, forward.* 4. *advanced, quick, brilliant.*

**backwoodsman** *n.* rustic, yokel, \*hillbilly, \*hick, \*hayseed.

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

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

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

**bad breath** *n.* halitosis, \*dragon breath.

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

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

**badlands** *n.* wasteland, eroded land, desert, \*devil's backyard, \*devil's sandbox, barren land.

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

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

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

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

**bag** *v.* snare, capture, catch, take, trap, kill, seize.

**bagatelle** *n.* trifle.

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

**baggy** *a.* sagging, droopy, puffy, limp, unpressed, loose, slack, fat, billowing. *ANT.* *smooth, tight, pressed, tailored.*

**bagpipe** *n.* SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

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

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

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

**bait** *n.* lure, allurement, attraction, bribe, enticement, \*come-on, inducement.

**bait** *v.* 1. LURE attract, entice, bribe, induce, seduce, tantalize, tempt, draw, interest. 2. GOAD tease, pick on, harass, rile, provoke, annoy, irk, hector, badger, \*ride. *ANT.* 1. *repel, repulse.* 2. *pacify, please, mollify.*

**bake** *v.* roast, cook, broil, heat.

**bakery** *n.* bread shop, cake shop, pastry shop, bagel shop.

**balance** *n.* 1. EQUILIBRIUM parity, equity, equalization, symmetry, correspondence, equipoise, equality. 2. MENTAL STABILITY composure, self-control, poise, \*cool head, stability. *ANT.* 1. *imbalance, inequality.* 2. *instability, irrationality.*

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

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

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

**balderdash** *n.* bunk, rot, poppycock. SEE NON-SENSE

**bale** *n.* bundle, packet, bunch, parcel.

**baleful** *a.* harmful, sinister, threatening, evil, ominous, deadly, injurious, pernicious, wicked,

hazardous, malignant. *ANT.* *harmless, innocuous, benign.*

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

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

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

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

**ballerina** *n.* SEE BALLET

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

#### WORD FIND

**admirer of:** balletomane

**attire:** tutu, tights, leotard

**director:** impresario

**female dancer:** ballerina, prima ballerina

**jump and land in same position:** saute  
**jump straight in the air with quick changes of leg position:** entrechat

**jump with legs clung together:** soubresaut

**knee-bend:** plié

**leap from one foot to the other:** jeté

**male dancer:** danseur

**mincing steps on tiptoes:** pas de bourrée

**posturing on one leg:** arabesque

**practice:** barre work

**practice room bar:** barre

**running steps:** pas couru

**secondary, non-principal dancer:** coryphee

**shoes:** toe shoes, ballet shoes

**sliding on soles of feet:** glissading

**solo:** pas seul

**spin in which head is held still, then turned after body:** spotting

**split performed in midair:** pas ciseaux, grand écart

**step:** pas

**steps performed on tiptoes:** temps de point, en pointe

**whirlaround:** pirouette

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

#### WORD FIND

**altitude-measuring device:** altimeter

**anchor line:** tether, dragrope, mooring line

**ascent/descent speed-measuring device:** variometer

**basket:** gondola

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

**balloon** *v.* inflate, swell, expand, bloat, puff out, dilate, billow. *ANT.* deflate, contract, shrink.  
**ballot** *n.* ticket, slate, vote, poll. "The rightful and peaceful successors of bullets."—Abraham Lincoln.  
**ballpark** *n.* stadium.  
**ballyhoo** *n.* uproar, talk, hype, \*hot air, puffery, promotion, \*spiel, babble, pitch, \*BS, hoopla.  
**balm** *n.* salve, remedy, cure, comfort, soothing agent, curative. *ANT.* irritant, abrasive.  
**balmy** *a.* 1. MILD fair, gentle, pleasant, temperate, tranquil, calm, soothing. 2. CRAZY insane, foolish, \*nuts, \*cuckoo, daft, \*crackers, eccentric, weird. *ANT.* 1. stormy, blustery, inclement. 2. sane, normal, stable.  
**baloney** *n.* \*crap, rot, bunk. SEE NONSENSE  
**bamboo** *n.* cane, grass, reed.  
**bamboozle** *v.* trick, cheat, hoodwink, deceive, dupe, confuse, buffalo, swindle, take, defraud, pull the wool over one's eyes, con.  
**ban** *n.* prohibition, embargo, proscription, interdiction, boycott, taboo, restriction, \*blacklisting, stoppage, injunction. *ANT.* approval, sanction, allowance.  
**ban** *v.* prohibit, restrict, stop, banish, boycott, forbid, disallow, bar, exclude, outlaw, close, \*blackball. *ANT.* allow, sanction, approve, legalize.  
**BANAL** *a.* [buh NAL; BANE ul] dull, overused, common. *The dialogue was too predictable and tired; it was banal.* *SYN.* dull, overused, common, tired, trite, hackneyed, insipid, stale, vapid, lackluster, hum-drum, clichéd, platitudinous, flat, inane, unoriginal. *ANT.* original, rich, deep, fresh, provocative.  
**banality** *n.* clichéd, platitude, triteness, commonplace, bromide.  
**band** *n.* 1. GROUP gang, association, company, assembly, mob, crush, throng, bunch, troop,

posse, tribe, pack. 2. MUSICAL GROUP ensemble, combo, trio, quartet, quintet, pentad, sextet, septet, octet, nonet, orchestra. SEE MUSIC, MUSICIAN, RECORDING 3. STRIP swath, strap, tie, ribbon, sash, cord, fillet, thong.

**WORD FIND**

**advisor:** manager  
**amateur band:** garage band  
**bandstand, concave:** band shell  
**books shows:** agent, booking agent  
**circuit of shows:** tour  
**confidence on stage:** stage presence  
**effects, amplifier:** echo, reverb, tremolo  
**fan of:** \*groupie  
**hit song or nonoriginal song performed by:** cover  
**improvisational session:** jam session  
**improvise or make up song on spot:** jam  
**main act:** headliner  
**mistake or muffed note:** clam  
**nightclub entrance fee to pay for:** cover charge  
**passage, individual instrumental:** lick, riff  
**performing exceptionally well or in a groove:** \*cooking  
**playdate or job:** gig  
**publicizes, promotes:** publicist, promoter  
**road, set-up crew-member:** \*roadie  
**seating, unreserved audience:** festival seating  
**session followed by break:** set  
**singer, lead:** frontman  
**skills, slang for musician's:** \*chops  
**speakers:** amplifiers, amps, PA system  
**subgroup of instruments:** section  
**unrehearsed, impromptu performance:** jam

**bandage** *n.* gauze, swath, dressing, compress, \*Band-Aid.  
**bandanna** *n.* handkerchief, neckerchief, kerchief.  
**bandit** *n.* thief, robber, crook, desperado, outlaw, brigand, \*mugger, hoodlum, thug, burglar, highwayman, hold-up man.  
**bandleader** *n.* conductor, \*frontman, bandmaster.  
**bandy** *v.* exchange, give-and-take, pass back and forth, \*ping pong, circulate, pass along.  
**BANE** *n.* [BANE] harm, destruction. *A wolfpack is the bane of the deer yard.* *SYN.* death, ruin, evil, downfall, scourge, plague, destruction, curse, undoing, poison. *ANT.* blessing, good.  
**bang** *n.* 1. NOISE boom, thump, crack, report, eruption, clang, crash, burst, explosion, pop, thud, peal, salvo, slam, clap, shot. 2. BLOW hit, whack, slam, thwack, rap, smack, belt, punch, clout. 3. THRILL *Sl.* \*kick, \*jollies, \*charge.

**bang** *v.* 1. MAKE NOISE boom, peal, explode, thump, crack, clang, slam, thud, sound, pop, clap. 2. STRIKE hit, whack, slam, pop, shoot, clap, punch, clout, smack, rap, beat, pummel.

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

**banister** *n.* handrail, railing, balustrade.

**banjo** *n.* SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

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

#### WORD FIND

**assets pledged as security for a loan:** collateral

**ATM:** automated teller machine

**ATM access code:** pin (personal identification) number

**bad check-writing:** kiting

**CD:** certificate of deposit

**check guaranteed by bank to be covered:** certified check

**checking account that earns interest on unused funds:** NOW (negotiable order of withdrawal) account

**check returned due to insufficient funds:** bounced check

**clerk:** teller

**conceal large sums of illegally gained money by depositing in several small accounts:** launder

**deposit of third party made to assure fulfillment of contract:** escrow

**document such as draft, deed, or bond:** instrument

**fail to pay off a loan:** default

**failure to pay loan on time:** delinquency

**FDIC:** Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

**federal banking system and clearinghouse:** Federal Reserve System

**interest rate charged on loans to member banks by Federal Reserve Bank:** discount rate

**loan payment, large initial:** down payment  
**loan payment that is larger than all the others:** balloon payment

**lowest interest rate at a given time:** prime rate

**seessenger/\*gopher:** runner

**office or central bank where bankers meet to settle balances:** clearinghouse

**one percent of loan paid up front:** point  
**order to bank to refuse payment on a check drawn:** stop payment

**panicked withdrawals on fear of bank closure:** bank run

**payment, order for:** draft, money order

**payment for use of credit or funds:** interest  
**pay off loan in one large installment instead of many smaller ones:** commute

**record book of deposits and withdrawals:** passbook, bankbook

**seriousness, payment establishing borrower's:** earnest money

**signature authorizing payment of check:** endorsement

**storage space for customer's valuables:** safe deposit box

**teller's small window:** wicket

**value of business, home, or other investment after all debts are subtracted:** equity

**vault, personal:** safe deposit box

**withdrawal in excess of funds in account:** overdraft

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

#### WORD FIND

**bankruptcy procedure/code section:** Chapter Eleven

**bankruptcy** *n.* insolvency. SEE BANKRUPT

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

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

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

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

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

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

**baptism** *n.* initiation, purification, sacrament, ritual, rite, christening, sprinkling, anointing, immersion, consecration. "The vehicle

to heaven, the public agent of the Kingdom, the gift of adoption.”—Saint Basil.

**WORD FIND**

**basin:** baptistery, font, laver

**cloth:** chrisom

**immersion, by:** holobaptism

**robe:** chrisom

**water:** laver

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

**baptize** *v.* initiate, purify, anoint, cleanse, immerse, christen, indoctrinate, consecrate, sanctify, sprinkle. **SEE** CHURCH, RELIGION

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

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

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

**barbarian** *n.* savage, \*animal, clod, ignorant, Neanderthal, philistine, lout, primitive, caveman, lowbrow, redneck, \*pig, brute, ruffian, hooligan, dolt, Hun.

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

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

**barbarous** *a.* savage, animalistic, coarse, ignorant, inhuman, primitive, uncivilized, brut-

ish, uncouth, rude, wild, rough, doltish, uncultured, vulgar, ill-mannered, vicious, philistine. **ANT.** *civilized, refined, humane, cultured.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**barge** *n.* flatboat, scow, freight carrier.

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

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

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

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

**barn** *n.* byre, cowbarn, stables, stalls, shed. **SEE** FARM, ANIMAL

**WORD FIND**

**barn and other farm buildings, collectively:** farmstead

**erection of:** barnraising  
**fodder storage building next to:** silo  
**grain storage building:** granary  
**upper portion where hay is stored:** hayloft

**barnacle** *n.* crustacean, parasite, limpet, marine creature, shell.

**barnstorm** *v.* tour.

**barometer** *n.* instrument, gauge, indicator, manometer.

**baron** *n.* nobleman, aristocrat, lord.

**baroque** *a.* ornate, elaborate, florid, embellished, busy, overworked, rococo, ostentatious, fanciful. *ANT.* *plain, stark, austere.*

**barracks** *n.* quarters, housing, building.

**barrage** *n.* 1. SUSTAINED ATTACK bombardment, shelling, salvo, battery, volley, assault, enfilade, onslaught, hail, fusillade, wall of fire, rain of fire. 2. PROFUSION deluge, inundation, rain, mass, plethora, torrent.

**barrel** *n.* cask, keg, hogshead, drum, firkin, vessel, butt, container, cylinder.

#### WORD FIND

**maker:** cooper

**part:** stave

**stopper:** bung

**barren** *a.* 1. DESOLATE sterile, empty, bare, depleted, void, unproductive, arid, stark. 2. CHILDLESS infertile, sterile, infecund, unbearing. 3. DULL boring, uninteresting, stale, uninspiring. *ANT.* 1. *fertile, lush, rich, fruitful.* 2. *fertile, fecund.* 3. *interesting, inspiring.*

**barricade** *n.* barrier, roadblock, blockade, bar, impediment, rampart, bulwark, obstruction.

**barricade** *v.* bar, block, clog, impede, shut off, fortify, obstruct, secure, defend.

**barrier** *n.* 1. PHYSICAL OBSTRUCTION bar, obstacle, barricade, impediment, check, roadblock, wall, rampart, bulwark, fortification, boom, palisade. 2. HANDICAP limitation, impediment, hindrance, difficulty, obstacle, stumbling block, hurdle, obstacle.

**barrio** *n.* Spanish quarter, Spanish district, urban district, community, neighborhood, section.

**barrister** *n.* (primarily British) attorney, counselor. *SEE* LAWYER

**barrow** *n.* handcart, pushcart, wheelbarrow, handbarrow.

**bartender** *n.* barkeep, barmaid, \*mixmaster.

**barter** *v.* trade, exchange, swap, deal, do business.

**base** *n.* 1. FOUNDATION support, bottom, stand, pedestal, bed, foot, ground structure. 2. BASIS essence, core, foundation, source, backbone, root, fundamental, heart, principle. 3.

HEADQUARTERS center, station, home, post, camp.

**base** *v.* ground, derive, build, establish, rest, construct.

**base** *a.* 1. INFERIOR lowly, cheap, impure, debased. 2. CONTEMPTIBLE low, mean, ignoble, dishonorable, indecent, disgraceful, despicable, sordid, degenerate, unprincipled, incorrigible, disreputable, slavish, wretched, servile, menial, cringing. *ANT.* 1. *superior, pure.* 2. *noble, virtuous, principled.*

**baseball** *n.* ball, sport, game, national pastime, athletic competition. "The greatest conversation piece ever invented in America."—Bruce Catton. "An island of surety in a changing world."—William Veek. *SEE* ATHLETE, SPORT(S)

#### WORD FIND

##### COMMON ABBREVIATIONS

**AAA:** the minor league from which big league players are drawn

**AA:** the second-tier minor league. Also known as a bush league

**A:** the third-tier minor league. Also known as a bush league

**AB:** at bat

**AL:** American League

**BA:** batting average

**BB:** base on balls/walks

**DP:** double play

**DH:** designated hitter

**E:** error

**ERA:** earned run average

**FP:** fielding percentage

**G:** game

**H:** hit

**HR:** homerun

**IP:** innings pitched

**K:** strikeout

**MVP:** most valuable player

**NL:** National League

**R:** run

**RBI:** runs batted in

**SB:** stolen base

**SHO:** shutout

**SO:** strikeout

**SS:** shortstop

**2B:** double

**3B:** triple

**TP:** triple play

**WP:** winning pitcher

##### KEY TERMS

**ambidextrous hitter:** switch hitter

**base:** bag

**baseball, slang for:** apple, horsehide

**bat, illegal:** corked bat  
**bat's heavy warmup weight:** donut  
**batting fourth in the lineup:** batting cleanup  
**bench area for players, enclosed:** dugout  
**batter's grip, improves:** pine tar  
**batter's spot:** batter's box  
**British game:** rounders  
**catch, spectacular:** circus catch, shoestring catch  
**championship, league:** pennant; World Series  
**dirt track skirting outfield wall:** warning track  
**double play started by the shortstop (6) who throws to the second baseman (4), who completes the play to the first baseman (3):** 6-4-3 double play  
**drawing of players from schools and minor leagues:** draft  
**fantasy baseball based on statistics:** Rotisserie League  
**fastball, slang:** \*fireball, \*hummer, \*smoke  
**fan's fanciful game of:** Rotisserie League Baseball  
**first-year player:** rookie  
**flyball, high infield:** pop-up  
**flyball, short:** blooper  
**fly balls, practice catching:** shag flies  
**grounder, bouncing:** chopper  
**hit ball that bounces into stands:** ground-rule double  
**hit often used as sacrifice to move runner on, very short infield:** bunt  
**hit that causes an out but moves an on-base runner along:** sacrifice  
**hitter who can be counted on in critical situations:** clutch hitter  
**hitter who substitute hits for pitcher:** designated hitter  
**hit, weak:** nubber, squibber, Texas Leaguer  
**homerun driving in a total of four runs:** grand slam  
**homerun:** four-bagger  
**homerun, to hit a:** go downtown; air it out  
**illegally alter ball or bat:** doctor  
**locker room, office, etc.:** clubhouse  
**minor leagues:** AAA AA, A, farm system, bush leagues  
**mishandled ball:** bobbled; error  
**out-of-play ball:** foul  
**partial swing of bat not counting as strike:** check swing  
**perform badly, especially in a tense situation:** choke  
**pitch a fastball:** \*blow it by, \*blow smoke, \*throw a fireball, \*put some mustard on it

**pitch, curving or altering trajectory:** breaking ball, curveball, forkball, knuckleball, screwball, sinker, slider, spitball, split-fingered fastball  
**pitch, deceptively slow:** off-speed pitch  
**pitch hitting batter, intentionally wild:** beanball  
**pitch intentionally thrown for a ball outside:** pitchout  
**pitch nearly hitting batter intentionally:** brushback pitch  
**pitch, slow and easy to hit:** lollipop  
**pitch thrown deceptively slow:** change-up  
**pitcher, closing:** closer, reliever, stopper  
**pitcher, illegal motion made by:** balk  
**pitcher, lefthanded:** southpaw  
**pitcher, team's best:** ace  
**pitcher who uses clever pitches instead of speed:** finesse pitcher  
**pitcher's warmup area:** bullpen  
**player making game-losing error:** goat  
**player not currently under contract and free to change teams:** free agent  
**players' nickname:** boys of summer  
**rectangles batter stands in at bat:** batter's box  
**screen, protective:** backstop  
**signal, secret:** sign  
**sign, no pepper:** stenciled sign warning players not to play games of pepper, the infield batting and fielding drill that sometimes damages the playing field  
**statistical rundown in newspaper:** boxscore  
**strike criteria, full swing:** break the wrists  
**strikeout, to:** fan, \*whiff  
**strikes, to be called out on:** go down looking  
**substitute runner:** pinch runner  
**throwing arm, powerful:** \*bazooka, \*shotgun

**baseless** *a.* unsubstantiated, unfounded, groundless, unwarranted, flimsy.

**bash** *n.* *Sl.* celebration, \*wing-ding, spree. SEE PARTY

**bash** *v.* smash, whack, hit, strike, slam, punch, \*clobber, crush, \*bop.

**bashful** *a.* shy, timid, shrinking, embarrassed, blushing, modest, backward, demure, self-conscious, withdrawn, sheepish, retiring, coy. *ANT.* *brash, confident, swaggering, loud.*

**basic** *n.* fundamental, rudiment, essential, nuts and bolts.

**basic** *a.* fundamental, rudimentary, essential, primary, vital, elementary, key, necessary. *ANT.* *nonessential, superfluous, extra.*

**basin** *n.* washbowl, sink, vessel, tub, font.

**basis** *n.* base, foundation, support, root, grounding, nucleus, source, center.

**bask** *v.* 1. WARM ONESELF IN THE SUN \*catch some rays, sunbathe. 2. LUXURIATE revel, delight in, wallow, eat up.

**basket** *n.* container, receptacle, hamper, wickerwork, creel, pannier, scuttle.

**basketball** *n.* \*hoops, \*brownball, \*B-ball, ball, sport, game, athletic competition. SEE ATHLETE, SPORT(S)

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#### WORD FIND

**blocked shot, illegally:** goaltending

**block out opponent to get a better angle at a rebound:** box out

**boundary line at end of court:** baseline

**defense, player-to-player:** man-to-man defense

**defense, area:** zone defense

**defense, slang:** D

**fiberglass stop:** backboard, glass

**failure to move ball out of backcourt within ten seconds:** backcourt violation

**fake a shot:** pump fake

**fall-away shot:** fade away jumper

**footrace to basket:** fast break

**forecourt of the defense:** backcourt

**free throw lane for a close shot, dribble down the:** drive the lane

**free throw granted at free throw line for a foul:** foul shot, free throw

**guarding opponents aggressively from the moment the ball is inbounded:** full-court press, trapping

**hitting shots consistently:** \*having a hot hand, \*in a zone, \*on fire, \*heating up, \*in a groove

**leaping ability, measure of:** hang time

**long range shot:** \*Hail Mary, \*prayer, \*from downtown, \*bomb, three-pointer

**mid-air catch followed by a slam-dunk:** alley-oop

**missing a lot of shots:** cold, ice cold

**net shot, nothing but:** swish

**pass resulting in a score:** assist

**player, large and powerful and adept at rebounding:** power forward

**player, largest, plays the posts and rebounds:** center

**players covering the corner areas:** forwards players, usually smaller, who play the perimeter and bring up the ball and feed to teammates: guards, point guard

**possession, head-to-head leap for ball that determines:** jump shot

**post near basket:** low post

**post near foul line:** high post

**ratio of shots taken and scored:** field goal percentage

**rebounding, aggressive:** \*crashing the boards

**screen or legal block:** pick

**screen play:** pick and roll

**shot, close, off-the-backboard:** layup

**shot, jumping:** jump shot, \*J

**shot, one-handed arc:** hook shot

**shot, poor:** \*air ball, \*brick

**shot, roll-in from very close range:** finger-roll

**shot that misses everything including rim and backboard:** \*air ball

**slamming the ball through the hoop:** dunk, slam-dunk

**two-on-one defensive strategy:** double team violation in which player hits opponent's arm: \*hack

**violation, offensive player standing too long in free throw lane:** three-second violation

**violation:** foul

**violation, dribbling:** double-dribble, traveling, \*walking

**violation, running into a stationary opponent while dribbling:** charging, offensive foul

**violation in which ball is turned over in dribbler's hand:** palming

**bastard** *n.* 1. ILLEGITIMATE CHILD \*love child, misbegot. 2. SCOUNDREL jerk, son of a bitch, cad, rascal.

**bastardize** *v.* debase, defile, degrade, adulterate, corrupt, ruin, spoil.

**baste** *v.* moisten, moisturize, soak, wet, saturate, bathe.

**BASTION** *n.* [BAS chun] a stronghold or fortified place. *Harvard is a bastion of higher education. The marksmen took refuge behind the bastion.* SYN. stronghold, fortification, fortress, citadel, rampart, bulwark, refuge, garrison, facilities.

**bat** *n.* club, stick, staff, racket, cudgel, bludgeon, baton, shillelagh, \*lumber, truncheon.

**bat** *v.* 1. hit, smack, whack, swing at. 2. wink, blink, flutter.

**BAT MITZVAH** *n.* [baht MITZ vuh] ceremony that recognizes the entrance of a twelve- or thirteen-year-old Jewish girl into adulthood. *Her family gathered together to celebrate her bat mitzvah.* SYN. ceremony, rite of passage, confirmation, service, initiation, coming of age, celebration. SEE BAR MITZVAH, RELIGION

- batch** *n.* lot, bunch, cluster, assortment, group, pack, aggregate, collection, quantity.
- bath** *n.* wash, soak, cleansing, ablation, rinse, sponge bath, tub, shower, wash-up, steep, sauna.
- bathe** *v.* wash, soak, cleanse, clean, rinse, sponge off, freshen up, scrub, douche, lave, shower, steep.
- bathing suit** *n.* swimming trunks, shorts, swimsuit, bikini, \*cutoffs, T-strap, maillot, \*jams, one-piece, leotard, string bikini.
- bathos** *n.* sentimentality, triteness, insipidness, mush, \*schmaltz, mawkishness, melodrama, bleeding heart, wishy-washyness.
- bathroom** *n.* restroom, toilet, men's room, ladies' room, \*john, \*head, latrine, washroom, commode, necessary, water closet, \*can, out-house, privy, \*loo, lavatory, powder room.
- baton** *n.* stick, bat, staff, rod, club, wand, scepter, truncheon, mace.
- battalion** *n.* unit, body, subdivision, massing, assembly, battle group.
- batter** *v.* beat, pound, strike, pummel, \*sock, thrash, smash, wallop, dash, demolish, mangle, break, shatter, crush.
- battery** *n.* 1. ELECTRICAL STORAGE UNIT dry cell, storage cell. 2. ASSAULT beating, mugging, thrashing. 3. SERIES array, line, string. 4. GUNNERY artillery.
- battle** *n.* war, skirmish, conflict, clash, scuffle, engagement, combat, fray, encounter, assault, fight, \*run-in, tussle, confrontation, squabble. SEE WAR, AMMUNITION
- battle** *v.* fight, clash, skirmish, war, engage, confront, squabble.
- battlement** *n.* SEE CASTLE
- battleship** *n.* warship, naval vessel, battlewagon, fighting ship, \*tin can, cruiser, destroyer.
- bauble** *n.* trinket, trifle, knickknack, gewgaw, ornament, bagatelle.
- bawdy** *a.* indecent, lewd, coarse, improper, obscene, raunchy, dirty, indelicate, lascivious, licentious, ribald. *ANT.* clean, proper, chaste.
- bawl** *v.* 1. SHOUT yell, bellow, holler, bark, thunder, cry, howl. 2. CRY wail, weep, blubber, sob, snivel, whimper, squall.
- bawl out** *v.* *Sl.* SEE SCOLD
- bay** *n.* 1. bight, cove, inlet, gulf, estuary, strait, lagoon, harbor. 2. alcove, niche, nook.
- bay** *v.* bark, howl, yelp, bellow.
- bayou** *n.* tributary, stream, body of water, creek, river, branch, waterway.
- bazaar** *n.* marketplace, shop, fair, flea market, rummage sale, street market.
- beach** *n.* shore, strand, coast, seaside, littoral.  
SEE OCEAN, WAVE

## WORD FIND

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

- BEACHHEAD** *n.* [BEECH hed] shoreline captured in enemy territory, used as a base for a larger attack. The term is frequently used as a metaphor for any initial establishment or opening base of operations. *The company quickly established a beachhead overseas and has been gaining customers rapidly.* SYN. territory, enemy territory, base, base of operations, staging area, position, footing, ground, foothold, post, entrance, threshold.
- beacon** *n.* signal light, warning light, smoke signal, guide, lighthouse, bonfire.
- bead** *n.* droplet, drop, pearl, spheroid, pellet, pill.
- beak** *n.* bill. SEE NOSE
- beam** *n.* 1. SUPPORT girder, brace, rafter, boom, crosspiece, joist, stud, board, two-by-four. 2. LIGHT ray, shaft, stream, swath, streak.

**beam** *v.* 1. TRANSMIT emit, flash, broadcast. 2. RADIATE glow, shine, glisten. 3. SMILE BROADLY grin, take on a cheerful glow, radiate. SEE SMILE

**bear** *n.* 1. BRUIN ursus, grizzly, mammal, brown bear, black bear, polar bear. 2. PESSIMIST conservative, \*gloomy gus, prophet of doom, Cassandra, naysayer, \*killjoy, \*worrywart, realist. *ANT.* 2. *bull, optimist.*

**bear** *v.* 1. HOLD UP support, brace, buttress, uphold, sustain, shoulder. 2. CARRY convey, bring, lug, tote, haul, move. 3. TOLERATE endure, suffer, stomach, stand, withstand, put up with, abide. 4. PRODUCE YOUNG give birth to, produce, beget, yield, reproduce, bring forth.

**bearable** *a.* tolerable, endurable. *ANT.* *unbearable.*

**beard** *n.* whiskers, stubble, five o'clock shadow, bristles, \*rat's nest. SEE MUSTACHE

#### WORD FIND

**anchorlike, short, pointy fringe extending up to bottom lip:** anchor

**curly, thick, square-cut:** Trojan beard

**ducktail-like:** ducktail beard

**forked:** swallowtail beard

**goatlike chin tuft:** goatee, satyric tuft

**long tuft extending beneath lower lip, worn by Napoleon III:** Imperial

**medium, no mustache:** Lincolnesque

**pointed, short, no sideburns:** Van Dyke

**rounded:** aureole

**sideburns, bushy, shaped:** muttonchops

**slender, pointed:** stiletto

**spade shaped:** spade beard, Shenandoah

**Spanish style, pointed, medium length:** Cádiz

**square-cut, long:** tile

**tuft of hair under bottom lip:** barbiche

**twisted or twined:** screw beard

**bearing** *n.* manner, carriage, air, posture, mien, attitude, demeanor, presence, comportment.

**bearings** *n.* orientation, location.

**BEARISH** *a.* [BAIR ish] pessimistic, particularly when concerning the stock market. *He sold off his stocks because he was feeling particularly bearish.* *SYN.* pessimistic, cautious, conservative, gloomy, skeptical, uneasy, negative, doubtful, lacking confidence. *ANT.* *bullish.*

**beast** *n.* animal, creature, savage, brute, swine. SEE BARBARIAN, MONSTER

**bestly** *a.* savage, brutish, barbaric, heathen, wild, uncivilized, primitive, fiendish, monstrous,

vile, boorish, feral, coarse, disagreeable, nasty. *ANT.* *humane, civilized, cultured, refined.*

**beat** *n.* 1. CADENCE rhythm, pulse, pulsation, meter. 2. CIRCUIT walk, rounds, route, precinct.

**beat** *v.* 1. BATTER pound, strike, hammer, bang, pummel, thrash, \*thump, hit, smack, flog, cuff, \*whomp, \*slug, \*belt, box, \*whale on, punch. 2. MOLD fashion, forge, shape. 3. DEFEAT win over, vanquish, rout, best, subdue, \*kick butt, outstrip, outdistance, prevail over, \*smoke the competition, \*leave the competition in one's wake, lick, top. 4. PULSATE throb, palpitate, vibrate, thump. 5. *whip* stir, mix.

**beat** *a.* tired, exhausted, enervated. *ANT.* *energized, invigorated.*

**beaten** *a.* licked, vanquished, discouraged, demoralized. *ANT.* *encouraged, heartened.*

**beatific** *a.* blissful, serene, angelic, heavenly. *ANT.* *fiendish, villainous, diabolical.*

**beatitude** *n.* blessedness, happiness, bliss, serenity, saintliness, peace.

**beatnik** *n.* free spirit, nonconformist, Bohemian, \*a stray from the herd, \*hippie, \*flower child, deviant.

**beau** *n.* boyfriend, lover, suitor, swain, sweetheart, fiancé.

**beaut** *n.* *Sl.* \*lulu.

**beautician** *n.* hairdresser, manicurist, coiffurist.

**beautiful** *a.* 1. ATTRACTIVE pretty, handsome, becoming, comely, fair, lovely, good-looking, \*nice, gorgeous, captivating. 2. EXCELLENT great, fantastic, superb, splendid. *ANT.* 1. *ugly, unattractive, homely, repulsive.* 2. *awful, terrible, rotten.*

**beautiful people** *n.* society people, upper crust, the well-to-do, the wealthy class, the upper class, high society, fashionable society, \*the in crowd.

**beautify** *v.* dress up, decorate, fix up, adorn, primp, make up, \*gussie up, enhance, glamorize. *ANT.* *deface, spoil.*

**beauty** *n.* 1. ATTRACTIVENESS prettiness, comeliness, fairness, loveliness, good looks, appeal, pulchritude, allure, charm. "A fading flower."—The Bible. "Silent eloquence."—French proverb. "God's handwriting."—Emerson. "The power by which a woman charms a lover and terrifies a husband."—Ambrose Bierce. 2. BELLE goddess, \*babe, \*fox, \*looker, \*knockout, sex symbol, enchantress, siren, \*vision, \*dreamboat, \*doll, Venus. *ANT.* 1. *ugliness, repulsiveness, plainness.* 2. *hag, Quasimodo, dog, eyesore.*

**beckon** *v.* summon, call, signal, wave, hail, invite, motion.

**becloud** *v.* confuse, muddle, obfuscate, darken, veil, obscure, shroud, mask, bewilder, make unclear. *ANT.* *clear up, clarify.*

**becoming** *a.* 1. SUITABLE appropriate, proper, fitting, befitting, seemly, *comme il faut*, right, correct. 2. ATTRACTIVE comely, flattering, pretty, beautiful. *ANT.* 1. *unsuitable, inappropriate, unbecoming.* 2. *unflattering, unattractive.*

**bed** *n.* 1. BUNK mattress, \*sack, cot, berth, hammock, pallet. "The heaven upon earth to the weary head."—Thomas Hood. 2. LAYER stratum, seam, deposit.

**bed and breakfast** *n.* inn, B&B, guest house, lodging, accommodations.

**bedazzle** *v.* bewilder, confuse, daze, dazzle, overwhelm, blind.

**bedding** *n.* bedclothes, blankets, sheets, covers, quilts, coverlets.

**bedevil** *v.* plague, torment, frustrate, annoy, torture, \*bug, irritate.

**bedlam** *n.* confusion, uproar, pandemonium, turmoil, noise, chaos, hubbub, madness, madhouse, hullabaloo.

**bed of roses** *n.* comfort, luxury, paradise.

**bedraggled** *a.* wet, dirty, limp, sopping, filthy, soggy, disheveled, drenched, unkempt, soiled, sodden, muddy. *ANT.* *dry, clean, neat.*

**bedridden** *a.* laid up, infirm, disabled, prostrate, incapacitated, invalid, ill, sick, crippled, ailing, \*flat on one's back.

**bedroom** *n.* chamber, bedchamber, boudoir, bed-sitter.

**bed-wetting** *n.* enuresis, incontinence.

**bee** *n.* bumblebee, honey bee, killer bee, drone, worker, Queen bee. "Nature's confectioner."—John Cleveland.

**bee** *n.* *Sl.* complaint, gripe, grouse.

**beefy** *a.* brawny, fleshy, burly, strong, powerful, strapping, Herculean, robust, solid, hulkylike, husky. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic.*

**beehive** *n.* hive, beegum, skep, colony, apiary.

**beer** *n.* ale, lager, malt, bitter, \*suds, \*stout, \*cold one, \*brew, \*brewski, pilsner, pint. "That which drowns all care."—Robert Herrick. SEE ALCOHOL, DRINK, MOONSHINE, WINE

**WORD FIND**

- cask:** keg, puncheon, tun  
**cup/glass:** mug, stein, toby, schooner  
**foam:** head, froth, bead  
**ingredients:** hops, malt (mash), yeast  
**manufacturer:** brewery  
**mixed with ginger ale:** shandygaff  
**spiced:** flip

**befall** *v.* happen, occur, come to pass.

**befitting** *a.* appropriate, suitable, seemly, right. *ANT.* *inappropriate, improper.*

**before** *prep.* previous to, preceding, prior to, ahead of.

**beforehand** *adv.* earlier, previously, sooner, prior to.

**befriend** *v.* make friends, \*get chummy with, get acquainted, get to know, help, stand up for, take under one's wing. *ANT.* *reject, shun.*

**befuddle** *v.* confuse, muddle, mix up, confound, perplex, fluster, stupefy, boggle, rattle. *ANT.* *clear one's mind, sober.*

**beg** *v.* 1. PANHANDLE scrounge, \*cadge, \*bum off from, solici, \*spounge off. 2. ASK FOR beseech, implore, plead, petition, solicit, entreat.

**beget** *v.* bear, father, create, generate, engender, propagate, reproduce, sire, bring forth, effect, give rise to.

**beggar** *n.* panhandler, \*moocher, \*bum, mendicant, tramp, parasite, \*sponger, leech, pauper, derelict, loafer, scamp, fakir. "The only free man in the universe."—Charles Lamb.

**begin** *v.* 1. START commence, set in motion, launch, initiate, arise, happen, go ahead, embark, open, get the ball rolling. 2. COME INTO BEING start, commence, arise, flower, crop up, issue, sprout, originate, inaugurate, spring, get under way, found. *ANT.* *end, conclude, stop.*

**beginner** *n.* novice, tyro, virgin, neophyte, \*greenhorn, \*rookie, \*tenderfoot, amateur, trainee, apprentice. *ANT.* *veteran, old hand, expert.*

**beginning** *n.* 1. INITIATION onset, start, commencement, opening, launching, debut, outset, genesis, inception. "A quarter of the journey."—Henry Bohn. 2. ORIGIN source, root, fountain, seed, germ. *ANT.* 1. *ending, closing, conclusion, finale.*

**begudge** *v.* resent, envy, hold against, be jealous, stint.

**beguile** *v.* 1. TRICK mislead, cheat, bamboozle, dupe, \*burn, \*rope in, deceive, delude. 2. CHARM enchant, bewitch, captivate, delight, amuse, divert, distract. *ANT.* 2. *bore.*

**behave** *v.* 1. ACT conduct, deport, comport, perform, function. 2. MIND shape up, \*mind one's manners, \*mind one's Ps and Qs, \*keep one's nose clean, smarten up, be good.

**behavior** *n.* 1. CONDUCT deportment, comportment, demeanor, manner, bearing, ways, etiquette. "The finest of the fine arts."—Emerson. "No truer index to intelligence."—Ibn Gabirol. 2. ACTION performance, functioning, operation, reaction, response.

**behavior modification** *n.* therapy, retraining, psychotherapy, conditioning, reinforcement, reward system, aversion therapy, change, desensitization.

**behead** *v.* decapitate, decollate, guillotine, execute.

**BEHEMOTH** *n.* [bi HEE muth] anything gigantic. *We saw whales and other behemoths of the sea.* SYN. giant, monster, colossus, mammoth, leviathan, titan, Goliath, whale, hippopotamus.

**behest** *n.* order, command, bidding, request, word, edict, demand, urging, decree, say-so, desire.

**behind** *n.* buttocks, backside, \*ass, rump, \*tush, bottom, stern.

**behind** *adv.* back, in back of, rearward, trailing, aft.

**behold** *v.* look at, regard, observe, notice, view, watch, \*feast your eyes on, consider, scrutinize, examine, gaze upon. ANT. ignore, overlook, disregard.

**beholden** *a.* obligated, indebted, owing. ANT. freed, unbound.

**behoove** *v.* benefit, befit, be worthwhile, suit, be incumbent upon.

**being** *n.* 1. ENTITY creature, organism, person, soul, spirit. 2. EXISTENCE reality, life. ANT. 2. nonexistence.

**belabor** *v.* dwell on, go on about, \*beat a dead horse, pound, hammer home, rehash, repeat, overwork.

**belated** *a.* tardy, overdue, late, delayed, past due. ANT. timely, prompt.

**belch** *v.* 1. BURP eruct. 2. EMIT spew, discharge, spout, erupt, disgorge, expel.

**BELEAGUER** *v.* [be LEE gur] to besiege or harass. *He will beleague her until she finally gives in.* SYN. besiege, harass, beset, plague, pester, annoy, badger, bother, hound, hector, persecute, victimize, close in on.

**belfry** *n.* bell tower.

**belie** *v.* misrepresent, disguise, falsify, defy, negate, contradict, twist, conceal.

**belief** *n.* conviction, certainty, faith, trust, assumption, presumption, acceptance, confidence, credence, hope, feeling, guess, understanding, notion, judgment, position, hypothesis, credo, dogma. "The most complete of all distinctions between man and the lower animals."—Charles Darwin.

**believable** *a.* convincing, plausible, credible, reliable, acceptable. ANT. unbelievable, farfetched.

**believe** *v.* accept, hold, maintain, presume, know, have faith, swear by, give credence to, trust, suspect, \*take as gospel, suppose, assume, guess, surmise. ANT. disbelieve, doubt.

**believer** *n.* adherent, devotee, follower, apostle, disciple, zealot.

**belittle** *v.* disparage, depreciate, put down, diminish, degrade, deride, malign, \*take down a peg, \*knock, discredit. ANT. build up, aggrandize, put on a pedestal.

**bell** *n.* campana, carillon, chimes, dinger. "The publicity of God."—R.L. Bruckberger. "The music bordering nearest heaven."—Charles Lamb.

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#### WORD FIND

**clapper:** tongue

**ring by striking with hammer:** chime

**ringer:** sexton

**sound:** clang, dong, ting, tinkle, tintinnabulation, ring, knell, peal, toll, reverberation

**tower:** belfry

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**BELLICOSE** *a.* [BEL i KOSE] belligerent, quarrelsome, warlike. *He was eager to fight; he was a notoriously bellicose man.* SYN. belligerent, quarrelsome, warlike, hostile, pugnacious, aggressive, combative, volatile, contentious, peppery. ANT. peaceful, passive.

**BELLIGERENT** *a.* [buh LIJ ur unt] quarrelsome, hostile, quick to fight. *Belligerent inner city gangs started the riot.* SYN. bellicose, pugnacious, quarrelsome, militant, war-mongering, warlike, hostile, aggressive, combative, volatile, contentious, peppery. ANT. peaceful, passive, pacific.

**belly** *v.* roar, shout, holler, thunder, squall, boom, bark, bawl, howl, bluster.

**BELLWETHER** *n.* [BEL WETH er] a leader, any thing or person used as an indicator. *IBM has long reigned as a bellwether among computer companies.* SYN. leader, pacesetter, pilot, standard-bearer, guide, \*the one to watch, model, role model, indicator, \*barometer.

**belly** *n.* abdomen, stomach, tummy, \*gut, \*spare tire, paunch, \*middle-age spread, potbelly, \*breadbasket.

**bellybutton** *n.* navel, umbilicus.

**belonging** *n.* relationship, camaraderie, community, kinship, familiarity. ANT. alienation, anomie, rejection.

**belongings** *n.* things, possessions, stuff, personal effects, worldly goods, chattel.

**beloved** *a.* loved, dearest, cherished, adored, darling, precious, worshipped, revered, treasured, esteemed. ANT. hated, detested, distained.

**below** *adv.* beneath, down, under, low, underneath.

**belt** *n.* band, sash, girdle, strap, cord, thong, cinch, cummerbund.

**belt** *v.* hit, smack, wallop, thrash, beat, whip. SEE BEAT

**bemoan** *v.* grieve, lament, mourn, bewail, deplore, rue, cry over.

**bemuse** *v.* confuse, puzzle, bewilder, befuddle, disconcert, addle, confound, daze, mix up, muddle, stupefy.

**bench** *n.* 1. SEAT settee, pew, bleacher. 2. COURT judiciary, bar, tribunal.

**BENCHMARK** *n.* [BENCH mark] that which becomes a standard to measure against. *Their new computer quickly became the benchmark for the industry.* SYN. standard, model, gauge, measure, yardstick, bellwether, touchstone, exemplar, high water mark.

**bend** *v.* 1. CURVE crook, twist, arc, flex, bow, curl, coil, snake. 2. GIVE IN yield, acquiesce, \*cave in, bow down, capitulate, surrender.

**beneath** *prep.* under, below, underneath.

**BENEDICT ARNOLD** *n.* any traitorous person, so named after the famous American Revolution general. *He became a Benedict Arnold, switching sides at the last minute.* SYN. traitor, double-crosser, betrayer, Judas, snake in the grass, quisling, Brutus, turncoat, backstabber.

**benediction** *n.* blessing, invocation, prayer, grace, benison, consecration. ANT. *curse, damning, malediction.*

**benefactor** *n.* patron, supporter, financier, underwriter, donor, angel, philanthropist, contributor.

**beneficial** *a.* helpful, advantageous, rewarding, valuable, good, favorable, propitious, useful, gainful. ANT. *harmful, useless.*

**beneficiary** *n.* recipient, heir, heiress.

**benefit** *n.* gain, good, profit, help, favor, service, reward, worth, avail, \*perk. ANT. *loss, harm.*

**benefit** *v.* gain, profit, help, favor, serve, reward, advance, do good. ANT. *harm, disfavor, impair.*

**benevolence** *n.* kindness, goodwill, charity, humanitarianism, goodness, altruism, generosity, compassion, sympathy. "One of the distinguishing characteristics of man. It is the path of duty."—Mencius. ANT. *meanness, ill will, cold-heartedness, misanthropy.*

**BENEVOLENT** *a.* [buh NEV uh lunt] kindly, doing good, charitable. *The United Way is a benevolent organization.* SYN. kind, charitable, generous, humane, good, altruistic, compassionate, sympathetic, philanthropic, benign, giving, beneficent. ANT. *mean, selfish, cold-hearted, malicious, misanthropic.*

**BENIGN** *a.* [bi NINE] 1. kindly 2. advantageous 3. harmless. 1. *Uncle Harry's bark is worse than his bite; he's really quite benign.* 2. *The weather turned out to be rather benign for the tournament.* 3. *John's tumor was found to be benign.* SYN. 1. kindly, benevolent, merciful, sympathetic, genial, gracious, good-hearted, altruistic, compassionate. 2. beneficial, favorable, propitious, auspicious, healthful, helpful, fortunate. 3. harmless, slight, curable, superficial, innocuous, inconsequential. ANT. 1. *mean, selfish, malicious, misanthropic.* 2. *harmful, inopportune, unfortunate.* 3. *malignant, severe.*

**benit** *n.* propensity, penchant, inclination, leaning, proclivity, liking, predilection, ability, flair, fondness, aptitude.

**benit** *a.* crooked, curved, twisted, bowed, contorted, warped, hooked, doubled over. ANT. *straight.*

**benit on** *a.* determined, bound, intent, fixed.

**bequeath** *v.* leave, will, consign, hand over, bestow, impart, endow, give.

**BEQUEST** *n.* [bi KWEST] something given to someone in a will. *She received a bequest of \$1,000.* SYN. inheritance, gift, endowment, bequeathal, legacy, estate, dower.

**berate** *v.* scold, upbraid, rebuke, dress down, reproach, tongue-lash, \*bawl out, \*give one hell, \*jump down one's throat, vituperate, \*rake over the coals.

**bereavement** *n.* loss, deprivation, grief, sorrow, heartache, mourning.

**bereft** *a.* bereaved, left desolate, deprived, lorn, lonely, destitute, wanting, lacking. ANT. *fulfilled, satisfied, consoled.*

**berry** *n.* fruit, crop.

**WORD FIND**

**amber, apricot-flavored:** cloudberry

**aphrodisiac, alleged:** myrtle

**blueberry-like:** bilberry, Juneberry

**bears, scarlet berries eaten by:** bearberries

**blackish:** huckleberry (whortleberry),

blackberry, black raspberry

**blackish or dark red:** boysenberry

**blue:** blueberry

**bog:** cranberries

**candles, gray, aromatic berries used for:**

bayberry

**large pink, red, white, or yellow:** gooseberry

**minty breath freshener:** wintergreen

**orange, red, or black:** barberry

**poisonous:** pokeweed berry

**purplish-black:** elderberry

**purplish, red, black, or white:** mulberry

**raspberry-like:** boysenberry, blackberry, mulberry  
**red:** boysenberry  
**red and sweet:** strawberry  
**red, tart:** cranberry, currant  
**tart, black:** currant

**berserk** *a.* deranged, violent, crazed, mad, amuck, insane, maniacal, frenzied, murderous. *ANT. serene, calm, rational.*

**beseech** *v.* implore, plead, beg, solicit, pray, entreat, urge, press, supplicate.

**beset** *v.* plague, harass, hound, torment, badger, bother, surround, \*bug, hassle, besiege, victimize, vex, beleaguer.

**beside** *prep.* next to, close to, adjacent to, alongside, abreast of, bordering, by.

**besides** *adv.* in addition, as well, moreover, plus, also.

**besiege** *v.* 1. SURROUND hem in, encircle, enclose, close in on, crowd, lay siege to. 2. HARASS beleaguer, badger, plague, torment, beset, overwhelm, hound, pressure.

**besmirch** *v.* soil, sully, dishonor, taint, tarnish, smear, muddy, disgrace. *ANT. glorify, honor.*

**best** *n.* winner, \*cream of the crop, creme de la creme, the finest, \*top dog, \*blue ribbon winner, \*the tops, paragon, the champion. *ANT. the worst, also-ran, loser.*

**best** *v.* beat, outdo, defeat, outdistance, outclass, conquer, win over, dominate, \*wipe the floor with, prevail, \*thrash. *ANT. lose, \*choke.*

**best** *a.* finest, utmost, \*topflight, \*top drawer, unsurpassed, superior, greatest, select, first-rate, choice, preeminent, peerless, unequaled, nonpareil, supreme, tops. *ANT. worst, lowest.*

**bestial** *a.* animalistic, wild, untamed, savage, fierce, primitive, unrefined, feral, base, barbaric, brutish, inhumane, monstrous. *ANT. humane, civilized, civil.*

**bestow** *v.* present, give, endow, bequeath, confer, award, consign, donate.

**best-seller** *n.* hit, hot seller, favorite, \*mover, \*hot item, a top ten, #1, winner, success, chart-buster, record-breaker. "A book which somehow sold well simply because it was selling well." —Daniel Boorstin. *SEE BOOK, NOVEL*

**bet** *n.* wager, stake, gamble, parlay, \*long shot, risk, proposition, chance.

#### WORD FIND

**bet one's winnings from a previous race on another:** parlay

**horseracing bet choosing first and second place finishers, not necessarily in correct order:** quiniela

**horseracing bet choosing first and second place finishers:** perfecta

**horseracing bet choosing first, second, and third-place finishers:** trifecta

**horseracing bet choosing winners in two races:** daily double

**horseracing bet in which winnings are shared:** pari-mutuel

**bête noire** *n.* enemy, trouble, \*bad news, adversary, devil, black beast, antagonist, Typhoid Mary, Mary Mallon, plague, curse, bane.

**betray** *v.* 1. BREAK FAITH turn traitor, deceive, \*pull a Judas, sell out, stab in the back, \*sell down the river, \*two-time, \*double-cross, \*fink, \*rat on. 2. REVEAL give away, show, disclose, tell on, unmask, divulge, expose. *ANT. 1. be loyal, be faithful. 2. hide, cover up.*

**betrayal** *n.* treachery, disloyalty, breach of faith, double-crossing, duplicity, treason, \*Judas kiss, perfidy. *ANT. faithfulness, loyalty.*

**betrayor** *n.* traitor, Judas, conspirator.

**betrothal** *n.* engagement, vow, pledge to marry.

**better** *v.* improve, enrich, advance, promote, upgrade.

**better** *a.* finer, superior, surpassing, topping, first-rate, preeminent, peerless, supreme, excelling. *ANT. worse, inferior, lower.*

**betterment** *n.* improvement, enrichment, advancement, promotion, upgrading.

**between** *prep.* amidst, among, within, in the thick, intermediate.

**beverage** *n.* drink, refreshment, pop, liquid, ale, cooler, liquor, draft.

**bevy** *n.* group, flock, bunch, band, knot, gaggle, covey, pack, crowd, clique, party, throng.

**bewail** *v.* bemoan, lament, mourn, wail, cry, deplore, grieve, weep, rue, pine for. *ANT. shriek with joy, celebrate, rejoice.*

**beware** *v.* be wary, be careful, watch, stay on guard, heed, be on the lookout, stay on one's toes.

**bewilder** *v.* confuse, puzzle, befuddle, confound, perplex, mystify, baffle, befog, strike dumb, set adrift, disorient, disconcert. *ANT. inform, clarify.*

**bewilderment** *n.* confusion, puzzlement, befuddlement, perplexity, mystification, bafflement, \*discombobulation. *ANT. understanding, clear-headedness, lucidity.*

**bewitching** *a.* enchanting, charming, beguiling, spellbinding, mesmerizing, captivating,

fascinating, seductive, enticing, hypnotizing, alluring. *ANT. repulsive, dull.*

**beyond prep.** past, yonder, inaccessible, unattainable.

**bias n.** partiality, inclination, preference, prejudice, bent, predilection, leaning, proclivity, one-sidedness, \*mind-set, favoritism, bigotry. *ANT. impartiality, fairness, objectivity.*

**bias v.** influence, sway, prejudice, indoctrinate, brainwash, twist, slant.

**BIBLE n.** 1. HOLY SCRIPTURES the Good Book, Word of God, Gospel, Old Testament, New Testament. "That great medicine chest of humanity."—Heinrich Heine. "The book of books, the storehouse and magazine of life and comfort."—George Herbert. "A window in this prison world, through which we may look into eternity."—Timothy Dwight. "God's chart for you to steer by."—Henry Ward Beecher. "Obscene stories ... voluptuous debaucheries ... cruel and torturous executions ... unrelenting vindictiveness with which more than half of [it] is filled ... it would be more consistent that we call it the word of a demon than the word of God. It is a history of wickedness that has served to corrupt and brutalize mankind."—Thomas Paine. 2. GUIDEBOOK manual, text, handbook, vade mecum, authority. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION, GOD

**WORD FIND**

**BOOKS OF THE BIBLE**

**Apocrypha:** Tobit, Judith, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Baruch, 1 Esdras, 2 Esdras, Additions to Esther, Prayer of Azariah, Susanna, Bel and the Dragon, Prayer of Manasses

**Torah:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

**Prophets:** Joshua, Judges, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**Writings:** Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Song of Songs, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, Esther, Daniel, Ezra, Nehemiah, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles

**Old Testament:** Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Tobit, Judith, Esther, 1 Maccabees, 2 Maccabees, Job, Psalms, Prov-

erbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom of Solomon, Ecclesiasticus, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Baruch, Ezekiel, Daniel, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

**New Testament:** Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts of the Apostles, Romans, 1 Corinthians, 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 Thessalonians, 2 Thessalonians, 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation

**bicker v.** squabble, fight, quarrel, wrangle, spar, debate, haggle, argue. *ANT. agree, concur.*

**bicycle n.** bike, two-wheeler, \*wheels, velocipede.

**WORD FIND**

**forerunner with giant front wheel, small**

**rear wheel:** ordinary

**four-wheeler:** quadricycle

**one-wheeler:** unicycle

**reclining position, ridden in:** recumbent bicycle

**rugged, off-road:** mountain bike

**safety bar:** \*sissy bar

**seat:** saddle

**three-wheel passenger vehicle:** pedicab, trishaw

**two-seater:** tandem, bicycle built for two

**bid n.** 1. OFFER proffer, tender, proposition, submission, proposal. 2. ATTEMPT try, effort, endeavor, crack.

**bid v.** 1. OFFER proffer, tender, proposition, propose, submit. 2. COMMAND call, order, request, instruct, ask, charge.

**bidding n.** command, request, order, charge, direction, behest, mandate, dictate, demand, injunction, invitation.

**bid v.** wait, stay, continue, remain, linger, dwell, \*sit tight.

**big a.** 1. LARGE huge, sizable, immense, gigantic, prodigious, ample, substantial, vast, \*heavy-duty, colossal, \*Brobdingnagian, massive, voluminous, hulking, gargantuan. 2. IMPORTANT weighty, consequential, powerful, prominent, eminent, significant, \*major league, momentous, \*big-time, paramount, major. *ANT. 1. small, tiny, pint-sized. 2. insignificant, trivial, \*small potatoes.*

**bigamy n.** polygamy, group marriage.

**big-hearted a.** kind, generous, giving, benevolent, noble, compassionate, gracious, for-

giving, altruistic, magnanimous, sweet. *ANT.* cold-hearted, mean, malevolent, selfish.

**BIGOT** *n.* [BIG ut] one who has little or no tolerance for people outside his or her race, religion, political party, sexual orientation, etc. *He was a narrow-minded bigot.* *SYN.* racist, sexist, chauvinist, \*Archie Bunker, zealot, fanatic, Nazi, anti-Semite. "He who will not reason."—William Drummond. "A blind man with sight."—Max Gralnik.

**BIGOTRY** *n.* [BIG uh tree] intolerance for those who are different or have different ideas, narrow-mindedness. *Archie Bunker was famous for his numerous racist and sexist remarks; he represented the epitome of bigotry.* *SYN.* intolerance, narrow-mindedness, prejudice, closed-mindedness, unfairness, bias, racism, sexism, chauvinism, provincialism, discrimination. "The disease of ignorance, of morbid minds."—Thomas Jefferson. *ANT.* tolerance, open-mindedness, fairness.

**big shot** *n.* \*big wheel, \*big cheese, \*VIP, \*bigwig, \*big gun, high muck-a-muck, somebody, \*heavy-hitter, \*biggest toad in the puddle. *ANT.* nobody, \*bush-leaguer, \*second banana, \*lightweight.

**bigwig** *n.* SEE BIG SHOT

**bike** *n.* bicycle, \*wheels, \*ten-speed, tandem, velocipede, dandy, mountain bike. SEE BICYCLE, MOTORCYCLE

**bikini** *n.* thong, two-piece. SEE BATHING SUIT

**bilateral** *a.* reciprocal, mutual, two-sided. *ANT.* unilateral.

**bilge** *n.* *Sl.* hogwash, rubbish, rot. SEE NONSENSE

**bilk** *v.* swindle, cheat, defraud, \*fleece, \*rip-off, rook, \*gyp, \*take.

**bill** *n.* 1. CHARGE invoice, debt, account, tab, \*score, \*bad news, check, statement. 2. PROGRAM list, schedule, roster, docket, agenda. 3. ANNOUNCEMENT handbill, circular, advertisement, bulletin. 4. PIECE OF LEGISLATION act, draft, measure, proposal. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS 5. BEAK *neb.*

**bill** *v.* charge, tally, invoice, debit, put on one's tab.

**billboard** *n.* ad, advertisement, panel ad, notice.

**billet** *n.* quarters, lodging, barracks.

**billiards** *n.* pool.

#### WORD FIND

**ball's recoil after impact:** draw

**miss:** scratch

**shot in which ball first strikes cushion:** bricole

**shot in which cue ball is bounced off cushion or strikes two balls in succession:** carom

**shot in which cue is held perpendicularly:** massé

**stick:** cue

**white ball:** cue ball

**billow** *v.* swell, surge, undulate, wave, roll, puff up, balloon. *ANT.* flatten, collapse, deflate.

**bind** *n.* \*fix, quandary, predicament, dilemma, \*pickle.

**bind** *v.* 1. TIE fasten, secure, wrap, rope, gird, lash, strap, truss, bundle, join. 2. OBLIGATE require, restrict, confine, prescribe, compel, force. *ANT.* 1. untie, unbind, unravel, loose.

**binge** *n.* spree, bender, fling, tear, orgy.

**binoculars** *n.* field glasses, magnification, magnifying lenses.

**biodegrade** *v.* degrade, break down, decompose, disintegrate, dilute.

**biography** *n.* life story, bio, autobiography, memoirs, profile, life experiences. "Dramatic constructions."—Katherine Anthony. "A heroic poem."—Thomas Carlyle. "A region bounded on the north by history, on the south by fiction, on the east by obituary, and on the west by tedium,"—Philip Guedalla. SEE BOOK

**biologist** *n.* life scientist, ecologist, cytologist, biochemist, geneticist, botanist. SEE SCIENTIST

**biology** *n.* life science, life processes. SEE SCIENCE

**biopsy** *n.* tissue sampling, excision, tissue removal. SEE OPERATION, SURGERY

**bird** *n.* fowl, feathered friend, Anseriformes, Charadriiformes, Columbiformes, Falconiformes, Galliformes, Passeriformes, Psittaciformes. "Dame Nature's minstrels."—Gavin Douglas. "The merry minstrels of the morn."—James Thomson.

#### WORD FIND

**bare spots on underbelly used to warm eggs:** brood spots

**beak that curves or hooks:** aquiline

**bird of prey:** raptor

**cage/enclosure:** aviary

**calls/songs:** trill; cheep; chirp; pipe; warble; coo; whistle; caw; chirrup; chip; chatter; chitter; squawk; twitter; mewl; cluck; croak; peep; honk; quack; cackle; trumpet, ululate; sweet, plaintive call; mournful note; high, lisping note; rasping note; cheery, lilting melody; discordant screams of jays; forlorn hooting of an owl; liquid ululation of a loon; shrill fluting; piccolo note; caroling notes; exuberant song; wheedling voice; discordant rasp of a starling

**claw:** talon  
**collar of hair or feathers:** ruff  
**crest on fowl:** comb  
**domination order:** pecking order  
**earliest known:** Archaeopteryx  
**eggs, group of:** clutch  
**eggs, to sit on:** brood  
**expert on:** ornithologist  
**eyelike spot in peacock tail:** ocellus  
**falcons used as hunters, sport:** falconry  
**feathers, shedding:** molting  
**fleshy neck component on turkey:** wattle  
**flying:** flitting, darting, soaring, swooping, banking, diving, spiraling, wheeling, wheeling in intricate chandelles, rising on a thermal  
**grooming:** preening  
**group of:** flock; bevy (quail), charm (finches), chattering (starlings), colony (gulls), convocation (eagles), covey (grouse), exaltation (larks), fall (woodcock), flight (doves or swallows), gaggle (geese), herd (swans), host (sparrows), murder (crows), murmuration (starlings), muster (peacocks), nye (pheasants), parliament (owls), rookery (sea birds), siege (herons), skein (flying geese), team (ducks)  
**migratory route:** flyway  
**mythical:** phoenix, roc  
**nest:** aerie  
**plumage that is soft and fluffy:** down  
**referring to:** avian  
**reservation:** sanctuary  
**second stomach:** gizzard, crop  
**throat patch:** gorget  
**wingless:** apterous  
**young bird:** chick, fledgling, nestling

**birth** *n.* 1. **CHILDBIRTH** delivery, bearing, parturition, labor, childbearing, blessed event, whelping, emergence. "The sudden opening of a window through which you look out upon a stupendous prospect. ..." —William Dixon. 2. **INCEPTION** genesis, beginning, start, debut, emergence, onset, origin, development. **SEE** BABY, PREGNANCY

**WORD FIND**

**anesthesia used locally to ease mother's pain:** epidural  
**breathing/relaxation technique:** Lamaze method  
**contractions:** labor  
**dead, infant delivered:** stillbirth  
**delivery assistant:** midwife

**delivery through mother's abdominal wall:** Caesarian section, C-section  
**feet or buttocks-first presentation:** breech presentation  
**membranes covering head during delivery:** caul  
**peaceful, low-key delivery method:** Leboyer delivery  
**profession:** obstetrics  
**spontaneous abortion:** miscarriage  
**uterine muscular action:** contractions  
**vaginal incision, creates more room for passage of baby's head:** episiotomy

**birth control** *n.* contraception, planned parenthood, abortion. "Copulation without population."—Anon. "Sin against nature."—Pope Pius XI. "Premature murder."—Tertullian. **SEE** CONTRACEPTIVE

**WORD FIND**

**Catholic-approved:** rhythm method, abstinence  
**prophylactic:** contraceptive, condom, diaphragm, sponge, IUD (intrauterine device), \*the pill, \*Norplant, spermicide  
**sterilization, female:** tubal ligation  
**sterilization, male:** vasectomy

**birth defect** *n.* congenital defect, congenital malformation, deformity, abnormality, congenital deficiency, disability, mutation.  
**birthmark** *n.* nevus, mole, blemish, spot, port wine stain, beauty mark.  
**birthright** *n.* right, privilege.  
**biscuit** *n.* bread, roll, muffin, scone, cracker, popover.  
**bisexual** *a.* \*swinging both ways, \*AC-DC, androgynous, hermaphroditic.  
**bishop** *n.* cleric, priest, high priest, clergyman, deacon. **SEE** CHURCH, CLERGY, RELIGION  
**bison** *n.* buffalo, bovine mammal, quadruped, herbivore, animal.  
**bistro** *n.* bar, tavern, nightclub, saloon, lounge, drinking establishment.  
**bit** *n.* 1. **PIECE** fragment, fraction, portion, particle, section, snippet, segment. 2. **MOMENT** second, minute, jiffy, flash, \*quick as a wink, time, spell, instant.  
**bitch** *n.* *Sl.* complainer, \*witch, nag, \*rotten egg, \*stinker, grumbler, nit-picker, whiner, critic, shrew, spitfire.  
**bitch** *v.* *Sl.* complain, nag, \*beef, \*bellyache, \*crab, gripe, grouch, \*kick up a fuss, \*raise a big stink.  
**bitchy** *a.* *Sl.* complaining, fault-finding, nagging, catty, back-stabbing, malicious, vindic-

- tive, critical, crabby, negative, \*whiny, fussy, picky, grouchy. *ANT.* *sweet, kind, warm.*
- bite** *n.* mouthful, morsel, spoonful, chunk, snack, nosh.
- bite** *v.* nip, chew, champ, chomp, gnaw, munch, nibble, snap, sink one's teeth into, hold, clamp.
- biting** *a.* 1. CAUSTIC bitter, cutting, penetrating, piercing, stinging. 2. SARCASTIC cutting, caustic, nasty, bitter, stinging, acerbic, scathing, sharp. *ANT.* 1. *gentle, balmy, soothing.*
- bitter** *a.* 1. ACRID tart, sour, harsh, acidic, vinegary, acerbic. 2. GRIEVOUS distressing, heart-breaking, wretched, sorrowful, painful, sad, disturbing, cruel. 3. SEVERE piercing, harsh, cutting, penetrating, stinging, sharp. 4. RESENTFUL hostile, sarcastic, nasty, begrudging, spiteful, contemptuous, cynical, peevish, malevolent. *ANT.* 1. *sweet, honeyed.* 2. *happy, joyous.* 3. *mild, gentle.* 4. *friendly, warm, charitable, forgiving.*
- bivouac** *n.* encampment, stopover, camp, campsite.
- bizarre** *a.* weird, strange, odd, outlandish, unusual, peculiar, freaky, wild, unconventional, extraordinary, \*way out, \*off the wall, fantastic, grotesque, nightmarish, surreal. *ANT.* *ordinary, normal, everyday.*
- blab** *v.* 1. TELL A SECRET \*spill the beans, \*let the cat out of the bag, divulge, let slip, blurt out, \*squeal, \*open one's mouth, \*let one's tongue flap, reveal, disclose, tell all, tattle. 2. CHATTER prattle, \*yak, gab, talk.
- blabbermouth** *n.* \*bigmouth, tattletale, informer, \*snitch, \*squealer, \*whistleblower, \*fink, \*rat.
- black** *a.* 1. COLOR ink, jet, raven, carbon, gunmetal, pitch, sable, ebony, tar, soot, coal, coffee, pepper. 2. DARK inky, unlit, shadowy, murky, dusky, gloomy. 3. AFRICAN AMERICAN negro, colored, African, Afro-American, Negroid. 4. BLEAK gloomy, dismal, grim, dreary, somber, forlorn, mournful, funereal. 5. THREATENING ominous, foreboding, forbidding, menacing. 6. EVIL wicked, diabolical, satanic, nefarious. *ANT.* 1. *white, snowy.* 2. *sunny, bright, illuminated.* 4. *cheerful, bright, hopeful.* 5. *auspicious, favorable.* 6. *good, angelic, saintly.*
- blackball** *v.* ostracize, ban, exclude, blacklist, bar, snub, reject, proscribe. *ANT.* *enlist, welcome, embrace.*
- blacken** *v.* 1. DARKEN smudge, black, begrime. 2. DEFAME slander, smear, tarnish, drag through the mud, \*knock, libel, \*badmouth. *ANT.* 1. *lighten, brighten.* 2. *glorify, honor, respect.*
- black eye** *n.* bad name, bad reputation, dishonor, brand, smear, stigma.
- blackguard** *n.* villain, scoundrel, rogue.
- blacklist** *v.* boycott, shut out, penalize, banish, reject, ban, ostracize, blackball, snub.
- black magic** *n.* necromancy, sorcery, witchcraft, demon worship, devil worship, Satanism.
- blackmail** *n.* extortion, hush money, \*the squeeze, milking, bleeding.
- blackmail** *v.* extort, \*put the squeeze on, \*milk, \*bleed, \*shake down.
- BLACK MARKET** *n.* any market where goods or services are bought and sold illegally. *They bought them illegally through the black market.* *SYN.* underground, underground market, bootleg market, underworld market.
- black out** *v.* lose consciousness, swoon, pass out. *SEE* FAINT
- bladder** *n.* sac, bag, pouch, pocket.
- blade** *n.* cutting edge, knife, cutter, razor, scalpel. *SEE* KNIFE
- blah** *a.* *Sl.* bland, \*humdrum, dull, \*dull as dishwater, stale, insipid, tedious, flat, monotonous. *ANT.* *electrifying, original, colorful, spirited.*
- blame** *n.* 1. CONDEMNATION accusation, attribution, incrimination, imputation, impeachment, complaint, recrimination. 2. RESPONSIBILITY onus, liability, fault, guilt, culpability, accountability.
- blame** *v.* accuse, condemn, \*point the finger at, fault, charge, hold responsible, \*pin on, attribute, indict, impute, censure, rap.
- blameless** *a.* innocent, \*clean, inculpable, above suspicion, above reproach, virtuous, unimpeachable, faultless, spotless. *ANT.* *guilty, at fault, culpable.*
- blanch** *v.* whiten, bleach, fade, wash out, pale.
- bland** *a.* dull, lackluster, uninteresting, insipid, flat, \*blah, mediocre, vapid, unstimulating, plain. *ANT.* *stimulating, exciting, rich.*
- blank** *n.* nothing, zero, void, nil, emptiness, space.
- blank** *a.* 1. CLEAR empty, vacant, white, unmarked, untouched, clean, barren, unused. 2. EXPRESSIONLESS lifeless, dull, vacuous, vacant, dead, glassy, indifferent, deadpan, apathetic. *ANT.* 1. *filled, marked, used.* 2. *lively, thoughtful.*
- blanket** *n.* cover, coverlet, quilt, comforter, afghan, spread, bedding.
- blanket** *v.* cover, bury, carpet, envelope, enclose, overlay.
- blare** *v.* blast, roar, blow, trumpet, peal, clamor, bellow, resound.
- blarney** *n.* 1. FLATTERY apple-polishing, wheedling, fawning, cajolery, \*sweet talk, \*snow job. 2. \*BUNK \*balderdash. *SEE* NONSENSE
- blasé** *a.* nonchalant, unmoved, apathetic, jaded, bored, sophisticated, lukewarm, unfazed,

cloyed, weary, sated, casual. *ANT.* *enthusiastic, eager.*

**blasphemous** *a.* irreverent, irreligious, sacrilegious, impious, profane, disrespectful, ungodly. *ANT.* *reverent, religious, pious.*

**BLASPHEMY** *n.* [BLAS fuh mee] any show of disrespect toward the divine, irreverence. *Cursing God for your misfortune is blasphemous.* *SYN.* irreverence, sacrilege, profanity, disrespect, impiety, desecration, cursing, denouncing. "Denying the being or providence of God. . . ."—William Blackstone. *ANT.* *reverence, piety, respect.*

**blast** *n.* boom, surge, roar, explosion, burst, crack, blowup, bang, detonation, eruption, gust, shock wave. *SEE* WIND

**blast** *v.* explode, blowup, raze, detonate, level, annihilate, demolish, boom, burst, roar, blare.

**blastoff** *n.* launch, liftoff, ignition, firing.

**BLATANT** *a.* [BLAYT unt] loud, glaring, or conspicuous. *Wearing Bermuda shorts to the board meeting shows a blatant disregard for dress codes.* *SYN.* loud, glaring, conspicuous, obvious, obnoxious, brazen, flagrant, showy, flashy, prominent, plain, boisterous, overt, naked, baldfaced. *ANT.* *subtle, quiet, unobtrusive.*

**blather** *n.* drivel, foolishness, claptrap, twaddle, \*bull. *SEE* NONSENSE

**blaze** *n.* fire, flames, conflagration. *SEE* FIRE

**blaze** *v.* flame, flash, flare, flicker, radiate. *SEE* BURN

**bleach** *v.* whiten, blanch, lighten, fade, wash out, insolate.

**bleak** *a.* 1. DESOLATE bare, barren, unsheltered, treeless, desert, stark, raw. 2. DEPRESSING grim, dreary, gloomy, dismal, mournful, disheartening, cheerless, black, somber. *ANT.* 1. *lush, overgrown.* 2. *cheery, sunny, bright, hopeful.*

**bleed** *v.* hemorrhage, ooze, gush, trickle, run, spurt, flow.

**BLEEDING HEART** *n.* one who is given to excessive sympathy and may be over-eager to help. *The bleeding hearts in Washington wanted to start a new welfare program.* *SYN.* sentimental fool, liberal, \*softy, sympathizer, sucker for a sob story, soft touch.

**blemish** *n.* flaw, fault, mark, defect, stain, spot, blotch, mole, disfigurement, imperfection, deformity, freckle, speckle, birthmark.

**blend** *n.* mixture, combination, compound, composite, amalgam, concoction, fusion.

**blend** *v.* mix, combine, compound, amalgamate, mingle, stir in, merge, meld, alloy, scramble. *ANT.* *separate, divide.*

**blender** *n.* food processor, mixer, chopping machine, liquefier, labor-saving device, appliance.

**bless** *v.* hallow, consecrate, sanctify, ordain, anoint, exalt, glorify, canonize, declare holy. *ANT.* *curse, damn.*

**blessed** *a.* 1. SACRED holy, consecrated, redeemed, sacrosanct, hallowed, sainted, saved, beatified. 2. FAVORED gifted, fortunate, lucky. *ANT.* 1. *unholy, cursed, condemned.*

**blessing** *n.* 1. SANCTIFICATION invocation, benediction, prayer, grace, dedication. 2. FAVOR good fortune, luck, godsend, benefit, gift, boon, good. *ANT.* 1. *curse, condemnation.* 2. *misfortune, adversity, bad luck.*

**blight** *n.* affliction, plague, curse, scourge, infliction, pestilence, calamity, bane, curse.

**blight** *v.* ruin, damage, destroy, afflict, devastate, cripple, kill, wither, frustrate, inflict.

**blimp** *n.* airship, dirigible, zeppelin. *SEE* BALLOON, AIRCRAFT

WORD FIND

**balloon portion:** gas bag  
**gas:** helium  
**ground crew:** riggers  
**inner airbags inflated or deflated as a ballast control:** ballonets  
**mooring post on ground:** mast  
**passenger/crew compartment:** car, gondola  
**rigid, cigar-shaped dirigible:** zeppelin  
**weights hung from car:** ballast bags

**blind** *a.* 1. SIGHTLESS unsighted, \*blind as a mole, \*blind as a bat, \*blind as a post, stone-blind, groping. 2. IGNORANT dense, stupid, unaware, heedless, unseeing, \*thick, obtuse, myopic, shortsighted, unperceptive. *ANT.* 1. *seeing, sighted.* 2. *sharp, understanding, perceptive.*

**blinding** *a.* dazzling, bright, glaring, brilliant. *ANT.* *gloomy, dark.*

**blindness** *n.* sightlessness, impaired vision, glaucoma, color blindness, astigmatism, cataracts, myopia, tunnel vision, typhlosis. *SEE* EYE

**blink** *v.* 1. WINK bat, flutter. 2. TWINKLE glimmer, sparkle, scintillate, shimmer.

**blip** *n.* 1. OBJECT SEEN ON RADAR signal, spot, trace, reflection. 2. ANOMALY departure, abnormality, oddity.

**bliss** *n.* rapture, joy, contentment, happiness, elation, euphoria, ecstasy, delight, heaven, nirvana. *SEE* HAPPINESS

**blister** *n.* swelling, patch, bubble, bleb, pimple, boil, canker, ulcer.

**BLITHE** *a.* [BLITHE] cheerful and carefree. *She was frequently in blithe spirits on Sunday.*

- SYN. cheerful, carefree, sunny, lighthearted, buoyant, airy, jovial, merry, cheery, gleeful, playful. *ANT. miserable, depressed, black, downhearted.* SEE HAPPY
- blitz** *n.* attack, onslaught, blitzkrieg, charge, raid, strike, offensive, bombardment.
- blizzard** *n.* snowstorm, northeaster, blow, gale, snow squall, blast, whiteout.
- blloat** *v.* balloon, swell, dilate, billow, inflate, expand, puff. *ANT. contract, deflate, shrivel.*
- blob** *n.* mass, daub, glov, lump, globule, ball, clump.
- bloc** *n.* alliance, group, affiliation, faction, cabal, ring, coalition, partnership.
- block** *n.* 1. MASS chunk, hunk, brick, lump, bar, cube, square, cake. 2. OBSTRUCTION obstacle, impediment, bar, snag, stop, barrier, hindrance.
- block** *v.* obstruct, impede, bar, stop, hinder, close off, occlude, interfere with, intercept, stymie, thwart, barricade, arrest, dam. *ANT. open, free, clear, facilitate.*
- blockade** *n.* barricade, barrier, obstruction, stop, bar, closure, hindrance, roadblock.
- blockhead** *n.* idiot, ignoramus, \*Charlie Brown, \*chowderhead. SEE MORON
- blond** *a.* golden-haired, flaxen-haired, sandy-haired, platinum, peroxide-blond, \*tow-headed, strawberry-blond. SEE HAIR
- blood** *n.* 1. LIFE-FLUID hemoglobin, gore, plasma. "A very special kind of sap."—Johann Goethe. 2. KINSHIP kindred, ancestry, pedigree, extraction, lineage, relatives.
- bloodbath** *n.* massacre, holocaust, murder, slaughter, carnage.
- blood, in cold** *a.* cruelly, intentionally, indifferently, unfeelingly.
- bloodcurdling** *a.* terrifying, horrifying, frightening, bone-chilling, spine-chilling, hair-raising. *ANT. reassuring, boldening.*
- bloodless** *a.* pallid, wan, pale, colorless, dead, anemic. *ANT. florid, robust, lively.*
- bloodline** *n.* pedigree, line of descent, ancestry.
- bloodshed** *n.* bloodletting, slaughter, massacre, carnage, gore, bloodbath, murder, butchery.
- bloodthirsty** *a.* homicidal, murderous, savage, barbaric, brutal, ruthless, sadistic, cruel, inhuman, \*psycho. SEE INSANE, VIOLENT
- blood vessel** *n.* vein, artery, capillary, arteriole.
- blloom** *n.* blossom, flower, floret, efflorescence. SEE FLOWER
- blloom** *v.* blossom, flower, flourish, flare, develop, thrive, come of age, germinate, bear fruit. *ANT. wither, die.*
- blooper** *n.* *Sl.* mistake, \*goof, blunder, \*booboo, gaffe, \*muff, slip, \*boner, \*screwup.
- blossom** *n.* bloom, flower, floret, posy, bud. SEE FLOWER
- blossom** *v.* bloom, flower, effloresce, flourish, flare, develop, come of age, germinate, bear fruit.
- blot** *n.* spot, smudge, stain, smear, streak, blemish.
- blot** *v.* splotch, spot, smudge, stain, soil, smear, streak, blemish.
- blotch** *n.* spot, splotch, blot.
- blouse** *n.* pullover, slipover, garment. SEE SHIRT
- blow** *n.* 1. WIND gale, tempest, blast, gust, squall, whirlwind. 2. HIT punch, smack, slug, shot, bash, knock, rap, swat, slap, jolt, clout. 3. MISFORTUNE reversal, shock, tragedy, upset, calamity, catastrophe. *ANT. 2. caress. 3. blessing.*
- blow** *v.* 1. MOVE AIR bluster, puff, gust, squall, huff, whiffle, rush, swirl, flow, waft, exhale, breathe. 2. SOUND toot, trumpet, pipe, honk, whistle. 3. FAIL \*choke, lose, miss, \*goof, \*screw up, muff, bungle.
- blow away** *v.* 1. kill, gun down. SEE MURDER 2. STUN \*throw for a loop, impress, fill with awe.
- blow up** *v.* 1. INFLATE fill, expand, pump up, swell. 2. EXPLODE burst, detonate, rupture, erupt, pop, demolish. *ANT. 1. deflate.*
- blue** *a.* COLOR sky-blue, cobalt, azure, ultramarine, indigo, slate, navy, aquamarine, turquoise, lapis lazuli, royal, powder, electric, robin's egg. 2. MOOD down, melancholy, depressed, sad, despondent, downhearted, down in the dumps.
- blueblooded** *a.* aristocratic, noble, upper class, classy. *ANT. common.*
- blue collar** *n.* \*working stiff, \*nine-to-fiver, laborer.
- blue collar** *a.* wage-earning, working class, clock-punching, laboring, proletariat, hard-working, factory-working, assembly-line, unskilled, common, lower class, middle class. *ANT. white collar, upper class.*
- blueprint** *n.* 1. ARCHITECTURAL PLAN architectural rendering, draft, plan, design, layout, scheme. 2. GENERAL PLAN plan, scheme, design, masterplan, game plan, schedule, timetable.
- blue ribbon** *n.* first prize, first place, award, decoration, recognition, honor.
- blues** *n.* depression, sadness, downheartedness, discouragement, low spirits, \*blahs, \*blue funk, doldrums, heavy-heartedness, \*dumps, dejection, unhappiness, bad mood, black mood. *ANT. happiness, glee, joy, euphoria.*
- bluff** *n.* bank, cliff, promontory, headland, ridge, hill, precipice, palisade, scarp. 2. SHAM \*four-flushing, \*bull, deception, \*humbug.

**bluff** *v.* 1. MISLEAD deceive, delude, \*bamboozle, dupe, fake, \*bullshit, shuck and jive.  
**bluff** *a.* frank, blunt, rough, coarse, gruff, straightforward, abrupt. *ANT.* *subtle, round-about, mealy-mouthed.*

**blunder** *n.* mistake, \*goof, fumble, \*boo-boo, \*muff, gaffe, \*flubup.

**blunder** *v.* \*goof, fumble, botch, \*muff, \*flub, \*drop the ball, err, \*screw up, bungle, misstep, miscalculate.

**blunt** *v.* make dull, deaden, flatten, soften.

**blunt** *a.* 1. DULL rounded, unpointed. 2. FRANK candid, upfront, plainspoken, point-blank, straightforward, abrupt, brusque, gruff, curt, terse, direct, bluff. *ANT.* 1. *sharp, pointed.* 2. *soft-pedaling, mealy-mouthed, subtle, gentle, euphemistic.*

**blur** *n.* stain, blot, haze, blotch, smear.

**blur** *v.* 1. SMUDGE smear, stain, splotch. 2. DIM cloud, obfuscate, obscure, shadow, veil, shroud. *ANT.* 2. *clarify, sharpen, define.*

**blurt** *v.* blab, tattle, blabber, gush, spout, let slip.

**blush** *v.* flush, redden, color, glow, turn scarlet, bloom. "Virtue's color."—English proverb. "Notice to be careful."—Edgar Howe. *ANT.* *blanch, pale.*

**bluster** *n.* boasting, bluff, bragging, braggadocio, swaggering, bullying, bravado, crowing, strutting, ranting, gasconade.

**bluster** *v.* boast, bluff, brag, swagger, strut, bully, crow, rant, show off, intimidate, storm.

**blustery** *a.* windy, gusty. *ANT.* *still, calm.*

**board** *n.* 1. PLANK two-by-four, beam, slat, stick, lumber, timber, clapboard, slat, panel. 2. COMMITTEE directors, council, trustees, advisers, cabinet. 3. ROOM AND BOARD keep, provisions, meals.

**board** *v.* 1. GO ABOARD get on, enter, embark. 2. ACCOMMODATE feed, lodge, house, quarter. 3. COVER WITH WOOD sheathe, panel, enclose. *ANT.* 1. *disembark, deplane, detrain, leave.*

**boardroom** *n.* meeting room, conference room.

**boardwalk** *n.* walkway, promenade, sidewalk.

**boast** *n.* bragging, bluster, vainglory, bravado, gasconade, braggadocio, \*hot air, vaunt.

**boast** *v.* brag, \*toot one's own horn, crow, bluster, show off, puff, \*pat oneself on the back, swagger, strut, gasconade, gloat, flaunt, \*blow. *ANT.* *eat humble pie, downplay.*

**boastful** *a.* bragging, blustering, vaunting, pompous, vain, arrogant, conceited, \*full of hot air, vainglorious, strutting, swaggering. *ANT.* *humble, modest, self-effacing.*

**boat** *n.* vessel, watercraft, tub, ship, motorboat, sailboat, jet ski. SEE NAVY, SAIL, SHIP, SUBMARINE

## WORD FIND

**air-propelled:** airboat  
**double-hulled sailboat:** catamaran  
**emergency vessel:** lifeboat  
**fishing:** trawler, dragger, longliner, dogger, smack, whaler, sportfisherman  
**flat-bottomed carrier:** barge, scow  
**flat-bottomed, pole-propelled:** punt, ark  
**flat-bottomed vessel used in construction on water:** pontoon  
**gondolier's song:** barcarole  
**house on water:** houseboat  
**Italian:** gondola, vaporetto  
**log, hollowed out:** dugout, pirogue  
**motorboat, small:** runabout  
**narrow-hulled racing boat rowed by as many as eight:** shell  
**narrow, racing boat rowed by one, two, or four rowers:** scull  
**old:** hulk  
**Oriental, flat-bottomed river and coast boat:** sampan, junk  
**pleasure cruiser:** cabin cruiser, yacht  
**race/event:** regatta  
**racing boat:** cigarette boat, hydrofoil  
**rowboat:** canoe, kayak, dinghy, shell, dory, gig, skiff, umiak (eskimo)  
**service craft:** tender  
**shuttle of passengers, freight:** ferry  
**steam-propelled:** paddle steamer, steamboat  
**triple-hulled sailboat:** trimaran

**bob** *v.* wobble, bounce, waver, quiver.

**bodacious** *a.* prodigious, big, bold, audacious.

**body** *n.* 1. PHYSIQUE figure, frame, build, form, flesh and bones, \*bag of bones, anatomy, torso, trunk. "A pair of pincers set over a bellows and a stewpan, the whole fixed upon stilts."—Samuel Butler. "A machine which winds its own springs."—Julien Mettrie. "A cell state in which every cell is a citizen."—Rudolf Virchow. 2. CORPSE cadaver, carcass, corpus delecti, mummy, skeleton, \*dead meat, \*stiff, remains, carrion. 3. MASS group, collection, union, bulk, bunch, majority, crowd, throng. 4. MAIN PIECE chassis, fuselage, frame, assembly.

**bodybuilding** *n.* weight training, resistance training, body sculpting, working out, bulking up, toning up, \*pumping iron.

**bodyguard** *n.* escort, guardian, security guard, protector, \*muscle.

**body language** *n.* nonverbal communication, nonverbal signaling.

**boffo** *n.* *Sl.* successful, great, blockbusting, record-breaking. *ANT.* *lackluster.*

**bog** *n.* marsh, quag, mire, fen, swamp, quagmire, slough, morass.

**bog down** *v.* mire, get stuck, sink, impede, slow, stall.

**bogeyman** *n.* boogeyman, boogieman, ghost, specter, hob-goblin, goblin. SEE MONSTER

**boggle the mind** *v.* flabbergast, astonish, stagger, amaze, stun, stupefy, \*blow one away, \*blow one's mind, dumbfound, \*knock one's socks off, frighten.

**bogus** *a.* fake, counterfeit, phony, \*sham, artificial, imitation, fraudulent, ersatz, spurious, pseudo. *ANT.* *genuine, real, authentic.*

**BOHEMIAN** *n.* [bo HEEM ee un] a nonconformist who is involved in writing or art; a writer or artist who lives unconventionally. *We lived like bohemians, with no permanent home and no source of income outside of our art.* *SYN.* gypsy, artist, dilettante, poet, writer, dropout, \*hippie, \*beatnik, \*flower child, panhandler, nonconformist, \*free spirit, vagabond. "A person who works to live but does not live to work."—Heathcote Williams.

**boil** *n.* blister, swelling, furuncle, pustule, bleb, abscess, carbuncle, pimple, fester, sore.

**boil** *v.* 1. COOK steam, parboil, seethe, churn, bubble, simmer, stew, steep, heat, brew. 2. RAGE fume, seethe, rave, burn, storm.

**boisterous** *a.* rough, rambunctious, rowdy, loud, raucous, wild, obstreperous, vociferous, turbulent, uproarious, unrestrained, unruly. *ANT.* *quiet, laid-back, calm, restrained.*

**bold** *a.* 1. DARING brave, fearless, courageous, undaunted, adventurous, audacious, confident, plucky, intrepid, lionhearted, \*ballsy. 2. BRAZEN insolent, \*saucy, \*brassy, \*cheeky, fresh, forward, impudent, brash, rude, \*gutsy, \*ballsy. 3. PRONOUNCED striking, loud, bright, flashy, conspicuous, prominent, vivid, colorful, eye-catching. *ANT.* 1. *cowardly, meek, timid.* 2. *courteous, polite, shy, deferential.* 3. *understated, subtle, weak, pale.*

**bolster** *v.* prop up, reinforce, support, strengthen, fortify, buttress, shoulder, brace, shore up. *ANT.* *undermine, weaken.*

**bolt** *n.* 1. FASTENER bar, lock, latch, rod, catch, pin, peg, screw, spike, coupling. SEE NAIL, SCREW 2. LIGHTNING flash, stroke, thunderbolt, shaft, chain. SEE LIGHTNING, STORM, THUNDER

**bolt** *v.* dart, spring, dash out, rush, flee, make a break for it, jump, leap, scoot, \*hotfoot, \*skedaddle.

**bomb** *n.* 1. EXPLOSIVE charge, shell, missile, mine, grenade, projectile, depth charge, atom bomb,

hydrogen bomb, \*physics package, torpedo, incendiary, blockbuster, warhead, dud, \*egg. SEE AIR FORCE, ARMY, MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON 2. FLOP failure, fiasco, disaster, \*turkey, \*dog, loser, \*washout. *ANT.* 2. *success, triumph, hit.*

#### WORD FIND

**15,000-pound bomb:** BLU-82; (daisy cutter)

**21,500-pound behemoth, (mother of all bombs):** MOAB (Massive Ordnance Air Blast bomb)

**antipersonnel mine with fanning fragmentation:** claymore mine

**boom:** report

**caves and tunnels, high pressure bombs used to flush out:** thermobaric bomb

**explosive chemical used in bombs:** TNT, trinitrotoluene, nitroglycerin

**explosive portion of bomb, missile, etc.:** warhead

**fire-starting bomb:** incendiary bomb

**fragmenting, shrapnel-producing bomb:** fragmentation bomb, antipersonnel bomb

**fuel detonated in midair:** fuel-air bomb

**gasoline-filled bottle stuffed with rag:** Molotov cocktail

**guided bomb:** smart bomb

**hole:** crater

**intense bombing:** saturation bombing, carpet bombing

**jelled gas incendiary:** napalm

**lead pipe containing home-made charge:** pipe bomb

**multiple bombs released from canister:** cluster bomb

**penetrate earth and concrete, designed to:** bunker buster, GBU-28 Penetrator

**puttylike substance holding charge:** plastic explosive

**smoke-producing:** smoke bomb

**stink-producing:** stink bomb

**timed charge:** time bomb

**unguided:** dumb bomb

**bomb** *v.* 1. *Sl.* FAIL flop, fizzle, wash out, \*die. 2. BOMBARD shell, blow up, assault, blitz, pepper, barrage, strafe, \*drop the big one, \*blow to smithereens, \*blow to kingdom come, \*bomb back to the stone age, level, blast.

**bombast** *n.* grandiloquence, rodomontade, bluster, hot air, pomposity, pretentiousness.

**BOMBASTIC** *a.* [bom BAS tik] pompous, high-sounding speech or writing. *He tried too*

*hard to make an impression; his speech was wordy and bombastic.* SYN. pompous, high-sounding, grandiloquent, grandiose, flaunting, pretentious, turgid, euphuistic, inflated, fustian, windy, flamboyant, flowery. ANT. understated, restrained, subtle.

**bomber** *n.* terrorist, revolutionary, demolition expert, bombardier, subversive, radical, arsonist, extortionist.

**bona fide** *a.* genuine, authentic, legitimate, real. ANT. counterfeit.

**bonanza** *n.* windfall, gold mine, \*cash cow, treasure trove, rich vein.

**bond** *n.* 1. ALLEGIANCE tie, relationship, loyalty, connection, attachment, affinity. 2. GUARANTEE warranty, contract, security, pledge, covenant, agreement.

**bond** *v.* attach, tie, bind, connect, fasten, stick, join, fuse, weld.

**bondage** *n.* servitude, slavery, serfdom, subjection, subjugation, enslavement, captivity, bonds, shackles. ANT. freedom, liberty, emancipation.

**bonds** *n.* ties, shackles, fetters, manacles, chains, reins, yoke, handcuffs, bindings.

**bone** *n.* ossicle, marrow, cartilage, skull, mandible, vertebrae, rib, humerus, femur, tibia, sternum, clavicle. SEE SKELETON

**boner** *n.* *Sl.* mistake, goof, error, blunder.

**bones, feel in one's** *v.* *Sl.* sense, perceive, expect, have a gut feeling.

**bones, make no** *v.* *Sl.* admit, confess, own up, level.

**bone up** *n.* *Sl.* study, brush up, read up, cram.

**bonus** *n.* extra, premium, reward, gift, fringe benefit, \*perk, tip, \*gravy, recompense, dividend.

**BON VIVANT** *n.* [BON vee VAHN] one who has cultured tastes and enjoys the finer things in life, especially good food, drink, etc. *He was a bon vivant who loved fine wines.* SYN. gourmet, connoisseur, epicure, gourmand, cognoscente, aficionado, enthusiast, dilettante.

**bony** *a.* skinny, scrawny, anorexic, malnourished, rawboned, lean, gaunt, emaciated, angular. ANT. fat, brawny, blubbery.

**boob** *n.* *Sl.* idiot, dolt, moron, imbecile, fool, \*dumb-dumb, clown, buffoon, laughingstock.

**boo boo** *n.* *Sl.* 1. MISTAKE error, blunder, \*screw-up, \*boner, \*goof, oversight, gaffe, slip, misstep. 2. INJURY scratch, cut, laceration, sore, bruise, black and blue mark.

**booby trap** *n.* pitfall, deadfall, ambush, blind, mousetrap, trip wire, trigger.

**book** *n.* volume, hardcover, softcover, paperback, novel, work, opus, tome, publication, best-

seller, booklet, pamphlet, treatise, manual, manuscript, log, record, diary, journal, register, ledger, classic, text. "A garden carried in the pocket"—Arabian proverb. "For company the best friends. ..."—Richard Whitlock. "... Portable pieces of thought."—Susan Sontag. "The true university."—Thomas Carlyle. "The compasses and telescopes and sextants and charts which other men have prepared to help us navigate the dangerous seas of human life."—Jesse L. Bennet. SEE AUTHOR, NOVEL, NOVELIST, WRITER

**WORD FIND**

**alphabetical/page-number guide to words and terms:** index

**avoider of:** bibliophobe

**back list of sources, related works:** bibliography

**back:** spine

**blank page:** flyleaf

**book published at author's expense:** vanity book

**burner or destroyer of:** biblioclast

**burning or destruction of:** biblioclasm

**category:** genre

**collecting passion:** bibliomania

**compilation of various works:** anthology

**condensed or shortened:** abridged

**end comment:** epilogue

**hardcover republished in paperback:** reprint

**inscription, front:** dedication

**introduction:** foreword

**ISBN:** International Standard Book Number

**jacket description:** flap copy, blurbs

**large, illustrated book:** coffee table book

**large paperback:** trade paperback

**literary works:** belles lettres

**logo of publisher:** colophon

**lover of:** bibliophile

**overstocked book:** remainder

**printed before 1500 A.D.:** incunabula

**review or recommendation on jacket:** blurb

**stealer of books:** biblioklept

**strange (subject matter):** curiosa

**title page:** frontispiece

**vocabulary list:** glossary

**voracious reader of:** bookworm, bibliobibli

**book** *v.* 1. MAKE RESERVATION reserve, book passage, arrange for, assign, register. 2. PROCESS FOR A CRIME charge, press charges.

**booking** *n.* 1. PLAY DATE gig, engagement, performance date, tour date. 2. RESERVATION registration, arrangement, retainer.

**bookish** *a.* studious, academic, scholarly, well-read, introverted, book-loving, owl-ish, learned, intellectual, pedantic, \*book-wormish. *ANT.* *illiterate, oafish.*

**bookkeeping** *n.* record-keeping, accounting, auditing, entering.

**booklet** *n.* pamphlet, brochure, folder, circular.

**bookworm** *n.* reader, book lover, bibliophile, bibliomaniac, bibliobibli, bibliolater.

**boom** *n.* 1. THUD thunder, report, crack, roar, rumble, crash, bang, shot, culmination, cannonade, peal, burst, explosion, detonation. 2. INCREASE growth, expansion, upturn, prosperity, growth, spurt, bull market. *ANT.* 2. *recession, depression, decline.*

**boom** *v.* 1. THUD thunder, report, crack, roar, rumble, crash, bang, blow up, backfire, pop, explode. 2. INCREASE grow, expand, prosper, thrive, spurt, mushroom, \*go great guns, grow exponentially, flourish. *ANT.* 2. *recede, decline.*

**boom box** *n.* *Sl.* radio, tape player, CD player, audio system, stereo, \*ghetto blaster, \*ghetto box.

**booming** *a.* thriving, growing, profiting, prospering, flourishing, \*going great guns, increasing, increasing exponentially, exploding, shooting up, mushrooming. *ANT.* *declining.*

**boon** *n.* blessing, windfall, benefit, god-send, gift, manna from heaven.

**boondocks** *n.* \*boonies, \*sticks, \*North Over-shoe, \*East Jesus, backwater, bush country, tall timbers, \*the rhubarbs, outback, backwoods, hinterland, wilderness, nowhere, unorganized territory, jungle.

**boondoggle** *n.* waste, \*golden fleece, pork, governmentpork, frivolity, extravagance, \*money down a rathole, white elephant, reckless spending, conspicuous consumption.

**boor** *n.* clod, lout, oaf, churl, clodhopper, \*yahoo, yokel, bumpkin, rustic.

**boorish** *a.* ill-mannered, rude, awkward, uncouth, unrefined, uncultured, churlish, cloddish, vulgar, rustic, coarse, insensitive, tactless, offensive. *ANT.* *refined, sophisticated, cultured.*

**boost** *n.* 1. PUSH UP lift, elevation, hand up. 2. INCREASE raise, hike, expansion, upgrade, gain. 3. PROMOTION support, encouragement, assistance, backing, fostering, advancement, plug. *ANT.* 2. *decrease, cutback.* 3. *disparagement, undermining, knock.*

**boost** *v.* 1. RAISE push up, hoist, lift, elevate. 2. INCREASE heighten, raise, hike, jack up, enlarge, inflate. 3. PROMOTE support, advance, further, plug, foster, advocate. *ANT.* 1. *lower,*

*drop.* 2. *decrease, lower.* 3. *undermine, disparage, knock.*

**booster shot** *n.* SEE IMMUNIZATION

**boot** *n.* shoe, overshoe, footwear, clodhopper, \*boondockers, \*stompers. SEE SHOE

#### WORD FIND

**ankle-high boot worn horseback-riding:** jodhpur

**Eskimo boot made from hide:** mukluk

**hiking boot with ridged sole:** wafflestomper  
**leather, above the knee in front, below the knee in back:** Wellington

**military:** combat boot, jackboot

**old-fashioned woman's boot laced up the front:** granny

**rubber/waterproof:** galosh

**tooled leather, square or pointed toes:** cowboy boot

**wading boot:** hip boot, wader

**western tooled leather:** cowboy boot

**white, calf-high, worn with mini skirt in the 1960s:** go-go boot

**work shoe, heavy:** brogan

**booth** *n.* stall, stand, kiosk, shed, enclosure, cubicle, compartment.

**bootlegger** *n.* runner, \*rum runner, smuggler, illegal distiller, black marketer, pirate, moonshiner, dealer.

**bootlicker** *n.* \*kiss-up, \*brownnose, sycophant, toady, \*apple polisher, \*yes-man, \*foot-kisser, \*back-patter, stooge.

**booty** *n.* loot, spoils, plunder, prize, winnings, \*haul, goods, property, gain.

**booze** *n.* *Sl.* liquor, alcohol, spirits, drink, \*firewater, \*hard stuff. SEE ALCOHOL, BEER, DRINK, MOONSHINE, WINE

**bordello** *n.* brothel, house of prostitution, \*whorehouse, \*cathouse, \*house of ill repute, bagnio.

**border** *n.* margin, edge, side, line, verge, fringe, rim, brink, boundary, outer limit, perimeter, periphery, borderland.

**borderline** *a.* indefinite, doubtful, marginal, unclear, vague, halfway, ambiguous, equivocal, unclassifiable, one way or the other. *ANT.* *absolute, decisive.*

**bore** *n.* \*drag, \*yawn, tiresome person, \*pill, \*wet blanket, \*stick in the mud, soporific. "A fellow talking who can change the subject back to his topic ... faster than you can change it back to yours."—Lawrence Peter.

**bore** *v.* 1. DRILL tunnel, burrow, tap, punch, drive, sink, gouge out, auger, mine, ream.

2. **TIRE** weary, put to sleep, fatigue, tax, cloy, annoy. *ANT.* 2. *excite, stimulate.*
- boredom** *n.* tedium, ennui, monotony, apathy, dullness, doldrums, jadedness, indifference, weariness, humdrum, flatness. "What happens when we lose contact with the universe."—John Ciardi. *ANT.* *excitement, stimulation.*
- bor-ing** *a.* tedious, tiresome, \*dull as dishwater, \*dull as paint drying, soporific, somnolent, wearisome, dull, monotonous, humdrum, unstimulating, uninteresting, prosaic, mundane, \*ho-hum, stale, routine. *ANT.* *exciting, stimulating.*
- born** *v.* delivered, brought into the world, brought into existence, cast, hatched, created.
- born** *a.* inherent, natural, innate. *ANT.* *learned, acquired.*
- born-again** *a.* reborn, renewed, restored, converted, saved. *ANT.* *damned.*
- borough** *n.* town, community, municipality, burg, township, village, quarter.
- borrow** *v.* 1. **TAKE TEMPORARILY** use, take a loan, obtain, scrounge, \*mooch, \*hit up, \*bum, \*sponge. 2. **ADOPT FOR ONE'S OWN USE** appropriate, imitate, steal, plagiarize, copy, pirate, use. *ANT.* 1. *lend, give, return.* 2. *originate, invent.*
- bosom** *n.* 1. **BREAST** chest, bust. 2. **HEART** emotions, soul, spirit, core, depths, inside.
- boss** *n.* leader, chief, head, master, headmaster, supervisor, foreman, superintendent, overseer, CEO (chief executive officer), taskmaster, \*head honcho, \*big cheese, \*whip, employer, director, executive, manager, administrator, lord and master, \*big enchilada, \*chief cook and bottle washer, governor, mayor, vice president, president, prince, princess, king, queen, drill sergeant, sarge, commander, captain, general, first in command, dean, chancellor, godfather, highest authority, ruler, despot, dictator, tyrant, bully, dominator, dominatrix, \*pit bull, \*alpha male, slave-driver, faultfinder, nag, \*biggest toad in the puddle. "[One who] exists to make sensible exceptions to general rules."—Elting Morrison. *ANT.* *employee, subordinate, underling.* *SEE* **WORK, JOB**
- boss** *v.* command, control, direct, manage, administrate, supervise, lead, run, press, lord over, domineer, dictate, throw one's weight around, tyrannize. *ANT.* *submit, follow, jump on command.*
- bossy** *a.* domineering, dictatorial, tyrannical, pushy, commanding, authoritarian, iron-handed, high-handed, strict, controlling, overpowering, bitchy, despotic, imperious. *ANT.* *subordinate, subservient, servile.*
- botch** *v.* bungle, \*screw up, spoil, ruin, \*goof, muff, foul up, fumble, flub, louse up.
- bother** *n.* annoyance, irritation, burden, trouble, aggravation, inconvenience, pother, \*pain, \*headache, \*pain in the ass, difficulty, nuisance.
- bother** *v.* 1. **ANNOY** harass, trouble, pester, disturb, irritate, agitate, burden, vex, aggravate, distress, put out, irk, harry. 2. **TAKE THE TROUBLE** inconvenience oneself, take pains, \*go out of one's way, worry about.
- bothersome** *a.* annoying, troublesome, irksome, disturbing, aggravating, burdensome, inconvenient, difficult, vexatious, irritating. *ANT.* *welcome, agreeable, desirable.*
- bottle** *n.* container, decanter, jug, glass, vessel, vial, carafe, flask, flagon, jar, phial.
- bottleneck** *n.* obstacle, blockage, jam, hindrance, snag, congestion, obstruction, \*tight squeeze, barrier, clog, impediment.
- bottom** *n.* 1. **BASE** foundation, bed, seat, footing, floor, ground, nadir. 2. **ROOT** basis, core, essence, gist, source, origin. 3. **REAR** buttocks, \*fanny, butt, rump, seat, derriere, \*tush, \*buns, \*stern.
- bottomless** *a.* unfathomable, immeasurable, abysmal, infinite, limitless, vast. *ANT.* *finite.*
- botulism** *n.* food poisoning, contamination, illness.
- boudoir** *n.* sitting room, dressing room, bedroom, private room.
- bough** *n.* limb, branch.
- bouillon** *n.* broth, flavoring, soup base, stock, consommé.
- boulder** *n.* rock, rock mass, stone, glacial erratic.
- boulevard** *n.* avenue, parkway, concourse. *SEE* **STREET**
- bounce** *v.* 1. **SPRING BACK** rebound, bob, bound, recoil, jump, hop, carom, ricochet. 2. **JOUNCE** jolt, shake.
- bouncer** *n.* *Sl.* security personnel, guard, \*muscle, \*enforcer, ejector.
- bound** *v.* 1. **JUMP** leap, bounce, spring, vault, gambol, bounce, hop. 2. **RESTRICT** restrain, limit, confine, enclose, circumscribe, demarcate.
- bound** *a.* 1. **TIED** fastened, wrapped, secured, trussed. 2. **DESTINED** certain, doomed, fated, headed, sure, ordained, assured, determined. 3. **OBLIGATED** pledged, required, liable, compelled. *ANT.* 1. *unsecured, unfastened.* 2. *unsure, indefinite, unconfirmed.* 3. *released, freed from obligation.*

**boundary** *n.* border, borderline, line, frontier, verge, periphery, edge, rim, margin, brink, hem, limit, confines, outer limit, bounds, perimeter, demarcation.

**boundless** *a.* limitless, endless, infinite, immeasurable, vast, inexhaustable, unbounded, perpetual, innumerable, everlasting. *ANT.* *limited, finite.*

**bounteous** SEE BOUNTIFUL

**bountiful** *a.* generous, plentiful, abundant, ample, copious, prolific, lavish, bounteous, fat, teeming, \*jam-packed, \*dime a dozen, luxurious. *ANT.* *sparse, scant, sparse, lean.*

**bounty** *n.* gift, reward, present, bonus, benefit, largess, premium, allowance.

**bounty hunter** *n.* fugitive hunter, criminal hunter.

**bouquet** *n.* 1. BUNCH cluster, posy, spray, garland, nosegay. 2. SCENT aroma, fragrance, essence, perfume, trace, breath, smell. SEE FLOWER

**BOURGEOIS** *a.* [boor ZHWAW] of the middle-class, boring, conventional, and materialistic. *He described himself as a Bohemian; he abhorred our bourgeois ways.* *SYN.* middle-class, working-class, proletarian, conventional, capitalistic, common, rigid, boring, \*square, \*politically correct, materialistic, conservative, traditional, respectable, uncultured, philistine. *ANT.* *Bohemian, unconventional, nonconforming.*

**bout** *n.* 1. MATCH contest, battle, struggle, round, go, competition. 2. PERIOD spell, course, round, turn, shift, term, stint.

**boutique** *n.* shop, gift store, department, booth, concession, franchise, business.

**bow** *n.* 1. BEND curtsy, genuflection, nod. 2. PROW.

**bow** *v.* 1. BEND stoop, curtsy, genuflect, nod, salaam, kneel. 2. SUBMIT yield, give in, \*cave in, \*knuckle under, concede, defer, \*kowitz, acquiesce, surrender, lay down. *ANT.* 2. *fight, dominate, resist.*

**bowel movement** *n.* defecation, b.m., discharge, excretion, evacuation, \*number two, diarrhea, \*crap.

**bowels** *n.* 1. INTESTINES guts, entrails, viscera, innards, insides. 2. INTERIOR depth, core, insides, heart, innermost part.

**bowl** *n.* dish, receptacle, saucer, basin, vessel, tureen, boat, urn.

**bowling** *n.* tenpins, candlepins, duckpins, kegling, skittles, bocci.

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**WORD FIND**

area most likely to yield strike: pocket

**body movement of bowler after shot:** body English

**bowler:** keglar

**central pin:** kingpin, headpin

**curving shot:** hook

**gutter, in the:** gutter ball

**knock down ten with one shot:** strike, mark

**knock down ten with two shots:** spare, mark

**one game:** string

**pin-setting machine:** pinsetter

**shot that leaves a gap between pins:** split

**spin imparted on the ball:** English

**unit of game, 1/10th:** frame

**wide split:** goalposts, mule ears, bedposts

**box** *n.* carton, container, crate, receptacle, case, package, bin, chest, trunk, canister, coffer.

**box** *v.* fight, spar, fisticuff, tussle, punch, cuff, jab, sock, hit, strike, slug, deliver blows, pound, clout, pummel, \*whale, beat, \*mix it up.

**boxer** *n.* fighter, prizefighter, pugilist.

**boxing** *n.* pugilism, fighting, sparring, fisticuffs.

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**WORD FIND**

**black eye:** mouse

**crossover punch:** cross

**dazed:** punch drunk

**ear deformation:** cauliflower ear

**exchange punches:** mix it up

**hold, embrace:** clinch

**illegal blow:** rabbit punch, below the belt, low blow, kidney punch, head butt

**inning:** round

**jab and cross:** one-two punch

**movement:** bob and weave, dance, footwork, on one's bicycle

**powerful punch:** haymaker, Sunday punch

**practice partner:** sparring partner

**practice with partner:** spar

**practice with self:** shadow box

**punching bag:** speedbag, heavy bag, crazy bag

**punch with less than full strength:** pull a punch

**quick, straight punch:** jab

**ring floor:** canvas, apron

**stamina program:** roadwork

**sweeping hook:** roundhouse

**tie:** draw

**trainer, assistant:** cornerman, cut man, handler

**upswinging punch:** uppercut, bolo punch

**varied punches delivered quickly:** combination, flurry

**wait of eight seconds after knockdown:** mandatory eight-count, standing eight-count

**weight and measurements of opponents:** tale of the tape

**weight division, lightest to heaviest:** flyweight, bantamweight, featherweight, lightweight, welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight, heavyweight, cruiserweight

**win by injuring, disabling opponent:** knock-out, technical knockout, TKO

**win by points:** decision

**win not agreed on by all officials:** split decision

**boy** *n.* lad, youth, youngster, sprig, junior, sprout, \*little shaver, \*nipper. "One who has a wolf in his stomach."—German proverb. "Of all the wild beasts, the most unmanageable."—Plato.

**BOYCOTT** *v.* [BOY kot] to refuse, usually as a group, to buy a product or deal with a person or company, as a protest against some action. *They agreed to boycott the tuna company until dolphin-safe nets were used.* **SYN.** \*blackball, blacklist, shun, reject, refuse, ban, ostracize, shut out, spurn, proscribe, strike, eschew, avoid, embargo.

**boyfriend** *n.* sweetheart, \*honey, beau, \*steady, suitor, lover, date, \*boy toy, swain, flame, \*main squeeze.

**bra** *n.* brassiere, support cups, lingerie, underwear, padded bra, \*peek-a-boo bra, \*falsies.

**brace** *n.* support, prop, reinforcement, strut, stay, buttress, truss, stanchion.

**brace** *v.* reinforce, strengthen, support, prop, bolster, tighten, shore up, fortify.

**bracelet** *n.* band, chain, bangle, armlet, jewelry, ornament.

**bracing** *a.* invigorating, stimulating, exhilarating, refreshing, energizing, restorative. **ANT.** *tiring, soporific, draining.*

**brackish** *a.* salty, saline, briny.

**brag** *v.* boast, gloat, \*blow one's own horn, crow, vaunt, swagger, strut, flaunt, puff, \*talk big, \*shovel it, \*blowhard. **ANT.** *downplay, \*hide one's light under a bushel basket, be modest.*

**braggart** *n.* bragger, boaster, \*blowhard, \*wind-bag, \*gasbag, \*bag of wind, show-off, egotist, blusterer, braggadocio, peacock, trumpeter.

**braid** *v.* plait, weave, twine, interlace, knot.

**brain** *n.* 1. SMART PERSON genius, intellectual, scholar, savant, wizard, prodigy, thinker, mastermind, Einstein, \*egghead, sage, wit, mental giant. 2. MIND \*gray matter, \*think-

ing cap, \*bean, encephalon, \*noodle, \*upper story. "An apparatus with which we think that we think."—Ambrose Bierce. "An invention of the universe in order to study itself."—ANON. **ANT.** 1. *idiot, moron, imbecile.* SEE INTELLIGENCE, THOUGHT

**WORD FIND**

**abnormally small brain:** microencephalon  
**almond-shaped portion of limbic system processing fear and aggression:** amygdala

**ancient portion, regulates hunger, thirst, fighting, sex:** limbic system, reptilian brain

**base, regulates breathing and circulation:** medulla oblongata

**body temperature and blood pressure regulator:** hypothalamus

**brain damage losses, conditions:** alexia (comprehension of written word), amusia (musical processing), anomia (name recollection), aphasia (speech articulation), apraxia (muscle coordination), asemia (speech comprehension), dysphasia (speaking), neglect (perception of one side of one's environment), prosopagnosia (facial recognition), stereoanesthesia (identification through touch), synesthesia (confusion of senses).

**breathing center at top of spinal cord:** brain stem

**circadian rhythm center in hypothalamus:** suprachiasmatic nucleus

**cleft or groove:** sulcus

**connector of right and left hemispheres:** corpus callosum

**darker portions, containing high concentrations of neurons:** gray matter

**egg-shaped patch controlling speech muscles:** Broca's area

**enlargement of skull due to abnormal fluid build-up:** hydrocephalus

**exam of brain waves:** electroencephalogram (EEG).

**filter system that blocks harmful substances from entering brain:** blood-brain barrier

**fold:** convolution, gyrus

**front or forehead portion, center of reasoning, judgement, planning:** frontal lobes

**heat, cold, pain, pressure sensor:** thalamus

**inflammation:** encephalitis, meningitis

**left or right side:** hemisphere

**modern, recently evolved outer layer involved in conscious thought and language:** neocortex  
**muscular coordinator in back of skull:** cerebellum  
**nerve cell:** neuron  
**outer brain area controlling perception, reasoning, memory:** cerebrum  
**outer layer:** cortex, dura mater  
**recorder of electrical activity of:** electroencephalograph  
**relay station at top of brain stem:** thalamus  
**seahorse-shaped portion forming and storing memory:** hippocampus  
**sections in cerebrum, one of five distinct:** lobe  
**seizure disease caused by electrical disturbances:** epilepsy  
**sleeps during anesthesia, center of attention:** reticular formation  
**sound processor in the temporal lobe:** primary auditory cortex  
**superhuman right-brain functioning:** idiot savant syndrome  
**swelling and unconsciousness due to blow:** concussion  
**top-most portion made of heavily folded gray matter, involved in consciousness and reasoning:** cerebral cortex  
**visual and reading processor at the back:** occipital lobe  
**white tissue comprised of axons insulated with myelin:** white matter

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**brainstorm** *v.* problem-solve, \*put heads together, think, create, invent, plan, share ideas, analyze, deliberate, focus on, \*rack brains, ponder, conceive, conceptualize, dream, conjure up.  
**brain trust** *n.* advisors, experts, authorities, advisory board, \*best and the brightest, panel, council, scholars, cabinet.  
**brainwash** *v.* indoctrinate, program, convert, influence, persuade, condition, train.  
**brainy** *a.* brilliant. SEE CLEVER, INTELLIGENT, SMART  
**braise** *v.* cook, brown.  
**brake** *n.* restraint, curb, constraint, check, control.  
**brake** *v.* stop, slow, decelerate, halt, curb.  
**bramble** *n.* shrub, bush, brush, thorn bush, prickles, nettles, blackberry, raspberry.  
**bran** *n.* husk, fiber.  
**branch** *n.* 1. LIMB bough, arm, twig, offshoot. 2. UNIT division, subdivision, department, bu-

reau, wing, affiliate, arm, chapter, office. 3. TRIBUTARY channel, feeder, stream.  
**branch** *v.* fork, spread, divide, bifurcate, diverge, grow.  
**brand** *n.* make, trade name, line, variety, trademark.  
**brand** *v.* 1. MARK sear, burn in, label. 2. STIGMATIZE mark, disgrace, taint, \*give a black eye.  
**brandish** *v.* wave, exhibit, shake, show, flourish, hold menacingly, flaunt, wield, swing.  
**brash** *a.* 1. RECKLESS rash, impetuous, hasty, mindless, incautious, headlong, foolhardy, unwary, impulsive. 2. PUSHY bold, cocky, impudent, nervy, rude, cheeky, forward, flip, brazen. *ANT.* 1. thoughtful, cautious, wary. 2. courteous, reserved, respectful, kind.  
**brass tacks** *n.* essentials, basics, \*nitty gritty.  
**brassy** *a.* bold, brazen, loud, impudent, insolent, arrogant, cheeky, nervy, cocky, brash, forward, shameless, bullish, loudmouthed. *ANT.* shy, retiring, respectful, timid.  
**brat** *n.* imp, \*holy terror, spoiled child, \*enfant terrible, \*punk.  
**bravado** *a.* bluff, bluster, swaggering, strutting, cockiness, \*show, \*crowing, bombast, muscle-flexing, macho posturing. *ANT.* timidity, mousiness, cowering.  
**brave** *v.* face, defy, dare, confront, challenge, \*stand up to.  
**brave** *a.* courageous, bold, fearless, valiant, lionhearted, dauntless, heroic, plucky, \*gutsy, \*balls, intrepid, daring, spunky, manly, foolhardy, macho. *ANT.* timid, mousy, cowardly, fainthearted, \*chicken.  
**bravery** *n.* courage, fearlessness, boldness, \*guts, \*balls, daring, spunk, valor, pluck, heroism, intrepidity, manliness, mettle. "Falling but not yielding"—Latin proverb. "Fear sneering at itself."—Maxwell Bodenheim. *ANT.* timidity, cowardice, mousiness, fearfulness.  
**brawl** *n.* fight, tussle, \*scrap, donnybrook, \*rumble, \*slugfest, imbroglio, uproar, row, fracas, quarrel, altercation, melee, riot, \*free-for-all.  
**brawn** *n.* muscles, strength, huskiness, \*beefiness, robustness, power, might.  
**brawny** *a.* muscular, herculean, beefy, burly, sinewy, powerful, strapping, rugged, husky, solid, stout. *ANT.* frail, powerless, weak.  
**BRAZEN** *a.* [BRAY zun] nervy, especially in a disrespectful way; impudent. *A brazen heckler ruined the show with his rude comments.* *SYN.* bold, brassy, impudent, nervy, shameless, audacious, cheeky, brash, cocky, loudmouthed, frank, forward, \*ballsy. *ANT.* quiet, shy, reserved.

**breach** *n.* 1. OPENING hole, break, crack, fissure, gap, cleft. 2. VIOLATION nonobservance, transgression, infringement, noncompliance, infraction, contravention. 3. ALIENATION split, separation, falling-out, schism, friction, estrangement, parting of the ways.

**breadth** *n.* 1. WIDTH broadness, span. 2. RANGE extent, scope, span, area.

**breadwinner** *n.* wage earner, \*one who brings home the bacon, \*clockpuncher, income producer.

**break** *n.* 1. FRACTURE crack, rupture, tear, split, fissure, collapse, rift, breach, rent. 2. PAUSE recess, breather, intermission, lull, letup, rest, hiatus, respite. 3. GOOD FORTUNE opportunity, shot, opening, stroke of luck, chance.

**break** *v.* 1. FRACTURE crack, rupture, tear, split, shatter, collapse, breach, fall apart, bust, burst, snap, pop, smash, pulverize, splinter, demolish, total, disintegrate, mangle. 2. WEAKEN impair, undermine, diminish, downgrade, incapacitate, cripple. 3. PAUSE rest, recess, take a breather, suspend, stop. *ANT.* 1. *repair, mend, fix.* 2. *strengthen, fortify.* 3. *resume, begin.*

**breakable** *a.* fragile, delicate, flimsy, brittle. *ANT.* *sturdy.*

**breakdown** *n.* 1. FAILURE malfunction, collapse, short circuit, disruption, mishap. 2. ITEMIZATION analysis, list, categorization.

**breakthrough** *n.* progress, advance, discovery, innovation, invention, leap forward, finding.

**breakup** *n.* separation, disintegration, rift, split, disbanding, dissolution.

**breast** *n.* 1. CHEST bosom, bust, mammary gland, \*tit, \*boob, teat, udder. 2. HEART soul, core, inner self, spirit, psyche.

**breath** *n.* whiff, puff, air, respiration, sigh, wheeze, whisper, gasp, inhalation, exhalation, aspiration.

**breathe** *v.* inhale, exhale, respire, draw a breath, gasp, pant, wheeze, huff, blow, heave, suck, snore, snort, sniff, hyperventilate.

**breather** *n.* break, recess, pause, rest, respite, time out.

**breathless** *a.* short of breath, out of breath, shortwinded, winded, asthmatic, gasping, wheezing, choking, panting, puffing, suffering from apnea, suffering from dyspnea.

**breathtaking** *a.* electrifying, awe-inspiring, shocking, exciting, stunning, astounding, heart-stopping, thrilling, hair-raising, moving. *ANT.* *boring, anticipated, run-of-the-mill, ho-hum.*

**breed** *n.* strain, variety, type, class, genus, race, kind, line, species.

**breed** *v.* 1. REPRODUCE procreate, propagate, bear young, beget, generate, hatch, produce, engender. 2. TO CAUSE bring about, lead to, produce, foster, create, effect, spawn.

**breeding** *n.* cultivation, training, upbringing, development, schooling, rearing, conditioning, manners, refinement. "Concealing how much we think of ourselves and how little we think of the other person."—Mark Twain.

**breeze** *n.* 1. GENTLE WIND zephyr, breath, whiff, sough, draft, waft. *SEE* WIND 2. \*CINCH \*snap, \*nothing, \*duck soup.

**brezy** *a.* 1. WINDY blustery, drafty, gusty, airy, windswept, fresh. 2. LIGHTHEARTED easygoing, casual, sprightly, lively, playful, spirited, brisk, animated, vivacious, effervescent. *ANT.* 1. *still, dead calm, becalmed.* 2. *depressed, morose, spiritless.*

**BREVITY** *n.* [BREV i tee] briefness, conciseness. *The speech was too long; the audience begged for brevity.* *SYN.* briefness, shortness, conciseness, succinctness, terseness, compactness, pithiness, economy, pointedness. *ANT.* *long-windedness, wordiness, lengthiness.*

**brew** *v.* 1. STEEP boil, ferment, cook, stew, seethe. 2. DEVISE concoct, invent, cook up, contrive, hatch, formulate, engineer.

**brewery** *n.* distillery. *SEE* ALCOHOL, BEER, DRINK

**bribe** *n.* payoff, \*hush money, graft, \*kickback, \*boodle, sop, baksheesh, \*grease, inducement, incentive. *SEE* MONEY

**bribe** *v.* pay off, buy off, \*grease the palm, suborn, corrupt, entice.

**bric-a-brac** *n.* knickknacks, trinkets, baubles, gewgaws, bibelots, vertu.

**brick** *n.* block, stone, \*soldier, clinker.

**bridge** *n.* span, overpass, arch, viaduct, footbridge, catwalk, connector, link, connection, tie, bond.

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#### WORD FIND

**arched roadway over a valley:** viaduct

**cable and girder-supported:** bridle-chord bridge, suspension bridge

**dual beams or trusses that project beyond their supports, are connected:** cantilever bridge

**enclosure used in water for repair of:** cofferdam

**fear of:** geophyrophobia

**float-supported:** pontoon bridge

**opens and closes for boat traffic:** drawbridge, bascule, swing bridge, lift bridge

**protective railing or wall:** balustrade, parapet

**railroad bridge framework:** trestle

**support:** pier, pile, abutment

**bridge** *v.* span, cross, traverse, connect, link, join, unite.

**bridle** *n.* restraint, rein, halter, bit, leash, harness, muzzle, check, curb.

**bridle** *v.* restrain, check, hold back, curb, harness, arrest, inhibit, muzzle.

**brief** *n.* summary, synopsis, condensation, outline, sketch, precis, abridgement.

**brief** *v.* inform, fill in, summarize, outline.

**brief** *a.* 1. SHORT-LIVED short, fleeting, quick, fast, short-term, instantaneous, momentary, swift, transitory. 2. SHORT, CONCISE \*short and sweet, succinct, abbreviated, to the point, condensed, summarized, compressed, pithy. *ANT.* 1. *long, prolonged, time-consuming.* 2. *long-winded, wordy, time-consuming.*

**briefing** *n.* rundown, outlining, summary, \*low-down, instruction, orientation.

**brigade** *n.* troop, unit, group, outfit, company, battalion, contingent, legion. SEE MILITARY

**brigand** *n.* bandit, outlaw, robber, desperado, pirate.

**bright** *a.* 1. LIGHT shining, brilliant, blinding, glowing, luminous, radiant, dazzling, blazing, glaring, intense, incandescent, vivid, sparkling, resplendent, effulgent. 2. SMART intelligent, clever, sharp, quick, witty, brainy, brilliant, astute. 3. HOPEFUL promising, cheering, golden, rosy, encouraging, auspicious, sunny. 4. CHEERFUL lively, vivacious, happy, sprightly, merry, lighthearted, joyous, blithe. *ANT.* 1. *dark, dim, gloomy, black.* 2. *stupid, moronic, retarded, bovine, dull.* 3. *dark, black, grim, hopeless.* 4. *grim, morose, depressed.*

**brighten** *v.* 1. LIGHTEN illuminate, intensify, furbish, shine, polish, perk up. 2. CHEER UP lift spirits, perk up, enliven, hearten, buoy, uplift, gladden. *ANT.* 1. *darken, blacken, tone down.* 2. *depress, sadden, make glum.*

**brilliant** *a.* 1. BRIGHT shining, incandescent, blinding, radiant, glowing, dazzling, blazing, intense, resplendent, scintillating, sparkling, vivid. 2. SMART intelligent, clever, sharp, quick, witty, brainy, astute, ingenious, wise, scholarly. *ANT.* 1. *dull, dark, tarnished, grimy.* 2. *dull, slow, \*bovine, stupid, dim-witted.*

**brim** *n.* rim, edge, verge, lip, margin, brink.

**brine** *n.* salt water, sea water, saline solution, souse.

**bring** *v.* 1. CONVEY carry, bear, transport, take, retrieve, fetch, deliver. 2. EFFECT cause, make, produce, prompt, start, institute, induce, force, compel.

**brink** *n.* verge, edge, borderline, threshold, limit, brim, line.

**brisk** *a.* 1. QUICK swift, energetic, lively, sprightly, vigorous, bustling, hustling, \*peppy. 2. BRACING invigorating, cool, chilly, nippy, biting, exhilarating, stimulating. *ANT.* 1. *slow, torpid, lethargic, dull.* 2. *somnolent, sleepy, tiring.*

**bristle** *v.* get angry, seethe, \*see red, \*raise one's hackles, \*get one's dander up, flare, \*boil, get indignant, \*snap.

**brittle** *a.* fragile, crisp, delicate, breakable, frail, crumbly. *ANT.* *solid, rock-hard, unbreakable.*

**BROACH** *v.* [BROACH] to introduce a topic or start a discussion. *It is time to broach the subject with Ken.* *SYN.* introduce, start, begin, open, bring up, launch, put forth.

**broad** *a.* 1. WIDE vast, voluminous, capacious, deep, fat, expansive, ample, commodious, sweeping, large, immense. 2. EXTENSIVE comprehensive, blanket, sweeping, universal, general, far-reaching, compendious, catholic, widespread. 3. OBVIOUS apparent, clear, plain, explicit, straightforward. *ANT.* 1. *narrow, tight.* 2. *limited, specific, confined.* 3. *unapparent, veiled.*

**broadcast** *v.* transmit, \*beam, put on the air, \*air, televise, telecast, relay, radio, cable, spread, disseminate, scatter, announce, report.

**broaden** *v.* widen, enlarge, expand, deepen, extend, increase, augment, supplement. *ANT.* *narrow, reduce.*

**broad-minded** *a.* liberal-minded, open-minded, tolerant, fair, impartial, unprejudiced, unbiased, undogmatic, catholic, free-thinking, accepting, open. *ANT.* *close-minded, narrow-minded, bigoted, dogmatic.*

**brochure** *n.* pamphlet, booklet, folder, circular, leaflet, flier, throwaway.

**brogue** *n.* accent, twang, drawl.

**broil** *v.* flame-broil, sear, grill, barbecue, heat, cook, roast, burn, singe.

**broke** *a.* penniless, poor, impoverished, bankrupt, insolvent, destitute, ruined. *ANT.* *wealthy, affluent, rich, \*rolling in dough.*

**broken** *a.* 1. BUSTED fractured, ruptured, shattered, splintered, torn apart, pulverized, damaged, smashed, mangled. 2. NOT WORKING nonfunctioning, broken down, in disrepair, out of order, \*on the blink, \*on the fritz, \*busted, \*kaput, \*dead. 3. DEFEATED beaten, crushed, vanquished, disheartened, humbled, fallen. *ANT.* 1. *whole, intact.* 2. *functioning, running, \*humming.* 3. *invincible, indomitable, triumphant.*

**broken-hearted** *a.* heartbroken, grief-stricken, mournful, forlorn, despairing, dejected,

- inconsolable, desolate, crushed. *ANT. euphoric, elated, joyous.*
- broker** *n.* agent, dealer, intermediary, negotiator, go-between, middle-man.
- bromide** *n.* platitude, trite saying, cliché.
- brooch** *n.* pin, clip, ornament, breastpin, clasp.
- brood** *n.* offspring, young, hatchlings, clutch, litter, spawn, children.
- brood** *v.* worry, agonize, fret, ruminate, deliberate, \*stew over, mope, muse, meditate, think over.
- brook** *n.* stream, creek, \*crick, rill, runnel, tributary, branch.
- brook** *v.* take, stand for, tolerate, abide, bear, put up with, condone.
- broom** *n.* sweeper.
- broth** *n.* stock, bouillon, flavoring, soup.
- brothel** *n.* bordello, \*whorehouse, \*cathouse, house of ill repute, \*crib, \*joy house, massage parlor, house of prostitution, bagnio, bawdyhouse, \*sporting house.
- brotherhood** *n.* fellowship, fraternity, comradeship, kinship. "All for one and one for all." — Alexandre Dumas.
- BROUHAHA** *n.* [BROU ha ha] an uproar. *The scandalous findings caused a brouhaha at city hall.* *SYN.* uproar, hubbub, commotion, wrangle, stir, clamor, \*to-do, ruckus, upset, disturbance, hullabaloo, rumpus, sensation.
- browbeat** *v.* intimidate, bully, cow, badger, terrorize, harass, threaten, domineer, \*bulldoze, tyrannize, hector.
- brown** *a.* auburn, chestnut, chocolate, sorrel, coffee, brunette, fawn, ochre, amber, mahogany, cocoa, dun, tan, beige, cinnamon, ginger, rust, nutbrown, bister, sepia, henna, earth, fox.
- brown-nose** *v. Sl.* \*kiss up, \*suck up, bootlick, toady, fawn, flatter, kowtow, truckle, curry favor with.
- browse** *v.* glance, skim, scan, flip through, peruse, skip over.
- bruise** *n.* contusion, black and blue mark, ecchymosis, discoloration, blemish, wound, \*hickey.
- bruise** *v.* contuse, jam, wound, bump, discolor, injure, mark, mar.
- bruiser** *n.* bully, fighter, boxer, hulk.
- brunette** *a.* dark-haired, brown-haired, black-haired.
- brunt** *n.* blow, impact, shock, force, full force.
- brush** *n.* 1. BROOM whisk, besom, duster. 2. TOUCH sweep, stroke, scrape. 3. CONFRONTATION clash, encounter, run-in, skirmish, tussle. 4. BUSH scrub, thicket, undergrowth, shrubs, coppice, brake, bramble, brier, bracken.
- brush** *v.* 1. SWEEP scrub, whisk, wash, wipe, buff, paint, scuff, dust off. 2. TOUCH sweep, stroke, scrape, glance, graze, caress, tickle.
- brush-off** *n.* \*cold shoulder, \*kiss-off, snub, rejection, slight, rebuff, dismissal.
- brush up** *v.* study, bone up, \*cram.
- BRUSQUE** *a.* [BRUSK] blunt or rough in manner. *The clerk was always discourteous and brusque.* *SYN.* blunt, rough, abrupt, curt, gruff, short, bluff, terse, discourteous, snippy, sharp, rude. *ANT. courteous, considerate, gracious.*
- brutal** *a.* 1. VICIOUS savage, cruel, cold, barbaric, inhuman, ferocious, heartless, bloodthirsty, brutish, ruthless, harsh, hellish, pitiless. 2. HARSH rigorous, tortuous, trying, merciless, hard, painful. *ANT. kind, caring, humane, gentle.*
- brutality** *n.* viciousness, savagery, cruelty, coldness, barbarism, ferocity, inhumanity, heartlessness, brutishness, harshness. *ANT. kindness, caring, humaneness, gentility.*
- brute** *n.* beast, savage, barbarian, monster, animal, fiend, \*Neanderthal, caveman, ogre, swine, devil.
- bubble** *n.* globule, droplet, sphere, burble, spheroid, orb, bead, bleb.
- bubble** *v.* boil, percolate, simmer, seethe, effervesce, burble, froth, foam, fizz, popple.
- buccaneer** *n.* pirate, corsair, privateer.
- bucket** *n.* stag, deer.
- bucket** *n.* pail, vessel, cask, can, scuttle, pot, pitcher, container, holder.
- buckle** *n.* clasp, clip, fastener, snap, hitch, hasp.
- buckle** *v.* 1. CLASP clip, fasten, snap on, hitch. 2. BEND contort, warp, crimp, bulge, break, collapse, cave in, crumple, give way. *ANT. 1. unbuckle, unfasten, release. 2. straighten.*
- buckle down** *v.* apply oneself, get serious, \*put one's nose to the grindstone.
- BUCOLIC** *a.* [byoo KOL ik] of rural or pastoral life; rustic. *We admired a bucolic panorama of rolling hills, grazing cows, and old stone walls.* *SYN.* rustic, rural, countrified, pastoral, agrarian, Arcadian. *ANT. urban, citified, metropolitan.*
- bud** *v.* sprout, open, bloom, flower, blossom, shoot. *SEE FLOWER*
- buddy** *n.* pal, chum, friend, comrade, companion, sidekick, crony, alter ego, \*bro.
- budge** *v.* 1. MOVE inch, shift, stir, roll, dislodge, push, propel, nudge. 2. BEND give in, acquiesce, yield.
- budget** *n.* financial plan, appropriation, estimate, overhead, expenses. "A mathematical

confirmation of your suspicions.”—A.A. Latimer. SEE MONEY, BANK

**budget** *v.* apportion, allocate, estimate, ration, allow.

**buff** *n.* devotee, enthusiast, fanatic, expert, connoisseur, \*bug, \*freak, nut.

**buff** *v.* clean, shine, polish, rub, burnish, smooth.

**buffalo** *n.* bison, animal, mammal, quadruped, herbivore.

**buffer** *n.* cushion, pad, shock absorber, guard.

**buffet** *n.* sideboard, counter, credenza, shelf, salad bar, cold table, smorgasbord.

**buffet** *v.* pummel, beat, cuff, strike, slug, slap, drub, knock, punch, smack, wallop, pound, \*hit upside the head.

**buffoon** *n.* clown, fool, jester, joker, prankster, comedian, harlequin, \*boob, bozo, zany, merry-andrew.

**bug** *n.* 1. INSECT vermin, pest. 2. FLAW defect, fault, imperfection.

**bug** *v.* 1. BOTHER annoy, irritate, irk, pester, vex, nettle, badger, plague, disturb. 2. WIRETAP eavesdrop, spy.

**build** *n.* physique, shape, figure, body.

**build** *v.* 1. CONSTRUCT erect, put together, assemble, raise, fabricate, \*knock together, engineer, contrive, \*throw up. 2. ESTABLISH start, set up, initiate, institute, found, create. 3. FORM shape, mold, model, fashion, create. 4. INTENSIFY compound, escalate, mount, amplify, magnify, grow, swell. *ANT.* 1. *disassemble, demolish, raze.* 4. *decrease, decrescendo.*

**building** *n.* structure, edifice, construction, erection, high rise, \*skyscraper, superstructure, framework. SEE ARCHITECTURE, CASTLE, CATHEDRAL, HOUSE

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**WORD FIND**

arches, series of: arcade

brickwork laid in checkered pattern: checkerwork, basketweave

brickwork with alternating courses of bricks laid sideways (stretchers) and head-ways (headers): English bond

brickwork with every other brick laid head-ways (header): Flemish bond

concrete embedded with steel mesh, bars: reinforced concrete

face: facade

gallery between two main stories: mezzanine

inscribed stone: cornerstone

inscription on: epigraph

material: brick, mortar, concrete, reinforced concrete, stone, wood, adobe

**monstrous ornament:** gargoyle, grotesque

**nonopening window:** deadlight

**outside corner:** quoin

**rooftop safety wall:** parapet

**round, domed:** rotunda

**shelflike projection:** cornice

**support:** joist, beam, girder, pier, buttress, flying buttress

**window design, arrangement:** fenestration

**wing:** annex, ell, bay

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**bulge** *n.* bump, swelling, protuberance, lump, hump, prominence, outgrowth. *ANT.* *hollow, hole.*

**bulge** *v.* swell, protrude, distend, puff, balloon, stick out. *ANT.* *contract, shrivel.*

**bulimia** *n.* eating disorder, bulimarexia, bulimia nervosa, compulsive eating. SEE ANOREXIA

**bulk** *n.* 1. SIZE mass, volume, amount, magnitude, body, extent. 2. BIGGEST PART main, majority, most, lion's share, preponderance, better part.

**bulky** *a.* massive, unwieldy, cumbersome, huge, ponderous, prodigious, mammoth, sizable, unmanageable, hulking, voluminous. *ANT.* *small, wieldy, manageable, pocket-sized.*

**bull** *n.* 1. ANIMAL Taurus, bullock, male, steer, ox. 2. *Sl.* UNTRUTH \*bilge, \*blarney, \*baloney, bushwa, \*BS, \*hogwash, lies, bunk, \*hokum, \*horsefeathers, \*malarkey, \*rot, \*rubbish, nonsense.

**bull** *v.* charge, drive, thrust, press, bulldoze, \*muscle.

**bulldozer** *n.* earthmover, grader, plow, heavy machinery.

**bullet** *n.* shot, ball, shell, cartridge, trajectory, slug, \*lead, pellet, missile. SEE AMMUNITION, GUN

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**WORD FIND**

**bulletproof garment:** bulletproof vest

**bulletproof shield:** mantelet

**cartridge with no projectile:** blank

**container:** cartridge

**covering:** jacket

**diameter:** caliber

**glowing, military:** tracer

**pointed:** spitzer

**receptacle:** clip, magazine

**shotgun pellets:** birdshot, buckshot

**shotgun projectiles used in riots to stun, not kill:** baton rounds

**soft, expands when it hits, causing severe damage:** dumdum

**trajectory deviation:** drift

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**bulletin** *n.* report, flash, statement, announcement, notification, communication, dispatch, publication.

**bullfight** *n.* corrida, spectacle.

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**WORD FIND**

**assistant on horseback, lances bull's neck:**

picador

**assisting team:** cuadrilla

**barbed dart:** banderilla

**cheer:** olé

**fighter:** matador, torero

**matador's emergency shelter:** burladero

**picador's lance:** pic

**red cape waved:** capa

**wave of red cloth:** capeador

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**bullheaded** *a.* headstrong, stubborn, mulish, obstinate. *ANT.* *compromising, yielding, irresolute.*

**bullion** *n.* ingot, bar, plate; gold, silver.

**bullish** *a.* optimistic, confident, believing, hopeful, sure, assured, steady, unflinching, cocksure, rising, going, escalating, climbing, ascending, surging, increasing, gaining, inflating, trending upward. *ANT.* *bearish, pessimistic, falling.*

**bully** *n.* tyrant, thug, tormentor, terrorizer, bruiser, ruffian, rowdy, \*browbeater, \*dink, swaggerer, oppressor, aggressor, intimidator, \*human T-Rex, dictator, \*biggest toad in the puddle. *SEE* BOSS

**bully** *v.* domineer, tyrannize, torment, \*lord over, threaten, oppress, dictate, \*call the shots, intimidate, hector, browbeat.

**bulwark** *n.* fortification, rampart, earthwork, bank, wall, reinforcement, barrier, defense, stronghold, bastion, protection.

**bum** *n.* loafer, idler, derelict, panhandler, drunk, hobo, vagrant, ne'er-do-well, beggar, tramp, transient.

**bumbling** *a.* blundering, stumbling, bungling, clumsy, uncoordinated. *ANT.* *coordinated, ordered, graceful.*

**bummer** *n. Sl.* \*downer, bad experience, disappointment, disaster, \*pain in the ass, misfortune, \*drag.

**bump** *n.* 1. COLLISION crash, thud, thump, scrape, tap, jolt, blow, jostle, knock, sideswiping, \*fenderbender, impact, crack, nudge. 2. SWELLING lump, bulge, welt, knob, gnarl, nodule, protuberance, dent, \*ding.

**bump** *v.* 1. HIT thump, collide with, run into, butt, scrape, tap, jar, bang, graze, sideswipe, jostle, smash into, bang. 2. DISPLACE depose, replace, remove, dislodge.

**bumpkin** *n.* hick, \*hayseed, yokel, rustic, \*goat-roper, clodhopper, yahoo, \*cider squeezer, farmer.

**bumptious** *a.* arrogant, conceited, pushy, forward, overbearing, cocky, haughty, presumptuous. *ANT.* *bashful, diffident, retiring.*

**bumpy** *a.* rough, jolting, lumpy, jerky, jarring, rugged, \*washboard, corrugated, \*spine-shattering, \*kidney-crushing, choppy, \*chuckholed, \*potholed. *ANT.* *smooth, silky, graded.*

**bunch** *n.* group, cluster, collection, lot, mass, clump, quantity, assortment, bundle, host, multitude, heap, batch, throng, swarm, number, galaxy, \*mess, \*oodles.

**bundle** *n.* 1. MASS bunch, lot, cluster, heap, group, pile, batch, collection. 2. PACKAGE parcel, packet, box, carton, sheaf, bale, stack, roll.

**bungalow** *n.* cottage. *SEE* HOUSE

**bungle** *v.* botch, \*screw up, \*muff, \*blow it, \*goof, mess up, blunder, fumble, misstep, miscalculate, \*drop the ball. *ANT.* *succeed, \*pull it off, \*score.*

**bungling** *a.* inept, incompetent, clumsy, blundering, maladroit. *ANT.* *adroit, nimble, able.*

**bunk** *n.* 1. BED cot, berth. 2. *Sl.* NONSENSE \*malarkey, \*baloney, \*hokum, \*rubbish, twaddle. *SEE* BULL, NONSENSE

**buoy** *n.* float, marker, beacon, bell.

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**WORD FIND**

**mooring:** dolphin

**type:** can, nun, bell, whistle

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**buoy** *v.* uplift, boost, raise, lift, hearten.

**buoyant** *a.* cheerful, lighthearted, resilient, blithe, optimistic, sprightly, mirthful, sanguine, carefree, jaunty. *ANT.* *depressed, somber, down.*

**burden** *n.* load, weight, cross to bear, obligation, stress, millstone, albatross, onus, strain, hardship, responsibility, encumbrance, affliction, workload, incubus.

**burden** *v.* load, weigh down, saddle with, encumber, strain, obligate, bog down, hamper, oppress, tax, yoke. *ANT.* *unburden, lighten, free.*

**bureau** *n.* 1. DRESSER chest of drawers, chest, chiffonier, highboy. 2. DEPARTMENT division, branch, agency, office, commission.

**BUREAUCRACY** *n.* [byoo ROK ruh see] any form of government administration, especially that which is inefficient and bound by its own red tape. *A bureaucracy requires a contract submitted in quadruplicate when a handshake would do.* *SYN.* government ad-

- ministration, civil service, officialdom, \*the Establishment, \*powers that be, city hall, the system, the authorities, \*Big Brother. "A giant mechanism operated by pygmies."—Honoré de Balzac. "The anonymous 'they,' the enigmatic 'they' who are in charge."—Joseph Heller.
- bureaucrat** *n.* government official, civil servant, administrator, politician, clerk, public servant, pencil-pusher, \*desk-jockey, \*red tape dispenser.
- BURGEON** *v.* [BUR jun] grow, proliferate. *The deficit is burgeoning out of control.* SYN. grow, proliferate, flourish, develop, sprout, thrive, mushroom, bud, spread, multiply, expand. ANT. *dwindle, diminish.*
- burglar** *n.* thief, cat burglar, crook, mugger, prowler, \*picklock, robber, housebreaker.
- burial** *n.* interment, inhumation, funeral, entombment, last rites, \*deep six. SEE CEMETERY
- burlesque** *n.* parody, satire, caricature, farce, lampoon, travesty, \*send-up, spoof, vaudeville, comedy, \*schtick, skits, striptease.
- burly** *a.* big, heavy, muscular, strong, beefy, brawny, stout, hefty, hulking, rugged, thickset. ANT. *skinny, anorexic, slight.*
- burn** *v.* 1. BE ON FIRE OR SET FIRE incinerate, ignite, torch, blaze, flame, light, smolder, kindle, reduce to ashes, rage, go up in smoke, consume, cremate, deflagrate, combust, singe, sear, broil, char, scorch, brand, cauterize. 2. CONSUME use up, expend, squander. 3. CHEAT swindle, bilk, take, \*rip off. ANT. 1. *extinguish, quench.* 2. *conserve, save.*
- burning** *a.* 1. FLAMING blazing, on fire, raging, aflame, fiery, ignited, smoldering, smoking. 2. SERIOUS dire, crucial, compelling, important, critical, crucial, vital, urgent, pressing. 3. FERVENT feverish, passionate, frenzied, ardent, enthusiastic. ANT. 1. *extinguished, out, quenched.* 2. *insignificant, trivial.* 3. *apathetic, cool, unconcerned.*
- burnish** *v.* polish, smooth, brighten, furbish, buff, shine, gloss, rub.
- burnout** *n.* exhaustion, dissipation, weariness, combat fatigue, defeat, sapping, \*running out of steam, expiration, disillusionment, disenchantment, breakdown.
- burn out** *v.* tire, fatigue, \*run out of steam, become drained, \*stress out, become jaded, \*get sick of.
- burp** *v.* belch.
- burrow** *n.* hole, tunnel, warren, dugout, diggings, den, lair.
- burrow** *v.* dig, excavate, tunnel, hollow out, furrow.
- burst** *n.* explosion, outburst, blowout, eruption, discharge, outpouring, spurt.
- burst** *v.* pop, explode, crack open, rupture, fly apart, blow up, shatter, rip, bust, split, erupt, disintegrate.
- bury** *v.* 1. INTER entomb, inhume, sepulcher, lay to rest. 2. EMBED sink, submerge, implant, engulf. 3. COVER conceal, hide, cache, stash, secrete. ANT. 1. *exhume, dig up.* 3. *expose, air.*
- bus** *n.* transport, public transportation, motor vehicle, passenger vehicle, motor coach, jitney, mass transit vehicle.
- bush** *n.* 1. SHRUB hedge, plant, thicket, briar, bramble, undergrowth, scrub. 2. BACKCOUNTRY woods, jungle, the wild, outback.
- bushed** *a.* exhausted, spent, \*pooped. ANT. energetic, peppy. SEE TIRED
- bush-league** *a.* second-rate, \*minor league, \*small potatoes. ANT. *first-rate, big league, big time.* SEE INFERIOR
- business** *n.* 1. OCCUPATION profession, trade, job, career, vocation, calling, work, livelihood, \*racket, pursuit. 2. COMMERCE industry, trade, enterprise, manufacturing, merchandising, buying and selling, mercantilism, marketing. "The art of extracting money from another man's pocket without resorting to violence."—Max Amsterdam. "Riding a bicycle. Either you keep moving or you fall down."—John Wright. 3. RESPONSIBILITY concern, department, province, affair, duty, interest, subject, matter. 4. FIRM company, corporation, concern, enterprise, market, store, factory, office, organization, conglomerate, mill.
- businesslike** *a.* methodical, efficient, organized, orderly, systematic, professional, industrious. ANT. *disorganized, slipshod, unprofessional.*
- businessman/woman** *n.* merchant, trader, industrialist, entrepreneur, tycoon, capitalist, investor, employer.
- bust** *n.* chest, bosom, breast.
- bustle** *n.* activity, commotion, hubbub, hurly-burly, uproar, tumult, flurry, stir, \*comings and goings, to-do, pother. ANT. *stillness, calm, peace.*
- busy** *a.* 1. ACTIVE bustling, full, \*buzzing, \*humming, \*popping, \*hopping, jumping, \*on the go, lively. 2. ENGAGED preoccupied, employed, unavailable, working, active, involved, tied down, tied up. ANT. 1. *idle, still, quiet.* 2. *free, at leisure, lazing around.*
- busybody** *n.* meddler, pry, gossip, snoop, blabbermouth, \*buttski.

**butcher** *v.* 1. SLAUGHTER dress, clean, cure, pack, smoke. 2. KILL slaughter, murder, massacre, slay. 3. BUNGLÉ botch, make a mess of, \*screw up, ruin.

**butler** *n.* servant, \*help, food server, staff.

**butt/buttocks** *n.* bottom, seat, rump, \*tush, \*ass, derriere, \*fanny, \*stern, backside, gluteus maximus.

**butt** *n.* subject, target, victim, scapegoat.

**butt** *v.* ram, horn, thrust, strike, drive, batter, collide, jab, jam.

**butterflies** *n.* anxiety, tension, nerves, jitters, unease, nervousness, nausea, \*shakes, \*cold sweat, nervous anticipation.

**button** *n.* 1. FASTENER clasp, stud. 2. PUSHBUTTON switch, toggle, on/off, power switch, tuner, adjustor, knob, dial.

**buttness** *n.* support, prop, brace, reinforcement, abutment, stanchion, shore, beam, pier, arch.

**buttness** *v.* reinforce, strengthen, fortify, bolster, shore up, prop up.

**buxom** *a.* full-figured, \*busty, shapely, plump, voluptuous. *ANT.* *skinny, bony, \*flat.*

**buy** *v.* 1. PURCHASE acquire, bargain for, pay for, procure, make a deal, bid, corner, shop, market. 2. BRIBE corrupt, \*pay off.

**buzz** *n.* hum, drone, whirl, hiss, whizz.

**bygone** *a.* former, past, previous, gone by, olden, erstwhile, defunct, forgotten, lost. *ANT.* *present, current, in the here and now.*

**bypass** *v.* go around, avoid, detour around, sidestep, circumvent.

**byproduct** *n.* outgrowth, offshoot, spin-off, side effect.

**bystander** *n.* observer, onlooker, witness, eyewitness, spectator, passerby.

**byte** *n.* eight bits, sixteen bits, unit.

**byword** *n.* proverb, adage, motto, maxim, slogan, saying, catchword, watchword, dictum, truth, principle.

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- cab** *n.* taxi, cabriolet, hack, hansom.
- cabal** *n.* 1. FACTION junta, camarilla, clique, ring, band. 2. CONSPIRACY plot, intrigue, scheme.
- cabalistic** *a.* occult, secret, hidden, clandestine, esoteric, mystic, mysterious, conspiratorial, underground. *ANT.* *overt, open.*
- cabana** *n.* shelter, bathhouse.
- cabaret** *n.* nightclub, boîte, dinner theater, cafe, supper club, honky-tonk, disco.
- cabin** *n.* 1. COTTAGE shack, loghouse, camp, hovel, hut, lodge, chalet, shanty, bungalow. 2. COMPARTMENT quarters, stateroom, room, chamber.
- cabinet** *n.* 1. CUPBOARD commode, bureau, chest, chiffonier, chifforobe, box, case, file, etagere, console. 2. ADMINISTRATION advisers, council, ministry, board, \*brain trust.
- cabinetmaker** *n.* craftsman, woodworker, artisan, furniture maker, carpenter.
- cabin fever** *n.* claustrophobia, winter blues, SAD (seasonal affective disorder), restlessness, distress, \*climbing the walls, temporary insanity, neurosis, \*going psycho.
- cable** *n.* 1. WIRE cord, line, rope, chain. 2. OVERSEAS TELEGRAM wire, cablegram.
- cache** *n.* stockpile, hoard, stash, supply, store, \*nest egg, respository, reserve, hiding place provisions.
- cackle** *v.* chuckle, chortle. *SEE* LAUGH
- CACOPHONOUS** *a.* [kuh KOF uh nus] harsh-sounding, jarring, especially designating incongruent sounds heard over one another. *No one could tell whether the cacophonous heavy-metal band was in tune or not.* *SYN.* harsh-sounding, jarring, dissonant, discordant, strident, inharmonious, unmelodious, grating, raucous, noisy. *ANT.* *euphonic, harmonious, melodious.*
- cactus** *n.* desert plant, saguaro, cholla, prickly pear, cereus, mescal. *SEE* DESERT
- cad** *n.* scoundrel, bounder, heel, rogue, rat, rascal, lout, scamp, knave, bastard, \*dink.
- cadaver** *n.* corpse, body, \*stiff, carcass, remains, mummy.
- cadaverous** *a.* pale, ghastly, gaunt, haggard, pallid, ashen, deathly, emaciated, chalky, ghostly, bloodless, having the pallor of death. *ANT.* *rosy, ruddy, glowing.*
- cadence** *n.* modulation, meter, rhythm, beat, measure, pulse, tempo, flow, swing.
- cadre** *n.* nucleus, core, infrastructure, framework.
- cafe** *n.* coffeehouse, bar, bistro. *SEE* RESTAURANT
- cafeteria** *n.* lunchroom, lunch counter, commissary. *SEE* RESTAURANT
- cage** *n.* enclosure, jail, pound, lockup, pen, coop, confinement, prison, trap.
- cage** *v.* confine, trap, enclose, pen, imprison, impound, coop up, shut up, lock up. *ANT.* *free, release.*
- CAGEY** *a.* [KAY jee] tricky, not easily caught or fooled. *A fox is a cagey animal.* *SYN.* tricky, sly, cunning, wary, leery, shrewd, wily, cautious, crafty, careful. *ANT.* *unwary, trusting, naive.*
- cahoots** *n.* *Sl.* partnership, league, collusion, alliance, conspiracy.
- CAJOLE** *v.* [kuh JOHL] to persuade with flattery, coax. *She cajoled him for hours; he finally gave in.* *SYN.* persuade, coax, wheedle, \*sweet talk, blandish, pander to, \*butter up, flatter, stroke, \*kiss up, beguile, inveigle.
- cajolery** *n.* palaver, persuasion, coaxing. *SEE* FLATTERY
- cake** *n.* 1. BAR block, lump, brick, slab, cube. 2. LOAF batter cake, layer cake, torte, pastry, flan, madeleine, cupcake.
- cakewalk** *n.* \*a snap, \*breeze, \*child's play, \*cinch, \*no-brainer, \*piece of cake.
- calamitous** *a.* disastrous, catastrophic, ruinous, devastating, cataclysmic, grievous, fatal, tragic, dire. *ANT.* *blessed, beneficial, favorable.*
- calamity** *n.* disaster, catastrophe, devastation, cataclysm, fatality, misery, blow, adversity, ruination, misfortune. "A mighty leveler."—Edmund Burke. "The test of integrity."—Samuel Richardson. *ANT.* *blessing, good fortune, boon.*
- calculate** *v.* compute, figure, reckon, add up, sum up, count, evaluate, surmise, judge, forecast.

**calculating** *a.* shrewd, scheming, crafty, designing, manipulative, plotting, artful, wily, sharp. *ANT.* *artless, naive.*

**calculation** *n.* computation, figuring, counting, reckoning, summation, evaluation, estimation, mathematics, arithmetic.

**calculator** *n.* computer, adding machine, \*number cruncher.

**caldron** *n.* boiler. SEE KETTLE

**caliber** *n.* 1. QUALITY value, worth, character, ability, virtue, distinction. 2. DIAMETER bore, gauge.

**CALIBRATE** *v.* [KAL uh brayt] to adjust; to check for accuracy. *The inspector came to calibrate the meat scales.* *SYN.* adjust, check, correct, fix, test, regulate, measure, align, tune, fine-tune, balance, synchronize.

**calisthenics** *n.* exercises, workout, aerobics.

**call** *n.* 1. SHOUT exclamation, yell, whoop, announcement, outcry. 2. SUMMONS request, convocation, appeal, draft. 3. INVITATION solicitation, bidding. 3. ANIMAL CRY hoot, shriek, bleat, low, bellow, trumpet, ululation. SEE BIRD, SHOUT

**call** *v.* 1. SHOUT exclaim, announce, yell, cry, holler, hail, whoop. 2. SUMMON request, convoke, muster, convene, direct. 3. NAME designate, label, title, term, christen, dub. 4. VISIT drop in, ring.

**call girl** *n.* \*hooker, \*streetwalker. SEE PROSTITUTE

**calling** *n.* vocation, metier, occupation, profession, trade, job, business, pursuit, line, forte, passion, \*thing, \*bag, \*racket.

**call off** *v.* cancel, postpone, \*scrub, abort, \*kill.

**CALLOUS** *a.* [KAL us] unfeeling, having no pity. *The callous rioters looted neighborhood stores.* *SYN.* unfeeling, pitiless, merciless, cold, uncaring, heartless, insensitive, hard-boiled, indifferent, cruel, cold-blooded. *ANT.* *sympathetic, caring, thoughtful.*

**CALLOW** *a.* [KAL oh] inexperienced, immature. *Some sixteen-year-olds are too callow to be trusted behind the wheel.* *SYN.* inexperienced, immature, unseasoned, naive, unsophisticated, childish, juvenile, sophomoric, uninitiated, green, unfledged. *ANT.* *mature, experienced, worldly.*

**calm** *a.* 1. STILL motionless, tranquil, quiet, undisturbed, halcyon, windless, smooth, placid, serene. 2. RELAXED unperturbed, cool, collected, unruffled, unexcited, sedate, tranquil, dispassionate, composed, staid, unflappable, placid. *ANT.* 1. *turbulent, rough, disturbed.* 2. *nervous, anxious, frenzied, panicky.*

**calumny** *n.* slander, defamation, malicious statement, libel, smear, mud-slinging, smirch, false accusation, aspersion, slur. *ANT.* *praise, compliment, acclaim.*

**CAMARADERIE** *n.* [kah muh RAH duh ree] friendliness and rapport. *The camaraderie between the team's players was obvious.* *SYN.* fellowship, rapport, friendliness, companionship, bonhomie, brotherhood, friendship, comradeship, conviviality, esprit de corps, fraternization, loyalty, \*buddy-buddy atmosphere. *ANT.* *hostility, antagonism, coldness.* SEE FRIENDSHIP

**camcorder** *n.* videocassette recorder, camera.

**camel** *n.* dromedary, beast of burden, quadruped, ruminant.

**camera** *n.* 35mm, \*Polaroid, video camera, camcorder, \*Brownie, \*Kodak, \*Nikon. SEE PHOTOGRAPHY

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**WORD FIND**

**flash receptacle:** hot shoe

**focusing system:** range finder, viewfinder

**lens for shooting tiny objects:** macro lens

**lens producing haze or color effect:** filter

**lightmeasuring device:** light meter, exposure meter, photometer

**light producer:** flash

**long-distance lens:** telephoto lens, zoom lens

**opening, amount of:** aperture

**opens and closes when shot is taken:** shutter

**stand:** tripod, highhat

**wide field of view lens:** wide-angle lens, fisheye, bugeye

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**camisole** *n.* negligee, undergarment. SEE LINGERIE

**camouflage** *n.* disguise, concealment, facade, cover-up, cryptic coloration, blind, dissimulation, front, masquerade, veil, shroud, mimicry.

**camouflage** *v.* disguise, conceal, cover up, masquerade, obscure, obfuscate, shroud, veil, hide, simulate, mimic. *ANT.* *expose, reveal, display.*

**camp** *n.* 1. ENCAMPMENT bivouac, cantonment, shelter. 2. GROUP faction, clique, sect, party, circle.

**camp** *v.* bivouac, encamp, pitch a tent, rough it, lodge, sleep out.

**campaign** *n.* 1. OPERATIONS offensive, strategy, battle plan. 2. DRIVE crusade, movement, project, push.

**campaign** *v.* electioneer, run, solicit votes, canvass, crusade, lobby, barnstorm.

**camper** *n.* recreational vehicle, RV, \*tin can, mobile home, \*Winnebago.

**campus** *n.* grounds, yard, quad, dorm, alma mater. SEE SCHOOL, COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY

**campy** *a.* affected, effeminate, artificial, ostentatious, garish, posturing, flaunting, outlandish, theatrical, \*faggy. *ANT.* *straight-laced, understated, serious.*

**can** *n.* container, receptacle, vessel, tin.

**canal** *n.* waterway, conduit, channel, race, aqueduct, passage, trench, culvert, duct, tube.

**cancel** *v.* 1. CALL OFF stop, revoke, \*kill, break off, void, annul, discontinue, rescind, countermand, abort. 2. OFFSET counter, neutralize, counterbalance, make up for, nullify.

**cancer** *n.* carcinoma, tumor, malignancy, sarcoma, malignant neoplasm, growth. SEE OPERATION, DISEASE

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**WORD FIND**

**blood/marrow:** leukemia

**breast removal:** mastectomy

**cause, substance:** carcinogen

**deadly form:** malignant

**harmless form:** benign

**mass:** tumor, neoplasm, growth

**medical branch:** oncology

**removable:** resectable

**skin:** melanoma, basal cell tumor

**spread of:** metastasis

**treatment:** chemotherapy, radiation

**tumor removal:** lumpectomy

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**candid** *a.* open, honest, frank, up-front, straightforward, blunt, direct, sincere, four-square, heart-to-heart. *ANT.* *mealy-mouthed, insincere, indirect.*

**candidate** *n.* nominee, aspirant, contender, office-seeker, party favorite, hopeful, entrant, \*dark horse. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, ELECTION

**candle** *n.* taper, rush, torch, glim.

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**WORD FIND**

**burning center:** wick

**holder:** sconce, candelabra, chandelier, girandole, menorah

**lighter:** taper

**maker:** chandler

**material:** wax, carnauba, tallow

**wick's end:** snuff

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**CANDOR** *n.* [KAN dur] truthfulness, frankness. *In all candor, Mary, you have dragon breath.* SYN. truthfulness, frankness, honesty, straightforwardness, bluntness, outspokenness, openness, directness, forthrightness,

plain-speaking. *ANT.* *deception, indirectness, duplicity, \*doublespeak.*

**candy** *n.* sweet, confection, bonbon, kiss, lozenge, taffy, caramel, toffee, jellybean, jawbreaker, fudge, drop, wafer, lollipop, nougat, praline, sweetmeat, brittle, cotton candy, peanut brittle, mint, sucker, gumball, chocolate bar, penny candy.

**cane** *n.* stick, walking stick, staff, crook, rod.

**canker** *n.* lesion, sore, ulcer, blister, cold sore.

**cannibal** *n.* man-eater, headhunter, savage, barbarian, carnivore.

**cannon** *n.* gun, howitzer, mortar, heavy artillery, ordnance, \*Big Bertha, \*Long Tom. SEE ARMY, GUN, WEAPON

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**WORD FIND**

**case of projectiles:** canister

**cast iron balls:** grapeshot

**continuous firing:** cannonade, barrage, salvo

**gunner:** cannoneer

**kick:** recoil

**shipboard antiaircraft guns:** pompom

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**canny** *a.* shrewd, clever, cautious, careful, cagey, wily, sly, smart, streetwise, worldly, wary, crafty, sagacious. *ANT.* *naive, careless, unsophisticated, dim-witted.*

**canoe** *n.* boat, dugout, pirogue, bongo, kayak. SEE BOAT, RIVER, SHIP

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**WORD FIND**

**air chambers:** sponsons

**angled stroke used to avoid fatigue on long excursions:** Canadian stroke

**apparel and equipment of canoeist:** duffle

**braking stroke:** jam stroke

**carrying canoe over land between water bodies:** portaging

**deviate from course or float sideways:** yaw

**distance above water line to gunwales:** freeboard, draw, draft

**left side facing forward:** port

**line used to tie or tow:** painter

**right side facing forward:** starboard

**side edges, upper:** gunwales (pronounced "gunnels")

**underside strip:** keel

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**CAN OF WORMS** *n.* a complex or troublesome problem. *He opened up a can of worms when he made the "no new taxes" pledge.* SYN. problem, difficulty, complexity, Pandora's box, complication, trouble, Gordian knot, entanglement, snarl, knot, predicament, quandary, quagmire, hot water.

**canon** *n.* law, decree, doctrine, principle, dogma, edict, statute. SEE LAW

**canopy** *n.* awning, cover, sunshade, baldachin, tilt, tarp.

**cant** *n.* 1. INSINCERITY piety, \*lip service, hypocrisy, pretense, sanctimony. 2. JARGON argot, lingo, dialect, slang, vernacular, patter.

**cant** *v.* tilt, angle, overturn, slant, lean, tip, incline.

**cantankerous** *a.* bad-tempered, ornery, crabby, touchy, surly, grouchy, irritable, contentious, grumpy, crotchety, testy, cranky, bearish. *ANT.* *cheerful, easygoing, good-humored.*

**canteen** *n.* flask, bottle, jug.

**canter** *v.* lope, saunter, amble, trot, gallop.

**canvas** *n.* duck, tent cloth, sailcloth, coarse cloth, fabric, cotton, hemp, flax.

**canvass** *v.* analyze, poll, examine, solicit, survey, study, investigate, discuss, electioneer.

**canyon** *n.* valley, gorge, gulch, ravine, gully, box canyon, chasm, pass.

**cap** *n.* hat, headgear, beret, beanie, tam-o'-shanter. SEE HAT

**cap** *v.* top, crown, surpass, beat, transcend, eclipse, defeat.

**capability** *a.* ability, know-how, capacity, proficiency, wherewithal, aptitude, \*the right stuff, means, power, skill, mind, talent.

**capable** *a.* able, competent, skilled, trained, apt, adept, learned, proficient, deft, adept, equal to, expert, masterly, adroit, talented, \*having the right stuff. *ANT.* *incapable, incompetent, inept.*

**capacious** *a.* spacious, roomy, commodious, voluminous, big, ample. *ANT.* *tiny, cramped.*

**capacity** *n.* 1. VOLUME proportions, size, dimensions, magnitude, range, contents, space, limit, room. 2. ABILITY capability, means, power, competence, faculty, aptitude, \*the right stuff, mind, talent, skill, proficiency. 3. POSITION role, responsibility, function.

**cape** *n.* 1. MANTLE cloak, wrap, poncho, shawl, capote, pelisse. 2. PENINSULA headland, point, promontory.

**caper** *n.* prank, escapade, \*high jinx, \*shenani-gans.

**caper** *v.* jump, skip, gambol, prance, romp, frisk, hop, leap about.

**capital** *n.* 1. SEAT OF GOVERNMENT principal city. 2. WEALTH funds, moneys, stock, savings, assets, resources, venture capital, investment capital. "That part of wealth which is devoted to obtaining further wealth."—Alfred Marshall. 1. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS, LAW 2. SEE MONEY, BANK

**CAPITALISM** *n.* [KAP i tuh LIZ um] free enterprise, business, and the pursuit of wealth by

private citizens for private gain. *Capitalism is the economic engine that drives America.* *SYN.* free enterprise, free market, commercialism, mercantilism, \*dog eat dog, laissez-faire, private ownership, market economy, private investment. "The unequal sharing of blessings. ..." —Winston Churchill. *ANT.* *socialism, communism.* SEE GOVERNMENT

**capitalist** *n.* investor, entrepreneur, financier, tycoon, businessman.

**capitalize** *on v.* take advantage of, cash in on, exploit, profit by, utilize.

**CAPITULATE** *v.* [kuh PICH yoo LATE] to give up, give in, yield. *The opposing side agreed to capitulate on several points.* *SYN.* give up, give in, yield, surrender, acquiesce, accede, come to terms, submit, bow, cave in, knuckle under. *ANT.* *stand firm, stand one's ground, fight.*

**caprice** *n.* whim, impulse, notion, vagary, whimsy, eccentricity, fancy, fickleness.

**CAPRICIOUS** *a.* [kuh PRISH us] subject to change on a whim, unpredictable. *Fred is always changing his mind; he is as capricious as the wind.* *SYN.* fickle, whimsical, unpredictable, unstable, frivolous, impulsive, inconsistent, indecisive, wayward, flighty, crotchety, quirky, \*any way the wind blows. *ANT.* *constant, stable, predictable.*

**capsize** *v.* overturn, tip, upset, \*turn turtle, roll over, keel over.

**capsule** *n.* pill, tablet, pellet, ampule, wafer.

**captain** *n.* cap'n, master, skipper, boss, chief, manager, head, commanding officer, leader, \*old man.

**caption** *n.* heading, title, subtitle, legend, inscription.

**captivate** *v.* attract, charm, fascinate, spellbind, enamor, enchant, enthrall, bewitch, mesmerize, hypnotize, \*knock/sweep off one's feet. *ANT.* *repel, repulse, turn off.*

**captive** *n.* prisoner, internee, convict, hostage.

**captive** *a.* imprisoned, confined, held, bound, obliged. *ANT.* *liberated, emancipated, free.*

**captivity** *n.* imprisonment, incarceration, restraint, bondage, custody, detention.

**capture** *n.* apprehension, seizure, landing, \*bagging, catch, taking, acquisition, netting, recovery, taking into custody, trapping, cornering. *ANT.* *release, liberation.*

**capture** *v.* catch, apprehend, seize, \*bag, \*nab, \*collar, land, snare, net, corner, trap, \*round up. *ANT.* *release, liberate.*

**car** *n.* sedan, coupe, roadster, \*clunker. SEE AUTOMOBILE, TRUCK

**caravan** *n.* train, cavalcade, procession, company, motorcade, column.

**carbuncle** *n.* boil, infection, furuncle, canker, sore.

**carcass** *n.* corpse, cadaver, body, remains, carion, \*roadkill, \*dead meat.

**carcinogen** *n.* cancer-causing agent, cancer-causing substance, tumor-forming agent, mutagen, toxin, health hazard, poison, killer, deadly chemical.

**CARCINOGENIC** *a.* [kar sin uh JEN ik] pertaining to any substance or source that causes cancer. *Radiation is highly carcinogenic.* SYN. cancer-causing, tumor-forming, mutagenic, malignant, deadly, unhealthy, hazardous, toxic, pernicious. ANT. *benign, harmless, healthy.*

**cardiac arrest** *n.* heart failure, heart attack, heart stoppage, coronary thrombosis, myocardial infarction.

**cardinal** *a.* principal, main, chief, utmost, central, prime, foremost, fundamental. ANT. *insignificant, unimportant.*

**cards** *n.* playing cards, tarot cards. "The Devil's books."—English proverb.

#### WORD FIND

**authority:** Hoyle

**card pile remaining after deal:** talon, stock

**card with value determined before game:** wild card

**cheat:** sharper, card shark, blackleg

**game:** bridge, baccarat, monte, whist, blackjack, crazy eights, concentration, war, three-card monte, old maid, poker, pinochle, canasta, solitaire, gin, rummy, gin rummy, hearts, cribbage, slapjack, casino, euchre

**jack, queen, or king:** face card

**outranking suit, card:** trump card

**same suit group:** flush

**tie-breaking game:** rubber match

**care** *n.* 1. CAREFULNESS caution, regard, consideration, thought, diligence, pains, prudence, conscientiousness, mindfulness, exactitude, vigilance. 2. CONCERN worry, anxiety, bother, trouble, burden, problem, tribulation, distress. 3. CUSTODY charge, protection, supervision, safekeeping, administration, guidance, tutelage, keep. ANT. 1. *carelessness, negligence.*

**care** *v.* 1. BE CONCERNED mind, worry, fret, take pains. 2. REGARD love, hold dear, prize, cherish.

**careen** *v.* tip, tilt, lurch, totter, pitch, swerve, sway, lean.

**career** *n.* profession, occupation, vocation, life-work, job, pursuit, work, livelihood, metier, business, field, \*thing.

**carefree** *a.* happy-go-lucky, insouciant, footloose, lighthearted, untroubled, breezy, \*laid-back, blasé, blithe, devil-may-care, cheerful. ANT. *troubled, careworn, burdened.*

**careful** *a.* 1. CAUTIOUS wary, circumspect, heedful, vigilant, leery, guarded, prudent, alert, attentive. 2. METICULOUS painstaking, thorough, fussy, scrupulous, demanding, conscientious, rigorous, fastidious, punctilious, attentive. ANT. 1. *careless, reckless, negligent.* 2. *careless, slipshod, sloppy.*

**caregiver** *n.* attendant, custodian, parent, mother, father, nurse, babysitter, sister, caretaker, nanny, au pair.

**careless** *a.* unattentive, heedless, reckless, lax, unwary, slipshod, sloppy, slapdash, indiscreet, remiss, neglectful, absentminded, hasty, thoughtless, imprudent, casual, offhand, rash, unconcerned, lackadaisical. ANT. *careful, attentive, cautious, meticulous, rigorous.*

**caress** *v.* stroke, touch, fondle, pet, pat, brush, graze, rub, snuggle, cuddle.

**caretaker** *n.* custodian, superintendent, supervisor, janitor, curator, warden, conservator, maintenance man.

**careworn** *a.* haggard, tired, exhausted, worried, anxious, troubled, heavy-hearted. ANT. *fresh, carefree, light-hearted.*

**cargo** *n.* freight, load, shipment, payload, consignment, lading.

**CARICATURE** *n.* [KAR uh kuh chur] an exaggerated portrait or depiction of someone or something, usually for satirical effect. *Gross caricatures of politicians frequently appear in editorial cartoons.* SYN. cartoon, portrait, sketch, depiction, exaggeration, parody, satire, spoof, farce, takeoff, send-up, lampoon, travesty, mockery, imitation, \*aping, humorous distortion. "The most penetrating of criticisms."—Aldous Huxley. "Exaggeration of a fact."—Robert Zwickley.

**CARNAGE** *n.* [KAR nij] bloody slaughter. *The young soldiers were appalled by the carnage of war.* SYN. slaughter, bloodshed, massacre, bloodbath, butchery, holocaust, decimation, gore, mass murder, annihilation.

**CARNAL** *a.* [KAR nul] of bodily, not spiritual, pleasure, sensual. *He fought his carnal desires.* SYN. sensual, sexual, of the flesh, bodily, animal, voluptuous, lustful, corporal,

lascivious, prurient, erotic, wanton. *ANT. spiritual, moral, godly.*  
**carnival** *n.* festival, fair, gala, celebration, jamboree, fiesta, jubilee, Mardi Gras, \*carny.  
**carnivore** *n.* meat-eater, flesh-eater, predator, carrion-feeder.  
**carnivorous** *a.* flesh-eating, meat-eating, predatory. *ANT. herbivorous.*  
**carol** *n.* melody, tune. *SEE SONG*  
**carom** *v.* rebound, glance, bounce, ricochet.  
**carouse** *v.* drink, party, frolic, wassail, make merry, cut loose, revel, \*tie one on. *ANT. sober up, \*swear off.*  
**carp** *v.* complain, find-fault, nag, \*bitch, scold, nippick, \*moan and groan, knock, belittle, cavil, criticize. *ANT. praise, compliment.*  
**carpal tunnel syndrome** *n.* sensorimotor disorder, repetitive motion disorder/injury.  
**carpenter** *n.* woodwright, cabinetmaker, woodworker, builder, joiner, contractor, subcontractor.  
**carpentry** *n.* woodworking, construction, building. *SEE HOUSE, TOOL*

**WORD FIND**

**aligned, fitted perfectly:** true, plumb  
**cutting and sizing of lumber before use:** millwork  
**drive nails at an angle:** toenail  
**frame supporter for worker:** scaffold  
**grooves, cut:** dado, rabbit  
**joint:** miter, mortise  
**nail length, designation:** penny  
**out of vertical alignment:** out-of-plumb  
**sawing stand:** sawhorse  
**tools:** saw, plane, miter box, chisel, bevel, level, adze, sander

**carpet** *n.* rug, mat, Oriental, Persian, area rug, bearskin, moquette, runner, shag, Wilton.  
**carriage** *n.* 1. *VEHICLE* coach, rig, buggy, wagon, cabriolet, brougham, surrey, hansom, landau, phaeton, stagecoach, calash, buckboard. 2. *POSTURE* bearing, demeanor, pose, posture, comportment, mien, cast, attitude.  
**carrier** *n.* disease host, Typhoid Mary, vector.  
**carry** *v.* 1. *CONVEY* transport, lug, haul, tote, bear, bring, transfer, \*schlep. 2. *SUPPORT* hold up, shoulder, bear, sustain, buttress.  
**car sickness** *n.* motion sickness.  
**cart** *n.* wagon, truck, handcart, dray, wheelbarrow.  
**cart** *v.* haul, carry, lug, transport, convey, truck.  
**CARTE BLANCHE** *n.* [KART BLANSH] a granting of power, freedom, or authority to do as one wishes. *His bosses gave him carte*

*blanche to run the department as he saw fit.*  
*SYN.* free rein, license, freedom, authority, power, blank check, sanction, free hand, permission, discretion.  
**CARTEL** *n.* [kar TEL] an association of businesses that works together to control production and pricing of products. Also, an association of nations working toward a common goal. *The oil cartel cut production and caused oil prices to rise worldwide.* *SYN.* association, trust, monopoly, syndicate, bloc, partnership, coalition, group, board, affiliation, consortium.  
**cartography** *n.* map-making, chart-making, mapping, topography.  
**carton** *n.* box, package, crate, container, case.  
**cartoon** *n.* caricature, drawing, sketch, line drawing, animated feature, funny, comic strip, parody, joke. *SEE CARICATURE*  
**cartwheel** *n.* handspring. *SEE GYMNASTICS*  
**carve** *v.* cut, slice, hew, incise, chisel, sculpt, form, fashion, whittle, chip.  
**Casanova** *n.* \*womanizer, Don Juan, \*lady-killer, \*heartbreaker, \*Romeo, \*skirt-chaser, \*stud, Lothario, wolf, sex addict.  
**cascade** *n.* waterfall, shower, cataract, falls, deluge, watercourse, torrent, \*stairstep. *SEE RIVER*  
**cascade** *v.* fall, tumble, plummet, plunge, spill, flood, rush, gush, descend, spew, \*stairstep.  
**case** *n.* 1. *EXAMPLE* instance, sample, occurrence, affair, matter, event, illustration, situation, circumstance. 2. *SUBJECT* client, patient, illness. 3. *LAWSUIT* suit, action, claim, litigation. 4. *BOX* holder, receptacle, container, package, carton, casing, covering, sheathing, jacket.  
**cash** *n.* money, currency, coins, change, legal tender, \*dough, \*scratch, \*bread, liquid assets. *SEE MONEY, WEALTH*  
**cashier** *n.* teller, counter person, bursar, clerk.  
**casing** *n.* covering, wrapper, sheath, jacket, skin, hull.  
**casino** *n.* gambling hall, gaming house.  
**cask** *n.* barrel, keg, hogshead, firkin, vat, kilderkin, vessel, tun, butt.  
**casket** *n.* coffin, sarcophagus, box, pall. *SEE CEMETERY*  
**CASSANDRA** *n.* [kuh SAN druh] one who foretells doom or spreads alarm but is disregarded, after the mythological character of the same name. *The economist warned of a stock market crash but was regarded as just another Cassandra.* *SYN.* alarmist, \*Chick-*en Little*, voice of doom, prophet of doom, scaremonger, seer, prognosticator, fortu-

- neteller. "One who is always building dungeons in the air."—John Galsworthy.
- casserole** *n.* dish, terrine, concoction, mix, mélange, medley, potpourri, stew, ragout, mish-mash.
- cassette** *n.* tape, recording medium, cartridge.
- cast** *n.* 1. THROW pitch, toss, shot, fling, heave, sling, hurl. 2. MOLD form, model, impression, shape. 3. PERSONAE company, troupe, dramatis personae, actors, actresses, players, performers, repertory, characters. 4. APPEARANCE complexion, aspect, look, shade, air, semblance.
- cast** *v.* 1. THROW fling, hurl, pitch, heave, \*chuck, toss, sling, launch, let fly. 2. SPREAD scatter, shed, broadcast, disperse, strew, sprinkle. 3. EMIT radiate, project, send out. 4. CHOOSE pick, assign, select, \*typecast. 5. MOLD form, shape, set.
- castaway** *n.* outcast, pariah, \*reject, waif, stray, derelict, exile, vagabond, leper.
- caste** *n.* class, group, position, station, rank, status, place, clan, grade, social order.
- CASTIGATE** *v.* [KAS tuh GATE] to criticize harshly or punish. *The dictator liked to castigate his underlings in public.* SYN. punish, criticize, chastise, scold, rebuke, discipline, reproach, admonish, \*take to task, reprimand, berate, bawl out, blister, \*rake over the coals, lambaste, tongue-lash. ANT. praise, compliment, laud.
- castle** *n.* fortress, citadel, stronghold, keep, manor, chateau, mansion, alcazar.

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**WORD FIND**

- attack on:** siege
- bottlery:** buttery
- bridge spanning moat:** drawbridge
- candle storeroom:** chandlery
- castle used as a prison:** bastille
- circular turret with a conical roof:** pepper-box turret
- crossbow storage room:** ballistraria
- domestic official in charge of supplies:** chamberlain, seneschal, steward
- door, huge, grated:** portcullis
- doorman:** usher
- fort surrounded by fortified village:** castellum
- gateway, minor:** postern
- governor of:** castellan
- holes or slits through which archers shoot:** archeria, arrow loops, loopholes, ballistraria, murder holes
- knight's practice yard:** tiltyard
- lady of:** chatelaine

- lights:** rushlights
- main inner tower, keep:** donjon
- mass of earth:** bastion, rampart
- mobile tower used by attackers to reach castle defenders:** belfry
- notched parapet:** battlement
- notches, solid area between:** merlon
- notch in parapet:** crenel
- outer wall ringing castle:** curtain wall
- owner:** lord
- privy:** garderobe
- roof wall:** parapet
- seating platform of lord:** dais
- siege engine used against:** catapult, man-gon, trebuchet
- small tower above main structure:** turret
- sunny family room:** solar
- timber tower:** brattice
- tower/structure protecting a drawbridge:** barbican, gatehouse
- trench around:** moat
- turret that overhangs:** bartizan
- underground prison:** dungeon
- waste receptacle:** cesspit
- yard area within outer walls:** ward, bailey, courtyard

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**CASTLE IN THE AIR/CASTLE IN SPAIN** *n.* something unrealistic; a fantasy; a daydream. *Ned had big dreams and was frequently accused of building castles in Spain.* SYN. fantasy, dream, daydream, unrealistic goal, chimera, flight of fancy, lofty aspiration, \*pipe dream, wish, wishful thinking.

- castrate** *v.* emasculate, geld, neuter, \*fix, sterilize, effeminize, eunuchize, debilitate, weaken.
- casual** *a.* 1. CHANCE accidental, random, serendipitous, fortuitous, \*fluke, unexpected. 2. RELAXED nonchalant, cool, blasé, unconcerned, carefree, apathetic, devil-may-care, \*laid-back, indifferent. 3. NONDRESSY informal, sporty, for-play. ANT. 1. planned, predetermined, arranged. 2. intense, serious, \*meaning business. 3. formal, dressy.
- casualty** *n.* victim, fatality, dead, loss.
- cat** *n.* feline, kitty, kitten, tomcat, pussy, grimal-kin, carnivore, pet, quadruped, ratter, alley cat, tabby, mouser, Abyssinian, American Bobtail, American Curl, American Wirehair, Balinese, Bengal, Birman, Bombay, Chartreux, Cornish Rex, Devon Rex, Egyptian Mau, Exotic, Havana Brown, Himalayan, Korat, LaPerm, Maine Coon, Norwegian Forest Cat, Oeicat, Oriental, Ragdoll, Russian Blue, Scottish Fold, Selkirk Rex, Siamese, Siberian, Somali, Sphynx, Tonkinese,

Turkish Angora, Turkish Van. "A pygmy lion."—Oliver Herford.

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**WORD FIND**

**black and white:** piebald

**blue gray to slate gray coloring:** blue

**bred from long line of its own kind:** purebred

**breeding female:** queen

**castrated male:** gib

**domesticated cat living in the wild:** feral

**father:** sire

**frill around head in long-haired breed:** ruff

**hairball:** furball

**intoxicant:** catnip

**"kneading" of paws on human's stomach:**  
milk treading

**long-bodied, long-limbed:** rangy

**lover of:** ailurophile

**mating cry:** caterwaul

**mixed breed:** mongrel, moggie

**mother:** dam

**neutering of female:** spaying

**newborn kitten group:** litter

**patches of white on feet:** mittens, gloves

**paw soles:** pads

**phobic:** ailurophobe

**pinkish gray coloring:** lilac, lavender

**sexually receptive period of female:** heat

**short-legged:** cobby

**sneer of male as it smells urine of sexually receptive female:** flehmen response

**striped:** tabby, tiger

**thin, long tail:** whip

**tortoiseshell and white coloring:** calico

**trace colorings:** ghost markings

**whiskers:** vibrissae

**white marking from forehead to nose:** blaze

**white or colored patch under neck:** locket

**white undercoat with dark tips:** chinchilla

**cataclysm** *n.* upheaval, disaster, eruption, catastrophe, calamity, devastation, debacle.

**catalog** *n.* list, file, inventory, directory, index.

**catalog** *v.* list, classify, index, inventory, file.

**CATALYST** *n.* [KAT uh list] one that makes something happen, gets something started, or hastens a process. *Martin Luther King was a catalyst for change.* SYN. stimulus, motivator, \*spark, \*sparkplug, spur, \*mover and shaker, activist, agitator, \*whip.

**catapult** *n.* launcher, siege engine, slingshot, sling, trebuchet.

**catastrophe** *n.* disaster, misfortune, calamity, cataclysm, ruin, debacle, devastation, tragedy, mishap, blow, hardship, misadventure.

**CATBIRD SEAT (IN THE)** *n.* a high, commanding position; a position of power. *The author was enjoying his position in the catbird seat as his third book hit the bestseller lists.* SYN. high perch, lofty perch, position of power, throne, commanding position, high place, position of influence, seat of power, height.

**catcall** *n.* shout, whistle, hiss, boo, \*Bronx cheer, \*raspberry, jeer, heckle, hoot.

**catch** *n.* 1. CAPTURE snatch, seizure, trap, grab, snare, grasp. 2. CLASP latch, clip, fastener, lock, hook and eye. 3. TAKE haul, prize, plunder, booty, spoils. 4. DRAWBACK hitch, trick, gimmick, snag.

**catch** *v.* 1. APPREHEND capture, seize, snatch, grasp, grip, nab, net, snare, clutch, trap, bag. 2. DISCOVER surprise, \*nail, expose, detect, come upon. 3. COME DOWN WITH AN ILLNESS contract, get, develop, break out with, be infected by, fall ill with. 4. UNDERSTAND comprehend, see, grasp, get, follow, perceive.

**catching** *a.* contagious, infectious, communicable, spreading, epidemic, pandemic. ANT. *noncommunicable.*

**CATCH-22** *n.* [KACH twen tee TOO] a no-win situation. *The government's contradictory regulations frequently put people in Catch-22 situations.* SYN. no-win situation, lose-lose situation, paradox, contradiction, quagmire, quandary, dilemma, Gordian knot, horns of a dilemma.

**catchword** *n.* byword, watchword, buzz word, motto, slogan, shibboleth.

**categorical** *a.* absolute, direct, unequivocal, positive, unqualified, explicit, express, total, unconditional, without exceptions. ANT. *conditional, qualified.*

**categorize** *v.* classify, designate, sort, group, label, assign, name, catalog.

**category** *n.* class, classification, division, variety, type, kind, sort, order, grade, denomination, genre.

**cater** *v.* 1. provide furnish, serve, provision, feed. 2. INDULGE humor, gratify, serve, wait on, pamper, spoil, baby, pander.

**caterwaul** *v.* howl, yowl, mewl, screech, wail, meow, squall, cry, whine.

**CATHARSIS** *n.* [kuh THAR sis] a purification or cleansing of the soul; release from mental turmoil. *Venting tensions in a self-help group provided Ellen with the catharsis she longed for.* SYN. purification, cleansing, release, relief, renewal, expurgation, replenishment of spirit, rebirth, fresh start, wiping clean.

**cathedral** *n.* basilica, chapel. SEE CHURCH

**CATHOLIC** *a.* [KATH uh lik] universal, general. *His tastes were catholic; in other words, his tastes were broad.* SYN. universal, general, broad, all-inclusive, comprehensive, liberal, all-encompassing, ecumenical, global. *ANT.* limited, narrow, sectarian.

**CAT scan** *n.* computerized axial tomography scan, image, cross-sectional view, body scan, brain scan, diagnostic procedure.

**cattle** *n.* livestock, cows, bulls, steers, farm animals, ruminants, herbivores, herd.

**catty** *a.* malicious, spiteful, mean, vicious, nasty, malevolent, back-biting, back-stabbing, \*bitchy, malignant, venomous. *ANT.* kind, warm, friendly.

**catwalk** *n.* walkway, platform, bridge.

**Caucasian** *n.* Caucasoid, Indo-European, white race, white man, white woman.

**caucus** *n.* meeting, assembly, convention, conference, gathering, session, conclave.

**cauldron** *n.* caldron, vessel, pot, boiler. SEE KETTLE

**caulk** *v.* seal, stop up, putty, weatherstrip.

**cause** *n.* 1. DETERMINANT agent, reason, root, antecedent, motive, source, origin, mover, occasion, stimulus, mainspring. 2. IDEAL principle, end, objective, enterprise, goal, purpose.

**cause** *v.* effect, induce, bring about, produce, incite, provoke, generate, breed, motivate, give rise to, precipitate.

**CAUSE CÉLÈBRE** *n.* [KOHZ say LEB ruh] a controversial or widely discussed issue. *The O.J. Simpson murder trial was the cause célèbre of the twentieth century.* SYN. controversy, controversial issue, celebrated case, affair, bone of contention, debate, moot point, war of words, uproar, fuss, \*hot potato, scandal, political football, outrage, shocker, grist for the gossip mill.

**CAUSTIC** *a.* [KAW stik] biting, burning or corrosive, as acid. *Wear gloves when handling caustic substances. She was a caustic-tongued witch.* SYN. corrosive, burning, biting, acid, astringent, erosive, sharp, stinging, sarcastic, sardonic, bitter, scathing, cutting, vitriolic, excoriating, acid-tongued, saber-tongued. *ANT.* soothing, sweet, honey-tongued, smooth.

**cauterize** *v.* burn, sear, char, singe.

**caution** *n.* 1. WARINESS care, prudence, heed, vigilance, discretion, guardedness, circumspection, alertness. "The eldest child of wisdom."—Victor Hugo. "What we call cowardice in others."—Oscar Wilde. 2. WARNING admonition, caveat, advisement, \*red flag,

\*word to the wise, advisory. *ANT.* 1. rashness, recklessness.

**caution** *v.* warn, admonish, advise, alert, forewarn, \*raise a red flag, counsel, \*better safe than sorry, \*stay on one's toes, \*watch one's step, \*look before one leaps, \*sleep with one eye open.

**CAUTIONARY TALE** *n.* [KAW shun air ee tayl] an event, occurrence, or story that is used to illustrate a particular hazard; a warning. *The shipping industry offers many cautionary tales about single-hulled oil tankers and shallow waters.* SYN. warning, admonition, caution, caution light, red flag, advisory, \*word to the wise, caveat, sign of things to come, \*wake-up call, forewarning, portent, omen, illustration, message.

**cautious** *a.* wary, careful, heedful, circumspect, prudent, discreet, guarded, on guard, alert, on one's toes, vigilant, chary. *ANT.* rash, reckless, imprudent.

**cavalcade** *n.* procession, parade, column, train, line, caravan.

**CAVALIER** *a.* [kav uh LEER] arrogant; indifferent to important matters. *The coach took a cavalier attitude toward the rules of good sportsmanship.* SYN. arrogant, haughty, indifferent, casual, supercilious, devil-may-care, lofty, curt, cocky, disdainful. *ANT.* obliging, caring, conscientious.

**cavalry** *n.* combat troops, armored division, mounted troops.

**cave** *n.* cavern, grotto, tunnel, hole, \*yawning chasm, hollow, cavity, underground chamber, subterranean passage, catacomb.

#### WORD FIND

**carved out from this rock:** limestone

**crawl space:** crawl, crouchway

**dripping water and mineral formation:** dripstone

**entrance area exposed to daylight:** twilight zone

**explorer:** spelunker

**exploring:** spelunking

**geological area with many caves, sinkholes:** karst

**high, narrow passage:** canyon

**iciclelike formation hanging from roof:** stalactite

**iciclelike formation on floor:** stalagmite

**inhabitant:** troglodyte, troglobite, troglophile

**joined stalactite and stalagmite:** column

**large chamber:** gallery

**pool of water edged with calcite:** gour

**study of:** speleology

**tiny, thin stalactite:** soda straw  
**underwater passage:** sump, syphon  
**vertical shaft:** chimney, pitch

**CAVEAT** *n.* [KAV ee at] warning. *The accountant gave us a strong caveat about filing our taxes accurately.* SYN. warning, caution, notice, forewarning, admonition, advisory, advisement, \*word to the wise.

**cave-in** *n.* collapse, toppling, breakdown, rupture, burst, avalanche, landslide.

**caveman** *n.* cavewoman, primitive human, Stone Age man, prehistoric man, cave dweller, human, hominid, Cro-Magnon man, Neanderthal, troglodyte, anthropoid, hominoid, Homo Erectus, \*missing link. SEE HUMAN

### WORD FIND

**earliest to latest pre-human:** Ardipithecus ramidus, Australopithecus anamensis, Australopithecus afarensis, Australopithecus africanus, Australopithecus robustus, Australopithecus boisei, Homo rudolfensis, Homo habilis, Homo ergaster, Homo erectus, Homo heidelbergensis, Archaic Homo sapiens, Homo neanderthalensis, Cro-Magnon, Homo sapiens

**famous afarensis skeleton, nickname:** Lucy

**cavernous** *a.* hollow, yawning, deep-set, sunken, abysmal, enormous, huge, gaping, roomy, commodious, chambered. ANT. *cramped, claustrophobic, tiny, confined.*

**cavil** *v.* quibble, object, find-fault, \*nitpick, carp, criticize, pick.

**cavity** *n.* hole, hollow, pit, cleft, chamber, crevice, fissure, pocket, niche.

**cavort** *v.* frolic, prance, romp, \*carry on, \*cut up, act up, leap about, horseplay, gambol, frisk, caper.

**cay** *n.* island, sandbank, coral reef.

**cease** *v.* end, stop, discontinue, desist, halt, refrain, finish, conclude, quit.

**cease-fire** *n.* truce, armistice, suspension of hostilities.

**ceaseless** *a.* unending, relentless, incessant, never-ending, perpetual, constant, nonstop, continuous, unremitting. ANT. *ending, fleeting, finite, limited.*

**cede** *v.* surrender, give up, yield, abdicate, \*hand over, grant, relinquish, transfer, resign.

**ceiling** *n.* 1. TOPSIDE roof, plafond, rafters. 2. MAXIMUM limit, restriction, highest point.

**celebrate** *v.* 1. COMMEMORATE observe, honor, memorialize, remember, ceremonialize, solemnize. 2. \*PARTY \*paint the town red,

\*whoop it up, \*raise the roof, \*go out on the town, \*go out with a bang, \*have a blowout, splurge, revel, carouse, \*live it up. 3. PRAISE honor, extol, laud, pay homage to, acclaim, worship, hail, pay tribute to, exalt.

**celebrated** *a.* famous, renowned, eminent, prominent, noted, illustrious, acclaimed, popular, lionized, great. ANT. *obscure, little-known, unknown.*

**celebration** *n.* 1. COMMEMORATION observance, ceremony, honoring, memorial, remembrance, anniversary. 2. PARTY \*blowout, fiesta, gala, jubilee, \*bash, \*wingding, festival, spree, frolic, \*blast, \*rumpus, revelry.

**celebrity** *n.* 1. FAMOUS PERSON star, superstar, \*somebody, \*bigwig, notable, idol, \*celeb, \*big name, personage, personality, VIP, sex symbol. "Someone who is known for being known."—Studs Terkel. "A person who works hard all his life to become well known, then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized."—Fred Allen. 2. FAME renown, notoriety, stardom, eminence, prominence, distinction, note. ANT. 1. *nobody, \*bush leaguer, unknown. 2. oblivion, obscurity.*

**celerity** *n.* speed, quickness, alacrity, haste, dispatch, expedition, swiftness. ANT. *slowness, \*snail's pace, leisureliness.*

**celestial** *a.* 1. HEAVENLY divine, sublime, supernatural, angelic, ethereal, blessed, eternal, supernatural. 2. ASTRAL astronomical, universal, heavenly, extraterrestrial, stellar, sky, planetary, galactic. ANT. 1. *earthy, mundane, secular. 2. terrestrial.*

**CELIBATE** *a.* [SELL uh but] abstaining from sex. *With sexually transmitted diseases running rampant, many singles choose to remain celibate.* SYN. abstinent, continent, upright, virtuous, pure, untouched, virginal, maiden, single, unwed, chaste. ANT. *promiscuous, wanton, sexual.*

**cell** *n.* 1. UNIT germ, microorganism, bacterium. 2. SMALL ROOM compartment, chamber, vault, keep, cloister, coop, booth, lockup.

**cellar** *n.* basement, downstairs, vault.

**cement** *v.* join, unite, bond, glue, mortar, bind, seal, fix.

**cemetery** *n.* graveyard, necropolis, memorial grounds, burial ground, churchyard, golgotha, \*bone yard, \*city of the dead. "The last resort."—Anon. "The country home I need."—Mark Twain. SEE COFFIN, FUNERAL, MONUMENT

### WORD FIND

**ashes of cremated body:** cremains

**burial place, vault:** tomb  
**burial site, unit:** plot  
**empty tomb, marker for one whose remains are elsewhere:** cenotaph  
**grave robber:** ghoul  
**gunfighter's, American West:** Boot Hill  
**incinerator:** crematory  
**inscription on gravestone:** epitaph  
**large cemetery:** necropolis  
**memorial building, place:** shrine  
**mound of earth over grave:** barrow  
**mourning statues:** weepers  
**pauper's:** Potter's field  
**preparation facility for the dead:** mortuary  
**RIP:** rest in peace  
**sarcophagus, elaborately carved:** solium  
**sculpted representation of the dead on a monument:** effigy  
**sculptural depiction of the crucifixion:** Calvary  
**stone:** headstone, tombstone, gravestone, monument, memorial  
**tomb housing:** mausoleum  
**underground vaults:** catacombs, crypt, cubiculum  
**urn or vault for bones:** ossuary  
**urn vault:** cinerarium  
**vault:** sepulcher

**cancel** *n.* bowdlerizer, arbiter of good taste, expurgator, inspector, Mrs. Grundy, guardian of morals, prude. "A man who knows more than he thinks you ought to."—Laurence J. Peter.

**cancel** *v.* prohibit, squelch, cut, edit out, abridge, clean up, delete, sanitize, bowdlerize, restrict, inspect, expurgate, review, purge.

**cancelship** *n.* expurgation, \*cleaning up, purification, suppression, removal, editing, purging, sanitizing, deletion.

**cancel** *n.* disapproval, condemnation, reprehension, rebuke, admonition, criticism, objection, remonstrance, reproof. *ANT.* *approval, blessing, praise.*

**cancel** *v.* disapprove, condemn, rebuke, admonish, criticize, object, remonstrate, denounce, reproach, reprimand. *ANT.* *approve, bless, praise.*

**cancel** *n.* head count, population tally, enumeration, demographics, statistics, stats, demography, poll.

**cancel** *n.* middle point, middle, median, focal point, dead center, bull's-eye, midst, hub, pivot, core, heart, nucleus, inside, pith.

**cancel** *v.* concentrate, focus, converge, direct, join, unify, fix.

**cancel** *a.* 1. INNERMOST middle, interior, median, inner, nuclear. 2. VITAL key, indispensable, main, prime, dominant, chief, ruling, fundamental. *ANT.* 1. *outermost, peripheral.* 2. *peripheral, incidental, marginal.*

**cancel** *v.* concentrate, converge, focus, consolidate, unify, amalgamate, join. *ANT.* *decentralize, disperse.*

**cancel** *n.* moderate, middle-of-the-road, in-between, compromising.

**cereal** *n.* breakfast food, grain, wheat, oats, corn, rye, rice, bran, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, bran flakes, Cocoa Puffs, oatmeal, farina, Fruit Loops, Apple Jacks, Cocoa Krispies, Cheerios, Life, Grape-nuts, Alpha Bits, Fruity Pebbles, Cocoa Pebbles, Boo-Berry, Corn Pops, Raisin Bran, Oat Bran, Total, Special K, Chex, Cream of Wheat, Frosted Flakes, mush, porridge, Wheaties, Trix, Shredded Wheat.

**CEREBRAL** *a.* [suh REE brul] of or appealing to the intellect. *His philosophy reveals some advanced thinking: it's very cerebral.* *SYN.* intellectual, intelligent, brainy, erudite, scholarly, smart, analytical, thoughtful, deep, condite, abstruse.

**ceremonial** *a.* ritual, formal, ceremonious. *ANT.* *informal, unstructured.* SEE CEREMONIOUS

**ceremonious** *a.* ceremonial, polite, proper, formal, solemn, stately, punctilious, rigid, prim, courtly, starchy, dignified, decorous. *ANT.* *informal, casual, \*laid-back.*

**ceremony** *n.* 1. RITUAL observation, rite, service, function, formality, solemnity, custom, observance. "The wine of human experience."—Morris Cohen. 2. ETQUETTE protocol, punctilio, formality, decorum, propriety, prescription. *ANT.* 2. *informality.*

**cancel** *a.* 1. SURE positive, cocksure, convinced, undoubting, assured, satisfied. 2. UNQUESTIONABLE doubtless, \*beyond a shadow of a doubt, indubitable, definite, indisputable, incontestable, unequivocal, incontrovertible, firm, unambiguous. *ANT.* 1. *uncertain, unsure, doubting.* 2. *questionable, doubtful, \*up in the air.*

**cancel** *n.* 1. CONVICTION authority, certitude, confidence, assurance, infallibility. 2. FACT truth, reality, \*sure thing, \*sure bet, actuality, \*lock. *ANT.* 1. *doubt, skepticism.* 2. *uncertainty, fantasy, unknown.*

**cancel** *n.* document, documentation, instrument, voucher, warrant, license, permit, certification, testimonial, credential, diploma.

**certify** *v.* vouch, verify, notarize, attest, assure, guarantee, validate, accredit, authenticate, confirm, depose.

**cesarean section** *n.* C-section, surgical birth, surgical delivery, incision.

**cessation** *n.* stop, termination, ending, stoppage, letup, ceasing, halt, pause, suspension, discontinuance, close. *ANT.* continuation, persistence.

**cesspool** *n.* sewer, cesspit, sump, cloaca, septic tank.

**C'EST LA VIE** [say lah VEE] that's life, such is life. *Our team lost again; oh well, c'est la vie* *SYN.* that's life, such is life, oh well, that's how the cookie crumbles, what can you do?, that's reality.

**chafe** *v.* 1. RUB wear, erode, scrape, abrade, rasp, scour, shred. 2. IRRITATE \*rub the wrong way, annoy, irk, rankle, vex, gall, harass, nag, aggravate.

**chaff** *n.* waste, garbage, refuse, rubbish, trash, discards, remains, wastrel, dross.

**CHAGRIN** *n.* [shuh GRIN] annoyed embarrassment. *To my chagrin, I discovered that I had left my wallet at home.* *SYN.* embarrassment, mortification, humiliation, shame, distress, disgruntlement, dismay, annoyance, unease, discomfiture, discomposure, frustration. *ANT.* pride, satisfaction.

**chain** *n.* 1. LINKS cable, fetter, shackle, irons, manacle, mail. 2. SERIES course, string, train, line, succession, sequence.

**chain** *v.* tie, shackle, fetter, secure, tether, hitch.

**chain reaction** *n.* domino effect, ripples in a pond, cause and effect.

**chair** *n.* 1. SEAT stool, bench, rocker, easy chair, straight-backed chair. *SEE* COUCH 2. SEAT OF AUTHORITY office, appointment, fellowship.

**WORD FIND**

**armless, leather-made, with steel frame:**

Barcelona chair

**bench:** settee, settle

**folding canvas chair:** director's chair

**high-backed with side wings:** wing chair

**king's:** throne

**reclining:** recliner

**sling, canvas:** butterfly chair, sling chair

**spindle-backed, wooden:** Windsor chair

**suspended on poles and carried:** sedan

**tabletopped arm for writing, chair with:** tablet chair

**wicker, with rounded back:** basket chair

**chairman** *n.* chairperson, director, principal, leader, chair, speaker, presiding officer,

president, moderator, chief, master of ceremonies.

**chalice** *n.* goblet, vessel. *SEE* CUP

**chalkboard** *n.* blackboard, board, slate, panel.

**challenge** *n.* 1. DIFFICULTY obstacle, trial, test, \*hurdle, problem. 2. PROVOCATION dare, ultimatum, \*throwing down the gauntlet, threat, summons, bid.

**challenge** *v.* 1. PRODUCE DIFFICULTY test, try, make demands, tax. 2. PROVOKE dare, give an ultimatum, \*throw down the gauntlet, threaten, gage, defy, summon, beard, make a stand, face off, cross, stare down. 3. QUESTION contest, dispute, object, take exception, disagree.

**chamber** *n.* room, bedroom, boudoir, parlor, sitting room.

**chambermaid** *n.* domestic, cleaning lady, maid.

**champagne** *n.* \*bubbly. *SEE* WINE

**champion** *n.* 1. VICTOR winner, titleholder, \*champ, \*top dog, conqueror, vanquisher, \*number one, medalist. 2. SUPPORTER backer, advocate, upholder, friend, abettor, defender. *ANT.* 1. loser, \*also-ran, \*poor sport. 2. opponent, detractor.

**champion** *v.* support, defend, fight for, stand up for, advocate, back, uphold, espouse, take up the cause. *ANT.* oppose, counter, reject.

**championship** *n.* competition, playoffs, contest, showdown, meet, title match, crown, \*winner takes all, tournament, sporting event, elimination, crowning achievement.

**WORD FIND**

**auto:** Indianapolis 500

**baseball:** World Series; pennant

**basketball:** championship; Final Four

**boxing:** title fight

**football:** Super Bowl

**golf:** Masters

**hockey:** Stanley Cup

**horse racing:** Triple Crown; Kentucky Derby, Belmont Stakes, Preakness, Breeder's Cup

**soccer:** World Cup

**tennis:** Wimbledon

**chance** *n.* 1. LUCK fortuity, fortune, serendipity, fate, destiny, \*wheel of fortune, providence, \*toss of the dice. "A nickname for Providence."—Nicolas Chamfort. "The instrument of Providence."—Horace Walpole. 2. POSSIBILITY odds, likelihood, probability, prospect, \*long shot. 3. RISK gamble, \*toss of the dice, \*crap shoot, jeopardy, haz-

- ard. 4. OPPORTUNITY shot, try, opening, occasion, turn.
- chance** *v.* 1. RISK gamble, \*roll the dice, take a shot, wager, \*go out on a limb, \*tempt fate, hazard, speculate, try one's luck. 2. HAPPEN occur, transpire, come to pass, befall.
- chance** *a.* fortuitous, accidental, casual, random, lucky, inadvertent, unplanned. *ANT.* *planned, designed, arranged.*
- chancy** *a.* risky, uncertain, \*iffy, dicey, speculative, \*a roll of the dice, dangerous. *ANT.* *certain, guaranteed, assured.*
- change** *n.* 1. ALTERATION modification, transformation, variation, conversion, metamorphosis, shift, remodeling, reformation, adaption, mutation, \*about-face, \*chameleon, transmutation, refinement, flux, vicissitude. "What people fear most."—Fyodor Dostoyevski. "The unknown."—Eleanor Roosevelt. "Truths being in and out of favor."—Robert Frost. 2. SOMETHING DIFFERENT novelty, variation, switch, change of pace.
- change** *v.* 1. ALTER modify, transform, vary, convert, metamorphose, shift, remodel, reinvent, reform, adapt, mutate, transmogrify, \*do an about-face. 2. SUBSTITUTE transfer, exchange, switch, alternate, swap, trade, replace, interchange.
- changeable** *a.* variable, alternating, erratic, irregular, chameleon, protean, capricious, fickle, labile, mercurial, inconsistent, mutable, transformable, shifting, volatile, \*blows hot and cold. *ANT.* *steady, invariable, regular, stable.*
- channel** *n.* conduit, course, strait, waterway, groove, runnel, culvert, trough, run, canal, chase, furrow, rut, trench, sluiceway, flume.
- channel** *v.* route, direct, guide, send, funnel, lead, siphon.
- chant** *n.* song, plainsong, recitation, psalm, canticle, hymn, Gregorian chant. *SEE* SONG
- chant** *v.* singsong, intone, vocalize, speak in a monotone, utter, recite.
- chaos** *n.* disorder, confusion, upheaval, turmoil, disarray, anarchy, jumble, unrest, mess, commotion, pandemonium, disorganization, bedlam, turbulence. *ANT.* *order, organization, regularity, tranquility.*
- chaotic** *a.* disordered, confused, in disarray, jumbled, messy, turbulent, out of control, topsy-turvy, tumultuous, anarchic, disorganized, random, stormy. *ANT.* *ordered, organized, systematic.*
- chaperone** *n.* escort, overseer, guardian, protector, babysitter.
- chaperone** *v.* escort, accompany, attend, protect, babysit, supervise, safeguard, keep an eye on.
- chaplain** *n.* clergyman, minister, priest, rabbi, reverend, parson, padre.
- chapter** *n.* division, section, episode, part, portion, phase, period.
- char** *v.* scorch, sear. *SEE* BURN
- character** *n.* 1. PERSONALITY nature, makeup, individuality, temperament, constitution, appearance, type, sort, kind, qualities. "[W]hat (a man) would do if he knew he would never be found out."—Thomas Macaulay. 2. INTEGRITY reputation, standing, position, repute, distinction, honor, status. "Moral order seen through the medium of an individual nature."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Mastery over your thoughts and actions."—Mohandas Gandhi. "What God and the angels know of us."—Horace Mann. 3. ODD PERSON eccentric, oddball, nut, \*odd duck, personality, \*weirdo, \*fruitcake, \*original. 4. ROLE impersonation, portrayal, part. 5. WRITTEN SYMBOL cipher, mark, figure, letter.
- characteristic** *n.* attribute, trait, feature, quality, peculiarity, aspect, mark, distinction, individuality, earmark, idiosyncrasy.
- characteristic** *a.* typical, representative, indicative, distinguishing, illustrative, idiosyncratic, marked, peculiar, individual. *ANT.* *atypical, anomalous.*
- characterize** *v.* 1. PORTRAY describe, represent, depict, sketch. 2. DISTINGUISH specify, define, style, brand, stamp.
- charade** *n.* pretense, fiction, lie, travesty, act.
- charge** *n.* 1. FEE debit, \*damage, bill, cost, amount, price. 2. CARE custody, burden, duty, trust, onus, obligation, ward. 3. ACCUSATION allegation, indictment, citation. 4. ATTACK offensive, \*blitz, assault, raid. 5. ORDER command, directive, demand, instruction, mandate, behest, bidding.
- charge** *v.* 1. BILL levy, debit, \*ring up, demand payment. 2. DEBIT ONE'S CREDIT ACCOUNT take on account, put on one's tab, incur a debt, buy on credit. 3. BURDEN load, weigh, tax, saddle, entrust. 4. ACCUSE allege, indict, impute, blame, incriminate, \*point the finger at, impeach. 5. ATTACK raid, blitz, assault, storm, rush, assail. 6. ORDER command, direct, demand, instruct, mandate, bid.
- CHARISMA** *n.* [kuh RIZ muh] personal magnetism or charm that inspires others to follow one's lead. *John F. Kennedy had great charisma.* *SYN.* charm, magnetism, appeal,

- confidence, \*star power, presence, dominance, \*it, \*pizzazz, sex appeal, power, voice of authority, poise, \*je ne sais quoi, an indescribable something, allure, \*the lure of a Svengali.
- charismatic** *a.* charming, powerful, magnetic, hypnotic, mesmerizing, dominant, appealing, \*larger than life, authoritative, confident, poised.
- charitable** *a.* 1. GENEROUS giving, benevolent, philanthropic, freehanded, humanitarian, magnanimous, bighearted. 2. KIND forgiving, lenient, humane, benevolent, sympathetic, bighearted, soft, merciful, easy. *ANT.* 1. *cheap, stingy, tightfisted, selfish.* 2. *mean, cruel, thoughtless, intolerant.*
- charity** *n.* 1. GENEROSITY benevolence, philanthropy, freehandedness, humanitarianism, magnanimity, altruism, softheartedness. 2. ALMS contribution, welfare, donation, assistance, aid, benefaction, dole, endowment. "The spice of riches."—Hebrew proverb. "A debt of honor."—Immanuel Kant. "Doing good for good-for-nothing people."—Elizabeth Barrett Browning. 3. KINDNESS forgiveness, tolerance, lenience, benevolence, sympathy, mercy, softheartedness, compassion. *ANT.* 1. *cheapness, stinginess, miserliness.* 3. *meanness, cruelty, intolerance.*
- charlatan** *n.* quack, fake, mountebank, \*rip-off artist, imposter, con artist, fraud, swindler.
- charm** *n.* 1. APPEAL attractiveness, allure, grace, magnetism, charisma, enchantment, fascination, \*it, \*je ne sais quoi, \*pizzazz. "A glow within ... that casts a most becoming light on others."—John Mason Brown. "A way of getting the answer 'yes' without asking any clear question."—Albert Camus 2. SPELL OR LUCKY PIECE incantation, magic, sorcery, amulet, talisman, good-luck piece, fetish.
- charm** *v.* enchant, enamor, fascinate, attract, allure, please, bewitch, captivate, mesmerize, hypnotize, win over, beguile, \*sweep off one's feet, spellbind. *ANT.* *repel, repulse, turn off, disgust.*
- charming** *a.* attractive, appealing, alluring, magnetic, charismatic, enchanting, beguiling, bewitching, fascinating, winsome, captivating, smooth, irresistible. *ANT.* *repellant, repulsive, disgusting, gross.*
- charred** *a.* scorched, seared, burned, blackened, singed, carbonized.
- chart** *n.* map, graph, diagram, outline, blueprint, layout, plot, table, scheme.
- chart** *v.* map, outline, plot, diagram, draft, plan, draw up, design, graph, scheme.
- charter** *n.* agreement, contract, franchise, treaty, covenant, sanction, authority, license, permit.
- charter** *v.* hire, lease, rent, reserve, commission, employ.
- chary** *a.* 1. CAREFUL cautious, wary, guarded, mindful, circumspect, suspicious, leery. 2. SPARING cheap, tight, miserly, niggardly, frugal, stingy. *ANT.* 1. *imprudent, rash, reckless.* 2. *generous, freehanded.*
- chase** *v.* 1. PURSUE follow, track, trail, go after, shadow, \*bird-dog. 2. CHASE OFF oust, drive away, shoo, evict, throw out.
- chasm** *n.* abyss, gorge, canyon, void, crevasse, gap, gulch, fissure, ravine, rift, bottomless pit, crater. SEE CANYON, CAVE, HOLE
- CHASTE** *a.* [CHAYST] virtuous, pure or moral. *She was a somewhat puritanical woman and chose to remain chaste.* SYN. virtuous, pure, moral, untouched, clean, \*squeaky-clean, decent, abstinent, celibate, modest, righteous, immaculate, uncorrupted, virginal. *ANT.* *immoral, dirty, lewd, wanton, sleazy, promiscuous.*
- chasten** *v.* 1. PUNISH chastise, castigate, correct, admonish, discipline, scold, penalize. 2. RE-FINE purify, cleanse, purge.
- CHASTISE** *v.* [chas TIZE] to punish or discipline. *He was chastised for being foulmouthed.* SYN. punish, discipline, scold, condemn, castigate, admonish, beat, chasten, \*rake over the coals, \*jump down one's throat, \*lay into, thrash, ream, spank, whip, \*call on the carpet. *ANT.* *reward, bless.*
- chastity** *n.* virtue, morality, purity, decency, abstinence, celibacy, righteousness, modesty, virginity, innocence. "A monkish and evangelical superstition."—Percy Bysshe Shelley. *ANT.* *promiscuity, nymphomania, adultery, lewdness.* SEE VIRGINITY
- chat** *v.* talk, converse, gab, jaw, \*chew the fat, gossip, \*shoot the breeze, \*rap, palaver, chit-chat, prattle, \*schmooze.
- chateau** *n.* manor, palace, stronghold. SEE CASTLE
- chattels** *n.* belongings, personal possessions, \*things, \*stuff, personal effects.
- chatter** *v.* prattle, \*gibber-jabber, jabber, babble, blab, chit-chat, cackle, palaver, prate. SEE TALK
- chatterbox** *n.* talker, \*windbag, gossip, blabbermouth, \*motor mouth.
- CHAUVINISM** *a.* [SHO vin izm] blind loyalty to one's own kind, race, sex, etc., with disdain for those who are different. *The sexes earn unequal pay partly due to male chauvinism.* SYN. jingoism, supremacy, male dominance, female dominance, blind patriotism, provincialism, racism, sexism, narrow-

mindedness, ethnocentrism, prejudice, bias, bigotry, intolerance, homophobia, nationalism. *ANT. liberality, broad-mindedness.*

**chauvinist** *n.* jingoist, supremacist, blind patriot, provincialist, racist, sexist, nationalist, bigot, \*male chauvinist pig, ethnocentrist.

**cheap** *a.* 1. **LOW-PRICED** inexpensive, bargain-priced, reasonable, marked-down, cut-rate, economical, \*rock-bottom, \*dirt-cheap, dime-a-dozen. 2. **POOR QUALITY** worthless, inferior, shoddy, \*chintzy, \*cheesy, tacky, \*two-bit, \*crappy, \*schlock, shabby, common. 3. **STINGY** tight, penny-pinching, miserly, niggardly, stinting, grudging. 4. **CONTEMPTIBLE** despicable, low, sordid, vulgar, base. *ANT. 1. expensive, priceless, steep, exorbitant. 2. superior, select, sterling quality. 3. generous, giving. 4. admirable, noble.*

**cheapen** *v.* depreciate, degrade, lower, downgrade, diminish.

**cheapskate** *n.* *Sl.* penny-pincher, tightwad, miser, niggard, \*nickel-squeezer.

**cheat** *n.* 1. **SWINDLE** \*rip-off, con, fleecing, sham, deception, \*fast shuffle, fraud, flimflam, \*dirty pool, trick. 2. **SWINDLER** \*rip-off artist, con, sham artist, chiseler, sharper, flimflam man, crook, rogue, imposter, fraud.

**cheat** *v.* defraud, swindle, \*rip off, con, burn, bilk, sucker, \*rook, screw, fleece, \*bamboozle, gouge, \*soak, snooker, finagle, double-cross.

**check** *n.* 1. **RESTRAINT** stop, block, obstacle, limitation, control, damper, curb. 2. **EXAMINATION** inspection, review, inquiry, investigation, \*look-see.

**check** *v.* 1. **RESTRAIN** stop, block, obstruct, limit, control, dampen, curb, constrain, foil, harness. 2. **EXAMINE** inspect, review, inquire, investigate, look into, \*eyeball, scrutinize. 3. **AGREE** correspond, conform.

**checkered** *a.* 1. **PLAID** tattersall, tartan. 2. **VARIED** diversified, irregular, patchwork, motley. *ANT. 2. consistent.*

**check out** *v.* investigate, look into, probe, scrutinize, inspect, \*eyeball.

**cheek** *n.* jowl, chop, jaw.

**WORD FIND**

**descriptive:** high cheek bones, rawboned, apple cheeks, sunken, pouchy.

**cheek by jowl** *a.* close, crowded, intimate, side-by-side, familiar.

**cheeky** *a.* impudent, insolent, saucy, impertinent, brazen, bold, brash, audacious, \*nervy, \*ballsy, forward. *ANT. timid, shy, mousy.*

**cheer** *n.* 1. **HURRAH** acclamation, shout of approval, \*yay, rah, applause, bravo. 2. **CHEERFULNESS** high spirits, gladness, gayness, happiness, joyfulness, optimism, joviality, jubilation, buoyancy. "A kind of daylight in the mind."—Joseph Addison. *ANT. 1. boo, raspberry, hiss. 2. depression, downheartedness.*

**cheerful** *a.* lighthearted, happy, joyful, blithe, buoyant, sunny, optimistic, sanguine, jocund, roseate, gay, carefree, debonair. *ANT. depressed, gloomy, downhearted, glum.*

**cheerless** *a.* gloomy, glum, depressed, dark, black, grim, melancholy, funereal, bleak, dismal, dreary, somber, forlorn, despairing. *ANT. cheerful, sunny, lighthearted.*

**cheese** *n.* pressed curds, American, Swiss, Brie, Edam, Gouda, Limburger, Jack, Parmesan, Gruyere, cream, mysost, cottage, cheddar. "Milk's leap toward immortality."—Clifton Fadiman.

**chef** *n.* cook, culinary artist, \*chief cook and bottle washer, cuisinier.

**chemise** *n.* shift. *SEE DRESS, LINGERIE*

**chemistry** *n.* natural science, life science, physical science, biology, science of matter, composition, formulation. *SEE LABORATORY*

**WORD FIND**

**absorbing of a gas by a solid:** sorption

**absorbing of a liquid by a solid:** imbibition  
**acidic or alkaline, measure of how:** pH

**attachment of gas or liquid layer without absorption:** adsorption

**blend of liquids that cannot be naturally mixed and will separate:** emulsion

**catalyst action, increases:** activator

**breaking down of substances:** biodegradation

**breaking of chemical bonds:** cleavage

**chain of monomers:** polymer

**coldest temperature possible:** absolute zero  
**combine two or more elements to create new substance:** synthesis

**combined with another, substance:** additive  
**combine with others, measure of the power within an element to:** valency

**compound written out as set of symbols and numbers:** formula

**concentration or volume of a reagent, analysis to determine:** titration

**corrosive compound:** acid

**corrupted or stopped chemical reaction:** poisoned

**density, increase in:** concentration

diffusion of molecules of liquid solvent through semipermeable membrane: osmosis  
 dissolved when immersed in solvent, that which gets: solute  
 dissolving substance: solvent  
 electrical current to pass through, substance that allows: conductor  
 electricity, any compound dissolved in water able to conduct: electrolyte  
 electricity, method of creating chemical reaction with: electrolysis  
 fermentation chemistry: zymurgy  
 final substance created after chemical reactions cease: product  
 gas into a liquid: condensation  
 gas to solid: deposition  
 half a chemical component, time it takes to break down: half-life  
 heat, chemical reaction creating: exothermic  
 homogeneous mixture: solution  
 identify presence or absence of specific chemical, substance or compound used to: reagent  
 identification of molecular formula by passing through electrical and magnetic fields: mass spectrometry  
 moles in dissolved solution, number of: molarity  
 ionic salt of an alkali metal: alkali  
 liquid into spray, turn: atomize  
 metal ions from solution, removal of: chelation  
 mixed or blended, incapable of being: immiscible  
 mixture: compound  
 mixture thoroughly blended and uniform: homogeneous  
 mixture unevenly mixed or partially separated: heterogenous  
 mixture with incompletely dissolved elements: colloid  
 non-reactive chemically: inert  
 particles have not dissolved, solution in which: suspension  
 particles separating from a solution: precipitate  
 reaction rates, study of chemical: kinetics  
 reaction, used to slow or stop a chemical: inhibitor  
 refine or purify by distillation: rectify  
 scientist: chemist  
 separate components: distill  
 series of reactions: chain reaction  
 simple molecule joining with others to form polymer: monomer

slows catalytic reaction: anticycatalyst  
 solvent, separation of chemicals by shaking with: extraction  
 smallest component of element: atom  
 soaking up of gas or liquid: absorption  
 solid turns directly into a gas, process by which: sublimation  
 speeding up of chemical reaction: catalysis  
 speeds up chemical reaction, substance that: catalyst  
 stability of chemicals: equilibrium  
 substance without other components, any pure: element  
 table of elements: periodic table  
 temporarily created by a chain reaction and then consumed, chemical: intermediate  
 thinning of mixture: dilution  
 two or more elements, metal of: alloy  
 unit of mass equaling 602 billion trillion atoms or molecules: mole; Avogadro's number  
 unstable: volatile

**cherish** *v.* love, adore, hold dear, care for, revere, fancy, hold in high esteem, admire, like, worship, prize, idolize, foster, protect, treasure. *ANT.* despise, reject, hate.

**chest** *n.* 1. THORAX breast, bosom, pectorals. 2. BOX trunk, crate, casket, cabinet.

**chew** *v.* masticate, chomp, champ, grind, crunch, munch, nibble, gnaw.

**chew out** *v.* *Sl.* reprimand, berate. SEE SCOLD

**chic** *a.* stylish, elegant, fashionable, smart, \*snazzy, current, swank, dapper, chichi, \*in, sophisticated. *ANT.* dowdy, unstylish.

**CHICANERY** *n.* [shi KAY nuh ree] deception, trickery. *A con artist uses all manner of chicanery to separate you from your money.* *SYN.* deception, trickery, deceit, fraud, subterfuge, double-dealing, underhandedness, dishonesty, cheating, duping, sophistry.

**chichi** *a.* ostentatious. SEE CHIC

**chicken** *n.* 1. FOWL hen, biddy, rooster. 2. \*SCAREDY CAT \*wimp, \*wuss, sissy.

**chide** *v.* reprove, scold, \*dress down, upbraid, rebuke, reproach, admonish, tell off, give a good talking to, criticize, take to task.

**chief** *n.* head, boss, leader, \*top dog, \*big cheese, president, director, supervisor, master, ring-leader, captain, commander, \*biggest toad in the puddle, honcho, \*cock of the walk. *ANT.* subordinate, underling.

**chief** *a.* main, principal, leading, prime, greatest, biggest, supreme, paramount, ruling, cardinal. *ANT.* least, smallest.

**chiefly** *adv.* mainly, principally, primarily, first and foremost, above all, largely, mostly. *ANT.* lastly.

**child** *n.* 1. YOUNGSTER juvenile, kid, youth, toddler, tyke, nipper, \*little shaver, lad, lass, tadpole, adolescent, \*teenybopper, moppet, brat, \*rug rat, \*munchkin. "An ever-bubbling fountain in the world of humanity."—Friedrich Froebel. 2. INNOCENT naif, babe in the woods.

**childbirth** *SEE* BABY, BIRTH, PREGNANCY

**childhood** *n.* youth, boyhood, girlhood, school days, puberty, adolescence. "A garden of god ... each day a festival radiant with laughter and play."—Micah Lebensohn. "That wonderful time when all you need to lose weight is to bathe."—Anon.

**childish** *a.* immature, sophomoric, babyish, adolescent, infantile, juvenile, naive, callow, unsophisticated. *ANT.* mature, adult, grown-up.

**chill** *n.* cold, frigidity, iciness, rawness, briskness, frostiness, nip, shivers.

**chilly** *a.* 1. COLD freezing, frigid, raw, biting, icy, brisk, frosty, shivery, anesthetizing, wintry, nippy, arctic. 2. UNFRIENDLY cold, icy, aloof, cool, hostile, frigid, unsociable. *ANT.* 1. hot, \*roasting, muggy. 2. friendly, warm, congenial.

**chime** *v.* ring, peal, toll, knell, sound, tinkle, jingle, tinnabulate. *SEE* BELL

**CHIMERA** *n.* [kye MEER uh] something impossible or fanciful, after the monster of Greek mythology. *Hank's desire to be president was just a chimera.* *SYN.* fancy, dream, impossibility, daydream, whim, \*castle in the air, \*pie in the sky, \*fool's paradise, \*pipe dream, fantasy, illusion, delusion.

**chimney** *n.* smokestack, flue.

**china** *n.* dishes, tableware, porcelain, crockery.

**chink** *n.* opening, slit, fissure, crack, crevice, cleft, hole, gap, rift.

**chintzy** *a.* 1. SHABBY tacky, cheap, sleazy, frowzy, \*schlock. 2. STINGY cheap, miserly, tight, stinting. *ANT.* 1. elegant, classy, stylish. 2. generous.

**chip** *n.* fragment, piece, bit, shard, scrap, sliver, shred, flake, dent, mark, nick, scratch, break, crack, flaw, fault.

**chip** *v.* fragment, nick, crack, crumble, break off, sliver, fracture, splinter, scratch, flake.

**chipper** *a.* cheerful, buoyant, high-spirited, cheery, sunny, bright, vivacious, zippy, lively, sprightly, gay, jaunty. *ANT.* grim, glum, slothful, melancholy.

**chirp** *v.* tweet, chip, peep, trill, warble, twitter. *SEE* BIRD

**chisel** *v.* cut, gouge, carve, engrave, sculpt, tool, incise.

**chivalrous** *a.* honorable, courageous, noble, gallant, valiant, brave, courteous, courtly, heroic, lionhearted, quixotic, gentlemanly. *ANT.* dishonorable, cowardly, brutish, barbaric.

**chivalry** *n.* honor, courage, nobility, gallantry, valor, knight-errantry, bravery, courtesy, courtliness, heroism, lionheartedness. *ANT.* cowardice, dishonor, rudeness, discourtesy.

**chock-full** *a.* packed, chock-a-block, overflowing, brimming, stuffed, crammed, bursting, filled to capacity, \*jam-packed. *ANT.* empty, barren, devoid.

**choice** *n.* selection, preference, choosing, election, determination, vote, decision, druthers, volition, option, desire, pick, wish.

**choice** *a.* best, superior, excellent, select, first-rate, cream-of-the-crop, vintage, prime. *ANT.* poor, fair, ordinary, inferior.

**choke** *v.* 1. STRANGLE throttle, garrote, asphyxiate, suffocate, smother, stifle, wring. 2. CLOG obstruct, block, close off, occlude, dam, seal, shut, constrict, restrict. *ANT.* 2. unplug, free, open.

**choleric** *a.* quick-tempered, irritable, angry, hot-headed, irascible, touchy, grouchy, \*short-fused, testy. *ANT.* easy-going, mild-mannered, imperturbable.

**chomp** *v.* bite, chew, crunch.

**choose** *v.* select, pick, elect, wish for, desire, opt for, decide on, determine, prefer, want, single out, call for, fancy, appoint.

**choosy** *a.* picky, fussy, finicky, particular, selective, persnickety, fastidious, exacting, over-particular, discriminating. *ANT.* indiscriminating, \*easy.

**chop** *n.* blow, whack, swipe, knock, \*wallop, \*plug, smack, hit.

**chop** *v.* cut, hew, lop, hack, fell, split, cleave, slash, slice, dice, mince, rend, sever.

**choppy** *a.* rough, stormy, wavy, violent, bumpy, turbulent, frothy, wild. *ANT.* calm, serene, glassy.

**chore** *n.* task, job, duty, burden, work, responsibility, charge, bother, \*drag, \*pain. *ANT.* pleasure, recreation, entertainment.

**chortle** *v.* chuckle, snort, snicker, snigger, crow, laugh with glee, guffaw, crackle, giggle. *SEE* LAUGH

**chorus** *n.* 1. CHOIR chorale group, glee club, ensemble, choristers. *SEE* MUSIC 2. AGREEMENT unison, harmony, concert.

**christen** *v.* baptize, name, designate, dub, title.

**chronic** *a.* long-term, recurrent, perpetual, constant, habitual, prolonged, protracted, lin-

gering, persistent, stubborn, unabating, continual. *ANT.* *short-term, temporary.*

**chronicle** *n.* history, narrative, accounting, record, annals, archive, chronology, register, log, calendar, journal, diary. *SEE* BOOK

**chronological** *a.* in order, ordered, sequential, consecutive, successive, serial, dated. *ANT.* *random, unorganized, haphazard.*

**chubby** *a.* plump, rotund, portly, pudgy, stout, fleshy, \*roly-poly, round, \*zaftig, tubby, flabby, full-figured, \*poriky. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic, bony.* *SEE* FAT

**chuck** *v.* throw, toss, hurl, heave, pitch, fling, discard, \*eighty-six, dump, junk, abandon, get rid of.

**chuckle** *v.* chortle, laugh, snicker, snigger, giggle, smile, cluck. *SEE* LAUGH

**chum** *n.* friend, buddy, pal, \*bro, companion, comrade, crony, \*sidekick, alter ego, \*homeboy, \*main man, \*pardner.

**chummy** *a.* friendly, companionable, \*palsywalsy, affectionate, \*buddy-buddy, intimate, inseparable, thick, \*kissy-huggy, familiar. *ANT.* *hostile, distant, alienated, estranged.*

**chump** *n.* fool, dupe, idiot, \*sucker, dope, patsy.

**chunk** *n.* hunk, piece, lump, clump, mass, portion, wad, slab, wedge.

**chunky** *a.* thick, stocky, thickset, \*built like a fireplug, stubby, squat, stout, chubby, pudgy. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic, \*built like linguine, \*like a beanpole, willowy.* *SEE* FAT

**church** *n.* chapel, cathedral, house of worship, temple, synagogue, basilica, meeting house, mosque, tabernacle, the Lord's house, Bethel, abbey, sanctuary, denomination, sect, faith, affiliation. "God between four walls."—Victor Hugo. "A hospital for sinners."—L.L. Nash. "Wherever one hand meets another helpfully."—John Ruskin. *SEE* CLERGY, MONASTERY, RELIGION

**WORD FIND**

**altar area reserved for clergy:** chancel, sanctuary, presbytery

**balcony for choir:** choir loft

**baptism basin:** font

**baptism room/section:** baptistery

**bell ringer:** sexton

**bell tower:** belfry

**bench:** pew

**bishop's church:** cathedral

**Buddhist:** pagoda

**central portion/main area for congregation:** nave

**collection/revenue:** tithe, benefice

**confession booth in the Catholic church:** confessional

**council of bishops:** synod

**crucifixion sculptures:** Calvary

**cup:** chalice

**district:** parish

**division, difference of opinion:** schism

**faith/denomination:** (Christian) Roman Catholic, Protestant, Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Mormon, Episcopalian, Unitarian, Baptist, Eastern Orthodox, Pentecostal, Church of the Nazarene, Seventh Day Adventists, Unification Church; Orthodox Judaism; Islam; Hindu; Buddhist

**gallery above side aisle:** triforium

**governing body:** classis

**grave digger:** sexton

**high-ranking clergy:** prelate

**house of clergyman:** parsonage, rectory

**Italian cathedral:** duomo

**Jewish house of worship:** synagogue

**jurisdiction of archbishop:** archdiocese

**jurisdiction of bishop:** diocese

**land/property:** glebe

**laws of:** canon

**lay authority:** elder

**light-admitting upper wall:** clerestory

**members:** congregation, fold, flock, Ecclesia

**Moslem:** mosque

**mosque tower:** minaret

**nunnery:** convent

**office, endowed:** benefice

**outreach church supported by larger church:** mission

**preaching platform:** pulpit

**reading stand:** lectern, ambo

**repository for sacraments:** ambry

**rite:** baptism, benediction, communion, mass

**semicircular projection and vaulted area at east end behind altar:** apse

**storage room for altar vessels:** sacristy

**storage room for clergy and choir's robes:** vestry

**study of architecture, decoration:** ecclesiology

**table or raised platform:** altar

**tower:** steeple, spire, belfry

**underground vault/burial place:** crypt

**vestibule:** narthex, Galilee porch

**west-side chapel:** Galilee

**window, arched:** lancet window

**window, large, round, stained glass:** Catherine wheel, rose window, marigold window

**yard, enclosed:** parvis

**churchman** *n.* SEE CLERGY

**churlish** *a.* surly, mean, grouchy, boorish, loutish, crude, cantankerous, thorny, cranky, cross, huffy, grumpy, dour, sullen, ill-tempered. *ANT.* nice, pleasant, civil.

**churn** *v.* stir, agitate, shake, seethe, whip, heave, swirl, whisk, beat.

**chute** *n.* waterfall, rapids, trough, passage, slide, channel, gutter, runway, flume.

**CHUTZPAH** *n.* [HOOTS puh] nerve, brass, fearlessness. *It takes a lot of chutzpah to cut in line.* *SYN.* nerve, brass, gall, \*balls, audacity, boldness, backbone, spine, cheek, brazenness, arrogance. *ANT.* cowardice, mouseiness, spinelessness.

**cider** *n.* juice, \*squeezings, beverage, drink, refreshment.

**cigar** *n.* stogie, toby, Havana, \*smoke, corona, cheroot, panatella, \*weed, perfecto.

**cigarette** *n.* \*smoke, \*coffin nail, \*butt, \*cancer stick, \*gasper, \*fag, \*Kent, \*Pall Mall, \*Salem, \*Kool, \*Winston, \*Camel, \*Marlboro, \*Chesterfield. "Killers that travel in packs."—Mary S. Ott.

**cinch** *n.* *Sl.* breeze, snap, \*walk on the beach, \*child's play, \*piece of cake, \*duck soup, no sweat. *ANT.* \*killer, \*ballbuster, *Herculean task.*

**cinders** *n.* embers, coals, clinkers, slag, ashes.

**cinema** *n.* film theater, the movies. SEE MOVIE

**cipher** *n.* 1. ZERO nothing, naught, nil, \*zip, \*goose egg. 2. CODE cryptography, puzzle, mystery, problem. *ANT.* 1. infinity

**circa** *a.* about, approximately, roughly. *ANT.* precisely, exactly.

**circadian rhythm** *n.* biorhythm, cycles, body clock.

**circle** *n.* 1. RING loop, oval, disc, orb, round, compass, hoop, halo, wheel, orbit, sphere, globe, circuit, coil, circlet, crown. 2. CYCLE revolution, series, period, progression, round. 3. ASSOCIATES group, coterie, crowd, clique, fraternity, sorority, gang, assembly. 4. SPHERE OF INTEREST domain, realm, range, field, province, dominion, bailiwick.

**circle** *v.* go around, circumnavigate, encircle, surround, ring, encompass, circumscribe, wheel, roll, loop, pivot, reel.

**circuit** *n.* 1. COURSE path, route, cycle, lap, pass, round, tour, run. 2. CIRCLING revolution, orbit. 3. BOUNDARY periphery, border, perimeter, margin, fringe, confines, brink.

**CIRCUITOUS** *a.* [sur KYOO i tus] roundabout or indirect. *Much to my irritation, the cabbie took a circuitous route to the airport.* *SYN.* roundabout, indirect, circular, meandering, rambling, \*long way, \*far afield, labyrinthine, devious, \*off the beaten path. *ANT.* direct, straight.

**circular** *n.* advertisement, flier, handbill, insert, brochure, leaflet, announcement, letter.

**circular** *a.* 1. ROUND spherical, spheroid, disk-like, globular, oval. 2. CIRCUITOUS round-about.

**circulate** *v.* 1. CIRCLE revolve, mill, move around, wander, tour, course, make the rounds. 2. DISTRIBUTE spread, pass out, disperse, disseminate, publicize, announce.

**circulation** *n.* 1. FLOW movement, coursing, circling, rotation, round, tour, revolution. 2. DISTRIBUTION dissemination, transmission, spread.

**circumcise** *v.* excise, remove, cut.

**circumference** *n.* girth, perimeter, periphery, ambit, outline, compass, circuit.

**CIRCUMLOCUTION** *n.* [SUR kum loh KYOO shun] an overly wordy or indirect way of saying something. *Circumlocution is the tendency to use ten words when one would do.* *SYN.* periphrasis, long-windedness, prolixity, rambling, verbosity, redundancy, wordiness, repetition, roundaboutness, \*beating around the bush, digression. *ANT.* directness, brevity, conciseness.

**CIRCUMSCRIBE** *v.* [SUR kum SKRIBE] to draw a line around, to set limits. *Points of interest on the map were circumscribed.* *SYN.* 1. ENCLOSE circle, encircle, surround, outline, encompass. 2. BIND confine, limit, restrict, restrain, prohibit, check, hem in, curb, impede, demarcate.

**CIRCUMSPECT** *a.* [SUR kum SPEKT] cautious, careful. *John is always circumspect around skunks.* *SYN.* cautious, careful, wary, mindful, chary, leery, apprehensive, guarded, prudent, vigilant, heedful, scrupulous, judicious. *ANT.* careless, reckless, rash.

**circumstance** *n.* situation, case, instance, occasion, incidence, occurrence, matter, episode, condition, contingency, concern, place, time.

**circumstances** *n.* course of events, turn of events, situation, predicament, attending factors, condition, state of affairs.

**CIRCUMSTANTIAL** *a.* [ser kum STAN shul] incidental; largely insignificant. Also, referring to evidence that may be used in a court case only to infer, not prove, guilt. *The evidence against the accused was weak and mostly circumstantial.* *SYN.* incidental, indirect, secondary, insignificant, unimportant, trivial, inconclusive, open to interpretation,

conjectural, speculative, extraneous, presumed. *ANT. conclusive.*

**CIRCUMVENT** *v.* [SER kum vent] to get around or avoid. *The thief was able to circumvent punishment through legal loopholes.*  
*SYN.* get around, dodge, bypass, avoid, elude, shun, skirt, sidestep, thwart, stymie, out-flank, foil, contravene, outwit.

**circus** *n.* \*big top, hippodrome, spectacle, tent show, exhibition, performance, extravaganza.

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**WORD FIND**

**arena:** ring

**procession:** caravan, cavalcade

**subordinate show:** sideshow

**swing:** trapeze

**worker/laborer:** rouster, roustabout

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**cistern** *n.* tank, reservoir, vat.

**citadel** *n.* fortress, fort, stronghold, safehold, bastion, tower, refuge. *SEE CASTLE*

**citation** *n.* 1. SUMMONS subpoena, warrant, charge, call. 2. CITING quoting, quotation, quote, reference, passage, excerpt, source, extract, text. 3. HONORABLE MENTION accolade, recognition, commendation, award, reward, kudos.

**cite** *v.* 1. SUMMON subpoena, put out a warrant, charge, call. 2. QUOTE reference, note, excerpt, extract, refer to, provide a source.

**citizen** *n.* inhabitant, native, resident, subject, national, denizen, freeman, taxpayer, burgher, cosmopolite, \*just another brick in the wall, \*John/Jane Q. Public. "The most important office."—Louis Brandeis.

**city** *n.* metropolis, municipality, megalopolis, town, \*burg, downtown, suburb, urban complex, boomtown, community, asphalt jungle, urban sprawl, capital, borough. "A herding region."—Elbert Hubbard. "A human zoo."—Desmond Morris. "A stone forest."—John Priestly. "The centre of a thousand trades."—William Cowper. "Millions of people being lonesome together."—Henry Thoreau. *SEE NEW YORK*

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**WORD FIND**

**districts:** ward, business district, residential district, ghetto, slums, tenement district, inner city, \*skid row, \*red light district, tenderloin, hell's kitchen, Chinatown, Little Italy, barrio, greenbelt

**official:** alderman, councilor, mayor

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**city hall** *n.* municipal building, town hall, municipal government, city center, municipal center, administrative building, courthouse.

**civic** *a.* municipal, civil, metropolitan, urban, community, communal, public.

**civil** *a.* 1. CIVIC municipal, community, communal, public, urban, metropolitan, civilian. 2. POLITE courteous, well-mannered, proper, civilized, obliging, gracious, urbane, genteel, refined, diplomatic. *ANT.* 2. *rude, unrefined, barbaric, beastly.*

**civilization** *n.* 1. SOCIAL ORGANIZATION culture, refinement, sophistication, education, civility, acculturation, polish, breeding, taming, socialization. "Restrictions, standards, courtesy, indirect methods, justice, reason."—Jose Ortega y Gasset. "To convert a man, a beast of prey, into a tame and civilized animal, a domestic animal."—Friedrich Nietzsche. "A concerted effort to remedy the blunders and check the practical joking of God."—Henry Louis Mencken. "A series of victories over nature."—William Harvey. "The lamb's skin in which barbarism masquerades."—Thomas Bailey Aldrich. 2. HUMANITY society. *ANT.* 1. *wildness, wilderness, savagery, barbarism, laws of the jungle.* *SEE SOCIETY*

**civilized** *a.* cultured, refined, sophisticated, educated, civil, acculturated, polished, bred, tamed, humane, socialized, socially organized, urbane. "To have some quality of consideration for all who cross our path."—Agnes Repplier. *ANT. wild, raw, crude, savage, barbaric.*

**civil liberties** *n.* rights, freedoms, God-given rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion.

**civil rights** *n.* freedoms, civil liberties, constitutional rights.

**clad** *a.* dressed, clothed, attired.

**claim** *v.* 1. DEMAND take, seek, petition, \*have dibs on, exact, expropriate, attach. 2. ASSERT maintain, insist, allege, proclaim, declare, hold, profess, defend, contend.

**clairvoyant** *a.* psychic, perceptive, telepathic, extrasensory, prescient, prophetic, second-sighted. *ANT. insensitive, unreceptive.*

**clam** *n.* mollusk, quahog, cherrystone, little-neck, steamer.

**clamber** *v.* climb, scale, \*crab, climb with all fours, scramble, ascend, crawl, shinny. *SEE MOUNTAIN CLIMBING*

**clammy** *a.* damp, moist, dank, cold, slimy, mucous, sticky, pasty, sweaty. *ANT. dry, arid.*

**clamor** *n.* 1. uproar, outcry, racket, hullabaloo, ballyhoo, hue and cry, babel, shouting, din, noise, hubbub, tumult, chaos, bedlam, commotion, pandemonium, upheaval, brouha-

- ha, disruption. *ANT.* *silence, tranquility, serenity, peace.*
- clamor** *v.* cry out, demand, \*put up a fuss, call out, shout, \*raise the roof, bellow, howl, yell, insist.
- clamorous** *a.* noisy, loud, confused, uproarious, tumultuous, chaotic, disruptive, deafening, ear-piercing, vociferous. *ANT.* *quiet, silent, peaceful.*
- clamp** *n.* vise, hold, grip, clasp, bracket, clip.
- clan** *n.* tribe, family, dynasty, group, clique, circle, coterie, band, fraternity, society, gang, ring. *SEE* FAMILY
- CLANDESTINE** *a.* [klan DES tin] secret or undercover, an activity associated with illicit activities. *The clandestine meeting took place in an abandoned shipyard.* *SYN.* secret, undercover, hidden, concealed, surreptitious, \*cloak and dagger, \*hush-hush, covert, underground, furtive, underhanded, sneaky, conspiratory, back room. *ANT.* *public, above-board, open.*
- clang** *v.* ring, clank, reverberate, resound, peal, bong, toll, gong, chime.
- clannish** *a.* cliquish, insular, provincial, snobbish, selective, sectarian, parochial, narrow, tribal, exclusive, class conscious, caste conscious. *ANT.* *friendly, open, broad-minded, accepting, worldly.*
- clap** *n.* explosion, crack, thunder, peal, bang, shot, burst, report.
- clap** *v.* applaud, give a hand, cheer, slap, strike, rap, whack, slam.
- CLAPTRAP** *n.* [KLAP TRAP] pretentious writing or talk designed to win attention. *That all men are unfeeling Neanderthals is feminist claptrap.* *SYN.* bombast, hog-wash, grandstanding, fustian, pretentiousness, insincerity, speciousness, sensationalism, platitude, inflation, sophistry, \*bunk, \*bilge, twaddle.
- clarify** *v.* elucidate, clear up, make plain, explain, show, define, illuminate, simplify, \*shed light on, interpret. *ANT.* *confuse, muddle, obfuscate, \*make clear as mud.*
- clarity** *n.* clearness, lucidity, plainness, intelligibility, comprehensibility, explicitness, legibility, simplicity, transparency, purity. *ANT.* *obscurity, haze, fog, fuzziness, distortion.*
- clash** *v.* 1. CONFLICT disagree, argue, fight, quarrel, \*butt heads, wrangle, feud, scuffle, \*lock horns, tussle. 2. CRASH clatter, clang, rattle, jangle, bang. 3. MISMATCH contrast, don't go with, are ill-suited together. *ANT.* 1. *agree, harmonize, correspond.*
- clasp** *n.* catch, hook, snap, fastener, clip, buckle, hasp, pin.
- clasp** *v.* grasp, grip, embrace, hold, clutch, clench, squeeze.
- class** *n.* 1. SORT kind, category, type, group, caste, genus, grade, species, stripe, variety, breed, division, ilk, order. 2. SOCIAL RANK position, stratum, status, sect, birth, lineage, extraction, place, echelon, hierarchy, pedigree, caste, station, rank, standing. 3. BODY OF STUDENTS study group. 4. COURSE subject, period, lesson, curriculum. 5. *Sl.* HIGH STYLE elegance, excellence, quality, flair, polish, distinction, fineness, refinement.
- class** *v.* *SEE* CLASSIFY
- classic** *n.* model, standard, example, masterpiece, paragon, exemplar, chef-d'oeuvre, ideal, paradigm, archetype, magnum opus.
- classic** *a.* 1. EXCELLENT first-class, model, exemplary, superior, extraordinary, quintessential, finest, best, vintage, standard, ideal. 2. TRADITIONAL established, conventional, tried-and-true, regular, standard, prototypical. *ANT.* 1. *inferior, second-rate, poor.* 2. *radical, \*new wave, avant-garde.*
- classical** *a.* *SEE* CLASSIC
- classification** *n.* 1. ARRANGEMENT division, grouping, categorization, cataloging, ordering, grading, sorting, \*pigeonholing, typing, labeling, assignment. 2. CATEGORY division, group, class, variety, order, grade, type.
- classified** *a.* confidential, secret, top secret, private, restricted. *ANT.* *overt, public, open.*
- classify** *v.* categorize, arrange, group, catalog, order, grade, sort, \*pigeonhole, type, label, assign, organize, rank, systemize.
- classy** *a.* first-class, fine, elegant, superior, excellent, high-class, polished, smart, stylish, chic, swanky, fashionable. *ANT.* *low-class, cheap, chintzy, \*slummy.*
- clatter** *v.* rattle, crack, smash, clank, clang, jangle.
- clause** *n.* article, provision, term, specification, condition, part, section, paragraph, sentence, passage, \*catch.
- claw** *n.* talon, nail, pincer, hook, spur, nipper.
- claw** *v.* scratch, rip, tear, pierce, lacerate, hook, slash, dig, puncture, gouge, gash.
- clay** *n.* earth, dirt, loam, mud, soil, sod.
- clean** *v.* wash, cleanse, launder, scrub, bathe, freshen up, scour, purify, disinfect, sterilize, deterge, swab, spruce up, shampoo, dust, sanitize, decontaminate. *ANT.* *soil, dirty, begrime, pollute, mess.*
- clean** *a.* 1. NOT DIRTY spotless, washed, fresh, \*spic and span, unsoiled, immaculate, \*clean as a whistle, laundered, \*squeaky clean,

scrubbed, antiseptic, scoured, sanitary, bright, sparkling, pure, disinfected, sterile, clear, unpolluted. 2. VIRTUOUS upright, moral, pure, chaste, sinless, innocent, decent, wholesome, respectable, lily-white. 3. FAIR sportsmanlike, honest, aboveboard, respectable, by the rules. 4. TRIM plain, uncluttered, simple, sharp. 5. COMPLETE thorough, entire, whole, clear-cut. *ANT.* 1. *dirty, filthy, grubby, unsanitary, grimy.* 2. *immoral, filthy, indecent.* 3. *unfair, unsportsmanlike, \*below-the-belt.* 4. *busy, ornate, cluttered.* 5. *incomplete, uncertain.*

**clean-cut** *a.* neat, trim, groomed, tidy, clean-shaven, conservative, military, Ivy-League, \*preppy, old-fashioned, \*square, button-down, traditional, \*dressed for success. *ANT.* *sloppy, unkempt.*

**cleanse** *v.* SEE CLEAN

**clear** *v.* 1. CLEAN wipe, tidy, sweep, free, empty, open, rid, remove, liberate, disentangle. 2. EXONERATE liberate, free, \*let off the hook, release, find innocent, absolve, exculpate, acquit, vindicate, \*restore one's good name. 3. PASS OVER miss, \*make, steer clear of, hurdle, vault. 4. CLEAR UP clarify, illuminate, explain, elucidate. *ANT.* 1. *mess up, soil, tangle.* 2. *find guilty, incriminate.* 3. *hit, catch.* 4. *obfuscate, confuse, muddle.*

**clear** *a.* 1. APPARENT understandable, clear-cut, obvious, perspicuous, crystal-clear, plain, lucid, transparent, incontrovertible, evident, comprehensible, explicit, unmistakable. 2. UNOBSTRUCTED open, free, unblocked, unclogged, unhindered, unobstructed, empty. 3. TRANSPARENT crystal, glassy, see-through, diaphanous, pellucid, translucent, limpid. *ANT.* 1. *unclear, hazy, foggy, fuzzy, incomprehensible.* 2. *obstructed, blocked, hindered, jammed.* 3. *opaque, cloudy, fuzzy.*

**clearance** *n.* authorization, sanction, \*okay, \*go, \*green light, go-ahead.

**clear-cut** *a.* clear, definite, distinct, unquestionable, unmistakable, explicit, obvious, express.

**clearheaded** *a.* rational, of sound mind, lucid, alert, sharp, sober, keen, wide-awake, sane, level-headed, sensible, composed. *ANT.* *muddled, confused, hazy, irrational.*

**clearly** *adv.* obviously, plainly, apparently, unquestionably, unmistakably, incontrovertibly, conspicuously, undoubtedly, transparently, positively, overtly, indubitably. *ANT.* *questionably, doubtfully, unclearly, debatably.*

**cleavage** *n.* cleft, fissure, gap, chasm, rift, valley.

**cleave** *v.* 1. STICK adhere, cling, cohere, hold fast, be faithful, be true. 2. SPLIT divide, chop, carve, sever, slice, part, rend, rip, cut.

**cleft** *n.* opening, crack, crevice, break, gap, chink, fissure, slit, schism, split, rift.

**CLEMENCY** *n.* [KLEM un see] forgiveness, lenience, mercy. *The crook was granted clemency in exchange for information.* *SYN.* forgiveness, lenience, mercy, mildness, compassion, charity, amnesty, sympathy, softening, quarter, mitigation, easing, softheartedness. *ANT.* *vindictiveness, cruel and unusual punishment, strictness, harshness, heavy-handedness.*

**clench** *v.* grip, grasp, hold firm, clutch, clasp, hold, constrict, close. *ANT.* *loosen, release.*

**clergy** *n.* ecclesiastics, men of the cloth, ministry, priesthood, churchmen, holy order, prelacy, pastorate, presbytery, rabbinate. SEE CLERGYMAN

**clergyman** *n.* ecclesiastic, minister, priest, rabbi, preacher, canon, cleric, \*dominie, reverend, curate, father, pastor, parson, prelate, chaplain, bishop, cardinal, rector, vicar, man of the cloth, deacon, evangelist, theologian, shepherd, pontiff, man/woman of God. "Ambassadors for Christ."—The Bible. "A human Sunday."—Samuel Butler. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION

**WORD FIND**

**abbey's superior female:** abbess

**abbey's superior male:** abbot

**assists priest or minister with candles, offerings:** acolyte, altar boy

**bishop-assisting priest who oversees a territory:** archdeacon

**bishop, highest ranking:** archbishop

**cape, short, worn by pope, cardinal, and bishop:** mozzetta

**cathedral superior:** dean

**collar worn by priest:** clerical collar

**council of:** synod

**deacon's wide-sleeved tunic worn over alb:** dalmatic

**England, parish priest in:** vicar

**garment, general term:** vestment

**hat, squarish, with three or four projections, Roman Catholic:** biretta

**hat worn by bishop:** miter

**high-ranking minister who oversees a diocese:** bishop

**Hindu's spiritual teacher:** guru

**house of:** rectory, parsonage, manse

**Jewish minister:** rabbi

**long open cloak worn by bishop:** cope

**Lutheran, Baptist, or Pentecostal minister:** pastor  
**monk/friar's robe:** frock  
**mosque official who calls faithful to prayer from minaret:** muezzin  
**mosque's prayer leader:** imam  
**Muslim authority:** ayatollah  
**pope:** pontiff  
**pope's assistant, second-highest in Catholic hierarchy:** cardinal  
**pope's office:** papacy  
**pope's palace home:** Vatican  
**robe, long and white, worn by priest for Mass:** alb  
**Roman Catholic's highest-ranking:** pope  
**salary:** prebend  
**school for:** seminary  
**sleeveless mantle worn by priest at communion:** chasuble  
**square cloth worn by priest over shoulders:** amice  
**strip one of power due to unethical behavior:** defrock  
**synagogue's prayer leader/singer:** cantor  
**vestment, full-length, usually black, worn by priest:** cassock  
**waist cord of alb:** cincture  
**white, wide-sleeved, knee or hip-length garment:** surplice

**clerical** *a.* ecclesiastical, churchly, ministerial, priestly, pastoral, religious. *ANT.* *secular, lay.*  
**clerk** *n.* salesman/woman, cashier, teller, office worker, bookkeeper, \*desk jockey. *SEE* OFFICE WORKER  
**clever** *a.* intelligent, adroit, bright, ingenious, smart, dexterous, shrewd, quick, witty, facile, \*brainy, versatile, sharp, savvy, inventive, capable, handy, resourceful, imaginative. *ANT.* *stupid, bovine, dull, moronic.*  
**cliché** *n.* banality, trite remark, bromide, \*chestnut, old saw, \*old line, \*tired line, hackneyed expression, platitude, \*old story, stereotype. "Only something well said in the first place."—William Granger.  
**cliché** *a.* trite, hackneyed, tired, worn out, stereotyped. *ANT.* *fresh, new, imaginative.*  
**click** *v.* 1. TICK clack, snap, clink, chink, rattle. 2. WORK TOGETHER SUCCESSFULLY come together, fit, fall into place.  
**client** *n.* customer, patron, consumer, buyer, \*regular.  
**clientele** *n.* clients, customers, patrons, following, trade, business, regulars, market.

**cliff** *n.* precipice, bluff, scarp, escarpment, overlook, overhang, ledge, headland, promontory, peak, summit, palisade, crag. *SEE* MOUNTAIN  
**cliffhanger** *n.* serial, \*nail-biter, melodrama, episode, thriller.  
**climate** *n.* 1. WEATHER clime, temperature, meteorological conditions. 2. ATMOSPHERE air, ambience, feel, tone, undertone, sense, aura, spirit, character, mood, disposition.  
**climax** *n.* culmination, highest point, peak, acme, pinnacle, crest, zenith, maximum, summit, critical mass, apex, turning point, climacteric. *ANT.* *anticlimax, low, nadir.* *SEE* ORGASM  
**climb** *v.* ascend, scale, mount, clamber, shinny, \*climb hand over hand, rise, swarm, escalate, scramble up, descend. *SEE* MOUNTAIN CLIMBING  
**clime** *n.* *SEE* CLIMATE  
**clinch** *v.* 1. FASTEN secure, fix, make fast, set, attach, bolt. 2. WIN CONCLUSIVELY OR SETTLE finish off, close, culminate, confirm, decide, put all doubts to rest, sew up, cap, \*put on ice.  
**clincher** *n.* crowning blow, finisher, closer, deathblow, culmination, capper, \*coup de grace, settler, finishing touch.  
**cling** *v.* stick, adhere, hold, clasp, cleave to, cohere, embrace, be attached to, cherish. *ANT.* *release, let go, repel.*  
**clinic** *n.* dispensary, infirmary, sick bay, hospital, outpatient ward. *SEE* MEDICINE, HOSPITAL  
**clinical** *a.* scientific, analytic, objective, detached, impersonal, dispassionate, unemotional. *ANT.* *personal, subjective, involved.*  
**clink** *v.* jingle, jangle, tinkle, ring, tink.  
**clip** *n.* fastener, clasp, holder, pin, hasp.  
**clip** *v.* 1. ATTACH fasten, pin, couple, hook, grip. 2. CUT snip, crop, trim, bob, shorten, shave, shear, scissor, \*buzz, prune, mow. 3. REDUCE shorten, curtail, abridge. *ANT.* 3. *lengthen, increase.*  
**CLIQUE** *n.* [KLIK] an exclusive group or circle of people, sometimes of a snobbish nature. *High school is notorious for its cliques.* *SYN.* coterie, group, crowd, in crowd, circle, band, clan, set, gang, faction, bunch, crew, pack.  
**cloak** *n.* 1. CAPE mantle, wrap, dolman, overcoat, robe, pelisse, capote. 2. DISGUISE cover, mask, masquerade, guise, concealment, front, pretext.  
**cloak** *v.* cover, conceal, hide, mask, disguise, veil. *ANT.* *uncover, reveal, unmask.*  
**cloak and dagger** *a.* intriguing, mysterious, melodramatic, dealing in espionage.

**clobber** *v.* punch, pound, beat, wallop, pummel, hit, strike, belt, drub, thrash, \*slug, \*sock.

**clock** *n.* timepiece, chronometer, timer, watch, hourglass.

**clod** *n.* dolt, moron, idiot, simpleton, dunce, halfwit, ignoramus, oaf, nitwit, blockhead, \*chowderhead.

**clodhopper** *n.* hick, yokel, bumpkin, hayseed, rustic, farmer, hillbilly, \*cider squeezer.

**clog** *n.* blockage, obstacle, jam, congestion, stoppage, barrier, occlusion, encumbrance, clot, bottleneck.

**clog** *v.* block, obstruct, jam, congest, stop, bar, occlude, encumber, clot, close, choke, fill, impede, stuff, cram, gum up. *ANT.* *open, free, clear.*

**cloister** *n.* 1. SECLUDED REFUGE asylum, retreat, sanctuary, haven, monastery, abbey, convent. 2. COVERED WALKWAY colonnade, arcade, courtyard, ambulatory, promenade, archway, gallery.

**CLOISTERED** *a.* [KLOIS terd] secluded, sheltered. *Monks enjoy a cloistered lifestyle.* *SYN.* secluded, sheltered, reclusive, solitary, sequestered, hidden, shielded, remote, aloof, segregated, hermitic, insular. *ANT.* *public, conspicuous.*

**clone** *n.* double, match, twin, copy, replica, duplicate.

**close** *n.* ending, finale, finish, completion, wind-up, culmination.

**close** *v.* 1. SHUT seal, lock, secure, bolt, bar, shutter. 2. COMPLETE finish, \*wind down, \*call it a day, end, cease, finalize, \*put to bed, fold up, terminate, stop, discontinue, shut down. 3. JOIN unite, merge, fuse, couple, connect. *ANT.* 1. *open, broach.* 2. *begin, start, open.* 3. *separate, divide.*

**close** *a.* 1. NEAR proximate, at hand, handy, next to, immediate, \*under one's nose, \*within shouting distance, bordering, nigh, in close proximity, approaching, contiguous, neighboring. 2. DENSE cramped, thick, compact, packed, congested, crowded, solid, confined, narrow, stuffed. 3. INTIMATE friendly, familiar, chummy, inseparable, \*buddy-buddy, attached, \*thick with, \*cosy with. 4. SIMILAR comparable, alike, like, much the same, analogous, near, akin. 5. OPPRESSIVE humid, stuffy, airless, muggy, unventilated, heavy, stifling, suffocating, thick. 6. STINGY tight, miserly, tight-fisted, niggardly, \*penny-pinching, penurious. *ANT.* 1. *far, distant, remote.* 2. *loose, roomy, commodious.* 3. *unfamiliar, distant, cool.* 4. *dissimilar, opposite,*

*contrasting.* 5. *airy, breezy, fresh.* 6. *generous, free-spending, extravagant.*

**close call** *n.* narrow escape, near miss, \*close shave, \*squeaker, photofinish, \*heart stopper, \*white-knuckler, cliffhanger.

**closefisted** *a.* tightfisted, tight, cheap, stingy, miserly, niggardly, penny-pinching, parsimonious, penurious. *ANT.* *generous, giving, openhanded.*

**close-minded** *a.* narrow-minded, intolerant, blind, unreceptive. *ANT.* *broad-minded.*

**closemouthed** *a.* uncommunicative, taciturn, quiet, reserved, laconic, tight-lipped, reticent, retiring, secretive, mute. *ANT.* *talkative, loquacious.*

**closet** *n.* storeroom, cupboard, locker, compartment, wardrobe, cubbyhole.

**close shave** *n.* SEE CLOSE CALL

**closure** *n.* conclusion, capping, ending, tying up loose ends, finality, completion, finishing.

**clot** *n.* grume, embolism, lump, mass, coagulation, occlusion.

**clot** *v.* coagulate, congeal, set, thicken, clog, coalesce, solidify. *ANT.* *thin, liquefy, flow.*

**cloth** *n.* fabric, textile, material, weave, dry goods.

**clothe** *v.* dress, attire, fit out, garb, don, vest, put on, outfit, deck out, doll up, tog, costume, caparison, adorn. *ANT.* *strip, undress.*

**clothes** *n. pl.* SEE CLOTHING

**clothing** *n.* apparel, dress, attire, garb, wear, garments, habiliments, wardrobe, getup, duds, \*threads, \*rags, costume, finery, outfit, vestment, tog, \*civvies. "Two-thirds of beauty."—Welsh proverb. SEE BOOT, COAT, DRESS, HAT, JACKET, PANTS, SHIRT, SHOE, SKIRT, SWEATER

**cloud** *n.* vapor, mist, fog, haze, steam, puff, veil, billow, overcast, gloom, nebula. "The only birds that never sleep."—Victor Hugo. SEE FOG, RAIN

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**WORD FIND**

**aircraft trail:** contrail

**boiling, billowing, or breastlike, severe thunderstorm:** mammatocumulus

**bulging:** billowing

**cauliflower-like and towering:** congestus

**cauliflowerlike, fair-weather cloud:** cumulus, stratocumulus

**chemical creation of:** cloud seeding

**circle around sun or moon:** halo

**cloud striations winding upward in a thunderstorm, slang for:** barber pole

**continuous and layered with no individual units:** stratus

**continuous, layered, low:** stratus  
**descriptive:** buttermilk sky  
**fleathy tuft:** cirrus, mare's tail  
**fleecy cumulus cloud:** woolpack, sheep, alto-cumulus  
**fragments:** cloud tags, fractus, scud  
**gray, thick and shapeless rain cloud:** nimbostratus  
**horsetail-like cirrus cloud:** mare's tail  
**hurricane, band surrounding:** eye wall  
**lowest clouds, height of:** ceiling  
**mass broken off by wind:** rack  
**measuring device:** clinometer, nephoscope  
**mountain, plume seen over lee side of:** banner cloud  
**pre-tornadic and itself often rotating:** wall cloud, pedestal cloud  
**rain-producing:** nimbus  
**referring to:** nubilous  
**ripples or bands:** cirrocumulus, mackerel sky  
**rising, moist warm air forming cumulus and cumulonimbus:** updraft  
**study of:** nephology  
**swift-moving, dark storm patch:** scud  
**thin and wispy at high altitude:** cirriform  
**thunder and lightning:** thunderhead  
**thunderhead's anvil-shaped top:** incus  
**tornado's:** funnel cloud  
**towering rain and storm clouds:** cumulonimbus  
**tube-shaped cloud associated with some thunderstorms, long and low:** roll cloud, shelf cloud, arcus  
**veils, thin and white, covering most of sky:** cirrostratus  
**wisp trailing from rain cloud:** virga

**cloud** *v.* befog, darken, obscure, veil, dim, cloak, blind, muddle. *ANT.* *clear, illuminate.*  
**cloudy** *a.* 1. **OVERCAST** gray, dreary, dismal, hazy, murky, partly sunny, nubilous, lowery, lowering, turbid, leaden, misty, foggy, murky. 2. **OBSCURE** vague, indistinct, blurry, nebulous, fuzzy, unclear, hazy, confused, muddled, mysterious. *ANT.* 1. *clear, sunny, bright, radiant.* 2. *clear, distinct, certain.*  
**clout** *n.* 1. **BLOW** rap, hit, whack, clip, \*sock. 2. **INFLUENCE** power, weight, \*pull.  
**cloverleaf** *n.* interchange, overpass, on-off ramp. "Our national flower ... the concrete cloverleaf"—Lewis Mumford. *SEE* STREET  
**clown** *n.* buffoon, jester, joker, merry-andrew, comic, \*cutup, prankster, zany, mime, harlequin, card, wit. *SEE* CIRCUS

**CLOY** *v.* [KLOY] to make sick of something from having too much. *Try to eat a pound of chocolate and it will soon cloy.* *SYN.* sicken, satiate, surfeit, displease, nauseate, glut, sate, overdo, gag, weary, pall. *ANT.* *entice, tantalize.*  
**club** *n.* 1. **STICK** bat, cudgel, billy, mace, truncheon, blackjack, bludgeon, shillelagh. 2. **ASSOCIATION** organization, society, fraternity, sorority, clique, affiliation, coterie, alliance, lodge, order.  
**club** *v.* hit, strike, bat, batter, cudgel, baste, beat, clout, blackjack, slug.  
**clue** *n.* hint, tip, tipoff, \*lead, sign, telltale, inkling, inference, pointer, implication, \*dead giveaway, evidence, suggestion, trace, mark.  
**clump** *n.* 1. **CLUSTER** aggregation, bunch, group, lump, mass, clod, thicket, bushes. 2. **THUMP** clomp, stomp, bump, bang, thud, \*thunk.  
**clumsy** *a.* 1. **KLUTZY** oafish, inept, ungainly, bumbling, maladroit, awkward, gauche, graceless, fumbling, \*all thumbs, \*having two left feet, cloddish, butterfingers, blundering, lumbering, uncoordinated. 2. **UNWIELDY** awkward, cumbersome, bulky, unmanageable, ponderous. *ANT.* 1. *coordinated, graceful, nimble, adroit.* 2. *handy.*  
**cluster** *n.* bunch, clump, mass, group, body, crowd, assembly, knot, collection, congregation.  
**clutch** *v.* grasp, snatch, seize, grip, grab, catch, nab, snare, clench, hold, squeeze. *ANT.* *release, drop.*  
**clutches** *n.* power, control, grip, hands, rule, possession, custody.  
**clutter** *n.* mess, disorder, jumble, litter, trash, disarray, hodgepodge, chaos. *ANT.* *order, neatness, tidiness.*  
**clutter** *v.* mess, disorder, jumble, litter, \*trash, strew about, scatter. *ANT.* *neaten, order, arrange, clean.*  
**coach** *n.* 1. **TRAINER** teacher, tutor, instructor, mentor, \*whip, taskmaster, drillmaster, athletic director. 2. **CARRIAGE** stage, brougham, landau, phaeton, coupe, buggy.  
**coach** *v.* train, teach, tutor, instruct, \*whip into shape, drill, direct, guide, school, cram.  
**coachman** *n.* driver, jehu, hack, whip.  
**coagulate** *v.* clot, curdle, mass, lump, congeal, gel, thicken, set, condense, cake. *ANT.* *thin, liquefy.*  
**COALESCE** *v.* [KOH uh LES] to come together or merge as one, fuse. *The two factions will coalesce in order to fight a common enemy.* *SYN.* come together, merge, unite, fuse, weld, consolidate, blend, cohere, integrate,

incorporate, combine, mingle. *ANT.* divide, fragment, split, separate.

**COALITION** *n.* [KOH uh LISH un] an alliance or union. *The coalition of environmentalists will be lobbying for cleaner air.* *SYN.* alliance, union, association, confederacy, faction, league, bloc, partnership, cartel, consolidation, cooperative, merger.

**coarse** *a.* 1. ROUGH gritty, scratchy, grainy, harsh, unpolished, bumpy, bristly, unrefined. 2. INFERIOR poor, second-rate, shoddy, common, mediocre. 3. VULGAR unrefined, crude, rough-hewn, crass, uncouth, offensive, uncultured, earthy, foulmouthed, ill-mannered, churlish, impolite. *ANT.* 1. smooth, polished, refined. 2. superior, first-rate, high quality. 3. refined, cultured, polite, gentlemanly, well-mannered.

**coast** *n.* shore, beach, strand, seaboard, seaside, littoral. *SEE* BEACH

**coast** *v.* glide, slide, skim, glissade, drift, roll.

**coast guard** *n.* marine patrol, marine rescue.

**coat** *n.* 1. FUR pelt, fleece, wool, hide, pelage, fell. 2. COATING covering, finish, layer, lamination. 3. OVERCOAT jacket, wrap, tog, topcoat, windbreaker. *SEE* JACKET

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#### WORD FIND

**classic with black velvet collar:** chesterfield

**formal:** tails, tuxedo

**full-length:** maxi

**large overcoat:** greatcoat

**long, loose with wide sleeves cut in one piece with shoulders:** raglan

**long raincoat or overcoat with several pockets, belt:** trenchcoat

**midlength:** midi

**raincoat:** slicker, trenchcoat

**sportcoat:** blazer

**toggle-buttoning:** toggle coat, duffel coat

**waterproof coat with drawstring hood:** stadium coat

**woman's long coat with large pockets:** duster  
**woolen, plaid, and short:** mackinaw

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**coax** *v.* cajole, wheedle, persuade, talk into, lure, press, \*rope in, beg, \*butter up, beguile, blandish, play up to, con, sweet talk, inveigle.

**cocaine** *n.* narcotic, drug, \*coke, \*snow, \*crack, \*Bernice, \*blow, \*Doctor White, \*freebase, controlled substance, \*snort, \*crystal, local anesthetic, \*ice, \*nose candy, \*poison, \*speedball, \*stuff, \*sugar, \*white lady, \*wings, \*Bolivian marching powder, \*foo-foo dust, \*happy dust, \*joy powder, \*Peruvian, \*para-

dise, \*stardust, \*white horse, \*witch, \*mojo, \*gift of the sun god. *SEE* DRUG, NARCOTIC

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#### WORD FIND

**cigarette laced with cocaine:** \*coolie, \*woola

**cocaine and heroin:** \*Belushi

**dose:** line

**high:** \*buzz, \*rush

**inhale burning fumes of:** freebase

**inhale through nostrils:** snort, blow, toke, toot

**injectable cocaine:** \*soda

**intravenous mix of cocaine and heroin or amphetamine:** \*speedball

**marijuana and cocaine inside a cigar:** \*blunt

**numbness caused by:** \*freeze

**pipe:** crack pipe

**purify:** freebase

**rock cocaine:** \*crack

**rocks of crack rolled into a marijuana cigarette:** \*woolie

**transporting or smuggling:** trafficking

**under the influence:** \*chalked up

**utensil:** coke spoon

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**cock** *n.* rooster, cockerel.

**cock** *v.* prick, raise, stick up.

**cockeyed** *a.* 1. CROOKED askance, askew, lopsided, cross-eyed, awry, off-center. 2. RIDICULOUS silly, foolish, preposterous, stupid, absurd, whacky, \*cockamamie, insane, \*nuts. *ANT.* 1. straight, centered. 2. sane, rational.

**cockpit** *n.* cabin, flight deck.

**cocksure** *a.* confident, self-assured, unblinking, unflinching, sure, positive, certain, cocky, arrogant, overconfident, full of oneself, egotistical, bloated, swaggering, strutting, overbearing, smug, brash. *ANT.* unsure, uncertain, timid, mousy, shy, tentative.

**cocktail** *n.* mixed drink, beverage, aperitif. *SEE* ALCOHOL, DRINK, GLASS, LIQUEUR, WINE

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#### WORD FIND

**bourbon, bitters, soda, sugar:** old-fashioned  
**bourbon, boiling water, sugar, cloves, cinnamon:** hot toddy

**bourbon, mint leaves, syrup:** mint julep  
**gin, cherry brandy, lemon, club soda, powdered sugar:** Singapore sling

**gin, club soda, lime, and ice:** gin rickey  
**gin, cream, crème de cacao, nutmeg garnish:** Alexander

**gin, grenadine, cream:** pink lady

**gin, rum, tequila, vodka:** Long Island iced tea

**gin, rum, scotch, white crème de cacao, light cream:** Barbary Coast

**gin, vermouth, olive:** martini

**glass:** cocktail glass, cooler, delmonico, highball, shot glass, snifter, wine glass

**Irish whiskey, hot coffee, whipped cream:** Irish coffee

**Kahlúa, cream:** sombrero

**peach schnapps, vodka, pineapple juice,**

**cranberry juice:** sex on the beach

**red wine, fruit juice, and brandy:** sangria

**rum, orange juice, sour mix, grenadine:** shark bite

**rum, pineapple juice, coconut cream:** pina colada

**rum, sweet and sour:** Daiquiri

**rum, vodka, brandy, bourbon, lime:** tidal wave

**Scotch, drambuie:** rusty nail

**Scotch, vermouth, cherry garnish:** Rob Roy

**sloe gin, Southern Comfort, orange juice:** slow comfortable screw

**sloe gin, sweet and sour, soda, cherry garnish:** sloe gin fizz

**tequila, orange juice, grenadine:** tequila sunrise

**tequila, sweet and sour, rim of glass frosted with salt:** Margarita

**vodka, beef bouillon:** bull shot

**vodka, Kahlúa:** black Russian

**vodka, orange juice, Galliano:** Harvey Wallbanger

**vodka, orange juice:** screwdriver

**vodka, triple sec, cranberry juice, lime juice:** cosmopolitan

**vodka, triple sec curacao, lime juice:** Kamikaze

**vodka, worcestershire sauce, tomato juice:** Bloody Mary

**whiskey, ginger ale:** highball

**whiskey, sweet and sour, cherry:** whiskey sour

**whiskey, vermouth with cherry:** Manhattan

**cocky** *a.* SEE COCKSURE

**coddle** *v.* pamper, mollycoddle, baby, indulge, spoil, cater to, cosset, dote on.

**code** *n.* 1. SECRET WRITING cipher, cryptograph, cryptogram. 2. LAWS regulations, standards, rules, canon, ethics, system, charter.

**codicil** *n.* appendix, addendum, rider.

**codify** *v.* classify, order, group, catalog, file, organize, arrange.

**COERCE** *v.* [koh URS] to force one to do something by intimidation or threats. *Your peers can coerce you to do things you know are wrong.* SYN. force, compel, persuade, bully, impel, strong-arm, pressure, railroad, con-

strain, impel, scare, make, cow, intimidate, \*twist one's arm.

**coercion** *n.* force, pressure, duress, bullying, persuasion, strong-arm tactics, railroad-ing, constraint, scare tactics, intimidation, threats, menacing, \*heat, \*arm-twisting.

**coffee** *n.* espresso, café au lait, café noir, cappuccino, \*mud, \*machine oil, brew, \*battery acid, \*joe, \*java, \*pick-me-up, \*decaf, mocha, \*crude, \*blackstrap, \*paint remover. "Break fluid."—R.R. Anderson.

**coffer** *n.* chest, strongbox, safe, vault.

**coffers** *n.* treasury, funds, finances, capital, means, assets, reserves. SEE MONEY, BANK

**coffin** *n.* casket, pine box, catafalque, sarcophagus, pall, \*wooden overcoat. "An ornamental ... box which no one cares to open."—Elbert Hubbard. SEE CEMETERY, FUNERAL, DEATH

**COGENT** *a.* [KOH junt] strongly convincing. *His argument was cogent.* SYN. convincing, compelling, persuasive, effective, forceful, powerful, meaningful, conclusive, sound, potent, weighty. ANT. *unconvincing, ineffective, weak.*

**cogitate** *v.* ponder, consider, meditate, weigh, think over, contemplate, deliberate.

**cognate** *a.* alike, akin, associated, related, kindred, common, generic, affiliated, connected. ANT. *unlike, unrelated, different.*

**COGNIZANT** *a.* [KOG ni zunt] aware; conscious. *Are you cognizant of the deteriorating environment?* SYN. aware, conscious, informed, familiar, knowing, acquainted with, enlightened, mindful, apprised, in the know, understanding. ANT. *ignorant, unaware, oblivious.*

**cohere** *v.* 1. STICK adhere, cling, attach, bind, hold, unite, join. 2. AGREE harmonize, correspond, concur, coincide.

**coherence** *a.* agreement, consistency, harmony, correspondence, concurrence, congruity, unity, cohesion, accord. ANT. *incoherence, inconsistency.*

**COHERENT** *a.* [ko HEER unt] intelligible; making sense. *He'd had a few drinks but he was still coherent.* SYN. intelligible, rational, logical, lucid, articulate, understandable, comprehensible. ANT. *incoherent, unintelligible, confusing, nonsensical.*

**cohort** *n.* associate, colleague, companion, sidekick, supporter, buddy, pal, chum, accomplice, ally, comrade.

**coiffure** *n.* hairdo, \*do, cut, permanent, trim. SEE HAIR

**coil** *n.* ring, helix, circle, spiral, vortex, loop, convolution, corkscrew, curlicue, braid.

**coil** *v.* wind, spiral, twist, turn, loop, twirl, corkscrew, snake, twine, convolute, sinuate.

**coin** *n.* piece, specie, copper, change, money, legal tender, coinage, \*pin money. SEE MONEY

**coin** *v.* devise, invent, make up, create, conceive, originate, think up, dream up, fabricate, compose, mint, neologize.

**coincide** *v.* agree, equal, synchronize, square, accord, dovetail, fit, correspond, harmonize, jibe, match, be synonymous, be concurrent. *ANT.* *disagree, differ.*

**coincidence** *n.* happenstance, chance, fluke, fortuity, accident, serendipity, synchronicity, \*fickle finger of fate.

**coincidental** *a.* chance, accidental, fortuitous, fluky, serendipitous, lucky, casual, circumstantial. *ANT.* *deliberate, planned.*

**coitus** *n.* sexual intercourse, copulation, fornication, mating, consummation, congress, \*nookie, heterosexual union, \*roll in the hay. "Making the beast with two backs."—Shakespeare. SEE SEX

**cold** *n.* virus, \*bug, cough, runny nose, \*sniffles, fever, coryza, nasal congestion. "An ailment cured in two weeks with a doctor's care, and in fourteen days without it."—C.C. Furnas.

**cold** *a.* 1. CHILLY frigid, wintry, icy, freezing, arctic, nippy, cool, raw, biting, brisk, bitter, numbing, \*anesthetizing, below zero, frosty, piercing, stinging, algid, hyperboreal, gelid, drafty, Siberian, bone-chilling, \*teeth-chattering cold. 2. UNFRIENDLY OR ALOOF icy, distant, frosty, stony, apathetic, unso- ciable, unfeeling, remote, unapproachable, closed. 3. COLD-BLOODED uncaring, unfeeling, cruel, mean, icy, cool, stony, insensitive, heartless, distant, soulless, brutal, callous, ruthless, merciless. *ANT.* 1. *hot, sweltering.* 2. *warm, friendly, open.* 3. *sympathetic, humane, merciful.*

**cold-blooded** *a.* SEE COLD

**cold feet** *n.* *Sl.* fear, anxiety, second thoughts, reservations, timidity.

**cold shoulder** *n.* coldness, snub, brush-off, a frosting, dismissal, disregard, aloofness.

**cold sore** *n.* blister, herpes, canker sore, ulceration.

**cold war** *n.* \*war of words, hostilities, rivalry, one upmanship, idle threats, tension, macho posturing, antagonism.

**coldhearted** *a.* SEE COLD

**coliseum** *n.* arena, stadium, amphitheater, bowl, theater.

**collaborate** *v.* work together, cooperate, team up, conspire, collude, join forces, coauthor.

**collaborator** *n.* contributor, partner, coworker, colleague, \*partner in crime, coauthor, confederate, quisling.

**collage** *n.* composition, assemblage.

**collapse** *n.* 1. CAVE-IN fall, cataclysm, toppling, breakdown, failure, foundering, buckling, crash, undoing, downfall, disintegration. 2. FALLING ILL breakdown, fainting, succumbing, seizure, prostration, loss of consciousness.

**collapse** *v.* 1. CAVE IN fall, crumple, crumble, topple, break, give way, give out, fail, founder, buckle, slump, fold up, \*collapse like a house of cards. 2. FALL ILL keel over, break down, succumb, wilt, be stricken, lose consciousness, slump over, swoon.

**collar** *v.* nab, seize, catch, capture, nail, apprehend, bring into custody. SEE ARREST

**collate** *v.* sort, order, group, arrange, juxtapose.

**collateral** *n.* security, insurance, warranty, surety, pledge, guarantee, bond.

**collateral** *a.* secondary, ancillary, subordinate, indirect, supporting, corroborating, parallel, incidental, supplementary. *ANT.* *primary, fundamental.*

**colleague** *n.* associate, co-worker, confederate, cohort, collaborator, partner, confrere, \*partner in crime, compatriot, peer, teammate.

**collect** *v.* 1. ACCUMULATE OR ASSEMBLE gather, harvest, reap, amass, hoard, save, round up, pile up, squirrel away, compile, congregate, flock, group, muster, convene, meet, cluster. 2. OBTAIN acquire, solicit, raise, \*pass the hat, get. 3. PICK UP get, fetch, gather, take away. 4. PULL ONESELF TOGETHER gather one's wits, calm down, \*get it together, regain one's composure, relax.

**collected** *a.* composed, calm, cool, levelheaded, unruffled, unperturbed, self-possessed, poised, unflappable, placid, at ease, nonchalant. *ANT.* *agitated, nervous, flustered, perturbed, ill-at-ease.*

**collection** *n.* 1. ACCUMULATION cumulation, mass, group, assortment, assembly, pile, gathering, stockpile, store, hoard, cluster, congregation, aggregation, compilation, anthology, hodgepodge. 2. OFFERING tithe, offertory, contribution, alms.

**collective** *n.* cooperative, co-op, company.

**collective** *a.* combined, composite, aggregate, mutual, corporate, common, cumulative, compound, joint, unified. *ANT.* *individual, separate.*

**college** *n.* university, school, academy, institution, institute of higher learning, seminary, alma mater, \*halls of ivy, vocational school,

polytechnic, graduate school, campus. “[Where one] may learn the ‘principles’ of salesmanship from a Ph.D. who has never sold anything, or the ‘principles’ of marketing from a Ph.D. who has never marketed anything.”—Abraham Flexner. “A place where pebbles are polished and diamonds are dimmed.”—Robert Ingersoll. SEE DEGREE, SCHOOL, UNIVERSITY

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**WORD FIND**

**advanced degree:** postgraduate degree, master's, doctorate

**advanced studies after graduation:** postgraduate work

**agricultural college:** cow college

**brotherhood:** fraternity

**charge for instruction:** tuition

**course:** major, minor, elective

**dining hall:** refectory

**exams:** midterms, finals

**general knowledge studies:** liberal arts

**girl:** coed

**graduate:** alumnus

**graduates:** alumni

**graduate “with great praise” or honors:** magna cum laude

**graduate “with highest praise” or highest honors:** summa cum laude

**graduation ceremony:** commencement

**grounds:** campus, quad, quadrangle

**half year:** semester

**housing:** dorm, dormitory

**leave of absence, professor's:** sabbatical

**official:** dean, regent, provost, registrar

**permanence of position granted to professor:** tenure

**president:** chancellor, prexy

**relating to:** collegiate

**sisterhood:** sorority

**student:** freshman, \*frosh; sophomore; junior; senior

**teacher:** professor

**treasurer:** bursar

**collegiate** *a.* collegial, academic, scholarly, learned, bookish, university.

**collide** *v.* 1. CRASH INTO bump, meet head-on, smash, plow into, bang, hit, sideswipe, \*t-bone. 2. DISAGREE clash, conflict, oppose.

**collision** *n.* crash, \*smashup, \*fenderbender, impact, bump, accident, \*crack-up, blow, jolt, pileup, wreck.

**cologne** *n.* perfume, fragrance, scent, toilet water.

**COLLOQUIAL** *a.* [kuh LOH kwee ul] designating informal or conversational speech,

writing, etc. *A relaxed, colloquial form of writing is often best.* SYN. conversational, informal, everyday, \*street, chatty, casual, familiar, vernacular, folksy, homey, simple, unaffected, unstudied. ANT. formal, literary, pedantic.

**colloquy** *n.* talk, conversation, dialogue, discussion, chat, discourse, council, conference.

**COLLUSION** *n.* [kuh LOO zhun] a conspiracy. *Fred worked in collusion with the drug cartel to smuggle narcotics.* SYN. conspiracy, secret agreement, intrigue, \*dirty dealings, complicity, \*cahoots, deceit, racket, scheme, fraud.

**colony** *n.* 1. SETTLEMENT community, outpost, dependency, province, possession, territory. 2. GROUP community, band, flock.

**color** *n.* 1. HUE tint, shade, tinge, cast, tone, coloring, pigment, dye, paint, stain. 2. COMPLEXION color, tone, bloom, blush, flush, ruddiness, rosiness, glow.

**color** *v.* 1. PAINT dye, tint, tinge, stain, suffuse, cast, daub, wash, blazon, imbue. 2. BLUSH redden, glow, flush, bloom, brighten, burn, flame, turn crimson.

**colored** *a.* distorted, influenced, biased, partial, exaggerated, jaundiced, prejudiced, misrepresented, affected. ANT. unbiased, objective.

**colorful** *a.* 1. BRIGHTLY OR VARIOUSLY COLORED vivid, vibrant, multihued, chromatic, striking, showy, gaudy, pavonine, iridescent, rainbowlike, florid, loud, kaleidoscopic, screaming, variegated, graphic, eye-catching, picturesque, psychedelic. 2. INTERESTING unusual, dynamic, eccentric, distinctive, unique, offbeat, glamorous, extravagant. ANT. 1. achromatic, pallid, lackluster. 2. dull, drab, nondescript, \*ho-hum, \*as distinctive as a plain brown wrapper, \*as distinctive as a brick in the wall.

**colorless** *a.* 1. ACHROMATIC blanched, pale, pallid, lackluster, bleached, washed-out, neutral, faded, dull, gray, transparent. 2. UNINTERESTING dull, drab, nondescript, \*ho-hum, \*as distinctive as a plain brown wrapper, lifeless, vapid, \*as eye-catching as a brick in the wall. ANT. 1. chromatic, vivid, vibrant, pavonine. 2. colorful, distinctive, glamorous.

**colors** *n.* flag, banner, standard, insignia, badge.

**colossal** *a.* huge, gigantic, gargantuan, massive, titanic, monstrous, towering, immense, monumental, Brobdingnagian, enormous, \*humongous, awe-inspiring, mammoth, herculian, prodigious, staggering, mighty, commanding. ANT. microscopic, tiny, pocket-sized, pint-sized, insignificant, Lilliputian.

**colossus** *n.* giant, titan, monster, leviathan, behemoth, mammoth, mountain, Gargantua, Goliath, Cyclops, Hercules, Samson, Godzilla. *ANT.* *midget, dwarf, \*shrimp, \*pipsqueak.* SEE MONSTER, STATUE, WHALE

**colt** *n.* foal, yearling. SEE HORSE, ROOKIE

**coltish** *a.* frisky, frolicsome, playful, gamboling, spirited, romping, perky. *ANT.* *lethargic, slothful.*

**column** *n.* 1. PILLAR support, pilaster, post, pier, upright, shaft, pylon. SEE ARCHITECTURE, BUILDING 2. LINE row, file, formation, string, procession, train.

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#### WORD FIND

**base:** plinth, pedestal

**classical orders:** Ionic, Doric, Corinthian, Composite, Tuscan

**eight columns, having:** octastyle

**five columns, having:** pentastyle

**four columns, having:** tetrastyle

**man-figure column:** atlas

**porch, columned:** portico

**series of:** colonnade

**six columns, having:** hexastyle

**ten columns, having:** decastyle

**top:** capital

**two columns, having:** distyle

**woman-figure column:** caryatid

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**coma** *n.* unconsciousness, stupor, catalepsy, oblivion, deep sleep. SEE SLEEP

**comatose** *a.* unconscious, cataleptic, stuporous, insensate, \*out of it, lifeless, unresponsive, inert, sluggish. *ANT.* *conscious, alert, cognizant.*

**comb** *v.* 1. SEARCH seek, look over thoroughly, rake, scour, \*beat the bushes, 2. DRESS HAIR fix, arrange, brush, style, smooth, unsnarl.

**combat** *v.* fight, struggle, contend, battle, oppose, contest, war, clash, skirmish. *ANT.* *make peace, pacify, surrender, cooperate.*

**combatant** *n.* fighter, warrior, soldier, contender, battler, assailant, enemy, foe, antagonist. *ANT.* *peacemaker, dove.*

**combative** *a.* contentious, antagonistic, pugnacious, belligerent, aggressive, quarrelsome, militant, hawkish, hostile. *ANT.* *peaceful, passive, deferential.*

**combination** *n.* 1. MIXTURE mix, amalgam, amalgamation, blending, aggregation, conglomeration, assemblage, joining, union, compound, composite, consolidation. 2. ASSOCIATION alliance, union, affiliation, coalition, league, faction, federation, partnership, bloc.

**combine** *v.* 1. MIX join, unite, amalgamate, blend, aggregate, conglomerate, assemble, compound, consolidate, merge, wed, mingle. *ANT.* *separate, divide.*

**combustible** *a.* flammable, inflammable, ignitable, burnable, explosive, incendiary. *ANT.* *safe, calming, diffusing.*

**combustion** *n.* burning, ignition, flame, kindling, incineration, blazing, oxidation.

**come** *v.* 1. APPROACH near, draw near, close in, move toward, advance. 2. SHOW UP show, appear, make an appearance, arrive, pop in, roll in, turn up, \*blow in, drop in, materialize, check in. 3. TAKE PLACE occur, arrive, happen, fall, arise, ensue, transpire, come to pass. *ANT.* 1. *go, leave, depart.*

**comeback** *n.* 1. REVIVAL resurgence, rebirth, return, recovery, rally. 2. SNAPPY REPLY retort, rejoinder, riposte, repartee, witticism, esprit de l'escalier, answer.

**comedian** *n.* comic, comedienne, joker, clown, humorist, funnyman, wit, entertainer, buffoon, jester, \*zany, cutup, \*card, \*top banana. *ANT.* *straight man.*

**comedy** *n.* 1. FARCE burlesque, vaudeville, slapstick, parody, satire, lampoon, travesty, comedy of errors, comedy of manners, send-up, takeoff, sitcom, \*schtick, \*bit, skit, \*stand-up. 2. HUMOR joking, jesting, silliness, hilarity, gags, buffoonery, cutting up, parody, satire, drollery, \*poking fun, slapstick, physical comedy, black comedy, \*one-liners. "A funny way of being serious."—Peter Ustinov. "The very last alternative to despair."—Franklin Marcus. *ANT.* 1. *tragedy.* 2. *solemnity, seriousness, gloom.*

**comely** *a.* attractive, beautiful, fair, lovely, pretty, handsome, pleasing, \*nice, good-looking, cute, bonny, winsome, fine. *ANT.* *ugly, repulsive, plain, homely.*

**come-on** *n.* *Sl.* inducement, enticement. SEE LURE

**comet** *n.* celestial body, \*iceball, orbital debris, \*cosmic wanderer, \*stellar nomad, \*ethereal snowball. SEE ASTRONOMY, SPACE

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#### WORD FIND

**blue glowing tail:** ion tail

**glow of sky after sunset, reflection of comet debris around sun:** gegenschein, zodiacal light

**icy center:** nucleus

**mistaken for a:** meteor, fireball

**nucleus and coma:** head

**orbital point farthest from sun:** aphelion

**orbital point nearest to sun:** perihelion

**radiating blue light from electrically charged particles:** fluorescence  
**surrounding gas and particles, envelope:** coma  
**trailing particles:** tail  
**vast repository of:** Oort Cloud

- come upon** *vi.* meet, encounter, chance, come across, bump into.
- comeuppance** *n.* punishment, retribution, just desserts, discipline.
- come up with** *vi.* invent, create, think up, originate, produce, propose, suggest, put forth.
- comfort** *n.* 1. WELL-BEING ease, peace, tranquility, happiness, coziness, creature comforts, satisfaction, luxury, contentment. "That stealthy thing that enters the house as a guest, and then becomes a host, and then a master."—Kahlil Gibran. 2. SOLACE consolation, relief, reassurance, sympathy, commiseration, cheer, support, succor, lift, alleviation, help. *ANT.* 1. *discomfort, agony, pain.* 2. *aggravation.*
- comfort** *v.* console, soothe, reassure, unburden, support, uphold, alleviate, hearten, bolster, cheer, mitigate, solace, relieve, salve, gladden, assuage. *ANT.* *aggravate, trouble, burden.*
- comfortable** *a.* 1. FEELING GOOD at ease, at peace, tranquil, cozy, satisfied, content, care-free, untroubled, serene, \*in a bed of roses, \*in clover, satisfactory, agreeable, relaxed, pleasant. 2. WELL-OFF FINANCIALLY prosperous, well-to-do, wealthy, sufficient, ample. *ANT.* 1. *uncomfortable, miserable, troubled.* 2. *broke, poor, destitute, squalid.*
- comforter** *n.* quilt, bedcover.
- comic** *n.* SEE COMEDIAN
- comical** *a.* funny, hilarious, laughable, humorous, whimsical, jocular, zany, amusing, slapstick, farcical, loony, droll, rich, side-splitting, wacky, witty, ludicrous. *ANT.* *tragic, solemn, serious, grave.*
- coming** *n.* advent, arrival, emergence, nearing, approach, forthcoming.
- coming** *a.* approaching, advancing, forthcoming, nearing, impending, imminent, next, at hand, anticipated, on the horizon, in the offing. *ANT.* *distant, retreating, far-off.*
- command** *n.* 1. ORDER imperative, charge, dictate, directive, prescription, ultimatum, fiat, injunction, behest, word. 2. CONTROL rule, power, authority, leadership, government, dominion, influence, supremacy, say-so, direction, upper hand. SEE LAW
- command** *v.* 1. ORDER demand, charge, dictate, direct, make, prescribe, decree, require,

bid, enjoin, summon, \*give the word, exact, compel, warrant, give an ultimatum. 2. CONTROL rule, govern, oversee, direct, supervise, lead, direct, dominate, dictate, run, head, master, reign.

- commandeer** *v.* appropriate, expropriate, confiscate, usurp, hijack, seize, take.
- commander** *n.* leader, captain, chief, boss, head, \*head honcho, commanding officer, \*CO, \*brass, skipper, superior, \*biggest toad in the puddle, \*Sir, \*Ma'am. *ANT.* *subordinate, underling, follower, toady, \*kiss-up.*
- commanding** *a.* 1. AUTHORITATIVE powerful, in charge, dictatorial, dominating, ruling, controlling, supervisory, governing, imposing, impressive, imperious. 2. OVERLOOKING wide, expansive, dominating, prominent, far-reaching, towering.
- commandment** *n.* edict, law. SEE COMMAND
- commemorate** *v.* honor, memorialize, remember, observe, salute, pay tribute, immortalize, solemnize, celebrate. *ANT.* *dishonor, neglect, ignore.*
- commence** *v.* begin, start, initiate, launch, open. *ANT.* *end, terminate.*
- commencement** *n.* 1. BEGINNING start, outset, onset, opening, genesis, dawn, inauguration. 2. GRADUATION CEREMONIES graduation. *ANT.* 1. *ending, termination.* SEE GRADUATION

#### WORD FIND

**address:** valedictory

**square, flat hat:** mortarboard

- commend** *v.* 1. RECOMMEND extol, laud, praise, acclaim, endorse, acclaim, applaud, compliment. 2. ENTRUST turn over, assign, relegate, consign, confer, confide, transfer. *ANT.* 1. *disparage, smear, criticize.*
- commendable** *a.* praiseworthy, laudable, meritorious, admirable, exemplary, noble, estimable, excellent. *ANT.* *contemptible, despicable, rotten.*
- commendation** *n.* recommendation, praise, acclaim, approval, kudos, rave, \*pat on the back, \*good word, plaudit, \*points, tribute, award, \*thumbs up. *ANT.* *criticism, disparagement, demotion.*
- COMMENSURATE** *a.* [kuh MEN sur it] equal; proportionate. *The pay scale is commensurate with experience.* SYN. equal, proportionate, coextensive, corresponding, parallel, coinciding, to scale, appropriate, relative, in accord, fitting, compatible. *ANT.* *disproportionate, divergent, inconsistent.*

**comment** *n.* remark, commentary, observation, statement, utterance, mention, \*crack, criticism, word, opinion.

**comment** *v.* remark, observe, state, utter, mention, \*make a crack, criticize, critique, say a word or two, opine, touch on, make note, expound, mention, point out.

**commentary** *n.* comment, analysis, remark, observation, exposition, criticism, critique, interpretation, review, opinion.

**commentator** *n.* reporter, analyst, reviewer, critic, pundit, interpreter, observer, editorialist.

**commerce** *n.* business, trade, marketing, exchange, buying and selling, merchandising, \*wheeling and dealing, industry, mercantilism, traffic. "The great civilizer."—Robert Ingersoll. SEE BUSINESS

**commercial** *n.* advertisement, ad. SEE ADVERTISEMENT, ADVERTISING

**commercial** *a.* 1. MERCANTILE business, trade, marketing, exchanging, profit-making, merchandising, industrial, entrepreneurial, retail, wholesale. 2. MARKETABLE salable, in demand, \*hot.

**commingle** *v.* mingle, blend. SEE MIX

**COMMISERATE** *v.* [kuh MIZ uh RATE] to pity or feel sorry for. *Twins turning forty commiserate together.* SYN. pity, feel sorry for, sympathize, condole, share one's sorrow, grieve with, console, ache for, bleed for, comfort.

**commission** *n.* 1. AUTHORIZATION relegation, entrusting, power, authority, charge, trust, vesting. 2. BOARD committee, delegation, council, agency. 3. COMPENSATION fee, share, cut, remuneration, royalty, payment, allowance, stipend.

**commission** *v.* appoint, assign, delegate, authorize, order, enlist, consign, charge, engage, invest, hire, contract for.

**commit** *v.* 1. PERPETRATE do, effect, execute, perform, \*pull off, enact, transact, carry out. 2. ENTRUST charge, vest, appoint, delegate, relegate, engage, consign. 3. INCARCERATE imprison, place in custody, confine, institutionalize, hospitalize. 4. PLEDGE devote, obligate, bind, swear, give one's word, dedicate, engage.

**commitment** *n.* pledge, promise, dedication, vow, promise, undertaking, charge, obligation, responsibility, liability.

**committee** *n.* board, council, panel, commission, task force, cabinet, steering committee, ad hoc committee. "A thing which takes a week to do what one good man can do in an hour."—Elbert Hubbard. "An arrangement

enabling one to share the blame with others."—Franklin P. Jones.

**commode** *n.* potty, \*john. SEE TOILET

**commodious** *a.* spacious, roomy, capacious, large, ample, vast, extensive. ANT. cramped, tight, small.

**commodity** *n.* product, article, goods, item, thing, merchandise, property, object, ware.

**common** *a.* 1. ORDINARY commonplace, average, everyday, usual, typical, standard, routine, regular, general, stock, \*run-of-the-mill, universal, familiar, prevailing, widespread. 2. COMMUNITY communal, collective, shared, public, mutual. 3. BASIC simple, rudimentary. 4. LOW sleazy, base, vile, mean, cheap, inferior, coarse, second-rate, vulgar. ANT. 1. extraordinary, uncommon, rare. 2. private, individual. 3. advanced, complex. 4. superior, refined, high-class.

**commonly** *adv.* usually, as a rule, generally, regularly, routinely, normally, ordinarily, on average, habitually. ANT. rarely, seldom, \*once in a blue moon.

**commonplace** *a.* SEE COMMON

**common sense** *n.* good sense, savvy, sound judgment, native intelligence, \*horse sense, prudence, acumen, levelheadedness, instinct, wisdom, experience. "The shortest line between two points."—Ralph Waldo Emerson "Genius dressed in its working clothes."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. ANT. stupidity, ignorance, rashness.

**commotion** *n.* turmoil, hubbub, stir, uproar, agitation, to-do, bustle, flurry, excitement, hurly-burly, turbulence, ruckus, disquiet, rumpus, chaos. ANT. peace, tranquility, serenity, stillness.

**communal** *a.* common, shared, mutual, community, collective, joint, public, shared, cooperative. ANT. private, individual.

**commune** *n.* cooperative, collective, \*kibbutz, community.

**commune** *v.* 1. TALK converse, confide, confer with, discuss, communicate, speak intimately with. 2. PONDER think, meditate, reflect, contemplate, muse.

**communicable** *a.* contagious, infectious, catching, transmittable, spreadable. ANT. non-transmittable, incommunicable.

**communicate** *v.* convey, transmit, disclose, impart, pass on, interface, reveal, touch base, tell, report, announce, proclaim, converse, express, correspond, inform, broadcast, enlighten, inform, relate.

**communication** *n.* 1. CONVEYANCE correspondence, contact, interchange, disclosure, ex-

- change, transmission, intercourse, expression, interface, interplay, interaction. 2. CORRESPONDENCE communicate, report, dispatch, news, message, bulletin.
- communicative** *a.* talkative, open, forthright, expressive, loquacious, expansive, unre-served, candid, \*gabby, voluble. *ANT.* *closed, taciturn, reserved.*
- communio** *n.* 1. INTIMACY sharing, rapport, exchange, give and take, disclosure, close-ness, communication, harmony, fellowship, union, oneness. 2. SACRAMENT Holy Com-munion, Mass, Eucharist, breaking of bread. *ANT.* 1. *alienation, distance.*
- communiqué** *n.* report, bulletin, announce-ment, communication, message, dispatch.
- communism** *n.* collectivism, Bolshevism, Marx-ism, Leninism, socialism. "What is thine is mine, and all of mine is thine."—Plautus. "Abolition of private property."—Communist Manifesto. *ANT.* *capitalism.* SEE GOVERN-MENT, POLITICS
- community** *n.* neighborhood, borough, suburb, bedroom community, hamlet, district, pub-lic, people, residents, citizenry, population, group.
- commute** *v.* 1. CHARGE substitute, alter, modify, reverse, adjust, mitigate, soften. 2. TRAVEL shuttle, drive, carpool, bus.
- compact** *n.* agreement, contract, treaty, bond, bargain, deal, understanding, arrangement, pact, covenant.
- compact** *v.* pack, condense, compress, concen-trate, consolidate, squeeze together, contract, cram. *ANT.* *loosen, expand, blow up.*
- compact** *a.* 1. DENSE solid, compressed, pressed, thick, close, firm, tight-knit, impermeable. 2. SMALL portable, tiny, handy. 3. SHORT concise, brief, succinct, pithy, condensed, abridged. *ANT.* 1. *loose.* 2. *large, ponderous.* 3. *elongated, prolonged, expanded.*
- companion** *n.* friend, partner, sidekick, com-rade, confederate, colleague, fellow, alter ego, chum, buddy, associate, escort, mate, coun-terpart, double. SEE FRIEND
- companionable** *a.* friendly, warm, easy-going, congenial, sociable, good-natured, \*bud-dy-buddy, outgoing, gregarious, agreeable, clubby, jolly. *ANT.* *nasty, aloof, cold, antago-nistic, unfriendly.*
- company** *n.* 1. COMPANIONSHIP friendship, fel-lowship, \*chumminess, society, presence. 2. VISITOR guest, caller, friends over. 3. GROUP band, party, troupe, throng, gathering, as-sembly, entourage. 4. FIRM corporation,
- business, concern, establishment, partner-ship, enterprise, outfit.
- comparable** *a.* similar, alike, near, corre-sponding, approaching, analogous, cognate, parallel, close, equal, on a par with. *ANT.* *dis-similar, different, \*like apples and oranges.*
- compare** *v.* 1. EXAMINE FOR DIFFERENCES OR SIMILARITIES contrast, weigh, inspect, size up, correlate, match, relate, stack up against, scrutinize, differentiate. 2. RESEMBLE corre-spond, take after, approximate, equal, \*hold a candle to. 3. LIKEN equate, identify with, match, tie.
- comparison** *n.* 1. EXAMINATION OF DIFFER-ENCES OR SIMILARITIES contrasting, inspec-tion, sizing up, correlation, differentiation, matching, weighing, measurement, scruti-ny, study. 2. RESEMBLANCE correspondence, approximation, relation, similarity, likeness, connection, affinity. 3. LIKENING equat-ing, identification with, matching, parallel, analogy.
- compartment** *n.* cell, unit, cubicle, room, cap-sule, bay, stall, booth, nook, cubbyhole, pi-geonhole, niche, receptacle, slot, section, di- vision, category.
- compassion** *n.* sympathy, empathy, feeling, heart, pity, mercy, love, charity, ruth, grace, commiseration, concern, kindness. *ANT.* *in-difference, cold-bloodedness, disregard.*
- compassionate** *a.* sympathetic, feeling, kind- hearted, merciful, loving, charitable, con-cerned, magnanimous, humane, tender, soft, clement. *ANT.* *indifferent, cold-blooded, un-feeling.*
- compatible** *a.* congruous, harmonious, sympa-thetic, agreeable, simpatico, congenial, ac-cordant, \*in sync with, \*on the same wave-length, in rapport, consistent. *ANT.* *incom-patible, incongruous.*
- COMPEL** *v.* [kum PEL] to force. *Conscience compels one to file a tax return honestly.* *SYN.* force, make, drive, oblige, insist, coerce, constrain, press, require, command, neces-sitate, bully.
- COMPENDIUM** *n.* [kum PEN dee um] a sum-mary. *We were provided with a compendium of the most salient points.* *SYN.* summary, ab-stract, abridgement, synopsis, brief, digest, precis, syllabus, condensation.
- compensate** *v.* 1. REMUNERATE reimburse, rec-ompense, pay, repay, make restitution, re-fund, \*make good. 2. OFFSET neutralize, counterbalance, counteract, countervail, balance, equalize, cancel out.

**compensation** *n.* remuneration, reimbursement, recompense, pay, repayment, restitution, refund, allowance, recoupment, stipend, \*take, consideration, benefit, settlement, reward, wages, salary.

**compete** *v.* vie, contend, contest, go up against, rival, take on, combat, tussle, spar, \*lock horns, face off, \*match wits, grapple, battle, \*go head to head.

**competence** *n.* adequacy, ability, capability, proficiency, skill, \*know-how, \*the right stuff, \*what it takes, expertise, mastery, adroitness, finesse, fitness. *ANT.* *incompetence, inadequacy, inability.*

**competent** *a.* adequate, able, capable, proficient, skillful, expert, masterly, adroit, fit, qualified, sufficient, equal, \*on the ball, sharp, \*up to snuff. *ANT.* *incompetent, inadequate, unable, lacking.*

**competition** *n.* 1. CONTEST match, bout, rivalry, contention, championship, clash, encounter, engagement, meet, tournament, trial, one-on-one, emulation, struggle, \*dog-eat-dog, battle, conflict, dogfight, tug-of-war, battle royal, free-for-all, fight to the death, \*one-upmanship, fight for supremacy, \*jockeying for position. 2. OPPOSITION rival, competitor, challenger, opponent, contender, adversary.

**competitive** *a.* rivaling, aggressive, striving, \*high-octane, ambitious, combative, feisty, \*cutthroat, \*dog-eat-dog, \*go-getting, \*tough as nails, grueling, Olympian, adversarial.

**competitor** *n.* contender, rival, opposition, adversary, challenger, competition, opponent, contestant.

**compilation** *n.* 1. COLLECTION assembly, assemblage, accumulation, assortment, anthology. 2. COMPILING gathering, collecting, assembling, accumulating, consolidating.

**compile** *v.* gather, accumulate, assemble, amass, consolidate, congregate, group, organize, anthologize, order.

**COMPLACENT** *a.* [kum PLAY sunt] to be satisfied with oneself to the point of smugness. *The former Olympian had grown so complacent that he neglected to practice.* *SYN.* satisfied, self-satisfied, smug, contented, at ease, pleased with oneself, self-assured, unconcerned, untroubled, \*full of oneself, secure. *ANT.* *insecure, troubled, uneasy, unsatisfied.*

**complain** *v.* gripe, grumble, \*bitch, protest, crab, \*kick, \*piss and moan, \*raise a fuss, gripe, \*beef, \*bellyache, nag, carp, find fault, pick, grouse, whine, \*squawk. *ANT.* *praise, compliment, laud.*

**complaint** *n.* 1. GRIEVANCE \*beef, criticism, gripe, protest, stink, cavil, grumble, problem, grouse, charge, objection. 2. MALADY illness, disorder, ailment, affliction, disease, pain.

**complaisant** *a.* agreeable, obliging, pleasing, solicitous, gracious, accommodating, deferential, conciliatory, compliant. *ANT.* *disagreeable, contrary, difficult.*

**complement** *n.* 1. \*ROUNDING-OFF CROWN, finishing touch, consummation, completion, clincher, balance, supplement, rest, remainder. 2. TOTAL aggregate, the entirety, sum, \*the works, \*the whole shooting match.

**complement** *v.* round out, complete, crown, consummate, supplement, clinch, perfect.

**complementary** *a.* completing, crowning, finishing, filling, consummating, perfecting, fulfilling, corresponding, reciprocal, parallel. *ANT.* *contradictory.*

**complete** *v.* finish, conclude, fulfill, end, realize, \*wrap up, accomplish, actualize, close, \*wind up, \*call it a day, finalize, crown, \*put to bed. *ANT.* *start, begin, break ground.*

**complete** *a.* 1. WHOLE entire, full, total, all, intact, plenary, uncut, unabridged, undivided, integral. 2. THOROUGH absolute, total, perfect, dyed-in-the-wool, utter, outright, unqualified, full-fledged, unmitigated. 3. FINISHED done, concluded, fulfilled, ended, realized, \*wrapped up, \*polished off, accomplished.

**completion** *n.* finish, conclusion, fulfillment, end, realization, \*wrapping up, accomplishment, closing, \*winding up, finalization, crowning, consummation. *ANT.* *start, beginning.*

**complex** *a.* complicated, intricate, difficult, knotty, convoluted, tangled, unfathomable, inscrutable, manifold, perplexing, Gordian, labyrinthine, undecipherable, cryptic, abstruse, involved. *ANT.* *simple, easy, clear.*

**complexion** *n.* 1. SKIN COLORING tone, cast, hue, tinge, tint, pigmentation. 2. CHARACTER aspect, appearance, quality, look, bearing, cast.

**WORD FIND**

**aged:** leathery, lined like an old boot, parchmentlike, like scalded milk, liver-spotted, age-spotted, cadaverous, gaunt, craggy, furrowed, mottled, withered, pendulous, rosaceous, moled, weatherbeaten, raw-boned

**brown/black:** ebony, pitch, brown as the Congo/Mississippi/Rio Grande, honey, golden brown, leathery, lentil, mahogany, dark as a mill pond, molasses, russet, mottled, nutbrown, obsidian, olive,

raven, raisin, tawny, tarnished penny, weathered acorn, tanned

**healthy:** peaches and cream, apple-cheeked, scrubbed, rosy, glowing, ruddy, pink, blushing

**pink/red:** scarlet, crimson, burned, rosy, lobster

**sickly:** cadaverous, leaden, ashen, ghastly, pale, pallid, wan, blanched, pasty, chalky, jaundiced, sallow, flushed, clammy

**white:** alabaster, lily-white, ivory, milky, creamy, beige, fair

**complexity** *n.* complication, intricacy, involvement, entanglement, knot, Gordian knot, perplexity, maze, labyrinth, convolution. *ANT. simplicity, clarity.*

**compliance** *n.* yielding, assent, conforming, obedience, observation, acquiescence, deference, complaisance. *ANT. noncompliance, disobedience.*

**complicate** *v.* entangle, \*mess up, convolute, confuse, make complex, snarl, bedevil, \*add fuel to the fire, confound, involve, embranch. *ANT. simplify, clarify.*

**complicated** *a.* complex, intricate, involved, entangled, knotty, difficult, convoluted, perplexing, elaborate, manifold, labyrinthine, abstruse, problematic, recondite, deep, incomprehensible. *ANT. simple, easy, straightforward.*

**complication** *n.* problem, difficulty, complexity, knot, hitch, snag, entanglement, obstacle, stumbling block, \*fly in the ointment.

**COMPLICITY** *n.* [kum PLIS i tee] participation as an accomplice in a wrongdoing. *There was apparent complicity between the unhampered drug runners and town officials.* *SYN. conspiracy, collusion, collaboration, partnership, confederacy, abetment, machination, intrigue, \*backdoor arrangement.*

**compliment** *n.* praise, tribute, \*good word, \*pat on the back, commendation, flattery, acclaim, kudos, \*posy, homage, blandishment. *ANT. insult, disparagement.*

**compliment** *v.* praise, pay tribute to, \*pat on the back, commend, flatter, puff up, \*give a posy, \*take one's hat off to, cheer, laud, salute, \*stroke, \*slather, \*kiss up. *SEE FLATTER*

**complimentary** *a.* 1. *FLATTERING* laudatory, commendatory, congratulatory, favorable, approving, cajoling, \*apple polishing. 2. *FREE* gratis, on the house, gratuitous. *ANT. I. insulting, critical, disparaging.*

**comply** *v.* yield, assent, conform, obey, observe, acquiesce, defer, respect, abide by, adhere, follow. *ANT. disobey, disregard.*

**component** *n.* part, element, ingredient, constituent, fundamental, unit, factor.

**component** *a.* constituent, fundamental, basic, essential, composing, integral. *ANT. unnecessary, superfluous.*

**comport** *v.* behave, conduct, act, carry, bear, acquit, deport.

**compose** *v.* 1. *CONSTITUTE* make up, comprise, form, be part of. 2. *CREATE* write, invent, author, formulate, devise, fashion, make, produce. 3. *CALM* tranquilize, collect, simmer down, cool down, \*chill, \*get it together, contain, allay. *ANT. 3. \*lose it, break down.*

**composed** *a.* tranquil, calm, collected, cool, \*together, levelheaded, nonchalant, self-possessed, unruffled, unperturbed, serene. *ANT. nervous, distraught, catatonic, tense.*

**composite** *n.* combination, mixture, consolidation, blend, amalgam, compound, synthesis, fusion.

**composite** *a.* combined, consolidated, mingled, blended, melded. *ANT. separated, segregated.*

**composition** *n.* 1. *CREATION* synthesis, invention, fabrication, formulation, devising, making. 2. *WRITING* opus, essay, paper, work, creation, piece, draft, exposition, dissertation, thesis, arrangement. 3. *STRUCTURE* arrangement, organization, formulation, constitution, form, makeup, content, fabric.

**compost** *n.* organic matter, humus, decayed matter, fertilizer.

**composure** *n.* tranquility, calm, cool, self-possession, serenity, equanimity, poise, \*head, aplomb, presence of mind, equilibrium. *ANT. nervousness, anxiety, panic.*

**compound** *n.* composite, blend, mixture, combination, amalgam, consolidation, concoction, synthesis.

**compound** *v.* combine, consolidate, blend, mix, amalgamate, concoct, synthesize, fuse.

**compound** *a.* combined, composite, complex, manifold, synthesized, conglomerate, multi-form. *ANT. simple, pure, elemental.*

**comprehend** *v.* understand, get, grasp, realize, see, fathom, apprehend, catch, recognize, appreciate, \*get the picture, discern.

**comprehension** *n.* understanding, grasp, realization, apprehension, recognition, perception, cognizance, discernment.

**comprehensive** *a.* all-inclusive, extensive, exhaustive, thorough, complete, encyclopedic, sweeping, \*across the board, in depth, umbrella. *ANT. limited, narrow, exclusive.*

**compress** *v.* compact, pack, condense, press, contract, constrict, squeeze, shrink, wring, squash, shorten, reduce. *ANT.* *expand, stretch, enlarge.*

**comprise** *v.* include, contain, consist of, make up, form, compose, constitute, incorporate, embody.

**compromise** *n.* concession, \*give-and-take, agreement, conciliation, deal, \*happy medium, trade-off, \*middle ground, balance, accommodation, golden mean. "Simply changing the question to fit the answer."—Merrit Malloy.

**compromise** *v.* 1. GIVE AND TAKE strike a deal, trade off, bargain, find the middle ground, strike a balance, accommodate, find a happy medium, make concessions, agree, \*give your shirt but keep your pants, \*split the difference. 2. ENDANGER jeopardize, imperil, expose, implicate, discredit.

**COMPULSION** *n.* [kum PUL shun] a strong drive or force, a compelling impulse. *He had a strange compulsion to giggle at the funeral.* *SYN.* drive, force, pressure, constraint, coercion, need, urge, urgency, obsession, desire, impulse.

**compulsive** *a.* compelling, obsessive, uncontrollable, irresistible, urgent, crazed.

**COMPULSORY** *a.* [kum PUL suh ree] mandatory, required. *The tests are compulsory; no one can skip them.* *SYN.* mandatory, required, obligatory, requisite, imperative, forced, nonelective. *ANT.* *voluntary, elective, optional.*

**COMPUNCTION** *n.* [kum PUNK shun] the uncomfortable feeling caused by guilt, conscience. *He felt no compunction over his crimes; he had no conscience.* *SYN.* guilt, conscience, qualm, uneasiness, misgiving, regret, self-reproach, shame, pangs of guilt, contrition, remorse, penitence, twinge.

**computation** *n.* calculation, reckoning, estimation, figuring, tallying, account.

**compute** *v.* calculate, reckon, figure, tally, account, count, add, subtract, sum, determine, work out, measure, total.

**computer** *n.* calculator, data processor, microprocessor, PC, laptop, \*number cruncher, adding machine, \*micro, supercomputer, mainframe, workstation, PDA, notebook, Applefitm, Macintosh®, \*Mac, IBM®, Compaq®. *SEE* INTERNET, ONLINE

**WORD FIND**

**AI:** artificial intelligence

**auxiliary device:** peripheral

**aversion:** cyberphobia

**blinking symbol showing where next character will appear on screen:** cursor

**bps:** bits per second

**byte:** eight bits of memory space

**calculating, rows and columns program:** spreadsheet

**California manufacturing mecca:** Silicon Valley

**CD, write data or music on to:** burn

**CD-ROM tray:** caddy

**chip:** microprocessor, integrated circuit

**Clark's mad computer in 2001, Arthur C.:** Hal

**clean up hard drive:** defrag (defragmentation)

**clicker, hand:** mouse

**communication between, means of:** protocol

**compaction, data:** compression

**copies of files to safeguard from accidental loss, make multiple:** back up

**CPU:** Central Processing Unit

**device enabling communication with other computers over phone lines:** modem (MOdulator, DEModulator)

**device enabling computer to read, write info on disks:** disk drive

**devices, physical:** hardware

**disrupting prank or criminal program that infects other computers:** virus, worm

**document-creating programs:** word processor; desktop publishing

**drafting and blueprint creation system:** CAD (Computer Aided Design)

**easy to use:** user-friendly

**engineering process of deciphering how something works by taking it apart:** reverse engineering

**enthusiast:** hacker, \*chiphead, \*geek

**EPROM:** erasable memory chip

**execute program:** run

**failure and freeze-up:** crashed; down

**flaw in software or hardware:** bug

**giant computer serving multiple users:** mainframe

**GIGO:** garbage in, garbage out

**handheld computer, battery-powered:** PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), Palm Pilot®, organizer

**injury from repetitive keyboard work:** carpal tunnel syndrome

**instructions:** program

**Internet, connected to the:** online

**keyboard and monitor portion:** terminal

**language/program:** AGOL, BASIC, C, COBOL, FORTRAN, JAVA, PASCAL, PROLOG

**linkage of several computers:** network  
**logic that recognizes partial truths, computer:** fuzzy logic  
**mail sent from one computer user to another:** e-mail  
**main circuit board:** motherboard  
**MP3 format, digitize CDs to:** rip  
**MS-DOS:** Microsoft Disk Operating System  
**multiple things at once, doing:** multitasking  
**network, company:** intranet  
**network, international:** the Internet, World Wide Web  
**operating systems:** Linux; Windows; Macintosh, MS-DOS, Unix  
**options to choose on screen:** menu  
**paper printout:** hard copy  
**paper propelling device:** tractor feed  
**plugged in, where on the computer devices are:** port  
**portable computer, small:** laptop, notebook, PDA (Personal Digital Assistant), organizer  
**printout, long paper:** \*wallpaper  
**programs:** software  
**RAM, memory chip group or:** random access memory  
**read-only memory chip:** ROM  
**restart computer:** reboot  
**science fiction involving computer culture:** cyberpunk  
**screen, TV-like:** monitor  
**screen imagery designed to protect monitor from permanently burned-in images, moving:** screen saver  
**secret opening designed into program to allow access at later date:** trap door  
**software designed to boost performance of an application:** plug-in  
**software shared free by all:** freeware  
**software supplied free with one's computer:** bundled software  
**software not ready for general sale, test:** beta test software  
**speech recognition technology:** voice recognition, speech recognition  
**start up computer:** boot up  
**stick-like controller used with games in place of mouse:** joystick  
**storage area, data:** memory, cache, hard disk  
**storage area, temporary data:** clipboard  
**storage medium, data:** disk, diskette, floppy disk, cartridge, CD-ROM, Zip disk  
**superimposed screen within a screen:** window

**transfer data from your computer to another's:** upload  
**transfer data from another computer to yours:** download  
**transfer data to memory:** store  
**virus protection program:** anti-virus; vaccine; antidote; \*DDT  
**virus type:** strain

**comrade** *n.* friend, companion, partner, pal, buddy, associate, sidekick, confederate, chum, colleague, co-worker, confrere. *ANT.* *stranger, enemy.*  
**con** *v. Sl.* \*rip off, cheat, swindle, defraud, trick, deceive, bamboozle.  
**conceal** *v.* hide, cover, secrete, cloak, obscure, disguise, stash, lie low, camouflage, shield. *ANT.* *display, show, spotlight.*  
**concealment** *n.* covering, hiding, cover-up, disguising, shielding, camouflaging, front, secretion, hiding place, hideaway, blind, shield, cover, refuge.  
**concede** *v.* admit, grant, yield, acknowledge, acquiesce, avow, confess, yield, \*cave in, fold, come around, give up. *ANT.* *fight, deny, reject, refute.*  
**CONCEIT** *a.* [kun SEET] an overblown sense of one's positive attributes, egotism. *His swaggering conceit was sickening.* *SYN.* egotism, pride, vanity, bigheadedness, arrogance, vainglory, self-love, immodesty, narcissism, swagger, self-worship, self-importance. *ANT.* *modesty, self-effacement, humility.* "God's gift to little men."—Bruce Barton. "The quicksand of success."—Arnold Glasow.  
**conceited** *a.* egotistical, proud, vain, bigheaded, arrogant, vainglorious, \*full of oneself, \*in love with oneself, puffed up, immodest, narcissistic, swaggering, strutting, self-worshipping, self-important. *ANT.* *modest, self-effacing, humble.*  
**conceivable** *a.* imaginable, possible, thinkable, comprehensible, credible, believable. *ANT.* *inconceivable, impossible.*  
**conceive** *v.* 1. FORM develop, create, think up, invent, concoct, dream up, devise, originate, fabricate, hatch, \*cook up, imagine. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, apprehend, see, imagine, grasp, realize, follow.  
**concentrate** *v.* 1. THINK center, focus, \*rack one's brains, study, fix one's attention toward, consider, absorb oneself in, engross oneself in, ponder, scrutinize, \*zero in on. 2. COLLECT, GATHER assemble, amass, intensify, focus, converge, consolidate, congregate, center, cluster. *ANT.* 2. *spread out, scatter.*

**concentration** *n.* 1. THINKING centering, focus, study, fixation, consideration, absorption, engrossment, pondering, scrutiny, attention, single-mindedness. 2. COLLECTION, GATHERING assemblage, mass, intensification, focus, converging, consolidation, congregation, centralization, cluster, agglomerate. *ANT.* 1. *diversion, absentmindedness, mind-wandering.* 2. *spread, scattering, dispersal.*

**concept** *n.* idea, thought, notion, conceptualization, \*brainchild, conviction, view, image, impression, theory, hypothesis.

**conception** *n.* 1. BEGINNING origination, birth, genesis, inception, start, formation, germination, dawn. 2. IDEA thought, notion, conceptualization, conviction, view, image, impression, theory, hypothesis.

**concern** *n.* 1. AFFAIR care, business, matter, interest, department, job, worry, responsibility. 2. WORRY trouble, anxiety, unease, disquiet, apprehension, distress. 3. BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT company, firm, outfit, house.

**concern** *v.* 1. BEAR ON deal with, regard, involve, pertain to, touch, relate to, affect, interest. 2. WORRY trouble, make anxious, put ill-at-ease, disquiet, distress, disturb, bother, pain.

**concerned** *a.* 1. INVOLVED WITH interested, active, caring, attentive, solicitous, connected, mixed up in. 2. WORRIED anxious, troubled, ill-at-ease, disquieted, distressed, disturbed, bothered, pained, uneasy. *ANT.* 1. *disinterested, detached, removed.* 2. *indifferent, nonchalant, untroubled.*

**concerning** *prep.* regarding, about, with reference to.

**concert** *n.* 1. AGREEMENT harmony, concord, accord, union, unison, league, cooperation, collaboration. 2. SHOW recital, \*jam, gig, performance, symphony, philharmonic. *ANT.* 1. *disunity, disagreement, discord.*

**concerted** *a.* united, joined, joint, cooperative, collaborative, interactive, combined, mutual. *ANT.* *individual.*

**concession** *n.* yielding, granting, giving-in, conceding, capitulation, compromise, assent, acknowledgement, trade-off, allowance, permit, right.

**CONCILIATORY** *a.* [kun SIL ee uh tor ee] willing to make peace, placatory. *The warring gangs were largely conciliatory after the riots.* *SYN.* placatory, placative, appeasing, pacific, peacemaking, reconciling, mollifying, yielding, amicable, accommodating, deferential. *ANT.* *bellicose, aggressive, belligerent.*

**CONCISE** *a.* [kun SISE] brief and to the point. *A concise letter to the editor is always best.*

*SYN.* brief, to the point, succinct, short, pithy, pointed, terse, compact, summary, \*boiled down, \*in a nutshell, crisp, laconic. *ANT.* *long-winded, wordy, verbose, rambling.*

**conclave** *n.* secret meeting, council, synod, meeting, session, congress, assembly, \*pow-wow.

**conclude** *v.* 1. END close, finish, terminate, complete, wind up, \*wrap up, stop, consummate, \*knock off, \*call it a day, break off. 2. INFER deduce, reason, decide, assume, surmise, presume, suppose, reckon, figure. 3. SETTLE resolve, come to terms, work out, decide. *ANT.* 1. *start, open, commence.*

**conclusion** *n.* 1. ENDING closing, finish, termination, completion, winding up, \*wrap up, stopping, consummation, finale, denouement. 2. INFERENCE deduction, reckoning, supposition, figuring, presumption, assumption, judgment. 3. SETTLEMENT resolution, coming to terms, agreement, understanding. *ANT.* 1. *start, opening, commencement.*

**conclusive** *a.* decisive, final, settled, determining, convincing, definitive, incontestable, clinching, unmistakable, undeniable, absolute, resolving, irrefutable, \*litmus test. *ANT.* *inconclusive, \*iffy, questionable, uncertain.*

**concoct** *v.* compound, invent, devise, create, \*whip up, formulate, hatch, fabricate, \*slap together, prepare, think up, dream up.

**concoction** *n.* compound, mixture, invention, creation, formulation, fabrication, brew, preparation, contrivance, medley, synthesis.

**concomitant** *a.* attendant, accompanying, associative, accessory, supplementary, auxiliary.

**CONCORD** *n.* [KON kawrd] harmony, peaceful relations. *The former enemies have now lived in concord for thirty years.* *SYN.* harmony, peace, agreement, accord, friendship, unity, goodwill, understanding, rapport. *ANT.* *discord, disagreement, conflict.*

**concourse** *n.* 1. CONGREGATION throng, confluence, convergence, mob, gathering, flock, assemblage, multitude, crush. 2. PASSAGE mall, walkway, promenade, boulevard, esplanade, path.

**concrete** *a.* 1. REAL actual, material, definite, solid, substantial, factual, physical, tangible. 2. SPECIFIC distinct, explicit, particular, precise, express. *ANT.* 1. *abstract, theoretical.* 2. *general, vague.*

**concubine** *n.* mistress, \*live-in lover, kept woman, odalisque.

**CONCUR** *v.* [kun KUR] to agree; to arrive at a mutual understanding. *The opposition made such perfect sense that Ben had no choice but*

- to *concur*. SYN. agree, assent, go along, accord, correspond, see eye to eye, echo, coincide, cooperate, synchronize, be in step with, consent, harmonize, accede. ANT. *disagree, differ*.
- concurrent** *a.* 1. HAPPENING TOGETHER coinciding, parallel, synchronized, coincident, simultaneous. 2. IN AGREEMENT in accordance, harmonizing, consistent, corresponding, in rapport, compatible. ANT. 2. *in disagreement, differing, contradictory*.
- concussion** *n.* shaking, agitation, jolt, blow, shock, jarring, impact, bang, bump, pounding, buffeting.
- condemn** *v.* 1. CRITICIZE censure, denounce, decry, reprove, deprecate, vilify, rebuke, disapprove, disparage, pass judgment on. 2. DOOM sentence, damn, convict, adjudge, punish, \*send up the river. ANT. 1. *praise, commend, laud*. 2. *liberate, absolve*.
- condemnation** *n.* criticism, censure, disapproval, remonstrance, deprecation, rebuke, reproach, denunciation, judgment, sentencing, damning, punishment. ANT. *praise, approval, absolution*.
- condensation** *n.* 1. ABRIDGEMENT reduction, compression, consolidation, summary, brief, synopsis, outline, digest. 2. LIQUEFACTION dew, moisture, precipitation, \*sweating.
- condense** *v.* abridge, reduce, compress, shorten, consolidate, summarize, synopsis, outline, contract, boil down, concentrate, curtail, encapsulate. ANT. *expand, lengthen, enlarge*.
- CONDESCEND** *v.* [KON di send] to lower oneself to the level of another with lesser status. Also, to talk down to someone. *Our teacher was willing to condescend and take the advice of students. He fancied himself a big shot and spoke condescendingly to everyone.* SYN. 1. descend, humble oneself, bend, \*come down off one's high horse, vouchsafe, deign, stoop, lower oneself, yield. 2. talk down to, patronize, talk down one's nose, regard with hauteur.
- condescending** *a.* superior, arrogant, \*high and mighty, patronizing, lofty, snobbish, disdainful, lordly, pretentious, \*snooty, haughty, imperious. ANT. *down-to-earth, unpretentious, unassuming*.
- condiment** *n.* seasoning, flavoring, spice, sauce, relish, mustard, catsup, ketchup, horseradish, salsa.
- condition** *n.* 1. PROVISION stipulation, qualification, proviso, consideration, requirement. 2. STATE situation, order, circumstance, stage, predicament, position, \*lay of the land. 3. HEALTH fitness, shape, constitution, state. 4. AILMENT malady, illness. SEE DISEASE
- condition** *v.* get fit, train, prepare, get in shape, build up, work out.
- conditional** *a.* subject to, dependent, contingent, limited, relative, provisional, qualified, \*with strings attached, tentative. ANT. *unconditional, unrestricted*.
- condolence** *n.* sympathy, commiseration, consolation, compassion, pity, comfort, support, solace.
- condom** *n.* contraceptive, prophylactic, \*rubber, \*protection, \*raincoat.
- CONDONE** *v.* [kun DOHN] to overlook or forgive a negative action. *The church does not condone infidelity.* SYN. overlook, forgive, pardon, \*look the other way, ignore, excuse, let go, make allowances for, wink at. ANT. *condemn, damn, denounce*.
- CONDUCTIVE** *a.* [kun DOO siv] leading to or promoting. *Rain pattering on the roof is conducive to good sleep.* SYN. leading to, promoting, contributing, instrumental, helpful, ancillary, tending, favorable. ANT. *adverse, counter, deleterious*.
- conduct** *n.* 1. BEHAVIOR manner, comportment, bearing, demeanor, ways. 2. MANAGEMENT administration, direction, supervision, rule, organization, regulation, leadership.
- conduct** *v.* 1. BEHAVE deport, demean, act, bear, acquit. 2. MANAGE administer, direct, supervise, rule, organize, regulate, execute, handle. 3. LEAD guide, escort, show the way, usher, marshal.
- conductor** *n.* leader, director, guide, manager, marshal, supervisor, usher, maestro.
- conduit** *n.* pipe, tube, channel, duct, drain, sewer, canal, course, passage, trough, race.
- confection** *n.* sweet, candy, comfit, dainty.
- confederacy** *n.* alliance, league, union, federation, coalition, bloc.
- confederate** *n.* ally, associate, accomplice, colleague, abettor, collaborator, partner, co-conspirator, cohort. ANT. *adversary, foe*.
- confederation** *n.* SEE CONFEDERACY
- confer** *v.* 1. GIVE bestow, grant, present, award. 2. HAVE A CONFERENCE talk, discuss, speak, parley, consult, deliberate, \*powwow.
- conference** *n.* talk, discussion, meeting, consultation, seminar, dialogue, \*powwow, convention, \*bull session, symposium. "A gathering of important people who singly can do nothing, but together can decide that nothing can be done."—Fred Allen.
- confess** *v.* admit, acknowledge, reveal, disclose, allow, \*own up, \*come clean, \*fess up, level,

- divulge, \*open up, \*spill it. *ANT. deny, cover up, keep secret.*
- confession** *n.* admission, acknowledgement, revelation, disclosure, allowance, leveling, declaration, profession, avowal. “A medicine to the erring.”—Cicero.
- confidant** *n.* confidante, friend, intimate, bosom buddy, companion, lover, alter ego, counselor, therapist. *SEE FRIEND*
- confide** *v.* 1. SHARE INTIMATE INFORMATION confess, disclose, divulge, share feelings, reveal, \*unload, intimate, \*get off one’s chest. 2. ENTRUST charge, consign, relegate, trust, commit, assign.
- confidence** *n.* 1. BELIEF trust, reliance, sureness, faith, dependence, assurance. 2. SELF-CONFIDENCE self-esteem, self-assurance, courage, self-reliance, heart, faith in oneself, mental toughness, pluck, backbone, spine, nerve. *ANT. 1. uncertainty, doubt. 2. insecurity, diffidence, self-doubt.*
- confidence game** *n.* con game, swindle, \*rip-off, trick.
- confident** *a.* self-confident, self-assured, cocky, plucky, bold, dauntless, faithful, sure, secure, certain, positive, convinced, presumptuous. *ANT. insecure, unsure, diffident.*
- confidential** *a.* secret, private, privy, classified, \*off the record, \*between you, me, and the bedpost, personal, restricted. *ANT. public, open.*
- configuration** *n.* arrangement, outline, contour, form, conformation, structure, figure, build, shape.
- confine** *v.* enclose, restrict, shut in, imprison, restrain, limit, keep, jail, coop up, incarcerate, intern, hold, detain, bound, quarantine. *ANT. free, liberate, release.*
- confinement** *n.* restriction, shutting in, imprisonment, enclosure, keeping, incarceration, holding, detainment, bounding, quarantine, detention, captivity. *ANT. freedom, liberation, release.*
- confirm** *v.* 1. STRENGTHEN firm up, establish, buttress, reinforce. 2. VALIDATE ratify, prove, establish, attest, substantiate, vouch, sanction, authenticate, affirm. *ANT. 1. weaken, contradict. 2. disprove, question, contradict.*
- confirmation** *n.* validation, ratification, proof, verification, authentication, substantiation, affirmation, corroboration, support, sanction, nod, okay. *ANT. question, contradiction, repudiation.*
- confirmed** *a.* 1. SUBSTANTIATED validated, proven, verified, authenticated, corroborated. 2. ESTABLISHED deep-rooted, \*dyed-in-the-wool, deep-seated, habitual, chronic, inveterate, ingrained. *ANT. 1. unconfirmed, unsupported, questionable. 2. new, sometimes.*
- confiscate** *v.* seize, appropriate, take, impound, expropriate, preempt, sequester, commandeer, usurp.
- conflagration** *n.* fire, blaze, inferno, firestorm, holocaust, wildfire, hellfire.
- conflict** *n.* 1. FIGHT battle, war, clash, combat, struggle, contest, tussle. 2. DISAGREEMENT clash, contention, discord, dissension, hostility, argument, opposition, dispute, confrontation. *ANT. 1. peace, amity. 2. agreement, accord.*
- conflict** *v.* 1. FIGHT battle, wage war, clash, combat, struggle, contest, tussle. 2. DISAGREE clash, contend, oppose, differ, \*lock horns, square off, be at odds with, spar. *ANT. 1. settle, conciliate. 2. agree, harmonize.*
- conflicting** *a.* contradictory, contrary, inconsistent, incompatible, discrepant. *ANT. corresponding, congruous.*
- confluence** *n.* 1. CONVERGENCE juncture, meeting, union. 2. CROWD throng, gathering, assembly.
- conform** *v.* 1. MAKE THE SAME correspond, match, be like, harmonize, fit, jibe, assimilate. 2. ADAPT adjust, accommodate, integrate, suit, follow, fall into line, \*go with the flow, comply, \*do as the Romans do, \*swim with the stream. *ANT. 2. deviate, \*march to the beat of a different drummer, differ.*
- conformation** *n.* shape, build, form, structure, figure, configuration.
- conformist** *n.* follower, \*yes man, \*sheep, \*one of the herd, \*brick in a wall, emulator. *ANT. nonconformist, rebel, free spirit.*
- conformity** *n.* 1. AGREEMENT correspondence, harmony, affinity, congruity, accord, likeness, similarity. “The herd-fear.”—E. Stanley Jones. 2. COMPLIANCE obedience, observance, assent, yielding, acquiescence, submission. *ANT. 1. disagreement, incongruity, difference. 2. noncompliance, disobedience, rebellion.*
- confound** *v.* confuse, puzzle, mix up, bewilder, perplex, mystify, flabbergast, nonplus, daze, muddle, dumbfound. *ANT. clarify.*
- confront** *v.* face, oppose, stand up to, challenge, cross, encounter, \*go up against, meet, dare, defy, beard, brave. *ANT. avoid, back away from, retreat from, dodge.*
- confrontation** *n.* meeting, challenge, encounter, crossing of paths, showdown, face-off, set-to, contest, dare, defiance, fight. *ANT. avoidance.*

**confuse** *v.* 1. BEWILDER mix up, perplex, throw off, baffle, mystify, muddle, bemuse, puzzle, confound. 2. DISORDER jumble, mix up, mess up, disarrange, discombobulate, disarray, \*foul up, mingle, blend. *ANT.* 1. *clarify, explain.* 2. *straighten, order.*

**confusion** *n.* 1. BEWILDERMENT perplexity, bafflement, mystification, puzzlement, disorientation, fog, daze, befuddlement. 2. DISORDER jumble, mess, disarray, disorganization, tangle, upheaval, labyrinth, muddle, \*snafu, anarchy, chaos, bedlam, pandemonium. *ANT.* 1. *lucidity, clarity.* 2. *order, organization, tidiness.*

**confute** *v.* disprove, refute, invalidate, \*shoot full of holes, negate, contradict, rebut, discredit.

**congeal** *v.* solidify, thicken, jell, set, stiffen, coagulate, clot, curdle.

**CONGENIAL** *a.* [kun JEEN yul] friendly, compatible, having similar tastes. *The party atmosphere was low-key but congenial.* *SYN.* friendly, compatible, agreeable, suitable, pleasant, cordial, kindred, companionable, convivial, sociable, like-minded, sympathetic, affable, harmonious, \*en rapport. *ANT.* *hostile, incompatible, disagreeable.*

**CONGENITAL** *a.* [kun JEN i tul] existing at birth. *The baby had a congenital heart defect.* *SYN.* inborn, natal, natural, connate, inherent, innate, intrinsic, hereditary, in the blood, genetic. *ANT.* *acquired.*

**congested** *a.* overcrowded, clogged, blocked, overfilled, stuffed up, plugged, occluded, jammed, glutted, packed, choked. *ANT.* *clear.*

**congestion** *n.* overcrowding, clogging, blockage, stuffiness, plug, cramming, jam, occlusion, repletion, fullness, bottleneck.

**conglomerate** *n.* composite, aggregate, hodgepodge, chain, multinational, partnership, company, trust, firm.

**conglomerate** *a.* clustered, massed, amassed, combined, aggregate, mixed, composite. *ANT.* *divided, separate.*

**congratulate** *v.* felicitate, hail, commend, salute, applaud, toast.

**congregate** *v.* gather, mass, cluster, collect, flock, group, crowd together, muster, convene, throng, concentrate. *ANT.* *scatter, disperse.*

**congregation** *n.* assembly, group, mass, cluster, collection, flock, crowd, throng, gathering, parishioners.

**congress** *n.* assembly, council, association, conference, delegation, legislature, legislative body, government, committee, caucus, session, Parliament, Senate, House of Repre-

sentatives, Capitol Hill. "The great commanding theatre . . ."—Thomas Jefferson. *SEE* ELECTION, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

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**WORD FIND**

**assistant party leader in House or Senate:** whip

**break:** recess

**committee that sets rules for debate on bills:** Rules Committee

**debate's time-limiting process:** cloture

**influencing of member by special interest group:** lobbying

**House of Commons:** lower legislative house of British Parliament

**House of Lords:** upper legislative house of British Parliament

**House:** U.S. House of Representatives

**kill or remove a bill from consideration:** table a bill

**legislative house:** chamber

**meeting of House and Senate:** joint session

**member:** congressman, senator, representative, legislator, statesman

**messenger/\*gofer of:** page

**minimum member attendance necessary to transact business:** quorum

**newly elected member:** freshman

**official controlling access, maintaining order:** sergeant at arms

**presides in House of Representatives:** Speaker of the House

**presides in Senate after Vice President:** president pro tempore

**proposed legislation:** bill

**Senate:** upper legislative body of U.S. Congress

**speaking and work area of:** floor

**speech, long-winded:** filibuster

**transcript of daily debates, votes, House and Senate:** Congressional Record

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**congressman** *n.* senator, representative, legislator, statesman, politician. "[One] who votes for all appropriations and against all taxes."—Henry Ashurst.

**congruent** *a.* corresponding, in agreement, harmonious, parallel, consonant. *ANT.* *incongruent, disagreeing.*

**conifer** *n.* evergreen, coniferous tree, pine, spruce, fir.

**CONJECTURE** *n.* [kun JEK chur] a guess or inference made from incomplete information. *The evidence was comprised of little more than conjecture.* *SYN.* guess, guesswork, inference, deduction, supposition, surmise,

- assumption, speculation, theory, hypothesis, inkling, \*shot in the dark. *ANT. fact, certainty.*
- conjecture** *v.* guess, infer, deduce, assume, suppose, surmise, speculate, theorize, hypothesize, gather.
- conjugal** *a.* matrimonial, connubial, nuptial, marital, wedded. *ANT. unmarried, single.*
- conjunction** *n.* combination, union, alliance, juxtaposition, connection, meeting, merger, joining.
- conjure** *v.* summon, call upon, beckon, raise, invoke, make magic, cast a spell, bewitch.
- conjuror** *n.* sorcerer, illusionist, sorceress. *SEE MAGICIAN*
- connect** *v.* join, link, unite, tie, bind, couple, attach, wed, merge, hitch, cohere, yoke. *ANT. disconnect, detach, separate.*
- connection** *n.* 1. LINK tie, coupling, bond, juncture, union, association, relationship, marriage, network, attachment. 2. ASSOCIATE friend, relative, kin, sibling, acquaintance, contact, go-between, agent.
- CONNIVE** *v.* [kuh NIVE] to conspire in a wrongdoing or at least look the other way. *They connive to get what they want.* *SYN. conspire, scheme, collude, plot, \*be in cahoots with, look the other way, intrigue, finagle, have a hand in, cabal, cooperate.*
- CONNOISSEUR** *n.* [KON uh SUR] an expert, especially on the fine arts or in matters of taste. *The expert wine taster is truly a connoisseur.* *SYN. expert, authority, cognoscente, aesthete, aficionado, buff, dilettante, virtuoso, judge, specialist, devotee, epicure, gourmet, critic, maven, \*nut, freak.*
- connotation** *n.* inference, allusion, implication, suggestion, sense, undercurrent, meaning, reference, nuance, hint.
- connote** *v.* suggest, convey, denote, imply, infer, hint at, mean, indicate, designate, signify, allude to.
- connubial** *a.* conjugal, marital, matrimonial, nuptial, wedded, married, spousal. *ANT. unwedded, single.*
- conquer** *v.* vanquish, defeat, overcome, overpower, overthrow, subdue, master, beat, dominate, win, triumph. *ANT. surrender, lose, fall, bow.*
- conqueror** *n.* victor, winner, champion, master, vanquisher, subduer, conquistador. *ANT. loser, victim, the defeated.*
- conquest** *n.* victory, triumph, win, defeat, domination, overthrow, coup, subjugation, subjection, occupation, spoils, plunder, booty, winnings. *SEE WAR*
- conscience** *n.* moral judgment, principles, \*little voice, scruples, ethics, standards, integrity, sense of right and wrong, superego. “That inner tribunal.”—Anton Boisen. “One’s soul companion.”—Evelyn Brenzel. “The muzzle of the will.”—Elbert Hubbard. “A thousand witnesses.”—Richard Taverner. *ANT. indifference, cold-bloodedness.*
- conscientious** *a.* 1. MORAL principled, ethical, virtuous, upright, honest, scrupulous, good, upstanding, honorable. 2. CAREFUL thorough, painstaking, particular, responsible, attentive, exacting, thoughtful, diligent, meticulous. *ANT. 1. immoral, unprincipled, unscrupulous. 2. slack, slipshod, careless.*
- conscious** *a.* 1. AWAKE AND AWARE alert, perceiving, sentient, cognizant, responsive, recognizing, apprehending, mindful, knowing, apprised, \*on the ball. 2. DELIBERATE intended, intentional, calculated, willful, premeditated, designed, on purpose. *ANT. 1. unconscious, dead, oblivious. 2. accidental, unplanned, inadvertent.*
- consciousness** *n.* awareness, alertness, thoughts, cognizance, familiarity, recognition, knowledge, perception, mind, mindfulness, concern, heed. *ANT. unconsciousness, oblivion, ignorance.*
- conscript** *n.* draftee, recruit, enrollee, soldier.
- CONSECRATE** *v.* [KON suh KRATE] to make or declare sacred or holy. *Fans gathered to consecrate the shrine of Elvis Presley.* *SYN. sanctify, exalt, honor, hallow, bless, devote, dedicate, anoint.* *ANT. desecrate, defile, revile.*
- consecutive** *a.* successive, sequential, serial, progressive, orderly, in order, in turn, following, succeeding. *ANT. random, irregular.*
- CONSENSUS** *n.* [kun SEN sus] an opinion held in common, agreement. *The committee finally reached a consensus.* *SYN. agreement, unanimity, concord, accord, unison, harmony, concordance, single-mindedness.* *ANT. disagreement, dissension, discord.*
- consent** *n.* permission, approval, assent, okay, nod, \*go-ahead, acceptance, agreement, \*say-so, sanction, allowance. *ANT. dissent, refusal, veto.*
- consent** *v.* agree, permit, approve, allow, grant, accept, sanction, \*give the green light, \*give the nod, okay, assent, acquiesce. *ANT. refuse, veto, object.*
- consequence** *n.* 1. RESULT outcome, effect, upshot, aftermath, fallout, repercussion, reaction, reverberation, wake. 2. DISTINCTION status, influence, stature, standing, eminence, rank, prestige, notability, power.

- ANT. 1. cause, source. 2. insignificance, unimportance.*
- consequential** *a.* important, significant, weighty, notable, substantial, momentous, serious, far-reaching, considerable, \*heavy. *ANT. in-consequential, insignificant, trivial.*
- consequently** *adv.* therefore, hence, thus, so, accordingly, ergo.
- conservancy** *n.* conservation, preservation, land trust.
- conservation** *n.* preservation, protection, safeguarding, management, saving, supervision, maintenance, husbandry, environmentalism, reservation, safe-keeping, care. *ANT. squandering, waste.*
- conservationist** *n.* environmentalist, preservationist, activist, \*green, \*tree hugger.
- conservative** *n.* traditionalist, right-winger, die-hard, champion of the status quo, moderate, obstructionist, \*stick-in-the-mud. "A man who believes nothing should be done for the first time."—Alfred Wiggam.
- CONSERVATIVE** *a.* [kun SURV uh tiv] favoring traditional, nonprogressive ways; moderate. *He doesn't like change; his politics are conservative.* *SYN. 1. TRADITIONAL* right-wing, rightist, conventional, die-hard, unchanging, stable, old line, hidebound, opposed to change, unprogressive. *2. CAUTIOUS* moderate, safe, middle-of-the-road, careful. *ANT. 1. radical, liberal, progressive.*
- conservator** *n.* curator, caretaker, custodian, restorer, guardian, keeper.
- conservatory** *n.* *1. GREENHOUSE* botanical garden, arboretum, nursery, hothouse. *2. SCHOOL* institute, academy, school of fine arts.
- conserve** *v.* preserve, save, protect, keep, guard, safeguard, maintain, husband, sustain. *ANT. squander, exhaust, denude.*
- consider** *v.* ponder, heed, regard, study, think about, deliberate, contemplate, mull over, inspect, ruminate, note. *ANT. ignore, forget, nevermind.*
- considerable** *a.* *1. LARGE* sizable, big, substantial, appreciable, respectable, tidy, extensive, great. *2. IMPORTANT* significant, noteworthy, momentous, weighty, distinguished, consequential, substantial, respectable. *ANT. 1. small. 2. insignificant, trivial.*
- considerate** *a.* thoughtful, kind, benevolent, conscientious, respectful, accommodating, polite, solicitous, magnanimous, gracious, tactful. *ANT. inconsiderate, rude, thoughtless.*
- consideration** *n.* *1. THOUGHT* study, regard, attention, reflection, contemplation, analysis, review, examination. *2. THOUGHTFULNESS* kindness, benevolence, respect, accommodation, courtesy, solicitude, tact. *3. FACTOR* concern, issue, extent, problem, point. *4. COMPENSATION* recompense, fee, payment, remuneration, reward. *ANT. 2. thoughtlessness, rudeness, carelessness.*
- consign** *v.* hand over, deliver, entrust, commit, convey, transfer, remit, deposit, assign.
- consignment** *n.* assignment, entrusting, delivery, transferal, trust, conveyance, remittance, deposit.
- consistency** *n.* agreement, harmony, correspondence, coherence, compatibility, consonance, similarity, uniformity, congruity. *ANT. inconsistency, incongruity, disagreement.*
- consistent** *a.* *1. IN AGREEMENT* harmonious, corresponding, coherent, compatible, similar, uniform, homogenous, accordant. *2. UNCHANGING* steady, constant, regular, undeviating. *ANT. 1. inconsistent, incompatible. 2. changing, inconsistent.*
- consist** *of vi.* comprise, include.
- consolation** *n.* solace, comfort, sympathy, compassion, condolence, succor, relief, support, pity, alleviation. *ANT. grief, discouragement.*
- console** *v.* comfort, solace, sympathize, condole, soothe, relieve, support, pity, alleviate, cheer, commiserate. *ANT. grieve, distress, dishearten, depress.*
- consolidate** *v.* combine, merge, unite, amalgamate, strengthen, band, concentrate, unify, league, mass, firm up. *ANT. separate, disband, weaken.*
- consonant** *a.* in agreement, harmonious, accordant, corresponding, consistent, congruent, parallel, coherent. *ANT. disagreeing, discordant, incongruent.*
- consort** *n.* partner, companion, husband, wife, spouse, mate, associate, friend.
- consort** *v.* associate, fraternize, keep company with, \*hang out with, mingle, mix with, \*run with, \*chum with.
- consortium** *n.* partnership, association, alliance, league.
- CONSPICUOUS** *a.* [kun SPIK yoo us] attention-grabbing, striking. *A stretch limousine is conspicuous in rural America.* *SYN. attention-grabbing, striking, noticeable, obvious, outstanding, prominent, unusual, overt, arresting, distinguished, glaring, flagrant, loud, \*sticking out like a sore thumb. ANT. inconspicuous, hidden, indistinct.*
- CONSPIRACY** *n.* [kun SPEER uh see] a working together in secret to commit a wrongdoing, a plotting. *Some believe the assassination of John F. Kennedy was a conspiracy to*

remove the president from power. SYN. plotting, plot, scheme, intrigue, connivance, collusion, cabal, treachery, machination, foul play, web, \*wire-pulling.

**conspirator** *n.* schemer, plotter, accomplice, engineer, collaborator, colluder, \*wire-puller, subversive, traitor, \*backstabber, betrayer.

**conspire** *v.* plot, scheme, intrigue, connive, collude, machinate, engineer, collaborate.

**constable** *n.* police officer, officer of the law, peace officer, \*cop, sheriff. SEE POLICE

**constant** *a.* 1. UNCHANGING steady, regular, invariable, firm, permanent, solid, fixed, stable. 2. PERPETUAL endless, never ending, relentless, continual, nonstop, unremitting, sustained, incessant, persistent. 3. FAITHFUL loyal, steadfast, devoted, tried-and-true. *ANT.* 1. variable, unstable. 2. intermittent, occasional, sporadic. 3. disloyal, unfaithful, fickle.

**constellation** *n.* 1. GATHERING cluster, collection, array, assemblage, group, body. 2. A FORMATION OF STARS configuration, asterism.

WORD FIND

NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

**Andromeda:** Andromeda

**arrow:** Sagitta

**bear, great:** Ursa Major, Big Dipper

**bear, little:** Ursa Minor, Little Dipper

**Berenice's Hair:** Coma Berenices

**Cassiopeia:** Cassiopeia

**Cepheus:** Cepheus

**charioteer:** Auriga

**dolphin:** Delphinus

**dragon:** Draco

**filly:** Equuleus

**fox:** Vulpecula

**giraffe:** Camelopardallis

**Hercules:** Hercules

**herdsmen:** Bootes

**hunting dogs:** Canes Venatici

**lion, little:** Leo Minor

**lizard:** Lacerta

**lynx:** Lynx

**lyre:** Lyra

**northern crown:** Corona Borealis

**Pegasus:** Pegasus

**Perseus:** Perseus

**sea serpent:** Hydra

**serpent bearer:** Ophiuchus

**serpent:** Serpens

**shield:** Scutum

**swan:** Cygnus

**triangle:** Triangulum

SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE

**air pump:** Antlia

**altar:** Ara

**bird of paradise:** Apus

**centaur:** Centaurus

**chameleon:** Chameleon

**clock:** Horologium

**compasses:** Circinus

**crane:** Grus

**crow:** Corvus

**cup:** Crater

**dog, greater:** Canis Major

**dog, lesser:** Canis Minor

**dove:** Columba

**flying fish:** Volans

**furnace:** Fornax

**hare:** Lepus

**hunter:** Orion

**Indian:** Indus

**keel:** Carina

**mariner's compass:** Pyxis

**microscope:** Microscopium

**net:** Reticulum

**octant:** Octans

**painter:** Pictor

**peacock:** Pavo

**Phoenix:** Phoenix

**poop deck:** Puppis

**river:** Eridanus

**sail:** Vela

**sculptor:** Sculptor

**sculptor's tool:** Caelum

**sextant:** Sextans

**southern cross:** Crux

**southern crown:** Corona Australis

**southern fish:** Piscis Austrinus

**southern fly:** Musca

**southern triangle:** Triangulum Australe

**square:** Norma

**swordfish:** Dorado

**table:** Mensa

**telescope:** Telescopium

**toucan:** Tucana

**unicorn:** Monoceros

**water snake:** Hydrus

**whale:** Cetus

**wolf:** Lupus

ZODIAC

**archer:** Sagittarius

**bull:** Taurus

**crab:** Cancer

**fishes:** Pisces

**goat:** Capricornus

**lion:** Leo

**ram:** Aries

**scales:** Libra

**scorpion:** Scorpius

**twins:** Gemini

**virgin:** Virgo

**water bearer:** Aquarius

**CONSTERNATION** *n.* [kon stur NA shun] dismay or shock that leaves one feeling helpless or confused. *The sudden collision filled him with consternation.* SYN. dismay, shock, fear, anxiety, panic, bewilderment, confusion, alarm, stupefaction, horror, terror. ANT. *composure, calm, presence of mind.*

**constipation** *n.* irregularity, sluggish bowels, straining at stool.

**constituency** *n.* electorate, voting body, residents, voters, district. SEE POLITICS, ELECTION, GOVERNMENT

**constituent** *n.* 1. COMPONENT part, element, unit, ingredient, rudiment. 2. VOTER elector, ballot, citizen.

**constitute** *v.* 1. COMPRISE form, make up, consist of, incorporate, integrate, compose. 2. APPOINT name, empower, authorize, install, nominate, deputize. 3. ESTABLISH create, institute, develop, set up, originate, found.

**constitution** *n.* charter, code, law, rules, canon, Bill of Rights. "A means of assuring that depositories of power cannot misemploy it."—John Stuart Mill.

**constitutional** *a.* lawful, legal, statutory, chartered, prescribed. ANT. *unconstitutional, improper, illegal.*

**constrain** *v.* 1. FORCE compel, drive, press, coerce, oblige, make, impel, pressure, prevail upon. 2. RESTRAIN confine, curb, restrict, check, limit, shut in, bar, hold down, incarcerate, imprison.

**constraint** *n.* 1. FORCE pressure, obligation, compulsion, coercion, duress, necessity. 2. RESTRICTION limitation, restraint, check, curb, control, repression, inhibition, confinement. 3. UNEASE inhibition, reticence, reserve, shyness, diffidence, bashfulness, self-consciousness, restraint.

**constrict** *v.* 1. NARROW squeeze, bind, tighten, shrink, contract, clamp, cramp, compress, pinch, strangle, choke. 2. LIMIT restrict, hold in, impede, arrest, block, curb. ANT. 1. *expand, widen, loosen.* 2. *free, liberate.*

**constriction** *n.* narrowing, contraction, squeezing, strangulation, compression, stricture, clamping, cramping, pinching, clenching, choking, stenosis, bottleneck. ANT. *opening, loosening.*

**construct** *v.* build, assemble, put together, erect, \*throw up, \*slap together, fabricate, engineer, raise, frame, fashion, form. ANT. *raze, demolish, tear down.*

**construction** *n.* 1. CONSTRUCTION building, erection, assembling, fabrication, raising, framing, putting up, fashioning, manufacturing, formation. 2. BUILDING structure, framework, assembly. 3. EXPLANATION interpretation, rendition, translation, reading.

**constructive** *a.* helpful, useful, beneficial, practical, valuable, positive, effective. ANT. *hurtful, negative.*

**construe** *v.* explain, interpret, translate, spell out, infer, define, read, understand.

**consultant** *n.* expert, authority, professional, \*pro, advisor, counsel, mentor, guide, specialist, master, maven, veteran.

**consulate** *n.* embassy.

**consult** *v.* refer to, check with, confer, inquire, seek advice, discuss, talk, deliberate, ask, \*pick one's brains, compare notes.

**consultation** *n.* conference, meeting, discussion, talk, conversation, deliberation, council, \*powwow, parley, hearing, session.

**consume** *v.* 1. INGEST eat, drink, swallow, devour, guzzle, absorb, down, \*gobble, \*wolf, \*scarf, \*polish off. 2. EXPEND use up, deplete, exhaust, spend, waste, squander, drain, fritter away, finish. 3. DESTROY level, raze, demolish, annihilate, wreck, ruin, devastate, lay to waste. 4. ENGRESS absorb, engage, arrest, preoccupy, fix, fascinate, rivet. ANT. 2. *save, collect, hoard.*

**consumer** *n.* buyer, customer, purchaser, end-user, patron, shopper.

**consummate** *v.* complete, perfect, fulfill, achieve, finish, crown, effectuate, \*put the finishing touch on, cap, clinch, realize.

**CONSUMMATE** *a.* [kun SUM it] supremely accomplished, complete. *He is at the top of his field, a consummate violinist.* SYN. accomplished, skilled, supreme, superior, best, ultimate, unsurpassed, superlative, masterful, excellent, complete, thorough, inimitable, peerless. ANT. *\*run-of-the-mill, mediocre, amateurish.*

**consummation** *n.* completion, perfecting, fulfillment, finishing, crowning, \*finishing touch, cap, realization, attainment.

**consumption** *n.* use, expenditure, utilization, depletion, loss, devouring, exhaustion, reduction, exploitation. ANT. *conservation, preservation.*

**contact** *n.* 1. TOUCHING meeting, connection, union, contingency, proximity, junction, collision. 2. CONNECTION acquaintance.

**contact** *v.* 1. TOUCH meet, graze, impinge, strike, brush. 2. COMMUNICATE WITH get in

- touch with, call, seek, reach, look up, find, approach.
- contagious** *a.* communicable, catching, transmittable, transmissible, spreading, infectious, epidemic, endemic. *ANT.* *noninfectious*.
- contain** *v.* 1. HOLD accommodate, carry, receive, have a capacity for. 2. COMPRISE include, consist of, involve, embody, incorporate. 3. KEEP IN CHECK hold in, restrain, control, suppress, repress, stifle.
- contaminate** *v.* pollute, adulterate, spoil, taint, sully, corrupt, defile, poison, degrade, befoul. *ANT.* *purify, cleanse, sterilize*.
- contamination** *n.* pollution, adulteration, spoilage, corruption, defilement, degradation, poisoning, fouling, taint, impurity.
- contemplate** *v.* 1. LOOK AT watch, gaze at, behold, survey, eye, consider, regard, scrutinize. 2. THINK ABOUT ponder, mull over, brood over, meditate, reflect, ruminate, dwell on, \*chew on, consider, \*turn over in one's mind.
- contemplative** *a.* thoughtful, intent, introspective, absorbed, pensive, meditative, reflective, ruminative, musing, rapt. *ANT.* *thoughtless, blank, vacuous*.
- contemporary** *a.* 1. MODERN present-day, up-to-date, here and now, current, late, \*hot, new, \*cutting edge, recent, now, \*fresh as today, extant. 2. COEXISTING coincident, attending, simultaneous, synchronous, concurrent, of the same time. *ANT.* *1. old, yesterday, historical, past, ancient*.
- contempt** *n.* 1. DISDAIN SCORN, repugnance, disgust, disrespect, disregard, derision, revulsion, abhorrence. 2. DISGRACE shame, dishonor, humiliation, disrepute. *ANT.* *respect, esteem, honor*.
- contemptible** *a.* despicable, shameful, low, detestable, wretched, abhorrent, wicked, mean, loathsome, disgusting, ignominious, shabby, cheap, repugnant. *ANT.* *honorable, respectable, admirable*.
- contemptuous** *a.* disdainful, scornful, disrespectful, arrogant, sneering, insolent, insulting, derisive, \*high and mighty, supercilious, condescending, haughty. *ANT.* *complimentary, deferential, respectful*.
- contend** *v.* 1. MAINTAIN assert, claim, hold, state, declare, argue, insist, prescribe. 2. VIE struggle, strive, contest, battle, wrestle, tussle, fight, scuffle, clash.
- contender** *n.* contestant, competitor, rival.
- content** *n.* 1. MEANING intent, essence, significance, idea. 2. SATISFACTION happiness, pleasure, comfort, fulfillment, gratification, delight, contentment.
- content** *v.* satisfy, please, comfort, delight, gratify, gladden, cheer. *ANT.* *discontent, trouble, upset*.
- content** *a.* satisfied, happy, pleased, comfortable, at ease, carefree, fulfilled, complacent, serene. *ANT.* *discontented, miserable, troubled*.
- contention** *n.* 1. DISPUTE argument, disagreement, debate, controversy, squabble, altercation, fight, wrangling, \*beef, \*bone to pick, quarrel. 2. STRIVING struggle, contest, battle, fight. 3. ASSERTION point, stand, claim, opinion, belief, view, plea. *ANT.* *1. agreement, accord, harmony*.
- CONTENTIOUS** *a.* [kun TEN shus] quarrelsome. *He couldn't get along with anyone; he was contentious.* *SYN.* quarrelsome, belligerent, testy, disputatious, argumentative, combative, nasty, disagreeable, \*short-fused, petulant, antagonistic. *ANT.* *easygoing, accommodating, placatory, peaceable*.
- contentment** *n.* satisfaction, happiness, pleasure, comfort, ease, fulfillment, complacency, serenity, tranquility. "The only riches, the only quietness ..."—George Pettie. "Natural wealth."—Plato. *ANT.* *discontent, dissatisfaction, misery*.
- contest** *n.* competition, match, struggle, rivalry, battle, challenge, meet, round, duel, trial, war, marathon, tourney.
- contest** *v.* argue, debate, dispute, challenge, oppose, call into question, object to, conflict, contend, vie, fight, scrap, square off, battle. *ANT.* *acquiesce, cave in, give in, surrender*.
- contestant** *n.* contender, competitor, combatant, opponent, rival, adversary, challenger.
- context** *n.* frame of reference, framework, relationship, connection, substance, circumstances, meaning.
- contiguous** *a.* touching, meeting, contacting, connecting, next to, abutting, adjoining, nearby, proximate, adjacent, close. *ANT.* *distant, removed, remote*.
- continence** *n.* self-restraint, moderation, self-control, forbearance, refraining, abstinence, virtue, chastity. *ANT.* *incontinence, indulgence, excess*.
- contingency** *n.* possibility, emergency, eventuality, chance occurrence, accident, fortuity, uncertainty, happening, probability.
- CONTINGENT** *a.* [kun TIN jun] dependent, subject to. *When we schedule the outing is contingent upon the weather.* *SYN.* dependent, subject to, conditional, hinging on, controlled by, incidental to, provisory.

**continual** *a.* never ending, perpetual, unending, incessant, relentless, unceasing, constant, nonstop, eternal, unremitting, around-the-clock. *ANT.* *finite, ending, sporadic, intermittent.*

**continuance** *n.* persistence, prolongation, protraction, perpetuation, duration.

**continue** *v.* 1. KEEP ON persist, carry on, persevere, extend, maintain, sustain, press on, prolong, progress, remain, abide. 2. RESUME carry on, restart, begin again, pick up where one left off, proceed, renew. *ANT.* *stop, end, cease.*

**continuity** *n.* continuance, continuation, persistence, prolongation, protraction, perpetuation, endurance, constancy, extension. *ANT.* *interruption, stoppage, intermittence.*

**continuous** *a.* constant, never ending, perpetual, unbroken, connected, uninterrupted, unremitting, incessant, nonstop, infinite, protracted. *ANT.* *intermittent, broken.*

**contort** *v.* twist, turn, wrench, distort, screw up, warp, knot, convolute, gnarl, torture, misshape. *ANT.* *straighten, smooth.*

**contorted** *a.* twisted, turned, wrenched, distorted, bent, warped, convoluted, knotted, gnarled, misshapen, tortured. *ANT.* *straight.*

**contour** *n.* outline, profile, shape, form, figure, lines, curves, silhouette.

**contraband** *a.* illegal, black-market, bootleg, unlawful, illicit, \*hot, forbidden, prohibited, smuggled, taboo, trafficked. *ANT.* *legal, allowed, lawful.*

**contraceptive** *n.* birth control device, condom, diaphragm, IUD, Norplant, \*the pill, prophylactic, sponge, shield, spermicide, \*rubber, \*protection. SEE CONDOM

**contract** *n.* agreement, arrangement, understanding, deal, covenant, pact, transaction, compact, bond, gentleman's agreement, obligation, pledge, legal document.

**contract** *v.* 1. COMPRESS reduce, narrow, squeeze, shorten, tighten, condense, recede, constrict, cramp, wither. 2. MAKE AN AGREEMENT agree, bargain, come to terms, bound, \*hammer out a deal, put in writing, pledge, promise, guarantee, covenant. *ANT.* 1. *expand, swell.* 2. *renege, back out.*

**contraction** *n.* compression, reduction, narrowing, squeezing, shortening, tightening, condensing, recession, cramping, withering, shrinkage. *ANT.* *expansion, swelling, enlargement.*

**contradict** *v.* differ, deny, controvert, refute, counter, \*fly in the face of, negate, gainsay, repudiate, belie, cancel out. *ANT.* *agree, corroborate, correspond.*

**contradiction** *n.* differing, denial, refutation, disagreement, negation, confliction, discrepancy, gainsay, inconsistency. *ANT.* *agreement, corroboration, correspondence.*

**contradictory** *a.* differing, conflicting, inconsistent, contrary, discrepant, disagreeing, incongruous, antithetical, at variance. *ANT.* *consistent, agreeing, corresponding.*

**contraption** *n.* device, machine, contrivance, gadget, rig, mechanism, appliance, widget, \*doohickey, \*thingamajig, \*Rube Goldberg device.

**contrary** *a.* 1. OPPOSITE contradictory, antithetical, reverse, different, counter, incompatible, incongruous, inimical, conflicting. 2. DISAGREEABLE cantankerous, antagonistic, hostile, inimical, averse, antipathetic, at odds. *ANT.* 1. *identical, consistent.* 2. *agreeable, accommodating.*

**contrast** *n.* difference, dissimilarity, opposition, variation, differentiation, disparity, antithesis, polarity, distinction, divergence. *ANT.* *likeness, similarity, mirror image.*

**contrast** *v.* 1. COMPARE differentiate, discriminate, set off, distinguish, weigh. 2. DIFFER vary, oppose, diverge, contradict, mismatch, conflict.

**contravene** *v.* 1. OPPOSE go against, contradict, reject, repudiate, disagree, gainsay. 2. VIOLATE cross, disobey, infract, transgress.

**contribute** *v.* give, provide, donate, bestow, furnish, supply, grant, dispense, help, hand out, \*chip in, \*pitch in.

**contribution** *n.* donation, gift, handout, helping hand, offering, present, charity, input, benefaction, bestowal.

**CONTRITE** *a.* [kun TRITE] feeling or showing remorse, guilt. *He was obviously contrite; he apologized ten times.* SYN. remorseful, guilty, repentant, regretful, penitent, sorry, apologetic, compunctious, rueful, troubled, ashamed, conscience-stricken. *ANT.* *indifferent, unrepentant, proud.*

**contrition** *n.* remorse, repentance, regret, guilt, sorrow, compunction, shame, penitence, self-reproach, ruth, qualms. *ANT.* *indifference, apathy, pride.*

**contrivance** *n.* 1. DEVICE gadget, creation, appliance, mechanism, machine, contraption, implement, invention, \*Rube Goldberg device. 2. DESIGN scheme, invention, artifice, fabrication, machination, ingenuity, trick.

**contrive** *v.* 1. DEVISE invent, create, improvise, \*rig, design, construct, fabricate, \*throw together. 2. DESIGN plan, plot, scheme, connive,

- engineer, swing, conspire, machinate, finagle, formulate.
- CONTRIVED** *a.* [kun TRIVED] overly planned or designed, with a forced or unnatural effect. *The unlikely coincidences in the plot made the story seem contrived.* SYN. forced, unnatural, unspontaneous, labored, phony, manipulated, fake, affected, artificial, strained. ANT. *natural, spontaneous, artless.*
- control** *n.* command, power, rule, order, direction, mastery, management, supervision, regulation, government, \*upper hand, \*the whip, influence, jurisdiction, dominion.
- control** *v.* command, rule, order, direct, master, manage, supervise, run, regulate, govern, influence, dominate, guide, \*hold sway over, lead, quarterback, reign, call the shots, dictate, preside over, \*be in the driver's seat, \*rule with an iron hand, manipulate.
- controversial** *a.* debatable, moot, arguable, polemical, contestable, questionable, suspect, controvertible, disputable, at issue, unsettled. ANT. *unquestionable, indisputable, unequivocal.*
- controversy** *n.* debate, argument, dispute, issue, disagreement, moot point, war of words, brouhaha, fuss, flak, quarrel, wrangling, polemics, embattlement. "A battle in which spittle or ink replace the ... cannon ball." — Ambrose Bierce.
- controvert** *v.* oppose, argue, dispute, deny, gain-say, refute, rebut, challenge, contest, debate. ANT. *agree, affirm, go along.*
- contusion** *n.* bruise, black-and-blue mark, discoloration, injury, bump, \*mulberry patch.
- CONUNDRUM** *n.* [kuh NUN drum] a problem without an apparent solution; a puzzle; a mystery. *Solving the world's population problem is a political conundrum.* SYN. problem, puzzle, mystery, enigma, riddle, brainteaser, \*mind-boggler, \*hard nut to crack, \*stumper, question mark, mystery.
- convalesce** *v.* recuperate, recover, rehabilitate, restore, revive, get better.
- convalescence** *n.* recuperation, recovery, rehabilitation, restoration, revival, rejuvenation, cure, return to health, strengthening. "That part that makes the illness worth while." — George Bernard Shaw.
- convene** *v.* convoke, summon, round up, call up, assemble, gather, congregate, meet, muster, rally, get together.
- convenience** *n.* 1. SERVICE usefulness, utility, suitability, benefit, expedience, handiness. 2. APPLIANCE OR SERVICE time-saver, accessory, comfort, luxury, amenity, facility, help, \*life-saver. 3. SPARE TIME free moment, leisure, chance, opportunity. ANT. 2. *inconvenience, trouble, bother, \*a pain.*
- convenient** *a.* 1. SERVICEABLE handy, accommodating, useful, advantageous, beneficial, conducive, helpful, timesaving. 2. NEARBY at hand, accessible, central, adjacent, handy, next-door, close, proximate. ANT. 1. *inconvenient, troublesome, unsuitable.* 2. *remote, distant, inaccessible.*
- convent** *n.* nunnery, abbey, cloister. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION
- convention** *n.* 1. MEETING assembly, gathering, caucus, council, \*powwow, congress, convocation. 2. CUSTOM practice, code, habit, tradition, orthodoxy, etiquette, law.
- conventional** *a.* 1. CUSTOMARY usual, traditional, normal, accepted, regular, standard, orthodox, routine, prevailing. 2. COMMON unoriginal, everyday, run-of-the-mill, conforming, pedestrian, trite, prosaic, undistinguished, humdrum. ANT. *unconventional, unorthodox, radical, avant-garde, original.*
- converge** *v.* meet, come together, join, intersect, merge, unite, mingle, connect. ANT. *separate, divide.*
- conversant** *a.* familiar, knowledgeable, acquainted with, au courant, informed, up-to-date, versed, learned, experienced, au fait, abreast. \*hip. ANT. *unfamiliar, unacquainted with, ignorant, oblivious.*
- conversation** *n.* talk, dialogue, discourse, discussion, exchange, communication, chat, colloquy, interlocation, conference, intercourse, gab, \*rap, palaver, tête-à-tête, give-and-take, \*small talk. "The image of the mind. As the man is, so is his talk." — Pubilius Syrus. "Our account of ourselves." — Ralph Waldo Emerson.
- conversationalist** *n.* talker, \*blabbermouth, communicator, \*bag of wind, \*bigmouth, \*blowhard, \*motormouth, \*windbag, \*yack.
- converse** *n.* opposite, reverse, antithesis, obverse.
- converse** *v.* talk, discuss, communicate, chat, hold a dialogue, confer, discourse, gab, \*chew the fat, \*rap, \*shoot the breeze, confabulate, commune, \*schmooze, \*flap one's chops, \*jibber-jabber, \*yack.
- conversion** *n.* change, changeover, transformation, transmutation, switch, metamorphosis, reversal, remodeling, modification, \*about-face, \*turnaround, adaptation.
- convert** *n.* proselyte, novitiate, neophyte, catechumen.

**convert** *v.* change, transform, transmutate, switch, metamorphose, reverse, remodel, modify, \*do an about-face, \*do a turn-around, adapt.

**convertible** *n.* \*ragtop, \*breezer. SEE AUTOMOBILE

**convey** *v.* 1. TRANSPORT carry, conduct, transfer, bring, send, move, transmit, forward, deliver, bear, haul. 2. COMMUNICATE tell, relate, pass along, disclose, reveal, send.

**conveyance** *n.* transport, transfer, carrying, transmission, movement, carriage, communication, vehicle.

**convict** *n.* criminal, outlaw, prisoner, malefactor, felon, \*jailbird, lawbreaker, \*con, inmate.

**convict** *v.* find guilty, imprison, \*send up the river, sentence, damn, condemn.

**conviction** *n.* 1. BELIEF faith, opinion, sentiment, tenet, dogma, view, principle, persuasion, doctrine. 2. ASSURANCE certainty, confidence, surety, fervor, earnestness. ANT. 2. *uncertainty, doubt.*

**convince** *v.* prove, sway, persuade, satisfy, \*talk into, prevail upon, \*sell, \*make one see the light, \*bring around.

**convincing** *a.* persuasive, incontrovertible, solid, satisfying, plausible, powerful, credible, conclusive, sound. ANT. *unconvincing, questionable, dubious.*

**CONVIVIAL** *a.* [kun VIV ee ul] fond of the party life, festive. *A convivial mob poured into the bar.* SYN. festive, jovial, sociable, fun-loving, merry-making, gregarious, jolly, cheerful, \*back-slapping, lively, genial. ANT. *grim, sober, solemn, reserved, antisocial.*

**convocation** *n.* assembly, gathering, convention, congregation, get-together, conference, meeting, council.

**convoke** *v.* summon, call together, muster, assemble, gather.

**convolution** *n.* coil, loop, twisting, whorl, roll, spiral, helix, curlicue.

**convoy** *n.* escort, guard, attendant, accompaniment, protection, defense, contingent, security.

**convoy** *v.* escort, guard, accompany, attend, protect, defend, shield, secure, guide, shepherd, chaperon.

**convulsion** *n.* spasm, seizure, fit, throe, paroxysm, tremor, twitch, tic, \*spaz, \*the shakes.

**cook** *n.* chef, baker, chef de cuisine, short-order cook, sous-chef.

**cook** *v.* bake, broil, roast, fry, stir fry, deep fry, braise, boil, steam, simmer, fricasee, frizzle, heat, barbecue, grill, sear, blacken, stew, brown, fold, microwave, \*nuke, poach, coddle, parboil, sauté. “[Cooking] An art; a noble science.”—Robert Burton. SEE FOOD

**cookie** *n.* wafer, gingerbread man, confection, sugar cookie, snickerdoodle, pinwheel, peanut butter cookie, molasses cookie, truffle, biscotti, snap, macaroon, fig bar, chocolate chip cookie, \*Oreo, sugar cookie.

**cool** *v.* 1. CHILL refrigerate, freeze, frost. 2. COOL RT *Sl.* simmer down, calm down, moderate, dampen, soften, temper, \*chill, \*take it easy, \*don't sweat it. ANT. 1. *heat, warm.* 2. *go crazy, \*have a nutty, \*throw a fit, rage.*

**cool** *a.* 1. CHILLY cold, nippy, wintry, brisk, frosty. 2. CALM collected, composed, relaxed, self-possessed, sedate, tranquil, nonchalant, unflappable, laid-back. 3. UNFRIENDLY aloof, distant, icy, frigid, remote, standoffish, unapproachable, frosty, superior. 4. *Sl.* EXCELLENT great, \*neat, \*nifty, \*groovy, \*rad, \*funky, awesome, \*bad, \*bitchen, \*boss, \*def, \*fresh, \*hot. ANT. 1. *hot, \*roasting.* 2. *agitated, ruffled, \*bent out of shape, \*unglued.* 3. *warm, friendly.* 4. \*uncool, no good, bad.

**coop** *n.* pen, cage, fold, enclosure, hutch.

**cooperate** *v.* comply with, go along, work with, accommodate, aid, collaborate, pull together, \*play ball, pool resources, help, contribute, further. ANT. *oppose, undermine.*

**cooperation** *n.* collaboration, assistance, help, give-and-take, concert, complicity, compliance, participation, \*playing ball, pooling of resources, accommodation. ANT. *opposition, undermining, autonomy.*

**coordinate** *v.* organize, arrange, order, group, systematize, integrate, mesh, synchronize, classify, sort, regulate.

**cop** *n.* *Sl.* police officer, peace officer, officer of the law, policeman, policewoman, lawman, \*John Law, \*flatfoot, patrolman, patrolwoman, sheriff, deputy, \*the man, \*fuzz. SEE POLICE, COURT

**cope** *v.* manage, weather, endure, contend, suffer, get by, face, \*cut it, \*hack it, deal with, handle.

**COPIOUS** *a.* [KOH pee us] abundant, abounding, plentiful. *We prepared a copious spread of food for Thanksgiving.* SYN. abundant, plentiful, plenty, ample, bounteous, overflowing, lavish, replete, generous, liberal, fat. ANT. *scant, sparse, meager.*

**copout** *v.* *Sl.* quit, back down, withdraw, \*blow off, \*worm out, renege, skip, \*chicken out, \*tap dance.

**copse** *n.* thicket, grove, wood, scrub, coppice, boscase.

**copulate** *v.* have sexual intercourse, make love, mate, fornicate, \*fool around, sleep together, breed, \*go all the way. SEE SEX

**copy** *n.* duplicate, reproduction, replica, imitation, facsimile, \*carbon copy, likeness, representation, counterfeit. *ANT.* *original, model.*

**copy** *v.* 1. DUPLICATE reproduce, replicate, imitate, clone, simulate, represent. 2. IMITATE ape, emulate, pattern, model, mimic, simulate, act like, mirror, impersonate, embody, mock.

**copycat** *n.* imitator, mimic, impersonator.

**coquet** *v.* flirt, tease, toy with, wink at, strut, vamp, titillate, dally, philander.

**coquette** *n.* flirt, tease, vamp, hussy, heart-breaker. "A woman without any heart, who makes a fool out of a man that hasn't got any head."—Madame Deluzy.

**cord** *n.* line, rope, twine, string, cordage, cable, wire, binding.

**cordial** *a.* warm, friendly, hearty, sociable, genial, affable, amiable, gracious, hearty, heart-felt. *ANT.* *cold, distant, unsociable.*

**core** *n.* center, nucleus, heart, kernel, root, \*meat, crux, essence, bottom line, \*nitty-gritty, gist.

**cork** *n.* plug, stopper.

**corner** *n.* 1. BEND crook, angle, convergence, intersection, junction, juncture. 2. PREDICAMENT \*pickle, \*jam, \*squeeze, tight spot, impasse.

**CORNERSTONE** *n.* [KORN ur stohn] a crucial or vital element. *Freedom of choice is the cornerstone of democracy.* *SYN.* keystone, linchpin, anchor, mainspring, base, key element, mainstay, pillar, main ingredient, foundation, essential, upholder, main support, indispensable component, strength.

**cornucopia** *n.* abundance, riches, wealth.

**corner** *v.* trap, back into, catch, bring to bay.

**corny** *a.* trite, banal, stupid, stereotyped, hackneyed, sentimental, sappy, insipid, mushy, unsophisticated, \*hokey. *ANT.* *sophisticated, original, powerful.*

**corollary** *n.* deduction, inference, result, outcome, consequence, end, aftereffect, upshot, precipitate.

**coroner** *n.* medical examiner, investigator, public officer, doctor, physician.

**corporeal** *a.* bodily, physical, material, carnal.

**corporate** *a.* united, combined, joint, allied, collective, incorporated, common, associated. *ANT.* *individual, single.*

**corps** *n.* unit, crew, team, force, band, division, troupe, regiment, battalion, company, squadron, outfit.

**corpse** *n.* body, cadaver, \*stiff, carcass, remains, corpus delicti, bones, the deceased. "A human been."—Kay Goodman. "[L]ike the cover of an old book, its contents torn out, and stript of its lettering and gilding ... yet

the work itself shall not be lost, for it will appear once more in a new and more beautiful edition."—Ben Franklin.

**corpulent** *a.* fat, obese, plump, chubby, fleshy, beefy, rotund, tubby, stout, portly, roly-poly, blubbery. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic, bony.*

**corral** *n.* pen, enclosure.

**correct** *v.* 1. RECTIFY set right, redress, amend, fix, adjust, better, mend, revise, improve, reform, doctor. 2. CHASTISE reprimand, scold, reprove, admonish, dress down, censure, rebuke, discipline. *ANT.* 1. *hurt, complicate.* 2. *praise, compliment, approve.*

**correct** *a.* 1. ACCURATE exact, \*right, true, precise, \*on the button, \*on the nose, \*on the money, unmistakable, flawless. 2. PROPER suitable, fitting, appropriate, befitting, seemingly, \*politically correct, \*kosher, acceptable. *ANT.* 1. *incorrect, wrong, inaccurate.* 2. *improper, inappropriate.*

**correction** *n.* rectification, modification, adjustment, amendment, improvement, righting, reparation, change.

**corrective** *a.* remedial, rectifying, counter, reparative, curative, healing, therapeutic. *ANT.* *hurtful, imparing, damaging.*

**correlate** *v.* equate, relate, compare, contrast, parallel, correspond, connect.

**correspond** *v.* 1. AGREE harmonize, conform, be consistent, be compatible, match, go together, coincide, concur, jibe, fit. 2. COMMUNICATE BY LETTER write, \*drop a line, keep in touch. *ANT.* 1. *clash, disagree, differ.*

**correspondence** *n.* 1. AGREEMENT harmony, conformity, consistency, compatibility, match, coinciding, accordance, congruity. 2. COMMUNICATION letters, \*faxes, messages, mail, dispatches. *ANT.* 1. *disagreement, incongruity.*

**correspondent** *n.* reporter, newsman, newswoman, journalist, broadcaster, stringer, foreign correspondent.

**corresponding** *a.* equivalent, parallel, analogous, correlative, reciprocal, alike, matching, synonymous, complementary, conforming, consistent. *ANT.* *counter, against, unlike, opposite.*

**corridor** *n.* hall, passageway, walkway, gallery, aisle.

**CORROBORATE** *v.* [kuh ROB uh RATE] to confirm or support the information given by another. *Several witnesses came forward to corroborate the defendant's alibi.* *SYN.* confirm, support, attest to, verify, certify, authenticate, prove, substantiate, validate, strengthen. *ANT.* *contradict, refute.*

**corrode** *v.* dissolve, wear, deteriorate, waste, rust, gnaw away, eat away, erode, oxidize.

**corrosion** *n.* wear, oxidation, rust, deterioration, decay, erosion, disintegration, fragmentation, degeneration, decomposition.

**corrosive** *a.* erosive, caustic, acidic, biting, mordant, scathing, cutting, acerbic, wasting, consuming.

**corrugated** *a.* ridged, crinkled, wrinkled, creased, ribbed, furrowed, pleated, fluted, rough. *ANT.* *smooth, flat.*

**corrupt** *v.* demoralize, pervert, debase, spoil, pollute, taint, abase, adulterate, infect, ruin, defile, degrade, debauch, taint.

**corrupt** *a.* 1. **DISHONEST** deceitful, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous, crooked, untrustworthy, shady, underhanded, venal, deceptive. 2. **IMMORAL** depraved, perverted, degenerate, low, evil, rotten, debased, warped, unprincipled. 3. **IMPURE** contaminated, adulterated, unclean, tainted, defiled, polluted, infected. *ANT.* 1. *honest, honorable, scrupulous.* 2. *moral, virtuous, upright.* 3. *pure, clean, unaltered.*

**corruption** *n.* 1. **DISHONESTY** deceit, deception, underhandedness, deception, crookedness, \*shadiness, fraud, unscrupulousness. 2. **IMMORALITY** depravity, perversion, evil, degeneration, baseness, decadence, wickedness, impurity, turpitude, iniquity. 3. **CONTAMINATION** adulteration, tainting, defilement, pollution, infection. *ANT.* 1. *honesty, scruples.* 2. *morality, virtue.* 3. *purity.*

**cosign** *v.* endorse, pledge.

**cortege** *n.* train, retinue, entourage, escort, attendants, procession, court.

**cosmetic** *a.* beautifying, enhancing, corrective, superficial.

**cosmetics** *n.* makeup, beautifiers, preparations, \*war paint, lip gloss, lipstick, eye shadow, rouge, blusher, mascara, eyebrow pencil, face powder, \*face. "Crease paint."—Raymond Cvikota.

**cosmic** *a.* 1. **OF SPACE** interstellar, universal, interplanetary, galactic. 2. **LIMITLESS** infinite, vast, neverending, immense, grandiose, measureless. *ANT.* 2. *microscopic, finite, limited, infinitesimal.* *SEE SPACE, UNIVERSE*

**cosmopolitan** *a.* worldly, international, global, universal, metropolitan, sophisticated, cultured, cultivated, urbane, unprovincial. *ANT.* *provincial, small-town, insular.*

**cosmos** *n.* universe, space, \*great beyond, macrocosm, all creation, arc of heaven, creation. "Something for every age to investigate."—Seneca. "All that is or ever was or ever will

be."—Carl Sagan. *SEE CONSTELLATION, MOON, PLANET, SPACE, STAR, UNIVERSE*

**cosset** *v.* pamper, fondle, coddle, pet.

**cost** *n.* 1. **EXPENSE** charge, price, value, worth, amount, expenditure, payment, outlay, bill. *SEE MONEY* 2. **LOSS** injury, harm, forfeit, expense, detriment, damage, sacrifice, price.

**cost-effective** *a.* economical, practical, worthwhile, profitable. *ANT.* *excessive, worthless.*

**costly** *a.* 1. **EXPENSIVE** high-priced, steep, exorbitant, dear, pricey, excessive, \*stiff. 2. **SACRIFICING** painful, injurious, harmful, ruinous. 3. **VALUABLE** precious, priceless, luxurious, sumptuous, opulent, exquisite, grand, lavish. *ANT.* 1. *cheap, bargain-priced, economical.* 2. *painless, harmless.* 3. *worthless, cheap.*

**costume** *n.* outfit, clothing, apparel, garb, attire, dress, ensemble, \*getup, raiment, vestments, guise.

**coterie** *n.* group, circle, clique, set, club, association, crew, band.

**cotillion** *n.* ball, dance.

**cottage** *n.* house, cabin, shanty, bungalow, shack, chalet, camp. *SEE HOUSE*

**couch** *n.* sofa, divan, davenport, lounge.

**couch** *v.* express, voice, phrase, frame.

**couch potato** *n.* *Sl.* slug, sloth, drone, \*goof-off, lie-abed, \*lazy-bones, shirker, piker, slacker, \*sofa spud.

**cougar** *n.* mountain lion, puma, panther.

**cough** *v.* hack, \*bark, gasp, rasp, wheeze, hem, hawk, whoop, clear throat.

**council** *n.* meeting, assembly, conference, \*powwow, convention, gathering, convocation, session, caucus, congress.

**counsel** *n.* 1. **ADVICE** guidance, instruction, direction, consultation, recommendation, \*word to the wise, suggestion, opinion, warning. 2. **ATTORNEY** lawyer, legal representative, counselor, advocate, barrister, solicitor.

**counsel** *v.* advise, guide, instruct, direct, recommend, \*give a word to the wise, suggest, warn, steer, prompt, advocate.

**counselor** *n.* 1. **LAWYER** attorney, advocate, advisor, guide, instructor. 2. **THERAPIST** psychotherapist, \*shrink, psychologist, psychiatrist, life coach, instructor, mentor, social worker. *SEE PSYCHOTHERAPY*

**count** *n.* total, sum, tally, number, outcome, calculation, score, \*bottom line.

**count** *v.* 1. **ENUMERATE** tally, number, total, add up, tick off, sum, calculate, compute. 2. **CONSIDER** regard, deem, esteem, rate. 3. **INCLUDE** take into account, number among. 4. **MATTER** carry weight, rate, \*cut ice.

**countenance** *n.* 1. APPEARANCE aspect, face, expression, features, look, mien, visage, cast, air, semblance. 2. APPROVAL support, acceptance, sanction, encouragement, blessing, backing.

**countenance** *v.* approve, condone, allow, permit, put up with, stand for, tolerate, support, back, sanction. *ANT.* *disapprove, reject, prohibit.*

**counter** *n.* stand, table, shelf, display case, \*check-out counter.

**counter** *v.* counteract, answer, respond, retaliate, return, come back, oppose, check, neutralize, offset.

**counter** *a.* contrary, opposite, contrasting, antithetical, inverse. *ANT.* *corresponding, alike, analogous, consistent.*

**counteract** *v.* neutralize, offset, negate, annul, oppose, check, cancel.

**counterfeit** *n.* imitation, copy, reproduction, forgery, fake, sham, fraud, phony, replica. *ANT.* *original, model, \*real McCoy, genuine article.*

**counterfeit** *a.* \*bogus, fake, phony, imitation, sham, fraudulent, \*fishy, not genuine, \*not kosher, forged, spurious, pseudo. *ANT.* *real, actual, authentic, genuine.*

**countermand** *n.* cancel, override, revoke, repeal, recall, rescind, retract, reverse, overrule.

**counterpart** *n.* equivalent, match, correspondent, twin, correlate, duplicate, copy, parallel, mate, analogue, peer.

**countless** *a.* innumerable, infinite, multitudinous, untold, \*umpteen, limitless, legion, incalculable, many. *ANT.* *few, finite.*

**countrified** *a.* rural, rustic, agrarian, pastoral, \*down-home, simple. *ANT.* *citified, urban, metropolitan.*

**country** *n.* 1. NATION motherland, fatherland, land, commonwealth, state, union, realm, republic. 2. RURAL AREA backwoods, \*boonies, \*the sticks, woodlands, wilds, farmland, \*cow country, outback, bush.

**COUP** *n.* [KOO] a brilliant maneuver or victory, a masterstroke. Also, a coup d'état. *The chess match ended with an unexpected coup by the challenger.* *SYN.* masterstroke, maneuver, achievement, accomplishment, stroke, exploit, coup d'état, action, move, stunt, feat.

**COUP DE GRACE** *n.* [KOO de GRAHS] a deathblow, a finishing blow. *A resounding slam dunk was the coup de grace.* *SYN.* deathblow, finishing blow, finishing stroke, mortal blow, the clincher, knockout punch.

**COUP D'ÉTAT** *n.* [koo day TAH] a violent overthrow of a government or ruler. *The un-*

*rest was followed by a coup d'état and the assassination of the dictator.* *SYN.* overthrow, change of government, coup, power grab, revolution, uprising, takeover, power play.

**couple** *n.* pair, duo, twosome, brace.

**couple** *v.* joint, link, unite, pair, attach, connect, yoke, hitch. *ANT.* *uncouple, detach, disconnect.*

**coupon** *n.* refund, rebate, certificate, scrip, discount slip.

**courage** *n.* bravery, fearlessness, valor, lionheartedness, \*guts, nerve, \*balls, boldness, dauntlessness, derring-do, self-assurance, daring, pluck, backbone, \*spine. "[L]ies halfway between rashness and cowardice."—Cervantes. "Being scared to death—and saddling up anyway."—John Wayne. "Grace under pressure."—Ernest Hemingway. "Fear holding on a minute longer."—George Patton. *ANT.* *cowardice, mousiness, \*wimpiness, faintheartedness.*

**courageous** *a.* brave, fearless, valorous, valiant, lionhearted, \*gutsy, nervy, \*balls, dauntless, bold, daring, plucky, stout, manly, \*macho, gallant, intrepid, \*gritty, hardy, stouthearted. *ANT.* *cowardly, spineless, fearful, \*wimpy.*

**courier** *n.* messenger, carrier, emissary, runner, envoy, \*gofer.

**course** *n.* 1. PROGRESSION way, advance, proceeding, passage, flow. 2. ROUTE path, trail, way, channel, run, track. 3. PROCEDURE mode, plan, scheme, policy. 4. CLASS curriculum, subject, program, lessons.

**course** *v.* run, flow, traverse, race, rush, surge, speed, tumble.

**court** *n.* 1. COURTYARD enclosure, quadrangle, plaza, square, patio, atrium. 2. ATTENDANTS entourage, staff, retinue, cortege. 3. COURT OF LAW court of justice, judiciary, bench, bar, forum, tribunal, municipal building, hall of justice. *SEE* LAW

**WORD FIND**

**action:** suit

**appearance before judge without formal trial:** hearing

**arrest order for failure to appear:** bench warrant

**blatant show of disrespect for court rules:** contempt of court

**bond forfeited if accused fails to show up for court:** bail

**calendar of cases:** docket

**court order:** injunction

**court system:** judiciary

**DA:** district attorney, prosecutor

**damages awarded beyond plaintiff's loss to punish defendant:** punitive damages, exemplary damages, double damages  
**decision:** judgment  
**decision won without proceedings, for failure of one party to show:** default judgment  
**defendant's suit against plaintiff:** counter-suit, counterclaim  
**defending party in a court action:** defendant  
**disposition of case by negotiating guilty plea for lesser charge:** plea bargaining  
**fail to appear after posting bail:** jump bail  
**faulty trial that is voided:** mistrial  
**filer of court action:** plaintiff, petitioner  
**general jurisdiction court:** superior court  
**hearing of charges, entering of plea by accused:** arraignment  
**hears appeals from lower court decisions:** court of appeals  
**higher court that reviews lower court decisions:** appellate court  
**highest:** Supreme Court  
**inquiry, judicial:** inquest  
**intermediary who settles cases out of court:** mediator  
**judge's private room:** chambers  
**jury, citizen's obligation to serve on:** jury duty  
**jury member:** juror  
**jury member's verdict, surveying each:** polling the jury  
**jury's decision:** verdict  
**jury selection process:** impaneling  
**jury spokesman:** foreman  
**jury, trial without:** bench trial  
**jury, twelve-member:** petit jury, jury  
**jury, 12-23 members, evaluates accusations, returns indictments:** grand jury  
**jury unable to reach consensus:** hung jury  
**jury, unethical contact with by lawyer:** jury tampering  
**lawyer:** counsel, attorney, barrister (BRIT.), solicitor (BRIT.), advocate  
**lawyer provided by government for the poor:** public defender  
**lawyer's assistant:** paralegal  
**local criminal and civil court:** municipal court  
**location/jurisdiction:** venue  
**loss claimed by plaintiff:** damages  
**lowest court, holds sessions at different places:** circuit court  
**lying while under oath:** perjury  
**military court proceedings:** court-martial  
**minor claims court:** small claims court

**officer/guard who maintains order in courtroom:** bailiff  
**order to appear in court:** subpoena, summons  
**order to arrest someone:** warrant  
**order to restrict comments about case outside court:** gag order  
**order to search a location for evidence:** search warrant  
**party to a lawsuit:** litigant  
**pledge to tell nothing but the truth:** oath  
**present or argue a case in court:** plead  
**private suit:** civil action  
**punishment handed down by judge:** sentence  
**questioning of opposing party witness by lawyer:** cross examination  
**retrial from lower court to higher:** appeal  
**ruling, plea for:** motion  
**seat of judge:** bench  
**seat of witness while testifying:** witness stand, witness box  
**similar earlier case used as model in later case:** precedent  
**simulated trial by law students:** moot court  
**suit filed on behalf of a group:** class action suit  
**suspend proceedings:** adjourn, recess  
**suspension of sentencing:** stay  
**sworn statement:** affidavit  
**transcribes court proceedings word-for-word:** court reporter, stenographer  
**unsanctioned court that ignores appropriate legal procedures:** kangaroo court  
**will and estate processing court:** probate court, surrogate court  
**witness who is absolutely vital:** material witness  
**witness who is biased against opponent:** hostile witness  
**witness's pretrial statement given while under oath:** deposition  
**written statement charging one with crime:** indictment

**court** *v.* woo, pursue, keep company with, date, take out, curry favor with, pander to, flatter, blandish, cajole, fawn over, \*brown-nose, \*kiss up to. *ANT.* reject, shun, avoid.  
**courteous** *a.* polite, well-mannered, civil, mannerly, respectful, considerate, gracious, refined, gentlemanly, cultivated, formal, lady-like. *ANT.* rude, impolite, ill-mannered.  
**courtesan** *n.* prostitute, mistress, harlot, kept woman, concubine.

**courtesy** *n.* politeness, good manners, civility, respect, consideration, graciousness, refinement, gentleness, formality, tact. “The art of choosing among one’s real thoughts.”—Abel Stevens. *ANT.* rudeness, discourtesy, informality.

**courtly** *a.* dignified, refined, polite, mannerly, stately, cultivated, gentlemanly, polished, well-bred, proper, elegant, respectful, suave. *ANT.* rude, unrefined, rough, ill-mannered.

**court-martial** *n.* military court, military trial, military tribunal.

**courtship** *n.* dating, wining and dining, wooing, engagement, pair bonding.

**cove** *n.* bay, inlet, harbor, anchorage, bight, estuary, lagoon.

**COVENANT** *n.* [KUV uh nunt] a contract or binding agreement. *They made a covenant to perform their duties on time.* *SYN.* agreement, contract, compact, pact, pledge, promise, trust, commitment, arrangement, concordat.

**cover** *n.* 1. COVERING coverup, wrapping, sheet, blanket, tarpaulin, canopy, sheath, folder, spread, canvas, binding. 2. SHELTER refuge, retreat, haven, sanctuary, hiding place, protection.

**cover** *v.* 1. WRAP encase, enshroud, overspread, overlay, envelop, cloak, dress, coat. 2. HIDE conceal, shield, veil, screen, cloak, bury, camouflage, secrete, disguise. 3. INCLUDE encompass, incorporate, contain, deal with, comprise, embrace, embody. 4. TRAVERSE cross, pass through, range over. 5. REPORT detail, recount, chronicle, tell. *ANT.* 1. *uncover, unwrap, expose.* 2. *expose, reveal, show.*

**COVERT** *a.* [KOH vurt] secret, covered up. *No one was permitted to discuss the covert military action.* *SYN.* covered, covered up, secret, hidden, undercover, clandestine, underground, concealed, cloaked, camouflaged, \*under wraps, \*hush-hush, surreptitious. *ANT.* *open, overt, up-front.*

**cover-up** *n.* concealment, disguising, masking, camouflage, placing under wraps, burial, evasion, closeting, smoothing-over.

**COVET** *v.* [KUH vit] to wish for or desire, especially that of another’s. *Do not covet thy neighbor’s wife.* *SYN.* desire, wish for, want, long for, hunger for, crave, yearn for, lust after, itch for, fancy. *ANT.* *reject, ignore, spurn.*

**covetous** *a.* desirous, avaricious, greedy, acquisitive, lustful, rapacious, yearning, longing, grasping, grabby, envious. *ANT.* *generous, sharing, benevolent.*

**covey** *n.* flock, party, band, bevy, group, cluster, clique.

**cow** *n.* bovine, ruminant, bull, heifer, calf, \*bossy.

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**WORD FIND**

**barn:** byre, stable

**beef breeds:** Angus, Beefalo, Belted Galloway, Brahman, Charbray, Hereford, Texas Longhorn

**chew cud:** ruminant

**cornstalks, hay, straw food:** fodder

**dairy breeds:** Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein, Jersey

**dehorned animal:** pollard

**diseases:** hoof-and-mouth disease, mastitis, scours

**hairy portion of tail:** switch

**milk gland:** udder

**moo:** low

**neck fold on some breeds:** dewlap

**regurgitated food that is rechewed:** cud

**stomachs:** abomasum, omasum, reticulum, rumen

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**cow** *v.* intimidate, bully, unnerve, frighten, daunt, threaten, buffalo, bully, terrorize, browbeat. *ANT.* *fortify, embolden, puff up.*

**coward** *n.* \*gutless wonder, \*scaredy-cat, \*baby, \*chicken, \*wimp, \*wuss, milquetoast, poltroon, dastard, \*invertebrate, \*sissy, \*mouse. “One who in a perilous emergency thinks with his legs.”—Ambrose Bierce. “A man in whom the instinct of self-preservation acts normally.”—Sultana Zoraya. *ANT.* *daredevil, hero, \*macho man.*

**cowardice** *n.* timidity, fearfulness, faintheartedness, \*wimpiness, \*mousiness, pusillanimity, timorousness, \*chicken-heartedness, \*cold feet. “To know what is right and not do it.”—Confucius *ANT.* *bravery, fearlessness, \*guts, \*balls, daring.*

**cowardly** *a.* fearful, timid, frightened, faint-hearted, \*babyish, \*chicken, \*wimpy, \*mousy, dastardly, craven, \*gutless, spineless, timorous, shrinking, \*yellow. *ANT.* *brave, courageous, \*gutsy, daring.*

**cowboy** *n.* cowpuncher, bronco, cowpoke, rancher, \*buckaroo, drover, \*vaquero, cattle herder, \*gaucho. *SEE* COW, HORSE

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**WORD FIND**

**breaker of wild horses:** bronc buster

**calf:** dogie

**capture of wandering cattle:** roundup

**cattle identification mark:** brand

**competition:** rodeo

**food wagon on the range:** chuck wagon

**foreman:** trail boss  
**hat:** Stetson  
**herd horses:** wrangle  
**horse herder:** wrangler  
**leather breeches:** chaps, chaparejos, leggins  
**pistol:** Colt 45  
**ranch company:** outfit  
**rides alongside herd:** flank rider, swing rider  
**rides at front of herd:** point rider  
**rides behind herd:** drag rider  
**rides wide of herd and rounds up wandering cattle:** outrider  
**rifle:** Winchester  
**rope:** lariat, lasso  
**sack for personal belongings:** war bag  
**staple:** frijoles, beans, jerky  
**steal cattle:** rustle  
**string of horses assigned to rider:** mount  
**unbranded cow:** maverick  
**unbroken horse:** bronco

**cower** *v.* cringe, shrink, flinch, quail, blench, wince, tremble, kowtow, grovel, skulk. *ANT.* strut, swagger, tower over.

**cowrite** *v.* collaborate, coauthor.

**COY** *a.* [KOY] shy or affectedly shy, demure. *With men, she was always coy.* *SYN.* shy, demure, modest, retiring, bashful, shrinking, diffident, blushing, sheepish, self-conscious, \*playing hard-to-get, coquettish. *ANT.* bold, aggressive, forward, cheeky.

**coyote** *n.* canine, carnivore, scavenger, animal, mammal, quadruped, omnivore, coy dog.

**cozy** *a.* snug, comfy, cushy, warm, snuggled, secure, safe, intimate. *ANT.* uncomfortable, insecure.

**crabby** *a.* \*bitchy, surly, irritable, \*cranky, snappish, cross, petulant, grouchy, testy, moody, \*touchy, *ANT.* sweet, pleasant, good-humored.

**crack** *n.* 1. SNAP clap, crackle, pop, slap, bang, thunder, boom, report. 2. FRACTURE break, split, cut, fragment, splinter, tear, rent, cleft, fissure, rupture. 3. HIT blow, clout, clip, whack, pound, bang. 4. REMARK comment, observation, wisecrack, witticism, quip, \*zinger, bon mot, \*dig.

**crack** *n.* *Sl.* rock cocaine. *SEE* COCAINE

**crack** *v.* 1. SNAP clap, crackle, pop, slap, bang, thunder, boom. 2. FRACTURE break, split, cut, fragment, splinter, shatter, smash, tear, cleave. 3. HIT strike, clip, whack, clout. 4. LOSE COMPOSURE \*lose it, go crazy, \*bug out, have a nervous breakdown, \*go to pieces. 5. SOLVE OR BREAK, AS A CODE decipher, decode, work out, figure out.

**crack** *a.* \*crackerjack, first-rate, superior, ace, expert, proficient, master. *ANT.* inferior, mediocre, second-rate.

**crackdown** *n.* attack, assault, stop, restraint, storming, strike.

**cracked** *a.* fissured, broken, shattered, split.

**cracker** *n.* *Sl.* hacker. *SEE* COMPUTER

**crackerjack** *a.* *SEE* CRACK

**crackle** *n.* snap, pop, sizzle, crepitation.

**crackpot** *n.* eccentric, \*nut, \*birdbrain, crack-brain, crank, \*screwball.

**crack-up** *n.* collision, accident, wreck. *SEE* ACCIDENT

**cradle** *n.* birthplace, origin, source, fountain, beginning, wellspring.

**craft** *n.* 1. SKILL expertise, artistry, facility, mastery, dexterity, ability, knack, know-how. 2. CUNNING artfulness, deceit, craftiness, shrewdness, slyness, artifice, guile, trickery, ruse. 3. TRADE handiwork, job, line, business, vocation. *ANT.* 1. incompetency, clumsiness, inability. 2. honesty, naiveté.

**craftsman** *n.* artisan, artist, artificer, technician, smith, talent, \*wiz.

**craftsmanship** *n.* artistry, handiwork, detail work.

**crafty** *a.* cunning, shrewd, sly, \*foxy, wily, artful, deceitful, underhanded, sharp, designing, scheming, \*slippery. *ANT.* honest, naive, artless.

**craggy** *a.* steep, rugged, rocky, jagged, stony, precipitous, scraggy.

**cram** *v.* 1. STUFF fill, crowd, press, compress, ram, squeeze, pack, load, choke, condense. 2. STUDY \*burn the midnight oil, read up, \*bone up, \*hit the books.

**cramp** *n.* contraction, spasm, \*charlie horse, kink, crick, twinge, stitch, knot.

**cramp** *v.* restrict, restrain, confine, hinder, hamper, constrict, check, limit, impede, clamp, stymie, inhibit.

**crane** *n.* hoist, lift, boom, davit, heavy machinery, derrick.

**cranium** *n.* skull, braincase.

**crank** *n.* eccentric, \*crackpot, character, \*nut.

**cranky** *a.* irritable, ill-tempered, grouchy, surly, moody, ugly, \*ornery, grumpy, grouchy, \*like a bear, testy, ill-humored, choleric. *ANT.* sweet, pleasant, good-humored.

**cranny** *n.* opening, crevice, fissure, cavity, gap, chink, cleft, furrow.

**crap** *n.* *Sl.* 1. EXCREMENT feces, dropping, stool, BM, dung, poop, manure, fertilizer, cow chip, guano. 2. JUNK trash, garbage, refuse, schlock. 3. NONSENSE \*bull, applesauce, absurdity, bunk, \*horsefeathers, \*hogwash, \*poppycock, \*bilge, \*claptrap.

**crappy** *a.* *Sl.* POOR lousy, worthless, sub-par, inferior, junk, trashy, terrible, useless, cheap, shoddy.

**crapshoot** *n.* risk, risky business, \*shot in the dark, iffy proposition, \*spin of the roulette wheel.

**crash** *n.* 1. BANG clatter, clangor, racket, din, blast, crack, thunder, boom. 2. COLLISION smashup, wreck, impact, crack-up, pileup, accident, \*wipeout, crunch, bump, \*fender-bender, \*rear-ending, \*T-bone, \*sideswipe. 3. BANKRUPTCY financial collapse, failure, ruination.

**crash** *v.* 1. BANG clatter, clang, explode, blast, crack, thunder, boom. 2. SMASH impact, wreck, shatter, total, crack up, disintegrate, collide, bump, jolt, blindside, tumble, \*go end over end, \*go ass over teakettle, \*plow into, ditch, \*go down in flames. 3. GO BANKRUPT fail, collapse, \*go belly up.

**CRASS** *a.* [KRASS] ignorant and insensitive, indelicate. *We were mortified by his crass jokes.* SYN. ignorant, stupid, insensitive, unfeeling, coarse, vulgar, boorish, uncouth, rough, lowbrow, gross, unrefined, philistine, crude. ANT. sensitive, refined, delicate.

**crate** *n.* box, case, carton, container, receptacle.

**crater** *n.* pit, craterlet, hole, caldera, cavity, depression, impact center, meteorite impression.

**crave** *v.* 1. DESIRE long for, yearn for, hunger for, want, covet, thirst for, lust after, ache for, need, require. 2. BEG implore, beseech, plead for, entreat, solicit, supplicate, pray for. ANT. 1. detest, loathe, spurn, reject.

**craven** *a.* cowardly, fearful, dastardly, timid, timorous, yellow, fainthearted, \*chicken, \*wimpy, gutless, spineless, pusillanimous. ANT. brave, courageous, fearless, daring.

**craving** *n.* desire, longing, yearning, want, need, hunger, thirst, hankering, \*yen, lust.

**crawl** *v.* creep, go on all fours, \*belly, worm, inch, wriggle, drag, \*go at a snail's pace, writhe, grovel.

**craze** *n.* fad, mania, rage, \*latest thing, fashion, trend, passion.

**crazed** *a.* SEE CRAZY

**crazy** *a.* 1. MENTALLY UNSTABLE insane, derailed, \*off one's hinges, \*one hinge short of a nuthouse door, demented, psychotic, \*nuts, cracked, \*out of one's mind, daft, \*touched, \*out to lunch, \*moonstruck, maniacal, mad, \*flipped out, flaky, wacky, loco, \*potty, \*psycho, \*loony, buggy, \*mad as a March hare, \*off the wall, \*mental, berserk, hysterical, \*gone around the bend, \*off one's trolley. SEE

NEUROSIS, NEUROTIC, PSYCHOSIS 2. NOT SENSIBLE impractical, \*goofy, \*out of one's gourd, unrealistic, ludicrous, \*cockamamie, \*harebrained, fantastical, absurd, ridiculous, foolish, silly, unsound, irrational. 3. ARDENT fond, mad, devoted, wild, zealous, enthusiastic, passionate. ANT. 1. sane, stable, level-headed, lucid, rational. 2. sensible, realistic, practical. 3. cool, indifferent, apathetic.

**creak** *v.* squeak, grate, rasp, groan, squeal, screech, squawk.

**creampuff** *n.* weakling, \*wimp, mouse, sissy, \*woos, \*woosy, \*fairy, \*wus, \*wussy.

**crease** *n.* fold, ridge, pleat, wrinkle, crimp, crinkle, rumple.

**crease** *v.* fold, pleat, wrinkle, crimp, crinkle, rumple, pucker.

**create** *v.* originate, make, think up, develop, invent, design, author, compose, produce, spawn, give rise to, found, formulate, dream up, establish, innovate, fabricate, coin, \*hatch, launch, start, conceive.

**creation** *n.* 1. CONCEPTION birth, genesis, inception, origination, nativity, generation, establishment, formation. 2. INVENTION work, handiwork, brainchild, production, piece, innovation. 3. HEAVEN AND EARTH universe, life, cosmos, world, nature. "The shaping of an indifferent matter into a world of value."—J.E. Boodin.

**creative** *a.* inventive, artistic, imaginative, resourceful, clever, ingenious, original, innovative, gifted, visionary, inspired, Promethean. ANT. unoriginal, mindless, sterile, stale, unimaginative.

**creativity** *n.* inventiveness, originality, resourcefulness, cleverness, inspiration, vision, ingenuity, genius, fertility, fecundity, talent. "Discontent translated into art."—Eric Hoffer. ANT. sterility, barrenness, mindlessness, infertility.

**creator** *n.* inventor, maker, architect, God, father, originator, mastermind, founder, designer.

**creature** *n.* beast, animal, \*critter, \*varmint, living being, mammal, vertebrate, man. SEE ANIMAL, MONSTER

**credence** *n.* acceptance, belief, trust, credibility, reliance, faith, confidence, assurance, credit, stock. ANT. disbelief, doubt, distrust.

**credentials** *n.* references, qualifications, documents, authorization, testimonial, certificate, license, letter of reference, diploma, title, papers.

**credenza** *n.* sideboard, buffet, case, shelf, cupboard, bookcase.

**credibility** *n.* believability, reliability, trustworthiness, soundness, integrity, plausibility, dependability. *ANT.* *implausibility, question-ability.*

**credibility gap** *n.* discrepancy, disparity, 2 plus 2 not adding up to 4, inconsistency, question.

**credible** *a.* believable, reliable, trustworthy, sound, plausible, dependable, honest, solid, conceivable, likely. *ANT.* *incredible, unbelievable, doubtful.*

**credit** *n.* 1. BELIEF trust, faith, honesty, credibility. 2. RECOGNITION acclaim, praise, tribute, notice, commendation, pat on the back, \*Brownie points, acknowledgement. 3. DEBT on account, deferred payment, charge, time, installment plan. "Imaginary riches."—Thomas Peacock. *ANT.* 1. *disbelief, mistrust.* 2. *blame, disapproval.* 3. *cash.*

**credit** *v.* 1. BELIEVE trust, accept, \*buy, have faith in, trust, \*take stock in. 2. ASSIGN TO recognize, accredit, attribute, ascribe, acknowledge. *ANT.* 1. *disbelieve, distrust.*

**creditable** *a.* commendable, laudatory, meritorious, praiseworthy, worthy, respectable, exemplary, honorable. *ANT.* *unworthy, disgraceful, despicable.*

**credit union** *n.* thrift institution, lending institution, cooperative.

**credo** *n.* belief, creed, tenet, principles, code.

**credulous** *a.* gullible, naive, trusting, believing, \*born yesterday, unsuspecting, unsophisticated, \*thick, green. *ANT.* *incredulous, suspicious, disbelieving, wary, cynical.*

**creed** *n.* faith, religion, belief, ideology, principles, persuasion, tenet, doctrine, conviction, dogma.

**creek** *n.* stream, brook, crik, rill, run, rivulet, runnel, spring.

**creep** *n.* *Sl.* jerk, \*dink, \*geek, \*goon, \*sleazebag, \*scumbag, weirdo, \*slimeball, pervert.

**creep** *v.* crawl, worm, snake, writhe, move stealthily, \*belly, wriggle, \*crab, grovel, slink, skulk, steal, sneak.

**creeps, the** *n.* *Sl.* \*heebie-jeebies, fear, repugnance, \*the willies, \*the horrors, \*the jumps.

**creepy** *a.* scary, gruesome, spine-tingling, hair-raising, horrible, disturbing, nightmarish, eerie, revolting, sinister, weird, macabre, chilling, \*skin-crawling. *ANT.* *normal, reassuring.*

**cremate** *v.* incinerate, burn, reduce to ashes.

**cremation** *n.* incineration, burning, reducing to ashes.

#### WORD FIND

remains: creains

**CRÈME DE LA CRÈME** *n.* [KREM deh la KREM] literally, cream of the cream; the best of the best. Also, people of high society. *The benefit dinner attracted the crème de la crème of Washington society.* *SYN.* best of the best, cream of the crop, the best and brightest, the finest, the elite, pick of the litter, upper class, \*upper crust, aristocracy. *ANT.* *the dregs, refuse.*

**CRESCENDO** *n.* [kruh SHEN doh] an increase in intensity, or the climax of such an increase. *The music warmed to a fever pitch and ended with a powerful crescendo.* *SYN.* increase, escalation, surge, upsurge, intensification, broadening, building, rise, ascension, progression, climb, elevation, climax, culmination, peak, pinnacle, crest, summit, apex, zenith, boiling point, critical mass, explosion. *ANT.* *decreasing, dissipation, decrease, softening.*

**crescent** *n.* half-moon, demilune, meniscus, sickle. *SEE* MOON

**crest** *n.* 1. COMB tuft, cockscomb, topknot, plume, mane. 2. TOP summit, crown, ridge, peak, pinnacle, head, apex.

**crestfallen** *a.* disappointed, dejected, down, depressed, discouraged, downhearted, dispirited, sad, melancholy, low. *ANT.* *joyful, euphoric, \*up.*

**cretin** *n.* idiot, imbecile, moron, \*retard.

**crevasse** *n.* fissure, chasm, opening, cleavage, cleft, crevice.

**crevice** *n.* fissure, crack, gap, cleft, cranny, rent, split, groove, fracture, slit, gash, crevasse, chasm, opening.

**crew** *n.* group, band, team, company, squad, troupe, mob, gang, party, set, bunch, posse, clique.

**crew cut** *n.* \*buzz cut, \*buzzer, \*skinner, military haircut, butch cut, \*flattop.

**crib** *v.* *Sl.* cheat, copy, plagiarize, lift.

**crib death** *n.* sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

**crime** *n.* lawlessness, wrongdoing, offense, malfeasance, malefaction, antisocial behavior, transgression, corruption, felony, misdemeanor. *SEE* COURT, LAW

**criminal** *n.* lawbreaker, outlaw, felon, convict, crook, \*hood, larcenist, culprit, desperado, mafioso, scofflaw, recidivist. "A person with predatory instincts who has not sufficient capital to form a corporation."—Howard Scott.

**criminal** *a.* 1. ILLEGAL unlawful, illicit, felonious, illegitimate, \*shady, crooked, larcenous, homicidal. *SEE* COURT, LAW 2. VILLAINOUS

- wicked, evil, nefarious, degenerate, corrupt, errant. *ANT.* 1. *legal, legitimate.* 2. *pure, unblemished.*
- crimp** *n.* fold, pinch, press, crease, pleat, wrinkle.
- cringe** *v.* shrink, flinch, cower, wince, quail, blench, recoil, grovel, quiver, crouch, bow and scrape. *ANT.* *stand tall, strut, swagger.*
- crinkle** *v.* wrinkle, crumple, crimple, pucker, crease, crimp, fold, twist, crackle, rustle. *ANT.* *smooth, straighten, press.*
- crinoline** *n.* hoop skirt, petticoat.
- cripple** *v.* disable, handicap, incapacitate, paralyze, maim, debilitate, immobilize, hamstring, \*sideline, \*bench, impair, weaken. *ANT.* *invigorate, strengthen, fortify.*
- crisis** *n.* turning point, emergency, trouble, \*moment of truth, \*point of no return, crossroad, catastrophe, disaster, \*zero hour, predicament, exigency, \*crunch, \*pickle, strait, \*critical mass. "God's call to us to reach a new level of humanity."—Samuel Miller.
- crisp** *a.* 1. BRITTLE crunchy, crumbly, friable, firm, fresh. 2. CHILLY invigorating, bracing, brisk, refreshing, nippy. 3. SHORT pithy, succinct, brief, terse, sharp, blunt, pointed. 4. NEAT tidy, trim, clean, smart, \*snappy, spruce. *ANT.* 1. *soft, withered.* 2. *hot.* 3. *dull, wordy, verbose.* 4. *sloppy, slovenly.*
- crisscross** *v.* intersect, overlap, cross.
- CRITERION** *n.* [kri TEER ee un] something on which a judgment can be based, a test or standard. *When hiring an employee, our most important criterion is sales ability.* *SYN.* standard, test, rule, measure, guideline, barometer, gauge, scale, yardstick, guidepost, touchstone.
- critic** *n.* 1. REVIEWER analyst, judge, expositor, connoisseur, authority, expert, arbiter, commentator. "A legless man who teaches children running."—Channing Pollack. "Brushers of noblemen's clothes."—George Herbert 2. FAULTFINDER complainer, \*nitpicker, \*nagger, carper, censor, detractor, quibbler, belittler, attacker.
- critical** *a.* 1. FAULTFINDING cutting, censorious, carping, \*nitpicking, derogatory, disparaging, captious, unflattering, severe, quibbling, disapproving. 2. EXACTING particular, judicial, discerning, discriminating, fussy, precise, finicky, demanding, hairsplitting. 3. CRUCIAL decisive, serious, grave, important, momentous, significant, pivotal, dire, climacteric, vital, urgent. *ANT.* 1. *approving, accepting, complimentary.* 2. *undiscerning, unparticular, \*easy.* 3. *trivial, insignificant.*
- CRITICAL MASS** *n.* [KRIT uh kuhl MASS] a critical stage; a crisis point; the point at which something momentous will happen. So named after the minimum mass of fissionable material needed to sustain a nuclear reaction. *Some believe that worldwide environmental damage is approaching critical mass.* *SYN.* critical point, moment of truth, irreversible momentum, point of collapse, crisis, point of no return, moment of truth, climax, turning point, high noon, explosion.
- criticism** *n.* 1. ANALYSIS critique, assessment, review, judgment, evaluation, examination, appraisal, commentary. "The avocation of assessing the failures of better men."—Nelson Algren. "A disinterested endeavor to learn and propagate the best that is known and thought in the world."—Mathew Arnold. "Growing important and formidable at very small expense."—Samuel Johnson. 2. DISAPPROVAL faultfinding, disparagement, belittling, censure, carping, diatribe, \*nitpicking, quibbling, \*knock, \*slam, pan, \*swipe, \*Bronx cheer, brickbats. *ANT.* 2. *approval, compliment, praise, raves.*
- criticize** *v.* 1. ANALYZE critique, assess, review, judge, evaluate, examine, appraise, dissect, comment on. 2. FIND FAULT disapprove, censure, disparage, belittle, \*nitpick, quibble, \*knock, \*slam, \*pan, \*swipe, bash, blast, \*trash, scathe, \*roast, attack, \*let have it with both barrels, ridicule, scarify. *ANT.* 2. *approve, laud, praise, applaud, cheer.*
- critique** *n.* analysis, review, assessment, commentary, write-up, report, \*pan, \*slam, \*trashing, rave.
- critter** *n.* creature, animal, beast.
- croak** *n.* utterance, hoarse tone.
- crochet** *n.* needlework, weaving.
- crock** *n.* vessel, pot.
- crocodile tears** *n.* false show of emotion, put-on, Academy Award performance, Hollywood performance.
- croissant** *n.* roll, puff, pastry.
- Cro-Magnon** *n.* Homo Sapien, human, hominid, caveman, cavewoman, Paleolithic man.
- crony** *n.* friend, companion, comrade, ally, pal, \*chum, \*buddy, \*sidekick, colleague, accomplice.
- crook** *n.* 1. BEND curve, hook, bow, angle, turn. 2. CRIMINAL felon, thief, swindler, robber, embezzler, burglar, \*con.
- crooked** *a.* 1. BENT curved, hooked, bowed, angled, twisted, awry, tortuous, warped, misshapen, skewed, serpentine, lopsided, devi-

ating, zigzag. 2. DISHONEST corrupt, deceitful, shady, fraudulent, shifty, underhanded, tricky, designing, crafty. *ANT.* 1. *straight, level, aligned.* 2. *honest, honorable, above-board, trustworthy.*

**crop** *n.* harvest, yield, production, produce.

**crop** *v.* cut, trim, clip, chop, snip, shear, shorten, pare, lop, prune, mow.

**cross** *n.* 1. CRUCIFIX *crux, rood.* "Ladders that lead to heaven."—Samuel Smiles. 2. CROSS TO BEAR, BURDEN weight, suffering, adversity, load, albatross, affliction, misfortune, pain.

#### WORD FIND

**cross-bearer:** crucifer

**cross-shaped:** cruciate, cruciform

**cross with circle behind crossbeam:** Celtic cross

**cross with v-shaped ends:** Maltese cross

**Egyptian cross with loop on top:** ankh, ansate cross

**horizontal beam:** transom

**cross** *v.* 1. TRAVERSE span, pass over, extend, go across, bridge, ply, ford. 2. INTERSECT converge, meet, join, bisect, crisscross, entwine. 3. MIX mingle, blend, crossbreed, hybridize, fuse. 4. HINDER oppose, thwart, frustrate, foil, check, deny, impede, stymie, interfere with. *ANT.* 4. *help, aid, assist.*

**cross** *a.* angry, irritable, crabby, testy, touchy, annoyed, surly, snappy, \*pissed, \*put out, peeved, ill-tempered, mad, \*full of piss and vinegar, waspish, choleric. *ANT.* *happy, cheerful, good-humored.*

**crossbreed** *n.* hybrid, mongrel, mixed breed.

**cross-examine** *v.* question, interrogate, \*pump, \*give the third degree, \*put on the hotseat, \*grill, \*go over with a fine-tooth comb, scrutinize.

**cross-eye** *n.* strabismus, walleye, exotropia.

**crossing** *n.* crossway, passage, bridge, crossroad, junction.

**crossroads** *n.* 1. INTERSECTION crossing. 2. TURNING POINT critical point, climax, high noon, moment of truth, the Rubicon.

**CROSS THE RUBICON** *v.* to make an important or life-changing decision; to take a consequential action that will forever change things for better or worse; Julius Caesar's decision to lead his troops across the Rubicon in 49 B.C. was considered an act of war. *The company crossed the Rubicon after deciding to abandon its personal computer line and make toasters instead.* *SYN.* \*jump in

with both feet, leave a crossroads, commit, affect change, resolve, take a stand, choose one's fate, seal one's fate, bind oneself.

**croch** *n.* 1. junction, fork. 2. groin.

**crochety** *a.* grouchy, irritable, cross, touchy, cantankerous, surly, \*ornery, testy, peevish, cranky, eccentric. *ANT.* *pleasant, good-humored, sweet.*

**croch** *v.* bend, stoop, bow, hunker down, \*scooch down, hunch, cower, cringe.

**crow** *n.* raven, rook, jackdaw.

**crow** *v.* brag, boast, bluster, strut, \*toot one's own horn, exult, gloat, vaunt. *ANT.* *minimize, be humble, \*eat crow.*

**crowbar** *n.* wrecking bar, pinch bar, lever, pry bar, tire iron.

**crowd** *n.* 1. THrong crush, flood, multitude, horde, mass, confluence, pack, press, \*everybody and his brother, mob, gathering. "The collective wisdom of individual ignorance."—Thomas Carlyle. 2. GROUP circle, set, clique, clan, coterie, bunch, gang, faction, crew.

**crowd** *v.* throng, press, congest, cluster, mass, surge, swarm, pile, squeeze, jam, crush, huddle, squash, \*squish, \*stand cheek by jowl, jostle, elbow, mob. *ANT.* *disperse, scatter, thin out.*

**crowded** *a.* thronged, congested, massed, swarming, squeezed together, jammed, crushed, huddled, squashed, \*squished, mobbed, standing room only, \*wall to wall, \*sardined, teeming, \*standing cheek by jowl, \*breathing down each other's necks. *ANT.* *empty, deserted.*

**crown** *n.* 1. TOP crest, head, pinnacle, zenith, summit, apex, culmination, tip, vertex. 2. TIARA coronet, diadem, circlet. 3. ROYALTY sovereignty, monarchy, the throne. *ANT.* 1. *bottom, base.*

**crown** *v.* cap, complete, perfect, finish, complete, fulfill, climax, top off.

**crucial** *a.* critical, vital, essential, decisive, pivotal, central, dire, pressing, climactic, momentous, life-threatening, important. *ANT.* *unimportant, insignificant, trivial, incidental.*

**crucify** *v.* torture, torment, hang, nail to a cross, rack, excruciate, persecute, brutalize, harrow.

**crud** *n.* \*crap, filth, muck, matter, rot, decay, incrustation.

**crude** *a.* 1. ROUGH OR UNREFINED IN MANNER coarse, earthy, \*gross, tactless, unpolished, uncouth, crass, vulgar, ignorant, churlish. 2. RAW OR UNFINISHED rough, natural, green, unrefined, ungraded, unpolished, rough-hewn, primitive, unprocessed. *ANT.* 1. *refined,*

*cultured, polished, civilized. 2. refined, finished, polished.*

**cruel** *a.* vicious, ferocious, inhuman, inhumane, mean, savage, brutal, merciless, barbarous, sadistic, cold-blooded, heartless, bestial, bloodthirsty, ruthless. *ANT. kind, benevolent, compassionate.*

**cruelty** *n.* viciousness, ferocity, inhumanity, meanness, savagery, brutality, barbarity, sadism, cold-bloodedness, heartlessness, bestiality, ruthlessness. *ANT. kindness, compassion, benevolence.*

**cruet** *n.* vessel, decanter. *SEE BOTTLE*

**cruiſe** *v.* sail, navigate, travel, voyage, rove, wander, journey, drift.

**cruiser** *n.* patrol car, squad car, prowler car. *SEE POLICE*

**crumb** *n.* fragment, bit, tidbit, morsel, sliver, scrap, shred, speck, splinter.

**crumble** *v.* break apart, fall to pieces, disintegrate, fragment, crack, fritter, powder, shred, decay.

**crumbly** *a.* friable, brittle, insubstantial, fragile. *ANT. solid.*

**crummy** *a.* lousy, poor, cheap, shabby, \*crappy, subpar, inferior. *ANT. quality.*

**crumple** *v.* 1. RUMPLE wrinkle, pucker, crinkle, crease. 2. FALL APART collapse, give way, buckle, topple, fall to pieces, cave in.

**crunch** *v.* grind, munch, chew, chomp, masticate, gnaw, champ.

**crunch-time** *n.* showdown, critical moment, critical mass, high noon, \*do or die time, \*sink or swim time.

**crunchy** *a.* crisp, crackling, chewy, brittle.

**crusade** *n.* campaign, movement, cause, drive, mission, expedition, march, push, battle.

**crusader** *n.* champion, campaigner, reformer, visionary, \*mover and shaker, fighter, \*voice for change.

**crush** *n.* infatuation, \*puppy love, fancy, passion, fondness, liking, \*the hots.

**crush** *v.* 1. MASH squash, press, compress, squeeze, pulverize, crunch, powder, \*squish, grind, granulate, trample. 2. DEFEAT overpower, overwhelm, vanquish, obliterate, humiliate, \*blow away, subdue, conquer, squelch, beat down. *ANT. 2. surrender, lose, bow down.*

**crust** *n.* coating, shell, skin, hull, rind, layer, border, caking, encrustation.

**crustacean** *n.* arthropod, sea creature, marine animal, lobster, crab, prawn, shrimp.

**crusty** *a.* surly, sour, testy, cranky, crabby, gruff, peevish, irascible, ill-tempered, bearish, grouchy. *ANT. easygoing, good-natured, pleasant.*

**crutch** *n.* prop, support, staff, walking aid.

**crux** *n.* core, essence, heart, meat, \*meat and potatoes, nitty-gritty, gist, root, nub, basis.

**cry** *n.* 1. WEEPING bawling, wailing, whimpering, sobbing, sniveling, blubbering, howling, bewailing, lament. 2. SHOUT yell, exclamation, call, holler, outcry, utterance, scream, squawk, shriek, yelp, bellow. 3. PLEADING appeal, entreaty, supplication, imploration, plea, \*cri de coeur, request, prayer.

**cry** *v.* weep, bawl, wail, whimper, sob, snivel, squall, blubber, howl, burst into tears, break down, mewl, pule, \*boohoo, moan, dissolve into tears, convulse with tears, choke up, shed tears, blink back tears. *SEE GRIEVE, MOURN, SCREAM, TEARS 2. SHOUT yell, exclaim, holler, call, utter, sing out, bellow, hail, crow, scream, yelp, vociferate, squawk.*

#### WORD FIND

**body language:** curls into a fetal position; clenching-lurching-knotting stomach; throat closing spastically; throat raw; swallows lump in throat; nostrils dilate; chest grows heavy; gulps air spastically; chokes; splutters; screws knuckles into eye sockets

**face:** snarl of agony, grimace, scarlet, swollen, puffy, contorts grotesquely, twists in anguish, pouts, tremulous, bottom lip curls, eyes take on wounded look, features stricken, eyes transfixed with shock and grief, eyes brim with tears

**voice:** quavers, cracks, shrill, constricts, rises hysterically, rises an octave, strangled, takes on a hitch, raw with agony, speaks in ragged bursts

**crybaby** *n.* whiner, bellyacher, \*wimp, \*wuss, complainer, moaner, \*bitcher, grumbler, malcontent, griper.

**crypt** *n.* tomb, vault, chamber, mausoleum, grave, catacomb, sepulcher, burial place, osuary. *SEE CEMETERY*

**CRYPTIC** *a.* [KRIP tic] mysterious, hidden. *The customer was dissatisfied with the cryptic message from the psychic.* *SYN. mysterious, hidden, enigmatic, secret, mystic, occult, vague, obscure, ambiguous, arcane, esoteric, veiled.* *ANT. clear, open, straightforward.*

**crystal** *a.* clear, transparent, limpid, pellucid. *ANT. murky, cloudy.*

**cub** *n.* baby, youth, young.

**cubby hole** *n.* compartment, niche, pigeon hole, nook.

**cubicle** *n.* compartment, chamber, stall, box, cell, booth, bay, cabin, room, berth.

**cuckoo** *a.* crazy, stupid, out of one's mind, nutty, \*flaky. *ANT.* *sane.*

**cuddle** *v.* snuggle, hug, embrace, nestle, nuzzle, curl up, clasp, pet, caress, fondle, squeeze.

**cuddy** *n.* cabin, galley, room, closet, cupboard.

**cudgel** *n.* club, bat, bludgeon, stick, shillelagh.

**cue** *n.* signal, sign, intimation, tip, tip-off, hint, prompt, indication, nod, wink.

**cuff** *v.* slap, buffet, hit, strike, box, clout.

**cuisine** *n.* food, fare, cookery, cooking, dishes, menu, \*grub, \*eats, table style.

**cul-de-sac** *n.* deadend, alley, impasse, blind alley, trap.

**culinary** *a.* cooking, kitchen.

**cull** *v.* choose, select, pick, single out, glean, opt for, winnow, garner, collect, sift, sort out.

**culminate** *v.* [KULL muh NATE] to come to the conclusion or peak, to climax. *The derby will culminate with the awarding of prizes.* *SYN.* peak, climax, conclude, finish, end, complete, perfect, crown, cap, top off, \*come to a head. *ANT.* *open, begin, commence, \*get the ball rolling.*

**culmination** *n.* conclusion, peak, climax, finish, end, completion, crowning, cap, consummation, apex, height, zenith, pinnacle. *ANT.* *beginning, opening, commencement.*

**CULPABLE** *a.* [KUL puh bul] responsible for a wrongdoing, to blame. *She was culpable in the car accident.* *SYN.* responsible, blame-worthy, to blame, accountable, guilty, at fault, liable, amiss, in the wrong, sinful. *ANT.* *innocent, blameless.*

**culprit** *n.* offender, guilty party, wrongdoer, malefactor, miscreant, evildoer, criminal, felon, rascal, sinner, \*bad guy.

**cult** *n.* followers, following, believers, school, affiliation, clique, band, sect, faction, faith, idolization, devotees, disciples, \*underground.

**cultivate** *v.* 1. PREPARE GROUND FOR GROWING plow, till, fertilize, dress, hoe, rake, manure, tend, sow, nurture, foster, plant, farm. 2. DEVELOP enrich, educate, train, improve, school, enlighten, discipline, refine, civilize. 3. SEEK THE FRIENDSHIP OF befriend, court, ingratiate, \*get on one's good side, \*suck up to, \*kiss up to, \*brownnose, \*get cozy with, \*play up to, promote, foster. *ANT.* 1. *sterilize, pollute.* 2. *retard, stunt.* 3. *alienate, distance, slight.*

**cultivation** *n.* 1. FARMING agriculture, crop-raising, agronomy, gardening, husbandry, tillage. 2. DEVELOPMENT education, training,

schooling, enlightenment, discipline, refinement, scholarship, erudition, culture.

**culture** *n.* 1. EDUCATION AND SOCIAL GROWTH advancement, development, refinement, elevation, improvement, training, accomplishment, erudition, enlightenment, gentility, urbanity, manners, polish, civility. "The best that has been said and thought in the world."—Mathew Arnold. "The developing of an avid hunger for knowledge and beauty."—Jesse Bennet. 2. INSTITUTIONS AND BELIEFS civilization, the arts, customs, folkways, mores, convention, lifestyle. *ANT.* 1. *regression, degeneration, decline.*

**cultured** *a.* cultivated, refined, polished, learned, educated, civilized, enlightened, accomplished, well-bred, erudite, genteel, high-class. *ANT.* *regressive, primitive, uncultured, illiterate.*

**culture shock** *n.* alienation, anxiety, confusion, \*stranger in a strange land. *ANT.* *assimilation.*

**culvert** *n.* sewer, drain, conduit, channel, pipe, waterway, gutter, gully, ditch.

**cumbersome** *a.* heavy, clumsy, awkward, bulky, unmanageable, unwieldy, hefty, ponderous, massive, incommodious. *ANT.* *light, compact.*

**cummerbund** *n.* sash, band.

**cunnilingus** *n.* oral sex, \*head, foreplay, \*69. *SEE SEX*

**cunning** *n.* "A sinister or crooked wisdom."—Frances Bacon.

**cunning** *a.* 1. CRAFTY shrewd, wily, artful, cagey, sharp, deceptive, guileful, foxy, sly, slick, \*streetwise. 2. INGENIOUS imaginative, clever, skillful, inventive, dexterous, intelligent, masterly, resourceful. *ANT.* 1. *artless, naive, honest.* 2. *stupid, unimaginative, moronic.*

**cup** *n.* glass, goblet, mug, tumbler, chalice, demitasse, stein, vessel.

**cupboard** *n.* cabinet, shelf, closet.

**cupidity** *a.* greed, avarice, acquisitiveness, rapaciousness, graspingness, covetousness, want, hunger. *ANT.* *unselfishness, generosity.*

**cupola** *n.* dome, belfry.

**cur** *n.* scoundrel, knave, cad, villain, blackguard, \*dog, \*scumbag, wretch, rogue, \*snake, \*weasel.

**curator** *n.* custodian, keeper, conservator, caretaker, steward, manager, administrative director, guardian.

**curb** *n.* restriction, check, restraint, control, bar, hindrance, stop, brake, bridle, damper.

**curb** *v.* restrict, check, restrain, control, bar, hinder, stop, brake, bridle, dampen, slow, limit, inhibit. *ANT.* *push, facilitate, help.*

**curdle** *v.* congeal, coagulate, clot, clabber, thicken, solidify, spoil, ferment, sour. *ANT.* *thin, liquefy.*

**cure** *n.* remedy, antidote, corrective, medicine, cure-all, panacea, treatment, regimen, \*quick fix, elixir, prescription, nostrum. *SEE* MEDICINE

**cure** *v.* remedy, correct, treat, medicate, fix, heal, restore, alleviate, relieve, repair, doctor, rehabilitate.

**cure-all** *n.* panacea, elixir, catholicon, nostrum, patent medicine.

**curfew** *n.* \*lights out, prohibition, ban, restriction.

**curiosity** *n.* 1. INQUISITIVENESS interest, concern, \*nosiness, questioning, prying, \*thirst for knowledge. "To eat of the forbidden fruit."—Robert Burton. "The lust of the mind."—Thomas Hobbes. "The mother of science."—Charles Singer. "A peep-hole in the brain."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. CURIO novelty, oddity, rarity, conversation piece, objet d'art, bibelot, wonder, marvel. *ANT.* *indifference, apathy.*

**curious** *a.* 1. INQUISITIVE interested, concerned, \*nosy, questioning, prying, \*thirsty for knowledge, inquiring, snooping, wondering, inquisitorial. 2. ODD strange, rare, novel, peculiar, exotic, quaint, weird, unique, marvelous, queer, unusual. *ANT.* 1. *indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned.* 2. *common, ordinary, usual, everyday.*

**curl** *n.* curve, loop, coil, wave, turn, roll, twist, swirl, whorl, convolution, spiral, corkscrew, ringlet, curlicue.

**curl** *v.* curve, coil, twist, bend, loop, wind, turn, snake, meander.

**CURMUDGEON** *n.* [kur MUJ un] a grouchy or ill-tempered person. *The prickly, old curmudgeon wouldn't let us walk through his yard without yelling at us.* *SYN.* grouch, \*grump, \*bear, \*grizzly bear, crab, malcontent, \*grumbler, \*miserable bastard, \*sore-head, \*grouser.

**currency** *n.* money, cash, legal tender, medium of exchange, coins, bills. *SEE* MONEY

**current** *n.* flow, course, stream, rush, run, tide, river, flux, draft.

**current** *a.* contemporary, present, now, present-day, modern, up-to-date, in vogue, prevalent, in progress, fashionable, \*cutting edge, \*leading edge. *ANT.* *past, bygone, historical, old, dated.*

**curriculum** *n.* study program, studies, courses, classes, lessons, subjects.

**CURRY FAVOR** *v.* to try to win someone over through flattery. *I was sickened by his attempts to curry favor with the governor.* *SYN.* flatter, fawn over, stroke, \*kiss up to, \*brown-nose, \*bootlick, praise, \*fall all over, toady to, \*butter up, court, \*sweet-talk, blarney, pander to, cajole, win over, \*suck up to.

**curse** *n.* 1. JINX spell, \*evil eye, evil, \*whammy, voodoo, charm, incantation, execration, anathema, damnation, malediction. 2. SWEARING oath, profanity, expletive, \*gutter word, \*cuss word, \*dirty word, \*four-letter word, obscenity. *ANT.* 1. *blessing, benediction.*

**cursed** *a.* 1. JINXED doomed, star-crossed, be-deviled, ill-fated, plagued, damned, stricken, blighted. 2. HATEFUL detestable, loathsome, damnable, execrable, wicked, evil, abominable, fiendish. *ANT.* 1. *blessed, favored.* 2. *commendable, honorable.*

**cursor** *n.* indicator, marker, pointer, positioner.

**CURSORY** *a.* [KUR suh ree] quick and superficial; unthorough. *She made a cursory inspection and moved on.* *SYN.* quick, hasty, superficial, casual, perfunctory, hurried, slight, desultory, unmethodical, fleeting, shallow. *ANT.* *thorough, comprehensive, in-depth.*

**CURT** *a.* [KURT] brief to the point of rudeness; brusque. *He gave a curt introduction and left.* *SYN.* abrupt, terse, rude, snappy, short, short and sweet, gruff, unceremonious, sharp, laconic, impolite. *ANT.* *courteous, polite, loquacious, long-winded, fawning.*

**curtail** *v.* shorten, cut, abbreviate, abridge, downsize, boil down, trim, reduce, diminish. *ANT.* *lengthen, draw out, expand.*

**curtain** *n.* drape, shade, blind, valance, portiere, veil, cover, backdrop.

**curvaceous** *a.* shapely, voluptuous, \*built, statuesque, full-figured, zaftig, buxom. *ANT.* *anorexic, \*built like linguine, bony.*

**curve** *v.* bend, arc, bow, turn, veer, twist, hook, loop, spiral, coil, swerve, curl, crook.

**cushion** *n.* pillow, pad, bolster, mat, buffer, fender.

**cushion** *v.* absorb, dampen, soften, check, protect, muffle, deaden, pillow, stifle.

**cushy** *a.* *Sl.* easy, \*comfy, pleasant, agreeable. *ANT.* *difficult, rough, disagreeable.*

**cuspidor** *n.* spittoon, receptacle, vessel.

**cuss** *v.* swear, curse.

**custodian** *n.* caretaker, guardian, conservator, janitor, keeper, maintenance man, steward, \*super, watchman, curator.

**custody** *n.* 1. GUARDIANSHIP keeping, safekeeping, care, protection, wardship, holding, watch, supervision. 2. CONFINEMENT incar-

- ceration, imprisonment, detention, jail, arrest, restraint.
- custom** *n.* 1. PRACTICE habit, convention, rule, fashion, mode, routine, way, law, \*right thing to do. "The plague of wise men and the idol of fools."—Thomas Fuller. "The great guide to human life."—David Hume. 2. TAX levy, toll, tariff.
- customary** *a.* usual, conventional, accustomed, established, set, routine, regular, accepted, habitual, fashionable, normal, traditional, orthodox. *ANT.* *unusual, offbeat, unfamiliar, untried.*
- customer** *n.* patron, shopper, buyer, consumer, browser, prospect, client.
- cut** *n.* 1. INCISION gash, laceration, slash, slit, nick, tear, slice, wound, opening, kerf. 2. REDUCTION decrease, diminution, cutback, decrement, excision, lowering. 3. SHARE percentage, \*piece of the pie, slice, allowance, allotment, quota, kickback. 3. INSULT \*put-down, offense, \*dig.
- cut** *v.* 1. INCISE gash, lacerate, slash, slit, nick, tear, slice, wound, open, sever, carve, split, shear, rip, hack, dice, section, lay open, lance, pierce, scotch. 2. CUT DOWN OR TRIM fell, crop, mow, lop off, truncate, harvest, prune, clip, chop. 3. REDUCE decrease, diminish, cut back, downsize, excise, lower, lessen, crop, pare, trim, shave. 4. INSULT slight, snub, affront, spurn, \*give the cold shoulder, shun.
- cut and dried** *a.* 1. SETTLED fixed, set, prepared. 2. ROUTINE unoriginal, ordinary.
- cutback** *n.* decrease, belt-tightening, reversal, curtailment, decline, reduction, lowering, abatement.
- cute** *a.* adorable, attractive, cunning, pretty, darling, cherubic, charming, sweet, \*cute as a bug's ear, \*dollfaced.
- cutlery** *n.* knives, cutting tools, utensils, carving set, table instruments, tableware.
- cutlet** *n.* chop, slice, cut, patty.
- CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT** *v.* to find a quick solution to a deeply entangled problem. *Somebody had to find a way to cut the Gordian knot of Congressional gridlock.* *SYN.* solve, untangle, \*cut through red tape, extricate, free, clear, unsnarl, unravel, crack, work out, resolve, straighten out, \*get to the bottom of.
- cutthroat** *a.* ruthless, \*dog-eat-dog, merciless, \*every man for himself, pitiless, \*hard as nails. *ANT.* *compassionate, merciful, benevolent.*
- cutting** *a.* insulting, biting, sarcastic, scathing, sharp, sardonic, nasty, mean, caustic, venomous, acerbic, vicious, malevolent. *ANT.* *complimentary, flattering, kind.*
- CUTTING EDGE** *n.* the forefront; the most advanced. *The technology was on the cutting edge.* *SYN.* forefront, vanguard, avant-garde, leading edge, point, fore, front line, new wave, incoming tide of innovation.
- CYBERSPACE** *n.* [SY bur SPAYS] the collective data and communication network of interconnected computers. *More and more people are turning to cyberspace for research purposes.* *SYN.* computer network, communication network, communication web, Internet, World Wide Web (WWW), \*information superhighway, electronic highway, \*info-bahn, virtual community, data bank, virtual library, global village, online communication medium. *SEE* INTERNET
- cyborg** *n.* android, cybernetic organism, \*six-million-dollar man.
- cycle** *n.* progression, sequence, succession, rotation, round, series.
- cyclone** *n.* tornado, twister, hurricane, wind-storm, whirlwind, monsoon.
- cylinder** *n.* chamber, drum, tube, pipe, barrel.
- cylindrical** *a.* round, tubular, circular, terete.
- cynic** *n.* skeptic, nonbeliever, \*doubting Thomas, scoffer, realist, pessimist, naysayer, kill-joy, misanthrope. "A man who tells you the truth about your own motives."—Russel Green. "A man who, when he smells flowers, looks around for a coffin."—H.L. Mencken. *ANT.* *optimist, \*pollyanna, believer.*
- CYNICAL** *a.* [SIN ik ul] mistrusting and looking for hidden motives in others. *Frank said he wanted to raise money for charity, but Mary was cynical.* *SYN.* skeptical, unbelieving, doubting, questioning, scoffing, pessimistic, negative, naysaying, misanthropic, sneering, sardonic, mocking, distrustful, suspicious. *ANT.* *trusting, optimistic, positive.*
- cynicism** *n.* "A euphemism for realism. Seeing things as they really are, instead of the way we'd like them to be."—Harry Ruby. "Idealism gone sour."—Will Herberg. *SEE* CYNICAL
- cynosure** *n.* focal point, center of attention.
- cyst** *n.* vesicle, sac, blister, bleb.
- czar** *n.* autocrat, tsar, ruler, emperor, monarch, overlord, king.

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**dab** *n.* bit, touch, drop, pat, smidgen, speck, dollop, pinch, soupçon.

**dab** *v.* daub, touch, smear, smudge, pat, tap.

**dabble** *v.* \*play around, \*mess around, toy with, \*fiddle with, putter, tinker, dillydally, trifle.

**dabbler** *n.* amateur, hobbyist, tinkerer, dilettante, novice, putterer, layman, nonprofessional. *ANT.* *master, expert, professional.*

**dad** *n.* \*daddy, father, \*pop, \*papa, \*old man, parent, governor, protector.

**daffy** *a.* \*nutty, crazy, foolish, silly, \*loony, clownish, \*goofy, daft, \*nuttier than a fruitcake. *ANT.* *rational, sane.*

**daft** *a.* \*nutty, \*loony, idiotic. *SEE* CRAZY

**dagger** *n.* knife, dirk, bodkin, stiletto, poniard, Bowie knife, switchblade, bayonet.

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## WORD FIND

**Arabian, double-edged, curved blade:** jambiya

**handle:** hilt, haft, grip, dudgeon

**Irish/Scottish, double-edged:** skean

**knob at butt end:** pommel

**Medieval:** anlace, bodkin, misericord, rondel, swordbreaker

**slide projections at the hilt:** quillons

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**daily** *a./adv.* everyday, day in and day out, quotidian, circadian, per diem.

**dainty** *a.* 1. DELICATE exquisite, charming, fine, fragile, precious, lovely, elegant, refined, graceful. 2. DISCRIMINATING fussy, finicky, particular, fastidious, \*persnickety, choosy, refined, overrefined. *ANT.* 1. *rough, ugly, ponderous, \*built like a brick shithouse, junky.* 2. *unparticular, easy to please.*

**dais** *n.* podium, platform, rostrum, stage.

**dale** *n.* dell, glen. *SEE* VALLEY

**dalliance** *n.* flirtation, coquetry, \*cow eyes, \*making eyes at, love affair, affair, \*fling, \*fooling around, relationship, \*hanky-panky.

**dally** *v.* dawdle, waste time, \*drag feet, lag, put off, idle, delay, procrastinate, \*fiddle and diddle, dillydally, shilly-shally. *ANT.* *hurry, rush, \*get a move on.*

**dam** *n.* bank, dike, levee, wall, barrage, obstruction, check, barrier.

**dam** *v.* block, obstruct, check, close, bar, impede, stop, slow, restrict. *ANT.* *release, free.*

**damage** *n.* destruction, injury, loss, harm, breakage, hurt, depreciation, deterioration, wreck-age, spoilage, impairment, disfigurement.

**damage** *v.* injure, harm, destroy, break, hurt, depreciate, wreck, ruin, impair, cripple, deface, weaken, incapacitate, mar, mutilate, ravage, vandalize.

**damages** *n.* cost, expenses, compensation, penalty, reimbursement, amends.

**damn** *v.* condemn, criticize, doom, slam, denounce, attack, curse, disparage, censure, excoriate, pan, swear at, objurgate, blast. *ANT.* *praise, commend, give one's blessings.*

**damnation** *n.* "Everlasting fire."—The Bible. "Everlasting torments."—John Sergieff.

**damned** *a.* detestable, cursed, infernal, \*darned, loathsome, \*dang, confounded, \*blasted, rotten, revolting. *ANT.* *blessed, fortunate, favored.*

**damp** *a.* wet, moist, dank, humid, clammy, misty, drizzly, soggy. *ANT.* *dry, arid.*

**dampen** *v.* 1. MOISTEN wet, sprinkle, spray, rinse, humidify. 2. DEPRESS deaden, muffle, lower, lessen, check, cool, diminish, moderate, chill, mute. *ANT.* 1. *dry, dehydrate.* 2. *enliven, intensify, increase.*

**damsel** *n.* maiden, girl, woman, lass.

**dance** *n.* ballroom dance, capering, ballet, waltz, polka, square dance, \*shindig, hop, prom. "Poetry of the foot."—John Dryden. *SEE* BALLET

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## WORD FIND

**bend backwards under pole:** limbo

**Bohemian, lively:** polka

**Brazilian, dips, leaps:** samba

**Brazilian, like samba:** bossa nova

**Brazilian, sensual coupling:** lambada

**Caribbean, like rumba:** beguine

**classical ballroom:** waltz

**country and western swinging two-step:**

Texas two-step

**Cuban:** rumba, conga, mambo

**death dance:** danse macabre  
**French, high-kicking, skirt-lifting:** cancan  
**glissade backwards:** moonwalk  
**group single file procession, three steps and kick:** conga  
**Hawaiian:** hula  
**Italian, whirling folk dance:** tarantella  
**Latin American quickstep and shuffle:** cha-cha  
**Latin American, with stylized posturing:** tango  
**legs scissoring in opposite directions:** split  
**lively folk dance:** jig  
**lively French dance, eighteenth century:** cotillion  
**Middle Eastern female solo, stomach undulations:** belly dance  
**modern jazz:** jazz dance  
**Negro, nineteenth century:** Juba  
**1920s:** Charleston  
**1930s–1940s, hopping:** shag  
**1930s, jitterbuglike:** Lindy hop  
**1940s, acrobatic somersaults, splits:** jitterbug  
**1960s, Chubby Checker:** twist  
**1970s, hip-touching:** bump  
**1980s, prostrate movements:** breakdance  
**1990s, running in position:** running man  
**Oriental head motions:** sundari  
**Polish:** polonaise  
**Russian dance, squatting, arms folded:** cosack  
**sailor's:** hornpipe  
**Scottish, lively folk dance:** reel  
**secret, all-night dance party:** \*rave  
**sexually explicit:** freak dancing, booty dancing, dirty dancing, grinding, jacking, freaking, the nasty  
**sexually explicit dance moves, line of dancers performing:** freak train  
**shaking of body part:** shimmy  
**solo male dance around Sombrero:** Mexican hat dance  
**Spanish:** flamenco, fandango, bolero, tango  
**spin:** pirouette  
**square dance:** quadrille, hoedown  
**square dance steps:** California twirl, cloverleaf, Dixie chain, do-si-do, promenade, sashay.  
**stately eighteenth-century dance:** minuet  
**steps:** choreography  
**tap steps:** soft shoe, falling off the log, dig, brush, chug, coffee grinder  
**two-step, ballroom:** fox-trot

## wooden shoes dance: clog

**dance** *v.* caper, step, \*trip the light fantastic, \*boogie, \*cut a rug, swing, step, prance, \*disco, \*beat feet, twist, shimmy, strut, prance, sway, hop, \*get down, \*shake your booty, rock, wiggle one's hips, jig, skip, leap, gambol, romp, \*slink, contort, flex, undulate, careen, shuffle, \*hoof, clomp, \*jockey, \*pose, \*posture, thrust, quiver, dip, gyrate, convulse, glissade.  
**dancer** *n.* danseuse, ballerina, danseur, \*hooper, terpsichorean.  
**dandle** *v.* bounce on knee, toss up and down.  
**dandruff** *n.* scurf, flakes.  
**dandy** *a.* great, excellent, wonderful, swell, terrific. *ANT.* terrible, awful, ghastly.  
**danger** *n.* peril, threat, hazard, menace, endangerment, \*thin ice, jeopardy, vulnerability, \*storm clouds on the horizon, pitfall, ticking bomb, \*powder keg, \*critical mass, \*between Scylla and Charybdis, \*sword of Damocles. "The spur of all great minds."—George Chapman. *ANT.* safety, security.  
**dangerous** *a.* perilous, threatening, hazardous, unsafe, menacing, jeopardous, risky, precarious, chancy, \*touch and go, \*ticklish, unhealthy, dire, \*hanging over one's head like the sword of Damocles, reaching critical mass, \*between Scylla and Charybdis. *ANT.* safe, secure, protected.  
**dangle** *v.* hang, drag, droop, flap, depend, swing, wave, flutter.  
**dank** *a.* damp, wet, chilly, clammy, moist, slimy, dewy, muggy, humid. *ANT.* dry, arid, parched.  
**dapper** *a.* neat, trim, smart, dashing, swank, stylish, well-groomed, spruce, natty, \*spiffy. *ANT.* sloppy, unkempt, disheveled.  
**dappled** *a.* mottled, spotted, speckled, stippled, flecked, piebald, variegated, parti-colored. *ANT.* uniform, solid.  
**dare** *v.* 1. VENTURE gamble, risk, brave, hazard, face, brook, adventure, \*run the gauntlet, have the nerve. 2. DEFY challenge, beard, face, oppose, square off, mock, throw down the gauntlet, look in the eye, provoke, confront, taunt. *ANT.* 1. pass, beg off, retreat. 2. run away, retreat, knuckle under, \*blink.  
**daredevil** *n.* thrill-seeker, adventurer, show-off, \*hotdog, swashbuckler, stuntman, ace, fool.  
**daring** *a.* adventurous, brave, bold, venturesome, plucky, \*gutsy, \*ballsy, nervy, courageous, fearless, intrepid, reckless, rash, \*having icewater in one's veins. *ANT.* fearful, afraid, \*chicken, \*mousy, timid, cautious, \*wimpy.  
**dark** *n.* nightfall, evening, dusk, twilight, midnight.

**dark** *a.* 1. BLACK aphotic, dim, dusky, gloomy, unlit, nebulous, inky, shadowy, somber, gauzy, murky. 2. COMPLEXION swarthy, ebony, black. 3. DREARY dismal, bleak, gloomy, stygian, depressing, somber, grim, morbid. 4. WICKED evil, satanic, sinister, hellish, infernal. *ANT.* *light, bright, sunny.* SEE BLACK, COMPLEXION

**DARK HORSE** *n.* a relative unknown who is deemed unlikely to win; an underdog. *The dark horse candidate staged a surprising victory.* *SYN.* sleeper, unknown, underdog, long-shot, poor bet, outside shot, upsetter, also-ran, write-in, unexpected winner, \*David (Goliath), giant slayer. *ANT.* *favorite, frontrunner.*

**darling** *n.* sweetheart, \*honey, \*honeybunch, love, beloved, \*pet, \*sweetie, precious, dear, \*apple of one's eye.

**darn** *interj.* damn, damnation, \*dang, \*darnation.

**dart** *v.* flit, dash, rush, bolt, scurry, shoot, spurt, scoot, bound, run, race, fly, tear, speed.

**dash** *n.* 1. RACE run, sprint. 2. A LITTLE trace, bit, smidgen, sprinkle, hint, pinch, taste, drop.

**dash** *v.* 1. RUN sprint, race, bolt, speed, zip, rush, dart, bound, charge, shoot, scoot, scamper, tear. 2. SMASH break, hit, strike, shatter, throw, hurl, slam, fling, sling, splash. 3. FRUSTRATE confound, discourage, dampen, thwart, circumvent, foil, ruin, spoil, dishearten. *ANT.* 3. *encourage, aid.*

**dashboard** *n.* instrument panel, control panel, indicator panel.

**dashing** *a.* elegant, debonair, splendid, jaunty, stylish, dapper, swank, chic, fashionable, sharp, flamboyant, rakish. *ANT.* *awkward, dull, bumbling.*

**dastardly** *a.* cowardly, fainthearted, timid, craven, mean, base, low, rotten. *ANT.* *courageous, brave, noble.*

**data** *n.* information, report, facts, figures, evidence, measurements, statistics, numbers, document, \*readout.

**data bank** *n.* data base.

**data processor** *n.* computer, calculator, \*number cruncher, word processor. SEE COMPUTER

**date** *n.* 1. APPOINTMENT engagement, tryst, meeting. 2. ESCORT companion, partner, lover, \*pickup.

**dated** *a.* out-of-date, obsolete, antiquated, passé, old-fashioned, outmoded, old hat, antediluvian, prehistoric. *ANT.* *current, \*cutting edge, \*leading edge, modern, contemporary.*

**daub** *v.* coat, cover, smear, smudge, plaster, dab, paint, splatter, spot, stain.

**daughter** *n.* girl, offspring, young, child, \*chip off the old block. "The object of a pleasure something like the love between the angels to her father."—Richard Steele. "An embarrassing and ticklish possession."—Meander.

**daunt** *v.* intimidate, scare, frighten, unnerve, threaten, faze, discourage, dismay, cow, dispirit, overawe. *ANT.* *encourage, embolden.*

**DAUNTLESS** *a.* [DAWNT less] fearless; bold. *Although his troops were outnumbered, the dauntless captain ordered a raid on the enemy camp.* *SYN.* fearless, bold, brave, unafraid, courageous, intrepid, valorous, stouthearted, unflinching, resolute. *ANT.* *fearful, afraid, timid, irresolute.*

**davenport** *n.* sofa, couch, convertible.

**dawdle** *v.* delay, procrastinate, waste time, dally, \*drag one's feet, \*fiddle and diddle, loiter, \*poke, piddle, shilly-shally, fritter. *ANT.* *hurry, rush, \*beat feet, \*get a move on.*

**dawn** *n.* 1. DAYBREAK sunrise, sunup, morning, aurora, cockcrow, first light, wee hours, \*holy light of dawn. "The time when men of reason go to bed."—Ambrose Bierce. "That single hour of the twenty-four, when crime ceases, debauchery is exhausted, and even desolation finds a shelter."—Benjamin Disraeli. 2. BEGINNING start, rise, advent, opening, coming, emergence, birth, onset. *ANT.* 1. *sunset, dusk, twilight.* 2. *close, end, dusk.*

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**WORD FIND**

**lighten, when sun is 18 degrees below horizon and sky begins to:** astronomical dawn

**partial morning light when sun is six degrees below horizon:** civil dawn

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**day** *n.* light of day, sunup to sundown, twenty-four hours. "Each day is a little life."—Arthur Schopenhauer. "A miniature Eternity."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2. PERIOD time, heyday, age, epoch.

**daybook** *n.* journal, diary, log, record.

**daybreak** *n.* dawn, sunrise, morning, first light, sun-up, \*crack of dawn, daylight, \*first scimitar of light, cock's crowing.

**daycare** *n.* babysitter, nursery school, preschool, supervision, child care center, tot watch center, kindergarten.

**daydream** *n.* fantasy, reverie, \*castle in the air, figment of the imagination, musing, visualization, fancy, imagining, pipe dream, \*woolgathering.

**daze** *n.* stupor, bewilderment, shock, trance, confusion, \*lala land, befuddlement.

**daze** *v.* confuse, bewilder, shock, befuddle, stupefy, stun, perplex, addle, numb, confound, muddle, dumbfound.

**dazzle** *v.* amaze, blind, overwhelm, astonish, bewilder, confuse, awe, \*bowl over, daze, \*blow away, dumbfound.

**dazzling** *a.* brilliant, blinding, sparkling, glittering, flashy, shining, radiant, resplendent, ablaze, prismatic, meteoric. *ANT.* muted, dark, gloomy, dull.

**deacon** *n.* cleric, clergyman, deaconess, assistant.

**deactivate** *v.* shut off, shut down, stop, disconnect, decommission, remove.

**dead** *a.* 1. LIFELESS deceased, expired, passed away, departed, perished, extinct, still, defunct, resting in peace, \*pushing up daisies, late, stiff, \*gone to meet one's maker, \*out of one's misery, \*kaput, \*gone belly up, \*down for the count, \*crowbar, \*buzzard bait, \*stone cold, \*worm food, \*dead as a coffin nail, \*carrion, lost, \*on ice. 2. UNRESPONSIVE flat, apathetic, wooden, paralyzed, numb, emotionless, frigid, unfeeling, insensible, insensate, cool, lukewarm. 3. INOPERATIVE not working, out of order, \*on the blink. 4. ENDED extinguished, snuffed out, terminated, squelched, quenched, smothered, finished. 5. UNPRODUCTIVE exhausted, unprofitable, sterile, stagnant, useless, barren, spent, worn out. 6. TOTAL complete, utter, entire, out-and-out, absolute, sure, downright. 7. BORING dull, tiresome, tedious, stale, bland, \*blah, vapid. *ANT.* 1. alive, lively, animate. 2. lively, spirited, responsive. 3. operating, working. 4. growing. 5. productive, fruitful, fertile. 6. partial, uncertain. 7. lively, interesting, engrossing, riveting. SEE DEATH, DIE

**deadbeat** *n.* debtor, loafer, \*bum, freeloader, parasite, sloth, slug, layabout.

**deaden** *v.* dampen, dull, numb, muffle, mute, blunt, check, moderate, diminish, suppress, dim, tone down, stifle. *ANT.* amplify, enliven, turn up.

**dead end** *n.* cul de sac, impasse.

**deadline** *n.* time limit, zero hour, due date, term, cutoff.

**deadlock** *n.* stalemate, impasse, \*Catch 22, standstill, gridlock, standoff, \*Gordian knot, \*logjam, \*hung jury.

**deadly** *a.* fatal, lethal, deathly, mortal, malignant, toxic, killing, dangerous, virulent, death-dealing, pernicious, baneful. *ANT.* harmless, benign, innocuous.

**dead-on** *a.* accurate, precise, exact, on the mark, \*hitting the bullseye, to the point. *ANT.* off the mark, imprecise.

**deadpan** *a.* expressionless, blank, \*poker-faced, stony, wooden, unreadable.

**deaf** *a.* hearing-impaired, hard of hearing, unhearing, \*deaf as a post, \*stone deaf.

**deafening** *a.* ear-splitting, noisy. SEE LOUD

**deal** *n.* arrangement, understanding, contract, transaction, compact, bargain.

**deal** *v.* 1. DISTRIBUTE dole out, allocate, allot, mete out, hand out, dispense, apportion. 2. DEAL WITH attend to, reckon with, concern, take care of, cope, face, treat, manage, handle. 3. BARGAIN dicker, negotiate, trade, buy and sell, do business, barter, give and take.

**dealer** *n.* salesman, salesperson, broker, buyer, seller, marketer, wholesaler, retailer, merchant, trader, monger, vendor, jobber, peddler, trafficker; (drugs) \*pusher, \*bagman, \*candy man, connection, holder.

**dealership** *n.* franchise, outlet, store, shop, market, concession, chain store.

**dealings** *n.* relations, transactions, business, arrangements, trade, commerce, exchange.

**dean** *n.* senior, elder statesman, ranking member, elder, veteran, headmaster, preceptor, administrator.

**dear** *n.* darling, sweetheart, angel, saint.

**dear** *a.* 1. BELOVED precious, loved, treasured, cherished, favored, darling, prized, admired, \*near to one's heart. 2. EXPENSIVE costly, \*pricey, \*steep, exorbitant, extravagant. *ANT.* 1. loathed, despised. 2. cheap, reasonable.

**DEARTH** *n.* [DURTH] scarcity, lack. A dearth of funds has kept me from vacationing in Hawaii. *SYN.* scarcity, lack, deficiency, insufficiency, want, shortage, paucity, inadequacy, scantiness, stint, need. *ANT.* sufficiency, abundance, plenty.

**death** *n.* demise, end, dying, decease, passing, expiration, parting, termination, release, rest, extinction, mortality, in extremis, \*curtains, \*lights out, \*last roundup, \*finis, \*grim reaper, \*show stopper, afterlife, fatality, oblivion, repose. "When the soul shall emerge from its sheath."—Marcus Aurelius. "A black camel, which kneels at the gates of all."—Abd-El-Kader. "An eternal night."—Algernon Swinburne. "The undiscovered country."—Shakespeare. "The grand perhaps."—Robert Browning. "A pale horse."—The Bible. "The port where all may refuge find."—William Alexander. SEE AFTERLIFE, CEMETERY, CORPSE, DEAD, DIE, FUNERAL, HEAVEN, IMMORTALITY

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**WORD FIND**

**after death, occurring:** posthumous

**DOA:** dead on arrival  
**fear of:** necrophobia, thanatophobia  
**gurgle at last breath:** death rattle  
**herald of:** banshee  
**investigation of:** inquest, autopsy, postmortem  
**march:** dirge  
**mercy killing:** euthanasia  
**notice:** obituary, necrology  
**omen:** knell  
**reminder or symbol of:** memento mori, death's head  
**study of:** thanatology  
**watch:** vigil

**deathless** *a.* eternal. SEE IMMORTAL

**deathly** *a.* horrible, dreadful, terrible, appalling, macabre, ghastly.

**DEBACLE** *n.* [di BAH kul] a disaster or sudden collapse. *Thousands lost money in the stock market debacle.* SYN. disaster, collapse, overthrow, catastrophe, ruin, breakdown, rout, washout, downfall, bankruptcy, devastation. ANT. success.

**debase** *v.* degrade, lower, devalue, adulterate, pollute, corrupt, cheapen, depreciate, defile, demean, disgrace. ANT. elevate, raise.

**debatable** *a.* undecided, questionable, moot, controversial, dubious, disputable, doubtful, unsettled, contestable, \*the jury's out. ANT. settled, certain, decided.

**debate** *n.* argument, dispute, war of words, contention, wrangle, controversy, contest, deliberation, disagreement, forensic. "Feud for thought."—Cynthia Scott. "The shortest cut between two minds."—Kahlil Gibran.

**debate** *v.* argue, dispute, \*wage a war of words, contend, wrangle, controvert, contest, disagree, deliberate, bicker, \*hash out, \*lock horns, rebut.

**DEBAUCHERY** *n.* [di BAW chuh ree] excess, wild living, indulgence. *The rowdiness and debauchery of the party earned the fraternity a suspension from campus.* SYN. indulgence, excess, profligacy, over-indulgence, whoring, immoderation, womanizing, carousal, dissipation, intemperance, \*fast living, revelry. ANT. chastity, clean-living, moderation, abstinence, celibacy.

**debenture** *n.* certificate of debt, voucher, bond, I.O.U.

**DEBILITATE** *v.* [di BIL i TATE] to weaken or handicap. *The illness will debilitate her to the point that she can no longer work.* SYN. weaken, handicap, enervate, enfeeble, cripple, fa-

tigue, exhaust, disable, prostrate, devitalize. ANT. strengthen, invigorate.

**debility** *n.* weakness, infirmity, enfeeblement, handicap, enervation, prostration, languor, frailty, asthenia. ANT. strength, power, vigor.

**DEBONAIR** *a.* [deb uh NARE] friendly, gracious and suave. *The prince was charming and debonair.* SYN. friendly, gracious, suave, charming, jaunty, genial, pleasant, urbane, nonchalant, refined, genteel, gentlemanly. ANT. coarse, crude, rude, unrefined, unfriendly.

**debrief** *v.* 1. QUESTION interrogate, gather intelligence, query, probe, quiz, examine, inquire. 2. SILENCE censor, hush up, still, muzzle, restrain, mute.

**debris** *n.* rubble, trash, ruins, rubbish, scraps, fragments, remains, junk, litter, waste, \*crap, wreckage, flotsam and jetsam, shards.

**debt** *n.* obligation, liability, bill, debit, arrears, deficit, pledge, due, burden, \*red ink. "The slavery of the free."—Publius Syrus. "A trap which a man sets and baits himself, and then deliberately gets into."—Josh Billings.

**debug** *v.* troubleshoot, fix, work the bugs out of.

**debunk** *v.* disprove, expose, refute, unmask, ridicule, deflate.

**debut** *n.* premiere, \*coming out, first time out, introduction, launch, entrance, open, opener, inauguration. ANT. farewell, swan song.

**debutante** *n.* young lady, young woman, ingenue, maiden, deb.

**decadence** *n.* deterioration, decay, debasement, corruption, decline, regression, degeneration, downfall, degradation, fall. ANT. growth, progression, revitalization.

**DECADENT** *a.* [DEK uh dunt] decaying or deteriorating, in morals, art or other institution. *A decadent lifestyle led to their downfall.* SYN. decaying, deteriorating, declining, corrupt, degraded, \*gone to hell, \*gone to the dogs, degenerating, on the wane, \*on the way out, \*circling the drain, debauched. ANT. growing, progressing, vital, vigorous.

**decals** *n.* sticker, picture, design, emblem.

**decamp** *v.* bolt, flee, escape, \*head for the hills, depart, break camp, \*make tracks, \*hightail it.

**decanter** *n.* vessel, bottle, pitcher, carafe, flask, container, glass, cruet.

**decapitate** *v.* behead, decollate, guillotine, ax.

**decay** *n.* rot, spoilage, decomposition, decline, disintegration, putrefaction, deterioration, degeneration, decrepitude. ANT. growth, vigor.

**decay** *v.* decline, deteriorate, degenerate, atrophy, waste away, wane, rot, decompose, putrefy, wither, disintegrate. ANT. grow, thrive.

- deceased** *a.* passed on, departed, \*pushing up daisies. SEE DEAD
- deceit** *n.* dishonesty, deception, fraud, trickery, cheating, double-dealing, \*BS, craft, \*funny business, underhandedness, chicanery. "The smiler with the knife under the cloak."—Geoffrey Chaucer. "That glib and oily art."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *honesty, truthfulness, fairness.*
- deceitful** *a.* dishonest, deceptive, fraudulent, double-dealing, \*full of it, crafty, underhanded, treacherous, duplicitous, insincere, artful, shift. *ANT.* *honest, truthful, straightforward.*
- deceive** *v.* mislead, delude, trick, hoodwink, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, dupe, defraud, \*buffalo, \*con, burn, \*screw, beguile, \*BS.
- decency** *n.* propriety, respectability, righteousness, seemliness, modesty, appropriateness, goodness, good manners, decorum. *ANT.* *indecency, impropriety.*
- decent** *a.* 1. RESPECTABLE righteous, seemly, proper, moral, correct, modest, appropriate, good, fitting, virtuous, prudent. 2. ADEQUATE sufficient, passable, tolerable, enough, satisfactory, ample, standard, reasonable. 3. KIND generous, obliging, thoughtful, gracious, accommodating. *ANT.* 1. *improper, inappropriate.* 2. *inadequate, insufficient, poor.* 3. *selfish, coldhearted, inconsiderate.*
- deception** *n.* lie, fraud, trick, chicanery, deceit, hoax, sham, subterfuge, artifice, treachery, ruse, imposture, sleight of hand, con.
- deceptive** *a.* dishonest, misleading, fraudulent, tricky, deceitful, treacherous, bogus, spurious, fallacious, shift. *ANT.* *honest, truthful, straightforward.*
- decide** *v.* settle, determine, choose, opt, judge, commit oneself, elect, guess, rule, make up one's mind, \*fish or cut bait, resolve. *ANT.* *vacillate, waver, \*ride the fence, hem and haw, waffle.*
- decided** *a.* definite, certain, absolute, unequivocal, clear, express, sure, unmistakable, settled, undeniable, positive, emphatic. *ANT.* *dubious, doubtful, uncertain.*
- decimate** *v.* slaughter, massacre, destroy, obliterate, wipe out, annihilate.
- decipher** *v.* figure out, read, decode, make out, solve, interpret, work out, understand, crack, unravel, puzzle out.
- decision** *n.* 1. SETTLING determination, choice, judgment, election, guess, conclusion, resolution, preference, \*roll of the dice. 2. VERDICT judgment, ruling, finding, decree, sentence. *ANT.* *vacillation, wavering, waffling, indecision.*
- decisive** *a.* conclusive, certain, firm, absolute, unqualified, unmistakable, convincing, undeniable, final, clinching, crucial, critical. *ANT.* *inconclusive, questionable, inconsequential.*
- deck** *v.* outfit, adorn, decorate, clothe, trim, ornament, festoon, array, embellish, beautify.
- declassify** *v.* open, publicize.
- declaration** *n.* statement, assertion, announcement, communication, utterance, affirmation, proclamation, attestation, testimony.
- declare** *v.* state, assert, announce, communicate, utter, affirm, proclaim, attest, testify, profess, avow.
- decline** *v.* 1. REFUSE turn down, reject, forgo, spurn, pass on, demur, \*turn thumbs down. 2. WANE degenerate, deteriorate, lessen, weaken, diminish, ebb, peter out, die out, slump, decay, sink, backslide. 3. SLOPE slant, incline, pitch. *ANT.* 1. *accept, take.* 2. *grow, wax, rise.*
- decode** *v.* decipher, translate, solve, interpret, figure out, work out, puzzle out, decrypt, read, employ cryptography. *ANT.* *encrypt.*
- decommission** *v.* withdraw, \*mothball, deactivate, retire, drydock.
- decompose** *v.* rot, putrefy, biodegrade. SEE DECAY
- decontaminate** *v.* clean, purify, sterilize, disinfect, autoclave, sanitize, wash, purge, flush, distill.
- decor** *n.* decoration, scheme, style, layout, design, embellishment, furnishings.
- decorate** *v.* adorn, ornament, beautify, embellish, festoon, dress, trim, deck, garnish, \*do up, \*jazz up.
- decoration** *n.* 1. ADORNMENT ornament, embellishment, festoon, dressing, trim, garnish, frill, embroidery. 2. MEDAL award, honor, citation, emblem, badge, purple heart, ribbon.
- decorative** *a.* ornamental, beautifying, embellishing, \*dressy, garnishing. *ANT.* *plain.*
- decorous** *a.* proper, appropriate, fitting, mannerly, conventional, correct, refined, dignified, *comme il faut*, suitable, civilized. *ANT.* *misbehaving, rowdy, improper.*
- DECORUM** *n.* [di KOR um] proper manners, propriety. *The children were told to behave with decorum.* SYN. propriety, respectability, conformity, civility, etiquette, good manners, good taste, dignity, grace, protocol. *ANT.* *bad manners, impropriety, incivility.*
- decoy** *n.* lure, bait, enticement, \*plant, \*shell, magnet, seduction, pitfall, phony, trap, fake, facade.

**decrease** *n.* lessening, lowering, shrinkage, reduction, decline, weakening, lightening, contraction, depreciation, drop. *ANT.* *increase, growth, expansion.*

**decrease** *v.* lessen, diminish, lower, shrink, reduce, decline, weaken, lighten, contract, depreciate, dwindle, plummet, drop, sink. *ANT.* *increase, grow, expand, burgeon.*

**decree** *n.* order, act, mandate, command, ruling, edict, ordinance, injunction, fiat, statute, command, dictum.

**decree** *v.* order, mandate, command, rule, ordain, enact, proclaim, dictate, prescribe, require.

**decrepit** *a.* broken down, weakened, deteriorated, old, worn, dilapidated, antiquated, rickety, withered, enfeebled. *ANT.* *strong, robust, powerful.*

**decriminalize** *v.* legalize, legitimize, sanction.

**decry** *v.* disparage, belittle, deflate, detract, deprecate, criticize, \*slam, rap, condemn, censure, denounce. *ANT.* *praise, compliment.*

**dedicated** *a.* committed, devoted, determined, wholehearted, staunch, goal-oriented. *ANT.* *disloyal, indifferent, halfhearted.*

**dedication** *n.* commitment, devotion, determination, wholeheartedness, single-mindedness, earnestness, resolve, tenacity, goal-orientation.

**deduce** *v.* infer, gather, figure, conclude, reason, assume, judge, presume, \*have a hunch, reckon, surmise.

**deduct** *v.* subtract, take off, decrease, remove, withdraw, reduce, cut, write off. *ANT.* *add, increase.*

**deduction** *n.* 1. INFERENCE conclusion, line of reasoning, assumption, judgment, presumption, hunch, reckoning, finding, understanding. 2. WRITE-OFF expense, subtraction, exemption, allowance, discount, reduction.

**deed** *n.* ACT feat, exploit, enterprise, work, achievement, accomplishment, turn, stunt. "Something attempted, something done."—Longfellow. 2. CONTRACT legal document, conveyance, proof of ownership, certificate, title.

**deem** *v.* judge, consider, believe, think, hold, suppose, daresay, regard, understand, imagine, fancy.

**deep** *a.* 1. OF GREAT DEPTH far-reaching, bottomless, cavernous, low, abysmal, unfathomable, immeasurable, subterranean. 2. PROFOUND abstruse, mysterious, unfathomable, philosophical, complicated, abstract, arcane, intense. 3. ENGROSSED absorbed, preoccupied, wrapped up, concentrated, immersed, lost. 4. STRONG intense, dark, rich, heavy,

full, powerful. 5. BASS low, guttural, booming, rumbling, resonant. *ANT.* 1. *shallow, superficial.* 2. *trivial, simple, shallow.* 3. *distracted.* 4. *light, weak, diluted.* 5. *high, shrill.*

**deep-seated** *a.* deep-rooted, ingrained, \*dyed in the wool, inherent. *ANT.* *learned, acquired, extrinsic.*

**deer** *n.* ruminant, whitetail, elk, caribou, buck, doe, roe, quadruped.

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#### WORD FIND

**bellowing cry:** bell

**branch of antler:** point

**feeding area:** yard

**female:** doe, hind

**like a:** cervine

**male adult:** stag, buck, hart

**meat:** venison

**odiferous secretion:** musk

**pair of antlers:** rack

**sexual period:** rut

**soft covering of antler:** velvet

**tail:** flag

**track or trail of:** slot

**young:** fawn

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**deface** *v.* mar, deform, sully, blemish, disfigure, spoil, damage, soil, mutilate, vandalize, scratch.

**de facto** *a.* actual, real, in fact, in reality.

**defamation** *n.* slander, denigration, smear, slur, mud-slinging, blot, innuendo, libel, disparagement, character assassination, calumny.

**defamatory** *a.* slanderous, libelous, denigrating, derogatory, disparaging, scandalous, insulting, calumnious, smearing, injurious. *ANT.* *flattering, complimentary, honoring.*

**DEFAME** *v.* [di FAME] to put down, especially in a libelous or slanderous way. *He proceeded to defame every politician in office.* *SYN.* slander, libel, smear, put down, mud-sling, blacken, scandalize, malign, disgrace, disparage, insult, smirch, denigrate. *ANT.* *flatter, compliment, honor.*

**defang** *v.* \*take the teeth out of, \*take the bite out of, emasculate, weaken, undermine, castrate, defuse, disarm.

**default** *v.* shirk, \*welsh, fail, \*stiff, \*skip out, \*run out on, dodge. *ANT.* *pay in full, satisfy.*

**defeat** *n.* loss, beating, rout, slaughter, debacle, blow, whipping, thrashing, \*skunking, humiliation, knockout, licking, \*Waterloo, reversal, \*drubbing, fall, upset, downfall. *ANT.* *win, victory, triumph.*

- defeat** *v.* vanquish, beat, conquer, subdue, win over, overthrow, best, lick, whip, rout, slaughter, unseat, trounce, \*smoke, prevail over, triumph over, \*shellac, \*skunk, \*mop the floor with, humiliate, prostrate, dominate, eclipse, overshadow, tower over, \*take the wind out of one's sails. *ANT.* *lose, knuckle under, concede.*
- defeatism** *n.* resignation, passive acceptance, giving up, pessimism.
- defect** *n.* imperfection, flaw, failing, mistake, deficiency, drawback, \*bug, irregularity, error, shortcoming, weakness, chink. *ANT.* *strength.*
- defect** *v.* leave, desert, change allegiance, turn traitor, abandon, renounce, reject, forsake. *ANT.* *embrace, uphold, remain.*
- defective** *a.* imperfect, flawed, irregular, deficient, faulty, lacking, marred, unsound, inoperative, \*out of commission. *ANT.* *perfect, sound, intact.*
- defend** *v.* 1. PROTECT fight for, guard, fend off, withstand, hold at bay, shield, secure, ward off, preserve. 2. SUPPORT advocate, back, uphold, stick up for, stand behind, \*go to bat for, plead, justify. *ANT.* *offend, attack, let down one's guard.*
- defendant** *n.* accused, suspect, prisoner, party, litigant.
- defense** *n.* 1. PROTECTION guard, shield, fortification, shelter, screen, bulwark, stronghold, armament. 2. JUSTIFICATION explanation, excuse, stand, argument, plea, story, apology, support. *ANT.* 1. *offense, aggression.*
- defenseless** *a.* powerless, vulnerable, unprotected, unguarded, unarmed, helpless, weak, impotent, exposed, open to attack. *ANT.* *guarded, fortified, defended.*
- defer** *v.* 1. DELAY postpone, put off, hold off, suspend, \*put on the back burner, procrastinate, stall, table. 2. COMPLY submit, yield, acquiesce, accede, capitulate, give in, assent, agree. *ANT.* 1. *expedite, rush.* 2. *disagree, stand one's ground.*
- DEFERENCE** *n.* [DEF ur uns] yielding to another's will, usually out of respect or courtesy. *In deference to her mother's wishes, the teenager was home by midnight.* *SYN.* submission, regard, consideration, respect, thoughtfulness, yielding, compliance, courtesy, obeisance. *ANT.* *opposition, rebellion, disrespect.*
- deferential** *a.* respectful, submissive, compliant, courteous, considerate, obedient, obeisant, acquiescent, regardful, reverential. *ANT.* *disrespectful, disobedient, rude.*
- defiance** *n.* rebellion, disobedience, resistance, opposition, challenge, insolence, revolt, \*throwing down the gauntlet, disregard, contempt. *ANT.* *conformance, acquiescence, deference.*
- defiant** *a.* rebellious, disobedient, resistant, opposing, challenging, insolent, revolting, \*throwing down the gauntlet, fractious, unruly. *ANT.* *conforming, obedient, acquiescent.*
- deficiency** *n.* imperfection, lack, shortcoming, insufficiency, inadequacy, failing, flaw, defect, weakness, drawback. *ANT.* *sufficiency, adequacy, perfection.*
- deficient** *a.* imperfect, lacking, insufficient, inadequate, failing, flawed, defective, weak, substandard, wanting, \*below par, incomplete, faulty. *ANT.* *sufficient, flawless, perfect.*
- deficit** *n.* shortage, shortfall, lack, loss, red ink.
- defile** *v.* dirty, befoul, tarnish, pollute, taint, sully, corrupt, smear, besmirch, soil, contaminate, degrade. *ANT.* *purify, cleanse.*
- define** *v.* explain, spell out, describe, outline, delineate, map out, detail, characterize, label, illustrate, construe.
- definite** *a.* 1. CERTAIN positive, sure, absolute, fixed, assured, guaranteed, settled, decided. 2. EXACT clear, unambiguous, explicit, specific, precise, unmistakable, express, concrete. *ANT.* 1. *uncertain, iffy, indefinite.* 2. *unclear, ambiguous, vague.*
- definitely** *adv.* absolutely, positively, surely, certainly, doubtless, without question, indubitably, categorically, \*no ifs, ands, or buts. *ANT.* *maybe, possibly, uncertainly.*
- definition** *n.* meaning, elucidation, explanation, characterization, description. "The enclosing of a wilderness of ideas within a wall of words."—Samuel Butler.
- DEFINITIVE** *a.* [di FIN uh tiv] defining absolutely, conclusive. *The definitive Hall of Famer is Babe Ruth.* *SYN.* absolute, precise, actual, decisive, thorough, consummate, conclusive, complete, exact, clear-cut, perfect. *ANT.* *questionable, debatable, inexact.*
- deflate** *v.* 1. COLLAPSE contract, deplete, shrink, empty, exhaust, flatten, puncture. 2. HUMBLE \*take the wind out of one's sails, put down, \*take down a peg, humiliate, \*puncture one's aura of invincibility, mortify. *ANT.* 1. *inflate, fill, swell.* 2. *puff up, hearten, flatter.*
- deflect** *v.* turn aside, swerve, bounce off, diverge, divert, veer, twist, hook, ricochet, deviate.
- deforestation** *n.* clearcutting, denuding, desertification.
- deformed** *a.* misshapen, malformed, disfigured, grotesque, distorted, misproportioned, bent

out of shape, twisted, warped, contorted, unnatural, hunchbacked, gnarled. *ANT. well-formed, flawless.*

**deformity** *n.* malformation, disfigurement, distortion, contortion, abnormality, birth defect, hunchback, club foot, hump, harelip.

**defraud** *v.* cheat, swindle, dupe, \*rip off, fleece, bamboozle, bilk, rook, \*con, take for a ride, \*sucker.

**defray** *v.* cover cost, pay.

**defrost** *v.* thaw, warm, de-ice.

**DEFT** *a.* [DEFT] skillful. The deft carpenter made a built-in cabinet for my bathroom. *SYN.* dexterous, handy, adroit, adept, clever, proficient, \*crackerjack, ingenious, facile. *ANT. unskilled, inept, bumbling.*

**DEFUNCT** *a.* [di FUNGKT] no longer in existence. *The company that made horse-drawn carriages is defunct.* *SYN.* nonexistent, dead, extinct, deceased, obsolete, no more, gone, bygone, \*kaput, out of business. *ANT. existing, thriving, living, operating.*

**defuse** *v.* disarm, take the teeth out of, mollify, calm, quiet, defang.

**defy** *v.* rebel, resist, challenge, flout, disregard, oppose, brave, frustrate, ignore, fly in the face of, dare, \*thumb one's nose at. *ANT. obey, comply, acquiesce.*

**degenerate** *n.* deviant, pervert, wretch, \*pig, deviate, \*lowlife, fiend, psychopath, \*psycho, \*sleazebag.

**degenerate** *v.* deteriorate, degrade, rot, decay, fail, sink, regress, decline, fall, backslide, slip, \*go to the dogs.

**degenerate** *a.* deteriorated, degraded, debauched, dissolute, corrupt, debased, decadent, failing, sinking, regressive. *ANT. upright, honorable.*

**degrade** *v.* lower, debase, corrupt, diminish, demean, abase, humiliate, disgrace, shame, dishonor, downgrade, discredit. *ANT. honor, put on a pedestal, worship.*

**degrading** *a.* debasing, lowering, corrupting, diminishing, downgrading, humiliating, disgraceful, shameful, cheapening, demeaning. *ANT. uplifting, honorable, dignifying.*

**degree** *n.* 1. STEP notch, grade, point, rung, tier, stage, rank, peg. 2. LEVEL intensity, extent, magnitude, capacity. 3. ACADEMIC TITLE diploma, certificate, sheepskin, credentials, shingle, testimonial. SEE COLLEGE, EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY

**WORD FIND**

**approved to confer degrees:** accredited

**B.A.:** Bachelor of Arts

**baccalaureate:** bachelor's degree

**bachelor's:** undergraduate degree

**between bachelor's and doctorate:** master's degree

**B.S.:** Bachelor of Science

**ceremonies surrounding handing out of:** commencement

**C.E.:** Civil Engineer

**D.D.S.:** Doctor of Dental Science

**D.Th.:** Doctor of Theology

**graduating with great honor or praise:** magna cum laude

**graduating with highest praise:** summa cum laude

**graduating with honors:** cum laude

**highest degree:** doctorate, Ph.D.

**LL.D.:** Doctor of Laws

**M.A.:** Master of Arts

**M.B.A.:** Master of Business Administration

**master's and doctorate:** postgraduate degree

**M.D.:** Doctor of Medicine

**Ph.D.:** Doctor of Philosophy

**recognition of achievement, not schooling:** honorary degree

**Sc.D.:** Doctor of Science

**S.J.D.:** Doctor of Judicial Science

**dehydrate** *v.* dry, desiccate.

**deify** *v.* worship, revere, exalt, put on a pedestal, idealize, idolize, lionize, elevate.

**deign** *v.* deem worthy, see fit, stoop, condescend.

**deity** *n.* god, goddess, supreme being, idol. SEE GOD

**déjà vu** *n.* familiarity, past-life experience, recognition, acquaintance, knowledge, \*past life echo, memory, recall, remembrance.

**dejected** *a.* depressed, disheartened, saddened, low, dispirited, \*bummed, melancholy, downhearted, heavyhearted, blue, disconsolate, \*down in the mouth. *ANT. cheerful, happy, euphoric.*

**delay** *n.* postponement, deferment, detention, stall, hindrance, impediment, procrastination, suspension, prolongation, hold, stop. *ANT. rush.*

**delay** *v.* postpone, put off, defer, detain, stall, hinder, impede, procrastinate, suspend, prolong, hold, stop, wait. *ANT. expedite, rush, hurry.*

**delectable** *a.* delightful, pleasing, pleasurable, enjoyable, satisfying, delicious, tasty, \*scrumptious, heavenly, luscious, savory, ambrosial, toothsome. *ANT. disgusting, nauseating.*

**delegate** *n.* representative, deputy, spokesperson, agent, appointee, proxy, envoy, intermediary.

**delegate** *v.* appoint, commission, deputize, authorize, charge, commission, empower, nominate, assign, give.

**delete** *v.* strike out, omit, cancel, erase, scratch, remove, eliminate, exclude, expunge, drop. *ANT.* include, insert, add.

**DELETERIOUS** *a.* [DEL i TEER ee us] harmful, destructive. *Rock salt is deleterious to a car's paint.* *SYN.* harmful, injurious, hurtful, pernicious, bad, noxious, detrimental, destructive, damaging, malignant. *ANT.* beneficial, helpful, advantageous.

**deliberate** *v.* think about, reflect, ponder, consider, weigh, muse, cogitate, turn over, ruminate, mull, contemplate.

**deliberate** *a.* intentional, willful, designed, on purpose, premeditated, meant, calculated, planned, conscious, knowing. *ANT.* accidental, unintentional, rash, impulsive.

**deliberation** *n.* thought, contemplation, consideration, circumspection, study, debate, reflection, forethought, pondering, weighing. *ANT.* thoughtlessness, carelessness, impulsiveness.

**delicatessan** *n.* deli, shop, \*takeout.

**delicacy** *n.* 1. FRAILTY OR FINENESS fragility, tenderness, lightness, daintiness, airiness, exquisiteness. 2. GOURMET FOOD tidbit, dainty, appetizer, morsel, goody, rarity, treat, bonne bouche, caviar. 3. SENSITIVITY consideration, tact, grace, subtlety, finesse, diplomacy. *ANT.* 1. toughness, durability, sturdiness. 3. insensitivity, thoughtlessness, roughness.

**delicate** *a.* 1. FRAIL fragile, fine, tender, light, dainty, airy, exquisite, diaphanous, slight. 2. SENSITIVE considerate, tactful, graceful, subtle, diplomatic, discreet, careful. 3. DIFFICULT \*sticky, \*ticklish, precarious, critical, sensitive, tenuous. *ANT.* 1. tough, durable, sturdy. 2. insensitive, inconsiderate, rude.

**delicious** *a.* tasty, delightful, \*lip-smacking good, appetizing, delectable, luscious, scrumptious, ambrosial, mouth-watering, heavenly, \*fit for a king, \*yummy, toothsome. *ANT.* nauseating, gross, unappetizing.

**delight** *n.* pleasure, joy, happiness, gratification, enjoyment, thrill, glee, felicity. *ANT.* misery, disgust.

**delight** *v.* please, make happy, gratify, thrill, gladden, charm, \*tickle, enchant, fill with joy, cheer. *ANT.* depress, \*piss off, anger.

**delightful** *a.* pleasing, gratifying, thrilling, gladdening, charming, joyful, enjoyable, happy, agreeable, delectable, thrilling, enchanting. *ANT.* miserable, depressing, unpleasant.

**delineate** *v.* 1. OUTLINE sketch, draft, draw, diagram, rough out. 2. PORTRAY depict, describe, define, characterize, limn, detail.

**delinquency** *n.* offense, misdeed, wrongdoing, infraction, transgression, violation, misconduct, dereliction, negligence. *SEE* LAW, COURT

**delinquent** *n.* criminal, lawbreaker, outlaw, malefactor, offender, miscreant, culprit, scamp, rascal, \*hood.

**delinquent** *a.* lawbreaking, criminal, irresponsible, derelict, remiss, neglectful, faulty, slack, negligent. *ANT.* responsible, trustworthy, law-abiding.

**delirious** *a.* confused, incoherent, disordered, muddled, hallucinating, irrational, raving, \*out of it, bewildered, deranged, babbling. *ANT.* rational, lucid, clearheaded.

**delirium** *n.* confusion, incoherence, bewilderment, hallucinations, ranting and raving, derangement, temporary insanity, muddled mind, delirium tremens.

**deliver** *v.* 1. TRANSFER carry, convey, transport, bring, send, transmit, forward, surrender. 2. FREE liberate, save, rescue, emancipate, release. 3. THROW send, discharge, pitch, shoot, toss, launch, fire. *ANT.* 2. enslave, shackle.

**deliverance** *n.* rescue, emancipation, liberation, freeing, saving, salvation, release.

**delivery** *n.* transfer, transport, transmittal, transmission, forwarding, consignment, distribution, shipment.

**delivery room** *n.* birthing room.

**dell** *n.* vale. *SEE* VALLEY

**delta** *n.* deposit, accumulation, sediment, formation, mass, heap, pile, build-up, wash.

**DELUDE** *v.* [du LOD] to deceive or fool. *She liked to delude herself into thinking she could sing for a living.* *SYN.* deceive, mislead, fool, \*lead down the garden path, \*hoodwink, dupe, misrepresent, beguile, \*sucker, brain-wash, kid.

**deluge** *n.* flood, inundation, torrent, downpour, cloudburst, spate, cataract, ocean, sea, \*rain of biblical proportion, avalanche.

**deluge** *v.* flood, inundate, drench, drown, swamp, flush, overflow, submerge, immerse, overwhelm, overrun, engulf, \*snow under.

**DELUSION** *n.* [di LOO zshun] a belief that is unsupported by the facts. *Mary was suffering from the delusion that Mike was in love with her.* *SYN.* fancy, illusion, mirage, vision, self-deception, misconception, fantasy, \*pipe dream, \*fool's paradise, figment of the imagination, paranoia, megalomania, delusions of

grandeur, folie à deux. SEE INSANITY, NEUROSIS, PSYCHOTHERAPY

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**WORD FIND**

**broadcast to the nation, belief that one's life is being:** Truman syndrome  
**defective or deformed body part, false belief that one has a:** body dysmorphic disorder  
**imposter, false belief that one has been replaced by an:** Capgras syndrome  
**stand or walk, false belief that one is unable to:** astasia  
**thoughts have been planted in one's mind by another, belief that:** thought insertion  
**thoughts heard by others, belief that one's:** thought broadcasting

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**deluxe** *a.* superior, luxurious, first-rate, first-class, select, sumptuous, choice, elegant, grand, rich, elite, \*posh. *ANT.* cheap, \*cut-rate, run of the mill.

**delve** *v.* search, dig, unearth, investigate, explore, fish around for.

**DEMAGOGUE** *n.* [DEM uh GAWG] a leader who panders to the emotions of the masses in order to win them over. *He knew how to push the voters' buttons; he was a rabble-rouser and a demagogue.* *SYN.* rabble-rouser, \*grandstander, agitator, inciter, opportunist, troublemaker, instigator, \*firebrand, mountebank. "[One who] appeals to passions and prejudices rather than to reason."—James Fenimore Cooper. "One who tells you what you want to hear. A statesman tells you what you need to hear."—Max Rafferty.

**demand** *n.* requirement, bid, call, order, charge, request, command, petition, ultimatum, injunction, appeal.

**demand** *v.* order, insist on, press, ask, bid, compel, requisition, exact, command, necessitate, require, urge, summon, implore.

**demanding** *a.* laborious, consuming, time-consuming, hard, back-breaking, difficult, painstaking, arduous, rough, burdensome. *ANT.* easy, effortless.

**demean** *v.* lower, debase, humble, degrade, depreciate, \*take down a peg, disgrace, humiliate, demote, shame. *ANT.* elevate, \*put on a pedestal, idolize, honor.

**demeanor** *n.* behavior, manner, deportment, conduct, comportment, bearing, disposition, attitude, air, actions.

**demented** *a.* insane, crazy, psychotic, deranged, maniacal, unstable, \*flipped out, hysterical,

mad, schizophrenic, irrational, \*nuts. *ANT.* sane, rational, stable. SEE CRAZY, NEUROTIC

**demise** *n.* death, passing, end, expiration, downfall, termination, \*lights out, fall. *ANT.* birth, beginning. SEE DEATH

**dementia** *n.* senility, Alzheimer's Disease, compromised intellect, failing intellect, failing cognitive abilities, mental disturbance, mental deterioration, insanity, madness, psychosis.

**DEMOCRACY** *n.* [de MOK ru see] a government by and for the people. Also, a system of equal opportunity for all. *A democracy attempts to assure fair treatment for all.* *SYN.* government by and for the people, republic, representative government, constitutional government, commonwealth. "Government by amateurs."—Maxwell Anderson. "Gives every man the right to be his own oppressor."—James Lowell. "... mob rule."—Polybius. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

**DEMOCRATIC** *a.* [dem uh KRAT ik] representing the common people, especially with issues of equality. *A democratic government is a fair and just government.* *SYN.* equal, common, populist, popular, self-governing, constitutional, egalitarian, libertarian, representative, of and for the people, tolerant, fair-minded. *ANT.* dictatorial, authoritarian, despotic, autocratic, intolerant.

**demography** *n.* population studies, census-taking, consumer studies.

**demolish** *v.* destroy, wreck, raze, level, annihilate, ruin, \*trash, obliterate, tear down, fell, wipe out, smash. *ANT.* build, create.

**demolition** *n.* destruction, wreckage, razing, leveling, \*trashing, annihilation, obliteration, smashing, tearing down.

**demon** *n.* devil, fiend, satan, imp, monster, ogre, savage, evil spirit, ghoul, goblin, puck, supernatural being, \*fallen angel. SEE MONSTER

**demonic** *a.* demoniac, fiendish, possessed, hellish, frenzied, bedeviled, bewitched, devilish, diabolical, satanic, monstrous. *ANT.* angelic, saintly.

**demonize** *v.* blacken.

**demonstrate** *v.* 1. SHOW illustrate, exhibit, explain, describe, \*walk one through, set forth. 2. MAKE EVIDENT prove, establish, substantiate, corroborate, evince, authenticate, validate, verify, document. 3. PROTEST picket, rally, strike, march, parade.

**demonstration** *n.* 1. SHOW illustration, exhibition, explanation, description, \*walk through, presentation. 2. EVIDENCE proof,

- substantiation, corroboration, authentication, validation, verification, documentation.
3. PROTEST picketing, rally, strike, march, parade, \*sit-in.
- demonstrative** *a.* affectionate, \*touchy-feely, expressive, outpouring, emotional, gushing, expansive, warm, unrestrained, open. *ANT.* reserved, restrained, distant, cold, uptight.
- demonstrator** *n.* protester, striker, objector, conscientious objector, marcher, dissenter, voice of dissent, boycotter, malcontent, rioter.
- DEMORALIZE** *v.* [di MOR uh lize] to sap one's morale or confidence. *It will utterly demoralize the team if they suffer one more loss.* *SYN.* deflate, dishearten, discourage, sap, \*take the wind out of one's sails, \*take the fight out of, \*take the starch out of, crush, undermine, shake one's confidence, dispirit. *ANT.* encourage, hearten, puff up.
- demote** *v.* lower, degrade, downgrade, \*bust, \*bench.
- demur** *v.* object, take exception, disagree, dissent, protest, remonstrate, refute. *ANT.* agree, concur, acquiesce.
- DEMURE** *a.* [di MYOOR] quiet, reserved, or shy. Also, affecting shyness. *She was demure in church but boisterous among friends.* *SYN.* quiet, reserved, sedate, shy, low-keyed, modest, coy, bashful, blushing, unassuming, self-effacing, timid, retiring. *ANT.* loudmouthed, bold, brash, aggressive.
- demystify** *v.* clarify, clear up, explain, make plain.
- den** *n.* 1. LAIR hole, cave, burrow, diggings, tunnel, retreat, nest. 2. STUDY library, sanctuary, cloister, retreat.
- denial** *n.* rejection, refusal, dismissal, negation, veto, no, turndown, refutation, repudiation, prohibition, declination, contradiction, disallowance. *ANT.* acceptance, affirmation, approval.
- denigrate** *v.* belittle, defame, calumniate, \*bad-mouth, vilify, malign, put down, slander, assail, criticize, \*give a black eye. *ANT.* honor, flatter, compliment.
- DENIZEN** *n.* [DEN i zun] an inhabitant. *The denizens of Alaska know how to stay warm.* *SYN.* inhabitant, resident, native, dweller, citizen, occupant.
- denomination** *n.* 1. NAME designation, title, appellation, label, moniker, \*handle, class, group, classification, category, type, heading. 2. SECT faith, church, school, persuasion, affiliation.
- denote** *v.* mean, designate, signify, indicate, symbolize, tag, represent, connote, stand for, suggest.
- denouement** *n.* resolution, end, close.
- denounce** *v.* condemn, censure, criticize, attack, proscribe, disparage, impugn, castigate, decry, vilify, damn, stigmatize. *ANT.* honor, praise, laud.
- dense** *a.* 1. THICK compressed, compact, solid, firm, tight, concentrated, crowded, packed, impenetrable. 2. STUPID dumb, bovine, dull, \*lamebrained, \*brain-drained, \*slow on the uptake, thick, \*dense as a post. *ANT.* 1. porous, sparse, thin. 2. smart, sharp, quick. SEE MORONIC, STUPID
- density** *n.* thickness, solidity, mass, volume, porosity, impenetrability.
- dent** *n.* indentation, hollow, concavity, dint, \*ding, dimple, depression, furrow, notch, scratch.
- dentures** *n.* false teeth, \*choppers, partial.
- denude** *v.* expose, lay bare. SEE STRIP
- denunciation** *n.* condemnation, censure, criticism, fulmination, disapproval, castigation, indictment, vilification, reprobration, harangue. *ANT.* praise, compliment, advocacy.
- deny** *v.* 1. REFUSE turn down, reject, veto, say no, turn thumbs down, prohibit, disallow. 2. CONTROVERT dispute, gainsay, contradict, disclaim, forswear, refute, repudiate. *ANT.* 1. allow, \*give the green light, okay, pass. 2. concede, affirm.
- deodorant** *n.* antiperspirant, \*roll on, \*b.o. stick, body spray, deodorizer.
- depart** *v.* 1. LEAVE go, set out, be off, run along, \*hit the road, \*split, exit, embark, \*shove off, \*scram, \*beat it, pull out, evacuate. 2. DIVERGE digress, deviate, veer, stray, wander, swerve. *ANT.* 1. come, arrive. 2. \*stay on the straight and narrow, abide.
- departed** *a.* gone, passed, bygone, dead, deceased, former. *ANT.* present, living.
- department** *n.* division, section, office, branch, unit, subdivision, bureau, sector, district, precinct.
- department store** *n.* retail store, mart, emporium. SEE STORE
- departure** *n.* 1. LEAVING going, setting out, running along, exit, leavetaking, withdrawal, exodus, embarkation, parting, adieu, withdrawal. 2. DIVERGENCE digression, deviation, veering, straying, wandering. *ANT.* 1. coming, arrival.
- depend** *v.* 1. RELY ON bank on, trust, count, bet on, \*pin one's faith on, turn to. 2. BE DETERMINED

- by hinge on, be subject to, hang on, be contingent on.
- dependable** *a.* reliable, bankable, trustworthy, steady, unflinching, responsible, tried-and-true, \*good as one's word, loyal, staunch, steadfast. *ANT.* *unreliable, irresponsible.*
- dependence** *n.* reliance, faith, confidence, belief, stock, trust, expectation, need, addiction, dependency.
- dependent** *a.* 1. RELIANT helpless, defenseless, vulnerable, clinging, \*tied to mother's apron strings, needful, addicted. 2. DETERMINED BY hinging on, subject to, hanging on, contingent on. *ANT.* 1. *autonomous, self-reliant, independent.*
- depict** *v.* describe, portray, detail, outline, sketch, characterize, limn, represent, paint, show, delineate, narrate, tell.
- deplete** *v.* use up, exhaust, run out, consume, empty, drain, spend, bleed, bankrupt, finish, expend. *ANT.* *restock, replenish, fill.*
- DEPLORABLE** *a.* [di PLOR uh bul] bad, wretched, or grievous. *The boy's bedroom was in a deplorable state.* *SYN.* bad, wretched, grievous, disgraceful, shameful, abominable, lamentable, despicable, pitiable, reprehensible, depressing, scandalous. *ANT.* *agreeable, pleasing, acceptable.*
- deplore** *v.* 1. EXPRESS OR FEEL SORROW lament, grieve, weep, mourn, sorrow, bemoan, rue, bewail. 2. DISAPPROVE OF CENSURE, condemn, criticize, abhor, hate, object to, reject, decry.
- deploy** *v.* spread, distribute, station, position, spread out, arrange, use, utilize.
- deport** *v.* expel, banish, exile, extradite, cast out, expatriate, \*kick out, \*give the boot, ostracize.
- deportment** *n.* behavior, conduct, carriage, demeanor, actions, manner, mien, bearing, air, posture.
- DEPOSE** *v.* [di POZ] to remove from a position of power. *They are planning to have the president deposed.* *SYN.* remove, oust, \*kick out, dismiss, impeach, unseat, \*unhorse, eject, \*can, drum out, dethrone, overthrow, \*send packing, \*ride out on a rail. *ANT.* *install, seat, empower.*
- deposit** *n.* installment, down payment, security, pledge, warranty, collateral.
- deposition** *n.* testimony, written statement, sworn statement, affidavit.
- depot** *n.* 1. STATION terminal. 2. WAREHOUSE storehouse, repository, station, armory, magazine, storage installation.
- depraved** *a.* corrupt, debased, immoral, wicked, bad, perverted, vile, shameless, \*dirty, warped, evil, low, lecherous, sinful, nasty, iniquitous, debauched. *ANT.* *virtuous, chaste, moral, clean-living.*
- depravity** *n.* corruption, wickedness, perversion, immorality, vileness, shamelessness, evil, lechery, sin, nastiness, debauchery, debasement, vice, degeneracy. *ANT.* *virtue, morality, clean-living, holiness.*
- DEPRECATE** *v.* [DEP ruh KATE] to express one's disapproval toward; to speak out against. *The radio host liked to deprecate environmental extremists.* *SYN.* put down, belittle, condemn, \*slam, disparage, mudsling, disapprove, frown on, reproach, censure, rail against. *ANT.* *approve of, praise, extol, laud.*
- depreciate** *v.* 1. LOSE VALUE cheapen, downgrade, drop, deflate, diminish, shrink, soften, depress, devalue, decay, wane, fall, ebb. 2. BELITTLE diminish, put down, disparage, denigrate, deprecate, ridicule, underestimate, minimize, find fault, slight. *ANT.* 1. *appreciate, increase, grow, boom.* 2. *value, esteem, appreciate.*
- depreciation** *n.* devaluation, downgrade, drop, fall, deflation, shrinkage, depression, \*bear market, decay, waning, slump, loss, reduction.
- depress** *v.* 1. SADDEN dishearten, distress, \*bum out, burden, deject, lower spirits, discourage, \*suck the wind from one's sails, dispirit, weigh down, demoralize, weary, enervate. 2. DEVALUE cheapen, degrade, diminish, weaken, depreciate, lower, lessen. 3. PUSH DOWN press down, level, lower, step on. *ANT.* 1. *cheer, hearten, buoy.* 2. *appreciate, heighten.* 3. *pull.*
- depressant** *n.* drug, \*downer, tranquilizer, sedative, soporific, mood altering medication.
- depressed** *a.* 1. DOWNHEARTED melancholy, \*blue, \*bummed out, \*down in the dumps, disconsolate, dejected, unhappy, low, woe-begone, dispirited, down, sad, glum, suicidal, sullen, \*down in the mouth, in the doldrums, despondent, miserable, heavy-hearted, hopeless, in a black mood, carrying the weight of the world, gloomy, empty. 2. IMPOVERISHED poor, suffering hard times, in a recession. *ANT.* 1. *happy, euphoric, elated.* 2. *booming, prospering.*
- depressing** *a.* disheartening, discouraging, sad, dispiriting, hopeless, dismal, black, gloomy, cheerless, dreary, bleak, disappointing. *ANT.* *uplifting, cheering.*

**depression** *n.* 1. DOWNHEARTEDNESS melancholia, blues, dejection, unhappiness, sadness, doldrums, \*blahs, \*blue funk, sorrow, heavyheartedness, despair, gloom, affective disorder, mood disorder, depressive neurosis, depressive psychosis, manic-depression, malaise, hopelessness, postpartum depression, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), withdrawal. 2. ECONOMIC DECLINE recession, slowdown, downturn. 3. HOLLOW dent, impression, indentation, recess, concavity. *ANT.* 1. *euphoria, happiness, joy, bliss.* 3. *boom, good times.* SEE PSYCHOTHERAPY

#### WORD FIND

**childbirth, following:** postpartum depression

**medication:** antidepressants

**radical treatment:** electroshock therapy

**winter blues treated with light therapy:** seasonal affective disorder (SAD)

**deprivation** *n.* loss, privation, need, want, hardship, withholding, dispossession.

**deprive** *v.* keep from, take away, divest, strip, withhold, deny, shut out, remove, dispossess, cut off, confiscate.

**depth** *n.* 1. LOWNESS deepness, bottom, draft, drop, pitch. 2. PROFOUNDNESS wisdom, insight, perception, astuteness. *ANT.* 1. *height, shallowness.* 2. *shallowness, superficiality.*

**deputy** *n.* assistant, representative, agent, delegate, appointee, aide, surrogate, proxy, substitute, \*second-in-command, emissary, envoy.

**deranged** *a.* irrational, insane, crazy, unstable, \*off the wall, \*nuts, demented, psychotic, berserk, mad, lunatic, \*out of one's mind, \*flipped, \*schizo. *ANT.* *rational, sane, lucid, stable.* SEE CRAZY, NEUROTIC

**derelict** *n.* vagrant, outcast, \*bum, hobo, tramp, beggar, \*néer-do-well, \*good-for-nothing, pariah.

**derelict** *a.* neglectful, delinquent, remiss, irresponsible, lazy, slack, careless, lax, shiftless, laggard. *ANT.* *responsible, conscientious, dutiful.*

**DERIDE** *v.* [di RIDE] to laugh at; ridicule. *Citizens of the nineteenth century would often deride the automobile.* *SYN.* laugh at, ridicule, scoff, jeer, mock, taunt, make fun of, heckle, kid, \*rib, \*razz, \*roast. *ANT.* *take seriously, respect, esteem.*

**DE RIGUEUR** *a.* [de re GUHR] necessary or proper; required by the rules of etiquette. *Hats were de rigueur for the first half of the century.* *SYN.* necessary, called for, fashionable, compulsory, a must, proper, right, cor-

rect, required, fitting, comme il faut. *ANT.* *unnecessary, demode.*

**DERISION** *n.* [duh RI szhun] contemptuous ridicule. *Her radical ideas were met by widespread derision.* *SYN.* ridicule, scoffing, disrespect, \*dig, insult, mockery, sneering, scorn, satire, contempt, jeer, lampoon, laughing-stock, \*Bronx cheer. *ANT.* *respect, esteem.*

**derisive** *a.* ridiculing, sarcastic, disdainful, mocking, taunting, \*smart-alecky, jeering, insulting, \*razzing, disrespectful. *ANT.* *respectful.*

**derivation** *n.* origin, source, root, beginning, inception, wellspring, ancestry.

**derivative** *a.* borrowed, copied, unoriginal, imitative, derived, rehashed, uninventive, secondary, warmed-over, \*lifted. *ANT.* *original, new, inventive.*

**derive** *v.* draw, gain, obtain, extract, get, gather, reap, receive.

**derive from** *vi.* come from, descend, originate, stem from, arise, emanate, spring from.

**DERNIER CRI** *n.* [DAIR nee ay CREE] the latest thing, the last word, hip. *In the 90s, a ponytail worn by a man was dernier cri.* *SYN.* the latest cry, the latest thing, the latest fashion, the last word, the in thing, all the rage, mode, fad, look, in vogue. *ANT.* *out, passé, outmoded.*

**DEROGATORY** *a.* [di ROG uh TOHR ee] disparaging or disapproving. *Her derogatory comments robbed me of my self-esteem.* *SYN.* disparaging, disapproving, belittling, deprecatory, censorious, critical, perjorative, unflattering, detracting, disdainful, contemptuous. *ANT.* *flattering, complimentary, approving.*

**derriere** *n.* seat, backside, rear, \*tush, rump, posterior, bottom haunches, \*fanny, \*ass, \*bum, \*can, \*keister, \*stern. SEE BUTTOCKS

**derring-do** *n.* valor, daring, courage. SEE BRAVERY

**descend** *v.* go down, drop, fall, decline, lower, plunge, plummet, submerge, dip, sink, slope, rappel. *ANT.* *ascend, go up, rise.*

**descendant** *n.* offspring, progeny, child, seed, offshoot, scion, son, daughter, grandchild, heir. *ANT.* *ancestor, forebear, parent.*

**descent** *n.* 1. MOVING DOWN fall, drop, lowering, sinking, tumble, plunge, plummet, dive, decline. 2. SLOPE grade, incline, declivity, gradient, slant. 3. LINEAGE ancestry, forefathers, pedigree, family tree, roots, parentage, genealogy. *ANT.* 1. *ascend, rise.*

**describe** *v.* illustrate, portray, paint a mental picture, show, detail, explain, depict, chronicle, illuminate, relate, sketch, specify, limn.

**description** *n.* portrayal, depiction, detailing, chronicle, sketch, explanation, illumination, specification, characterization, elaboration, report, \*blow by blow, rundown.

**DESECRATE** *v.* [DES uh krate] to abuse or disrespect that which is sacred. *The hoodlums desecrated the shrine by covering it with graffiti.* **SYN.** profane, defile, abuse, violate, commit sacrilege, pervert, dishonor, debase, degrade, blaspheme, contaminate. **ANT.** *worship, honor, consecrate.*

**desegregate** *v.* integrate, open, bring together, give equal access, unite, commingle, combine, unify, join hands, associate.

**desensitize** *v.* numb, anesthetize, deaden, dull, enervate.

**desert** *n.* wasteland, barrens, \*parched Eden, \*Devil's backyard, badlands, flats, dunes, \*desiccated landscape, \*neglected plot in God's garden, no man's land, dustbowl, \*Euclidian plane, \*scorched plain, \*thirsty terrain, wilderness, Sahara, Gobi, Kalahari, Mojave. "The sea-like, pathless, limitless waste."—Longfellow. "An old man in a dry season."—T.S. Eliot. "A wild of sand."—Addison.

**WORD FIND**

**ancient desert mountain reduced to eroded nubbin:** inselberg

**characterized by mesas, gulleys, channels, erosion:** badlands

**dried-up river bed:** arroyo

**dune, crescent-shaped:** barchan

**dune, huge, whalelike:** whaleback

**dune, long or elongated:** seif dune, sword dune

**dune, pyramidlike:** pyramid

**dune, ridged or wavy:** transverse dune

**dune, starlike:** star

**dusty whirlwind of small size and duration:** dust devil

**fertile area, fed by spring:** oasis

**mosaic-like ground of colorful, polished pebbles:** desert pavement, gibber plain, reg

**mountain that is eroded and flattened on top:** mesa, butte

**nomadic Arab:** Bedouin

**optical illusion:** mirage

**pertaining to:** eremic

**plain that becomes temporary lake after rain:** playa

**plants:** barrel cactus, century plant, cereus, cholla, creosote bush, ironwood, Joshua

tree, mesquite, ocotillo, prickly pear cactus, sagebrush, saguaro

**rain that evaporates before hitting ground:** phantom rain

**salty plain left by evaporation of lake:** salt flat

**sandy area of the Sahara:** erg

**semidesert plain:** steppe

**valley that is flat and arid:** bolson

**desert** *v.* abandon, leave behind, forsake, leave, give up, \*walk, \*leave high and dry, strand, quit, maroon, vacate, jilt, defect, renounce, \*bail out, \*leave in the lurch. **ANT.** *remain, stay, stick with.*

**deserted** *a.* empty, abandoned, desolate, solitary, barren, derelict, lonely, uninhabited, \*godforsaken, vacant, forlorn. **ANT.** *crowded, mobbed, inhabited.*

**deserter** *n.* traitor, defector, fugitive, truant, renegade, runaway, refugee, escapee, derelict, turncoat, \*AWOL.

**desertion** *n.* abandonment, flight, defection, turning one's back on, forsaking, \*washing hands of, resignation.

**deserts** *n.* retribution, payback, punishment, reward, comeuppance, revenge, penalty, recompense, due.

**deserve** *v.* earn, merit, be entitled to, due, \*get what is coming, warrant, expect to get, should be given.

**deserving** *a.* meritorious, worthy, due, commendable, laudable, praiseworthy.

**DESHABILLE** *n.* ALSO, DISHABILLE [DAYS ab ee yay] in a state of undress or partial undress; also, in one's night clothes. *She lounged around the breakfast table in deshabille.* **SYN.** undress, partial dress, in a state of sloppiness, informal dress, partially covered.

**desiccate** *v.* dry, dehydrate, drain, deplete, shrivel.

**design** *n.* 1. COMPOSITION draft, arrangement, motif, plan, pattern, scheme, depiction, idea, sketch, outline, conception, blueprint, diagram, model. 2. INTENTION purpose, objective, aim, goal, plan, \*game plan, target, project. 3. SCHEME plot, intrigue, machination, plan.

**design** *v.* 1. COMPOSE draft, arrange, plan, pattern, invent, contrive, create, sketch, outline, conceive, blueprint, diagram, model, \*cook up, fashion. 2. INTEND purpose, aim, plan, aspire to, mean.

**designate** *v.* 1. INDICATE specify, signify, point out, denote, assign, connote, mark, name. 2. NAME entitle, christen, dub, label, denom-

- inate, nickname, baptize. 3. APPOINT elect, name, nominate, choose, select, assign.
- designation** *n.* 1. NAME title, label, appellation, moniker, tag, nickname, honorific. 2. APPOINTMENT delegation, nomination, selection, assignment.
- designing** *a.* conniving, plotting, crafty, conspiring, tricky, scheming, double-dealing, artful, calculating, foxy, Machiavellian. *ANT.* *innocent, artless, open.*
- desirable** *a.* 1. AROUSING DESIRE attractive, seductive, fetching, enticing, alluring, tantalizing, sexy, tempting, \*hot. 2. WORTHWHILE beneficial, good, pleasing, agreeable, preferable, profitable, advantageous. *ANT.* 1. *repulsive, repellant.* 2. *undesirable, worthless, useless.*
- desire** *n.* want, longing, hunger, thirst, need, \*hankering, ache, wish, appetite, passion, lust, libido, fervor, urge, yearning, mania, itch. “The warm beast ... that lies curled up in our loins and stretches itself with a fierce gentleness.”—Albert Camus. “A perpetual rack.”—Robert Burton. *ANT.* *aversion, revulsion.*
- desire** *v.* want, long for, hunger for, thirst after, crave, need, \*hanker for, ache for, covet, wish for, lust after, yearn for.
- desist** *v.* stop, cease, discontinue, refrain, halt, end, conclude, quit, suspend, hold, arrest. *ANT.* *go, continue, persist.*
- desk** *n.* table, workspace, rolltop, ambo, escri-toire, lecturn, secretary, tambour desk.
- desolate** *a.* 1. BARREN abandoned, forsaken, deserted, lonely, uninhabited, isolated, solitary, empty, bleak, remote, \*godforsaken, stark. 2. FORLORN wretched, bereft, abandoned, friendless, forsaken, lonesome, alone, isolated, estranged, despondent, miserable, downhearted. *ANT.* 1. *crowded, inhabited, mobbed.* 2. *happy, cheerful, befriended.*
- despair** *n.* hopelessness, depression, dejection, despondency, desperation, discouragement, melancholy, gloom, resignation, anguish, misery. *ANT.* *hope, euphoria, happiness.*
- despair** *v.* lose hope, to feel defeat, resign, lose faith, lose heart, despond. “An epitome of hell.”—Robert Burton. “The worst poison.”—Heinrich Heine. *ANT.* *hope, look up, think positive.*
- desperado** *n.* outlaw, criminal, thug, bandit, gunman, lawbreaker, highwayman.
- desperate** *a.* 1. RECKLESS careless, dangerous, frantic, headlong, foolhardy, rash, out of control, \*on a crash course, frenzied, death-defying. 2. DESPAIRING hopeless, beyond help, \*at the end of one’s rope, \*back to the wall, incurable, irretrievable, futile, \*sunk, lost, critical, grave. 3. EXTREME critical, grave, serious, crucial, urgent, acute, drastic, compelling. *ANT.* 1. *careful, cautious, prudent, rational.* 2. *hopeful, optimistic.* 3. *trivial, minor, casual.*
- desperation** *n.* 1. DESPAIR hopelessness, futility, despondency, depression, melancholy, dejection, discouragement, gloom. 2. RECKLESSNESS carelessness, frenzy, foolhardiness, rashness, impetuosity, daring, imprudence. *ANT.* 1. *hope, optimism.* 2. *caution, wariness, prudence.*
- despicable** *a.* contemptible, vile, loathsome, shameful, disgraceful, awful, beastly, sickening, base, abhorrent, cheap, rotten, unforgivable, detestable. *ANT.* *honorable, praiseworthy, laudable.*
- despise** *v.* disdain, hate, loathe, abhor, scorn, spurn, look down on, revile, execrate, detest, \*can’t stand. *ANT.* *admire, respect, like.*
- despite** *prep.* in spite of, regardless of, notwithstanding.
- DESPONDENT** *a.* [di SPON dunt] deeply depressed, filled with despair. *Alice was despondent after her mother died.* *SYN.* depressed, despairing, miserable, downhearted, inconsolable, melancholy, forlorn, sorrowful, disheartened, glum, \*bummed out, heartbroken, \*down in the dumps, suicidal. *ANT.* *euphoric, joyful, optimistic, buoyant, cheerful.*
- DESPOT** *n.* [DES put] an absolute ruler, an autocrat. *The despot completely oppressed the citizenry.* *SYN.* autocrat, tyrant, dictator, \*strong man, \*Hitler, oppressor, lord, master, authoritarian.
- desposition** *n.* absolute power, autocracy, tyranny, dictatorship, oppression, authoritarianism, rule with an iron fist.
- destination** *n.* goal, stop, journey’s end, objective, station, terminal, end of the line, port of call.
- destiny** *n.* fate, lot, destination, future, design, doom, predestination, serendipity, fortune, karma, \*wheel of fortune. “A tyrant’s authority for crime and a fool’s excuse for failure.”—Ambrose Bierce. “Not a thing to be waited for, it is a thing to be achieved.”—William Jennings Bryan. “An invention of the cowardly and the resigned.”—Ignazio Silone.
- DESTITUTE** *a.* [DES ti TOOT] profoundly poor, impoverished. *The destitute man had lived on the street.* *SYN.* poor, penniless, indigent, impoverished, broke, \*down and out, \*dirt poor, lacking, bankrupt, homeless,

- ruined, \*wiped out. *ANT.* rich, wealthy, \*rolling in dough.
- destroy** *v.* demolish, annihilate, wreck, devastate, wipe out, \*total, raze, extirpate, ruin, ravage, obliterate, eradicate, \*cream, level, waste, quash, \*gut, \*nuke, crush. *ANT.* create, build, preserve.
- destruction** *n.* wreckage, demolition, annihilation, ruins, devastation, ravaging, liquidation, havoc, extinction, eradication, slaughter, decimation. *ANT.* building, creation, preservation.
- destructive** *a.* injurious, pernicious, harmful, ravaging, ruinous, catastrophic, fatal, damaging, deleterious, disastrous, malevolent, noxious. *ANT.* creative, constructive, preserving.
- DESULTORY** *a.* [DES ul TOHR ee] moving from one thing to another randomly or haphazardly. *She examined the shoes in a desultory fashion.* *SYN.* random, haphazard, unmethodical, disconnected, rambling, aimless, irregular, chaotic, unsystematic, erratic. *ANT.* methodical, planned.
- detach** *v.* disconnect, separate, sever, loose, unhitch, uncouple, divide, free, remove. *ANT.* attach, fasten.
- detached** *a.* 1. DISCONNECTED separated, removed, severed, unfastened, unconnected, unhitched, loose, apart. 2. DISINTERESTED removed, remote, objective, impartial, aloof, dispassionate, neutral, unbiased. *ANT.* 1. attached, fastened, connected. 2. interested, biased, partial.
- detachment** *a.* objectivity, aloofness, unconcern, impartiality, indifference, remoteness, neutrality, isolation. *ANT.* interest, partiality, bias.
- detail** *n.* particular, item, point, fact, feature, specific, component, part, \*nuts and bolts, aspect, element, minutiae.
- detain** *v.* hold, stop, slow, arrest, restrain, delay, impede, confine, keep, retard. *ANT.* free, liberate, speed.
- detect** *v.* notice, spot, find, discover, uncover, sense, catch, spy, sleuth, \*sniff out, ferret out, discern, unmask, \*stumble on. *ANT.* miss, overlook, ignore.
- detection** *n.* discovery, spotting, notice, finding, uncovering, sensing, revelation, exposure, espial, ferreting out, \*sniffing out.
- detective** *n.* sleuth, private investigator (P.I.), \*private eye, \*dick, operative, \*gumshoe, hawkshaw, undercover agent, secret agent, shadow, \*tail, \*G-man, \*snoop. *SEE* POLICE
- DETENTE** *n.* [day TAHNT] an easing of hostilities between nations. *Following the truce was*
- an extended period of detente.* *SYN.* relaxation, cooling off, easing, peace, quietude, relief, tranquility, harmony, softening, suspension of hostilities, quiescence, accord, truce, amity. *ANT.* hostility, cold war, war, animosity.
- detention** *n.* holding, retention, restraint, arrest, confinement, duress, delaying, incarceration, custody, internment. *ANT.* freedom, liberation.
- deter** *v.* prevent, stop, scare off, inhibit, check, dissuade, curb, hinder, bar, stall, cool, daunt, dampen, preclude, discourage. *ANT.* encourage, speed, facilitate.
- detergent** *n.* soap, cleaner, cleanser, scouring powder, solvent, degreaser.
- deteriorate** *v.* decay, degenerate, fall apart, crumble, degrade, decline, \*go downhill, \*go to the dogs, corrode, rot, decompose, depreciate. *ANT.* improve, grow, strengthen.
- determination** *n.* 1. RESOLUTENESS perseverance, steadfastness, fortitude, resolve, tenacity, \*backbone, drive, willpower, grit, \*stiff upper lip, persistence, single-mindedness, mettle, stick-to-itiveness, indomitability. 2. DECISION conclusion, ascertainment, finding, judgment, settlement, resolution, verdict, opinion.
- determine** *v.* 1. DECIDE conclude, ascertain, find, judge, settle, resolve, confirm, verify, \*nail down, \*sew up, establish. 2. AFFECT THE COURSE OF decide, influence, control, direct, govern, regulate, shape.
- determined** *a.* resolute, steadfast, purposeful, firm, \*hell-bent, fixed, intent, tenacious, driven, single-minded, settled, stalwart, dogged. *ANT.* waffling, wavering, lukewarm.
- DETERRENT** *n.* [de TUR unt] something that blocks or hinders. *A neighborhood watch program proved a useful deterrent to crime.* *SYN.* check, curb, obstacle, stumbling block, bar, defense, impediment, hindrance, discouragement, restraint.
- detest** *v.* hate, loathe, despise, abhor, dislike, execrate, \*feel sick at the sight of, reject. *ANT.* like, admire, love.
- detestable** *a.* hateful, despicable, loathsome, abhorrent, abominable, sickening, execrable, revolting, obnoxious, beastly, disgusting, contemptible. *ANT.* admirable, likable.
- dethrone** *v.* remove from power, depose, unseat, oust, kick out, impeach, disbar, unhorse, expel.
- detonate** *v.* explode, set off, discharge, blow up, fire, touch off.

**detonation** *n.* explosion, discharge, blow-up, firing, boom, pop, roar.

**detour** *n.* bypass, \*go-around, alternate route, deviation.

**detract** *v.* lessen, diminish, take away from, undermine, minimize, devalue, depreciate. *ANT.* enhance, increase, add to.

**DETRIMENTAL** *a.* [det ruh MEN tul] causing harm. *Neglecting to wax your car is detrimental to its finish.* *SYN.* harmful, injurious, damaging, deleterious, bad, disadvantageous, inimical, destructive, pernicious. *ANT.* beneficial, advantageous.

**detritus** *n.* fragments, bits and pieces, grains, debris.

**DEUS EX MACHINA** *n.* [DEE us eks MAK i nuh] literally, god from a machine. Divine intervention as a means to solve a difficult problem. So named after the unsatisfying practice of bringing in a deity to intervene in some Roman and Greek dramas, now regarded as a hallmark of lazy writing. *The author helped his hero win the battle by creating an unlikely tornado, an obvious deus ex machina.* *SYN.* god in the machine, divine intervention, contrivance, happy coincidence, device.

**devalue** *v.* lower, degrade, lessen, cheapen, reduce.

**devastate** *v.* lay waste, ruin, destroy, demolish, wipe out, \*total, level, desolate, ravage, raze, gut, \*trash, \*blow away, ransack, pillage.

**devastation** *n.* waste, ruin, destruction, havoc, desolation, ravaging, demolition, wreckage, annihilation, \*trashing.

**develop** *v.* 1. EXPAND grow, enlarge, elaborate, evolve, advance, mature, flourish, progress, fill out, blossom, bear fruit, enrich, broaden, flesh out, amplify. 2. GENERATE begin, start, commence, originate, establish, arise, break, transpire, unfold. 3. CONTRACT acquire. *ANT.* 1. die, shrivel, regress, shrink, degrade.

**development** *n.* 1. GROWTH expansion, enlargement, elaboration, evolution, advancement, maturation, progress, filling out, flowering, blossoming, enrichment, broadening, fleshing out, amplification. 2. HAPPENING event, occurrence, circumstance, change, issue, result, advance. *ANT.* 1. decline, regression, shriveling, withering, death.

**developer** *n.* real estate developer, builder, real estate investor, enterpriser, businessman, businesswoman, magnate, land baron, tycoon.

**deviant** *n.* nonconformist, rebel, original, weirdo, one-of-a-kind, oddball, deviate, radical, pervert.

**deviate** *v.* diverge, turn aside, veer, depart, stray, drift, wander, swerve, part, meander, err, detour, digress. *ANT.* follow the straight and narrow, stay on course.

**device** *n.* 1. INSTRUMENT apparatus, contrivance, tool, appliance, mechanism, rig, machine, gadget, \*contraption, outfit, gear, \*thing-amajig. 2. SCHEME plan, contrivance, design, ploy, ruse, trick, artifice, gimmick, deus ex machina, stunt, machination.

**devil** *n.* 1. SATAN Lucifer, Prince of Darkness, Beelzebub, Mephistopheles, archfiend, el diablo, Lord of the Flies, the Serpent, \*Old Harry, \*Old Scratch, \*the Deuce, \*the Dickens, the Adversary, fallen angel. "A liar, and the father of it."—The Bible. "The most diligent preacher of all others; he is never out of his diocese."—Hugh Latimer. 2. BAD PERSON, SPIRIT, OR CREATURE demon, fiend, imp, ogre, savage, brute, rogue, hellion, evildoer, beast, villain, scoundrel, brat. *SEE* RELIGION

**devil and the deep blue sea, between the** between a rock and a hard place, no choice, \*Catch-22, Hobson's choice.

**devilish** *a.* fiendish, villainous, beastly, hellish, evil, diabolical, brutish, mischievous, demonic, impish, troublemaking, naughty, wicked, infernal, cruel, sinister. *ANT.* angelic, saintly, good, virtuous.

**devil-may-care** *a.* careless, reckless, happy-go-lucky, foolhardy, rash, nonchalant, cavalier, heedless, casual. *ANT.* cautious, careful.

**DEVIL'S ADVOCATE** *n.* one who argues for but doesn't necessarily agree with the unpopular side of an issue in order to illustrate all perspectives. *Talk show hosts often play the devil's advocate for argument's sake.* *SYN.* pleader, apologist, mediator, medium, devil's counsel, defender, devil's champion, devil's surrogate, polemicist.

**devious** *a.* deceptive, roundabout, crafty, tricky, wily, guileful, sly, treacherous, crooked, dishonest, evasive, underhanded, scheming, shifty. *ANT.* honest, aboveboard, straightforward.

**devise** *v.* invent, conceive, form, contrive, formulate, \*cook up, create, \*whip up, plot, scheme, concoct, construct, shape.

**devoid** *a.* empty, lacking, destitute, vacuous, depleted, denuded, stripped, vacant, bare, wanting, barren. *ANT.* full, replete.

**devote** *v.* dedicate, give, pledge, commit, vow, consign, apply, direct.

**devoted** *a.* dedicated, faithful, true, committed, loyal, staunch, zealous, dutiful, devout,

constant, earnest, steadfast. *ANT.* *indifferent, disloyal.*

**devotee** *n.* fan, fanatic, enthusiast, aficionado, buff, lover, supporter, addict, \*nut, adherent, \*hound, \*fiend.

**devotion** *n.* dedication, commitment, adherence, allegiance, devoutness, faithfulness, loyalty, fidelity, steadfastness, piety, zeal, reverence. *ANT.* *indifference, apathy, disloyalty.*

**devour** *v.* swallow up, eat, consume, gobble up, wolf, gulp, stuff, gorge, bolt, \*polish off, guzzle, gormandize, dispatch.

**devout** *a.* pious, religious, believing, faithful, reverent, worshipping, earnest, holy, orthodox, zealous, ardent, heartfelt, sincere. *ANT.* *atheistic, agnostic, unbelieving.*

**dew** *n.* moisture, condensation, water droplets.

**WORD FIND**

**frozen:** rime, frost

**dewy-eyed** *a.* innocent, childlike, naive. *ANT.* *worldly, experienced.*

**dexterity** *n.* skill, adroitness, deftness, cleverness, expertise, know-how, knack, touch, aptitude, facility, nimbleness, finesse. *ANT.* *inaptitude, clumsiness.*

**dexterous** *a.* skillful, adroit, deft, clever, expert, handy, adept, nimble, proficient, savvy, clever, facile. *ANT.* *clumsy, inept, uncoordinated.*

**diabetes** *n.* metabolic disorder, illness, disease, insulin insufficiency. *SEE* DISEASE, MEDICINE

**diabolic** *a.* satanic, hellish, devilish, infernal, fiendish, evil, demonic, wicked, villainous, Mephistophelean, malevolent, vicious, cruel, beastly. *ANT.* *heavenly, saintly, benevolent, angelic.*

**diagnosis** *n.* identification, conclusion, determination, hunch, opinion, analysis, educated guess. "One of the commonest diseases."—Karl Kraus.

**diagram** *n.* drawing, chart, illustration, outline, graphic, draft, representation, graph, figure.

**dialect** *n.* speech, local tongue, provincialism, vernacular, patois, idiom, lingo, argot, slang, cant, colloquialism, accent, pidgin.

**dialogue** *n.* talk, discussion, conversation, verbal exchange, interlocution, confabulation, communication, conference, tête-à-tête, \*rap session, discourse, \*powwow, \*heart-to-heart.

**diameter** *n.* breadth, width, caliber.

**diametrical** *a.* opposite, contrary, conflicting, converse, reverse, antithetical, different. *ANT.* *alike, similar, matching.*

**diamond** *n.* gemstone, precious gem, crystal, carbon crystal, \*rock, mineral. *SEE* JEWELRY

**WORD FIND**

**absence of color, absolute:** color

**bottommost portion of cut diamond in setting:** pavilion

**brownish:** cognac diamond

**cut:** facet

**drill bits, black diamonds used in:** carbo-nado

**fake:** baffle diamond, Bohemian diamond, cubic zirconia, Irish diamond

**flaws:** carbon spot, cloud, feather, inclusion

**industrial grade diamonds:** bort

**middle portion of cut diamond in setting:** girdle

**one diamond in one setting:** solitaire

**pinkish-brown:** champagne diamond

**showy diamond-embedded pieces of jewelry, slang for large and:** bling

**sizes, mix of diamond:** melange

**small diamonds weighing less than a carat, class of:** melee

**sparkle:** scintillation

**topmost portion in a cut diamond in setting:** crown

**yellow:** canary diamond

**diaphanous** *a.* transparent, sheer, \*see-through, translucent, thin, flimsy, gauzy, delicate, chiffon. *ANT.* *opaque, thick.*

**diarrhea** *n.* loose stool, \*Montezuma's revenge, dysentery, trots, flux, \*Aztec two-step, runs, gastrointestinal distress.

**diary** *n.* journal, chronicle, account, log, record, daybook. "The lavatory of literature."—Elbert Hubbard.

**DIATRIBE** *n.* [DI uh tribe] a bitter denunciation or criticism. *The talk show host launched into a scathing diatribe.* *SYN.* invective, criticism, denunciation, harangue, castigation, tirade, abuse, vituperation, \*tongue-lashing, rebuke.

**dibs** *n.* rights, claim.

**dice** *n.* \*bones, \*rollers, die, cube.

**dicey** *a.* risky, chancy, hazardous, a gamble, ticklish, \*iffy.

**DICHOTOMY** *n.* [di KOT uh me] a division of two distinctly different or opposite parts, groups, opinions, etc. *There was a dichotomy of opinions between the races.* *SYN.* division, split, subdivision, disagreement, difference of opinion, opposition, break, separation, rift, splintering, segmentation.

**dicker** *v.* haggle, bargain, negotiate, \*hash out a deal, higggle, quibble, \*talk down, barter.

**dictate** *n.* directive, rule, order, direction, command, mandate, law, ordinance, decree, bidding, dictum, requirement.

**dictate** *v.* 1. PRESCRIBE order, command, direct, rule, charge, lay down the law, demand, enjoin, \*call the shots, impose, ordain. 2. READ ALOUD compose, utter, draft, record.

**dictator** *n.* tyrant, despot, autocrat, authoritarian, \*Hitler, totalitarian, oppressor, overlord, \*lord and master, strongman, czar, taskmaster. "Jealous gods monopolizing power, destroying all rivals, compelling exclusive loyalty."—Walter Lippmann. "Rulers who always look good until the last ten minutes."—Jan Masaryk. SEE GOVERNMENT

**dictatorial** *a.* tyrannical, despotic, autocratic, authoritarian, \*Hitleresque, totalitarian, oppressive, overbearing, ironhanded, lordly, high-handed, absolute, \*whip-cracking, imperious, domineering. *ANT.* *democratic, liberal, tolerant.*

**diction** *n.* vocabulary, wording, articulation, enunciation, expression, eloquence, usage, pronunciation, phraseology, language, inflection, elocution.

**dictionary** *n.* lexicon, glossary, word book, reference book, vocabulary. "The most interesting book in our language."—Albert Nock.

**dictum** *n.* 1. PRONOUNCEMENT dictate, declaration, assertion, decree, command, edict, order. 2. SAYING maxim, adage, proverb, truism, axiom, aphorism.

**DIDACTIC** *a.* [dye DAK tik] instructional or educational, especially involving morals. Also, overly preachy or instructional; pedantic. *The audience was asleep after the senator's didactic speech.* *SYN.* instructional, educational, informative, enlightening, expository, edifying, moralizing, pedantic, preachy, homiletic, pedagogic, sermonizing.

**die** *v.* 1. PERISH expire, pass away, decease, succumb, depart, drop dead, \*croak, \*kick the bucket, \*buy the farm, \*cash in one's chips, \*bite the dust, \*kick off, \*give up the ghost, \*go belly up, \*slip one's cable, \*permanently change one's address, \*meet one's Maker, meet one's fate, meet one's end, \*bow out. "Go the way of all earth."—The Bible. SEE DEAD, DEATH 2. DWINDLE wane, ebb, fade, weaken, abate, decline, subside, slacken, \*fizzle out, \*peter out, recede, diminish.

**diehard** *n.* \*bitter-ender, zealot, fanatic, ultra-conservative, reactionary, stick-in-the-mud.

**die-hard** *a.* tough, tenacious, resistant, stubborn, strong, enduring, defiant, recalcitrant, head-

strong, immovable, firm, rigid, unchanging. *ANT.* *weak-willed.*

**diet** *n.* 1. DAILY FOOD INTAKE food and drink, sustenance, nourishment, nutrition, victuals, foodstuffs, provisions, fare. 2. FOOD ABSTINENCE abstinence, fasting, regimen, regime, \*weight-watching, calorie counting. "A system of starving yourself to death so you can live a little longer."—Jan Murray.

**differ** *v.* 1. CONTRAST vary, stand apart, clash, diverge, be distinguished from, deviate from. 2. DISAGREE clash, oppose, dispute, conflict, be at variance, take issue, contend, contradict, \*lock horns. *ANT.* 1. *resemble, correspond, match.* 2. *agree, concur, accede, \*see eye to eye.*

**difference** *n.* 1. DISSIMILARITY contrast, antithesis, variance, opposition, distinction, asymmetry, differentiation, informality, unlikeness, deviation. 2. DISAGREEMENT argument, dispute, contention, clash, controversy, dissension, conflict, debate, quarrel, opposition, contradiction. *ANT.* 1. *similarity, likeness, correspondence, mirror image.* 2. *agreement, concurrence, accord.*

**different** *a.* 1. DISSIMILAR distinct, contrasting, antithetical, opposite, asymmetrical, unlike, variant, \*like night and day, divergent, clashing, disparate, incompatible. 2. SEPARATE distinct, delineated, differentiated, singular, individual, another, exclusive. 3. VARIOUS several, sundry, assorted, diverse, numerous, miscellaneous, mixed. *ANT.* 1. *the same, alike, resembling, matching.* 2. *together, whole.*

**differentiate** *v.* distinguish, set apart, make a distinction, contrast, separate, characterize.

**difficult** *a.* 1. HARD laborious, arduous, demanding, strenuous, tough, \*Herculean, back-breaking, wearisome, burdensome, \*Sisyphian, formidable. 2. COMPLICATED abstruse, intricate, perplexing, recondite, hard, \*brain-draining, complex, knotty, enigmatic, unfathomable, problematic. 3. UNMANAGEABLE intractable, obstinate, unaccommodating, hard to please, unruly, refractory, trying, stubborn, \*a pain, fussy. *ANT.* 1. *easy, simple, \*a snap, \*child's play.* 2. *simple, uncomplicated, obvious.* 3. *easy to please, easygoing, accommodating.*

**difficulty** *n.* problem, complication, pain, struggle, trouble, bother, trial, \*hard row to hoe, dilemma, hardship, obstacle, \*fix, snag, impasse, quagmire, hassle, \*tough sledding, plight, mess, \*hot water, \*deep water, straits, \*hornet's nest, \*Gordian knot, \*can of worms, deadlock, gridlock, \*pickle. "God's errands

and trainers, and only through them can one come to the fullness of manhood.”—Henry Ward Beecher. “A harsh nurse who roughly rocks her foster-children into strength and athletic proportion.”—William Jennings Bryan.

**DIFFIDENT** *a.* [DIF i dunt] lacking confidence, timid. *She became diffident with people in authority.* SYN. timid, shy, bashful, hesitant, unassertive, unsure of oneself, shrinking, timorous, modest, unassuming, insecure, reluctant, fainthearted. *ANT.* self-confident, bold, assertive.

**diffuse** *a.* 1. SPREAD OUT dispersed, scattered, strewn, disseminated, extensive, prevalent, distributed, circulated. 2. WORDY long-winded, verbose, profuse, rambling, prolix, loquacious, discursive. *ANT.* 1. concentrated, focused. 2. brief, terse, pithy.

**diffusion** *n.* spreading, dispersal, scattering, dissemination, distribution, circulation, propagation.

**dig** *n.* insult, crack, knock, cutting remark, wise-crack, \*slap in the face, taunt, jeer, \*low blow, barb. *ANT.* compliment, praise.

**dig** *v.* excavate, hollow out, shovel, spade, delve, hoe, scoop out, till, unearth, dredge, quarry, sift, root out, mine, exhume, \*backhoe.

**digest** *n.* summary, synopsis, abridgement, abstract, condensation, pre cis.

**digest** *v.* 1. ABSORB FOOD assimilate, break down, consume, eat, dissolve. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, absorb, take in, get, grasp, mull over, reflect, ponder, assimilate.

**dignified** *a.* self-respecting, poised, distinguished, stately, noble, regal, lofty, classy, refined, solemn, formal, imperious, \*distingué, decorous. *ANT.* undignified, goofy, foolish, sophomoric.

**dignify** *v.* elevate, exalt, honor, uplift, aggrandize, ennoble, raise, solemnize, add a bit of class. *ANT.* demean, degrade, lower.

**dignitary** *n.* \*VIP, official, \*bigwig, \*bigshot, personage, \*name, somebody, celebrity, \*high muck-a-muck, star, lion. *ANT.* nobody, \*lightweight, \*Joe Blow.

**dignity** *n.* self-respect, poise, nobility, stateliness, courtliness, honor, stature, loftiness, solemnity, class, formality, pride, presence. “The quality that enables a man who says nothing, does nothing, and knows nothing to command ... respect.”—John W. Raper. *ANT.* sheepishness, goofiness, cringing servitude.

**DIGRESS** *v.* [di GRESS] to depart or stray from the main subject at hand. *The speech was long-winded; the speaker liked to digress.* SYN.

stray, depart, ramble, drift, wander, divagate, deviate, \*go off on a tangent, get sidetracked, rove, \*beat around the bush.

**digression** *n.* straying, departure, rambling, drifting, wandering, divagation, deviation, roving, aside, detour.

**DILAPIDATED** *a.* [di LAP i dayt ud] falling apart; decaying. *The dilapidated building was nearly 200 years old.* SYN. falling apart, broken down, in disrepair, crumbling, tumbledown, decaying, falling down, \*on its last legs, in ruins, worn out, run-down, rickety, deteriorated, \*shot. *ANT.* sound, solid, intact, \*good as new.

**DILATE** *v.* [DI layt] to widen or make wider. *The pupils of the eyes dilate when viewing an attractive member of the opposite sex.* SYN. widen, expand, enlarge, broaden, extend, swell, grow, distend. *ANT.* contract, shrink, constrict.

**dilatory** *a.* procrastinating, delaying, putting off, dallying, tardy, postponing, lagging, behind, shilly-shallying. *ANT.* on time, prompt, timely.

**dilemma** *n.* difficulty, predicament, bind, quandary, plight, impasse, \*pickle, \*box, \*fix, \*Catch-22, puzzle, hard choice, problem, Hobson's choice.

**DILETTANTE** *n.* [DIL i TAHNT] one who dabbles in or has an amateur's knowledge of the arts. *She painted only as a hobby; she was a dilettante.* SYN. dabbler, amateur, hobbyist, layman, nonprofessional, trifler, putterer, tyro, \*lightweight. *ANT.* professional, master, expert.

**diligence** *n.* perseverance, persistence, relentlessness, hard work, industry, care, plugging, assiduity, effort, application, doggedness, pains, earnestness, discipline. *ANT.* laziness, slackness.

**DILIGENT** *a.* [DIL uh junt] hard-working or industrious, careful and meticulous. *A diligent work force will make our company thrive.* SYN. hard-working, industrious, careful, meticulous, painstaking, sedulous, assiduous, dogged, persistent, busy, unrelenting, steadfast, plugging, tireless, active, toiling. *ANT.* lazy, laggard, sluggish, slack.

**dillydally** *v.* waste time, procrastinate, vacillate, dawdle, trifle, lag, loiter.

**dilute** *v.* thin, water down, reduce, weaken, diminish, rarefy, attenuate, \*cut, adulterate, moderate. *ANT.* concentrate, enrich, strengthen.

**dim** *a.* 1. POORLY LIT faint, dusky, gauzy, gloomy, shadowy, gray, blurry, indistinct, vague, murky, fuzzy, subdued. 2. DIM-WITTED stupid, bovine, slow, dense, \*thick, \*dumb as

- a post. *ANT.* 1. *bright, blinding, brilliant.* 2. *smart, intelligent, bright.*
- dimension** *n.* size, extent, range, scope, magnitude, proportion, scale, measure, measurement, span.
- diminish** *v.* lessen, reduce, decrease, lower, shrink, dwindle, wane, ebb, weaken, fade, depreciate, slacken, abate. *ANT.* *grow, enlarge, expand.*
- diminution** *n.* lessening, reduction, decrease, lowering, shrinkage, decline, weakening, depreciation, slackening, abatement. *ANT.* *growth, expansion, enlargement.*
- diminutive** *a.* tiny, small, little, miniature, pint-sized, minute, petite, \*teeny, Lilliputian, \*baby, microscopic, puny. *ANT.* *huge, gigantic, enormous.*
- dimple** *n.* indentation, depression.
- dimwit** *n.* idiot, simpleton, dunce. *SEE MORON*
- din** *n.* noise, uproar, cacophony, racket, clamor, commotion, tumult, \*hubbub, \*hurly-burly, babel, bedlam, clangor. *ANT.* *silence, peace, stillness.*
- dine** *v.* eat, sup, lunch, feast, break bread, banquet, feed, \*pig out. *ANT.* *fast.*
- diner** *n.* cafe, eatery, lunch counter. *SEE RESTAURANT*
- dinghy** *n.* rowboat. *SEE BOAT*
- dingy** *a.* grimy, dirty, sooty, smoky, soiled, drab, smudgy, shabby, tarnished, dim, faded, smeared. *ANT.* *sparkling, brilliant, clean, bright.*
- dinky** *a.* small, tiny, wee, insignificant, trivial. *ANT.* *gargantuan.*
- dinner** *n.* meal, supper, repast, feast, banquet.
- dinosaur** *n.* 1. SAURIAN sauropod, \*terrible lizard, prehistoric creature, theropod, monster, beast, carnivore, herbivore. 2. RELIC antique, artifact, fossil, outmoded article.

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**WORD FIND**

- armored and spiked:** ankylosaurus
- asteroid impact 65 million years ago, leading to extinction, evidence of:** iridium layer
- asteroid theory of extinction:** Alvarez extinction theory
- asteroids theory of extinction, multiple:** multiple impact theory
- bird, Jurassic:** archaeopteryx
- birds, ancestors of:** saurischians
- boneheaded:** pachycephalosaurids
- bony fringe found on heads of some species:** frill
- bony growth or plate on head:** crest

- bony scales:** scutes
- cold-blooded:** ectothermic
- crater of deadly asteroid impact:** Chicxulub, Shiva
- crocodile-like jaws, fish-eater with:** baryonyx
- death:** extinction
- dewclaw on predators:** hallux
- duck-billed:** hadrosaur, trachodon
- dung, fossilized:** coprolite
- era:** Mesozoic
- evidence of, geological:** fossil
- extinction event before the dinosaurs:** the Great Dying
- extinction of dinosaurs:** Cretaceous-Tertiary extinction; K/T extinction event
- flying, fish-eating reptiles living along with dinosaurs:** pterosaurs
- food source for herbivores, widespread:** cycad, gingko
- fossil-gathering scientist:** paleontologist
- fossils, study of:** paleontology
- giraffe-like giant:** brachiosaurus
- grass and low plant-eater:** grazer
- large, four-footed herbivore, any:** sauropod
- large herbivore:** apatosaurus, diplodocus, iguanodon, titanosaurid
- larger forms over time, given adequate food sources, species will evolve into:** Cope's rule
- legs, walking on two:** bipedal
- lizards from which dinosaurs evolved:** archosaurs
- longest:** argentinosauros, supersaurus, seismosaurus
- meat-eater:** carnivore
- meat-eaters, ferocious:** gigantosauros, tyrannosaurus rex, allosaurus
- period:** Triassic, Jurassic, Cretaceous
- plant and meat-eating:** omnivore
- plate-backed:** stegosaurus
- rocks purposely swallowed to aid digestion:** gastroliths
- sickle-like claws used for slashing, swift-running dino with:** velociraptors
- skull crest, known for long:** parasaurolophus
- slashing:** utahraptor
- tallest:** ultrasaurus
- three-horned with beak-like mouth:** triceratops
- tree-top eater:** browser
- vegetation eater:** herbivore

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**diorama** *n.* scene, display, three-dimensional representation, exhibit.

**dip** *v.* 1. DUNK immerse, duck, lower, submerge, wet, plunge, sink. 2. DECLINE decrease, slip, drop off, descend, droop, plummet, plunge.

**diploma** *n.* certificate, sheepskin, degree, parchment, document.

**DIPLOMACY** *n.* [di PLOH muh see] the forming and maintaining of good relationships and the skills it requires. *The ambassador used a subtle form of diplomacy to smooth things over with the dictator.* SYN. people skills, tact, tactfulness, statesmanship, politics, \*gladhanding, judiciousness, grace, sensitivity, prudence, charm, mediation. "The art of saying 'Nice Doggie' till you can find a rock."—Wynn Catlin. SEE DIPLOMATIC, POLITICS

**diplomat** *n.* ambassador, statesman, envoy, consul, representative, politician, negotiator, mediator, go-between, minister, emissary, attaché. "A man who says 'perhaps' when he means no."—Elbert Hubbard. "A person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip."—Caskie Stinnett. "An honest man sent abroad to lie for his country."—Henry Wooton.

**diplomatic** *a.* tactful, discreet, gracious, smooth, conciliatory, sensitive, prudent, politic, suave, subtle, artful. "The art of letting someone have your way."—Daniele Vare. ANT. *rude, tactless, uncivil, indelicate, blunt.*

**dipstick** *n.* rod, measuring stick.

**dire** *a.* 1. TERRIBLE disastrous, horrible, calamitous, dreadful, fearful, appalling, grievous, distressing, shocking, catastrophic. 2. URGENT critical, pressing, crucial, exigent. ANT. *1. wonderful, fortuitous. 2. trivial, unimportant.*

**direct** *v.* 1. CONDUCT manage, orchestrate, guide, control, \*head up, oversee, supervise, \*quarterback, \*call the shots, \*be in the driver's seat, boss. 2. AIM point, guide, train, indicate, target, steer, orient, show, usher. 3. ADDRESS focus, devote, fix, funnel, aim. ANT. *1. follow, obey.*

**direct** *a.* 1. STRAIGHTFORWARD frank, honest, explicit, forthright, point-blank, blunt, open, unequivocal, candid. 2. UNDEVIATING straight, unswerving, true, \*as the crow flies, \*in a beeline. 3. IMMEDIATE unimpeded, firsthand, face-to-face. ANT. *1. indirect, mealy-mouthed, roundabout. 2. roundabout, deviating, circuitous. 3. second-hand, indirect.*

**direction** *n.* 1. MANAGEMENT orchestration, guidance, control, supervision, leadership, administration, care, command. 2. POINT OF THE COMPASS course, way, orientation, bearing, heading, route, tack, trajectory. 3. IN-

STRUCTION guidance, advice, specifications, prescription, guidelines, recipe. 4. ORDER command, charge, instruction.

**directive** *n.* order, command, mandate, instruction, direction, charge, ruling, injunction, ordinance.

**directly** *adv.* 1. STRAIGHT \*as the crow flies, \*in a beeline, undeviatingly, \*spang. 2. IMMEDIATELY without delay, promptly, at once, \*first thing, pronto, speedily, straightaway. ANT. *1. indirectly, roundabout, circuitously. 2. eventually, later.*

**director** *n.* leader, orchestrator, manager, overseer, administrator, supervisor, head, \*whip, \*kingpin, executive, foreman, overlord, \*biggest toad in the puddle, general, quarterback, captain, boss.

**directorate** *n.* board, staff.

**direful** *a.* SEE DIRE

**dirge** *n.* funeral hymn, epicedium, threnody, lament, elegy, death march, mass.

**dirigible** *n.* balloon, zeppelin. SEE BLIMP

**dirt** *n.* 1. SOIL filth, grime, mud, muck, dust, dung, mire, ooze, loam, earth, residue, \*crap, \*crud, \*gunk, \*gook, clay. 2. OBSCENITY pornography, filth, smut, indecency. 3. GOSSIP rumor, scandal, scoop, talk, exposé, muck, \*keyhole journalism.

**dirty** *v.* soil, stain, muddy, besmirch, mess, spot, begrime, foul, pollute, smudge, smatter, defile.

**dirty** *a.* 1. SOILED filthy, unclean, grimy, \*grungy, stained, spotted, begrimed, unsightly, squalid, messy, foul, greasy, grubby, polluted, muddy, smudged, \*scuzzy, \*gross, unsanitary. 2. OBSCENE pornographic, X-rated, filthy, smutty, indecent, prurient, blue, risqué, off-color, ribald, \*raunchy, \*raw, explicit, scatological. 3. UNFAIR unsportsmanlike, dishonorable, dishonest, low, \*cheap, rotten, mean, below-the-belt. ANT. *1. clean, sanitary, spotless, sparkling. 2. wholesome, clean, G-rated. 3. fair, sportsmanlike, clean.*

**dirty old man** *n.* lecher, \*sleazebag, \*dirty old goat, satyr, pedophile.

**disability** *n.* handicap, incapacity, infirmity, defect, weakness, restriction, malady, injury, impairment, paralysis, affliction.

**disable** *v.* cripple, impair, incapacitate, lame, hamstring, damage, weaken, debilitate, \*put out of action, handicap, prostrate, paralyze, disarm. ANT. *enable, strengthen.*

**disabled** *a.* crippled, impaired, incapacitated, lame, injured, weakened, \*out of action, handicapped, prostrate, paralyzed, bedridden, confined to a wheelchair, paraplegic,

- quadraplegic. *ANT.* sound, strong, fit, conditioned, powerful.
- disadvantage** *n.* drawback, liability, handicap, weakness, impediment, detriment, hurdle, stumbling block, limitation, failing, minus, burden. *ANT.* advantage, plus, benefit.
- disadvantaged** *a.* underprivileged, handicapped, deprived, unequal, impoverished, poor. *ANT.* advantaged, lucky, privileged.
- disadvantageous** *a.* unfavorable, detrimental, injurious, deleterious, inopportune, adverse, harmful, detracting, unlucky. *ANT.* favorable, opportune.
- DISAFFECTED** *a.* [dis uh FEK tid] no longer feeling loyalty or affection for someone or something; alienated. *Government betrayed him and he became disaffected.* *SYN.* alienated, estranged, discontented, disloyal, unfriendly, separated, hostile, dissatisfied, disgruntled. *ANT.* affectionate, loyal, contented.
- disagree** *v.* differ, be at odds, dissent, conflict, contradict, contest, contend, argue, clash, oppose, take issue, dispute, see things differently. *ANT.* agree, concur, correspond.
- disagreeable** *a.* 1. UNPLEASANT offensive, repugnant, objectionable, repellent, distasteful, disgusting, repulsive, obnoxious, odious, negative, unwanted. 2. QUARRELSOME grouchy, bad-tempered, contentious, contrary, petulant, standoffish, cross, peevish, surly, irritable, nasty, churlish. *ANT.* 1. pleasant, welcome, nice. 2. easygoing, pleasant, good-humored.
- disagreement** *n.* dispute, difference of opinion, dissent, contention, argument, quarrel, controversy, division, squabble, discord, opposition, spat, falling-out. *ANT.* agreement, accord, harmony.
- disallow** *v.* reject, veto, prohibit, deny, proscribe.
- disappear** *v.* vanish, fade, go away, dissolve, recede, evaporate, \*vamoose, \*go south, evanesce, leave no trace, \*fade into the woodwork, dematerialize, vaporize, wane, cease, pass, escape, depart, hide. *ANT.* appear, materialize, show.
- disappoint** *v.* let down, sadden, deflate, \*dash one's hopes, \*burst one's bubble, fall short, fail, disillusion, displease, disenchant, frustrate, dishearten. *ANT.* live up to expectations, hearten, encourage, fulfill, satisfy.
- disappointed** *a.* let down, saddened, deflated, disillusioned, disenchanting, displeased, unfulfilled, unsatisfied, frustrated, disheartened. *ANT.* satisfied, fulfilled, happy.
- disappointment** *n.* letdown, disillusionment, disenchantment, displeasure, unfulfillment, frustration, dissatisfaction, dud, \*bitter pill to swallow, \*bust, \*drag, \*bummer, setback, failure, rude awakening, washout, blow. "The bankruptcy of a soul that expends too much in hope and expectation."—Eric Hoffer. "The nurse of wisdom."—Boyle Roche. *ANT.* satisfaction, fulfillment, happiness.
- disapproval** *n.* rejection, disfavor, censure, dislike, disparagement, detraction, displeasure, deprecation, dissatisfaction, \*thumbs down, animadversion, \*boo, \*hiss, \*Bronx cheer, \*raspberry. *ANT.* approval, favor, acceptance.
- disapprove** *v.* reject, frown on, disfavor, censure, dislike, disparage, condemn, criticize, take a dim view of, object to, \*nix, \*give thumbs down, dismiss, deprecate, denounce. *ANT.* approve, accept, embrace, praise.
- disarm** *v.* disable, weaken, take the teeth out of, \*defang, neutralize, mollify, charm, conciliate, pacify, win over.
- DISARMING** *a.* [dis ARM ing] winning one over by charm or removing hostility. *A disarming smile mollified his ire.* *SYN.* winning, charming, winsome, appealing, irresistible, appealing, ingratiating, likable, pleasing, agreeable, conciliatory. *ANT.* offensive, obnoxious, irritating.
- disarrange** *v.* mix up, disorder, scramble, muss, mess, jumble, ruffle.
- disarray** *n.* disorder, disarrangement, mess, jumble, confusion, tangle, \*shambles, chaos, dishevelment, hodgepodge, clutter.
- disaster** *n.* catastrophe, misfortune, calamity, accident, tragedy, debacle, adversity, \*act of God, cataclysm, ruin, blow, hardship, reverse, holocaust.
- disaster area** *n.* area of devastation, storm center, crisis zone, war zone, flood zone, desolation, path of destruction.
- disastrous** *a.* catastrophic, calamitous, unfortunate, tragic, cataclysmic, ruinous, dire, devastating, desolating, adverse. *ANT.* fortuitous, wonderous, lucky.
- disavow** *v.* abjure, disown, repudiate, deny, disclaim, reject, gainsay, contradict, \*weasel out of, \*wash one's hands of, recant, retract. *ANT.* admit, own up.
- disband** *v.* break up, dissolve, fold, separate.
- disbelief** *n.* doubt, incredulity, questioning, skepticism, rejection, distrust, dissent. *ANT.* belief, faith, credulity.
- disburse** *v.* pay out, expend, outlay, spend, \*shell out, dole out, allocate, mete out.

**discard** *v.* throw out, reject, toss, dismiss, \*can, scrap, dump, eject, junk, jettison, \*eighty-six, \*scratch, shed. *ANT.* keep, retain.

**discern** *v.* perceive, detect, apprehend, sense, see, notice, ascertain, observe, make out, spot, distinguish. *ANT.* miss, overlook.

**DISCERNING** *a.* [di SUR ning] perceptive and sharp. *She was discerning with her fashion choices.* *SYN.* perceptive, sharp, sagacious, discriminating, astute, hawk-eyed, critical, shrewd, judicious, intelligent, wise, mindful. *ANT.* unperceptive, unobservant, mindless.

**discharge** *n.* 1. RELEASE liberation, pardon, acquittal, setting free. 2. DISMISSAL \*the axe, \*the boot, \*sack, \*walking papers, \*pink slip, ejection, ouster, \*the gate, firing, layoff. 3. DETONATION firing, shot, explosion. 4. EMISION expulsion, ejection, exudation, excretion, flow, seepage, oozing. *ANT.* 1. capture, holding, incarceration.

**discharge** *v.* 1. RELEASE set free, liberate, let go, emancipate, dismiss, acquit, pardon. 2. DISMISS fire, lay off, \*sack, \*give the boot, \*give walking papers, \*give the axe, \*give pink slip, \*show the gate/door, eject, oust, \*can, relieve of duties, excuse. 3. DETONATE fire, shoot, explode, set off. 4. EMIT eject, exude, excrete, flow, gush, seep, ooze, spew. *ANT.* 1. capture, hold, incarcerate.

**disciple** *n.* follower, believer, devotee, supporter, apostle, adherent, proselyte, pupil.

**disciplinarian** *n.* authoritarian, tyrant, martinet, taskmaster, \*whipcracker, drill sergeant, bully.

**discipline** *n.* 1. FORTITUDE training, drilling, willpower, self-control, mental toughness, regimen, practice, self-regulation, firmness, diligence, mettle, earnestness, iron will, \*grit, \*moxie, commitment. 2. PUNISHMENT penalty, consequence, correction, castigation, reprimand. 3. BRANCH OF STUDY specialty, field, subject, curriculum, course. *ANT.* 1. laziness, sloth. 2. reward.

**discipline** *v.* 1. TRAIN drill, harden, self-regulate, test one's mettle, commit, \*bite the bullet, toughen, control, exercise, \*whip into shape, practice. 2. PUNISH penalize, correct, castigate, reprimand, \*call on the carpet. *ANT.* 1. let oneself go, slip, neglect. 2. reward.

**disc jockey** *n.* DJ, deejay, announcer, radio personality.

**disclaim** *v.* deny, repudiate, denounce, disown, disavow, abjure, forswear, reject, renounce. *ANT.* admit, acknowledge, own up.

**DISCLAIMER** *n.* [dis KLAYM ur] a denial of responsibility or refusal to accept responsi-

bility. *To protect itself from lawsuits stemming from falls, the company placed a disclaimer on every ladder it made.* *SYN.* disavowal, denial, retraction, repudiation.

**disclose** *v.* reveal, tell, divulge, let slip, make known, \*spill the beans, confess, impart, expose, \*bare one's soul. *ANT.* hide, cover up, withhold.

**disclosure** *n.* revelation, confession, exposé, admission, divulgence, declaration, publication.

**disco** *n.* discotheque, club, nightclub, dance hall, cabaret.

**discolor** *v.* stain, bleach, fade, spot, wash, tinge, weather.

**discomfit** *v.* thwart, foil, frustrate, defeat, disconcert, fluster, distress, perplex, faze, unsettle, discompose, ruffle.

**discomfort** *n.* uneasiness, distress, pain, anxiety, irritation, soreness, ache, suffering, malaise, annoyance. *ANT.* ease, pleasure.

**DISCONCERTED** *a.* [DIS kun SERT ed] perturbed, disturbed, ruffled. *He saw the policeman and was disconcerted.* *SYN.* perturbed, disturbed, ruffled, uncomfortable, uneasy, flabbergasted, anxious, upset, taken aback, confused, rattled, shaken up, flustered. *ANT.* calm, composed, at ease.

**disconnect** *v.* detach, unhook, uncouple, separate, disengage, undo, unlink, loose, sever, break off. *ANT.* connect, attach, engage.

**disconsolate** *a.* inconsolable, depressed, dejected, suicidal, cheerless, downhearted, heartbroken, forlorn, desolate, melancholy, gloomy, hopeless, crushed. *ANT.* euphoric, joyous, happy.

**discontent** *n.* dissatisfaction, unhappiness, uneasiness, displeasure, disquiet, unfulfillment, vexation, wanting, dysphoria, restlessness. "The first step of progress."—Thomas Edison. "A perverse and fretful disposition."—Cicero. *ANT.* contentment, satisfaction, ease.

**discontinue** *v.* stop, end, cease, terminate, \*knock off, finish, quit, \*call it quits, desist, suspend, hold off. *ANT.* resume, start.

**DISCORD** *n.* [DIS kord] disagreement; conflict. *The new proposal was met with discord.* *SYN.* disagreement, dissension, conflict, variance, disunity, disharmony, contention, clashing, difference of opinion, dissonance. "A sleepless hag who never dies."—John Wolcott. *ANT.* accord, harmony, agreement.

**discordant** *a.* conflicting, dissonant, unharmonious, incongruous, contrary, inimical, harsh, jarring, sour, strident, incompatible. *ANT.* harmonious, euphonious, compatible.

**discourage** *v.* 1. DISHEARTEN dispirit, demoralize, dampen one's spirits, unnerve, \*throw cold water on, daunt, intimidate, cow, \*dash one's hopes, \*take the wind out of one's sails. 2. DETER dissuade, hinder, impede, restrain, curb. *ANT.* 1. *encourage, hearten, embolden.*

**discouraging** *a.* demoralizing, disheartening, hopeless, daunting, dismaying, dissuasive, dispiriting, deflating, intimidating. *ANT.* *encouraging, heartening, uplifting.*

**discourse** *n.* dialogue, speech, conversation, talk, discussion, communication, chat, lecture, colloquy, \*confab, address.

**discourteous** *a.* rude, inconsiderate, impolite, ill-mannered, uncivil, brusque, ungracious, indelicate, cavalier, fresh, boorish. *ANT.* *polite, courteous, civil.*

**discover** *v.* find, uncover, discern, detect, learn, espy, unearth, notice, come across, realize, bring to light, spot, descry. *ANT.* *miss, overlook, pass over.*

**discovery** *n.* finding, uncovering, detection, unearthing, strike, espial, breakthrough.

**discredit** *v.* 1. DAMAGE ONE'S REPUTATION disgrace, dishonor, detract, defame, disparage, censure, degrade, tear down, depreciate, demean. 2. CAST DOUBT ON refute, disprove, discount, disbelieve, question, challenge, reject, scoff. *ANT.* 1. *praise, honor, laud.* 2. *credit, verify, support.*

**DISCREET** *a.* [dis KREET] unobtrusive and tactful, properly reserved. *If you must burp, please be discreet.* *SYN.* tactful, unobtrusive, reserved, proper, judicious, diplomatic, restrained, prudent, modest, quiet, low-profiled, circumspect, careful, sensitive. *ANT.* *indiscreet, insensitive, tactless, obtrusive, conspicuous.*

**discrepancy** *n.* inconsistency, variance, difference, incongruity, conflict, error, divergence, disparity. *ANT.* *consistency, agreement.*

**discrete** *a.* distinct, individual, separate, different, independent, detached. *ANT.* *indistinct, ambiguous, combined.*

**discretion** *n.* 1. PRUDENCE judgment, diplomacy, sagacity, tact, common sense, circumspection, caution, consideration, maturity, wisdom. "That honorable stop."—Shakespeare. "Leaving a few things unsaid."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. FREEDOM OF CHOICE volition, will, liberty, choice, inclination, preference.

**discriminate** *v.* 1. SHOW PREJUDICE favor, show bias, treat unfairly. 2. DISTINGUISH differentiate, separate, contrast, compare, tell the difference, judge, draw a distinction, discern, segregate.

**discriminating** *a.* selective, choosy, picky, fussy, judicious, critical, particular, finicky, astute, discerning. *ANT.* *undiscriminating, unparticular.*

**discrimination** *n.* prejudice, bias, favoritism, bigotry, inequity, racism, sexism, chauvinism.

**discursive** *a.* rambling, digressive, excursive, wandering, roving, circumlocutory, rhapsodic, prolix. *ANT.* *succinct, direct, to the point.*

**discuss** *v.* talk over, deliberate, converse, confabulate, \*hash over, \*kick around, argue, dissent, debate, confer, review.

**discussion** *n.* talk, deliberation, conversation, confabulation, conference, debate, argument, consultation, \*powwow, parley, \*rap session, \*bull session, seminar, symposium.

**DISDAIN** *n.* [dis DANE] scorn or contempt. *I felt nothing but disdain for the man.* *SYN.* scorn, contempt, hatred, disgust, dislike, detestation, loathing, abhorrence, haughtiness, \*snottiness, snobbishness. *ANT.* *admiration, respect.*

**disdain** *v.* despise, loathe, hate, hold in contempt, abhor, sicken at the sight of, spurn, reject, look down one's nose at. *ANT.* *admire, respect.*

**disease** *n.* sickness, illness, affliction, ailment, malady, disorder, ill health, condition, syndrome, \*bug, debility, infection, virus, infirmity, pathology, plague. "The taxes laid upon this wretched life."—Lord Chesterfield. "Death's servant."—Francis Rous. "Fear made manifest on the body."—Mary Baker Eddy. *SEE* BRAIN, CANCER, HEART, NEUROSI

#### WORD FIND

**blood:** anemia, hemophilia, leukemia, pernicious anemia, sickle-cell anemia

**bone:** osteoporosis, osteoarthritis, rickets

**brain and nervous system:** Alzheimer's, aphasia, apoplexy (stroke), encephalitis, epilepsy, Huntington's chorea, hydrocephalus, meningitis, multiple sclerosis (MS), Parkinson's disease, wet brain

**bubonic plague:** Black Death

**cat:** FAIDS, Feline Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

**cause of:** virus, germ, contagion, microbe, bacillus, pathogen

**circulatory:** aneurysm, arteriosclerosis, atherosclerosis, hypertension, ischemia, peripheral vascular disease, phlebitis, thrombosis

**contagious:** chicken pox, diphtheria, measles, tuberculosis, plague, whooping cough

**deficiency:** scurvy, beriberi, pellagra, rickets

**digestive:** appendicitis, cirrhosis of the liver, colitis, Crohn's disease, diabetes, diverticulitis, dysentery, gastroenteritis, gallstones, hepatitis, hiatal hernia, jaundice, pancreatitis, peptic ulcer, typhoid fever

**dog:** distemper, heartworm, mange, rabies

**ear:** tinnitus, vertigo

**eye:** cataract, conjunctivitis, detached retina, glaucoma, lazy eye, pinkeye, retinitis pigmentosa, strabismus, stye, trachoma

**flu:** influenza, gripe

**food poisoning:** botulism, salmonella, trichinosis

**German measles:** rubella

**germ destroyer:** antibiotic, antibody

**gums:** gingivitis, periodontal disease, pyorrhea

**heart:** angina pectoris, arrhythmia, athletic heart syndrome, cardiac arrest, congestive heart failure, coronary artery disease, heart attack, heart murmur, ischemic heart disease, mitral valve prolapse, myocardial infarction, pericarditis, rheumatic heart disease, tachycardia

**identification:** diagnosis

**imagined:** hypochondriasis

**immune dysfunction:** AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

**joints:** arthritis, gout, rheumatism

**kissing disease:** mononucleosis

**livestock:** anthrax, foot-and-mouth disease, listeriosis, mange, mastitis

**lockjaw:** tetanus

**lungs, breathing:** apnea, asthma, black lung disease, bronchitis, cystic fibrosis, dyspnea, emphysema, pleurisy, pneumonia, tuberculosis

**mononucleosis, form of:** Epstein-Barr syndrome

**muscles:** muscular dystrophy, myasthenia gravis, tendinitis, myopathy

**nose:** rhinitis, sinusitis

**origin:** etiology

**peculiar to or found in only one region:** endemic

**predicted outcome:** prognosis

**recurring:** chronic

**sexually transmitted:** venereal disease, herpes, AIDS, gonorrhea (\*clap), genital warts, chlamydia, syphilis.

**skin:** carbuncle, dermatitis, eczema, hives, impetigo, lupus, psoriasis, rosacea, scabies, vitiligo

**spine, curvature of:** scoliosis

**spreading:** contagious

**spreading rapidly:** epidemic

**strep throat, related to:** rheumatic fever, scarlet fever

**swollen salivary glands:** mumps

**tick, transmitted by:** Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain spotted fever

**tropical:** malaria, sprue, dengue fever, leprosy, yellow fever

**warning symptom:** prodrome

**widespread:** pandemic

**disembowel** *v.* eviscerate, gut, draw.

**disenchanted** *a.* disillusioned, undeceived, seeing the real world, disabused, cynical, worldly-wise. *ANT.* *spellbound, naive, enchanted.*

**disengage** *v.* detach, release, free, unfasten, extricate, remove, loose, disconnect.

**disfigure** *v.* deface, mar, scar, deform, mutilate, blemish, maim, distort.

**disgorge** *v.* vomit, discharge, spew, empty. *SEE* VOMIT

**disgrace** *n.* dishonor, shame, blot, degradation, odium, humiliation, \*black eye, discredit, obloquy, defamation, scandal, opprobrium, ignominy, disrepute. "To stumble twice against the same stone."—Cicero. *ANT.* *honor, credit, grace.*

**disgrace** *v.* dishonor, shame, blot, degrade, humiliate, \*give a black eye, discredit, spoil, defame, scandalize, smear, taint, embarrass. *ANT.* *honor, credit, glorify.*

**disgraceful** *a.* dishonorable, shameful, degrading, humiliating, discrediting, defaming, scandalizing, embarrassing, ignominious, odious. *ANT.* *honorable, reputable, admirable.*

**disgruntled** *a.* angry, cross, unhappy, peeved, annoyed, put out, discontented, grouchy, irritable, dissatisfied, disappointed, sulky. *ANT.* *contented, satisfied, happy.*

**disguise** *n.* cover-up, costume, mask, charade, camouflage, facade, guise, getup, pretense, masquerade, cloak, veil, incognito.

**disguise** *v.* cover up, mask, camouflage, put up a facade, masquerade, cloak, veil, counterfeit, dissemble, put on a false front, feign. *ANT.* *expose, reveal, unmask.*

**disgust** *n.* revulsion, repulsion, distaste, loathing, abhorrence, aversion, dislike, nausea, repugnance, detestation. *ANT.* *liking, delight.*

**disgust** *v.* revolt, repel, sicken, nauseate, \*make one sick, offend, repulse, \*turn one's stomach, \*turn off, \*gross out, appall. *ANT.* *delight, attract, charm.*

**disgusting** *a.* repugnant, loathsome, revolting, repellent, sickening, nauseating, \*stomach-

- turning, repulsive, \*gross, offensive, distasteful, noisome, nasty, vulgar, vile, foul. *ANT. delightful, attractive, charming, appetizing.*
- dish** *n.* plate, platter, bowl, vessel, saucer, utensil.
- dishearten** *v.* discourage, dispirit, dampen, \*take the wind out of one's sails, \*shake up, daunt, unnerve, \*take the starch out of, crush, \*put a wet blanket on, \*pour cold water on, dash, deject. *ANT. encourage, hearten, embolden.*
- disheveled** *a.* in disarray, unkempt, sloppy, messy, slovenly, ruffled, wrinkled, bedraggled, \*grubby, mussed, blowzy, uncombed. *ANT. neat, \*put together, sharp, groomed.*
- dishonest** *a.* untruthful, deceitful, insincere, fraudulent, shady, corrupt, untrustworthy, false, misleading, shift, treacherous, disingenuous, crooked, two-faced. *ANT. honest, trustworthy, straightforward.*
- dishonesty** *n.* lies, improbability, untruthfulness, deceit, deception, lying, fraud, prevarication, insincerity, duplicity, mendacity, falsehoods, disingenuousness.
- dishonor** *n.* disgrace, shame, embarrassment, humiliation, discredit, degradation, ignominy, opprobrium, obloquy, scandal, odium, \*fall from grace, smear, blot, \*black eye. *ANT. honor, esteem, admiration.*
- dishonor** *v.* disgrace, shame, discredit, degrade, scandalize, smear, blot, \*give a black eye, besmirch, tarnish, \*drag through the mud.
- DISILLUSION** *v.* [dis i LOO szhun] to remove faulty perceptions and see things as they really are. *Children eventually become disillusioned with Santa Claus.* *SYN.* disenchant, disabuse, disappoint, enlighten, \*bring down to earth, \*burst one's bubble, open one's eyes, \*clue in, shatter illusions. *ANT. enchant, spellbind, deceive.*
- disinclined** *a.* unwilling, reluctant, loath, averse, indisposed, opposed, resistant, hesitant. *ANT. willing, eager.*
- disinfect** *v.* sterilize, sanitize, purify, cleanse, decontaminate, antisepticize, \*zap.
- disingenuous** *a.* insincere, deceitful, lying, artful, false, uncandid, dishonest, crooked, underhanded, two-faced. *ANT. sincere, honest, \*real.*
- disintegrate** *v.* fall apart, crumble, shatter, break up, atomize, pulverize, turn to dust, decompose, decay, erode.
- disinterested** *a.* indifferent, apathetic, unconcerned, dispassionate, uninvolved, impartial, unprejudiced, unbiased, neutral. *ANT. concerned, biased, prejudiced, involved, riveted.*
- disjointed** *a.* disconnected, loose, displaced, incoherent, disordered, disorganized, discontinuous, broken, separated, rambling, choppy. *ANT. connected, coherent.*
- disk** *n.* 1. plate. 2. diskette, floppy disk, magnetic disk, CD.
- dislike** *n.* hatred, abhorrence, loathing, scorn, detestation, distaste, disapproval, aversion, antipathy, repugnance, repulsion. *ANT. approval, acceptance, love.*
- dislike** *v.* hate, abhor, loathe, \*get turned off by, despise, deplore, scorn, \*turn up one's nose at, disapprove, \*look down on, frown upon, detest. *ANT. like, fancy, love.*
- dislocate** *v.* pull out of alignment, displace, dislodge.
- disloyal** *a.* unfaithful, traitorous, treacherous, back-stabbing, two-faced, treasonous, perfidious, double-crossing, \*like a snake in the grass. *ANT. faithful, true, loyal.*
- dismal** *a.* dreary, gloomy, bleak, depressing, cheerless, grim, black, desolate, melancholy, forlorn, miserable, somber. *ANT. cheerful, sunny, uplifting, bright.*
- dismantle** *v.* disassemble, take apart, strip, break apart, break down, tear down, demolish, level.
- dismay** *n.* consternation, horror, discomposure, fright, apprehension, terror, discouragement, trepidation, \*cold feet, alarm, dread.
- dismay** *v.* daunt, dishearten, trouble, frighten, disconcert, appall, intimidate, horrify, cow, discompose, unnerve, shake, fluster, rattle, consternate.
- dismember** *v.* amputate, cut up, mutilate, chop up, cut into pieces, mangle.
- dismiss** *v.* 1. LET GO send away, discharge, release, turn out, expel, rid, excuse, dispense with, free, banish, clear, oust, evict. 2. FIRE lay off, \*give the axe, \*give the boot, \*give walking papers, \*send packing, \*show the door, \*give pink slip, terminate, \*can, \*sack, set adrift, \*bounce. 3. PUT OUT OF ONE'S MIND dispel, disregard, banish, \*pooh-pooh.
- dismissal** *n.* discharge, release, expulsion, ousting, eviction, \*walking papers, layoff, \*sack, \*pink slip, removal.
- disobedience** *n.* rebellion, noncompliance, defiance, insubordination, transgression, revolt, recalcitrance, contumacy, insubmission. "The rarest and the most courageous of the virtues, is seldom distinguished from neglect, the laziest and most common of the vices."—George Bernard Shaw.

**disobedient** *v.* rebellious, noncompliant, defiant, insubordinate, unruly, recalcitrant, insubmissive, fractious, contrary, stubborn, mischievous. *ANT.* *obedient, compliant, dutiful.*

**disobey** *v.* defy, rebel, revolt, reject, transgress, oppose, flout, contradict, \*thumb one's nose at, disregard, overstep, resist. *ANT.* *obey, comply, \*knuckle under, abide by.*

**disorder** *n.* 1. DISARRAY jumble, confusion, mess, disarrangement, clutter, disorganization, untidiness, chaos, muddle. 2. DISTURBANCE commotion, upset, agitation, unrest, chaos, turbulence, imbroglio, clamor, rumpus, \*hullabaloo, fracas, anarchy, ferment, discord. 3. AFFLICTION ailment, malady, infirmity, sickness, illness, disease, syndrome. *ANT.* 1. *order, organization, arrangement.* 2. *peace, calm, tranquility.*

**disorder** *v.* mix up, mess, disarrange, jumble, confuse, shuffle, clutter, disorganize, muddle, disturb, scatter, muss up. *ANT.* *order, arrange, neat.*

**disorderly** *a.* 1. IRREGULAR messy, disarranged, jumbled, confused, shuffled, cluttered, mixed up, disorganized, muddled, scrambled, scattered. 2. UNRULY disruptive, unmanageable, riotous, \*out-of-line, unlawful, rowdy, uncontrollable, wayward, obstreperous. *ANT.* 1. *orderly, arranged, organized.* 2. *orderly, well-behaved, peaceful.*

**disoriented** *a.* lost, confused, mixed-up, dazed, muddled, bewildered.

**disown** *v.* repudiate, reject, renounce, disclaim, forsake, disavow, cast off, divorce oneself from, disinherit. *ANT.* *claim, accept, admit, adopt.*

**DISPARAGE** *v.* [di SPAIR ij] to belittle, put down. *The coach disparaged the team after yet another loss.* *SYN.* belittle, put down, criticize, deprecate, denigrate, depreciate, deflate, defame, malign, \*dump on, ridicule, discredit. *ANT.* *praise, commend, laud.*

**disparate** *a.* different, dissimilar, distinct, contrasting, unequal, uneven, inconsistent. *ANT.* *comparable.*

**DISPARITY** *n.* [dis PAIR uh tee] a gap or state of inequality, difference. *There is often a disparity between thoughts and deeds.* *SYN.* gap, inequality, difference, incongruity, discrepancy, imbalance, disproportion, inconsistency. *ANT.* *equality, correspondence, consistency.*

**dispassionate** *a.* unfeeling, unemotional, calm, detached, indifferent, neutral, disinterested, unprejudiced, unbiased, objective, judi-

cial, impartial. *ANT.* *passionate, involved, interested, biased.*

**dispatch** *n.* 1. MESSAGE communication, communique, news, report, bulletin, flash, note. 2. SPEED promptness, swiftness, alacrity, celerity, quickness, haste, expedition. *ANT.* 2. *sloth, sluggishness.*

**dispatch** *v.* 1. SEND OFF consign, forward, issue, transmit, speed, express, post. 2. EXPEDITE hurry, dash off, quicken, push, dispose of, \*zip off. 3. KILL slay, execute, murder, assassinate, put to death, \*waste. *SEE* KILL, MURDER

**dispel** *v.* dispense with, rid, scatter, drive away, dismiss, banish, oust, eject, rout, disperse, remove, dispose of.

**dispensable** *a.* unnecessary, disposable, nonessential, inessential, expendable, superfluous. *ANT.* *indispensable.*

**dispensary** *n.* medical supply office, infirmary, clinic.

**dispensation** *n.* 1. DISTRIBUTION apportionment, allocation, disbursement, allotment, assignment, consignment. 2. SHARE allotment, quota, portion, consignment, allocation. 3. ADMINISTRATION management, regulation, direction, operation, supervision.

**disperse** *v.* give out, distribute, allocate, apportion, dole out, assign, mete out, supply, disperse, parcel out.

**disperse with** *v.* 1. dispose of, get rid of, do without, relinquish. 2. forgo, waive, forswear.

**disperse** *v.* scatter, distribute, strew, disseminate, spread, broadcast, sow, circulate, diffuse, disband, dissipate.

**dispirited** *a.* dejected, depressed, downhearted, melancholy, blue, glum, discouraged, \*down in the dumps, disheartened, despondent, disconsolate. *ANT.* *cheerful, euphoric, happy.*

**displace** *v.* 1. MOVE dislocate, shift, dislodge, unsettle, transfer, dispossess, relocate, disturb, force out, uproot. 2. SUPPLANT replace, supersede, succeed, crowd out, take over, usurp.

**display** *n.* exhibit, exhibition, presentation, advertisement, exposition, layout, spread, staging, panorama.

**display** *v.* exhibit, show, present, showcase, advertise, lay out, stage, flaunt, demonstrate, parade, spotlight. *ANT.* *hide, conceal, camouflage.*

**displease** *v.* annoy, offend, anger, irritate, disturb, irk, disappoint, bother, upset, dissatisfy, disgruntle, \*piss off, repulse, pall, insult. *ANT.* *delight, satisfy, \*tickle.*

**displeasure** *n.* annoyance, dissatisfaction, anger, irritation, disappointment, disgruntlement,

- dislike, distaste, unhappiness. *ANT. delight, satisfaction, happiness.*
- disposal** *n.* 1. THROWING OUT discarding, dumping, junking, dispatching, scrapping, removal. 2. ORDER placement, distribution, array, arrangement, disposition, grouping. 3. SETTLEMENT conclusion, dispensation, de-termination, transfer, end. 4. POWER liberty, authority, control, direction.
- dispose** *v.* 1. THROW OUT discard, dump, toss, scrap, junk, \*can, \*chuck, \*eighty-six. 2. SETTLE determine, decide, end, finish up.
- disposed** *a.* inclined, apt, willing, prone, liable, predisposed, likely. *ANT. indisposed, unlikely.*
- disposition** *n.* 1. TEMPERAMENT temper, nature, mood, humor, frame of mind, outlook, character, \*mind-set, tendency, proclivity, bent. 2. ORDER placement, distribution, arrangement, grouping, array.
- dispossess** *v.* divest, deprive, expropriate, strip, confiscate, oust, expel, eject.
- disproportionate** *a.* unequal, unbalanced, lopsided, inordinate, uneven. *ANT. equal, proportionate.*
- disprove** *v.* debunk, invalidate, refute, confute, negate, expose, controvert, belie, \*shoot holes in, discredit. *ANT. prove, validate.*
- disputable** *a.* debatable, arguable, dubious, moot, questionable, controversial, open to argument, unsettled. *ANT. indisputable, settled, unquestionable.*
- dispute** *n.* argument, debate, controversy, disagreement, conflict, altercation, difference of opinion, contest, \*beef, wrangle, dissension, \*fuss, \*bone of contention, row, imbroglio. *ANT. agreement.*
- dispute** *v.* argue, debate, disagree, conflict, contest, contend, controvert, \*lock horns, wrangle, quarrel, doubt, controvert, bicker, quibble. *ANT. agree, concur, \*find common ground.*
- disqualify** *v.* turn down, shut out, reject, debar, eliminate, remove, declare ineligible.
- disquiet** *n.* restlessness, anxiety, worry, trouble, distress, unrest, unease, angst, fretfulness. *ANT. serenity, tranquility, calm.*
- disquiet** *v.* trouble, disturb, bother, disrupt, distress, worry, fret, shake up, fluster, discompose, rattle. *ANT. calm, compose, relax.*
- disregard** *v.* ignore, nevermind, skip, overlook, forget, omit, \*pay no mind, \*turn a deaf ear, slight. *ANT. heed, notice, consider.*
- disrepair** *n.* deterioration, decay, dilapidation, ruin, wreckage.
- disreputable** *a.* dishonorable, disgraceful, low, shady, cheap, unprincipled, shameful, scandalous, sordid, ignominious, ignoble, unsavory. *ANT. respectable, honorable, classy, noble.*
- disrespect** *n.* irreverence, incivility, disregard, discourtesy, impoliteness, rudeness, impertinence, insolence, impudence, flippancy, lèse-majesté. *ANT. respect, reverence, civility, deference.*
- disrespect** *v.* disregard, insult, offend, look down on, disparage, \*walk on, take advantage of, \*dis, \*dump on, slight, \*badmouth, \*ride, \*trash, regard superciliously, regard with hauteur, ignore, dismiss, \*turn up one's nose at, snub, rebuff, minimize, underestimate, regard with disdain. *ANT. respect, \*kiss up to, honor.*
- disrespectful** *a.* irreverent, uncivil, discourteous, impolite, rude, impertinent, insolent, impudent, flippant, contemptuous, insulting, \*smart-alecky, \*out of line, ill-mannered. *ANT. respectful, civil, reverent, deferential.*
- disrobe** *v.* undress, strip, bare, \*peel, slip out of, \*shuck, uncover, shed, \*drop one's drawers.
- disrupt** *v.* interrupt, upset, disturb, disorder, unsettle, agitate, \*discombobulate, interfere with, break up, disorganize, disconcert.
- disruptive** *a.* interrupting, upsetting, disturbing, unsettling, agitating, disconcerting, distracting, \*discombobulating, trouble-making. *ANT. calming, quieting.*
- dissatisfactory** *a.* unsatisfactory.
- dissatisfied** *a.* displeased, unfulfilled, unhappy, discontented, disappointed, critical, disgruntled, malcontented, frustrated, disaffected. *ANT. satisfied, pleased, content.*
- dissect** *v.* cut up, separate, examine, analyze, inspect, scrutinize, explore, study, \*go over with fine-tooth comb.
- dissemble** *v.* disguise, hide, cover up, mask, dissimulate, conceal, feign, \*put on a front, cloak, camouflage. *ANT. reveal, show, expose.*
- DISSEMINATE** *v.* [di SEM uh NATE] to distribute, spread, or scatter. *The head office will disseminate the new information.* *SYN.* distribute, spread, scatter, disperse, broadcast, propagate, promulgate, circulate, sow, diffuse.
- DISSENSION** *n.* [di SEN shun] disagreement, difference of opinion. *There was dissension over the issue.* *SYN.* discord, disagreement, difference of opinion, contention, conflict, strife, dissent, argument, variance, friction, \*flak. *ANT. accord, agreement, harmony.*
- dissent** *n.* disagreement, difference of opinion, contention, conflict, dissension, argument, dispute, discord, schism, nonconformity, opposition. *ANT. agreement, accord, concurrence.*

**dissent** *v.* disagree, contradict, differ, argue, dispute, oppose, vary, reject, contend, protest. *ANT.* agree, concur, assent.

**DISSERTATION** *n.* [DIS ur TAY shun] a long report or treatise on a subject, based on one's own research, often a requirement of a doctorate. *She gave her dissertation on the mating practices of turtles.* *SYN.* thesis, treatise, report, paper, discourse, study, composition, disquisition, essay, exposition.

**disservice** *n.* wrong, harm, injustice, injury, disfavor, damage.

**DISSIDENT** *n.* [DIS uh dent] one who disagrees; a dissenter. *A number of dissidents protested the action with a demonstration.* *SYN.* dissenter, protestor, nonconformist, objector, separatist, rebel, opposition.

**dissident** *a.* disagreeing, differing, dissenting. *ANT.* assenting, agreeing, concurring

**dissimilar** *a.* unlike, different, distinct, divergent, opposite, contrasting, antithetical, disparate, \*like night and day. *ANT.* like, similar, matched.

**dissimulate** *v.* hide, conceal. SEE DISSEMBLE

**DISSIPATE** *v.* [DIS uh PATE] to scatter, thin out, dispel, disappear, exhaust. *The snow finally began to dissipate.* *SYN.* scatter, thin out, disperse, dispel, disappear, dissolve, exhaust, ebb, deplete, disintegrate, vanish. *ANT.* conserve, save, concentrate.

**dissociate** *v.* separate, part, disconnect, detach, segregate, break off, divorce, estrange, distance.

**dissolute** *a.* abandoned, immoral, debauched, unrestrained, intemperate, depraved, unbridled, perverted, lecherous, licentious, wanton. *ANT.* virtuous, moral, restrained, abstinent.

**dissolution** *n.* dissolving, disintegration, decay, decomposition, death, end, passing, termination, demise, extinction, collapse, disappearance.

**dissolve** *v.* 1. MELT diffuse, liquefy, deliquesce, thaw. 2. END terminate, close, finish, break up, discontinue, disband, disperse, evaporate. 3. ANNUL void, cancel, invalidate, nullify, rescind, repeal. 4. VANISH fade, disappear, blur, dematerialize. *ANT.* 1. thicken, congeal, harden. 2. begin, start, open. 3. validate. 4. materialize, appear.

**dissonant** *a.* 1. INHARMONIOUS harsh, discordant, cacophonous, jarring, grating, raucous, sour, strident. 2. DISAGREEING incompatible, discordant, incongruous, clashing, divergent, opposing, at variance. *ANT.* 1. harmoni-

ous, euphonious, melodious. 2. agreeing, compatible, consonant.

**DISSUADE** *v.* [dis WADE] to discourage or talk out of. *I would dissuade any family member from bungee-jumping.* *SYN.* discourage, talk out of, deter, advise against, disincline, \*throw cold water on, persuade not to, stop. *ANT.* talk into, persuade to, encourage.

**distance** *n.* 1. SPACE span, length, remoteness, range, area, expanse, interval, stretch, sweep, spread, width, remove, horizon, far reaches, extent. 2. COLDNESS reserve, aloofness, unfriendliness, stiffness. *ANT.* 2. warmth, closeness, intimacy.

**distant** *a.* 1. FAR far off, remote, removed, afar, away, yonder, far-flung, outlying, out of range, outback, isolated. 2. COLD reserved, aloof, unfriendly, \*at arm's length, stiff, cool, frigid, formal, withdrawn. *ANT.* 1. close, near, at hand. 2. warm, close, intimate, friendly.

**distaste** *n.* dislike, aversion, repulsion, revulsion, abhorrence, disgust, repugnance, disinclination, displeasure. *ANT.* liking, attraction.

**distasteful** *a.* disgusting, repulsive, revolting, abhorrent, repellent, offensive, unsavory, unappetizing, obnoxious, unpalatable, disagreeable, tasteless, \*gross, nauseating. *ANT.* appealing, savory, attractive, pleasing.

**distended** *a.* bloated, swollen, inflated, enlarged, turgid, expanded, bulging, puffed out, ballooned, blown up. *ANT.* shriveled, sunken, deflated.

**distill** *v.* extract, purify, boil down, decoct, refine, ferment, concentrate, separate, condense, press out, brew, vaporize.

**distillation** *n.* essence, distillate, concentrate.

**distinct** *a.* 1. CLEAR obvious, plain, clear-cut, unambiguous, defined, unmistakable, specific, explicit, manifest. 2. SEPARATE individual, unlike, different, unassociated, detached, sole, disparate, discrete. *ANT.* 1. unclear, vague, fuzzy. 2. associated, joined, linked.

**distinction** *n.* 1. DIFFERENTIATION discrimination, distinguishment, difference, peculiarity, feature, mark, characteristic, earmark. 2. RECOGNITION honor, eminence, achievement, credit, prominence, repute, merit, prestige, renown, consequence.

**distinctive** *a.* unique, distinguishing, characteristic, singular, different, peculiar, individual, special, idiosyncratic, unusual. *ANT.* common, ordinary, nondescript.

**distinguish** *v.* 1. SEE THE DIFFERENCE differentiate, discriminate, separate, judge, tell apart, ascertain, characterize, classify. 2. DISCERN

- make out, perceive, see, notice, detect, observe, apprehend, catch, spot, recognize.
- distinguished** *a.* 1. EMINENT renowned, famous, prominent, acclaimed, notable, illustrious, celebrated, excellent. 2. DIGNIFIED stately, elegant, grand, magnificent, august, princely, lordly, imposing, \*distingue. *ANT.* 1. *unknown, ordinary, pedestrian.* 2. *undignified, undistinguished, lowly.*
- distort** *v.* 1. MISSHAPE contort, deform, twist, warp, gnarl, wrench, screw, knot, disfigure. 2. MISREPRESENT misconstrue, falsify, lie, misinterpret, alter, twist, slant, pervert, stretch, varnish, embellish.
- distortion** *n.* misrepresentation, lie, misinterpretation, alteration, stretch, embellishment, falsification, exaggeration, perversion, \*BS, fabrication, embroidery. *ANT.* *truth, accuracy.*
- distract** *v.* 1. DIVERT sidetrack, draw away, catch one's attention, entertain. 2. BEWILDER confuse, perplex, befuddle, fluster, discompose, confound, trouble, unsettle.
- distract** *n.* diversion, amusement, entertainment, beguilement, interruption, divertissement, interference, annoyance.
- distraught** *a.* anxious, upset, worried, agitated, disturbed, troubled, perturbed, overwrought, crazed, frantic, \*out of one's mind, harassed. *ANT.* *calm, composed, relaxed, tranquil.*
- distress** *n.* pain, suffering, anxiety, anguish, difficulty, strain, unhappiness, sorrow, discomfort, agony, angst, torture.
- distress** *v.* upset, worry, trouble, strain, disturb, bother, burden, aggrieve, pain, plague, hurt, tax, torment, harass. *ANT.* *comfort, console, soothe, relieve.*
- distress signal** *n.* SOS, Mayday, flare.
- distribute** *v.* 1. APPORTION allot, parcel out, allocate, prorate, issue, ration, deliver, mete, divide, \*dole out, disseminate, \*divvy, disperse, spread. 2. CLASSIFY arrange, group, order. *ANT.* 1. *collect, gather, concentrate.*
- distribution** *n.* 1. APPORTIONMENT allotment, allocation, parcel, division, rationing, spreading, delivery, propagation, scattering. 2. CLASSIFICATION arrangement, grouping, order.
- distributor** *n.* dealer, wholesaler, merchandiser, trader, jobber, merchant, outlet, warehouse, salesman, franchise.
- district** *n.* area, region, precinct, section, quarter, zone, locale, community, parish, ward.
- district attorney** *n.* DA, prosecution officer, lawyer. *SEE* LAW
- distrust** *n.* mistrust, disbelief, doubt, suspicion, wariness, leerness, incredulity, misgiving, skepticism. *ANT.* *trust, belief, faith.*
- distrust** *v.* mistrust, disbelieve, question, doubt, suspect, be wary of, be leery of, have reservations about. *ANT.* *trust, believe, have faith in.*
- distrustful** *a.* doubting, questioning, skeptical, cynical, suspicious, disbelieving, leery, wary, incredulous. *ANT.* *trusting, gullible.*
- disturb** *v.* 1. BOTHER trouble, disquiet, disrupt, distress, ruffle, interrupt, annoy, plague, irritate, discommode, perturb, \*hassle, \*bug, intrude upon. 2. DISARRANGE disorder, disorganize, jumble, mix up, upset, unsettle.
- disturbance** *n.* disruption, commotion, interruption, interference, upset, tumult, annoyance, agitation, perturbation, bother, uproar, rumpus.
- ditch** *n.* trench, channel, gully, excavation, trough, gutter, cut, waterway, dike, moat.
- ditch** *v.* *Sl.* dump, junk, discard, abandon, unload, get rid of, desert.
- ditsy** *a.* \*bubbleheaded, foolish, scatterbrained, absent-minded, empty-headed, dotty, eccentric, silly. *ANT.* *sensible.*
- ditto** *n.* the same, likewise, the above, the aforementioned.
- ditty** *n.* song, tune, composition, number.
- diva** *n.* prima donna, lead singer, vocalist. *SEE* OPERA
- dive** *n.* 1. PLUNGE drop, vault, \*header, nose-dive, descent, swoop, leap, submergence, immersion, bellyflop, cannonball, half twist, full twist, jackknife, gainer, half gainer, swan dive, backflip. 2. *Sl.* \*DUMP hole, bar, honky-tonk, tavern.
- dive** *v.* plunge, drop, plummet, vault, \*do a header, nosedive, pitch, descend, submerge.
- diver** *n.* scuba diver, skin diver, \*frogman.
- diverge** *v.* 1. SEPARATE come apart, spread, depart, deviate, divide, split, branch off. 2. DIFFER disagree, vary, conflict, oppose, be at odds. *ANT.* 1. *converge.* 2. *agree.*
- divergence** *n.* 1. SEPARATION split, fork, branching, parting, deviation, division, digression. 2. DIFFERENCE disagreement, conflict, variance, odds, incongruity. *ANT.* 1. *convergence.* 2. *agreement.*
- diverse** *a.* 1. DIFFERENT unlike, disparate, distinct, dissimilar, varied, discrete. 2. MULTIFORM diversified, sundry, varied, manifold, multifarious, assorted. *ANT.* 1. *similar, like, identical.*
- diversify** *v.* vary, branch out, expand, variegate, assort, modify.

**diversion** *n.* entertainment, amusement, distraction, pastime, divertissement, fun, pleasure, frolic, sport.

**diversity** *n.* variety, difference, assortment, multiplicity, heterogeneity, miscellany, medley. *ANT.* sameness, homogeneity.

**divert** *v.* 1. TURN ASIDE change course, deflect, sidetrack, avert, swerve. 2. DISTRACT OR AMUSE entertain, draw, absorb, regale, beguile.

**diverting** *a.* distracting, amusing, entertaining, absorbing, beguiling, engrossing, magnetic. *ANT.* unstimulating, boring, tedious, tiresome.

**divest** *v.* strip, dispossess, deprive, confiscate, relieve of, seize, remove, bare, denude.

**divide** *v.* 1. SEPARATE sever, cleave, part, split, cut, rend, halve, quarter, bisect, sunder, disjoin, disconnect, segregate, section. 2. AP-PORTION distribute, share, allocate, mete out, dole, dispense, \*divvy up, portion, ration, deal. 3. CLASSIFY group, categorize, label, sort, arrange. *ANT.* 1. join, unite, fuse.

**divination** *n.* prophecy, soothsaying, augury, prognostication, fortune-telling, foretelling, premonition, forecast, presentiment.

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#### WORD FIND

by animal droppings: scatomancy

by bird actions: auspice

by celestial positions: astrology

by choosing random passage in book, especially the Bible: bibliomancy

by communication with the dead: necromancy

by dirt figures: geomancy

by divining rod: rhabdomancy

by dreams: oneiromancy

by entrails of animals: haruspicy

by flight patterns of birds: ornithomancy

by lots: sortilege

by numbers: numerology

by shapes of melting wax: ceromancy

by water: hydromancy

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**divine** *v.* foretell, predict, prophesy, forecast, foresee, prognosticate, surmise, guess, infer, portend. *SEE* PROPHECY

**divine** *a.* godlike, holy, sacred, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, heavenly, deified, supreme, sanctified, perfect, celestial, angelic, superhuman. *ANT.* earthly, mortal.

**divinity** *n.* god, God, deity, goddess. *SEE* GOD

**division** *n.* 1. PART section, segment, unit, department, branch, sector, subdivision, component, piece, cut, chunk. 2. DISAGREEMENT

difference of opinion, variance, discord, dissension, dissent, rift, feud, argument. *ANT.* 2. agreement, unity, accord.

**divisive** *a.* [di VIY siv] causing disagreement or discord. *The meeting was tense and divisive.* *SYN.* negative, fault-finding, dissenting, sowing the seeds of dissension, at odds, alienating, disaffecting, discordant, hostile, nasty, disrupting, segregating. *ANT.* uniting.

**divorce** *n.* disunion, separation, \*split, breakup, dissolution, annulment, parting. "A hash made of domestic scraps."—Ed Wynn. "Holy deadlock."—A.P. Herbert.

**divorce** *v.* 1. SEPARATE dissociate, split, sever, part, detach. 2. END MARRIAGE dissolve, annul, split up, break up.

**divulge** *v.* reveal, disclose, make known, confess, confide, tell, let slip, impart, expose, \*spill the beans, \*spill one's guts, blab, leak. *ANT.* keep secret, conceal, hide.

**divvy up** *vt.* apportion. *SEE* DIVIDE

**dizzy** *a.* 1. UNSTEADY light-headed, vertiginous, off balance, reeling, wobbly, \*punch-drunk, whirling, giddy, groggy, bewildered, confused. 2. SCATTERBRAINED silly, flighty, frivolous, harebrained, foolish, giddy. *ANT.* 1. sober, balanced, steady. 2. poised, intelligent, thoughtful, rational.

**DNA** *n.* deoxyribonucleic acid. The two-stranded chain component in the nuclei of cells that makes up genes and chromosomes. The detective traced the accused to the crime scene with DNA fingerprinting. *SYN.* nucleic acid, nucleotide chains, double helix, code of life, genetic code. *SEE* SCIENCE

**do** *v.* 1. PERFORM execute, carry out, complete, undertake, see to it, make, cause, bring about, produce, fulfill, engineer, \*swing, effect. 2. COMPLETE fulfill, accomplish, dispatch, clinch, consummate, dispose of. 3. SUFFICE serve, pass muster, be adequate, measure up, suit, meet one's needs. 4. ACT behave, conduct, comport, deport, operate. 5. TRAVEL THROUGH visit, cover, tour, pass through, explore, experience.

**DOCILE** *a.* [DOS ul] easy to train and handle, tractable. *The poodle is considerably more docile than the coyote.* *SYN.* tractable, malleable, trainable, pliant, manageable, obedient, gentle, accommodating, submissive, compliant, obliging, meek. *ANT.* defiant, stubborn, vicious, untrainable, \*unbreakable.

**dock** *n.* pier, wharf, landing, quay, marina, slip, berth.

**docket** *n.* agenda, calendar, program, schedule, ticket.

**doctor** *n.* physician, medical practitioner, M.D., general practitioner, osteopath, homeopath, medic, intern, specialist, resident, medicine man, healer, \*doc, \*pill pusher, \*bones, \*sawbones, \*quack, witch doctor. “An angel when he comes to cure, a devil when he asks for pay.”—English proverb. “Death’s pilot-fish.”—G.D. Prentice. “The flower of our civilization.”—Robert Louis Stevenson. SEE DISEASE, HOSPITAL, MEDICINE, NURSE, OPERATION, SURGERY

**WORD FIND**

**ambulance attendant:** paramedic, emergency medical technician (EMT)  
**anesthesia administrator:** anesthetist, anesthesiologist  
**animals:** veterinarian  
**association:** American Medical Association, AMA  
**bone, joint, and muscle specialist:** orthopedist  
**children’s:** pediatrician  
**digestive system:** gastroenterologist  
**disease authority:** pathologist  
**drug authority:** pharmacologist  
**ear, nose, and throat specialist:** otolaryngologist  
**epidemic authority:** epidemiologist  
**eye:** ophthalmologist  
**feeling patient’s body with hands to aid diagnosis:** palpation  
**foot:** podiatrist  
**heart:** cardiologist  
**hormone specialist:** endocrinologist  
**knee hammer:** percussor  
**listening for body sounds through stethoscope:** auscultation  
**manipulator of bones and spine:** chiropractor  
**medical examiner:** coroner  
**mental disorders:** psychiatrist  
**national health chief:** Surgeon General  
**nervous system:** neurologist  
**newborns:** neonatologist  
**oath of:** Hippocratic oath  
**prayer, cures by:** faith healer  
**pregnancy and birth:** obstetrician  
**radiology:** radiologist  
**rectum, anus:** proctologist  
**skin:** dermatologist  
**tapping chest, back, abdomen, aid in diagnosis:** percussion  
**trainee:** intern  
**tumor specialist:** oncologist

**urinary tract, kidneys, prostate:** urologist  
**women’s reproductive system:** gynecologist

**doctor** *v.* 1. MEND fix, treat, repair, attend, nurse, medicate, \*patch up. 2. ALTER tamper with, falsify, change, distort, adulterate.  
**doctrinaire** *a.* obstinate, dogmatic, impractical, unrealistic, rigid, speculative, authoritarian, inflexible. *ANT.* *practical, flexible, open-minded.*  
**doctrine** *n.* principle, belief, conviction, precept, opinion, convention, tenet, dictum, dogma, creed, gospel.  
**document** *n.* paper, record, certificate, form, report, instrument, testimony, contract, writ.  
**document** *v.* support, verify, authenticate, substantiate, prove.  
**documentary** *n.* film, docudrama, investigative report, travelogue, account, cinema verité, narrative, newsreel, short subject. SEE MOVIE  
**dodder** *v.* shake, tremble, totter, falter, shuffle, quiver, potter.  
**doddering** *a.* feeble-minded, senile, faltering, weak, infirm, decrepit, shaky, tottering, shuffling, quivering, \*dotty. *ANT.* *hale, robust, fit.*  
**dodge** *n.* stratagem, subterfuge, sidestep, evasion, escape, ruse, feint, trick, maneuver, ploy.  
**dodge** *v.* avoid, evade, sidestep, elude, escape, \*give the slip, duck, get around, \*weasel out of, swerve, parry, skirt, bob and weave. *ANT.* *encounter, meet, confront.*  
**doer** *n.* \*go-getter, \*mover and shaker, activist, risk-taker, enterpriser.  
**doff** *v.* remove, take off, shed, strip, shuck, disrobe, undress.  
**dog** *n.* canine, hound, \*mutt, mongrel, cur, \*pooch, puppy, bitch, \*flea bag, tyke, \*man’s best friend. “The one absolutely unselfish friend.”—George Vest. “A liberal. He wants to please everyone.”—William Kunstler. “The god of frolic.”—Henry Ward Beecher.

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**WORD FIND**

**Australian wild dog:** dingo  
**back portion between shoulder blades:** withers  
**bark:** bay, howl, yelp  
**breeds:** Afghan, Airedale, Alaskan malamute, Alsatian, basset hound, beagle, Belgian sheep dog, bloodhound, border terrier, borzoi, Boston terrier, boxer, bulldog, bull mastiff, bull terrier, Chesapeake Bay retriever, Chihuahua, chow, cocker spaniel, collie, dachshund, Dalmatian, deerhound, Doberman pinscher,

elkhound, English setter, English springer spaniel, English toy spaniel, foxhound, fox terrier, German shepherd, golden retriever, Great Dane, Great Pyrenees, greyhound, griffon, harrier, hound dog, husky, Irish setter, Irish wolfhound, Labrador retriever, Lhasa apso, Maltese, mastiff, Mexican hairless, miniature poodle, Newfoundland, Norwegian elkhound, Old English sheepdog, Pekingese, pointer, Pomeranian, poodle, pug, rat terrier, retriever, Rottweiler, Russian wolfhound, Saint Bernard, Saluki, Samoyed, schnauzer, Scottish terrier, setter, Shih tzu, Skye terrier, spaniel, spitz, springer spaniel, staghound, Sussex spaniel, terrier, toy poodle, toy spaniel, water spaniel, Welsh collie, Welsh corgi, whippet, wirehaired terrier, wolfhound, Yorkshire terrier

**bristling neck and back hairs:** hackles  
**cheeks, lower:** chops  
**chest hairs or coloration:** apron  
**chest, lower:** brisket  
**chin hairs:** beard  
**claw, vestigial:** dewclaw  
**coat, black or dark brown:** sable  
**coat, glossiness of:** bloom  
**coat, gray or black on white:** badger-marked  
**coat, gray or streaked with gray:** grizzle  
**coat, multicolored:** parti-colored  
**coat, patchy or spotted with two or more colors:** pied  
**coat, reddish brown or purplish brown:** liver  
**coat, streaked or spotted:** brindle  
**coat, white with black spots:** harlequin  
**coat, yellowish blond**  
**coat, yellowish brown:** fawn  
**disease:** distemper, rabies, mange  
**domed or rounded skull:** apple head  
**ears that are loose and dangling:** lop ears  
**father:** sire  
**fear of:** cynophobia  
**female:** bitch  
**foot cushions:** pads  
**fringe around neck:** frill, ruff  
**fringe on tail, back of legs:** feather  
**hell's guardian:** Cerberus  
**history:** cynology  
**house:** kennel  
**light-colored streak on head:** blaze  
**lineage, especially from same breed:** pedigree

**long-legged, slight:** racy  
**lover of:** philocynic  
**low to the ground, thickest:** cloddy  
**mating period, female:** heat  
**mixed breed:** mongrel  
**mother:** dam  
**mouth, nose and jaws:** muzzle  
**muzzle that is dark on some breeds:** mask  
**muzzle that is sharply pointed:** snipy  
**nose of more than one color:** butterfly nose  
**ovaries, remove:** spay  
**puppies, unweaned:** whelps  
**range over field looking for game:** quarter  
**sagging back:** swayback  
**sculpted tufts left on sheared dog, esp. poodle:** pompon  
**short-bodied:** cobby  
**shoulders, highest part of:** withers  
**tail, bushy:** brush  
**tail, curled:** ringtail  
**tail, cut short:** bobtail, docked tail  
**tail, feathery:** plume  
**tail, straight, stiff:** whip  
**tail, twisted:** screwtail  
**top dog:** alpha  
**worm parasite:** heartworm

**dog-eat-dog** *a.* vicious, voracious, brutal, aggressive, competitive, cutthroat, ruthless, brother against brother. *ANT. merciful, compassionate.*

**DOGGED** *a.* [DOG id] tenacious and stubborn, unwilling to give up. *In spite of overwhelming odds, she continued on doggedly.* *SYN.* stubborn, tenacious, willful, persistent, obstinate, mulish, determined intent, steadfast, resolute, plodding, unflinching, persevering. *ANT. yielding, compromising, irresolute.*

**dogleg** *n.* bend, turn.

**DOGMA** *n.* [DAWG muh] beliefs and principles. *My own religious dogma is not unlike others.* *SYN.* beliefs, principles, doctrine, conviction, creed, gospel, teachings, credo, tenet, article of faith, view, opinion. "A hard substance which forms in a soft brain."—Elbert Hubbard.

**DOGMATIC** *a.* [dawg MAT ik] stubbornly clinging to one's own beliefs and refusing to consider those of others; overpositive. *Our minister is too dogmatic to consider other views.* *SYN.* overpositive, closed-minded, opinionated, doctrinaire, biased, authoritarian, narrow-minded, emphatic, prejudiced, fanatical, imperious, dictatorial. *ANT. liberal-minded, open-minded, tolerant, receptive.*

- do-gooder** *n.* idealist, bleeding heart, philanthropist, humanitarian, \*Dudley Do-right, boy scout, good Samaritan, altruist.
- doings** *n.* actions, deeds, acts, exploits, affairs, events, \*goings-on, happenings, transactions.
- doldrums** *n.* listlessness, depression, \*blahs, malaise, boredom, \*blues, \*dumps, \*blue funk, slump, torpor, tedium, stagnation, slump.
- dole** *n.* welfare, charity, handouts, gift, alms, subsidy, food stamps, relief.
- doleful** *a.* mournful, melancholy, grief-stricken, downhearted, depressed, melancholy, sorrowful, dejected, disconsolate, sad, \*down in the dumps, forlorn, woebegone. *ANT.* *cheerful, euphoric, happy.*
- dole out** *v.* distribute, hand out, allocate, dispense, mete, allot, parcel, divide, share.
- dollar** *n.* buck, bill, one, currency, note, greenback, \*simoleon. *SEE* CURRENCY, MONEY
- dollop** *n.* lump, mass, blob, portion, modicum, quantity.
- dolly** *n.* handtruck, car, cart, carrier, transport.
- dolorous** *a.* sad, sorrowful, painful, grievous, heartrending, miserable, woebegone, wretched, anguished, lamentable, pitiable. *ANT.* *cheerful, happy, upbeat.*
- dolphin** *n.* cetacean, marine mammal, bottlenose, sea creature.

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**WORD FIND**
**look-alike:** porpoise
 

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- dolt** *n.* dullard, simpleton, blockhead, dunce, \*airhead, idiot, \*dimwit, \*chowderhead, ignoramus, \*nitwit, \*lunkhead, numskull, moron. *ANT.* *genius, \*Rhodes scholar, \*rocket scientist.*
- domain** *n.* territory, realm, sphere, area, terrain, bailiwick, province, dominion, estate, empire, concern, kingdom, turf.
- dome** *n.* roof, cupola, hemisphere, vault, rotunda, onion dome, stupa, geodesic dome.
- domestic** *n.* servant, maid, butler, cook, \*live-in.
- domestic** *a.* 1. HOUSEHOLD home, residential, family, private. 2. NATIVE indigenous, homegrown, homemade. *ANT.* 1. *public.* 2. *foreign.*
- domesticate** *v.* tame, break, train, housebreak, gentle, \*bust, master, subdue, civilize.
- domesticity** *n.* home life, homemaking, family life.
- domicile** *n.* home, residence, house, abode, dwelling, habitation, castle, \*roof over one's head, \*pad, living quarters, apartment, condo.
- dominance** *n.* leadership, rule, control, overpowering, power, top dog position, top of

the pecking order, high rank, supremacy, upper hand, preeminence, superiority, leg up, command. *ANT.* *submission.*

**dominant** *a.* ruling, controlling, supreme, \*having the upper hand, reigning, prevailing, preeminent, \*in the driver's seat, authoritative, domineering, presiding, lordly, overruling, superior, ascendant, uppermost, preponderant, predominant, paramount, foremost. *ANT.* *subordinate, inferior, submissive, deferential.*

**dominate** *v.* rule, control, \*have the upper hand, reign, prevail, preside, lord over, govern, master, tyrannize, overshadow, command, overrule, predominate, eclipse, \*rule the roost, \*run the show, \*call the shots, dictate, subdue, overpower, bully, cow, loom over, dwarf, rule with an iron hand, \*stand head and shoulders above. *ANT.* *submit, cringe, defer.*

**domination** *n.* leadership, rule, control, power, top position, supremacy, mastery, upper hand, preeminence, superiority, command, alpha position, tyranny. *ANT.* *submission, subservience.*

**domineer** *v.* *SEE* DOMINATE

**domineering** *a.* overbearing, oppressive, high-handed, \*ironhanded, bossy, controlling, lordly, high and mighty, tyrannical, imperious, pushy, authoritarian, bullying, \*whip-cracking. *ANT.* *submissive, deferential, cringing.*

**dominion** *n.* rule, realm, domain, sovereignty, authority, jurisdiction, command, reign, control, supremacy.

**donate** *v.* give, contribute, pledge, \*chip in, grant, confer, bestow, bequeath, make a gift of.

**donation** *n.* contribution, gift, pledge, present, alms, aid, relief, handout, grant, offering, benefaction.

**done** *a.* finished, completed, accomplished, fulfilled, concluded, realized, terminated, executed, consummated, ended. *ANT.* *unfinished, unfulfilled, \*up in the air.*

**done for** *a.* doomed, \*had it, beaten, defeated, ruined, finished, \*sunk, \*washed up, exhausted, tired, dead. *ANT.* *saved, rescued, revived.*

**donkey** *n.* ass, mule, burro, jackass, jenny, beast of burden, jack, cuddy, dickey, quadruped.

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**WORD FIND**
**cry:** bray, hee haw
 

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**Don Juan** *n.* \*ladies' man, Lothario, Casanova, \*lady-killer, Romeo, \*make-out artist, \*wolf, stud, \*skirt-chaser, \*smooth operator, playboy.

**donnybrook** *n.* brawl, free-for-all, fight, fray, fracas, melee, fisticuffs, riot, \*rumble.

**donor** *n.* contributor, benefactor, supporter, giver, backer, patron, grantor, subscriber, \*angel.

**do-nothing** *n.* \*bum, idler, loafer, sloth, malingerer, moocher, lazybones, \*goof-off, laggard, shirker, \*couch potato, goldbricker, slacker. *ANT.* *go-getter*.

**donut** *n.* SEE DOUGHNUT

**doodad** *n.* thingamajig, doohickey, whatzit, thingamabob, \*goofus, whatchamacallit, gizmo, widget, doomajigger, gadget, \*whangdoodle, widget.

**doohickey** *n.* SEE DOODAD

**doom** *n.* disaster, ruin, condemnation, death, extinction, Last Judgment, downfall, destruction, tragedy, damnation, annihilation, bane.

**doom** *v.* condemn, damn, consign to death, destine to ruin, sentence.

**doomed** *a.* condemned, damned, sentenced to death, consigned to ruin, destined for destruction, done for, kaput, \*had it, \*washed up. *ANT.* *saved, revived, rescued*.

**doomsayer** *n.* Cassandra, \*Chicken Little, gloomy Gus, alarmist, voice of doom, prophet of doom, pessimist.

**door** *n.* entrance, passage, exit, opening, hatch, gate, portal, access.

**doorbell** *n.* chime, ringer, buzzer.

**doozy** *n.* *Sl.* \*dilly, \*humdinger, exception, \*beaut, \*corker, \*dandy, \*killer, \*lollapalooza, \*lulu, \*ripsnorter, \*something.

**dope** *n.* *Sl.* 1. DRUG narcotic, \*fairy powder, opiate, \*weed, \*pot, \*reefer, \*mojo, \*hokus, \*stuff, \*junk, heroin, cocaine, \*happy dust, hash, \*smoke. SEE COCAINE, DRUG, MARIJUANA 2. IDIOT dolt, \*dummy, \*nitwit, \*bird-brain, moron, \*retard, dunce, blithering idiot, \*chowderhead, \*numbskull, \*a regular Einstein. 3. FACTUAL INFORMATION scoop, skinny, news, \*score, \*poop, \*lowdown, inside information.

**dope** *v.* drug, dose, sedate, knock out, \*spike, anesthetize, \*slip a Mickey Finn.

**dopey** *a.* stupid, idiotic, moronic, retarded, silly, mindless. *ANT.* *brilliant, intelligent, thoughtful*.

**DORMANT** *a.* [DOOR munt] inactive, asleep. *The dormant volcano had not erupted for 1,000 years.* *SYN.* inactive, asleep, quiet, resting, still, becalmed, latent, inert, passive, hibernating, quiescent, torpid. *ANT.* *active, alive, awake*.

**dormer** *n.* window, lucarne, gable, projection.

**dormitory** *n.* dorm room, hall, quarters, house, living quarters, sleeping quarters.

**dose** *n.* measure, portion, amount, quantity, allotment, \*shot.

**dossier** *n.* file, record, profile, report, history.

**dot** *n.* point, spot, speck, period, mark, mote, iota.

**dotage** *n.* second childhood, senility, decrepitude, old age, feeble-mindedness.

**dote on** *v.* lavish attention on, indulge, spoil, wait on, coddle, make of, fuss over, treasure, prize, hold dear. *ANT.* *neglect, ignore, abuse*.

**doting** *a.* lavish, indulgent, spoiling, coddling, demonstrative, devoted, adoring, lovesick, pampering. *ANT.* *neglectful, abusive*.

**dotty** *a.* crazy, \*loony, \*nuts, mentally unbalanced, eccentric, \*goofy, \*touched in the head, demented. *ANT.* *sane*.

**double** *n.* duplicate, twin, replica, look-alike, \*dead ringer, \*spitting image, clone, counterpart, match, mate, stand-in.

**double** *a.* paired, twin, two-sided, dual, twofold, binary, duplex, duple. *ANT.* *single, lone, only*.

**double back** *v.* backtrack, retrace steps, return, backpedal.

**DOUBLE-BLIND** *n.* [dub ul BLYIND] a medical study or test in which neither the researchers nor the subjects know who is receiving placebos and who is receiving real medicine, employed to assure objectivity. *To attain maximum credibility, most medical researchers must use double-blinds.* *SYN.* trial, clinical trial, test, study, assay, examination, acid test, double-check, confirmation, check.

**double-cross** *v.* betray, stab in the back, double deal, two-time, cheat, be duplicitous, \*sell down the river.

**double-dealing** *n.* treachery, duplicity, betrayal, disloyalty, two-timing, double-crossing, deceit, infidelity, perfidy, backstabbing, cheating.

**DOUBLE-ENTENDRE** *n.* [DUB ul on TON druh] a word or statement having two meanings, a risqué ambiguity. *The comedian couldn't be as frank as he wanted, so he used a lot of double entendres.* *SYN.* ambiguity, double meaning, play on words, innuendo, equivocation, equivoque, tergiversation, pun.

**DOUBLE-STANDARD** *n.* [dub ul STAN duhd] a social code or rule that is followed unfairly or without equal measure between sexes, races, groups, etc. *It's okay for a woman to wear a man's suit at work; it is not okay for a man to wear a dress is a double standard.* *SYN.* contrasting principles, social code, two sets of rules, \*a rule for Jack but not for Jill, contradictory standard.

- doubt** *n.* uncertainty, question, hesitation, mistrust, indecision, misgiving, skepticism, suspicion, lack of faith, lack of conviction, qualm, apprehension, irresolution, dubiety, question mark. *ANT.* *certainty, faith, confidence, trust.*
- doubt** *v.* question, be uncertain, hesitate, mistrust, suspect, lack faith, lack conviction, misgive, waver, \*smell a rat, be dubious, harbor suspicion, be skeptical, disbelieve. "The beacon of the wise."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *believe, trust, accept.*
- doubter** *n.* skeptic, disbeliever, doubting Thomas, questioner, cynic, scoffer, free-thinker, iconoclast.
- doubtful** *a.* 1. QUESTIONABLE dubious, unclear, hazy, uncertain, unsure, debatable, inconclusive, ambiguous, clouded, undetermined, problematic. 2. UNLIKELY improbable, far-fetched. 3. DISBELIEVING suspicious, distrustful, hesitant, unsure, uncertain, questioning, skeptical, wavering, irresolute. *ANT.* 1. *certain, sure, clear.* 2. *likely, probable.* 3. *believing, convinced.*
- doubting Thomas** *n.* skeptic, cynic, questioner, \*one from Missouri, scoffer, disbeliever.
- doughnut** *n.* donut, \*sinker, cruller, cake, oil-cook (oil cake).
- DOUR** *a.* [DOUR] sullen, gloomy. *The unsmiling, dour clerk was terribly unhelpful.* *SYN.* sullen, gloomy, morose, surly, glum, sour, stern, hard, grim, severe, forbidding, harsh, ill-humored. *ANT.* *cheerful, good-humored, beaming.*
- douse** *v.* 1. IMMERSE wet, drench, submerge, sink, plunge, splash, soak, duck, dunk, sprinkle, saturate, slosh, rinse. 2. EXTINGUISH put out.
- dove** *n.* pacifist, peacemaker, lamb.
- dovetail** *v.* fit, join, mortise, intersect, interlock, correspond, jibe.
- dowdy** *a.* shabby, sloppy, frumpy, bedraggled, slovenly, wrinkled, frowzy, unkempt, messy, unstylish, unfashionable, disheveled, \*dressed in a potato sack. *ANT.* *chic, smart, put together, \*dressed to the nines, sharp.*
- down** *a.* 1. DEPRESSED unhappy, melancholy, miserable, downhearted, blue, dejected, disconsolate, low, disheartened, dispirited. 2. BELOW earthward, groundward, floor level, to the bottom, under, underneath, nether, at the foot of, sub. *ANT.* 1. *up, cheerful, euphoric, high.* 2. *up, skyward, above.*
- down-and-out** *a.* broke, penniless, bankrupt, destitute, impoverished, \*in the poorhouse, \*on the streets, \*on the skids, derelict. *ANT.* \*on the rise, rich, successful, \*on top.
- downbeat** *a.* pessimistic, negative, depressive, cheerless, unhappy, dispirited. *ANT.* *upbeat, optimistic.*
- downcast** *a.* dejected, sad, unhappy, miserable, depressed, melancholy, blue, \*down in the mouth, \*down in the dumps, disheartened, discouraged. *ANT.* *up, cheerful, happy.*
- downer** *n.* \*bummer, depressing experience, \*drag, \*bad scene.
- downfall** *n.* 1. RUIN collapse, crash, debacle, breakdown, undoing, overthrow, destruction, comeuppance, defeat. 2. DOWNPOUR cloud-burst, rain shower, torrent, deluge, thunderstorm. *ANT.* 1. \*rise to the top, ascension.
- downgrade** *v.* devalue, minimize, reduce, demote, bring down a notch, degrade, make light of, downplay.
- downhearted** *a.* sad, unhappy, dejected, miserable, depressed, melancholy, blue, \*down in the mouth, \*down in the dumps, hopeless, disheartened, discouraged. *ANT.* *up, cheerful, euphoric, hopeful, optimistic.*
- downhill** *a.* descending, sloping. *ANT.* *ascending.*
- downplay** *v.* minimize, play down, make light of, downgrade, devalue, lessen.
- downpour** *n.* rain storm, rainfall, deluge, cloud-burst, gullywasher, torrent, \*cats and dogs, precipitation, \*rain of biblical proportion.
- downright** *a.* total, complete, absolute, out and out, thorough, categorical, outright, unqualified, utter, unmitigated, sheer. *ANT.* *partial, qualified, semi.*
- downsize** *v.* reduce, cut, pare, shrink, decrease, \*cut the fat, trim, lay off.
- down to earth** *a.* realistic, sensible, no-nonsense, reasonable, practical, sober, plainspoken, pragmatic, earthy, levelheaded, matter-of-fact, \*real, natural, true. *ANT.* *unrealistic, fantastic, impractical, pretentious.*
- downtrodden** *a.* oppressed, subjugated, dominated, tyrannized, abused, cowed, trampled upon, mistreated, afflicted, \*jackbooted, helpless, persecuted. *ANT.* *uplifted, aided, well-treated.*
- downturn** *n.* decline, drop, dip, slide, slump, depression, reversal, \*bear market.
- downy** *a.* fluffy, soft, feathery, velvety, fleecy, silky, fuzzy. *ANT.* *rough, coarse, hard.*
- doze** *v.* nap, sleep, snooze, \*nod off, slumber, drowse, \*catch forty winks, catnap.
- drab** *a.* dull, lackluster, \*blah, colorless, boring, dreary, faded, somber, dingy. *ANT.* *colorful, bright, vivid.*
- DRACONIAN** *a.* [dray KO nee un] harsh or severe, especially concerning a law or code;

- named after the code of Draco, from 621 B.C. *Some favor taking Draconian measures to fight crime.* SYN. harsh, severe, strict, cruel, extreme, rough, brutal, serious, dire, iron-handed, drastic, punitive. ANT. *slight, light, inconsequential, petty.*
- draft** *n.* 1. WIND breeze, current, puff, whiff, breath, waft, sigh, sigh. 2. MILITARY CONSCRIPTION induction, selection, lottery, recruitment, registration, call of duty. 3. OUTLINE OR PICTURE rough, blueprint, sketch, overview, formulation, skeleton, drawing.
- draft** *v.* 1. CONSCRIPT induct, recruit, register, select, call up, enlist. 2. ROUGH IN sketch, outline, delineate, formulate, compose, fashion, shape.
- drag** *v.* 1. HAUL pull, lug, tow, hale, trail. 2. PROGRESS SLOWLY \*go at a snail's pace, crawl, lag, plod, poke along, inch along. 3. PROTRACT extend, prolong, draw out. ANT. *1. push, shove. 2. rush, fly, speed. 3. shorten.*
- dragnet** *n.* search, manhunt, all points bulletin, tracking, chase, pursuit.
- dragon** *n.* monster, fire-drake, serpent. SEE MONSTER
- dragonfly** *n.* insect, bug, \*darning needle, \*devil's darning needle, \*mosquito hawk.
- drag queen** *n.* cross-dresser, female impersonator.
- drain** *n.* outlet, conduit, channel, pipe, sewer, watercourse, plumbing.
- drain** *v.* 1. DRAW empty, bleed, pump out, withdraw, remove, siphon, tap, broach, milk, release, discharge, filter, flush. 2. USE UP exhaust, expend, suck dry, consume, deplete, tax, sap, bleed dry. ANT. *fill, replenish.*
- drama** *n.* play, show, screenplay, production, melodrama, dramatic arts, tragedy, story, narrative, \*tearjerker, dramatization, stagecraft, theatrics. "A slice of life artistically put on the boards."—Jean Jullien.
- dramatic** *a.* intense, exciting, emotional, striking, vivid, melodramatic, climactic, moving, tense, histrionic, suspenseful, electrifying, gripping, riveting. ANT. *blah, \*ho-hum, prosaic.*
- dramatization** *n.* drama, larger than life presentation, show, entertainment, melodrama, adaptation.
- dramatize** *v.* play up, emphasize, exaggerate, sensationalize, embellish, \*lay it on thick, amplify, intensify, \*ham it up. ANT. *play down, understate.*
- drape** *n.* curtain, window dressing, hanging, tapestry, valance, shade, blind, drape.
- drastic** *a.* extreme, severe, dire, strong, harsh, exorbitant, radical, intensive, extensive, extravagant, draconian. ANT. *slight, petty, modest.*
- draw** *n.* 1. TIE stalemate, \*photo finish. 2. ATTRACTION pull, magnetism.
- draw** *v.* 1. PULL TOWARD attract, haul, tow, drag, lug, hale, trail, attract. 2. SKETCH depict, portray, outline, trace, delineate, compose, paint, caricature, draft, fashion, rough out. 3. DISPLACE 4. ATTRACT allure, entice, lure, tempt, seduce, captivate, mesmerize, pull in, bring forth. 5. ELICIT induce. 6. DEDUCE extract, formulate, derive, infer, conclude, gather. ANT. *1. push, shove. 4. repel, repulse.*
- drawback** *n.* disadvantage, weakness, snag, hitch, hindrance, liability, flaw, handicap, impediment, failing, shortcoming. ANT. *advantage, bonus.*
- drawbridge** *n.* bascule bridge. SEE BRIDGE
- drawing** *n.* 1. PICTURE illustration, sketch, diagram, design, outline, pen and ink, depiction, portrayal, study, work of art, figure, caricature, draft. 2. LOTTERY selection.
- drawl** *n.* accent, twang.
- drawn** *a.* haggard, gaunt, worn, exhausted, fatigued, unhealthy, pale, taut, tense. ANT. *rested, refreshed, glowing.*
- dread** *n.* fear, trepidation, horror, apprehension, qualm, misgiving, dismay, angst, anxiety, \*the creeps, awe, \*the willies, \*heebie-jeebies.
- dread** *v.* fear, shudder at the thought of, anticipate with horror, shrink, worry, apprehend, \*have cold feet, blanch at the thought of. ANT. *look forward to.*
- dreadful** *a.* terrible, unpleasant, horrible, frightful, appalling, distressing, grievous, awful, ghastly, hideous, shocking. ANT. *wonderful, marvelous, fantastic.*
- dreadlocks** *n.* braids, locks, dreads, Rastafarian, haircut. SEE HAIR
- dream** *n.* 1. SLEEP VISIONS OR REVERIE day-dream, hallucination, \*REM sleep, hypnagogic imagery, nightmare, night terrors, incubus, fantasy, figment of the imagination, vision. "The ghost of a shadow."—Joseph Devlin. "Children of an idle brain."—Shakespeare. "The imaginary gratification of unconscious wishes."—Sigmund Freud. "You eat, in dreams, the custard of the day."—Alexander Pope. SEE SLEEP 2. ASPIRATION goal, ambition, \*pipe dream, flight of fancy, aim, wish, desire, \*castle in the air, \*castle in Spain, fantasy. 3. PLEASURE delight.

- dream** *v.* fantasize, daydream, imagine, muse, fancy, envisage, visualize, conjure up, hallucinate, conceive, lose oneself in reverie.
- dreamer** *n.* visionary, fantast, daydreamer, castle-builder. "One who can only find his way by moonlight, and his punishment is that he sees the dawn before the rest of the world."—Oscar Wilde.
- dream up** *vt.* think up, concoct, \*cook up, devise, invent, hatch, imagine.
- dreary** *a.* gloomy, dismal, bleak, gray, cheerless, depressing, drab, colorless, somber, mournful, funereal. *ANT.* sunny, bright, cheerful.
- dredge** *v.* clean, deepen, widen, dig up, unearth.
- dregs** *n.* 1. SEDIMENT residue, grounds, dross, deposits, settlements, lees. 2. RIFFRAFF scum, refuse, losers, \*bums.
- drench** *v.* wet, soak, saturate, sop, drown, immerse, submerge, wash, slosh, flood.
- dress** *n.* 1. CLOTHING outfit, garb, attire, apparel, costume, habit, habiliment, ensemble, raiment, vestments, \*togs, \*duds. "The soul of a man."—Shakespeare. 2. WOMAN'S GARMENT frock, gown, evening dress, skirt, shift, ensemble, formal, wraparound. SEE SKIRT

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**WORD FIND**

- 1920s dress with short skirt and long torso:** flapper
- African chemise with bell-shaped sleeves:** dashiki
- African shift:** Ethiopian shirtdress
- African, long, flowing:** seloso
- ankle-length dress popular in late 1960s:** maxi
- ankle-length with high, tight neckline and long sleeves with ruffles:** granny dress
- back, no or low:** backless
- bell-shaped dress with tight bodice:** dirndl
- black ankle-length dress with high neckline, ruffled sleeves:** granny dress
- bloused-top dress:** blouson
- bubble-shaped dress of the 1950s:** bubble dress
- buttoned-down in front, hanging straight down from shoulders:** shirtdress
- calf-length dress introduced in the 1960s:** midi
- chemise:** shift
- child's sleeveless dress with bib-top apron:** pinafore
- Chinese traditional with high collar and made of silk or satin:** cheongram
- embroidered, Peruvian, straight-cut:** Andean shift

- floral print shift, light:** patio dress
- formal with covered shoulders, worn with jacket:** dinner dress
- formal:** evening gown
- form-fitting and tight around torso and waist and flaring at calves:** mermaid
- full, circular skirt with puffed-sleeve top, for dancing:** square dancing dress
- full, puffed:** bouffant
- full, triangular:** tent dress
- glittery, beaded, sequined:** diamante
- Hawaiian:** muumuu
- Hindu, wrapped and draped:** sari
- holes cut around arms or midriff, popular in the 60s:** cutout
- Indian fringed and beaded:** buckskin
- Indonesian, brightly colored, wrapped about the waist:** sarong
- Japanese wraparound with sash:** yukata, kimono
- kiltlike dress with wrap skirt:** kiltie
- knitted:** sweater dress
- long, formal with fitted bodice and full skirt:** ballgown
- loose-fitting gown:** peignoir
- Medieval-style, with puffy sleeve tops and high waistline:** Juliet
- narrow skirted, high-waistline:** empire dress
- narrow with short overskirt or ruffle below waistline:** peplum
- old fashioned with stand-up neckline, gathered sleeves at the shoulders, accompanied by:** gored
- poor European dress with puffed sleeves, drawstring neckline:** peasant dress
- pregnant, for women who are:** maternity dress
- robelike, full-length, embroidered around neck:** caftan
- Roman-inspired, one shoulder bare:** toga
- rump protrusion of the nineteenth century:** bustle
- sack:** chemise
- shapeless, long:** Mother Hubbard
- shirt-like top, with full or straight skirt, popular in 1930s and 1940s:** shirtwaist dress
- shirtlike, buttoned top, with full or straight skirt:** shirtwaist dress
- short and popular in the 1960s, very:** micro
- short evening dress:** cocktail dress
- short-skirted dress of 1960s, 1980s:** mini-dress
- skirt with ruffled hem:** prairie dress

**sleeveless, figure-conforming shift:** bra-shift  
**smock-like with high neckline and a yoke:**  
 baby doll

**snug and narrow with slashed back:** sheath  
**snug-fitting with narrow skirt slashed in the back:** sheath

**straight-cut, no waistline:** chemise, sack  
**strapless or halter-style:** sundress

**straps, hanging straight down from:** slip  
 dress

**tapering, V-shaped, with large shoulders, dolman sleeves:** wedge

**wool, buttoned or toggled, often professional:** coatdress

**wraparound held together by sash:** bath-robe dress

**wraparound, any:** wrap

**dress** *v.* 1. CLOTHE garb, attire, vest, deck out, outfit, slip into, wear, clad, don, costume. 2. DECORATE trim, embellish, adorn, garnish, beautify, festoon, deck. *ANT.* 1. *strip, undress, disrobe.*

**dresser** *n.* 1. CHEST OF DRAWERS bureau, chiffonier. 2. PERSON fashion plate, \*clotheshorse, dandy.

**dressng-down** *n.* scolding, reprimand, upbraiding, \*tongue-lashing, castigation, censure, \*bawling-out, reproach, talking to.

**dressy** *a.* fashionable, chic, stylish, formal, \*dressed to the nines, smart, sharp, classy, elegant, flashy, \*dressed to kill, \*hot. *ANT. informal, casual, simple.*

**dribble** *v.* trickle, weep, run, drip, leak, ooze, drizzle, seep, drivel, slobber, drool.

**drift** *n.* 1. HEAP pile, mound, hill, mass, deposit, bank, dune, accumulation. 2. FLOW current, course, movement, bearing, direction, trend. 3. MEANING gist, intention, purport, tenor, essence, sense.

**drift** *v.* 1. HEAP pile up, mound, mass, deposit, bank, accumulate. 2. WANDER float, waft, meander, stray, rove, ramble, be borne along by the current/tide/wind.

**drifter** *n.* wanderer, vagabond, transient, vagrant, nomad, hobo, tramp, derelict.

**drill** *n.* practice, exercise, training, discipline, regimen, repetition, dry run, warm up.

**drill** *v.* practice, exercise, train, discipline, test, warm up, ground.

**drink** *n.* liquid, beverage, refreshment, thirst quencher, soda, soft drink, \*pop, punch, nectar of the gods, swallow, sip, swig, taste, \*hit, \*booze, liquor, shot, nip, \*slug, potation, \*hard stuff, \*rot gut, firewater, draft, quaff,

jigger, \*snort, \*pull. "The social lubricant."—Edward Strecker. SEE COCKTAIL, LIQUEUR, LIQUOR, MOONSHINE

**drink** *v.* swallow, sip, down, guzzle, \*chug-a-lug, swig, quaff, \*take a hit, \*take a shot, have a taste, quench one's thirst, gulp, imbibe, drain, swill, \*wet one's whistle, wash down, tipple, \*bend the elbow, \*gargle, \*have a nip.

**drinkable** *a.* potable, palatable. *ANT. undrinkable.*

**drip** *v.* dribble, trickle, leak, drop, weep, seep, sprinkle, splash, run.

**drive** *n.* 1. RIDE spin, \*cruise, tour, whirl, joyride, outing, jaunt, \*Sunday drive, road trip, journey, excursion. 2. CRUSADE campaign, cause, push, appeal. 3. DETERMINATION get-up-and-go, aggressiveness, ambition, momentum, vigor, energy, hustle, enterprise, \*head of steam, self-motivation.

**drive** *v.* 1. OPERATE A VEHICLE steer, control, pilot, ride, \*cruise, tour, \*take a spin, take a road trip, tool down the highway, motor, wheel, speed, travel, \*burn up the highway. 2. PUSH propel, urge, force, press, goad, spur, move, shove, induce, pressure, compel, prod. 3. HIT throw, strike, ram, shoot, hurl, thrust.

**drivel** *n.* nonsense, \*hogwash, twaddle, foolishness, falderal, gibberish, babble, \*rot, \*humbug, balderdash, bull, blather.

**drivel** *v.* slobber, drool, dribble, slaver, salivate.

**driver** *n.* motorist, commuter, jehu, whip, coachman, chauffeur, operator.

**driving** *a.* forceful, powerful, pounding, intense.

**drizzle** *n.* mist, sprinkle, fog, rain, spray, moisture.

**drizzle** *v.* rain, mist, sprinkle, wet, moisten.

**DROLL** *a.* [DROLE] amusing in an odd way. *His droll sense of humor tickled us.* *SYN.* amusing, comical, entertaining, whimsical, quaint, humorous, eccentric, queer, peculiar, jocular.

**drone** *v.* buzz, hum, purr, whirr, murmur, hiss, bombilate, thrum, intone.

**drool** *v.* dribble, slobber, drivel, slaver, salivate, foam at the mouth.

**drool** *n.* saliva, spittle, spit, slaver, slobber, drivel, expectoration, sputum, \*loogie.

**droop** *v.* sag, hang down, slouch, loll, slump, bend, dangle, wither, wilt, languish, bow, settle, stoop, flag.

**drop** *n.* 1. DROPLET globule, bead, teardrop, pearl, speck, pinch, splash, dewdrop, drip, blob, driblet, smidgen, trace, dab. 2. FALL pitch, descent, slope, precipice, plunge, chasm, hole. 3. DECLINE decrease, fall, downswing, lowering, tumble, slump, reduction,

- fall-off, depreciation. *ANT.* 2. ascent, rise. 3. increase, rise, elevation.
- drop** *v.* 1. FALL dive, plunge, descend, plummet, pitch, tumble, \*nose-dive, go down, topple, slump, \*keel over, collapse. 2. ABANDON give up, let go, dismiss, discontinue, cease, end, quit, desert, \*write off, forsake, \*scrub, leave. 3. DECREASE decline, fall, lower, reduce, depreciate, tumble, slump, diminish, slacken. *ANT.* 1. rise, ascend, elevate. 2. take up, adopt. 3. increase, appreciate, rise.
- drop in the bucket** *n.* \*spit in the sea, pittance, trivial amount, miniscule amount, mite, \*small change, \*small potatoes, speck.
- drop off** *v.* deliver, deposit, unload, leave.
- drop off** *n.* descent, precipice, cliff, slope, hole, decrease, fall.
- drop out** *vi.* quit, abandon, \*turn one's back on, abandon, withdraw, forsake, leave.
- droppings** *n.* dung, excrement, manure, guano, \*crap.
- drought** *n.* dry spell, dehydration, aridity, dearth, shortage, scarcity, want, insufficiency.
- drove** *n.* flock, herd, mass, body.
- drown** *v.* 1. GO UNDER AND PERISH submerge, asphyxiate, suffocate, sink, flood, inundate, engulf, swamp. 2. OVERWHELM overpower, overcome, stifle, smother, suppress.
- drowsy** *a.* sleepy, tired, dozy, half asleep, \*out of it, lethargic, drifting off, groggy, somnolent, listless, sluggish. *ANT.* alert, awake, energetic, wide-eyed.
- drub** *v.* thrash, hit, beat, whip, wallop, pound, club, cane, lash, switch.
- drudge** *v.* work hard, toil, labor, \*break one's back, \*do the dirty work, slave away, \*keep nose to the grindstone, plod, grind, sweat.
- drudgery** *n.* menial labor, chore, slave labor, toil, backbreaking work, manual labor, \*daily grind, taskwork.
- drug** *n.* medicine, narcotic, remedy, cure, opiate, dope, pharmaceutical, prescription, pill, substance, chemical, treatment, panacea, physic, preparation, controlled substance. SEE COCAINE, CURE, HEROIN, OPIUM, MARIJUANA, MEDICINE, NARCOTIC

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**WORD FIND**

- addict:** \*junkie, \*hophead, \*dope fiend, \*druggie, \*space cadet, \*burnout
- addict's alternative to heroin:** methadone
- \*angel dust:** PCP
- cocaine that is smoked:** crack
- \*crank:** methamphetamine
- crack mixed with heroin:** \*eightball

- dance party favorite:** ecstasy (methylenedioxymethamphetamine; MDMA)
- depressant, muscle-relaxer:** barbituate, \*downer
- ether-purified cocaine:** \*freebase
- hallucinogen:** LSD, DMT (Dimethyltryptamine), \*ecstasy, mescaline, peyote, \*psychedelic, \*STP
- \*ice:** methamphetamine in smokable form
- inject a drug, to:** mainline
- laughing gas:** nitrous oxide
- LSD:** lysergic acid diethylamide, \*California sunshine, \*acid
- mix of cocaine, amphetamine, and heroin:** \*speedball
- mood-altering:** psychotropic drug
- muscle-building hormone:** anabolic steroid
- narcotic:** heroin
- opium-derived:** opiate
- painkiller:** analgesic, codeine, Demerol, morphine, Percodan
- painkiller, abused:** Oxycontin; oxycodone hydrochloride
- poppy-plant, derived from:** opium
- rape drug rendering unconscious:** GHB (Gamma hydroxybutrate)
- sex drive arouser:** aphrodisiac
- sleep-inducing:** hypnotic, soporific, tranquilizer, sedative, Quaalude, Seconal
- \*smack:** heroin
- stimulant:** amphetamine, Dexedrine, \*speed, \*upper
- tranquilizer:** sedative, Valium
- vomiting, causes:** emetic

- druggist** *n.* pharmacist, apothecary, chemist. *BRIT.*
- drum** *n.* SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
- drunk** *a.* intoxicated, inebriated, under the influence, \*three sheets to the wind, \*stiff, \*crooked, \*polluted, \*tipsy, \*loaded, \*loaded for bear, \*plastered, \*lit up like a Christmas tree, \*feeling no pain, \*anesthetized, \*sloshed, \*hammered, \*high, \*buzzed, besotted, soused, \*pickled, \*lit, \*tanked, \*stewed to the gills, \*bombed, \*blitzed, \*smashed, \*blotto, \*drunk as a lord. *ANT.* sober, clear-headed.
- drunk(ard)** *n.* alcoholic, \*lush, problem drinker, \*boozer, inebriate, \*wino, \*rummy, barfly, \*sot, dipsomaniac, \*alchy, \*boozehound. "Like a whiskey bottle, all neck and belly and no head."—Austin O'Malley. "A person who tries to pull himself out of trouble with a corkscrew."—Edward Baldwin.

**dry** *a.* 1. DEHYDRATED dessicated, waterless, arid, parched, thirsty, droughty, evaporated, anhydrous, withered. 2. DULL boring, uninteresting, prosaic, tedious, flat, blah, \*ho hum, wearisome, \*dull as dishwater, insipid, monotonous, sterile. 3. DROLL humorous, sarcastic, satirical, deadpan. *ANT.* 1. *wet, moist, saturated.* 2. *interesting, fascinating.*

**dual** *a.* double, twofold, twin, duplex, binary, matched. *ANT.* *single, lone.*

**dub** *v.* name, christen, label, title, designate, term, nickname, tag, style, confer, denominate, baptize, knight.

**DUBIOUS** *a.* [DOO bee us] doubtful or causing doubt, questionable, uncertain. *I was dubious about her chances of winning the lottery.* *SYN.* doubtful, questionable, uncertain, equivocal, indefinite, unclear, unsure, disputable, suspect, debatable, moot. *ANT.* *certain, sure, indisputable.*

**duck** *v.* 1. LOWER bow, crouch, stoop, dip, double over, drop, bob, bend, hunker down. 2. EVADE dodge, sidestep, elude, avoid, parry, swerve, shun, steer clear. 3. IMMERSE submerge, dunk, dip, plunge, sink. *ANT.* 1. *rise, straighten.* 2. *meet, confront.*

**duck soup** *n.* *Sl.* child's play, \*a snap, \*a breeze, cakewalk, \*piece of cake, \*turkey shoot, \*walkover.

**duct** *n.* conduit, pipe, channel, passage, tube, airway, chimney, smokestack, funnel.

**dud** *n.* failure, bomb, lemon, bust, loser, \*dog, washout, fizzle, \*flop, disappointment. *ANT.* *success, \*cocker, winner.*

**dude** *n.* *Sl.* 1. GUY man, \*buddy, friend, \*bro'. 2. AN OVERDRESSED MAN dandy, fop, Beau Brummel, coxcomb, fashion plate, \*peacock, clotheshorse.

**ducks** *n.* SEE CLOTHING

**due** *n.* compensation, payment, recompense, \*what is coming, rightful claim, reward, \*comeuppance, \*just deserts.

**due** *a.* 1. OWED in arrears, payable, unpaid, outstanding, unsatisfied, not met, mature. 2. APPOINTED TO ARRIVE expected, scheduled, anticipated, slated, booked. 3. FITTING appropriate, deserved, merited, justified, entitled, warranted. *ANT.* 1. *paid, satisfied.* 2. *unscheduled, unexpected.* 3. *undue, inappropriate.*

**due** *to prep.* attributable, because of, accountable.

**duel** *n.* combat, contest, fight to the death, clash, engagement, shootout, challenge, joust.

**dues** *n.* membership fee, charge, obligation, levy, toll, assessment, payment, tax.

**duff** *n.* rump, rear. SEE BUTTOCKS

**dulcet** *a.* melodious, pleasing, pleasant, sweet, agreeable. *ANT.* *discordant.*

**dull** *a.* 1. STUPID slow, unintelligent, \*thick, dense, bovine, retarded, obtuse, doltish, \*dumb as a post, dim-witted, half-witted, ignorant. 2. BORING tedious, \*ho-hum, blah, uninteresting, prosaic, dry, tiresome, bland, vapid, \*dull as dishwater, humdrum, stale, lackluster, soporific. 3. SUBDUED quiet, muted, deadened, faded, softened, muffled. 4. UNSHARPENED blunt, unhoneed, edgeless. *ANT.* 1. *sharp, intelligent, quick-witted, bright.* 2. *exciting, stimulating, colorful, dramatic.* 3. *overstated, overdone, flashy, loud.* 4. *sharp, honed.*

**dullard** *n.* dolt, dunce, \*retard, idiot, \*dope, \*blockhead, \*chowderhead, \*meathead, \*nitwit, imbecile, \*half-wit. *ANT.* *genius, \*brain, \*Rhodes scholar.*

**dumb** *a.* 1. STUPID unintelligent, slow, \*thick, dense, bovine, moronic, retarded, obtuse, doltish, dim-witted, \*dumb as a post, ignorant, uneducated, unenlightened, dull, \*having the IQ of a woodchuck, \*having the IQ of a pork rind, brainless, cretinoid, \*dead from the neck up, \*down a quart, \*half-baked, \*pea-brained, \*three bricks shy of a load, illiterate, vacuous, \*not exactly a Rhodes scholar, \*not exactly Einstein. 2. UNABLE TO SPEAK mute, speechless, still, mum, silent, voiceless, tongue-tied. *ANT.* 1. *smart, intelligent, bright, brilliant.* 2. *loquacious, verbose, \*motor-mouthed, talkative.*

**dumbbell** *n.* moron, imbecile, idiot, \*retard, dullard, ignoramus, harebrain, halfwit, nitwit, \*pinhead, \*airhead, \*bubblehead.

**dumbfound** *v.* stun, nonplus, strike dumb, flabbergast, astound, take aback, stagger, paralyze, render speechless, stupefy.

**dumbstruck** *a.* shocked, stunned, nonplused, flabbergasted, astonished, astounded, rendered speechless, \*blown away. *ANT.* *taking it in stride.*

**dummy** *n.* 1. FIGURE mannequin, straw man, scarecrow, model, puppet, muppet, doll, figure. 2. MOCK-UP model, imitation, substitute, copy, representation. 3. IDIOT \*lamebrain, \*airhead, simpleton, dolt, \*nitwit, \*dimwit, ignoramus, dunce, moron, \*chowderhead, numskull. *ANT.* 3. *genius, \*brain, \*Rhodes scholar, \*rocket scientist.*

**dump** *n.* 1. REFUSE YARD junkyard, landfill, dumpsite, hazardous waste site, scrap heap, rubbish heap. 2. RUNDOWN, MESSY PLACE

hole, \*pigpen, \*pigsty, slum, \*rathole, \*toilet, \*sewer hole.

**dump** *v.* throw out, drop, get rid of, cast off, empty, \*deep six, chuck, scrap, unload, junk, ditch, discard. *ANT.* *load, fill.*

**dumpling** *n.* doughball.

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**WORD FIND**

**Chinese:** wonton, dim sum

**Italian:** gnocchi

**Yiddish:** matzo ball

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**dumps** *n.* *Sl.* blues, depression, blahs, doldrums.

**dummy** *a.* stout, \*built like a fireplug, short, thickset.

**dunce** *n.* idiot, moron, dolt, \*nitwit, \*half-wit, \*lamebrain, \*airhead, simpleton, ignoramus, \*retard, \*chowderhead, numskull.

**dune** *n.* hill, ridge, sand pile, sand drift, hillock, mound, barrow, knoll, hummock. *SEE* DESERT

**dung** *n.* excrement, droppings, feces, scat, manure, muck, guano, \*cow chips, \*cow pies, \*crap, \*poop.

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**WORD FIND**

**dunghill:** midden

**study of:** scatology

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**dungarees** *n.* pants, trousers, jeans, overalls, denims.

**dungeon** *n.* prison, keep, hold, donjon, enclosure, chamber, confine, oubliette, stronghold. *SEE* CASTLE

**dunk** *v.* dip, sink, immerse, submerge, duck, soak, souse, sop.

**duo** *n.* duet, pair, team.

**dupe** *n.* victim, \*easy mark, \*chump, gull, \*sucker, \*patsy, \*pushover, dummy, fall guy, \*sap, pawn, \*babe in the woods. *ANT.* \*nobody's fool, quick study.

**dupe** *v.* \*put one over on, trick, fool, take in, delude, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, \*rope in, deceive, cheat, \*snooker, \*buffalo, \*snow.

**duplex** *a.* two, double, twofold, paired, dual, twin, coupled, duple.

**duplicate** *n.* copy, reproduction, carbon copy, match, counterpart, mate, mirror image, facsimile, clone, twin, dead ringer. *ANT.* *original.*

**duplicate** *v.* copy, reproduce, replicate, clone, \*run off, match, double, counterfeit, parallel, ditto.

**duplicitous** *a.* deceptive, deceitful, shady, double-dealing, treacherous, two-faced, two-timing, back-stabbing, dishonest.

**DUPLICITY** *n.* [doo PLIS i tee] deceptiveness, the act of double-dealing or being two-faced. *Shady politicians are skilled in the art of du-*

*plicity.* *SYN.* deceptiveness, deception, double-dealing, being two-faced, guile, treachery, backstabbing, \*two-timing, deceit, disloyalty, artifice, hypocrisy, dishonesty, \*Judas kiss. *ANT.* *honesty, loyalty, artlessness, straightforwardness.*

**durable** *a.* lasting, tough, rugged, sturdy, enduring, strong, permanent, sound, stout, stable, solid. *ANT.* *fragile, flimsy, cheap, shoddy.*

**duration** *n.* period, time, age, span, term, run, stretch, era, lifetime extent, continuation, course.

**duress** *n.* coercion, constraint, threat, pressure, force, arm-twisting, compulsion. *ANT.* *free will.*

**dusk** *n.* twilight, sundown, sunset, gloom, nightfall, gloaming, evening, moonrise.

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**WORD FIND**

**dark, when sun is 18 degrees below horizon and sky goes:** astronomical dusk

**dark, when sun is six degrees below horizon and sky begins to go:** civil dusk

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**dusky** *a.* dark, dim, gauzy, murky, gloomy, veiled, twilight, swarthy, gray, shadowy, unlit, somber. *ANT.* *sunny, bright, radiant.*

**dust** *n.* particles, lint, grit, ashes, powder, soot, particulate, scales, fragments.

**dusty** *a.* dirty, sandy, granular, \*linty, sooty, powdery, undusted. *ANT.* *dusted, clean, polished.*

**dutiful** *a.* conscientious, diligent, obedient, devoted, respectful, accommodating, obliging, faithful. *ANT.* *lazy, slack, negligent.*

**duty** *n.* 1. RESPONSIBILITY charge, task, commission, obligation, trust, requirement, function, assignment, job, burden. 2. TAX customs, excise, levy, tariff, toll, impost, assessment.

**DVD** *n.* compact disk, digital video disk, video storage medium.

**dwarf** *n.* midget, runt, pygmy, gnome, \*shrimp, Lilliputian, \*squirt, bantam, elf, \*peewee, \*half-pint, \*micro. *ANT.* *giant, colossus.*

**dwarf** *v.* eclipse, overshadow, outshine, stand head and shoulders above, tower above, excel, dominate, stunt.

**dwelt** *v.* 1. LIVE reside, inhabit, stay, abide, \*crash, keep house, quarter, lodge, \*roost, \*bunk, take shelter, domicile. 2. LINGER OVER think about, pause, harp on, ponder.

**dwelling** *n.* home, house, residence, domicile, habitation, lodging, abode, homestead, quarters, diggings, castle, \*pad, den. *SEE* HOUSE

**dwindle** *v.* diminish, decline, decrease, lessen, fade, wane, shrink, ebb, waste away, slacken,

die down, drop, decay. *ANT.* increase, grow, expand.

**dye** *n.* color, tint, pigment, tinge, stain.

**DYED-IN-THE-WOOL** *a.* through and through, to the very core, deep-down. The senator had consistently shown himself to be a dyed-in-the-wool conservative. *SYN.* through and through, to the core, deep-down, out and out, complete, utter, absolute, true, genuine, full-fledged. *ANT.* partial, superficial.

**dying** *a.* 1. EXPIRING perishing, fading, declining, \*going downhill, \*circling the drain, \*at death's door, moribund, doomed, slipping away, not long for this world, \*one foot in the grave. "The last gasp."—The Bible. "A great leap in the dark."—Thomas Hobbes. "That dreadful season."—Joseph Addison. "A natural appointment from which there is no hope of escape."—Jonathan Miller. 2. DISAPPEARING passing, declining, becoming ex-

tinct, receding, going out. *ANT.* 2. thriving, flourishing, rejuvenating.

**dynamic** *a.* active, energetic, vital, vigorous, forceful, aggressive, alive, powerful, spirited, effective, potent, driving, compelling. *ANT.* lifeless, dead, ineffectual, weak.

**dynamite** *n.* explosive, TNT, nitroglycerin, blasting material.

**dynamo** *n.* generator, \*go-getter, \*bundle of energy, \*live wire, \*spark plug, work horse, \*ball of fire, hard worker, mover and shaker.

**dynasty** *n.* lineage, ascendancy, regency, rule, house, command, crown, regime, empire, succession.

**dysfunctional** *a.* nonfunctioning, malfunctioning, impaired, abnormal, unhealthy, aberrant. *ANT.* well adjusted, \*together.

**dyslexia** *n.* learning disorder, reading disorder, learning impairment, comprehension disorder.

**dyslexic** *a.* learning-impaired.

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**each** *a.* every, all, respective, any, individual. *ANT.* none.

**each** *adv.* apiece, per, individually, a person, \*a head, \*a shot.

**eager** *a.* enthusiastic, anxious, \*champing at the bit, desirous, itching, \*gung ho, agog, impatient, \*rarin' to go, fervent, ardent, hungry, intent, zealous. *ANT.* apathetic, indifferent, lukewarm.

**eagle** *n.* raptor, bird of prey, Falconiforme. SEE BIRD

## WORD FIND

**group of:** convocation

**hooked beak, describing:** aquiline

**nest:** aerie

**eagle-eyed** *a.* sharp-eyed, hawk-eyed, keen-eyed, perceptive, observant. *ANT.* dull-eyed, unobservant.

**ear** *n.* hearing organ, auditory organ. "The road to the heart."—Voltaire. "The gates to the mind."—Moses Ibn Ezra.

## WORD FIND

**balance, inner organ of:** labyrinth

**bones of:** anvil (incus), hammer (malleus), stirrup (stapes); ossicles

**deformity:** cauliflower ear

**doctor:** otologist

**earache:** otalgia

**eardrum:** tympanic membrane

**external portion:** auricle, pinna

**hereditary disorder causing progressive deafness:** otosclerosis

**instrument:** otoscope

**nerve:** auditory nerve

**nerve deafness:** sensorineural deafness

**ringing in:** tinnitus

**spiral inner cavity:** cochlea

**study of:** otology

**swimmer's ear:** otitis externa

**vestigial point:** Darwin's tubercle

**wax:** cerumen

**whirling, dizzy sensation due to inner ear impairment:** vertigo

**early** *a.* 1. NEAR THE BEGINNING preceding, prior, initial, young, aboriginal, primal, primeval, primitive, antediluvian, maiden, original, starting, ancient. 2. TOO SOON premature, ahead of time, beforehand, preceding, advanced, immature, precocious. *ANT.* 1. recent, modern, latter. 2. late, tardy.

**earmark** *n.* characteristic, feature, mark, hallmark, trait, quality, signature, peculiarity, trademark, stamp.

**earmark** *v.* set aside, reserve, designate, slot, allocate, assign, hold, tag, label.

**earn** *v.* 1. MAKE MONEY net, \*clear, gross, profit, take in, take home, pull in, gain, realize, collect, get, draw. 2. DESERVE merit, be entitled to, warrant, achieve, be worthy of.

**EARNEST** *a.* [UR nist] serious, sincere, no-nonsense, determined. *The team made an earnest attempt at the prize.* *SYN.* serious, sincere, no-nonsense, determined, heartfelt, wholehearted, devoted, resolute, intent, \*meaning business, ardent, fervent, diligent. *ANT.* halfhearted, frivolous, insincere, apathetic.

**earnings** *n.* pay, wages, salary, net, gross, \*take-home, income, profit, compensation, proceeds, gain, return, receipts.

**earring** *n.* earbob, ornament, jewelry, bauble, jewel, ear clasp, girandole, \*fishing lure (sarcastic).

**earsplitting** *a.* deafening, loud, shrill. *ANT.* muted, quiet.

**earth** *n.* 1. GROUND soil, land, dirt, clay, loam, humus, turf, mud, terra firma. 2. PLANET world, globe, sphere, biosphere, Gaea, terrene, orb, terra, terra firma, \*spaceship Earth, vale. "One voice in the cosmic fugue."—Carl Sagan. "The frozen echo of the silent voice of God."—S.M. Hageman. "Footstool of our God" Isaac Watts. "A spot, a grain, an atom."—John Milton.

## WORD FIND

**center of, pertaining to:** geocentric

**green earth color:** terre verte

**inhabitant:** earthling, tellurian

**outermost shell:** crust, lithosphere  
**personification of:** Gaea  
**pertaining to:** terrestre  
**shape:** oblate spheroid  
**study of its shape, size:** geodesy  
**study of its structure:** tectonics, geology  
**subsurface:** asthenosphere, mantle, core

**earthling** *n.* tellurian, inhabitant of earth, human being, terra, man, woman, child of earth.  
**earthly** *a.* terrestrial, terrene, worldly, \*down to earth, physical, mundane, global, physical, corporeal, mortal, temporal. *ANT.* *spiritual, ethereal, otherworldly, divine, heavenly.*  
**earthquake** *n.* tremor, temblor, quake, seism, \*earthshake, shock, convulsion, upheaval, cataclysm, \*wake-up call. *SEE* VOLCANO

**WORD FIND**

**center of:** epicenter  
**churning of wet clay and sand into a liquid during:** liquefaction  
**cluster of:** earthquake storm  
**continental dynamics causing:** plate tectonics  
**following tremor:** aftershock  
**fracture in rock strata, origination of quake:** fault  
**ground waves causing initial roar:** primary waves, compressional waves  
**ground waves causing side-to-side shaking:** Love waves  
**magnitude scale:** Richter scale, Mercalli intensity scale  
**massive quake caused by shifting tectonic plates:** megathrust earthquake  
**mysterious flickering glow seen preceding one:** earthquake lights  
**pertaining to:** seismic  
**preceding tremor:** foreshock  
**recorder of earth's vibrations:** seismograph  
**sea wave caused by:** tsunami  
**slight quakes:** microearthquakes  
**study of:** seismology  
**tectonic plates force themselves under and over one another, where:** subduction zone  
**volcano-like formations made by liquefied soil during:** sand blows  
**waves traveling through the earth:** seismic waves

**earthmover** *n.* bulldozer, grader, backhoe, steam shovel, excavator, heavy machinery.  
**earthly** *a.* folksy, uninhibited, down-home, unsophisticated, coarse, \*down to earth, \*real, crude, \*hard-boiled, unrefined, lusty, rib-

ald, rough, gross. *ANT.* *sophisticated, refined, dainty, prissy.*  
**ease** *n.* 1. COMFORT well-being, peace, rest, contentment, \*peace of mind, relaxation, tranquility, relief, serenity, leisure. 2. EASINESS facility, readiness, effortlessnes, freedom, \*a snap, \*child's play, \*duck soup, \*a walk on the beach, a breeze, \*a cinch. *ANT.* 1. *discomfort, pain, difficulty.* 2. *difficulty, hardship.*  
**ease** *v.* alleviate, lessen, relieve, moderate, comfort, mitigate, diminish, assuage, lighten, simplify, mollify, quiet, smooth. *ANT.* *aggravate, worsen.*  
**easel** *n.* stand, support, tripod, frame.  
**easement** *n.* right of way, access right.  
**easily** *adv.* 1. EFFORTLESSLY with ease, readily, handily, without difficulty, trouble free, swimmingly, facilely, dexterously. 2. BY FAR \*hands down, far and away, decidedly, unquestionably, clearly. *ANT.* 1. *arduously, laboriously, with difficulty.* 2. *barely, hardly.*  
**easy** *a.* 1. NOT HARD effortless, simple, slight, light, uncomplicated, painless, \*cinchy, \*child's play, \*a snap, \*piece of cake, \*nothing to it, \*duck soup. 2. FREE FROM TROUBLE OR PAIN relaxed, carefree, untroubled, tranquil, peaceful, serene, comfortable, luxurious, undemanding, secure, pleasant. 3. EASYGOING relaxed, lenient, gentle, tolerant, soft, mild, permissive, moderate, lax, informal, benign. *ANT.* 1. *difficult, arduous, laborious.* 2. *burdensome, hard, troubled.* 3. *strict, harsh, stern.*  
**easygoing** *a.* placid, careless, undemanding, relaxed, lenient, gentle, tolerant, permissive, lax, informal, \*happy-go-lucky, \*devil-may-care, laid-back. *ANT.* \**uptight, intense, stern, severe, harsh.*  
**eat** *v.* 1. INGEST FOOD consume, dine, feast, devour, lunch, break bread, sup, \*chow down, gorge, scoff, \*put on a feedbag, gobble, wolf, nibble, nosh, bolt. 2. CORRODE erode, dissolve, wear away, rot, decay, disintegrate, waste.  
**eating disorder** *n.* dieting disorder, anorexia nervosa, bulimia, bingeing and purging, neurosis, sickness, mental illness. *SEE* ANOREXIA, BULIMIA  
**eavesdrop** *v.* listen in, pry, spy, wiretap, \*bug, \*snoop, bend an ear.  
**ebb** *v.* recede, decline, fall back, diminish, subside, decrease, wane, retreat, fade, flag, abate, withdraw. *ANT.* *grow, increase, build, wax.*  
**EBULLIENT** *a.* [i BUL yunt] boiling or bubbling over with excitement. *The crowd was absolutely ebullient with the hometown's victory.* *SYN.* exuberant, bubbling over with ex-

citement, exhilarated, high-spirited, electrified, effervescent, elated, enthusiastic, irrepressible, \*going nuts, zestful, wild. *ANT.* *subdued, sedate, apathetic, somber.*

**eccentric** *n.* \*nut, character, queer duck, original, oddball, \*weirdo, nonconformist, \*ding-a-ling, crank, loner, individual, free spirit, one-of-a-kind, \*flake.

**eccentric** *a.* odd, peculiar, weird, \*nutty, queer, off-center, flaky, unconventional, idiosyncratic, \*off the wall, deviant, \*kinky, different, \*daft, \*potty, irregular, nonconforming. *ANT.* *normal, conventional, ordinary.* SEE CRAZY

**eccentricity** *n.* quirk, peculiarity, oddity, idiosyncrasy, abnormality, foible, idiocracy, curiosity, irregularity, singularity, \*kink.

**ecclesiastical** *a.* churchly, religious, ministerial, parochial, pastoral, clerical. *ANT.* *lay, secular, mundane.*

**ECHELON** *n.* [ESH uh lon] any one level in a multi-level group. *It was the upper echelon's responsibility to devise new strategies.* *SYN.* level, hierarchy, rank, class, position, place, tier, order.

**echo** *n.* answer, reverberation, rebound, reflection, reply, replication, repercussion, repetition, parroting. "Something that always has the last word."—German proverb. "The shadow of a sound."—Horace Smith.

**ECLECTIC** *a.* [i KLEK tik] selecting the best from various sources, that which has been selected from diverse sources. *Fran's taste in music is eclectic.* *SYN.* selective, comprehensive, wide-ranging, assorted, broad, diverse, liberal, multifaceted, catholic, heterogenous. *ANT.* *limited, narrow, specialized.*

**eclipse** *n.* occultation, shadowing, obliteration, obscuring, darkening, penumbra. SEE ASTRONOMY

**eclipse** *v.* 1. BLOCK obscure, cover, darken, hide, conceal, dim, veil, overshadow. 2. OUTSHINE exceed, surpass, overpower, overshadow, outdo, transcend, stand head and shoulders above, dwarf.

**ecology** *n.* environmental science, study of flora and fauna, habitat science, life science.

**economical** *a.* 1. FRUGAL conservative, thrifty, economizing, efficient, \*penny-wise, tight, prudent, saving, scrimping. 2. INEXPENSIVE cheap, \*dirt cheap, cost-effective, reasonable, budget, low-priced. *ANT.* 1. *wasteful, extravagant.* 2. *expensive, costly, dear.*

**economize** *v.* save, be frugal, \*tighten one's belt, pinch pennies, conserve, scrimp, cut corners, stint, cut back. *ANT.* *waste, squander.*

**economy** *n.* 1. THRIFT saving, frugality, conserving, austerity, prudence, skimping, penny-pinching. "To pitch your scale of living one degree below your means."—Henry Taylor. "The art of making the most of life."—George Benard Shaw. 2. NATIONAL, STATE OR REGIONAL INCOME MANAGEMENT finances, production, GNP, gross national product, spending, distribution of wealth. *ANT.* 1. *extravagance, wastefulness, spending.*

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**WORD FIND**

**ban of import or export product:** embargo, sanction

**buying for want and status instead of need:** conspicuous consumption

**collective annual value of all goods, services, etc, of nation:** GNP, gross national product

**debt owed by federal government:** national debt

**decline, sharp and prolonged economic:** depression

**demand exceeding supply:** seller's market

**drop in prices due to a reduction of the money supply:** deflation

**expansion, economic:** boom

**exports and imports, difference in worth between:** balance of trade

**gauge of fluctuating prices of common consumer goods:** consumer price index

**GNP:** gross national product

**government incentives to big business resulting in benefit to all:** trickle-down theory

**group working together to control production and prices, common:** cartel

**inability to pay one's debts:** insolvency

**inflation causing shortages, runaway:** hyperinflation

**imports exceeding exports, condition of:** trade deficit

**luxuries, money left over for:** discretionary income

**manufacturing industry, heavy:** smokestack industry

**medieval economic system of lords and vassals:** feudalism

**money to work with:** capital

**monopolies, laws preventing formation of:** antitrust laws

**price supports, government:** subsidies

**reducing taxes to spur production, investment and growth, theory of:** supply-side economics

**selling goods below cost to drive competition out of business:** dumping  
**services than production of goods, economy based more on:** service economy  
**supplies exceeding demand:** buyer's market  
**system of collectively owned or state-owned production facilities controlling distribution, economic:** communism  
**system of privately owned businesses designed for profit-making, economic:** capitalism, free enterprise system  
**tariffs and regulations used by nation to limit imports:** trade barriers  
**ups and downs of some businesses, expected:** business cycle  
**zero growth and rising unemployment, period of:** recession, slump

**ecosystem** *n.* habitat, environment, ecological community.  
**ecstasy** *n.* rapture, euphoria, bliss, elation, transport, exaltation, ebullience, heaven, joy, exhilaration, seventh heaven. *ANT. misery, depression, gloom.*  
**ecstatic** *a.* rapturous, euphoric, elated, blissful, transported, exalted, ebullient, in heaven, in seventh heaven, overjoyed, thrilled. *ANT. miserable, depressed, down.*  
**eddy** *n.* current, vortex, countercurrent, whirlpool, swirl.  
**edema** *n.* fluid, swelling, accumulation, water retention.  
**Eden** *n.* garden, paradise, utopia, heaven on earth, garden of Adam and Eve.  
**edge** *n.* 1. MARGIN border, boundary, verge, outline, perimeter, skirt, rim, fringe, periphery, limit, brink. 2. ADVANTAGE leg up, handicap, head start, upper hand.  
**edgy** *a.* nervous, on edge, tense, uptight, anxious, \*wired, jumpy, jittery, \*keyed up, restless, ill at ease, \*a bundle of nerves. *ANT. calm, tranquil, relaxed.*  
**edible** *a.* palatable, consumable, fit to eat, comestible, digestible, esculent. *ANT. inedible, disgusting, rotten, \*not fit for human consumption.*  
**edict** *n.* decree, command, proclamation, law, fiat, manifesto, enactment, ruling, act, regulation, ordinance. *SEE LAW*  
**edification** *n.* enlightenment, education, improvement, betterment, learning, uplifting, instruction, guidance, teaching.  
**edifice** *n.* building, structure, skyscraper, tower, construction, highrise. *SEE BUILDING*  
**edit** *v.* revise, correct, \*blue pencil, refine, check, rewrite, polish, proofread, redact, doctor, cut, delete, condense, \*clean up.

**editor** *n.* reviser, redactor, rewriter, copy editor. "A bit of sandpaper applied to all forms of originality."—Elbert Hubbard.  
**edition** *n.* issue, copy, number, printing, volume.  
**editorial** *n.* essay, opinion piece, think piece, article, commentary.  
**educate** *v.* teach, instruct, train, enlighten, school, edify, tutor, coach, cultivate, \*show the ropes, inform, \*drum into.  
**educated** *a.* trained, enlightened, schooled, learned, literate, cultivated, erudite, scholarly, refined, well-read, well-grounded, knowledgeable. *ANT. ignorant, naive, illiterate.*  
**education** *n.* training, enlightenment, schooling, learning, edification, erudition, scholarship, literacy, book-learning, instruction, study, grounding, cultivation. "A companion which no misfortune can depress."—Joseph Addison. "A better safeguard of liberty than a standing army."—Edward Everett. "Character development."—William O'Shea. "A chest of tools."—Herbert Kaufman. "All the minds of past ages."—Bernard de Fontenelle.  
**educational** *a.* informative, instructional, enlightening, academic, edifying, illuminating, scholastic, didactic.  
**educator** *n.* teacher, instructor, tutor, mentor, trainer, coach, professor.  
**educe** *v.* evoke, bring out, draw forth, elicit.  
**eerie** *a.* weird, unsettling, creepy, macabre, unnatural, spooky, bizarre, strange, unearthly, uncanny, frightening, mysterious.  
**efface** *v.* erase, obliterate, rub out, cancel, wipe out, fade, expunge, eradicate.  
**effect** *n.* 1. RESULT consequence, upshot, reaction, response, aftermath, end, fallout, wake, repercussion. 2. INFLUENCE impact, force, weight, power, clout, efficacy.  
**effect** *v.* bring about, cause, actualize, produce, achieve, make, create, generate, accomplish.  
**effective** *a.* 1. PRODUCTIVE successful, compelling, sufficient, forceful, efficacious, useful, powerful, persuasive. 2. OPERATIVE functional, serviceable, in effect, active. *ANT. ineffectual, ineffective, impotent, inadequate.*  
**effects** *n.* belongings, possessions, goods, things, property, stuff, chattels.  
**effeminate** *a.* feminine, unmanly, soft, ladylike, womanish, emasculate, \*limp-wristed, delicate, \*queer, sissyish. *ANT. masculine, virile, macho, manly.*  
**effervescence** *n.* 1. FIZZ bubbles, foam, froth, carbonation. 2. VIVACITY high spirits, exuberance, vitality, liveliness, \*zip, spirit, buoy-

ancy, animation, ebullience. *ANT.* 1. flatness. 2. lifelessness, listlessness, torpor.

**effervescent** *a.* 1. FIZZY bubbly, foaming, frothy, carbonated. 2. VIVACIOUS spirited, exuberant, vital, lively, \*zippy, buoyant, animated, ebullient. *ANT.* 1. flat. 2. dead, lifeless, listless.

**effete** *a.* 1. BARREN unproductive, fruitless, sterile. 2. SPENT worn out, exhausted, used up, \*burned out, enervated, weak. *ANT.* fertile, vital, vigorous.

**EFFICACY** *n.* [EF uh kuh see] the capacity to bring about the desired end, effectiveness. *The efficacy of the space agency will be tested with the new mission.* *SYN.* effectiveness, power, productiveness, capacity, competency, potency, vigor, proficiency, capability, efficiency.

**efficient** *a.* effective, effectual, potent, productive, capable, causative, proficient, dynamic, economical, workmanlike, able. *ANT.* inefficient, ineffectual, wasteful.

**effigy** *n.* likeness, dummy, figure, representation, image, mock-up.

**effort** *n.* 1. EXERTION strain, output, work, trouble, application, muscle, toil, pain, \*elbow grease, stress, sweat. 2. ATTEMPT try, endeavor, venture, \*go. 3. ACHIEVEMENT feat, creation, accomplishment.

**effortless** *a.* easy, simple, \*no sweat, \*piece of cake, \*child's play, facile, \*a snap, cinchy, no problem, \*duck soup. *ANT.* arduous, laborious, backbreaking.

**EFFRONTERY** *n.* [i FRUN tuh ree] audacity, insulting gall. *I can't believe he had the effrontery to cut in line.* *SYN.* audacity, impudence, boldness, nerve, gall, cheek, insolence, presumption, arrogance, brass, impertinence, rudeness, \*chutzpah. *ANT.* deference, timidity, respect.

**effulgent** *a.* radiant, glowing, luminous, brilliant, resplendent, shining, dazzling, bright. *ANT.* dim, dull, dark.

**EFFUSIVE** *a.* [i FYOO siv] gushing or highly demonstrative of one's emotions. *It made me uncomfortable to see him so effusive.* *SYN.* gushing, demonstrative, unrestrained, profuse, expansive, lavish, extravagant, overflowing, unreserved. *ANT.* reserved, restrained, taciturn.

**EGALITARIAN** *a.* [i GAL uh TARE ee un] believing in equality for everyone. *The constitution ensures an egalitarian government.* *SYN.* equal, liberal, fair-minded, democratic, just, unbiased, unprejudiced, equitable. *ANT.* unfair, inequitable, prejudiced, biased.

**egg** *n.* ovum, embryo, roe, spawn.

**WORD FIND****crumbed and buttered:** Shirred eggs**laid at same time:** clutch**shape:** ovoid, ovate, oval**tester:** candle**white:** albumen**yolk:** vitellus

**egghead** *n.* *Sl.* intellectual, \*brain, genius, \*walking encyclopedia, \*know-it-all. *ANT.* ignorant, moron.

**egg on** *v.* urge, incite, prod, encourage, spur, push, prompt, goad, rally. *ANT.* discourage.

**ego** *n.* self, psyche, self-esteem, self-image, self-respect.

**egocentric** *a.* self-centered, selfish, egotistic, self-absorbed, wrapped up in oneself, narcissistic, vainglorious, conceited. *ANT.* giving, other-directed, self-effacing.

**egotism** *n.* self-centeredness, selfishness, egotism, self-absorption, conceit, narcissism, vainglory, arrogance, self-worship, vanity, overconfidence. "The anesthetic given by a kindly nature to relieve the pain of being a damned fool."—Bellamy Brooks. "A case of mistaken nonentity."—Barbara Stanwyck.

**egotist** *n.* egoist, boaster, selfish pig, narcissist, braggart, peacock, \*swellhead, egomaniac. "A self-made man who worships his creator."—John Bright.

**egotistic** *a.* self-centered, selfish, self-absorbed, conceited, narcissistic, arrogant, vainglorious, self-worshipping, vain, smug, overconfident, \*puffed up, \*swellheaded. *ANT.* modest, humble, unpretentious.

**EGREGIOUS** *a.* [i GREE jus] extremely bad or outrageous. *Murder is an egregious sin.* *SYN.* bad, outrageous, flagrant, blatant, extreme, atrocious, monstrous, shocking, grievous, glaring, striking, baldfaced, appalling. *ANT.* minor, trivial, petty.

**egress** *n.* doorway, outlet. *SEE* EXIT

**ejaculate** *v.* discharge, climax, have an orgasm, \*come.

**ejaculation** *n.* release, emission.

**eject** *v.* throw out, expel, oust, \*kick out, \*give the boot, evict, ditch, banish, \*send packing, \*show the door, \*bounce, \*give walking papers.

**ejection** *n.* expulsion, ouster, removal, dismissal, exile, \*the boot, discharge, banishment, eviction, ostracism.

**elaborate** *v.* develop, work out, detail, flesh out, fashion, add to, enlarge, amplify, refine, explain.

**elaborate** *a.* complicated, complex, intricate, detailed, comprehensive, painstaking, thorough,

involved, sophisticated, multifaceted, ornate, busy, showy, extravagant. *ANT.* simple, plain, unadorned, stark.

**élan** *n.* enthusiasm, spirit, vigor, dash, ardor, verve, vivacity, panache, flair, zest.

**elapse** *v.* go by, pass, transpire, expire, intervene, slip by, lapse.

**elastic** *a.* flexible, resilient, supple, adaptable, springy, pliant, accommodating, yielding, buoyant. *ANT.* inflexible, rigid, stiff.

**elated** *a.* happy, ecstatic, euphoric, delighted, excited, in high spirits, \*in seventh heaven, exultant, \*flying, exhilarated, gleeful, joyful, \*tickled. *ANT.* miserable, down, depressed, \*bummed.

**elation** *n.* happiness, joy, euphoria, delight, excitement, high spirits, glee, exhilaration, exaltation, rapture, \*cloud nine, ecstasy. *ANT.* misery, depression, blues.

**elbow** *v.* push, shove, jostle, shoulder, bump, bulldoze, nudge, crowd.

**elbow grease** *n.* effort, muscle, \*oomph, strain, sweat, stress, toil, back, strength.

**elder** *n.* senior, old-timer, veteran, superior, forefather, ancestor, matriarch, patriarch, \*old fogey, \*geezer, retiree, graybeard, dowager.

**WORD FIND**

**sixty, or between sixty and seventy:** sexagenarian

**seventy, or between seventy and eighty:** septuagenarian

**eighty, or between eighty and ninety:** octogenarian

**ninety, or between ninety and one hundred:** nonagenarian

**one hundred-year-old:** centenarian

**elder** *a.* older, senior, superior, higher ranking. *ANT.* younger, junior.

**elderly** *a.* aged, venerable, seasoned, ancient, \*long in the tooth, mature, \*over the hill, experienced, senescent, advanced in years, weathered, vintage. *ANT.* youthful, young, immature, \*green. *SEE* OLD, OLD AGE, OLD-FACED

**elect** *v.* select, choose, pick, opt for, appoint, vote for, settle on, nominate, single out, cast one's ballot.

**election** *n.* selection, choosing, choice, voting, vote-casting, determination, preference, appointment, designation, nomination, referendum. *SEE* CONGRESS, ELECTIONEERING, POLITICS

**WORD FIND**

**ELECTIONS AND CAMPAIGNING**

**aid to candidate, solicits votes:** electioneer

**assembly every four years to elect presidential candidate:** national convention

**attack on opposing candidate:** mudslinging, smear campaign

**candidate list:** ballot, ticket

**convention representatives from one state:** delegation

**cross-party vote:** crossover vote

**desires and dictates of voters expressed through vote:** mandate

**district of voters:** constituency

**district, smallest voting unit:** precinct

**fund-raising, fund-distributing committee:** political action committee (PAC)

**mail-in vote:** absentee ballot

**majority (large) of votes, victory:** landslide

**meeting of party to choose candidate:** caucus

**meeting to generate enthusiasm for candidate:** rally

**person not on ballot, but written in by voter:** write-in

**poll public opinion or solicit votes:** canvass

**popular candidate's trickle-down benefit to weaker party member:** coattail effect

**preliminary, nominating election:** primary

**principles of candidate or party: platform proposal of action, to be voted on:** proposition, referendum

**random vote poll:** straw poll

**report of voting trends:** poll, returns, exit poll

**shake hands and smile:** glad-hand

**speak from town to town:** barnstorm, stump

**state representatives chosen to elect president and vice president:** electoral college

**voting enrollment:** registration

**electioneering** *n.* campaigning, canvassing, soliciting votes, \*stumping, \*barnstorming, promoting. "A war in which everybody shoots from the lip."—Raymond Moley.

**elective** *a.* chosen, optional, electoral, discretionary, voluntary. *ANT.* required.

**electricity** *n.* current, power, AC, DC, voltage, spark, charge, \*juice. *SEE* ELECTRONICS, EXCITEMENT

**WORD FIND**

**atom:** electron

**cell that converts light to electricity:** photovoltaic cell

**current regulator:** rheostat

**drop in voltage through power line:** brown-out

**earth or other large body to which circuit is connected to prevent noise interference:** ground

**generator:** dynamo

**material capable of carrying current with little resistance:** conductor

**particle, electrified:** ion

**poor conductor and a poor insulator:** semiconductor

**restrictor of current's flow:** insulator

**stores electrical charge:** capacitor

**unit of:** amp, ampere, ohm, volt, watt, joule

**zero resistance of current:** superconductivity

**electrify** *v.* thrill, shock, startle, stun, excite, dazzle, stir, daze, jolt, \*give one a charge, stagger, \*take one's breath away. *ANT.* bore.

**electronics** *n.* integrated circuitry, transistors, chips, solid state components. *SEE* COMPUTER, ELECTRICITY

**elegance** *n.* fineness, refinement, grace, opulence, luxuriousness, high style, beauty, grandeur, class, tastefulness, sophistication, poshness, polish.

**elegant** *a.* fine, refined, graceful, opulent, luxurious, high-styled, stylish, beautiful, grand, classy, tasteful, sophisticated, posh, cultured, fashionable, polished. *ANT.* coarse, crude, unrefined, tacky.

**elegiac** *a.* sad, sorrowful, mournful, plaintive. *ANT.* uplifting, inspiring, happy.

**elegy** *n.* dirge, lamentation, lament, funeral song, requiem.

**element** *n.* component, ingredient, constituent, unit, facet, bit, feature, piece, portion, section, item, factor.

**elementary** *a.* basic, simple, fundamental, rudimentary, easy, \*child's play, uncomplicated, primary, introductory, plain, abecedarian. *ANT.* complicated, advanced, difficult.

**elephant** *n.* pachyderm, herbivore, quadruped, mammal. "A mouse built to government specifications."—Robert Heinlein.

#### WORD FIND

**call:** trumpet, bellow

**driver/keeper:** mahout

**extinct:** mammoth, mastadon

**female:** cow

**male:** bull

**male's violent and sexual frenzy:** musth, rut

**nose:** trunk, snout

**rider's seat:** howdah

**run towards:** charge

**solitary, vicious outcast:** rogue

**tooth:** tusk

**tusk:** ivory

**young:** calf

**elephantine** *a.* mammoth, gargantuan, jumbo. *ANT.* tiny, puny, wee. *SEE* HUGE

**elevate** *v.* 1. RAISE lift, uplift, hoist, escalate, hike up, jack up, heighten. 2. PROMOTE advance, raise, enhance, improve, upgrade, boost, heighten, aggrandize, exalt. *ANT.* lower, drop, degrade.

**elevated** *a.* lofty, exalted, noble, grand, eminent, high, upstanding, distinguished, admirable, \*put on a pedestal. *ANT.* lowly, inferior, humble.

**elevation** *n.* height, altitude, eminence, high ground, prominence, rise, hill, mountain, lift.

**elevator** *n.* lift, hoist.

**elf** *n.* gnome, fairy, hob, pixy, imp, brownie, sprite, dwarf, leprechaun.

**elfin** *a.* mischievous, prankish, impish, playful, sprightly, small, fleeting.

**ELICIT** *v.* [i LIS it] to bring out or draw forth. *He tried to elicit a response from the speaker.* *SYN.* draw, bring out, evoke, extract, wrest, cause, exact, call forth, wring, \*arm-twist, \*pump, extort.

**eligible** *a.* qualified, worthy, suitable, appropriate, desirable, fitting, acceptable. *ANT.* ineligible, disqualified.

**eliminate** *v.* get rid of, remove, discard, cut, reject, omit, drop, kill, eject, oust, shut out, expel, exclude. *ANT.* include, get.

**elimination** *n.* removal, discard, cut, rejection, omission, dropping, killing, ejection, ouster, expulsion, exclusion. *ANT.* inclusion.

**elite** *n.* the best, the greatest, \*upper crust, aristocracy, \*crème de la crème, high society, gentry, blue bloods, nobility, clique, \*haut monde, pick. *ANT.* the dregs, working class, lower class.

**elitist** *n.* snob, highbrow, oligarch, social climber, \*snoot, \*stuffed shirt, egotist.

**elixir** *n.* potion, curative, mixture, compound, panacea, cure-all, miracle drug, nostrum, catholicon, solution, substance.

**elliptical** *a.* oval, egg-shaped, ovoid.

**elocution** *n.* public speaking, speech, oratory, articulation, recitation, declamation, rhetoric, delivery, eloquence, enunciation, diction. *SEE* ELOQUENCE, SPEECH

**elongate** *v.* lengthen, extend, stretch, protract, let out, prolong. *ANT.* shorten, shrink, curtail.

**elongated** *a.* lengthened, extended, stretched, protracted, let out, prolonged, prolate, oblong. *ANT.* shortened, contracted, curtailed.

**elope** *v.* run off, abscond, run away with, slip off.

**eloquence** *n.* persuasiveness, fluency, forcefulness, expressiveness, rhetoric, command of language, way with words, elocution, oratory, articulation. "A gift of the mind, which makes us master of the heart and spirit of others."—Jean de La Bruyere. "What one thinks he has after a cocktail."—Warren Goldberg. "The gift of making any color appear white."—Ambrose Bierce.

**ELOQUENT** *a.* [EL uh KWUNT] persuasive by means of one's speech, having a way with words, articulate. *There are many eloquent speakers in Washington.* SYN. persuasive, articulate, fluent, forceful, having a way with words, expressive, having a command of the language, silver-tongued, smooth, stirring, cogent, vivid, pointed. ANT. *inarticulate, tongue-tied, stumbling.*

**elucidate** *v.* clarify, make clear, explain, illustrate, illuminate, \*shed light on, simplify, spell out, interpret. ANT. *obfuscate, confuse, muddy.*

**elude** *v.* avoid, evade, escape, \*give the slip, dodge, \*lose, \*throw off the scent, get away, circumvent, baffle, thwart, foil. ANT. *confront, meet, face.*

**elusive** *a.* evasive, slippery, shifty, hard to catch, fleeting, eely, baffling, cagey, puzzling, wily. ANT. *comprehensible, easy to grasp, within reach.*

**EMACIATED** *a.* [i MAY shee ay ted] lean and scrawny, as from starvation. *Many deer become emaciated through the winter.* SYN. lean, thin, scrawny, wasted, malnourished, anorexic, bony, skinny, skeletal, gaunt, rawboned, drawn, wizened, hollow-eyed. ANT. *beefy, plump, fat, obese.*

**e-mail** *n.* electronic mail, online mail, online correspondence, E-message, instant message. SEE COMPUTER, INTERNET

**emanate** *v.* issue, proceed, spring, arise, appear, exude, come forth, originate, flow, discharge.

**emanation** *n.* emission, discharge, issue, emerging, emergence, effusion.

**EMANCIPATE** *v.* [i MAN suh pate] to free. *Lincoln wished to emancipate the slaves.* SYN. free, liberate, release, deliver, loose, unchain, unburden, enfranchise, manumit, save, rescue. ANT. *enslave, fetter, subjugate.*

**emancipation** *n.* freedom, liberation, release, delivery, manumission, enfranchisement. ANT. *enslavement, subjugation.*

**EMASCULATE** *v.* [i MASS kyuh late] to castrate or weaken; to take away a man's strength. *Kryptonite had the power to emasculate Superman.* SYN. castrate, weaken, ef-

feminate, debilitate, enervate, render ineffectual, soften, \*take the teeth out of. ANT. *strengthen, invigorate.*

**EMBARGO** *n.* [em BAR go] a government-imposed prohibition on the shipment or receipt of foreign commercial freight. *The president imposed an embargo on French wine.* SYN. prohibition, restriction, ban, blockage, proscription, stoppage, restraint, check, interdiction.

**embark** *v.* 1. BOARD get on. 2. COMMENCE set out, start, venture, undertake, take up, broach, launch, enter, initiate.

**embarrass** *v.* disconcert, make ill-at-ease, make self-conscious, abash, shame, mortify, chagrin, fluster, discompose, fluster, faze.

**embarrassing** *a.* disconcerting, humiliating, awkward, mortifying, uncomfortable, discomfiting, shaming, discomposing, ticklish, touchy, undignifying.

**embarrassment** *n.* humiliation, shame, chagrin, discomposure, mortification, discomfort, self-consciousness, \*egg on one's face, uneasiness, pudency.

#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** cheeks burn; color deeply; toes curl in one's shoes; feel hot and foolish; feel the blood rush to one's face; squirm/wriggle with embarrassment; eyes range the floor, searching desperately for a hole to crawl into; eyelids bat self-consciously; cringe inwardly; smile sheepishly; splutter with embarrassment; stammer self-consciously; ears flush scarlet

**embarrassed smiling:** dry grins

**embarrassing occurrence:** *contretemps*

**embassy** *n.* ambassador's office, diplomatic mission, foreign office, consulate, chancellery, chancellory, diplomatic corps.

**embattle** *v.* equip, arm, prepare for battle.

**embed** *v.* fix, place, insert, bury, enclose, implant, surround, root, plant, deposit.

**embellish** *v.* enhance, adorn, ornament, decorate, garnish, elaborate, beautify, touch up, fix up, embroider, play up, exaggerate, overstate.

**EMBELLISHMENT** *n.* [em BEL ish ment] something added to increase interest or beauty, as an ornament, musical passage, etc. Also, an exaggeration or bit of fiction, sometimes used to make one's experiences more interesting to others. *His stories were always full of questionable embellishments.* SYN. enhancement, ornamentation, adornment, dec-

oration, beautification, embroidery, exaggeration, enrichment.

**embers** *n.* ashes, coals, cinders, clinkers, sparks.  
SEE FIRE

**EMBEZZLE** *v.* [em BEZ ul] to steal, especially when in a position of trust, to commit fraud. *To embezzle company funds and get caught means certain jail time.* SYN. steal, defraud, misappropriate, cheat, defalcate, purloin, \*have one's hand in the till, filch, swindle, peculate, \*cook the books.

**embittered** *a.* bitter, resentful, hostile, disaffected, sour, disillusioned, spiteful, cynical, irritated, sore, rankled.

**emblazon** *v.* ornament, color, paint, decorate, embellish.

**emblem** *n.* symbol, badge, design, representation, crest, trademark, coat of arms, colors, insignia, mark, attribute, image.

**emblematic** *a.* symbolic, representative.

**embodiment** *n.* representation, personification, incarnation, materialization, manifestation, realization, incorporation, exemplification.

**embody** *v.* represent, personify, incarnate, manifest, realize, stand for, incorporate, materialize, substantiate, symbolize.

**embolden** *v.* encourage, hearten, buoy, reassure, puff up, invigorate, boost, psych up, \*give pep talk. *ANT. frighten, cow, unnerve.*

**emboss** *v.* mold, carve, set in relief, raise, impress, imprint.

**embrace** *v.* 1. HUG squeeze, hold, clasp, enfold, clinch, grab, envelop, cuddle, snuggle, \*bear hug. 2. ENCOMPASS take in, include, cover, embody, comprehend, incorporate. 3. ADOPT take up, espouse, welcome, accept, seize. *ANT. 2. exclude, omit. 3. reject, spurn, shun.*

**EMBROIDER** *v.* [em BROY dur] to exaggerate or embellish by stretching the truth, to add untruthful details. *Some tabloids embroider the truth.* SYN. exaggerate, embellish, stretch the truth, fib, varnish, aggrandize, puff up, overstate, \*hype, \*blow out of proportion, \*make a mountain out of a molehill, fabricate, invent.

**embroil** *v.* disturb, entangle, trouble, mix up, involve, snarl, muddle, set at odds, rouse, \*fan the flames.

**embryonic** *a.* rudimentary, elementary, beginning, immature, undeveloped, initial, fetal. *ANT. advanced, mature, latter.*

**emend** *v.* improve, correct, right, fix, edit, redact, revise.

**emerge** *v.* appear, arise, issue, come forth, surface, materialize, crop up, come out, spring, originate, emanate.

**emergency** *n.* crisis, exigency, trouble, urgency, plight, contingency, pinch, \*pickle, bind, difficulty, clutch.

**emergency room** *n.* ER, trauma center, critical care facility, triage room, medical crisis unit, intensive care unit (ICU). SEE HOSPITAL, MEDICINE

**emergent** *a.* new, developing, on the horizon, hatching, coming into view, rising, emerging. *ANT. declining, \*yesterday's news.*

**emigre** *n.* emigrant, defector, expatriate, fugitive.

**eminence** *n.* 1. POSITION rank, fame, standing, importance, prominence, distinction, greatness, repute, celebrity, station, loftiness. 2. HILL rise, elevation, height, prominence, peak, summit, ridge, high ground.

**EMINENT** *a.* [EM uh nunt] high-ranking and distinguished, noteworthy. *An eminent authority on economics predicted a downturn.* SYN. high-ranking, distinguished, noteworthy, famous, renowned, exalted, excellent, esteemed, celebrated, prominent, illustrious, outstanding, great, dominant. *ANT. little-known, obscure, undistinguished.*

**emir** *n.* prince, governor, leader, chieftain, commander.

**emissary** *n.* representative, messenger, agent, ambassador, envoy, go-between, courier, deputy, attaché.

**emission** *n.* discharge, emanation, expulsion, ejection, issuance, diffusion, transmission, outpouring, leaking.

**emit** *v.* discharge, emanate, expel, eject, issue, diffuse, outpour, leak, exhale, secrete, exude, excrete, leak.

**emollient** *n.* balm, salve, lotion, ointment, lenitive.

**emollient** *a.* soothing, softening, relieving, assuasive, healing, palliative. *ANT. abrasive, hurtful.*

**emote** *v.* act, overact, dramatize, express, \*ham it up.

**emotion** *n.* feeling, state of mind, sentiment, passion, gut reaction, sensation, heart, drive.

**emotional** *a.* 1. FEELING sensitive, passionate, reactive, sentimental, sympathetic, ardent, susceptible, excitable, fervent, fiery, histrionic, temperamental. 2. MOVING soul-stirring, touching, poignant, heartrending, heartfelt, disturbing. *ANT. 1. apathetic, unfeeling, impassive.*

**emotionless** *a.* apathetic, cold, numb, unfeeling, indifferent, stony, stoical, insensate, dispassionate, heartless, matter-of-fact.

**empathize** *v.* identify with, relate to, understand, comprehend, sympathize, stand in one's shoes, \*be on the same wavelength.

**EMPATHY** *n.* [EM puh thee] understanding or sharing of another's feelings, thoughts, etc. As a basketball official, I have a certain amount of empathy for baseball umpires. SYN. understanding, sympathy, accord, comprehension, rapport, communion, affinity, fellow feeling.

**emperor** *n.* ruler, sovereign, monarch, czar, dictator, empress.

**emphasis** *n.* stress, accent, underscoring, importance, force, weight, significance, prominence, highlight, attention.

**emphasize** *v.* stress, accent, underscore, highlight, accentuate, play up, spotlight, punctuate, italicize, bring to the fore. ANT. *downplay, play down, soften.*

**EMPHATIC** *a.* [em FAT ik] done with emphasis. He gave an emphatic denial of any wrongdoing. SYN. insistent, forceful, impassioned, passionate, vigorous, pointed, stressed, strong, earnest, compelling, striking, vehement. ANT. *vague, halfhearted.*

**empire** *n.* dominion, realm, rule, kingdom, domain, sovereignty, territory.

**EMPIRICAL** *a.* [em PIR i kul] based on observation or experience, not theory. The empirical evidence backed the scientists' claims. SYN. experiential, experimental, observed, practical, pragmatic, firsthand, factual, verifiable, provable.

**emplacement** *n.* position, mounting, site, placement.

**employ** *v.* 1. MAKE USE OF use, practice, utilize, apply, put to use. 2. ENGAGE THE SERVICES OF contract for, retain, hire.

**employee** *n.* worker, personnel, staffer, hired hand, jobholder, wage earner, \*company man/woman, \*working stiff, \*slave.

**employer** *n.* boss, manager, owner, proprietor, chief executive officer (CEO), director, contractor, \*big cheese, overseer, \*front office, corporation, company, firm.

**employment** *n.* 1. USE utilization, application, operation, usage, exercise. 2. WORK job, position, occupation, employ, business, trade, field, profession, vocation, situation.

#### WORD FIND

**employing more workers than is necessary:** featherbedding

**favoritism in which family members and friends are hired first:** nepotism

**emporium** *n.* marketplace, store, trade center, mart, bazaar, mall.

**EMPOWER** *v.* [em POW ur] to give or invest with power, legal or otherwise, to enable. Giving children a good education will empower them to succeed. SYN. enable, authorize, vest, permit, warrant, allow, entrust, validate, commission, accredit.

**empress** *n.* ruler, queen, regina.

**emptiness** *n.* void, vacuity, vacuum, nothingness, space, vacancy, desolation, blankness, hole.

**empty** *a.* 1. VACANT void, hollow, bare, vacuous, barren, desolate, blank, deserted, abandoned, devoid, stark, evacuated. 2. MEANINGLESS purposeless, hollow, futile, ineffective, idle, worthless, cheap, insubstantial, vapid, vain. ANT. 1. *full, crowded, replete.* 2. *meaningful, fruitful, effective.*

**empty-headed** *a.* brainless, witless, \*brain-drained, ignorant. ANT. *bright, sharp.* SEE STUPID

**EMULATE** *v.* [EM yoo layt] to imitate, especially in order to do as well as or better than another. All the rookie basketball players tended to emulate the top scorer. SYN. imitate, copy, \*take after, use as a role model, model after, ape, mimic; challenge, contend, compete with, vie, match.

**emulsion** *n.* suspension.

**enable** *v.* empower, capacitate, allow, endow, authorize, invest, qualify, warrant, sanction, permit, license. ANT. *hinder, block, prevent.*

**enabler** *n.* facilitator, helper, aid, assistant, contributor, cooperator, accomplice, abettor, partner in crime.

**enact** *v.* legislate, pass, ratify, sanction, decree, effectuate, institute, establish, order, ordain. ANT. *veto, repeal, reject, table.*

**enamel** *n.* coating, finish, protective layer, paint, lacquer, varnish, glaze.

**ENAMORED** *a.* [i NAM urd] in love, charmed. She is enamored with Hawaii. SYN. in love, charmed, captivated, infatuated, enthralled, bewitched, entranced, taken, smitten, fascinated, \*stuck on. ANT. *repelled, adverse to.*

**encampment** *n.* camp, campsite, bivouac, stop-over, rest area, base.

**encapsulate** *v.* 1. summarize, epitomize, condense. 2. encase, enclose, wrap, box, pack, envelop.

**enchant** *v.* mesmerize, bewitch, spellbind, charm, captivate, cast a spell on, \*sweep off feet, allure, entrance, hypnotize, beguile.

**enchanting** *a.* mesmerizing, bewitching, spell-binding, charming, captivating, alluring, entrancing, hypnotic, beguiling, enthralling.

**enchantress** *n.* seductress, sorceress, witch, charmer, siren, \*femme fatale, \*Circe.

**encircle** *v.* encompass, surround, circle, circumscribe, band, ring, girdle, envelop, hoop, wreath.

**enclose** *v.* 1. SHUT IN surround, \*hem in, pen, confine, imprison, encompass, fence off, circumscribe, corral. 2. INSERT enter, put in, include, add.

**encode** *v.* encrypt, cryptograph, cipher, cypher, make secret.

**encore** *n.* reprise, return, curtain call, standing ovation, command performance, recall.

**encompass** *v.* 1. SURROUND circle, encircle, circumscribe, ring, envelop. 2. INCLUDE contain, comprehend, embody, comprise, take in, cover, embrace. *ANT.* 2. *exclude, omit.*

**encounter** *n.* meeting, confrontation, conjunction, brush.

**encounter** *v.* meet, confront, come face to face, happen upon, chance upon, cross paths, see, accost, face, bump into.

**encourage** *v.* hearten, embolden, spur, inspire, rally, reassure, root for, \*buck up, \*psyche up, foster, steel, fortify, support, cheer, buoy, \*give a shot in the arm. *ANT. discourage, dishearten, \*take the wind out of one's sails, deflate.*

**encouragement** *n.* support, assurance, help, buoying, heartening, \*bucking up, boost, reassurance, \*shot in the arm, \*pep talk, stimulus, lift, inspiration, cheer, fortitude, \*psyching up, backing. *ANT. discouragement, disheartening, deflation.*

**ENCROACH** *v.* [en KROCH] to intrude or trespass, to move into another's domain. *Humans continue to encroach upon wildlife habitat.* *SYN.* intrude, trespass, invade, infringe, \*horn in, usurp, \*make inroads, interlope, impose upon, overstep the bounds, infiltrate.

**encumber** *v.* burden, weigh down, hinder, impede, obstruct, hold up, cramp, saddle, oppress, hamper, handicap. *ANT. free, facilitate, lighten.*

**encumbrance** *n.* burden, weight, hindrance, impediment, obstruction, saddle, handicap, millstone, cross.

**encyclopedia** *n.* reference work, tome, cyclopedia, lexicon, glossary, fact book, book of knowledge, education book, volume.

**encyclopedic** *a.* broad, extensive, comprehensive, complete, diverse, wide-ranging, catholic, general, exhaustive, thorough. *ANT. limited, specific, narrow.*

**end** *n.* 1. LIMIT terminus, borderline, extremity, boundary, edge, extent, tip, point, pale. 2. FINISH completion, conclusion, close, stop, cessation, finale, finis, termination, expira-

tion, windup, consummation. 3. PURPOSE aim, intention, object, reason, point, objective, motivation. 4. RESULT outcome, consequence, effect, upshot. *ANT.* 2. *start, beginning, opening.* *SEE DEATH*

**end** *v.* stop, finish, cease, wrap up, conclude, close, terminate, wind down, consummate, expire, discontinue, desist, drop. *ANT. start, begin, open.*

**endanger** *v.* imperil, jeopardize, expose, tempt fate, put at risk, compromise, hazard, venture, threaten. *ANT. safeguard, protect, defend.*

**endangered** *a.* imperiled, facing extinction, jeopardized, at risk, threatened. *ANT. secure.*

**endearing** *a.* lovable, charming, captivating, winning, adorable, sweet, dear, cuddly. *ANT. repulsive.*

**endeavor** *n.* attempt, effort, try, striving, venture, enterprise, undertaking, trial, \*shot, crack, \*whack, exertion.

**endeavor** *v.* attempt, try, strive, venture, make an effort, struggle, tackle, undertake, essay, labor, \*have a go, \*take a crack at.

**endemic** *a.* local, regional, localized, restricted to, confined to, peculiar to. *ANT. unconfined, international.*

**ending** *n.* finish, closing, close, completion, finale, denouement, resolution, outcome, curtains, termination, windup, last gasp, final word.

**endless** *a.* interminable, neverending, eternal, infinite, forever, unending, ceaseless, perpetual, continuous, incessant, relentless, \*Sisyphian, everlasting. *ANT. finite, limited, temporary.*

**endorphin** *n.* hormone, natural painkiller, opiate.

**endorse** *v.* sanction, approve, recommend, support, back, back up, vouch for, certify, advocate, stand behind, warrant, \*give one's stamp of approval. *ANT. reject, repudiate.*

**endorsement** *n.* sanction, approval, recommendation, support, backing, certification, advocacy, warranty, \*stamp of approval, authorization, okay.

**endow** *v.* provide, grant, fund, contribute, equip, bestow, bequeath, enrich, favor, furnish, supply, appoint, vest. *ANT. divest, deprive.*

**endowment** *n.* 1. GIFT grant, contribution, bestowal, bequest, funding, donation, provision, subsidy, benefaction. 2. ATTRIBUTE natural gift, genius, quality, talent, asset, aptitude.

**endurance** *n.* stamina, fortitude, perseverance, grit, \*guts, \*stick-to-itiveness, backbone, staying

- power, tenacity, \*starch, \*moxie, \*heart, strength, hardness.
- endure** *v.* 1. BEAR hold out, live through, withstand, tolerate, \*stick it out, brave, suffer, weather, stand, \*ride out, take it, \*go through the mill, \*hang in, brook. 2. CONTINUE persist, last, abide, endure, sustain, go on, outlast, survive, prevail. *ANT.* 1. *give out, cave in, collapse, quit.* 2.  *peter out, die, end.*
- enemy** *n.* foe, adversary, antagonist, opponent, rival, villain, contestant, hostile party, contender, nemesis, archenemy, \*bad guy. “[One who] strengthens our nerves and sharpens our skill.” —Edmund Burke. “An injured friend.” —Thomas Jefferson.
- energetic** *a.* vigorous, peppy, active, lively, industrious, \*zippy, tireless, spirited, full of vim and vigor, \*bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, vibrant, sprightly, \*high octane. *ANT.* *tired, slothful, lethargic.*
- energize** *v.* activate, invigorate, stimulate, spark, enliven, electrify, pep up, refresh, turn on, \*pump up. *ANT.* *exhaust, sap, tire.*
- energy** *n.* power, force, steam, strength, juice, vigor, zip, \*get-up-and-go, vitality, pep, zest, verve, life, punch.
- ENERVATE** *v.* [EN ur vate] to weaken or debilitate. *Smoking tends to enervate the immune system.* *SYN.* weaken, debilitate, sap, enfeeble, tire, exhaust, wear out, prostrate, fatigue, devitalize. *ANT.* *fortify, strengthen, invigorate.*
- enfeeble** *v.* weaken, deplete, enervate, debilitate, deplete, sap, emasculate, fatigue, exhaust, diminish, \*take the starch out of.
- enfilade** *n.* barrage, gunfire, rake, sweeping fire.
- enfold** *v.* embrace, wrap.
- enforce** *v.* compel, impose, press, make, crack down, coerce, implement, oblige, \*clamp down, prosecute, \*strong-arm, bully.
- enforcement** *n.* compulsion, imposition, press, crackdown, coercion, implementation, obligation, prosecution, \*strong-arm tactics, bullying, control, duress.
- engage** *v.* 1. CONTRACT FOR employ, hire, enlist, commission, sign on, retain, enroll, secure, appoint, charter. 2. ENROSS occupy, captivate, absorb, hold, grip, rivet, arrest, interest, preoccupy, fascinate. 3. PLEDGE promise, bind, commit, obligate, contract, betroth, affianc.
- engaged** *a.* 1. BETROTHED pledged, spoken for, affianced, committed, plighted, bound. 2. BUSY occupied, working, involved, employed, preoccupied, \*tied up, operating, diverted. *ANT.* 1. *single, unattached.* 2. *idle, free.*
- engagement** *n.* 1. BETROTHAL pledge, promise, commitment, plight, troth. “In war, a battle. In love, the salubrious calm that precedes the hostilities.”—Gideon Wurdz. 2. APPOINTMENT date, meeting, commitment, tryst. 3. BATTLE encounter, combat, conflict, confrontation, skirmish, action.
- engaging** *a.* charming, pleasing, attractive, magnetic, agreeable, sweet, appealing, winning, likable, fetching, captivating, pleasant. *ANT.* *unattractive, repellent, unappealing.*
- ENGENDER** *v.* [en JEN dur] to bring about; cause. *Understanding will engender peace.* *SYN.* produce, bring about, cause, give rise to, effect, arouse, stimulate, generate, create, spawn, breed.
- engine** *n.* motor, turbine, dynamo, power plant, powerhouse, \*workhorse, generator, mechanism. *SEE* MOTOR
- engineer** *n.* builder, manager, architect, designer, planner, inventor, operator, tinkerer, troubleshooter, innovator.
- engineer** *v.* plan, devise, scheme, arrange, swing, set up, direct, \*rig, mastermind, \*call the shots, finagle, concoct.
- engorged** *a.* congested, full, filled, swollen, distended, bloated. *ANT.* *empty.*
- engrave** *v.* etch, cut, incise, carve, inscribe, scratch, chisel, imprint, ingrain.
- engross** *v.* absorb, occupy, rivet, fascinate, involve, engage, captivate, enthrall, grip, spell-bind.
- engrossed** *a.* absorbed, rapt, lost in, riveted, involved, engaged, captivated, enthralled, deep in, \*wrapped up in, gripped, fascinated. *ANT.* *distracted.*
- engrossing** *a.* absorbing, riveting, involving, engaging, captivating, enthralling, gripping, fascinating, occupying. *ANT.* *boring, dull, tiresome.*
- engulf** *v.* surround, swallow up, overwhelm, overflow, envelop, enclose, deluge, submerge, inundate, bury.
- enhance** *v.* augment, better, improve, strengthen, embellish, complement, raise, increase, beautify, aggrandize, magnify. *ANT.* *diminish, strip, weaken.*
- ENIGMA** *n.* [ih NIG muh] a riddle, mystery, or puzzle. *The origin of the universe remains an enigma.* *SYN.* riddle, mystery, puzzle, conundrum, question, secret, perplexity, \*tough nut to crack, \*mind-boggler, unknown.
- enigmatic** *a.* mysterious, puzzling, perplexing, questionable, unknown, mind-boggling, baffling, incomprehensible, unfathomable,

- inscrutable, bewildering, unexplainable. *ANT. known, obvious, clear, plain.*
- enjoin** *v.* 1. COMMAND impose, order, dictate, prescribe, demand, ordain, decree, charge. 2. PROHIBIT forbid, ban, proscribe, outlaw, interdiction. *ANT. 2. allow, permit.*
- enjoy** *v.* take pleasure in, delight in, relish, appreciate, revel in, savor, luxuriate in, \*eat up, \*get a kick out of.
- enjoyable** *a.* delightful, satisfying, fun, pleasing, pleasant, amusing, entertaining, delicious, gratifying, \*a lot of laughs, wonderful. *ANT. miserable, rotten, unpleasant.*
- enjoyment** *n.* pleasure, delight, fun, amusement, relish, happiness, entertainment, gratification, satisfaction, \*laughs, diversion, gusto, recreation, delectation.
- enlarge** *v.* increase, expand, extend, spread, augment, magnify, broaden, lengthen, stretch, inflate, grow, swell, blow up, branch out, snowball. *ANT. shrink, diminish, lessen, decrease.*
- enlargement** *n.* increase, expansion, extension, spreading, augmentation, magnification, broadening, lengthening, stretch, inflation, growth, swelling, snowballing. *ANT. shrinkage, decrease, lessening.*
- ENLIGHTEN** *v.* [en LITE un] to inform or instruct. *Obedience school will enlighten you and your dog.* *SYN.* inform, instruct, fill in, teach, edify, make one aware, apprise, school, illuminate, indoctrinate, ground, \*open one's eyes. *ANT. \*put one in the dark, cloud, obfuscate, mystify.*
- enlightened** *a.* informed, aware, learned, educated, knowledgeable, apprised, grounded, knowing, open-minded, cultivated, \*hip. *ANT. uninformed, \*in the dark, ignorant.*
- enlist** *v.* sign up, enroll, draft, recruit, induct, conscript, join, volunteer, muster, register, engage.
- enliven** *v.* stimulate, spark, animate, \*jumpstart, excite, invigorate, charge up, electrify, energize, vitalize, inflame, kindle. *ANT. dampen, extinguish, quiet.*
- en masse** *adv.* together, as a body, in a group, jointly, as one, ensemble. *ANT. individually, separately.*
- enmesh** *v.* entangle, catch, snarl, trap, knot, engage.
- ENMITY** *n.* [EN muh tee] hatred, deep hostility. *There was obvious enmity between the divorcing couple.* *SYN.* hatred, hostility, antagonism, animosity, malevolence, acrimony, spite, bitterness, loathing, venom, malice, \*bad blood. *ANT. love, adoration, affection.*
- ENNUI** *n.* [AN WEE] boredom and the listlessness that accompanies it. *The students suffered from a severe case of ennui.* *SYN.* boredom, listlessness, restlessness, languor, weariness, lassitude, malaise, blahs, tedium, doldrums. *ANT. excitement.*
- enormity** *n.* 1. WICKEDNESS outrageousness, evil, monstrousness, atrocity, viciousness, ferocity, savagery, ruthlessness. 2. HUGENESS largeness, vastness, size, bulk, greatness, magnitude, prodigiousness. *ANT. 1. morality, goodness, virtue. 2. smallness, triviality.*
- enormous** *a.* huge, gigantic, stupendous, immense, vast, gargantuan, mammoth, Brobdingnagian, prodigious, massive, astronomical, colossal, titanic, monstrous, towering. *ANT. tiny, pint-sized, pocket-sized, diminutive.*
- enough** *a.* sufficient, ample, plenty, adequate, acceptable, satisfactory, abundant. *ANT. short, wanting, scant, deficient.*
- enquire** *v.* look into, explore, query. *SEE INQUIRE*
- enquiry** *n.* inquest, probe. *SEE INQUIRY*
- enrage** *v.* incense, anger, infuriate, inflame, \*piss off, madden, \*make blood boil, \*burn up, \*tee off \*get Irish up, rile. *SEE ANGER, ANGRY*
- enraged** *a.* furious, incensed, irate, angry, infuriated, inflamed, mad, \*gone ballistic, \*pissed, \*boiling. *ANT. pleased, delighted, happy.*
- enrich** *v.* enhance, add, upgrade, improve, endow, cultivate, embellish, aggrandize, \*sweeten, refine, \*beef up. *ANT. degenerate, cheapen, impoverish.*
- enroll** *v.* register, record, enter, enlist, sign up, join, matriculate, admit.
- ensconce** *v.* settle, fix, curl up, nestle, seat, place, conceal, shelter, hide, cover.
- ensemble** *n.* 1. UNIT collection, group, whole, aggregate. 2. OUTFIT \*getup, suit, coordinates. 3. ENTERTAINMENT GROUP trio, quartet, group, orchestra, band, troupe, company, repertory.
- enshrine** *v.* cherish, sanctify, exalt, consecrate, hallow, deify, revere, immortalize, glorify.
- enshroud** *v.* shroud, cover, veil, conceal, cloak, mask.
- ensign** *n.* flag, standard, banner, pennant, streamer, insignia.
- enslave** *v.* subjugate, dominate, control, enthrall, indenture, subject, yoke, fetter, master, \*jackboot into submission, coerce, subdue.
- ensnare** *v.* snare, catch, trap, bag, snag, net, entrap, entangle, take in.
- ensue** *v.* follow, succeed, result, come to pass, come out of, derive, spring from.

- ensuing** *a.* following, succeeding, resulting, subsequent, consequent, next, after. *ANT.* *preceeding, prior, earlier.*
- ensure** *v.* assure, make sure, guarantee, warrant, insure, certify, secure, safeguard, confirm.
- entail** *v.* involve, necessitate, require, call for, occasion, include, contain, incorporate.
- entangle** *v.* enmesh, tangle, snarl, entrap, involve, embroil, mix up, rope in, intertwine, trap, catch up, \*suck in.
- entanglement** *n.* knot, snare, difficulty, problem, quandary, predicament, embroilment, web, mess, involvement, mix-up.
- entente** *n.* understanding, agreement, accord, rapprochement, settlement, arrangement, conciliation.
- enter** *v.* 1. COME OR GO IN gain entree, make an entrance, infiltrate, intrude, set foot in, penetrate, \*burst in, \*breeze in, trespass. 2. BEGIN start, commence, set out, launch. 3. JOIN enlist in, enroll, embark on, sign up. 4. RECORD register, log in, sign up, post, inscribe. *ANT.* 1. *exit, leave.*
- enterprise** *n.* 1. UNDERTAKING venture, project, job, campaign, adventure, concern, scheme, operation, task, endeavor, cause, business, crusade. 2. EFFORT initiative, drive, determination, ambition, gumption, intensity, aggressiveness, industry, boldness, hustle. *ANT.* 2. *sloth, laziness.*
- enterprising** *a.* ambitious, industrious, aggressive, bold, venturesome, audacious, earnest, resourceful, driving, hustling, inventive, energetic. *ANT.* *lazy, indolent, slothful, passive.*
- entertain** *v.* 1. AMUSE interest, divert, engross, engage, absorb, rivet, beguile, \*wow, pique, stimulate, enthrall. 2. TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO receive, host, accommodate, \*wine and dine, feed, treat, regale, fete, have guests, give a party. 3. CONSIDER think about, ponder, contemplate, muse over, deliberate, mind, weigh, heed.
- entertainment** *n.* amusement, diversion, recreation, fun, distraction, \*ball, \*laughs, enjoyment, merrymaking, pastime, divertissement, good time, \*high time.
- enthrall** *v.* captivate, hold spellbound, charm, fascinate, rivet, beguile, bewitch, mesmerize, entrance, thrill, hypnotize, transfix.
- enthusiasm** *n.* eagerness, keenness, feeling, fervor, interest, zeal, passion, vivacity, ardor, relish, exuberance, verve, spirit, elan. "Energy that boils over and runs down the side of the pot."—Arnold Glasow. "A distemper of youth."—Ambrose Bierce. "Fire under control."—Norman Vincent Peale. "The great hill-climber."—Elbert Hubbard. *ANT.* *apathy, indifference, passivity.*
- enthusiast** *n.* zealot, fan, devotee, aficionado, fanatic, disciple, addict, buff, \*freak, \*nut, \*bug.
- enthusiastic** *a.* eager, keen, fervent, interested, zealous, passionate, ardent, exuberant, spirited, wholehearted, avid, hot, rabid. *ANT.* *apathetic, indifferent, halfhearted.*
- entice** *v.* tempt, lure, tantalize, allure, inveigle, seduce, bait, draw, attract, persuade, cajole, coax.
- entire** *a.* total, whole, complete, full, aggregate, all, thorough, undivided, uncut, intact, unmitigated, uncompromised. *ANT.* *partial, incomplete.*
- entitle** *v.* authorize, allow, qualify, license, warrant, empower, enable, sanction.
- entitlement program** *n.* benefit program, government benefit, government assistance, social security, relief program, welfare program, social program, \*safety net. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS
- entity** *n.* being, thing, it, individual, soul, unit, existence, life, object, creature, essence.
- entomb** *v.* bury, inter, sepulcher, inhume, \*lay to rest.
- entourage** *n.* attendants, train, followers, retinue, staff, court, cortege, escort, bodyguards, \*toadies.
- entrails** *n.* intestine, viscera, internal organs, guts, bowels, innards, vitals.
- entrance** *n.* 1. DOORWAY ingress, portal, access, gate, inlet, porch, vestibule, foyer, portico, threshold. 2. ADMISSION admittance, ingress, passage, entry, approach, access.
- entrance** *v.* captivate, bewitch, charm, hypnotize, mesmerize, spellbind, enchant, enthrall, allure.
- entrant** *n.* competitor, contestant, entry, player, opponent.
- entrap** *v.* lure, allure, tempt, entice, \*suck in, \*set up, \*lead on, trap, bait, inveigle, implicate, incriminate, nail.
- entreat** *v.* implore, beseech, beg, plead, petition, appeal, supplicate, pray.
- entreaty** *n.* plea, appeal, supplication, solicitation, prayer, bid, cry, request, petition, imploration.
- entrée** *n.* 1. ADMISSION ACCESS. SEE ENTRY 2. DISH main course, meal, supper, dinner, pièce de résistance.
- entrenched** *a.* fixed, secured, established, deep-rooted, deep-seated, embedded, ingrained, ensconced, dug in, grounded, settled. *ANT.* *capricious, changeable, inconstant, temporary.*

**ENTREPRENEUR** *n.* [on truh pruh NUR] one who starts and runs her own business. *Several entrepreneurs moved in to revitalize the downtown district.* SYN. businessman/woman, industrialist, go-getter, producer, promoter, impresario, undertaker, enterpriser, developer, capitalist, tycoon, venture capitalist, magnate, employer.

**ENTROPY** *n.* [EN truh pee] the ongoing deterioration of everything, but especially systems and societies. *The delapidated camp was a prime example of entropy at work.* SYN. deterioration, degeneration, regression, worsening, going from bad to worse, slipping away, falling apart, decline, disintegration, decay, transformation.

**entrust** *v.* commit, confide, turn over, consign, charge, vest, assign, delegate, invest, hand over, authorize.

**entry** *n.* 1. ENTRANCE access, door, ingress, inlet, passageway, portal, opening, gate, foyer, approach. 2. ADMITTANCE admission, access, entrée, intrusion, trespass.

**entwine** *v.* braid, intertwine, wind. SEE TWIST

**enumerate** *v.* count off, list, number, tally, itemize, calculate, sum, compute, inventory, name, run down, tick off.

**ENUNCIATE** *v.* [e NUN see ayt] to pronounce clearly. *She enunciated each word with great care.* SYN. pronounce, articulate, form words, express, utter, intone, voice, mouth, accentuate, modulate, frame each word carefully, inflect.

**envelop** *v.* enclose, encase, surround, engulf, envelop, contain, sheathe, wrap, shroud, overlay.

**envelope** *n.* wrapper, cover, case, jacket, sheath, casing, skin, shell, hull, mailer, \*jiffy bag.

**envious** *a.* covetous, jealous, resentful, begrudging, yearning, \*drooling over, green with envy, emulous, discontent. ANT. *contented, satisfied, fulfilled.*

**environment** *n.* surroundings, habitat, setting, environs, milieu, domain, terrain, turf, neighborhood, territory, \*stomping grounds, world, atmosphere, climate, element, medium.

**environmentalist** *n.* conservationist, ecologist, naturalist, \*tree hugger.

**environs** *n.* surroundings, environment, vicinity, neighborhood, territory, outskirts, suburbs.

**envisage** *v.* visualize, conceive of, see, imagine, envision, conceptualize, picture, fancy, think of.

**ENVOY** *n.* [ON voy] a representative or messenger. *The United States sent a special envoy to its embassy in Iran.* SYN. representative, messenger, agent, emissary, courier, delegate, diplomat, ambassador, attaché, minister.

**envy** *n.* covetousness, jealousy, grudgingness, rivalry, \*green-eyed monster, resentment, spite, lusting, wanting, longing, greed. "The sincerest form of flattery."—John C. Collins. "The green sickness."—Shakespeare. "Self-made hurts."—Shaikh Saadi. "The tax which all distinction must pay."—Emerson.

**envy** *v.* covet, begrudge, grudge, resent, be green with envy, be jealous of, lust after, want, desire, \*eat one's heart out, \*drool over.

**eon** *n.* age, eternity, ages, years.

**EPHEMERAL** *a.* [i FEM ur al] lasting only a short time. *Fads are usually ephemeral.* SYN. short-lived, transient, brief, fleeting, temporary, transitory, of short duration, evanescent, momentary, \*gone in a heartbeat. ANT. *long-lived, permanent, everlasting.*

**epic** *a.* huge, grand, legendary, mythical, exaggerated, fabulous, Homeric, heroic, majestic, sublime. ANT. *small, insignificant, short-lived, modest.*

**epicure** *n.* gourmet, epicurian, gourmand, gastronome, connoisseur, glutton, bon vivant, hedonist.

**epidemic** *n.* spread, contagion, infection, disease, plague, pestilence, endemic, pandemic.

**epidemic** *a.* spreading, contagious, infectious, catching, widespread, endemic, pandemic, rampant, rife, prevalent. ANT. *local, limited, confined.*

**epigram** *n.* observation, witticism, aphorism, quip, adage, slogan, bon mot, pun, motto, saying. "A light vessel carrying a heavy load."—Jacob Klatzkin. "A dash of wit and a jigger of wisdom, flavored with surprise."—Elbert Hubbard.

**epilepsy** *n.* seizure disorder, catalepsy, convulsions, fits, neurological disorder. SEE DISEASE, MEDICINE

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**WORD FIND**

**major seizure and loss of consciousness:**

grand mal

**medication:** Dilantin

**momentary unconsciousness without convulsions:** petite mal

**symptom of impending seizure:** aura

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**epilogue** *n.* afterword, conclusion, last word, follow-up, postscript, addendum, swan song, coda. SEE BOOK

**EPIPHANY** *n.* a great revelatory experience or insight; an illumination of a truth. *I experienced a great epiphany the first time I meditated; this was a great way to seek spiritual bliss.* SYN. insight, revelation, realization,

- illumination, grasp, understanding; appearance, manifestation.
- episode** *n.* incident, event, occurrence, happening, occasion, experience, action, installment, chapter, part.
- episodic** *a.* intermittent, sporadic, segmented, irregular, sequential. *ANT.* frequent, recurrent, regular.
- epistle** *n.* communication, message, composition, missive. *SEE* LETTER
- epitaph** *n.* inscription, memorial, legend, commemoration, hic jacet, \*last word. "An inscription showing that virtues acquired by death have a retroactive effect."—Ambrose Bierce.
- epithet** *n.* nickname, name, label, pet name, appellation, designation, tag, sobriquet.
- EPITOME** *n.* [i PIT uh mee] the perfect representation of something. *Michael Jordan is the epitome of a great athlete.* *SYN.* representation, archetype, example, embodiment, typification, ultimate, quintessence, \*last word, model.
- epitomize** *v.* typify, represent, exemplify, embody.
- epoch** *n.* era, period, time, age, span, interval.
- equable** *a.* even, steady, uniform, unvarying, consistent, regular, unchanging, constant, stable, serene, tranquil. *ANT.* unequal, fluctuating.
- equal** *n.* peer, counterpart, equivalent, compeer, coequal, double, fellow, match, alter ego.
- equal** *v.* match, accord with, line up with, align, correspond, parallel, \*stack up against, mirror.
- equal** *a.* even, same, identical, balanced, uniform, alike, commensurate, parallel, \*even Stephen, level, matching, comparable, \*on common footing, \*on a level playing field. *ANT.* unequal, uneven, dissimilar, disparate.
- equality** *n.* parity, par, sameness, equivalence, likeness, evenness, balance, uniformity, fairness. "The centre and circumference of all democracy."—Herman Melville. *ANT.* inequality, disparity, unfairness, injustice.
- EQUANIMITY** *n.* [EE kwuh NIM i tee] composure, calm. *He handled the crisis with equanimity.* *SYN.* composure, calmness, sangfroid, serenity, nonchalance, coolness, placidity, aplomb, tranquility, poise, presence of mind. *ANT.* hysteria, panic.
- equate** *v.* liken, associate, compare, relate, parallel.
- EQUILIBRIUM** *n.* [EE kwuh LIB ree um] balance, stability, composure. *The disaster challenged her equilibrium.* *SYN.* balance, stability, equanimity, calmness, levelheadedness, poise, sangfroid, composure, aplomb. *ANT.* instability.
- equip** *v.* outfit, furnish, rig, supply, gird, fit out, accoutre, arm, gear, appoint, \*heel, provision.
- equipment** *n.* gear, apparatus, accessories, furnishings, supplies, contrivances, tools, rigging, trappings, appliances, fittings, tackle, machinery, paraphernalia.
- EQUITABLE** *a.* [EK wi tuh bul] fair, just. *The mediator helped the two sides reach an equitable agreement.* *SYN.* fair, just, equal, impartial, square, evenhanded, proportionate, honest, \*even Stephen, unbiased, rightful, proper. *ANT.* inequitable, unfair, unjust, partial.
- equity** *n.* fairness, justice, impartiality, evenhandedness, honesty, fair play, objectivity, neutrality, rightness.
- equivalent** *n.* equal, counterpart, same, twin, match, mirror image, double, fellow, peer, \*carbon copy.
- equivalent** *a.* equal, same, alike, synonymous, tantamount, analogous, identical, even, commensurate, \*six of one, half dozen of another, correlative, comparable. *ANT.* unequal, differing.
- equivocal** *a.* ambiguous, vague, duplicitous, uncertain, indefinite, unclear, misleading, evasive, undecided, hazy, indeterminate. *ANT.* definite, clear, plain.
- EQUIVOCATE** *v.* [i KWIV uh kate] to use vague or ambiguous language, usually to evade. *The politician would equivocate to avoid the tough questions.* *SYN.* hedge, evade, waffle, hem and haw, dodge, \*weasel out, \*beat around the bush, \*cloud the issue, double-talk, mince words, sidestep, \*dance around the issue, \*perform a verbal hat-dance around.
- ER** *n.* emergency room, trauma center, critical care facility, triage room, medical crisis unit, intensive care unit. *SEE* HOSPITAL, MEDICINE
- era** *n.* period, time, age, epoch, days, interval, span. *SEE* TIME
- eradicate** *v.* annihilate, uproot, erase, remove, eliminate, extirpate, exterminate, destroy, expunge, abolish, do away with, obliterate.
- erase** *v.* rub off, expunge, remove, wipe out, delete, efface, strike, obliterate, nullify, scratch, blue-pencil, wash out.
- erect** *v.* construct, build, assemble, \*slap together, fabricate, raise, frame, pitch, put up, devise, form.
- erect** *a.* upright, straight up, standing, perpendicular, vertical. *ANT.* flaccid, flat, horizontal.
- erection** *n.* 1. CONSTRUCTION building, assembly, fabrication, framework, formation,

structure, edifice. 2. TUMESCENCE \*hard-on. SEE PENIS

**ergo** *adv.* consequently, therefore, thus, accordingly.

**ERGONOMICS** *n.* [ur go NOM iks] the science of designing spaces and equipment that facilitate human comfort and productivity, especially for work. *An ergonomic study showed that back problems decreased when chairs were adjusted to the proper height.* SYN. design science, efficiency science, science of productivity and design, streamlining, injury-proofing, accident-proofing.

**erode** *v.* wear away, corrode, waste, gnaw, consume, eat away, abrade, disintegrate, deteriorate.

**EROGENOUS** *a.* [i ROJ uh nus] pertaining to parts of the body that can be aroused by sexual stimulation. *Erogenous zones are rich in nerve endings.* SYN. erotogenic, erotic, sexual, amatory, sensuous, sensual, \*hot, rousing, X-rated, libidinal, carnal.

**Eros** *n.* 1. GOD OF LOVE son of Aphrodite. 2. LOVE sex drive, libido, sexual urge, \*urge to merge, desire, yearning, hunger, eroticism.

**erosion** *n.* wear, deterioration, corrosion, disintegration, destruction, attrition, abrasion, wasting.

**erotic** *a.* amatory, sexual, carnal, lusty, sensual, erogenous, romantic, libidinous, arousing, amorous, \*hot, fleshy, \*blue, titillating, spiciness, \*kinky, lascivious, passionate.

**erotica** *n.* pornography, sexual imagery, X-rated materials, sexually explicit art/literature, adult materials.

**eroticism** *n.* sexual excitement, arousal, stimulation, titillation, \*horniness, erotomania.

**err** *v.* make a mistake, miscalculate, misjudge, misstep, \*slip up, blunder, \*goof, \*blow it, \*muff, go astray, misconstrue, misunderstand.

**errand** *n.* task, mission, chore, trip, jaunt, \*run.

**errant** *a.* wrong, deviant, erring, astray, \*off the straight and narrow, wayward, wandering. ANT. right, straight, on course.

**erratic** *a.* straying, inconsistent, deviating, eccentric, irregular, unpredictable, unreliable, shifting, peculiar, wayward. ANT. consistent, predictable, unchanging.

**ERRONEOUS** *a.* [i RO nee us] mistaken, wrong. *The theory of green cheese on the moon is erroneous.* SYN. mistaken, wrong, incorrect, false, amiss, in error, inaccurate, \*all wet, fallacious, unfounded, misguided, faulty. ANT. correct, right, accurate.

**error** *n.* mistake, inaccuracy, miscalculation, wrong, erratum, blunder, flub, \*slip-up, boner, blooper, lapse, gaffe, wrongdoing, \*howler, \*boo-boo, misconception. "The best teachers."—James A. Froude.

**ersatz** *a.* substitute, artificial, synthetic, fake, simulated, man-made, imitation, \*bogus, counterfeit. ANT. genuine, real, actual, \*the real McCoy.

**erstwhile** *a.* former, bygone, past, late.

**ERUDITE** *a.* [ER yoo DITE, ER oo DITE] highly educated, learned. *The college town was a bastion of erudite professors.* SYN. educated, scholarly, learned, intellectual, well-read, well-schooled, pedantic, highbrow, brainy, literate, well-versed, bookish. ANT. uneducated, ignorant, illiterate, unschooled.

**erudition** *n.* learning, scholarship, schooling, knowledge, book learning, refinement, wisdom, brains, education, higher education, pedantry, literacy.

**erupt** *v.* burst forth, explode, blow up, discharge, spout, rupture, gush, eject, emit, vent, spew, belch. SEE VOLCANO

**eruption** *n.* ejection, explosion, blowup, outburst, upheaval, expulsion, cataclysm, blast, detonation, gushing, outpouring, surge, paroxysm. SEE VOLCANO

**escalate** *v.* increase, rise, mount, climb, intensify, heighten, grow, enlarge, deepen, worsen. ANT. decrease, shrink, lessen.

**escapade** *n.* prank, adventure, antic, caper, practical joke, stunt, tomfoolery, high jinks, \*shenanigans.

**escape** *n.* getaway, fast break, flight, evasion, \*the slip, breakout, extrication, dodging, departure, desertion, \*disappearing act.

**escape** *v.* get away, break out, extricate, loose, liberate, break, bolt, \*fly the coop, cut loose, elude, dodge, abscond, elope, \*take on the lam, skip, flee, decamp, disappear.

**escapee** *n.* fugitive, runaway, refugee, evacuee.

**ESCHEW** *v.* [es CHOO] stay away from, avoid, shun. *He has chosen to eschew smoking for health reasons.* SYN. avoid, shun, forego, abstain, swear off, forswear, renounce, give up, shy away from, refrain from, \*turn up one's nose at. ANT. take up, indulge in, embrace.

**escort** *n.* attendant, chaperon, guardian, accompaniment, companion, body guard, guide, protector, retinue, cortege, entourage, convoy.

**escort** *v.* accompany, attend, protect, guide, usher, chaperone, guard, conduct, look after, convoy, defend.

**escrow** *n.* pledge, collateral, security, account, insurance, surety, guarantee, bond, deed.

**Eskimo** *n.* InnuIt, Alaskan, Aleut, Yuit.

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**WORD FIND**

**boat:** umiak, oomiak, kayak

**boot:** mukluk

**dog:** husky, malamute

**hooded jacket:** anorak, parka

**house:** igloo, topek

**sledge:** komatik

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**esophagus** *n.* gullet, food tube, throat.

**ESOTERIC** *a.* [ES uh TER ik] understood by only a few, hard to understand. *Einstein's theories are esoteric.* SYN. abstruse, arcane, recondite, profound, deep, obscure, inscrutable, mysterious, incomprehensible, occult. ANT. understandable, simple, obvious.

**especially** *adv.* specifically, particularly, exclusively, expressly, principally, specially, chiefly.

**espionage** *n.* spying, intelligence, undercover work, surveillance, shadowing, tailing, wiretapping, \*cloak and dagger, secret service.

**esplanade** *n.* walk, walkway, promenade, avenue, road, sidewalk, lane, mall.

**ESPOUSE** *v.* [e SPOUZ] to support or take up. *The group claims to espouse environmentalism, but the president holds stock in an oil company.* SYN. take up, support, advocate, adopt, abet, champion, embrace, back, stand up for, uphold, advance. ANT. reject, detract, spurn.

**ESPRIT DE CORPS** *n.* [es SPREE de COHR] group spirit or group loyalty, common bond between members of a group. *Good companies foster a certain esprit de corps.* SYN. group spirit, common bond, group loyalty, solidarity, team morale, camaraderie, fellowship, fraternity.

**essay** *n.* 1. COMPOSITION article, paper, discourse, treatise, theme, think piece, editorial, exposition, study, thesis. "A loose sally of the mind."—Samuel Johnson. SEE WRITING 2. TRY attempt, endeavor, bid, trial, \*shot, \*whack, venture.

**essay** *v.* try, attempt, endeavor, bid, venture, \*take a shot, \*take a whack, \*take a stab at.

**essence** *n.* 1. HEART soul, core, kernel, distillate, marrow, root, spirit, \*meat, \*nitty-gritty, gist, nature, quintessence, crux. 2. CONCENTRATE distillate, distillation, extract, elixir.

**essential** *n.* necessity, must, fundamental, basic, prerequisite, requirement, rudiment, cornerstone, indispensable element. ANT. non-essential, extra.

**essential** *a.* fundamental, important, vital, crucial, basic, prime, cardinal, necessary, elementary, indispensable, requisite. ANT. incidental, unessential, peripheral, superfluous.

**establish** *v.* 1. SET UP found, institute, create, make, organize, build, construct, erect, enact, install, place, originate. 2. PROVE demonstrate, substantiate, verify, authenticate, show, validate, corroborate.

**establishment** *n.* 1. FOUNDING formation, instituting, creation, organization, construction, origin. 2. INSTITUTION business, enterprise, concern, foundation, firm, company, corporation, association.

**estate** *n.* 1. ASSETS property, holdings, resources, wealth, fortune, belongings, possessions. 2. MANOR acreage, holdings, dominion, domain, residence, plantation.

**esteem** *n.* regard, respect, admiration, approval, repute, liking, affection, veneration, reverence. ANT. disrespect, contempt, disdain.

**esteem** *v.* regard highly, respect, look up to, admire, idolize, value, prize, appreciate, revere, venerate. ANT. disrespect, disdain, scorn.

**estimable** *a.* worthy, respectable, admirable, deserving, esteemed, honorable, reputable, valued, exemplary, revered. ANT. disrespected, disregarded, scorned, disliked.

**estimate** *n.* guess, \*guesstimate, calculation, rough figure, educated guess, \*ballpark figure, projection, evaluation, judgment.

**estimate** *v.* guess, \*guesstimate, calculate, give a rough figure, give an educated guess, \*give a ballpark figure, project, evaluate, judge, reckon, appraise, gauge, suppose.

**ESTRANGED** *a.* [e STRANJD] alienated, removed from the friendship of others. *The worker quit and soon became estranged from his colleagues.* SYN. alienated, removed, dissociated, separated, at odds, distant, disaffected, \*turned off, hostile, \*at arm's length.

**estuary** *n.* mouth, outlet, waterway, drain, arm, tidewater, tideway.

**etch** *v.* engrave, carve, burn into, eat into, impress, inscribe, ingrain, corrode.

**eternal** *a.* endless, neverending, everlasting, unending, ageless, infinite, timeless, perpetual, enduring, interminable, undying, immortal. ANT. finite, fleeting, ephemeral, temporary.

**eternity** *n.* forever, infinity, immortality, world without end, timelessness, afterlife. "Where there is no where and no when."—Arthur Schopenhauer. "The sum of all sums."—Lucretius.

**ETHEREAL** *a.* [i THIR ee ul] otherworldly, celestial or heavenly. Also, light, airy, and del-

icate. *His musical compositions were haunting and ethereal.* SYN. otherworldly, celestial, heavenly, divine, unearthly, sublime, super-nal, light, airy, delicate, gossamer, exquisite, tenuous. ANT. *earthly, mundane, heavy, ponderous.*

**ethical** *a.* right, moral, righteous, fair, just, honest, good, honorable, upright, pure, conscientious, square, decent, noble, correct. ANT. *unethical, immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt.*

**ethics** *n.* principles, values, standards, morality, moral code, integrity, honesty, honor, \*Ten Commandments, \*Golden Rule, mores, conscience, decency. "The obligations of morality."—Lajos Kossuh. "The doctrine of manners."—Maunder.

**ethnic** *a.* cultural, racial, tribal, folk.

**etiquette** *n.* manners, courtesy, civility, politeness, decorum, proper conduct, propriety, formalities, protocol, social graces. "Behaving yourself a little better than is absolutely essential."—Will Cuppy.

**EUGENICS** *n.* [yoo JEN iks] the study or science of improving the human population through selective breeding. *Eugenics advocates fear the human population is deteriorating due to unchecked breeding.* SYN. hereditary control, selective breeding, selective sterilization, genetic purification, reproductive control, selective reproduction, study, science, school, movement. SEE SCIENCE

**eulogize** *v.* praise, extol, laud, pay tribute, honor, celebrate, extol, pay homage to, glorify. ANT. *damn, condemn, defame.*

**eulogy** *n.* praise, encomium, tribute, homage, panegyric, laudation, extolment, honor, acclamation. "Praise that is too much and too late."—Anon. ANT. *damning, condemnation, defamation.*

**EUPHEMISM** *n.* [YOO fuh miz um] a polite word or phrase used in place of an offensive word or phrase. "*Heck*" is a euphemism for "*hell*." SYN. polite word, delicacy, pretense, \*prudism, \*nice-nellyism, substitution, mild word, \*weasel word. ANT. *crude term, crass term, \*gutter word.*

**euphonious** *a.* harmonious, melodious, mellifluous, pleasing. ANT. *discordant.*

**EUPHORIA** *n.* [yoo FOR ee uh] high spirits, elation. Spring always brings on a curious euphoria. SYN. high spirits, happiness, joy, glee, elation, ecstasy, bliss, jubilation, rapture, \*seventh heaven. ANT. *misery, depression, unhappiness.*

**EUTHANASIA** *n.* [yoo than AY szuh] mercy killing. *Euthanasia proponents allow for suicide as a permanent treatment for misery.* SYN. mercy killing, assisted suicide, \*putting out of misery, \*putting to sleep, \*pulling the plug, easing of death, \*playing God. SEE SUICIDE

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#### WORD FIND

**advocate, pioneer:** Dr. Jack Kevorkian

**doctor-assisted suicide:** patholysis

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**evacuate** *v.* 1. LEAVE withdraw, vacate, abandon, \*run for the hills, hightail, clear out, \*skedaddle, \*bail out, decamp. 2. EMPTY discharge, remove, void, excrete, eliminate.

**evade** *v.* elude, dodge, sidestep, avoid, escape, \*give the slip, bypass, duck, \*steer clear of, \*shake off, shirk, circumvent. ANT. *confront, face, meet.*

**evaluate** *v.* appraise, assess, size up, judge, grade, estimate, measure, assay, gauge, determine, rate, weigh.

**evaluation** *n.* appraisal, assessment, judgment, grading, estimate, measurement, assay, gauging, determination, rating, ranking.

**evanescent** *a.* transient, fleeting, ephemeral, vanishing. ANT. *permanent, solid.*

**evangelism** *n.* preaching the gospel, proselytizing, \*bible thumping, \*spreading the word, testifying, bearing witness.

**evangelist** *n.* preacher, revivalist, minister, missionary, crusader for God. SEE RELIGION

**evaporate** *v.* vaporize, dehydrate, dry up, dissipate, desiccate, vanish, disappear, disperse, evanesce.

**evasion** *n.* avoidance, dodge, elusion, escape, subterfuge, circumvention, shirking, equivocation, \*song and dance. ANT. *confrontation, meeting.*

**evasive** *a.* deceitful, elusive, slippery, equivocal, shifty, hedging, tricky, shuffling, dissembling, misleading, dodging, prevaricative. ANT. *direct, forthright, straightforward.*

**even** *v.* equalize, balance, level, align, square, make flush, smooth, straighten.

**even** *a.* 1. LEVEL, UNIFORM flat, straight, smooth, plumb, balanced, plane, flush, proportional. 2. EQUAL same, balanced, fifty-fifty, on a par, parallel, fair, identical, uniform, \*even Stephen. 3. CALM tranquil, serene, peaceful, even-tempered, placid, steady, stable. ANT. 1. *uneven, crooked, unbalanced.* 2. *unequal, disparate.* 3. *unstable, excitable.*

**even-handed** *a.* fair, impartial, just, equitable. ANT. *biased, one-sided.*

**evening** *n.* nightfall, twilight, dusk, sundown, sunset, eve, eventide, gloaming.

**event** *n.* happening, occurrence, incident, episode, affair, circumstance, situation, matter, experience, phenomenon.

**even-tempered** *a.* easy going, calm, relaxed, type B, cool. *ANT.* *anxious, hot-headed.*

**eventful** *a.* busy, active, lively, exciting, momentous, outstanding. *ANT.* *uneventful, slow.*

**eventual** *a.* ultimate, future, final, destined, coming, ensuing, inevitable, concluding, succeeding, resultant, consequent, imminent. *ANT.* *avoidable, escapable, preventable.*

**eventually** *adv.* ultimately, in the future, finally, inevitably, sooner or later, in the long run, consequently, in the end.

**everlasting** *a.* eternal, agelong, unending, enduring, infinite, immortal, timeless, undying, never ending, unremitting, interminable. *ANT.* *temporary, ephemeral, fleeting, finite.*

**everyday** *a.* 1. DAILY diurnal, circadian. 2. ROUTINE regular, ordinary, commonplace, customary, usual, run-of-the-mill, household, stock, workaday, \*garden variety, normal. *ANT.* *special, rare, occasional.*

**evict** *v.* eject, remove, throw out, \*show the door, expel, oust, kick out, dispossess.

**evidence** *n.* proof, substantiation, confirmation, documentation, corroboration, testimony, support, verification, indication, grounds, \*smoking gun, clue. *SEE* COURT, LAW

**WORD FIND**

**hiding of:** suppression of evidence

**inconclusive, indirect, or inferred:** circumstantial evidence

**physical evidence displayed in court:** exhibit

**what someone other than the witness has said:** hearsay

**evident** *a.* obvious, clear, plain, manifest, express, visible, \*plain as the nose on one's face, apparent, incontestable, palpable, conspicuous, \*open and shut. *ANT.* *hidden, uncertain, obscure, unknown.*

**evidently** *adv.* apparently, ostensibly, seemingly, as far as one can tell, doubtless, to all appearances.

**evil** *n.* badness, immorality, sinfulness, indecency, criminality, wickedness, villainy, diabolism, iniquity, viciousness, vileness, lawlessness, cruelty, misfortune, ruin, affliction, harm, woe, catastrophe, disaster. "Whatever springs from weakness."—Nietzsche. "Good

tortured by its own hunger and thirst."—Kahlil Gibran. *ANT.* *morality, goodness, righteousness.*

**evil** *a.* immoral, bad, wicked, depraved, demonic, sinful, villainous, heinous, malicious, iniquitous, atrocious, foul, black, damnable, nefarious, malevolent. *ANT.* *good, moral, righteous, virtuous.*

**evildoer** *n.* criminal, devil, sociopath, psychopath, felon, \*Hitler, murderer, sinner, lawbreaker, gangster, servant of Satan, gangbanger.

**evince** *v.* show, indicate, disclose, prove, display.

**eviscerate** *v.* disembowel, gut, clean.

**evoke** *v.* summon, call forth, conjure up, extract, elicit, invite, cause, stimulate, rouse, awaken.

**evolution** *n.* \*survival of the fittest, phylogeny, development, progression, succession, transformation, change, growth, mutation, adaptation, social Darwinism, metamorphosis. "The preservation of favored races in the struggle for life."—Herbert Spencer. "Men risen out of the mire."—Don Marquis. "Natural selection."—Charles Darwin.

**WORD FIND**

**change of one species into another:** speciation

**changes in gene pool due to chance:** genetic drift

**classification of species according to evolutionary lineage:** cladistics; phylogenetics.

**developing side by side and benefitting from one another, animals:** mutualism

**diagram of classification of species according to evolutionary lineage:** cladogram

**dying off of an entire species:** extinction

**gradual changes over time, evolution through:** gradualism

**independent development of same useful trait in two different species:** convergence

**inheritance of genes and traits from one's parents:** heredity

**large-scale mutation:** macromutation

**manipulation of evolution to create super race of humans:** eugenics

**mistake or change in genetic material:** mutation

**new use for trait originally developed for a different purpose:** exaptation

**predator and prey, simultaneous evolutionary changes of:** coevolution

**quick bursts, theory that evolution may sometimes proceed in:** punctuated equilibrium

**religious explanation of Earth's diversity:** Creationism; Intelligent Design

**small or microscopic mutation:** micromutation

**survivors passing on their genes to next generation, natural law of:** natural selection

**transitional fossil unaccounted for, outmoded term for:** missing link

**trial of teacher who taught evolution illegally in 1925:** Scopes Monkey Trial

**worldwide disaster, as an asteroid strike, as an engine for evolution:** catastrophism

**evolve** *v.* develop, progress, transform, grow, mutate, metamorphose, \*reinvent oneself, advance, emerge, adapt.

**EXACERBATE** *v.* [ek ZAS ur bate] to make worse, aggravate. *Lashing out will only exacerbate the situation.* *SYN.* make worse, aggravate, intensify, worsen, inflame, \*fan the flames, provoke, deepen, \*rub salt into the wound, \*add insult to injury, heighten. *ANT.* mitigate, mollify, soften, ease.

**exact** *v.* insist on, demand, require, compel, force, extort, extract, wring, \*put the squeeze on.

**exact** *a.* 1. PRECISE accurate, \*on the button, \*on the money, correct, true, \*on the mark, faithful, \*right on, \*dead on, \*bullseye, perfect, literal. 2. CAREFUL rigorous, meticulous, exacting, painstaking, punctilious, methodical. *ANT.* 1. inexact, inaccurate, approximate, rough. 2. careless.

**EXACTING** *a.* [ig ZAK ting] extremely demanding. *Defusing a bomb is an exacting task.* *SYN.* demanding, strict, difficult, meticulous, rigorous, painstaking, hard, particular, fastidious, strenuous, burdensome, trying.

**exaggerate** *v.* amplify, overstate, hyperbolize, \*make a mountain out of a mole hill, \*play up, embellish, \*lay it on thick, color, embroider, \*stretch the truth, puff, magnify, \*blow out of proportion. *ANT.* understate, play down, minimize.

**exaggeration** *n.* amplification, overstatement, hype, hyperbole, embellishment, coloring, embroidery, \*a stretch, magnification, tall tale, \*fish story, \*tempest in a teapot. "A branch of lying."—Baltasar Gracian.

**EXALT** *v.* [eg ZAWLT] to raise up, honor, or glorify. *Americans tend to exalt sports figures and movie stars.* *SYN.* raise up, honor, glorify,

\*put on a pedestal, elevate, extol, praise, acclaim, revere, idolize, pay tribute to, worship. *ANT.* condemn, put down, ridicule.

**exalted** *a.* raised up, glorified, \*put on a pedestal, elevated, extolled, praised, esteemed, acclaimed, venerated, idolized, revered. *ANT.* condemned, put down, ridiculed, belittled.

**examination** *n.* exam, test, inspection, analysis, scrutiny, study, investigation, checkup, probe, review, survey, \*once-over, assessment, quiz, questionnaire.

**examine** *v.* 1. LOOK OVER, TEST check out, inspect, analyze, scrutinize, study, investigate, probe, review, survey, \*perform a once-over, \*eyeball, assess, scan, peruse, appraise, \*size up. 2. QUIZ grill, question, interrogate, cross-examine, \*pump, \*give the third degree, catechize.

**example** *n.* sample, specimen, sampling, instance, exemplar, model, paradigm, stereotype. "The best sermon."—Ben Franklin.

**EXASPERATE** *v.* [eg ZAS puh RATE] to irritate profoundly. *Husband and wife tend to exasperate each other in divorce court.* *SYN.* irritate, annoy, ruffle, upset, madden, provoke, \*get under one's skin, infuriate, rile, irk, \*push one's buttons, peeve, needle, vex, rankle, \*rattle one's cage, \*pull one's chain. *ANT.* mollify, pacify.

**excavate** *v.* dig out, hollow out, unearth, burrow, dredge, scoop, tunnel, backhoe, channel, hoe, shovel out.

**excavation** *n.* pit, hollow, mine, ditch. *SEE* HOLE

**excavator** *n.* earth mover, \*digger, backhoe.

**exceed** *v.* surpass, best, pass, transcend, eclipse, top, outdo, excel, outshine, overshadow, outrank, outdistance, overwhelm, \*go above and beyond.

**exceedingly** *adv.* extremely, very, exceptionally, especially, greatly, highly, vastly, enormously.

**excel** *v.* surpass, transcend, best, eclipse, top, outdo, excel, outshine, overshadow, outrank, outdistance, trump, \*smoke the competition.

**excellence** *n.* superiority, greatness, supremacy, distinction, fineness, quality, eminence, merit, virtue, perfection. *ANT.* inferiority, imperfection, mediocrity.

**excellent** *a.* superior, great, supreme, superlative, fine, exceptional, first-rate, peerless, world-class, capital, \*premium, champion, superb, \*top-drawer, transcendent, \*tops, outstanding, \*bang-up, \*bad, \*A-1, awesome, super, \*bitchin', brilliant, \*spot-on. \*def. *ANT.* inferior, poor, mediocre, \*crappy.

**except** *v.* leave out, omit, exclude, pass over, eliminate, overlook, reject, remove, bar.

**exception** *n.* 1. OMISSION exclusion, barring, expulsion, rejection. 2. IRREGULARITY anomaly, special case, exemption, departure, oddity, deviation, rarity, quirk. 3. OBJECTION complaint, challenge, reservation.

**exceptional** *a.* irregular, anomalous, extraordinary, atypical, outstanding, unusual, special, abnormal, singular, rare, remarkable, freakish, unique. *ANT.* *normal, typical, common, everyday.*

**excerpt** *n.* passage, section, cut, selection, part, extract, citation, clip, scene, bit.

**excess** *n.* 1. SURPLUS glut, overabundance, superabundance, overkill, fat, redundancy, surfeit, superfluity, overrun, \*too much of a good thing, plethora. 2. OVERINDULGENCE extravagance, indulgence, immoderation, intemperance, lack of restraint, exorbitance. *ANT.* 1. *dearth, shortage, lack.* 2. *moderation, abstinence.*

**excessive** *a.* overdone, extreme, too much, inordinate, immoderate, extravagant, exorbitant, overmuch, undue, superfluous, redundant. *ANT.* *moderate, reasonable, called-for.*

**exchange** *n.* trade, barter, swap, transaction, reciprocation, interchange, truck, commutation, quid pro quo, substitution, alternate.

**exchange** *v.* trade, barter, swap, transact, reciprocate, interchange, \*give and take, commute, substitute, alternate, bandy.

**excise** *n.* toll, duty, tax.

**excise** *v.* remove, cut out, excise, extirpate.

**excitable** *a.* emotional, high-strung, temperamental, fiery, volatile, hotheaded, \*high octane, explosive, passionate, skittish, tempestuous, hot-blooded. *ANT.* *unflappable, imperturbable, tranquil.*

**excite** *v.* arouse, stir, stimulate, \*spark, \*turn on, thrill, provoke, inspire, electrify, inflame, whet, titillate, incite, agitate, fluster, \*charge up, impassion. *ANT.* *bore, tranquilize, calm.*

**excited** *a.* aroused, stirred, stimulated, \*turned on, thrilled, provoked, electrified, \*fired up, agitated, enthusiastic, energized, keyed up, impassioned, \*hyper, \*wired, electrified, \*adrenalized, titillated, \*charged up, flustered, frenzied, agog, \*sparked, \*hot, frenetic. *ANT.* *sedate, tranquil, bored, comatose.*

**excitement** *n.* agitation, stimulation, furor, arousal, electricity, passion, enthusiasm, energy, titillation, sensation, frenzy, tizzy, fever, commotion, ferment, \*fireworks, flurry, \*kicks, perturbation, tumult, \*hubbub, \*hul-

labaloo, \*white heat, \*to-do, \*hoopla. *ANT.* *somnolence, dormancy, boredom, stagnation.*

**exciting** *a.* arousing, agitating, stirring, stimulating, thrilling, electrifying, energizing, inflaming, titillating, \*adrenalizing, \*hair-raising, invigorating, exhilarating, breathtaking, \*spine-tingling, sensational. *ANT.* *somnolent, boring, dull.*

**exclaim** *v.* cry out, ejaculate, shout, burst out, cry, blurt, holler, clamor, interject.

**exclamation** *n.* cry, outburst, ejaculation, shout, clamor, yell, interjection.

**exclude** *v.* shut out, keep out, bar, reject, debar, \*blackball, forbid, prohibit, ostracize, expel, oust, eject, evict, throw out, omit, rule out, refuse. *ANT.* *include, welcome, invite.*

**exclusive** *a.* 1. RESTRICTED selective, closed, \*snobbish, discriminating, preferential, privileged, clannish, segregated, cliquish, undemocratic. 2. HIGH-PRICED posh, luxurious, \*ritzzy, expensive, swank, fashionable, chic. 3. SOLE single, individual, only, complete, entire, total. *ANT.* 1. *open, public, unrestricted, democratic.* 2. *modest, cheap, \*cut-rate, pedestrian.* 3. *shared, limited.*

**excommunicate** *v.* exclude, censure, bar, shut out, blackball, reject, ostracize, freeze out, \*kick out, cut off, ban, deny, close the door on, banish.

**excoriate** *v.* 1. STRIP OFF scratch off, rub off, abrade, chafe, flay. 2. DENOUNCE attack, censure, vilify, criticize, condemn, reproach, upbraid, chastise.

**excrement** *n.* feces, dung, waste, manure, stools, \*squat, droppings, guano, fecal matter, excreta, bowel movement.

**excrete** *v.* discharge, eliminate, defecate, evacuate, void, expel, exude, eject, pass.

**excruciating** *a.* unbearable, agonizing, tortuous, painful, insufferable, consuming, unendurable, \*teeth-gritting, \*wincing, paralyzing, debilitating, racking, stabbing. *ANT.* *soothing.*  
*SEE PAIN, PAINFUL*

**exculpate** *v.* absolve, forgive, clear, exonerate, acquit, vindicate, pardon, liberate. *ANT.* *indict, condemn, convict.*

**excursion** *n.* trip, journey, jaunt, outing, tour, expedition, junket, cruise, trek, side trip, ride, drive, hike, run.

**excusable** *a.* forgivable, condonable, pardonable, allowable, venial, understandable, extenuating, justifiable, reasonable, justified. *ANT.* *inexcusable, unforgivable, indefensible.*

**excuse** *n.* defense, justification, explanation, reason, rationalization, grounds, alibi,

\*song and dance, extenuation, \*cover story, \*whitewash, plea.

**excuse** *v.* pardon, forgive, absolve, condone, overlook, make allowances for, exonerate, acquit, reprieve, exempt, spare, liberate, \*let go, extenuate.

**execrable** *a.* detestable, abominable, contemptible, horrible, deplorable, revolting, loathsome, sickening, odious, atrocious, despicable. *ANT.* great, superb, fabulous, first-rate.

**execute** *v.* 1. PERFORM do, carry out, follow out, discharge, accomplish, fulfill, achieve, effect, effectuate, complete. 2. PUT TO DEATH kill, murder, assassinate, hang, behead, electrocute, lynch.

**execution** *n.* 1. PERFORMANCE OF A DUTY implementation, discharge, accomplishment, fulfillment, achievement, completion, consummation. 2. PUTTING TO DEATH death penalty, capital punishment, killing, hanging, beheading, lethal injection, electrocution, slaying, lynching, gassing, guillotining. 3. STYLE manner, technique, touch, performance.

**executive** *n.* manager, administrator, chief executive officer (CEO), supervisor, director, head, \*top brass, officer, \*big wheel, \*higher-up, boss, \*white-collar worker, \*big cheese, \*big toad in the puddle. “[One] who isn’t worried about his own career but rather the careers of those who work for him.”—Henry Burns. “One who can delegate all the responsibility, shift all the blame, and appropriate all the credit.”—Bobby Vinton.

#### WORD FIND

**recruiter:** headhunter

**executive** *a.* administrative, managerial, decision-making, directorial, authoritative, supervisory. *ANT.* menial, servile.

**exemplar** *n.* model, archetype, pattern, ideal, example, paradigm, standard, prototype, paragon, exemplification.

**EXEMPLARY** *a.* [eg ZEM pluh ree] serving as a model worth copying. *The exemplary student received a full scholarship to college.* *SYN.* model, worthy, admirable, ideal, praiseworthy, illustrative, laudable, superior, commendable, outstanding, classic, prototypical. *ANT.* awful, poor, lousy, substandard.

**EXEMPLIFY** *v.* [eg ZEM pluh FYE] to serve as a good example. *Youths often think that athletes exemplify only good characteristics.* *SYN.* epitomize, typify, represent, illustrate,

demonstrate, symbolize, stand for, personify, embody.

**exempt** *a.* free from, excused, immune, unrestricted, discharged, privileged, unrestrained, excluded, spared from, absolved, \*off the hook. *ANT.* bound, liable, subject to.

**exercise** *n.* 1. WORKOUT aerobics, calisthenics, training, warm-up, gymnastics, drill, isometrics, regimen, bodybuilding, dancercise, push-up, sit-up, exertion, curls, extensions, pull-up, jumping jacks, skipjacks, crunch, \*pumping iron, weightlifting. “A modern superstition, invented by people who ate too much, and had nothing to think about.”—George Santayana. 2. USE execution, application, employment, utilization, practice.

**exercise** *v.* 1. WORK OUT perform aerobics, perform calisthenics, train, drill, warm up, \*pump iron. 2. USE apply, employ, utilize, practice, execute, perform, exert.

**exert** *v.* 1. USE exercise, employ, utilize, apply, employ. 2. APPLY GREAT EFFORT push, drive, strain, struggle, \*go all out, \*dig deep, \*bust a gut, strive, \*pour it on, \*pop a vein.

**exertion** *n.* effort, exercise, work, strain, labor, application, \*muscle, pains, \*elbow grease, toil, energy, struggle. *ANT.* inertia, sloth, rest, relaxation.

**exfoliate** *v.* flake off, scale off, peel.

**exhale** *v.* breathe, respire, blow. SEE BREATHE

**exhaust** *n.* discharge, fumes, gas, smoke, carbon monoxide, steam, outflow, outpouring, effluvium.

**exhaust** *v.* 1. TIRE drain, fatigue, wear out, sap, \*tucker out, \*poop, enervate, \*bush, tax, fag, \*wear one’s battery down, overtire. 2. DEplete use up, empty, drain, consume, spend, clean out, expend, \*blow, bankrupt. *ANT.* 1. energize, refresh, invigorate, revive. 2. restore, stock up, conserve.

**exhausted** *a.* 1. TIRED drained, fatigued, worn out, sapped, \*tuckered out, \*pooped, enervated, \*bushed, fagged out, overtired, \*trashed out, \*wiped out, \*beat, \*dead, run-down, \*out of juice, \*dog-tired. 2. DEPLETED used up, emptied, drained, consumed, spent, cleaned out, \*blown, bankrupt, expended. *ANT.* 1. refreshed, invigorated, \*charged up, energized. 2. restored, replenished, restocked, conserved.

**exhaustion** *n.* weariness, fatigue, collapse, tiredness, enervation, \*burnout, prostration, \*physical bankruptcy, weakness, sleepiness, faintness, dissipation. *ANT.* energy, \*get-up-and-go, pep.

**EXHAUSTIVE** *a.* [ex ZAWS tiv] thorough, painstaking. *The detectives made an exhaustive search of the crime scene.* SYN. thorough, painstaking, comprehensive, in-depth, complete, extensive, intensive, all-inclusive, sweeping, encyclopedic. ANT. *perfunctory, superficial, cursory.*

**exhibit** *n.* exhibition, showing, display, presentation, exposition.

**exhibit** *v.* show, display, present, expose, demonstrate, air, showcase, feature, illustrate, parade.

**exhibition** *n.* exhibit, showing, display, presentation, exposition, demonstration, spectacle, showcasing.

**exhibitionism** *n.* attention-seeking behavior, exposing oneself, indecent exposure, \*flashing, compulsion, psychosexual disorder, neurosis.

**exhilarate** *v.* cheer, excite, gladden, enliven, stimulate, elate, animate, delight, \*perk up, thrill, invigorate, uplift. ANT. *depress, sadden, \*bum out.*

**exhort** *v.* urge, admonish, prod, persuade, egg, prompt, caution, warn, goad, prevail upon, recommend, advise.

**exhume** *v.* dig up, disinter, unearth, resurrect.

**exigency** *n.* urgency, demand, pressing need, crisis, requirement, imperative, necessity, emergency, dire circumstance, \*pickle, \*hot water.

**exile** *n.* 1. BANISHMENT deportation, expatriation, expulsion, uprooting, separation, ostracism, relegation. 2. BANISHED PERSON outcast, expatriate, refugee, deportee, pariah, displaced person. "One who serves his country by residing abroad, yet is not an ambassador."—Ambrose Bierce.

**exile** *v.* banish, deport, expatriate, expel, ostracize, uproot, separate, relegate, oust, displace.

**exist** *v.* be, live, endure, breathe, survive, subsist, abide, remain.

**existence** *n.* being, life, subsistence, presence, reality, actuality. "... a party, you join after it's started and you leave before it's finished."—Elsa Maxwell. "A series of footnotes to a vast, obscure, unfinished masterpiece."—Vladimir Nabokov.

**exit** *n.* 1. DOORWAY egress, outlet, passage, escape-way. 2. DEPARTURE leaving, withdrawal, egress, leave-taking, exodus, parting, farewell, goodbye, adieu.

**exodus** *n.* departure, going forth, flight, emigration, hegira, migration, fleeing, retreat, withdrawal.

**EXONERATE** *v.* [egg ZAWN ur rate] to free from charges or show that one is blameless.

*The jury elected to exonerate the defendant on all counts.* SYN. acquit, clear, free, vindicate, absolve, excuse, exculpate, dismiss, let go. ANT. *convict, condemn, find guilty.*

**EXORBITANT** *a.* [eg ZORB uh tunt] excessive or unreasonable. *The prices for homes in Beverly Hills are exorbitant.* SYN. excessive, unreasonable, extravagant, outrageous, inordinate, out-of-line, unwarranted, disproportionate, extreme, \*stiff, preposterous, ludicrous. ANT. *reasonable, modest, moderate.*

**exorcise** *v.* expel, purge, remove, cast out, banish, free from evil spirits.

**exorcism** *n.* ceremony, purging, expulsion, removal, banishment, casting out, ritual, incantation.

**exotic** *a.* foreign, alien, outlandish, unfamiliar, strange, peculiar, weird, unusual, different, extraordinary, imported, colorful. ANT. *native, ordinary, familiar.*

**expand** *v.* 1. ENLARGE grow, magnify, inflate, widen, swell, distend, bloat, increase, fatten, broaden, puff up. 2. ELABORATE detail, draw out, develop, expound upon, \*flesh out. ANT. 1. *shrink, contract, condense.* 2. *condense, shorten.*

**expansive** *n.* area, space, immensity, extent, plain, stretch, sweep, range, radius, territory, reach.

**expansion** *n.* enlargement, extension, increase, growth, development, magnification, spread, heightening, widening, broadening, lengthening. ANT. *contraction, downsizing, decrease.*

**expansionism** *n.* growth, development, progress.

**expansive** *a.* 1. EXTENDED extensive, sweeping, broad, comprehensive, spacious, inclusive, voluminous, large. 2. FRIENDLY open, demonstrative, sympathetic, generous, free, outgoing, unrestrained, effusive, talkative, unrestrained. ANT. 1. *confined, restricted, cramped.* 2. *inhibited, reserved, restrained.*

**expatriate** *n.* outcast, displaced person, refugee.

SEE EXILE

**expect** *v.* 1. ANTICIPATE look for, count on, foresee, bargain for, envisage, look forward to, assume, presume, predict, imagine. 2. WANT require, call for, demand, count on.

**expectant** *a.* anticipating, awaiting, anxious, watching, \*on tenterhooks, \*with bated breath, apprehensive, \*on pins and needles.

**expectation** *n.* anticipation, outlook, prospect, belief, hope, fear, supposition, presumption, likelihood, assumption, forecast.

**expecting** *a.* \*with child, \*in a family way. SEE PREGNANT

**expectorate** *v.* SEE SPIT

**expediency** *n.* suitability, appropriateness, properness, usefulness, convenience, utility, advantage, effectiveness, opportunism.

**EXPEDIENT** *a.* [ek SPEE dee unt] serving one's immediate needs, useful. *It would be expedient to study if you want to pass the test.* SYN. useful, advantageous, practical, self-serving, prudent, profitable, fitting, sensible, proper, worthwhile, desirable. *ANT. impractical, useless, futile.*

**expedient** *n.* resource, makeshift, contrivance, means, measure, instrument, resort, device, scheme, stopgap.

**EXPEDITE** *v.* [EK spi DITE] to speed up or facilitate a process or action. *I'm going to expedite delivery by mailing the package first class.* SYN. speed up, facilitate, accelerate, hurry, quicken, hasten, precipitate, rush, \*grease the wheels, advance, dispatch. *ANT. slow, bog down, hinder.*

**expedition** *n.* journey, voyage, trip, mission, march, tour, excursion, trek, campaign, exploration, crusade, safari, junket, enterprise.

**expeditious** *a.* quick, fast, speedy, prompt, efficient, swift, rapid, brisk, fleet, punctual, instant. *ANT. slow, leisurely, slothful.*

**expel** *v.* throw out, remove, banish, exile, dispel, eject, evict, get rid of, \*bounce, oust, deport, \*give the boot, \*show the door, \*give walking papers, expatriate. *ANT. invite, admit, welcome.*

**expend** *v.* use, consume, spend, exhaust, empty, drain, \*blow, squander, dissipate, disburse, \*shell out, deplete, \*fritter away. *ANT. conserve, save.*

**expendable** *a.* dispensable, unimportant, replaceable, nonessential, spendable, extraneous, superfluous, crucial, essential, important.

**expenditure** *n.* expense, outlay, spending, payment, disbursement, outgo, cost, charge, overhead, investment, consumption, use. *ANT. income, receivable.*

**expense** *n.* cost, outlay, price, charge, amount, payment, price tag, \*out of pocket cost, expenditure, fee, burden, \*bottom line, overhead.

**expensive** *a.* costly, high-priced, \*priced, exorbitant, dear, steep, \*sky-high, stiff, unreasonable, outrageous. *ANT. cheap, low-priced, cut-rate, economical.*

**experience** *n.* 1. FIRSTHAND KNOWLEDGE exposure, familiarity, practice, understanding, participation, empiricism, involvement, seasoning, encountering, worldliness, wisdom. "A good school, but the fees are high."—Heinrich Heine. "The stern lights of a ship, which

illumine only the track it has passed."—Samuel Taylor Coleridge "The fruit of the tree of errors."—Portuguese proverb. "The name everyone gives to their mistakes."—Oscar Wilde. 2. AFFAIR event, ordeal, happening, adventure, encounter, incident, episode. *ANT. 1. inexperience, naiveté.*

**experience** *v.* feel, undergo, encounter, taste, meet, sample, perceive, know, suffer, see, smell, hear, absorb.

**experienced** *a.* practiced, accomplished, seasoned, weathered, \*battle-scarred, initiated, knowing, knowledgeable, worldly-wise, hardened, veteran, \*been through the wringer, \*been there, tested, mature. *ANT. inexperienced, green, unseasoned, naive, uninitiated.*

**experiment** *n.* test, trial, investigation, analysis, examination, assay, probe, inquiry, research, trial and error, try, study, \*double-blind study. "A hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterwards."—Vernon Law. SEE SCIENCE

**experiment** *v.* test, try, investigate, analyze, examine, assess, assay, prove, probe, inquire, research, study, weigh, explore, scrutinize.

**experimental** *a.* trial, speculative, unproven, hypothetical, conjectural, tentative, pilot, theoretical, exploratory, test, developmental. *ANT. proven, tested.*

**expert** *n.* authority, specialist, professional, master, virtuoso, connoisseur, scholar, \*whiz, veteran, \*crackerjack, journeyman, \*guru, \*shark, \*old hand, \*know-it-all, \*maven. "A man who has made all the mistakes which can be made in a very narrow field."—Niels Bohr. "The one who predicts the job will take the longest and cost the most."—Arthur Bloch. *ANT. amateur, beginner, layman, apprentice.*

**expert** *a.* experienced, knowledgeable, \*crack, proficient, masterful, schooled, practiced, virtuoso, dexterous, skilled, \*whiz-bang, \*ace. *ANT. inexperienced, unschooled, lay.*

**expertise** *n.* knowledge, know-how, skill, prowess, authority, proficiency, finesse, \*knack, mastery, specialization.

**expiration** *n.* ending, closing, termination, death, cessation, passing, demise, finish, departure, conclusion, \*last gasp.

**expire** *v.* 1. RUN OUT OR DIE lapse, end, close, cease, discontinue, \*kick the bucket, pass away, terminate. SEE DIE 2. EXHALE respire. SEE BREATHE

**explain** *v.* clarify, clear up, illustrate, explicate, elucidate, expound, interpret, define, \*make plain, spell out, describe, account for, justify.

**explanation** *n.* clarification, illustration, explanation, elucidation, exposition, interpretation, definition, description, account, justification, answer, rationalization.

**explosive** *n.* curse, swear word, cuss word, \*bad word, vulgarity, obscenity, profanity, oath.

**EXPLICIT** *a.* [eks PLIS it] clearly expressed, directly stated or shown. *The movie has explicit sex scenes.* SYN. clear, direct, unambiguous, definite, candid, exact, graphic, forthright, specific, frank, distinct, unequivocal, plain, straightforward. ANT. *indirect, vague, ambiguous.*

**explode** *v.* 1. BLOW UP pop, burst, detonate, \*blow, discharge, erupt, fulminate, blast, bang, thunder, burst into flames. 2. DISCREDIT debunk, expose, refute, invalidate, \*shoot down, belie, puncture.

**exploit** *n.* feat, deed, act, achievement, accomplishment, coup, stunt, adventure, maneuver.

**EXPLOIT** *v.* [EK sploit] to make use of or take advantage of. *He liked to exploit the talents of the younger members.* SYN. make use of, take advantage of, use, profit from, utilize, capitalize on, \*milk, \*cash in on, abuse, \*walk on, impose upon, employ.

**exploitation** *n.* using, taking advantage, \*milking, \*bleeding, utilization.

**exploration** *n.* investigation, probe, \*look-see, search, inspection, survey, canvass, examination, inquiry, scrutiny, reconnaissance, \*trailblazing.

**explore** *v.* investigate, probe, look into, search out, inspect, scrutinize, survey, canvass, range over, examine, research, \*blaze a trail.

**explorer** *n.* trailblazer, investigator, searcher, adventurer, researcher, probe, surveyor, map-maker, cartographer.

**explosion** *n.* blowup, detonation, blast, boom, outburst, eruption, pop, crack, fulmination, roar, report, concussion, percussion, shot, upheaval.

**explosive** *n.* bomb, dynamite, TNT, charge, gunpowder, nitroglycerine, warhead, blasting cap, cordite, dunnite, fuel-air explosive, Molotov cocktail, napalm, petard, plastic explosive. SEE AMMUNITION, BOMB, MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON

**explosive** *a.* volatile, charged, \*at the boiling point, inflammable, fulminant, reaching critical mass, volcanic, eruptive, dangerous, perilous. ANT. *stable, relaxed.*

**exponent** *n.* spokesman, representative, proponent, interpreter, explainer, advocate, champion, expounder.

**export** *v.* transport, ship, trade, sell abroad, ship overseas.

**exposé** *n.* disclosure, uncovering, revelation, exposure, \*kiss-and-tell, muckraking, explanation.

**expose** *v.* 1. UNCOVER bare, reveal, show, disclose, unmask, \*let the cat out of the bag, exhibit, unveil, air, divulge. 2. LEAVE UNPROTECTED lay open, endanger, jeopardize, imperil, tempt fate, leave vulnerable, make defenseless. ANT. 1. *cover up, hide, conceal.* 2. *block, camouflage, protect.*

**exposition** *n.* explanation, commentary, explanation, description, account, treatise, study, discourse, essay, exegesis, overview, elucidation.

**expostulate** *v.* reason, remonstrate, argue, advise, dissuade, admonish, plead, correct.

**exposure** *n.* uncovering, airing, disclosure, revelation, unmasking, exposé, unveiling, showing, exhibition, baring, divulging.

**EXPOUND** *v.* [eks POUND] to set forth detail by detail, explain. *She will expound her conservative views on the news.* SYN. detail, explain, describe, set forth, state, express, elucidate, spell out, illustrate, define, delineate, comment on.

**express** *v.* communicate, articulate, say, verbalize, enunciate, convey, put across, put into words, declare, voice, tell, pronounce, state.

**express** *a.* 1. EXPLICIT clear, certain, plain, direct, precise, distinct, obvious, specific, exact. 2. FAST quick, swift, fleet, prompt. ANT. 1. *vague, ambiguous, indirect.* 2. *slow, sluggish.*

**expression** *n.* 1. COMMUNICATION articulation, verbalization, enunciation, conveyance, declaration, voicing, pronouncement, statement, utterance, elucidation, formulation, phrasing, wording. 2. TERM phrase, word, idiom, saying, metaphor, simile. 3. LOOK face, countenance, aspect, visage, cast, mien, \*mug.

**expressionless** *a.* deadpan, poker-faced, blank, wooden, stony, vacuous, inscrutable, vacant, apathetic, \*shark-eyed, unreadable. ANT. *animated, spirited, lively.*

**expressive** *a.* indicative, telling, eloquent, meaningful, evocative, revealing, vivid, pregnant, descriptive, pointed, graphic. ANT. *non-descript, empty, meaningless.*

**expressly** *adv.* 1. PARTICULARLY purposely, precisely, strictly, exactly, especially, specifically. 2. EXPLICITLY clearly, plainly, unambiguously, definitely, pointedly, unequivocally, categorically. ANT. 1. *generally.* 2. *implicitly, indirectly, vaguely.*

**expressway** *n.* highway, freeway, beltway, turnpike, causeway, interstate, autobahn.

**expulsion** *n.* discharge, exile, banishment, ejection, eviction, ouster, \*the boot, \*history, expatriation, deportment, removal, exclusion. *ANT.* inclusion, welcoming, receiving.

**expunge** *v.* erase, blot out, delete, obliterate, efface, wipe out, cut, cancel, omit, extirpate, remove, eradicate.

**expurgate** *v.* censor, remove, expunge, cut, bowdlerize, clean up, sanitize, purge, soften.

**exquisite** *a.* delicate, lovely, fine, elegant, beautiful, dainty, precious, rare, consummate, superlative, splendid, ethereal, fragile. *ANT.* \*clunky, rough, coarse, bulky, ponderous.

**extant** *a.* existing, living, alive, surviving, around, present, current, remaining. *ANT.* extinct, defunct, dead, gone.

**extemporaneous** *a.* unrehearsed, offhand, unprepared, unpremeditated, impromptu, spontaneous, ad lib, \*off the cuff, \*spur of the moment, \*on the spot. *ANT.* rehearsed, prepared, premeditated.

**extemporize** *v.* improvise, ad-lib, \*perform off-hand, \*wing it, \*play it by ear, \*make up as one goes along, \*do off the cuff.

**extend** *v.* 1. STRETCH elongate, enlarge, expand, spread, lengthen, draw out, prolong, protract, unfurl, increase, continue. 2. OFFER accord, grant, proffer, tender, present, submit, put forth. *ANT.* 1. contract, shorten, shrink. 2. withdraw, rescind.

**extension** *n.* enlargement, lengthening, protraction, elongation, expansion, spread, prolongation, unfurling, increase, addition, augmentation, annex, attachment. *ANT.* contraction, shortening, shrinkage.

**extensive** *a.* broad, far-reaching, comprehensive, expansive, considerable, vast, sweeping, large-scale, widespread, out-and-out, wholesale, thorough, lengthy, protracted. *ANT.* limited, restricted, small-scale.

**extent** *n.* size, area, degree, magnitude, measure, proportions, range, expanse, amount, sweep, dimensions, scope.

**EXTENUATE** *v.* [ek STEN yoo ate] to lessen, mitigate, or provide an excuse for a wrongdoing. *Mental illness is sometimes used in law to extenuate guilt.* *SYN.* lessen, mitigate, justify, soften, attenuate, moderate, diminish, palliate, qualify, make allowances for.

**exterior** *n.* surface, face, facade, outside, shell, skin, appearance. *ANT.* interior, inside.

**exterior** *a.* external, outside, outer, extrinsic, extraneous, superficial, foreign, surface, outward. *ANT.* internal, inner, intrinsic.

**exterminate** *v.* destroy, kill, wipe out, eradicate, annihilate, eliminate, abolish, slaughter, decimate, extirpate, massacre, extinguish.

**external** *a.* outer, extrinsic, outside, outward, surface, superficial, exterior, foreign, extraneous. *ANT.* internal, intrinsic.

**extinct** *a.* died out, dead, defunct, obsolete, nonexistent, vanished, vanquished, gone, wiped out, nonexistent, \*fossilized, \*dead and forgotten, \*history, outmoded. *ANT.* living, existing, thriving.

**extinction** *n.* dying out, death, downfall, destruction, annihilation, termination, \*fossilization, obsolescence, disappearance, passing.

**extinguish** *v.* 1. QUENCH douse, snuff out, put out, smother, \*douse. 2. DESTROY abolish, end, stifle, annihilate, quash, eliminate, exterminate, extirpate, eradicate, wipe out.

**extirpate** *v.* exterminate, destroy, eradicate, obliterate, annihilate, abolish, uproot, eliminate, root out, remove.

**EXTOL** *v.* [eks TOLE] to praise highly, laud. *Society tends to extol its athletes.* *SYN.* praise, laud, acclaim, glorify, cheer, commend, exalt, celebrate, applaud, honor, \*sing the praises of. *ANT.* put down, disparage, discredit, condemn.

**extort** *v.* extract, blackmail, coerce, \*strong-arm, wrest, wring, \*bleed, \*milk, fleece, cheat, \*put the screws to, squeeze, \*arm-twist, bully.

**EXTORTION** *n.* [eks TOR shun] the illegal means of getting money from one through intimidation, blackmail, etc. *The extortion ring threatened local businesses with arson.* *SYN.* blackmail, strong-arming, \*arm-twisting, extraction, \*bleeding, \*milking, \*the squeeze, bullying, wringing, shakedown, graft, hush money. *SEE CRIME*

**extra** *n.* accessory, spare, bonus, supplement.

**extra** *a.* additional, surplus, excess, more, accessory, extraneous, spare, superfluous, over. *ANT.* enough, sufficient, lacking.

**extract** *n.* 1. EXCERPT clipping, quotation, citation, abstract, passage. 2. DISTILLATION concentrate, distillate, essence, juice.

**extract** *v.* remove, withdraw, pull, pluck, yank, extirpate, glean, pry, wrench, cull, reap, derive, wrest.

**extradite** *v.* turn over, transfer, return.

**EXTRANEOUS** *a.* [ek STRAY nee us] inessential, unnecessary. *We ditched our extraneous gear to lighten the load.* *SYN.* inessential, unnecessary, irrelevant, extra, superfluous, incidental, peripheral, needless, immaterial. *ANT.* essential, relevant, needed.

**extraordinary** *a.* unusual, exceptional, remarkable, uncommon, rare, striking, singular, strange, odd, phenomenal, outstanding, marvelous, unprecedented, wondrous. *ANT.* ordinary, usual, common.

**EXTRAPOLATE** *v.* [ek STRAP uh late] to infer or draw conclusions from what is known. *Although it is not known for sure, many scientists extrapolate that life exists on other worlds.* *SYN.* infer, conclude, deduce, \*put two and two together, figure, guess, hypothesize, postulate, theorize, assume, presume, \*make an educated guess.

**extrasensory perception** *n.* ESP, psychic powers, \*third eye, telepathy, clairvoyance, telesthesia.

**extraterrestrial** *n.* alien, space being, \*E.T., un-earthly visitor, \*little green man, \*visitor from another planet. *SEE* UFO

**WORD FIND**

**absence of extraterrestrial radio signals in space, mysterious:** the Great Silence; Fermi paradox

**odds that advanced extraterrestrials destroy themselves before humans can contact them:** Drake Equation

**searches for, organization that:** SETI

**extravagance** *n.* indulgence, excessiveness, lavishness, wastefulness, excess, immoderation, prodigality, frill, \*overkill, superfluity, profligacy, exorbitance, \*conspicuous consumption. “The way the other fellow spends his money.”—Harry Thompson. *ANT.* thrift, moderation, restraint, frugality.

**extravagant** *a.* indulgent, excessive, lavish, wasteful, immoderate, prodigal, superfluous, profligate, exorbitant, conspicuous, ultra, unrestrained, spendthrift, ostentatious, extreme. *ANT.* moderate, restrained, thrifty, reasonable.

**extreme** *n.* outer limit, height, extremity, end, ultimate, maximum, ceiling, utmost, top, peak.

**extreme** *a.* drastic, beyond reason, excessive, utmost, severe, extraordinary, great, immoderate, extravagant, outrageous, imprudent, radical, overkill, undue. *ANT.* conventional, normal, conservative, moderate.

**extremely** *adv.* very, exceedingly, quite, exceptionally, excessively, greatly, immensely, highly, markedly, severely, intensely, inordinately.

**extremist** *n.* radical, fanatic, zealot, ultra, revolutionist, immoderate, \*hard-liner.

**extremity** *n.* 1. LIMIT edge, tip, boundary, outer limit, periphery, border, verge, terminus, margin, brink. 2. APPENDAGE limb, leg, arm, hand, foot.

**extricate** *v.* free, get out of, extract, liberate, release, \*get out from under, \*wriggle out of, disentangle, relieve, save. *ANT.* entangle, involve, embroil.

**extrinsic** *a.* outer, outside, exterior, external, extraneous, foreign. *ANT.* intrinsic, essential.

**extrovert** *n.* outgoing person, socializer, \*life of the party, gregarious person, \*party animal, exhibitionist, \*mixer. *ANT.* introvert, loner, introspective person.

**extroverted** *a.* outgoing, social, sociable, friendly, congenial, amicable, approachable, unreserved, cordial, party-loving, personable, people-loving. *ANT.* introverted, aloof, reserved.

**extrude** *v.* expel, push out, eject, force out.

**exuberance** *n.* 1. HIGH SPIRITS liveliness, vitality, enthusiasm, ebullience, buoyancy, effervescence, zest, energy, vigor, bounce. 2. ABUNDANCE luxuriance, lushness, profusion, lavishness, affluence, plenitude, richness. *ANT.* 1. depression, dullness, apathy, listlessness, low spirits. 2. scarcity, shortage.

**exuberant** *a.* 1. HIGH-SPIRITED lively, vital, enthusiastic, ebullient, buoyant, effervescent, effusive, zestful, energetic, vigorous, \*full of bounce. 2. ABUNDANT luxurious, lush, profuse, lavish, affluent, rich, flush, plentiful. *ANT.* 1. down, dispirited, \*blue, listless. 2. short, scarce.

**exude** *v.* emit, discharge, secrete, emanate, ooze, sweat, issue, well forth, excrete, trickle.

**exult** *v.* rejoice, jubilate, glory, celebrate, revel, \*jump for joy, be joyful, make merry, crow.

**EXULTANT** *a.* [eg ZULT unt] jubilant, joyful, or jumping for joy. *The exultant partygoers sang for hours.* *SYN.* jubilant, joyful, triumphant, ecstatic, elated, gleeful, rejoicing, euphoric, overjoyed, transported, happy. *ANT.* miserable, depressed, downhearted.

**exultation** *n.* jubilation, rejoicing, joy, triumph, ecstasy, elation, glee, euphoria, happiness, exhilaration. *ANT.* misery, depression, dejection.

**eye** *n.* optical organ, eyeball, \*peeper, orb, ocular, \*winker, \*baby blue. “The pulse of the soul; as physicians judge the heart by the pulse, so we by the eye.”—Thomas Adams. “The traitor of the heart.”—Thomas Wyatt. “Windows of the soul.”—Guillaume Du Bartas. “Sentinels.”—Cicero.

**WORD FIND**

**blackened, bruised:** shiner, mouse

**blindness caused by loss of retina's rods:** retinitis pigmentosa  
**blue eye, brown eye, having one of each:** heterochromia iridis  
**bulging, protruding:** exophthalmic  
**cavity:** orbit, socket  
**close-up vision:** nearsightedness, myopia  
**clouding of lens:** cataract  
**color confusion:** color blindness  
**color detectors, nerve cells:** cones  
**colored portioned surrounding pupil:** iris  
**corneal incisions that correct nearsightedness:** radial keratotomy  
**crossed inwardly, one eye:** esotropia, strabismus  
**crossed outward, one eye:** exotropia  
**crossed outward, one eye or both:** walled eye  
**cross-eyed, family of disorders:** strabismus  
**dark spot that responds to light, dark:** pupil  
**descriptive, shapes:** almond, banjo, beady, bug, button, close-set, crescent, cue ball, deep-set, birdlike, fishy, goggle, hooded, lenticular, owlsh, pop, rheumy, saucer, slanty, sloe, squinty, sunken, wide-set  
**discharge:** rheum  
**distance vision:** farsightedness, hyperopia  
**doctor:** ophthalmologist, oculist  
**eyelid liner, inner:** conjunctiva  
**feeling, showing deep:** soulful  
**flashes of light, seeing:** photopsia, scintillation  
**floating specks before:** floaters (dead blood cells)  
**fluid between cornea and lens:** aqueous humor  
**focusing body:** lens  
**inflammation causing reddening of eyeball:** pinkeye  
**inflammation of conjunctiva:** conjunctivitis  
**inflammation on lid:** sty  
**innermost layer where light rays are focused:** retina  
**instrument:** orthoscope  
**iris that is light-colored:** walleye  
**jelly behind lens:** vitreous humor  
**light sensitivity:** photophobia  
**nerve to brain:** optic nerve  
**Oriental skin fold:** epicanthus

**peripheral distortion:** astigmatism  
**pertaining to:** ocular  
**pressure build-up causing visual defects, blindness:** glaucoma  
**pupil contraction:** myosis  
**seeing double:** diplopia  
**sunken:** deep-set, cavernous  
**transparent outer membrane:** cornea  
**velvety and dark:** sloe-eyed  
**white of:** sclera

**eye** *v.* look at, study, scrutinize, gaze at, \*eyeball, scan, ogle, \*give the once-over, regard, view.

**eyeball** *v.* SEE EYE

**eyebrow** *n.* brow, bree, \*ceja.

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#### WORD FIND

**bushy, prominent:** beetle-browed, caterpillar eyebrows

**eye-catching** *a.* noticeable, diverting, bold. *ANT.* *inconspicuous.*

**eyeglasses** *n.* glasses, spectacles, \*specs, lenses, \*eyes.

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#### WORD FIND

**circular, frameless glasses that pinch in place over nose:** pince-nez

**fake, nonprescription fashion glasses:** planos  
**fancy, upscale:** designer glasses

**granny glasses worn on middle of nose:** Ben Franklins

**handle, held with a:** lorgnette

**heavy, dark brown frames:** horn-rimmed

**lenses divided for near and far sight:** bifocals

**mottled brown frames:** tortoiseshell glasses

**reading glasses with half-lenses for peering over:** half-glasses

**single lens hung from ribbon worn around neck:** monocle

**eyesight** *n.* SEE VISION

**eyesore** *n.* ugliness, sight, fright, mess, pollution, monstrosity, pigsty, dump.

**eyewash** *n.* hogwash, \*bull, flattery, bunk. SEE NONSENSE

**eyewitness** *n.* bystander, observer, spectator, onlooker, passerby, watcher.

# F

**fable** *n.* myth, tale, parable, legend, allegory, story, yarn, fiction, old wives' tale, moral, fantasy.

**fabled** *a.* mythical, legendary, famous, storied, fanciful, fictitious, make-believe, fantastic.

**fabric** *n.* 1. CLOTH material, textile, fiber, weave, dry goods, stuff. 2. MAKEUP substance, structure, framework, constitution, texture.

## WORD FIND

**canvas:** duckcloth, sailcloth

**crinkled:** crepe, seersucker

**decorated with many small, colorful print designs:** calico

**drape, upholstery fabric of glazed cotton:** chintz

**dress fabric used in evening wear:** faille

**edging preventing raveling:** selvage

**filling:** weft

**fuzzy surface:** nap

**gingham, light:** chambray

**glossy:** satin, etoile

**goathair, angora:** mohair

**heavy, floral-patterned with metallic threads:** brocade

**heavy, used in tablecloths:** damask

**holes, full of:** fishnet

**hunting jacket fabric:** mackinaw

**jeans:** denim, dungaree

**leather, soft and napped:** suede

**leather, soft, goat:** chamois

**lustrous, tightly woven:** broadcloth

**man-made fiber known as artificial silk:** rayon

**metallic yarn fabric used in evening dresses:** lamé

**pile, thick and soft:** velveteen

**plush, velvet, corduroy:** pile

**puckered:** plisse

**quantity of, fifteen to twenty yards:** bolt

**rib, as of corduroy:** wale

**rabbit, goat:** angora

**raised design or bumpy surface on:** blister sample of: swatch

**Scottish, handwoven:** Harris tweed

**silk, woven:** tricot

**sheer:** gauze, organza, batiste, voile, chiffon, gossamer

**sheets, bed:** muslin, percale

**shiny, imitation silk:** poplin

**shiny, rustling:** taffeta

**stretchy, synthetic:** spandex

**suit:** tweed, serge

**towel, robes:** terry cloth

**uniform, olive green:** khaki

**uniforms, twilled fabric for:** cavalry twill, chino

**wool, combed and smoothed:** worsted

**wool:** fleece

**wool, goat:** cashmere

**wool, nubby type used in suits:** tweed

**wool, soft and brushed:** flannel

**wool, unprocessed:** virgin wool

**wrinkle-resistant, man-made:** polyester

**fabricate** *v.* 1. MAKE manufacture, construct, assemble, piece together, create, produce, fashion, devise. 2. LIE prevaricate, \*fudge, invent, make up, concoct, hatch, fib, contrive.

**fabrication** *n.* lie, concoction, invention, fib, prevarication, falsehood, \*fish story, \*cock and bull story, \*tall tale, web. *ANT.* truth, fact.

**fabulous** *a.* 1. INCREDIBLE OR GREAT astounding, wonderful, excellent, \*out-of-this-world, super, \*primo, marvelous, amazing, exceptional, superb, \*aces, fantastic. 2. MYTHICAL legendary, fictitious, fabled, imaginary, fanciful, make-believe, fanciful. *SEE* MONSTER *ANT.* 1. ordinary, run-of-the-mill, routine, everyday. 2. actual, real, factual.

**FACADE** *n.* [fuh SAHD] the front or face of a person, place or thing, often with the implication of hiding something negative behind it. *His smiling face was just a facade; we knew he was really quite angry inside.* *SYN.* front, false front, face, mask, guise, veneer, show, \*window dressing, \*put-on, pretense, disguise, appearance.

**face** *n.* 1. VISAGE countenance, features, physiognomy, \*mug, \*puss, front, profile, \*kisser, head.

“The portrait of the mind.”—Samuel Coleridge. “The shorthand of the mind.”—Jeremy Collier. “A book where men may read strange matters.”—Shakespeare. “The title page which heralds the contents of the human volume.”—William Matthews. “Oftentimes the true index of the heart.”—James Howell. SEE EXPRESSION, EYE, FROWN, MOUTH, NOSE, OLD-FACED, SMILE 2. FRONT exterior, surface, appearance, mask, semblance, disguise, facade.

**face** *v.* confront, meet, brave, encounter, beard, withstand, bear, \*fly in the face of, acknowledge, \*meet head-on, brook, \*bite the bullet.

**face the music** *v.* face up to it, look square in the eye, bite the bullet, grin and bear it, take one's lumps, take one's medicine, pay the piper.

**facelift** *n.* cosmetic surgery, plastic surgery.

**facet** *n.* aspect, side, point, angle, surface, feature, plane, side, detail, part, cut.

**FACETIOUS** *a.* [fuh SEE shus] jocular, flippant, tongue-in-cheek. *She was being facetious when she said I should run for president.* SYN. jocular, flippant, funny, humorous, playful, joking, kidding, tongue-in-cheek, not serious, \*joshing, jesting, \*wise, \*pulling one's leg. ANT. serious, grave, sober.

**facile** *a.* 1. EASY simple, \*cinchy, \*a snap, \*child's play, \*a breeze, effortless. 2. FLUENT quick, ready, adroit, dexterous, smooth, superficial, glib. ANT. 1. difficult, hard, laborious. 2. awkward, halting.

**FACILITATE** *v.* [fuh SIL uh tate] to simplify, make easier. *To facilitate mailing, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.* SYN. simplify, ease, expedite, help, quicken, further, aid, smooth, speed up, \*grease the wheels, advance. ANT. hinder, complicate, hamper, burden.

**facility** *n.* 1. ABILITY skill, ease, dexterity, adroitness, efficiency, fluency, proficiency, effortlessness, aptitude, knack. 2. ACCOMMODATION convenience, resource, means, appliance, building, room, office.

**facsimile** *n.* copy, reproduction, replica, duplicate, likeness, carbon copy, \*Xerox, double, clone, twin, \*ditto, fax.

**fact** *n.* truth, reality, datum, certainty, actuality, verity, gospel, law, scripture, particular, detail, specific, element, item.

**FACTION** *n.* [FAK shun] a group sharing a common cause, especially one within a larger group or body. *The liberal faction is working for stronger environmental controls.* SYN. group, bloc, clique, circle, part, sect, subdi-

vision, side, camp, sector, pressure group, splinter group, coalition.

**factious** *a.* conflicting, quarrelsome, discordant, contentious, partisan, dissentious, divisive, warring, at odds, hostile, at loggerheads. ANT. agreeing, consonant, harmonious.

**factor** *n.* determinant, element, influence, cause, component, agent, means, instrument, circumstance, point, consideration, aspect.

**factory** *n.* manufactory, manufacturing facility, plant, mill, shop, firm, machine shop, works, foundry, assembly line.

**factual** *a.* true, actual, realistic, literal, authentic, faithful, correct, exact, sound, valid, credible, legitimate, certain, unquestionable. ANT. untrue, false, fictitious, fanciful, made up.

**faculty** *n.* 1. ABILITY capability, skill, aptitude, talent, facility, capacity, gift, knack, flair, instinct. 2. TEACHERS staff, instructors, academics, professors, body.

**fad** *n.* craze, vogue, mania, rage, \*in thing, trend, fashion, \*dernier cri, whim, furor, mode.

**fade** *v.* 1. LOSE COLOR pale, dim, wane, wash out, blanch. 2. DWINDLE disappear, vanish, slacken, wither, waste away, diminish, decline, recede, ebb, wane, languish, die out. ANT. 1. brighten, make vivid. 2. grow, increase, brighten.

**fail** *v.* 1. NOT SUCCEED \*blow it, \*fall short, slip up, lose, go wrong, flop, \*go down in flames, \*choke, fizzle, \*take a dive, go awry, miss, \*bomb, \*fall flat on one's face, flunk, \*lay an egg, run aground, \*strike out, \*come a cropper. 2. WEAKEN deteriorate, dwindle, die away, wane, \*collapse of one's own weight, sink, fade, \*be on one's last legs, \*circle the drain, decline, sicken. 3. DEFAULT back out, neglect, forsake, renege, let down, desert, slight, disregard, \*abort, falter, miscarry, ignore. 4. GO BANKRUPT crash, close, \*lose one's shirt, \*go belly up, \*file for chapter eleven, \*go broke, fold, go out of business, \*drown in a sea of red ink. ANT. 1. succeed, win, achieve, triumph. 2. grow stronger, flourish, thrive. 3. carry out, follow through. 4. flourish, thrive, profit.

**failing** *n.* fault, defect, weakness, imperfection, flaw, shortcoming, peccadillo, deficiency. ANT. strength, strong point.

**failsafe** *a.* foolproof, guaranteed, covered, protected, safeguarded, secure, supplied with a safety net, supplied with an escape.

**failure** *n.* 1. NONSUCCESS \*washout, \*bomb, fiasco, disappointment, defeat, \*Edsel, stumble, botch, fumble, slip, miscarriage, mishap, \*strikeout, abortion, misadventure, dud,

loss, bust, \*dog, \*turkey, debacle. "A school in which the truth always grows strong."—Henry Ward Beecher. "Not the falling down, but the staying down."—Mary Pickford. "The highway to success."—John Keats. 2. LOSER \*down-and-outer, \*also-ran, flop, stiff, incompetent, \*has-been, washout. 3. WEAKENING deterioration, dwindling, fading, decline, loss. *ANT.* 1. *success, achievement, triumph.* 2. *winner, success, champion.* 3. *strengthening, flourishing, thriving, growth.*

**faint** *v.* pass out, black out, collapse, lose consciousness, keel over, crumple, drop, swoon.

**faint** *a.* 1. INDISTINCT vague, dim, pale, obscure, faded, soft, unclear, low, weak, ill-defined, distant. 2. WEAK \*woozy, lightheaded, dizzy, drooping, limp, feeble, enervated. *ANT.* 1. *distinct, sharp, defined.* 2. *strong, invigorated, energetic.*

**fainthearted** *a.* timid, cowardly, \*wimpy, \*yellow, afraid, meek, spineless, \*afraid of one's own shadow, mousy. *ANT.* *brave, courageous, bold.*

**fair** *a.* 1. JUST evenhanded, equitable, unprejudiced, impartial, unbiased, \*square, honest, clean, scrupulous. 2. SUNNY bright, cloudless, clear, clement, pleasant, mild. 3. MEDIOCRE adequate, intermediate, okay, satisfactory, good enough, \*so-so, \*not bad, tolerable, \*comme ci, comme ça. 4. ATTRACTIVE beautiful, good-looking, comely, handsome, pulchritudinous, lovely, pretty. 5. LIGHT-COMPLEXIONED blonde, pale, peaches and cream, towheaded, alabaster, white. *ANT.* 1. *unfair, one-sided, prejudiced, unjust, crooked.* 2. *stormy, cloudy, overcast, rainy.* 3. *excellent, superior, poor, inferior.* 4. *ugly, homely.* 5. *dark, swarthy, black.*

**fairly** *adv.* 1. SOMEWHAT passably, moderately, sort of, tolerably, more or less. 2. EQUITABLY justly, impartially, evenly, honestly, legitimately. *ANT.* 1. *completely, entirely.* 2. *unfairly, unjustly, dishonestly.*

**fairness** *n.* justice, equity, evenhandedness, impartiality, honor, integrity, honesty, righteousness, \*fair shake, \*level playing field, equitableness. *ANT.* *unfairness, injustice, impartiality.*

**fairy** *n.* elf, pixie, nymph, leprechaun, brownie, gnome, sprite, dwarf, imp, puck, gremlin, sandman, Tinkerbell.

**FAIT ACCOMPLI** *n.* [fay tuh kon PLEE] an irreversible act, truth, or accomplishment; a done deed. *There was nothing that could be done; it was a fait accompli.* *SYN.* done deed, irreversible act, irreversible truth, irrevers-

ible accomplishment, certainty, reality, grim reality, cold, hard facts.

**faith** *n.* 1. BELIEF conviction, trust, confidence, certainty, sureness, credence, reliance, hope, dependence. "It is an instinct, for it precedes all outward instruction."—Henry Amiel. "The response of our spirits to beckonings of the eternal."—George Buttrick. "The soul riding at anchor."—Josh Billings. "A bridge across the gulf of death."—Edward Young. "God felt by the heart, not by reason."—Blaise Pascal. 2. RELIGIOUS BELIEF religion, persuasion, church, denomination, sect, doctrine, creed, dogma, teaching. *SEE* RELIGION

**faithful** *a.* 1. LOYAL true, true-blue, trustworthy, devoted, allegiant, steadfast, staunch, patriotic, \*tried and true, honorable, semper fidelis. 2. ACCURATE exact, reliable, correct, literal, true, actual, perfect, authentic, precise. *ANT.* 1. *disloyal, treacherous, backstabbing.* 2. *inaccurate, inexact, rough.*

**fake** *n.* phony, sham, counterfeit, fraud, imitation, imposture, hoax, \*humbug, \*three-dollar bill, forgery, fabrication, imposter, poseur, mountebank, charlatan. *ANT.* \**genuine article, \*real McCoy.*

**fake** *v.* feign, counterfeit, falsify, sham, \*put on, fabricate, pose, imitate, pretend, dissemble, affect, bluff.

**fake** *a.* counterfeit, phony, false, sham, fraudulent, \*fakey, imitation, spurious, bogus, make-believe, pseudo. *ANT.* *real, genuine, authentic.*

**fakir** *n.* beggar, ascetic, dervish.

**faldern** *n.* nonsense, gibberish, blather, \*gobbledegook, \*crap.

**fall** *n.* 1. DROP plunge, tumble, descent, dive, spill, \*header, \*nose dive, plummet. 2. DECLINE decrease, drop, slump, reduction, dip, depreciation, lowering, recession, lessening. 3. DEFEAT ruin, failure, downfall, collapse, destruction, submission. 4. AUTUMN harvest time, October. *SEE* AUTUMN, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER *ANT.* 1. *ascent, elevation.* 2. *increase, growth, appreciation.* 3. *victory, ascent, win.*

**fall** *v.* 1. DROP plunge, tumble, descend, dive, spill, topple, plummet, \*do a header, \*nose-dive, cascade, trip, pitch, stumble, sprawl, flop. 2. DECLINE decrease, drop, slump, reduce, dip, depreciate, lower, recede, lessen. 3. BE RUINED OR DEFEATED succumb, be destroyed, fail, collapse, submit, capitulate, surrender, be overthrown. *ANT.* 1. *ascend, rise, elevate.* 2. *increase, grow, appreciate.* 3. *win, ascend, be victorious.*

**FALLACIOUS** *a.* [fuh LAY shus] based on fallacy, erroneous, false. *His statements about*

*green cheese on the moon were fallacious.* SYN. erroneous, incorrect, false, untrue, faulty, wrong, deceiving, unfounded, mistaken, spurious, invalid. ANT. *true, valid, substantiated.*

**FALLACY** *n.* [FAL uh see] a mistaken belief, false notion. *The belief that the moon is made of green cheese is a fallacy.* SYN. mistake, misconception, error, false notion, illusion, delusion, untruth, falsehood, sophistry, misapprehension, misinterpretation. ANT. *truth, fact, certainty.*

**fall guy** *n.* patsy, dupe, scapegoat, victim, \*goat, whipping boy.

**fallible** *a.* imperfect, human, liable to make mistakes, faulty, unreliable, errant, mortal, defective, deficient. ANT. *perfect, \*goof-proof, unerring, infallible.*

**falling-out** *n.* disagreement, fight, quarrel. SEE ARGUMENT

**fallout** *n.* 1. CONSEQUENCE backlash, reaction, repercussion, aftermath, result, wake, effect. 2. RAIN OF RADIOACTIVE PARTICLES settling, \*rainout, contamination. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB

**fallow** *a.* inactive, idle, dormant, resting, inert, uncultivated, barren, neglected, unused, undeveloped. ANT. *productive, active, cultivated.*

**false** *a.* 1. UNTRUE wrong, erroneous, inaccurate, mistaken, fabricated, \*full of hot air, \*all wet, in error, bogus, fallacious, dishonest, fictitious, unfounded, spurious, invalid, misleading. 2. IMITATION fake, artificial, counterfeit, phony, ersatz, bogus, simulated, mock, sham, forged, pseudo. ANT. 1. *true, factual, accurate.* 2. *real, genuine, authentic.*

**falsehood** *n.* lie, untruth, fib, fiction, fabrication, distortion, \*whopper, prevarication, canard, \*tall tale, perjury, fraud, \*hogwash. ANT. *truth, fact, reality.*

**false teeth** *n.* dentures, implants, \*choppers, partial.

**falsify** *v.* forge, fake, distort, misrepresent, adulterate, doctor, alter, misstate, dissemble, stretch, embroider.

**falter** *v.* 1. HESITATE waver, vacillate, flinch, oscillate, hang back. 2. STAMMER stumble, stutter, speak haltingly. 3. STUMBLE totter, stagger, shamble, reel, teeter, dodder.

**fame** *n.* renown, celebrity, prominence, notoriety, recognition, distinction, stardom, eminence, standing, repete, greatness, acclaim. "Vanity."—Marcus Aurelius. "Wind."—Thomas Coryate. "The perfume of heroic deeds."—Plato. "Footprints on the sands of time."—Longfellow. "A host of expendable sycophants, a lack of privacy, and the alien-

ation of old friends."—Morton Da Costa. ANT. *obscurity, anonymity, oblivion.*

**familiar** *a.* 1. WELL-KNOWN acquainted, accustomed, recognizable, intimate, \*old hat, common, everyday, habitual, routine, ordinary, stock. 2. KNOWLEDGEABLE conversant with, informed, versed, aware of, apprised of, \*up on, savvy, cognizant, au courant. 3. FRIENDLY intimate, informal, close, relaxed, neighborly, \*free and easy, \*buddy-buddy, cozy, genial, natural, at home. 4. BOLD overfamiliar, presumptuous, forward, disrespectful, taking liberties, impudent. ANT. 1. *unfamiliar, foreign, alien, extraordinary.* 2. *ignorant, unaware, oblivious.* 3. *formal, shy, aloof, stiff.* 4. *respectful, reserved, reticent.*

**familiarity** *n.* KNOWLEDGE acquaintance, association, intimacy, closeness, firsthand knowledge, conversance, understanding, cognizance, awareness, feel. "A magician that is cruel to beauty, but kind to ugliness."—Ouida 2. FRIENDLINESS informality, neighborliness, intimacy, closeness, naturalness.

**familiarize** *v.* acquaint, get to know, enlighten, accustom, make conversant, inform, school, \*get a feel for, \*get a handle on, acclimatize, habituate.

**family** *n.* 1. CLAN household, kin, tribe, kinfolk, relatives, relations, \*blood, brethren, siblings, generation, dynasty, offspring, children, brood, kids, ancestry, bloodline, forebears, lineage, pedigree. "One of nature's masterpieces."—George Santayana. "The miniature commonwealth upon whose integrity the safety of the larger commonwealth depends."—Felix Adler. "The we of me."—Carson McCullers. "The first and essential cell of human society."—Pope John XXIII. "The nucleus of civilization."—Will Durant 2. CLASS genus, classification, division, group, order, kind, species, type.

**family tree** *n.* genealogical chart, ancestral tree, lineage, pedigree, bloodline.

**famine** *n.* starvation, hunger, shortage, scarcity, privation, want.

**famished** *a.* starving, hungry, deprived, ravenous, \*hungry enough to eat a horse. ANT. *satiated.*

**famous** *a.* well-known, prominent, renowned, celebrated, famed, eminent, notable, illustrious, glamorized, distinguished, exalted, glorified, acclaimed, recognized, notorious. ANT. *obscure, anonymous, unknown.*

**fan** *n.* enthusiast, devotee, \*hound, \*nut, \*bug, \*fiend, aficionado, addict, \*freak, buff, fanatic, rooter.

**fan** *n.* blower, cooler, wind machine, ventilator, air conditioner.

**fanatic** *n.* zealot, extremist, radical, enthusiast, devotee, follower, militant, bigot, disciple, nut. "The gadflies that keep society from being too complacent."—Abraham Flexner. "The Devil's plaything."—Armenian proverb. "A lunatic with a hobby."—Leonard Levinson.

**fanatical** *a.* zealous, extreme, radical, devoted, militant, rabid, single-minded, monomaniacal, obsessive, fervent, dogmatic. *ANT. moderate, reasonable, open-minded.*

**FANATICISM** *a.* [fuh NAT uh siz um] excessive enthusiasm or zeal. *Her fanaticism led her into performing terrorist acts.* *SYN. zeal, over-enthusiasm, fervor, obsession, monomania, single-mindedness, devotion, passion, dogmatism, bigotry, militantism.* "False fire of an overheated mind."—William Cowper. *ANT. moderation, apathy, indifference.*

**fanciful** *a.* imaginary, whimsical, unreal, made-up, romantic, capricious, fantastic, dreamy, fairy-tale, chimerical, illusory, flighty, quaint. *ANT. reality-based, real, down-to-earth, prosaic.*

**fancy** *n.* 1. IMAGINATION fantasy, creation, illusion, visualization, whimsy, whim, conception, notion, vision, idea, picture, dream, daydream, figment, chimera, hallucination. 2. LIKING fondness, \*yen, desire, partiality, hankering, penchant, taste.

**fancy** *a.* fine, \*done up, elegant, prime, extravagant, deluxe, ornate, embellished, frilly, special, showy, lavish, rich, elaborate, decorated. *ANT. plain, ordinary, simple.*

**fanfare** *n.* \*hoopla, \*ballyhoo, buildup, trumpeting, show, to-do, fuss, display, pomp, commotion, ruckus.

**fang** *n.* tooth, incisor, canine tooth.

**fanny** *n.* *Sl.* butt, ass, gluteus maximus, posterior, rump, seat, \*tushy, buttocks.

**fantasize** *v.* envision, dream up, daydream, imagine, visualize, picture, invent, \*take a flight of fancy, muse, \*build castles in the air, moon, \*trip.

**fantastic** *a.* 1. EXCELLENT wonderful, great, super, awesome, sensational, marvelous, first-class, \*primo, \*out of this world. 2. STRANGE weird, grotesque, odd, quaint, imaginary, outlandish, \*out of this world, exotic, peculiar, freakish, queer, Kafkaesque, nightmarish, hallucinatory, incredible. *ANT. 1. terrible, bad, lousy, awful. 2. normal, down to earth, ordinary, prosaic.*

**fantasy** *n.* imagination, imagining, visualization, envisioning, dream, daydream, invention,

\*flight of fancy, \*castle in the air, reverie, whimsy, conception, hallucination, chimera, \*fool's paradise. *ANT. reality, real world.*

**far** *a.* distant, remote, removed, far-off, far-flung, out-of-the-way, outlying. *ANT. near, close, at hand.*

**farce** *n.* 1. COMEDY slapstick, burlesque, lampoon, satire, parody, \*knee-slapper, absurdity, low comedy, travesty, silliness. 2. ABSURDITY mockery, pretense, travesty.

**FARCICAL** *a.* [FARS i kul] absurd, laughable, ridiculous. The solemn affair turned farcical when the speaker's pants fell down. *SYN. absurd, laughable, ludicrous, ridiculous, comical, funny, foolish, preposterous, droll, goofy.* *ANT. serious, solemn, grave, deep.*

**fare** *n.* 1. FOOD diet, menu, victuals, rations, table, edibles, spread, \*munchies. 2. CHARGE FOR TRANSPORTATION fee, price, passage, toll, token.

**farewell** *n.* goodbye, \*see you later, \*take care, \*so long, adios, cheerio, adieu, auf Wiedersehen, bon voyage, \*toodle-oo, \*toodles, sayonara, ciao, ta-ta, hasta la vista, arriverci, au revoir, Godspeed.

**farfetched** *a.* unlikely, doubtful, improbable, remote, strained, implausible, unbelievable, \*hard to swallow, \*stretching things, forced. *ANT. plausible, believable, likely.*

**far-flung** *a.* widespread, far-reaching, wide-ranging, remote, distant. *ANT. close, nearby, close at hand.*

**farm** *n.* farmstead, plantation, ranch, grange, barnyard, homestead, pasture, vineyard, orchard, acreage, tillage, croft, hacienda, patch, garden. "An irregular patch of nettles, bound by short term notes, containing a fool and his wife who didn't know enough to stay in the city."—S.J. Perelman. *SEE BARN, RANCH*

#### WORD FIND

**animal-raising:** pastoral farming

**animal used for pulling:** draft animal

**barren, as a field left unplanted:** fallow

**changing crop type grown in field periodically:** crop rotation

**channel cut into soil:** furrow

**chicken house:** coop

**corn storage structure:** corncrib

**cover crop and fodder:** alfalfa

**cow barn:** byre

**crops sold for money, not used as feed:** cash crops

**crop such as grass planted to prevent soil erosion:** cover crop

**cutting edge of moldboard plow:** plowshare  
**cylindrical storage building for fodder:** silo  
**descriptive:** rolling patchwork; regiment of corn; pastoral quilting; stubble fields of Autumn; Irish green fields; weathered, swayback barn; plodding draft animals; rooting pigs; hens scratching in the dirt  
**farming:** husbandry  
**farming to feed family only with crops:** subsistence farming  
**feed for livestock:** fodder  
**fertilizer:** manure, compost, fish meal, bone meal  
**fodder that has been stored:** silage  
**grain storage building:** granary  
**grazing land for animals:** pasture  
**harvesting machine that cuts, threshes, cleans, bags grain:** combine  
**hay cutter:** mower, sickle, scythe  
**hayfork:** pitchfork  
**hay grass, most common in United States:** timothy  
**hay pile (long) left to dry in field:** windrow  
**hay pile shaped like cone:** haycock  
**horse enclosure:** corral  
**implement having spikes or disks for breaking clods, refining soil:** harrow  
**implement having teeth, pulled by tractor to gather loose hay:** rake  
**implement that breaks up soil, uproots weeds:** cultivator  
**irrigation, farming without:** dry farming  
**laborer:** farm hand, migrant worker, bracero  
**natural farming without man-made pesticides, fertilizers:** organic farming  
**pesticide spraying, especially by air:** crop dusting  
**plant, scatter seeds:** sow  
**rig that compresses and ties hay into blocks:** baler  
**rig that separates seeds, grains from straw:** thresher  
**rig that spreads manure, lime, other material:** spreader  
**rotary blades for breaking up soil:** tiller  
**separated husks of grain:** chaff  
**separate seeds, grains from straw:** thresh  
**shelf plowed into hill to prevent water runoff:** terrace  
**silo that is horizontal:** bunker silo  
**sowing grass to be used as pasture:** ley farming  
**spread seeds:** broadcast  
**stumps of crops left after harvest:** stubble

**subsistence farm, small:**croft  
**tenant farmer who works for a share of the crop:** sharecropper  
**unplowed strip of land at end of furrows:** headland  
**wedge-shaped plow of yesterday:** moldboard plow

**farm** *v.* cultivate, grow, sow, plow, till, raise crops, plant, practice husbandry, work the soil, \*scratch out a meager existence, garden, homestead, ranch.

**farmer** *n.* agriculturist, cultivator, planter, grower, agrarian, agronomist, granger, sodbuster, rustic, \*hayseed, \*clodhopper, gardener, sharecropper, rancher, husbandman. "The staunchest soldiers."—Cato. "A handy man with a sense of humor."—Edward B. White.

**farming** *n.* husbandry, agriculture, agronomy, cultivation, crop-raising, sharecropping, harvesting, agribusiness, growing, tillage, working the land, homesteading, ranching. "The first and most precious of all the arts."—Thomas Jefferson. "A school of patience: you can't hurry the crops or make an ox in two days."—Emile C. Alain.

**far-out** *a.* *Sl.* wild, \*cool, \*groovy, weird, \*rad \*deep.

**far-reaching** *a.* extensive, wide-ranging, widespread, broad, sweeping, pervasive. *ANT.* limited, restricted, small scale.

**farsighted** *a.* foresighted, prescient, wise, shrewd, judicious, perceptive, provident, thoughtful. *ANT.* shortsighted, nearsighted, myopic, tunnel-visioned.

**fart** *n.* gas, flatulence, \*barking spider, \*ill wind, \*call of the wood duck.

**fart** *v.* pass gas, \*cut one, \*rip one, \*let her rip, \*cut the cheese, \*break wind.

**fascinate** *v.* spellbind, bewitch, charm, fix, attract, transfix, entrance, captivate, beguile, enthrall, engross, hypnotize.

**fascinating** *a.* spellbinding, bewitching, charming, attractive, transfixing, entrancing, captivating, beguiling, eye-popping, enthralling, engrossing, hypnotizing, riveting. *ANT.* boring, dull, prosaic.

**fascination** *n.* attraction, spellbinding, charm, bewitchment, captivation, trance, magnetism, enchantment, enthrallment.

**fascism** *n.* totalitarianism, nationalism. *SEE* DICTATORSHIP, GOVERNMENT

**fascist** *n.* Nazi, nationalist.

**fashion** *n.* style, mode, vogue, rage, dernier cri, trend, look, taste, fad, \*latest thing, furor,

way, craze, manner, design, cut. "What one wears himself; what is unfashionable is what other people wear."—Oscar Wilde. "Something that goes out of style as soon as most people have one."—Sylvia Bremer. "Beautiful things which always become ugly with time."—Jean Cocteau. "A despot whom the wise ridicule and obey."—Ambrose Bierce.

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**WORD FIND**

**calico dresses with long sleeves:** prairie look  
**cowboy shirts, jeans, string ties, tooled-leather belts, Stetson:** cowboy look

**dashikis, selosos, bubas, Afros:** African-American

**1890–1910:** leg-o-mutton sleeves, choker collars, pompadour hair: Gibson Girl

**full skirts, hoop earrings, shawls:** gypsy  
**historical fashion brought back:** retro, vintage

**Ivy League, upper-crust sweaters, chinos, cords, oxfords, loafers:** preppy look

**long torso dresses, ropes of pearls, 1920s:** flapper look

**male and female combined:** androgynous  
**mod 1960s, miniskirts, polka dot shirts with white collars, bell-bottoms:** Carnaby

**mod 1960s, platform shoes, newsboy hats, faded dresses:** funky

**mohawks, spiked hair, black leather jackets, slitted skirts, safety pins, torn clothes:** punk

**nation, of a:** ethnic

**ruffled necks, wrists for both sexes, 1960s and 1970s:** dandy

**Scottish kilt like skirts, knee-socks, tam-o-shanter:** kiltie look

**tailored business or professional's clothes:** Brooks Brothers

**uncoordinated 1970s look, baggy pants, challis skirts:** Annie Hall look

**unkempt, long hair, tank tops, tie-dyed shirts, jeans, miniskirts, love beads:** hippie, Grateful Dead look

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**fashion** *v.* make, form, shape, create, devise, contrive, construct, forge, sculpt, \*throw together, \*slap together, fabricate, mold. SEE CLOTHING, DRESS

**fashionable** *a.* stylish, modish, in vogue, smart, chic, \*on the cutting edge, \*hot, trendsetting, \*hip, mod, \*all the rage, \*happening, swank, a la mode, chi-chi, \*in, \*with it. *ANT.* *unfashionable, old-fashioned, outmoded, dated, \*out.*

**fast** *v.* abstain, go hungry, refrain, starve, diet.

**fast** *a.* 1. QUICK rapid, swift, fleet, speedy, hasty, \*snappy, \*flying, \*quicker than greased lightning, \*breakneck, \*in a heartbeat, \*lickety-split, expeditious, instantaneous, brisk, supersonic, hypersonic, meteoric. 2. FIXED firm, stuck, unmovable, fastened, tight, secure, permanent, staunch, inextricable, steady, fortified. 3. WILD reckless, dissipated, loose, promiscuous, immoral, devil-may-care, lascivious, licentious, intemperate, unrestrained. *ANT.* 1. *slow, leisurely, sluggish, slothlike.* 2. *movable, temporary, insecure.* 3. *moral, chaste, virtuous, celibate.*

**fast** *adv.* 1. QUICKLY rapidly, swiftly, speedily, hastily, expeditiously, instantly, briskly, \*in a flash, \*in a heartbeat, \*in short order, super-sonically, hypersonically. 2. FIRMLY fixedly, securely, tight, solidly, steadfastly. *ANT.* 1. *slowly, slothfully, leisurely.* 2. *loosely, insecurely.*

**fasten** *v.* attach, secure, affix, hook, tie, join, couple, bind, lock, close, hitch, buckle, link, nail, weld, solder, rivet, cement. *ANT.* *unfasten, detach, disconnect.*

**fastener** *n.* holder, buckle, pin, latch, velcro, button, snap, catch, bolt, weld, rivet, lock, clasp.

**FASTIDIOUS** *a.* [fa STID ee us] discriminating, meticulous, picky. Also, overly dainty and easily disgusted. *He was neat and fastidious; he was always picking lint from his clothing.* *SYN.* discriminating, meticulous, picky, critical, fussy, finicky, hypercritical, dainty, overparticular, easily disgusted, squeamish, \*persnickety. *ANT.* *undiscriminating, uncritical, slack, sloppy.*

**fat** *n.* adipose tissue, bulk, chubbiness, blubber, obesity, excess, \*winter storage, flesh, \*spare tire, \*middle-aged spread, excess, beef, lard, grease.

**fat** *a.* 1. OVERWEIGHT obese, corpulent, chubby, plump, rotund, stout, portly, flabby, \*porky, pudgy, fleshy, meaty, swollen, beefy, heavyset, elephantine, blubbery, lumpy, tubby, potbellied, paunchy, walrus-like, roly-poly, \*blimpy, thickset, full-figured, big-boned, \*wide load. 2. RICH affluent, prosperous, well-to-do, moneyed, \*well-heeled, comfortable, profitable, wealthy. *ANT.* 1. *skinny, anorexic, bony, lean.* 2. *poor, poverty-stricken.*

**fatal** *a.* deadly, lethal, mortal, destructive, killing, disastrous, terminal, calamitous, ruinous, death-dealing, catastrophic, pernicious. *ANT.* *harmless, benign.*

**fatalism** *n.* whatever will be will be, resignation, predestination, leaving it to the fates.

**fatality** *n.* death, casualty, victim, dead.

**fate** *n.* destiny, providence, fortune, kismet, lot, future, \*wheel of fortune, end, predetermination, \*the stars, luck, \*lady luck, doom, God's will, karma, \*handwriting on the wall. "What must be shall be."—Seneca. "The gunman that all gunmen dread."—Don Marquis.

**fated** *a.* destined, predetermined, preordained, doomed, predestined, in the stars, star-crossed, foreordained, dictated by karma or kismet. *ANT.* *up to chance, undetermined, undecided.*

**fateful** *a.* momentous, crucial, critical, important, decisive, portentous, apocalyptic, prophetic, deadly, lethal, fatal.

**father** *n.* 1. MALE PARENT dad, daddy, papa, pappy, pop, pa, \*old man, parent, sire, head of the household, protector, forefather, progenitor, forebear. "A man who expects his son to be as good a man as he meant to be."—Franklin Clark. "He who brings up, not he who begets, is the father."—The Bible. "One ... is more than a hundred school-masters."—George Herbert. 2. FOUNDER inventor, originator, author, architect, creator, sire, initiator, maker, producer.

**father** *v.* sire, produce, beget, generate, procreate, engender, conceive, originate, create, invent, found.

**fatherhood** *n.* paternity, parenthood.

**fatherland** *n.* motherland, old country, homeland, native land.

**fathom** *v.* 1. UNDERSTAND comprehend, \*get to the bottom of, grasp, get, sense, probe, interpret, figure out, penetrate. 2. SOUND plumb, measure.

**fatigue** *n.* tiredness, exhaustion, weariness, lassitude, listlessness, enervation, \*burn-out, lethargy, malaise, weakness, languor. *ANT.* *energy, vigor, strength.*

**fatigue** *v.* tire, exhaust, wear out, enervate, \*burn out, weaken, \*poop, drain, wipe out, tucker out, deplete, debilitate, \*bush.

**fatty** *a.* adipose, blubbery, lardy, tallowy, marbled, greasy, oily. *ANT.* *lean.*

**fatuous** *a.* stupid, silly, foolish, asinine, inane, moronic, \*lamebrained, vacuous, idiotic, imbecilic. *ANT.* *brilliant, smart, wise.*

**faucet** *n.* spigot, valve, cock, tap.

**fault** *n.* 1. DEFECT imperfect, flaw, shortcoming, weakness, failing, \*bug, blemish, stain. "The greatest ... is to be conscious of none."—Thomas Carlyle. 2. MISTAKE error, slipup, lapse, blunder, \*goof, blame, wrongdoing,

liability, guilt, responsibility. *ANT.* 1. *virtue, strength.* 2. *credit.*

**fault** *v.* blame, criticize, reproach, reprove, impugn, accuse, \*wag one's finger at, shame.

**faultfinder** *n.* critic, nagger, nag, carper, caviler, \*nitpicker, quibbler, Momus, \*hairsplitter, \*rag, \*bellyacher, censor, grumbler, \*backseat driver.

**faultfinding** *a.* critical, picky, nit-picking, captious, quibbling, \*hairsplitting, caviling, hypercritical, overcritical. *ANT.* *easygoing, forgiving, tolerant.*

**faultless** *a.* flawless, perfect, impeccable, immaculate, clean, spotless, pure, ideal, unblemished, blameless, above reproach, innocent. *ANT.* *faulty, flawed, imperfect.*

**faulty** *a.* imperfect, flawed, defective, deficient, impaired, lacking, incorrect, wrong, unsound, malfunctioning. *ANT.* *perfect, flawless, sound.*

**faux** *a.* fake, artificial, synthetic, imitation, mock, ersatz, counterfeit, unnatural. *ANT.* *genuine, real.*

**FAUX PAS** *n.* [foh PAH] a social blunder, a mistake in etiquette. *Forgetting the host's name at a party is a faux pas.* *SYN.* social blunder, misstep, mistake, error, goof, impropriety, gaffe, indiscretion, transgression, lapse, offense, misconduct, slip.

**favor** *n.* 1. GOOD TURN service, courtesy, help, aid, accommodation, assistance, consideration, kindness, good deed, dispensation. 2. APPROVAL esteem, goodwill, liking, regard, approbation, backing, grace, patronage. *ANT.* 2. *disfavor, ill will, disapproval.*

**favor** *v.* like, support, back, endorse, advocate, prefer, regard highly, fancy, \*go for, sanction, pick, commend, indulge, pamper. *ANT.* *dislike, disfavor, frown upon, reject.*

**favorable** *a.* 1. APPROVING commending, friendly, good, kind, sympathetic, complimentary, affirmative, enthusiastic. 2. HELPFUL advantageous, beneficial, profitable, useful, auspicious, propitious, fortunate, convenient, timely, opportune, lucky. *ANT.* 1. *disapproving, negative, unfriendly.* 2. *unfavorable, adverse, untimely.*

**favorite** *n.* preference, choice, selection, \*number one, \*apple of one's eye, pet, darling, ideal, dearest, idol, \*pick of the litter.

**favorite** *a.* best-liked, preferred, pet, dear, choice, beloved, popular, selected, ideal, \*fair-haired, dearest. *ANT.* *disliked, unwanted.*

**favoritism** *n.* partiality, bias, prejudice, discrimination, one-sidedness, preferential treatment, unfairness, partisanship, nepotism.

**FAWN** *v.* [FAWN] to flatter, cater to and generally fall all over someone in order to please. *Mary always fawns over the boss.* **SYN.** cringe, flatter, \*kiss up to, \*bootlick, \*brownnose, toady, grovel, kowtow, bow and scrape, \*apple polish, truckle to.

**fawning** *a.* servile, sycophantic, deferential, slavish, groveling, subservient, cringing, flattering, \*brownnosing, kowtowing, submissive, obsequious. **ANT.** forthright, domineering.

**fax** *n.* facsimile, copy, transmission, reproduction, duplicate, document, image, electronic message.

**fax** *v.* copy, transmit, send, relay, deliver, forward, convey.

**faze** *v.* disturb, disconcert, bother, perturb, upset, rattle, embarrass, discompose, daunt, discomfit, \*shake up, unnerve.

**fear** *n.* fright, terror, apprehension, foreboding, dread, alarm, anxiety, angst, panic, trepidation, nervousness, \*butterflies, \*the shakes, \*cold feet, creeps, \*chills, \*cold sweat, \*sweating bullets, awe, uneasiness, dismay, jitters, horror, cowardice, phobia, nightmare, \*feeling of impending doom. "Nature's warning signal to get busy."—Henry Link. "The soul's signal for rallying."—Henry Ward Beecher. "A slinking cat I find beneath the lilacs of my mind."—Sophie Tunnel. **SEE** FEARFUL, PHOBIA

**fear** *v.* be afraid of, dread, apprehend, shudder at the thought of, be scared, \*sweat bullets over, \*get the shakes over, \*get cold feet, feel alarm, \*break out in a cold sweat, have qualms, cower, have butterflies, \*break out in goosebumps, get jitters.

**fearful** *a.* 1. **A**FRAID frightened, scared, terrified, apprehensive, dreading, alarmed, anxious, frantic, panicky, discomposed, nervous, shaking, awed, uneasy, dismayed, intimidated, timorous, skittish, jittery, horrified, phobic, \*sweating bullets. 2. **F**RIGHTENING terrifying, scary, frightful, dreadful, alarming, horrifying, chilling, nightmarish, distressing, creepy, shocking, horrible, \*hair-raising, bloodcurdling, formidable, \*adrenalizing, \*heart-pounding, paralyzing. **SEE** ANXIETY

**WORD FIND**

**Body reactions/language:** hackles rise; small hairs at the back of the neck stir; prickling sensation up spine; skin crawling; icy chill down spine; skin blossom-

ing with goosebumps; quaking knees; throat closes spastically; gulp; swallow dryly; swallow a lump in throat; knot constricting throat; breath raw in one's throat; shudder; heart fluttering/pounding/palpitating/hammering/performing flip-flops; breath quickens; blood pounds in one's throat; trap door (sensation) opening in pit of belly; nauseating spurts of adrenalin coursing through veins; gasp; gulp air furiously; feel paralyzed; feel strangely semipresent or disembodied, as if in a dream; events appearing in slow motion; wring hands; sweat bullets; break out in cold sweat; skin turns clammy; stomach knots/clenches/shrivels/lurches; recoil in shock; reel; jumpy; feel weak and shaky from adrenalin

**Facial expressions:** gape pop-eyed, stare saucer-eyed with terror, stare catatonically, face ashen, face stricken, eyes take on a hunted look, nostrils dilate, face pales, blood drains from face, eyes dart maniacally, eyes widen in alarm, eyes transfixed, eyes watch with numbed horror, eyes watch with fascinated horror, peer wild-eyed, eyes blink with incredulity, lips form a silent O.

**Voice:** becomes high and hysterical, strangled cry, desperate, shrill with horror, hoarse shriek, mute, gargling scream, guttural scream, raw, constricted, strained, crackling, quavering, rises an octave.

**fearless** *a.* courageous, bold, unafraid, brave, undaunted, unflinching, daring, valorous, stouthearted, bodacious, gutsy, confident, heroic, intrepid, spunky, \*ballsy.

**feasible** *a.* doable, possible, workable, attainable, achievable, practicable, viable, reachable, realistic. **ANT.** impossible, unworkable, impractical.

**feast** *n.* banquet, meal, spread, celebration, repast, dinner, supper, festival, eating and drinking, \*feed.

**feast** *v.* banquet, eat, dine, wine and dine, indulge, partake, gorge, gormandize, regale, \*stuff oneself, \*pig out.

**feat** *n.* accomplishment, deed, act, exploit, achievement, stunt, adventure, venture, triumph, coup.

**feather** *n.* plume, plumage, penna, quill, down, eider.

**feathery** *a.* downy, fluffy, soft, ticklish, gossamer, ethereal. **ANT.** prickly, hard, sharp.

**feature** *n.* 1. CHARACTERISTIC aspect, component, element, point, item, quality, attribute, highlight, mark, trait, hallmark, property. 2. MAIN SHOW headliner, highlight, drawing card, special attraction.

**feature** *v.* showcase, highlight, emphasize, spotlight, star, stress, play up, headline, give prominence to, underscore.

**featureless** *a.* nondescript, plain, unadorned, stark, minimalist, bland. *ANT.* *just, detailed, busy.*

**febrile** *a.* feverish, hot, flushed.

**February** *n.* "The most serious charge which can be brought against New England."—Joseph Krutch.

**feces** *n.* excrement, dung, stools, \*crap.

**feckless** *a.* ineffective, futile, meaningless, worthless, purposeless. *ANT.* *purposeful.*

**FECUND** *a.* [FEE kund] fertile and productive. *A photograph of a fecund farmscape accompanied the article.* *SYN.* fertile, productive, fruitful, prolific, bounteous, rich, generating, teeming, potent. *ANT.* *sterile, barren, impotent.*

**Fed** *n.* Sl. government official, bureaucrat, politician, government regulator, government administrator, officeholder, government authority. *SEE* GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

**federation** *n.* confederacy, union, league, alliance, partnership, amalgamation, syndicate, fraternity, association.

**fee** *n.* charge, price, commission, payment, toll, due, bill, cost, expense, percentage, consideration, remuneration, compensation.

**feeble** *a.* weak, ineffective, frail, enervated, impotent, \*wimpy, lame, powerless, fragile, inadequate, ineffectual, debilitated, sickly, slight, faint, meager. *ANT.* *powerful, potent, strong, effective.*

**feble-minded** *a.* mentally retarded, slow, dull-witted, imbecilic, stupid, dumb, moronic, \*weak in the head, subnormal, \*airheaded, bovine. *ANT.* *brilliant, \*brainy, intelligent.*

**feed** *n.* food, fodder, ensilage, silage, forage, pasturage, vittles, \*grub, provisions.

**feed** *v.* nourish, fuel, fill, sustain, provide, \*wine and dine, serve, provision, foster, cater, maintain, give, \*stuff, cram. *SEE* EAT

**feedback** *n.* response, answer, evaluation, reply, observation, criticism, fallout, reverberation, echo, assessment, \*pulse of the nation, barometer of public sentiment, \*vibes.

**feel** *n.* flair, knack, aptitude, ability, faculty, gift, talent, hang.

**feel** *v.* 1. TOUCH handle, finger, caress, palpate, stroke, fondle, grasp, squeeze, probe, grope, run hands over. 2. SENSE experience, perceive, comprehend, know, understand, discern, notice, apprehend, detect, enjoy, suffer.

**feeling** *n.* 1. SENSATION experience, perception, comprehension, understanding, consciousness, awareness, impression, response, reaction, emotion, sentiment. 2. EMOTION passion, sensitivity, sympathy, depth, ardor, fervor, enthusiasm, zest, soul, heart, spirit, tenderness. "The emotion which drives the intelligence forward in spite of obstacles."—Henry Bergson. "The unconscious conversion of instinctual impulses."—Carl Jung. 3. OPINION point of view, idea, sentiment, impression, sense, inclination, conviction, belief, evaluation, outlook, conception.

**feelings** *n.* emotions, sensibilities, passions, ego, impulses, susceptibilities, sentiments, sympathies, soul, spirit, drives, \*plucking of heartstrings, instincts.

**feet** *n.* hooves, paws, pads, \*dogs.

**FEIGN** *v.* [FANE] to make up, invent, or fake. *Though he had never cared for his uncle, Joe decided to feign sympathy for him at the funeral.* *SYN.* make up, invent, fake, simulate, affect, pretend, assume, pose, bluff, \*put on an act, sham, dissemble.

**feint** *n.* fake, diversion, sham, bluff, ruse, subterfuge, pretense, bait, snare, ploy, dodge, move, maneuver.

**feisty** *a.* spirited, spunky, lively, \*high octane, fiery, courageous, hot-blooded, excitable, \*full of it, strong-hearted, tough, touchy. *ANT.* *dispirited, meek.*

**felicitous** *a.* appropriate, apt, fitting, suitable, apropos, pertinent, relevant, timely. *ANT.* *inappropriate.*

**felicity** *n.* 1. HAPPINESS bliss, joy, rapture, ecstasy, contentment. 2. APPROPRIATENESS.

**feline** *a.* catlike, predatory, stealthy, sleek, graceful, slinky, sly, sneaky. *SEE* CAT

**fell** *v.* knock down, cut down, level, raze, hew, mow, prostrate. *ANT.* *raise.*

**fellatio** *n.* oral sex.

**fellow** *n.* 1. MAN guy, person, boy, human, \*chap, \*dude, gentleman, individual, \*hombre. 2. PEER equal, companion, associate, compatriot, counterpart, friend, colleague, confrere, mate, twin, match.

**fellowship** *n.* companionship, friendship, association, comradeship, fraternity, camaraderie, togetherness, brotherhood, communion. "The ability to unite."—Berl Katznelson.

**felon** *n.* criminal, larcenist, lawbreaker, convict, outlaw, malefactor, miscreant, \*hood, gangster, mafioso, crook, recidivist.

**FELONIOUS** *a.* [fuh LOW nee us] evil, wicked, designating serious criminal behavior. *Armed robbery is a felonious act.* SYN. evil, wicked, base, criminal, larcenous, villainous, vicious, corrupt, lawbreaking, illegal, immoral. ANT. *virtuous, law-abiding, moral, upstanding.*

**felony** *n.* crime, serious crime, offense, atrocity, evil, sin, violation, murder, rape, arson, assault, robbery. SEE LAW, POLICE, COURT

**female** *n.* girl, woman, lady, \*she, femme, gal, matron, sister.

**feminine** *a.* female, womanly, girlish, ladylike, soft, gentle, genteel, effeminate. ANT. *masculine, manly, macho.*

**femme fatale** *n.* deadly woman, siren, seductress.

**fence** *n.* enclosure, barrier, barricade, boundary, wall, rail, paling, palisade, hedge.

**WORD FIND**

- cattle-enclosing:** barbed wire fence
- fish-catching fence made of stakes:** weir
- post and rail:** post and rail fence
- screen of wood strips:** lattice
- stake fence:** picket fence, paling
- stake fence used for defense:** palisade
- sunken, in ditch:** ha-ha
- wire mesh:** chain-link fence, \*Cyclone fence
- woven work of twigs, branches:** wattle fence
- zigzagging rail fence:** Virginia fence, worm fence, snake fence

**fence** *v.* 1. ENCLOSE surround, pen, confine, encircle, separate, bound, corral, wall, hem. 2. FIGHT WITH SABERS OR FOILS duel, parry, engage in swordplay. SEE FEND OFF

**WORD FIND**

- deflect opponent's weapon:** parry
- faked movement to throw off opponent:** feint
- forward thrust and jump:** lunge
- grazing blow down opponent's blade:** coulé
- jump and lunge:** balestra
- leap:** volt
- offensive move made after parry:** riposte
- protective cup on weapon:** guard
- protective glove:** gauntlet
- protective jacket:** fencing jacket, underplastron
- readiness stance:** on guard

**run toward opponent with arm extended:** fleché

**score:** hit

**taking of opponent's blade, method of:** croisé

**term:** touché

**weapon:** epee, foil, saber, rapier

**fend off** *v.* defend, parry, resist, ward off, dodge, repel, deflect, divert, shield from, keep at bay, protect, evade, repulse.

**feng shui** *n.* [literally, (wind/water)] geomancy, Chinese geomancy, furniture arranging, environmental balancing, interior design, natural alignment, Chinese art, space design, harmonizing, placement, layout modification, orientation, natural order.

**WORD FIND**

- analysis methods:** Eight House Theory; Flying School Theory
- compass used to determine flow of cosmic energy or Chi, wooden:** luo pan
- divination related to, ancient Chinese system of:** I Ching
- elements, five:** water, wood, fire, earth, metal
- energy force:** Chi, Chí, cosmic breath
- energy forces, opposing:** Yin (negative), Yang (positive)
- master or teacher of:** Sifu; Shifu
- measuring stick showing lucky measurements:** Feng Shui ruler
- octagonal amulet comprised of eight sections or trigrams:** pakua
- octagonal mirror reflecting Chi:** Bagua
- practitioner:** geomancer

**feral** *a.* wild, untamed, undomesticated, fierce. ANT. *tamed.*

**ferment** *n.* agitation, excitement, commotion, uproar, turmoil, turbulence, stir, tumult, hubbub, disruption, to-do. ANT. *peace, calm, serenity.*

**ferment** *v.* agitate, excite, disturb, shake, stir, churn, provoke, foment, incite, inflame, \*bring to a head, seethe, rouse. ANT. *soothe, quiet, calm.*

**ferocious** *a.* savage, fierce, violent, cruel, wild, beastly, brutish, predatory, bloodthirsty, brutal, rapacious, vicious, barbarous, merciless. ANT. *humane, gentle, mild, tame.*

**ferocity** *a.* savagery, fierceness, violence, cruelty, wildness, beastliness, brutality, bloodthirstiness, rapaciousness, viciousness, barbarity. ANT. *gentleness, passivity.*

**ferret out** *v.* search out, sniff out, root out, dig up, unearth, track down, chase down, hunt down, discover, probe, smoke out.

**ferry** *n.* boat, raft, barge, vessel, transport.

**ferry** *v.* carry, convey, cross, transport, \*lug, ship, deliver, shuttle, pilot.

**fertile** *a.* productive, fecund, fruitful, reproductive, generative, potent, yielding, rich, teeming, prolific, bountiful. *ANT.* *sterile, barren, impotent, unproductive.*

**fertility** *n.* fecundity, potency, virility.

**fertilize** *v.* enrich, dress, compost, manure, germinate, inseminate, impregnate.

**fertilizer** *n.* soil enhancer, enrichment, dressing, compost, plant food, bone meal, manure, humus, muck, dung, green manure.

**FERVENT** *a.* [FUR vunt] passionate, intense, heated. *Because of her impoverished childhood, Jamie had a fervent desire to succeed.* *SYN.* *passionate, intense, heated, ardent, fervid, burning, hot, earnest, raging, eager, flaming, zealous, feverish, fierce, spirited.* *ANT.* *cool, lukewarm, apathetic, dispassionate.*

**fervor** *n.* passion, intensity, heat, ardor, warmth, fire, fever, eagerness, zeal, enthusiasm, gusto, spirit, zest, vigor. *ANT.* *apathy, indifference, coolness.*

**fester** *v.* 1. SUPPURATE ulcerate, drain, run, putrefy, become inflamed. 2. RANKLE rile, irk, annoy, irritate, gall, inflame, embitter.

**festival** *n.* celebration, feast, rite, observation, carnival, commemoration, fair, gala, jubilee, fiesta.

**festive** *a.* celebratory, merry, gay, mirthful, sportive, jolly, cheery, jubilant, lighthearted. *ANT.* *gloomy, dreary, somber.*

**festivity** *n.* merrymaking, celebration, gaiety, play, fun, revelry, party, mirth, jollity, carousal, sport, entertainment.

**festoon** *v.* adorn, decorate, deck, garland, trim, wreath, ornament.

**fetch** *v.* 1. GET bring, retrieve, deliver, tote, convey, obtain, transport, lug, grab. 2. SELL FOR bring in, realize.

**fetching** *a.* attractive, charming, captivating, alluring, beautiful, winsome, fascinating, tantalizing, entrancing, enticing, lovely. *ANT.* *repulsive, unattractive, ugly.*

**fetid** *a.* stinking, putrid, \*stinky, malodorous, foul, rank, rancid, smelly, rotten, tainted, gamy, reeking. *ANT.* *fresh, floral, sweet.* SEE ODOR, SCENT, SMELL

**fetish** *n.* erotic fixation, obsession, idée fixe, \*turn-on, mania, preoccupation.

**fetter** *n.* restraint, check, shackle, chain, binding, bond, irons, trammel, handcuffs, hobble, manacle.

**fetter** *v.* restrain, check, shackle, chain, bind, put in irons, trammel, manacle, handcuff, restrict, hold. *ANT.* *free, loose, liberate.*

**fettle** *n.* condition, shape, form, state, order, fitness.

**fetus** *n.* developing infant, unborn young.

**feud** *n.* fight, quarrel, conflict, combat, altercation, squabble, argument, contention, row, hostility, \*falling-out. *ANT.* *peace, accord, harmony.*

**feud** *v.* fight, quarrel, combat, squabble, contend, clash, war, \*lock horns, wrangle, dispute.

**fever** *n.* temperature, pyrexia, heat, glow, flush. SEE DISEASE

**feverish** *a.* 1. RUNNING A TEMPERATURE warm, hot, fiery, \*burning up, flushed, clammy, sweaty, delirious. 2. EXCITED agitated, heated, passionate, frenetic, restless, fervid, worked up, frantic, ardent, frenzied. *ANT.* 1. *cool, chilled, normal.* 2. *calm, cool, lukewarm.*

**few** *n.* some, a number, a handful, several, a bunch.

**few** *a.* not many, scant, scarce, rare, negligible, skimpy, sparse, thin, meager, limited, infrequent. *ANT.* *many, innumerable, countless.*

**fiancé** *n.* fiancée, wife-to-be, husband-to-be, betrothed, future mate, sweetheart, bride-to-be, groom-to-be, \*future ball and chain. SEE MARRIAGE, WEDDING

**fiasco** *n.* failure, \*turkey, disaster, \*flop, \*bomb, \*dud, debacle, catastrophe, abortion, miscarriage, \*washout, farce, \*joke. *ANT.* *success, hit, triumph.*

**fiat** *n.* decree, command, act. SEE ORDER

**fib** *n.* lie, white lie, half-truth, untruth, falsehood, fabrication, \*cock-and-bull story, prevarication, \*whopper, \*crock. *ANT.* *truth, fact.*

**fib** *v.* lie, tell a white lie, falsify, fabricate, prevaricate, \*tell a whopper, \*stretch the truth, fudge.

**fiber** *n.* strand, thread, filament, hair, string, fibril.

**FICKLE** *a.* [FIK ul] liable to change one's loyalties or affections, capricious. *Mary went through four boyfriends last month; she is very fickle.* *SYN.* *capricious, changeable, unstable, inconstant, whimsical, variable, unpredictable, impulsive, \*blowing hot and cold, vacillating, flighty, volatile.* *ANT.* *stable, constant, faithful, steady.*

**fiction** *n.* story, fabrication, lie, yarn, tale, invention, fantasy. "The world of our dreams

come true.”—Courtney Cooper. “Imagining based on facts.”—Margaret Banning. “Fact distorted into truth.”—Edward Albee. *ANT.* *nonfiction, truth, fact.* SEE NOVEL, STORY

**fictitious** *a.* made up, imaginary, fabricated, concocted, untrue, unreal, \*bogus, created, fanciful, fantastic, feigned, phony. *ANT.* *real, factual, true.*

**fiddle** *v.* fuss with, toy, diddle, tinker, adjust, fidget, mess with, play.

**FIDELITY** *n.* [fi DEL i tee] faithfulness; loyalty. *She questioned her husband's fidelity after he stayed out all night.* SYN. faithfulness, loyalty, devotion, allegiance, constancy, dedication, fealty, reliability, integrity. *ANT.* *infidelity, faithlessness, disloyalty.*

**fidget** *v.* squirm, wiggle, twitch, twiddle, fret, jiggle, jitter, \*get antsy, jump, \*worm about.

**fiduciary** *n.* trustee, trusteeship, agent, depository.

**field** *n.* 1. MEADOW pasture, grassland, plain, green, clearing, glebe, range. 2. SPECIALTY line, profession, province, realm, domain, area, sphere, territory, bailiwick.

#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** Audubonesque tableau of birds and flowers, tawny tussocks of fall, softly flowered like a Monet canvas, profusion of flowers, mélange of colors, soft heather meadow, sea of crested wheat, bluegrass meadow, golden alpine meadow, thatchy undergrowth, verdant, Irish green field, broad sweep, wildflower meadow, sprays of daisies and buttercups, the lush grasses of a miller's dreams

**grasses:** bluegrass, bunch grass, salt grass, foxtail, buffalo grass, crab grass, deer grass, fescue, orchard grass, June grass, red top, river grass, ribbon grass, cattail

**grasslands of Eurasia:** steppes

**heather or other small shrubs:** heath

**marshy area covered with heather, bracken:** moor

**midwest plain:** prairie

**plain of South America:** pampas

**Siberian:** tundra

**South African grassland:** veld, veldt

**tropical/subtropical grassland:** savanna

**field trip** *n.* outing, excursion, expedition, junket, jaunt, day trip, sightseeing tour.

**fiend** *n.* devil, demon, evil spirit, Satan, Lucifer, beast, monster, ogre, villain, savage, barbar-

ian, scoundrel, sadist, \*bad actor, \*bastard, \*creep. *ANT.* *angel, saint.*

**fiendish** *a.* evil, satanic, diabolical, demonic, monstrous, beastly, villainous, savage, barbarous, sadistic, \*creepy, brutish. *ANT.* *angelic, saintly.*

**fierce** *a.* savage, wild, cruel, violent, ferocious, intense, furious, untamed, horrible, tempestuous, unbridled, vehement. *ANT.* *mild, tame, gentle.*

**fiery** *a.* passionate, burning, ardent, \*hot, fervid, peppery, hot-blooded, blazing, feverish, angry, impassioned, excitable, high-strung, volatile. *ANT.* *cool, calm, lukewarm, dispassionate.*

**fight** *n.* battle, combat, clash, brawl, wrangle, bout, war, \*scrap, fray, skirmish, encounter, scuffle, tussle, row, \*fisticuffs, rumble, \*free-for-all, donnybrook, altercation, set-to, dispute.

**fight** *v.* 1. PHYSICALLY COMBAT battle, clash, brawl, wrangle, war, skirmish, rumble, contest, wrestle, altercation, assault, spar, box, \*mix it up, \*lock horns, tussle, \*exchange blows, \*slug it out, \*go at it tooth and nail. 2. OPOSE BY ARGUMENT argue, contradict, dispute, contest, defy, \*make a stand against, squabble, resist, protest, repulse, bicker.

**fighter** *n.* battler, scrapper, warrior, combatant, boxer, pugilist, wrestler, brawler, soldier, aggressor, bruiser, bully, antagonist, contender.

**figment** *n.* fantasy, imagining, fancy, fiction, creation, invention, daydream, product of the imagination, fabrication, delusion. *ANT.* *reality, truth, fact.*

**FIGURATIVE** *a.* [FIG yur uh tiv] based on figures of speech, symbols, etc.; not literal; metaphorical. “*The show blew my mind*” is a figurative statement; *my brain is actually still intact.* SYN. metaphorical, symbolic, not literal, illustrative, allegorical, representative, emblematic, pictorial. *ANT.* *literal, exact.*

**figure** *n.* 1. FORM outline, shape, configuration, cast, structure, conformation. 2. PHYSIQUE build, body, frame, shape. 3. ILLUSTRATION picture, diagram, drawing, depiction, sketch, pattern, design. 4. PROMINENT PERSON celebrity, notable, personage, man, woman, character. 5. NUMBER numeral, digit.

**figure** *v.* 1. CALCULATE compute, reckon, add up, sum, tally, count. 2. THINK reckon, believe, suppose, guess, reason, judge.

**figure of speech** *n.* expression, metaphor, simile, imagery, trope.

**FIGUREHEAD** *n.* [FIG yur hed] one with the appearance or rank of someone in charge, but who in reality has no power. *The presi-*

- dent is just a figurehead; the real leadership comes from his cabinet members.* SYN. straw man, \*front, \*puppet, nominal head, \*dummy, dupe, token.
- figurine** *n.* statuette, sculpture, knickknack.
- filch** *v.* steal, pilfer, lift, shoplift, swipe, \*pinch, thief, purloin, \*power, \*rip off, rob, misappropriate.
- file** *n.* record, documents, data, folder, dossier, information, cabinet, repository, directory, index.
- file** *v.* 1. ORDER catalog, categorize, classify, alphabetize, organize, sort, index. 2. APPLY petition, register, make an application. 3. SMOOTH grind, rasp, abrade, grate.
- filibuster** *n.* speech, tirade, dissertation, monologue, exhortation, discourse, delaying tactic.
- filigree** *n.* ornamentation, tracery, delicate lines, flourish.
- fill** *v.* load, pack, cram, crowd, \*top off, stuff, stock, replenish, squeeze in, glut, pad, heap, inflate, feed, gorge, saturate, pervade, suffuse. ANT. empty, drain, deplete.
- film** *n.* 1. COATING layer, sheet, membrane, covering, scum, veil, cloud, haze, mistiness, blur, fog. 2. MOVIE \*flick, picture, cinema. SEE MOTION PICTURE, MOVIE
- filmy** *a.* veiled, hazy, cloudy, misty, foggy, blurred, milky, murky, gauzy. ANT. clear, transparent, sharp.
- filter** *n.* strainer, sieve, purifier, clarifier, screen, sifter.
- filter** *v.* strain, filtrate, screen, sift, clarify, purify, refine, stream, trickle, leak, drain, effuse.
- filth** *n.* 1. DIRT muck, grubbiness, mud, scum, pollution, sewage, sludge, mire, \*crap, \*crud, grime, nastiness, slime, foulness, dung, excrement. 2. OBSCENITY indecency, nastiness, pornography, smut, \*raunch. ANT. 2. decency, wholesomeness, purity.
- filthy** *a.* 1. DIRTY mucky, grubby, muddy, scummy, polluted, gross, \*sludgy, \*crappy, \*cruddy, grimy, nasty, slimy, foul, stinking, soiled, begrimed. 2. OBSCENE indecent, nasty, pornographic, \*smutty, \*raunchy, lewd. ANT. 1. clean, spotless, fresh, sanitary. 2. decent, \*squeaky-clean, pure, wholesome.
- FINAGLE** *v.* [fuh NA gul] arrange, maneuver, or manipulate to get something. *Joe tried to finagle his way into the game without tickets.* SYN. arrange, maneuver, manipulate, wangle, trick, deceive, engineer, machinate, negotiate, contrive.
- final** *a.* last, end, concluding, closing, finishing, ultimate, terminal, completing, extreme, decisive, definitive. ANT. first, opening, beginning.
- finale** *n.* end, close, finish, cap, conclusion, termination, completion, culmination, consummation, swan song, windup, finis. ANT. opening, beginning, start.
- finalize** *v.* conclude, complete, close, cap, wind up, terminate, consummate, culminate, \*sew up loose ends, \*put on ice, \*clinch.
- finance** *n.* money management, banking, investment, economics, fiscal matters.
- finance** *v.* pay for, back, underwrite, bankroll, subsidize, capitalize, support.
- financial** *a.* fiscal, monetary, pecuniary, economic, money.
- financier** *n.* banker, investor, venture capitalist, underwriter, tycoon, \*fat cat, \*angel, treasurer, merchant, \*sugar daddy.
- find** *v.* discover, stumble upon, come upon, chance upon, uncover, spot, ferret out, see, locate, ascertain, spy, discern, sight, detect. ANT. lose, misplace, lose sight of, overlook.
- finding** *n.* judgment, conclusion, discovery, decision, verdict.
- fine** *n.* penalty, assessment, amercement, forfeit, punishment, damages, \*slap on the wrist.
- fine** *a.* 1. SUPERIOR excellent, very good, A-1, the best, first-class, first-rate, choice, prime, select, exceptional, great, supreme, refined. 2. IN GOOD HEALTH well, okay, satisfactory. 3. DELICATE light, gossamer, diaphanous, airy, fragile, dainty, flimsy, refined, exquisite. 4. THIN slender, slight, narrow. 5. GROUND powdered, pulverized, refined. 6. SUBTLE slight, minute. ANT. 1. poor, inferior, mediocre. 2. sick, ill, \*under the weather. 3. heavy, coarse, ponderous. 4. fat, broad, wide. 5. coarse, unrefined. 6. huge.
- fine** *v.* levy, penalize, punish, charge, assess, amerce.
- FINESSE** *n.* [fi NES] delicate skill or maneuvering. *He pitched the ball with great finesse.* SYN. skill, adroitness, delicacy, know-how, acumen, subtlety, sophistication, savvy, knack, shrewdness, savoir faire. ANT. clumsiness, incompetence, bumbling, awkwardness.
- fine-tune** *v.* adjust, calibrate, balance, tweak, align, set, attune.
- finger** *n.* digit, pointer, thumb, forefinger, ring finger.
- finger** *v.* touch, handle, squeeze, feel, palpate, poke.
- finicky** *a.* fussy, picky, overparticular, exacting, dainty, meticulous, choosy, fastidious, anal

retentive, \*persnickety, \*hard to please. *ANT. easy, careless, sloppy.*

**finish** *n.* 1. ENDING close, closing, completion, finale, termination, windup, fulfillment, consummation, culmination, finis, death, \*curtains, cap, climax. 2. COATING surface, shine, polish, refinement, patina, veneer, varnish, luster. 3. REFINEMENT elegance, grace, polish, cultivation, sauvity, genteelness. *ANT. 1. beginning, start, opening. 3. coarseness, roughness, crudity.*

**finish** *v.* 1. COMPLETE end, close, finalize, stop, terminate, wind up, fulfill, consummate, culminate, die, cap off, \*sew up loose ends. 2. DEplete use up, exhaust, \*knock off, consume, expend, dispose of, drain, dispatch. *ANT. 1. start, begin, open. 2. refill, conserve, restock, replenish.*

**FINITE** *a.* [FI nite] limited, as distinguished from infinite. *Natural resources on earth are finite; they won't last forever.* *SYN.* limited, measureable, confined, bounded, countable, terminable, delimited, fixed, ephemeral, ending, exhaustable. *ANT. infinite, boundless, interminable, endless.*

**fink** *n.* *Sl.* informer, \*rat, \*tattletale, \*snake, \*weasel, \*bastard.

**fire** *n.* 1. FLAME blaze, conflagration, inferno, flare, sparks, embers, combustion, wildfire, bonfire, holocaust. "The symbol of civilization."—Joseph Hertz. "God's unfailing charity."—John Oxenham. "The most tolerable third party."—Thoreau. 2. ENTHUSIASM energy, drive, vigor, zeal, fervor, intensity, ardor, passion, verve, gusto, vehemence. 3. GUNFIRE round, barrage, shelling, salvo, fusillade, volley, strafing. *ANT. 2. apathy, indifference, dispassion.*

**WORD FIND**

**building that is a fire hazard:** firetrap  
**causing fire:** incendiary  
**door designed to withstand intense heat and flames:** fire door  
**fear of fire:** pyrophobia  
**firesetter with criminal intentions:** arsonist, incendiary  
**firesetter with mental problems:** pyromaniac, firebug  
**firesetting compulsion:** pyromania  
**forecasting the future by peering into flames:** pyromancy  
**god:** Vulcan  
**intense, widespread fire caused by nuclear detonation:** firestorm

**strip of land cleared to stop fire spread:** firebreak  
**wall designed to withstand intense heat and flames:** fire wall  
**worshipper:** pyrolater

**fire** *v.* 1. SHOOT discharge, shell, pull the trigger, let off, detonate. 2. ROUSE arouse, excite, inflame, spark, stir, incite, electrify, inspire, quicken, galvanize. 3. DISCHARGE FROM DUTIES \*pink slip, lay off, dismiss, \*give walking papers, \*can, \*show the door, \*axe, \*let go, give notice, \*sack. *ANT. 1. cease fire. 2. dampen, discourage. 3. hire.*

**fire alarm** *n.* smoke alarm, heat sensor, early warning system, emergency alarm.

**firearm** *n.* gun, pistol, revolver, rifle, \*shooting iron, carbine, shotgun, sawed-off shotgun, assault rifle, \*street sweeper, Uzi, \*Saturday night special, \*heat, derringer, six-shooter, .357 Magnum, .45, .38, .22, muzzleloader, musket, blunderbuss, flintlock. *SEE GUN*

**fireball** *n.* meteor, bolide. *SEE METEOR*

**firebrand** *n.* agitator, rabble-rouser, instigator, agent provocateur, troublemaker, rebel, revolutionist, anarchist, \*sparkplug.

**firecracker** *n.* squib, \*cherry bomb, petard, \*noisemaker. *SEE FIREWORKS*

**fireplace** *n.* hearth, chimney, stove, grate, fire-side, blaze, inglenook.

**fireproof** *a.* fire resistant, flameproof, incombustible, unburnable, nonflammable. *ANT. combustible, flammable, incendiary, explosive.*

**firestorm** *n.* 1. CONFLAGRATION fallout. *SEE FIRE 2. CONTROVERSY* protest, outburst, war, hostilities, riot, outcry, outbreak, uproar, hue and cry.

**firetruck** *n.* fire engine, rescue vehicle, hook and ladder truck, pumper, tanker truck, HazMat truck, crash truck..

**WORD FIND**

**aircraft crash, vehicle used for:** crash truck  
**beacon, red, flashing:** mars light  
**crane with water nozzles for high fires:** gooseneck crane  
**extension arm:** boom  
**firefighter's platform:** bucket  
**ladder platform, rotating:** turntable  
**leg, support:** outrigger  
**pumper inserted in lake, river, or other body of water:** superpumper  
**steers long truck from behind:** tillerman  
**water shooter, powerful:** water cannon

**fireworks** *n.* pyrotechnics, incendiary devices, rockets, feux d'artifice.

**WORD FIND**

**arsenic sulfide used in:** realgar

**child's spark-maker:** sparkler

**hisses and sputters:** fizgig, squib

**pinwheel-like:** catherine wheel

**rotating display:** girandole

**small rockets:** bottle rockets

**spiral, rises in a:** tourbillion

**star:** star shell

**tube ejecting balls of fire:** Roman candle

**firm** *n.* company, corporation, business, enterprise, concern, outfit, institution, house, organization, conglomeration.

**firm** *a.* 1. **HARD** solid, stiff, rigid, compressed, compact, unyielding, stony, inflexible, set. 2. **FIXED** stationary, immovable, stable, immovable, secure, immobile, anchored, sturdy, tight, unshakable, solid, rooted. 3. **CONSTANT, RESOLUTE** consistent, enduring, steady, staunch, unshakable, fixed, persevering, unwavering, true, steadfast. *ANT. 1. soft, loose. 2. unstable, mobile, movable. 3. wavering, unsteady, irresolute.*

**firmament** *n.* sky, heavens, vault, arch, \*wild blue yonder, ether, infinity.

**first** *a.* 1. **EARLIEST** original, beginning, front, opening, maiden, initial, premiere, preceding, prior, antecedent, primal, primeval, rudimentary, elementary. 2. **HIGHEST** principal, chief, head, main, foremost, supreme, greatest, top, preeminent, dominant, capital, outstanding, ranking. 3. **BASIC** fundamental, rudimentary, primary, elementary, beginning. *ANT. 1. last, latest, end, subsequent. 2. lowest, least, smallest. 3. advanced.*

**first-class** *a.* best, superior, greatest, fine, excellent, superb, supreme, A-1, tops, \*top-drawer, topnotch, \*primo, peerless. *ANT. inferior, second-class, \*bottom of the barrel.*

**first-rate** *a.* SEE FIRST-CLASS

**fiscal** *a.* financial, monetary, budgetary, revenue, money, spending, and taxation. SEE MONEY

**fish** *v.* 1. **ANGLE** troll, cast, flycast, trawl, seine, chum. 2. **SEARCH** rummage, hunt, pick through.

**fisherman** *n.* angler, fisher, piscator, \*gill-netter, lobsterman, aquaculturist.

**fishing** *n.* angling, casting, trolling, trawling. "That solitary vice."—Lord Byron.

**WORD FIND**

**artificial bait:** lure, jig, spinner, fly, nymph

**bait:** earthworm, night crawler, mayfly, nymph, baitfish, chum, herring, squid

**basket used by fisherman:** creel

**bass, slang for very large:** hawg, lunger

**bloodied or ground-up bait dumped in water to attract fish:** chum

**bottom, fish that feeds on:** bottom feeder

**chair in sport-fishing boat:** fighting chair

**chicken feathers used in tying flies:** hackle clip that reduces tangling at end of line: swivel

**delicate dropping of lure into a sensitive area:** flipping

**drag net along bottom:** trawl

**dragging a line near surface behind boat:** trolling

**fence that corrals fish:** weir

**fish farm used to breed for stocking:** hatchery

**fish-finding sonar device:** depth-finder, fish-finder

**floating lure that dives underwater when pulled in:** crank bait

**floating signal ball:** bobber

**gear box:** tackle box

**gear:** tackle

**hitting a log or rock intentionally with a lure to attract attention of a fish:** bumping

**hold on the line to prevent breakage, controls strength of:** drag

**illegal fishing:** poaching

**legal number of fish one can take:** bag limit

**line attached at end of regular line to resist biting through by fish, extra strong:** leader

**line with several hooks at intervals across stream:** trotline

**lure that mimics a dying fish dropping to the bottom:** flutterbait

**nest of a salmon or trout:** redd

**net drawn shut by two boats:** purse seine

**net that hangs from floats on surface:** seine, gill net

**passive technique of holding pole still:** deadsticking

**pushbutton, closed reel:** spincaster

**rings on pole:** eyelets

**rippled water showing where fish is rising to bait:** rise

**scare off fish:** spook

**scents added to lures:** attractant

**size range of fish that can be kept:** slot limit  
**snaled line on reel caused by overrun:** backlash, \*bird's nest

**spear:** harpoon, gaff  
**spinner lures quickly on top of water to simulate splashing of injured fish, pulling:** buzzing  
**strength of a line, measure of the:** test  
**taking of bait by fish:** strike  
**trolling rig or setup, multiple:** outrigger  
**up and down motion imparted on bait to lure fish:** jigging  
**weight:** sinker  
**wobbling lure resembling a spoon:** spoon

**fishwife** *n.* bitch, scold, witch, hag, \*battlex, nag, crab, complainer, grumbler.

**fishy** *a.* suspicious, doubtful, shady, unbelievable, incredible, shady, questionable, dubious, slippery, not kosher. *ANT.* *plausible, believable, credible.*

**FISSION** *n.* [FISH un] the splitting of an atom and its conversion to energy; nuclear fission. *Fission is what makes an atom go boom.* *SYN.* splitting, dividing, scission, parting, cleavage, nuclear fission, splitting the atom, atom smashing, atomic reaction. *ANT.* *fusion.* SEE NUCLEAR BOMB, AMMUNITION

**fissure** *n.* cleft, crack, groove, crevice, crevasse, crack, chasm, fracture, fault, rift, slit.

**fit** *n.* seizure, convulsion, paroxysm, spasm, attack, \*spaz, throe, bout, conniption, outburst, spell, frenzy.

**fit** *v.* correspond, accord, jibe, harmonize, match, conform, agree, \*dovetail, interlock, mesh.

**fit** *a.* 1. SUITABLE fitting, apt, proper, seemly, right, correct, appropriate, befitting, decorous, germane. 2. IN SHAPE healthy, well, robust, strong, hardy, hale, vigorous, hearty, strapping. *ANT.* 1. *unsuitable, inappropriate.* 2. *sickly, weak, out of shape.*

**fitful** *a.* intermittent, irregular, spasmodic, restless, sporadic, erratic, unstable, spotty, fluctuating, random. *ANT.* *regular, constant, steady.*

**fitness** *n.* good health, healthiness, robustness, aerobic fitness, endurance, energy, cardiovascular fitness, strength, vigor, stamina, \*steam, \*juice, \*zip, heartiness, vitality, \*staying power, \*pep, \*get up and go. *ANT.* *sickness, weakness.* SEE EXERCISE

**fitting** *n.* fixture, part, accessory, component, attachment, \*doohickey.

**fitting** *a.* proper, suitable, befitting, correct, appropriate, decorous, becoming, fit, comme il faut, right, seemly, \*politically correct. *ANT.* *improper, unsuitable, incorrect.*

**fix** *n.* predicament, mess, jam, \*stew, difficulty, plight, \*hot water, \*pickle, \*between a rock and a hard place.

**fix** *v.* 1. REPAIR mend, patch up, doctor, remedy, restore, recondition, tune up, overhaul, adjust, correct. 2. ATTACH affix, secure, connect, fasten, plant, tie, couple, link, lock, implant, cement, nail. 3. DETERMINE set, decide, establish, settle. *ANT.* 1. *break, bust.* 2. *detach, loosen, remove.*

**fixate** *v.* focus, direct, lock on to, obsess, attach, become attached.

**FIXATION** *n.* [fiks A shun] a neurotic preoccupation with someone or something; an obsession. *He has a fixation with blue-eyed blondes.* *SYN.* obsession, preoccupation, monomania, mania, fetish, fascination, \*thing, complex, crush, infatuation, compulsion, idée fixe.

**fixed** *a.* 1. FIRMLY ATTACHED unmovable, secured, anchored, firm, stable, solid, rooted, tight, made fast. 2. ESTABLISHED set, settled, unchangeable, decided, constant, steady, unvarying, firm, inflexible. *ANT.* 1. *detached, loosened.* 2. *changeable, varying.*

**fixture** *n.* fitting, part, accessory, component, attachment, appurtenance, \*doohickey, device, contrivance.

**fizz** *n.* effervescence, carbonation, bubbles.

**fizzle** *v.* fail, \*flop, \*bomb, die, miscarry, fall short, \*lay an egg, \*sputter and die, come to nothing. *ANT.* *succeed, triumph, \*score.*

**flabbergasted** *a.* surprised, amazed, astonished, taken aback, dumbfounded, astounded, struck dumb, rendered speechless, shocked, staggered, \*bowed over, \*blown away, confounded. *ANT.* *nonchalant, calm, cool, unperturbed.*

**flabby** *a.* flaccid, soft, limp, blubbery, \*doughy, slack, droopy, fat, baggy, untoned, sagging, pendulous. *ANT.* *firm, toned, rigid, \*rock-hard.*

**flaccid** *a.* SEE FLABBY

**flag** *n.* banner, standard, ensign, colors, pennant, \*Old Glory, \*Stars and Stripes, \*Union Jack, streamer, banderole, bunting. "The emblem of our unity, our power, our thought, and purpose as a nation."—Woodrow Wilson. "The trademark of a nation."—Leonard Levinson.

#### WORD FIND

**decorative cloth in the colors of a flag:**  
 bunting

**military unit's:** guidon

**pirate's skull and crossbones:** Jolly Roger

**pole:** staff, shaft

**signaling pennant used on boats: burgee**

**flag** *v.* weaken, wilt, tire, become limp, languish, wilt, droop, fade, wane, ebb, sink, diminish, die. *ANT.* *strengthen, invigorate, energize.*

**flagellate** *v.* flag, lash. *SEE* WHIP

**FLAGRANT** *a.* [FLA grunt] outrageous or glaring. *He was ejected from the game after committing his second flagrant foul.* *SYN.* outrageous, glaring, blatant, audacious, shameless, brazen, undisguised, gross, conspicuous, barefaced, flaunted, disgraceful, egregious, extreme. *ANT.* *inconspicuous, subtle, slight, sneaky.*

**flagship** *n.* leader, chief, mother ship, bellwether, queen, crown jewel, king.

**flail** *v.* strike, thrash, flog. *SEE* BEAT

**flair** *n.* 1. KNACK talent, aptitude, ability, genius, propensity, bent, feel, gift, faculty. 2. TASTE style, panache, dash.

**flak** *n.* criticism, disapproval, opposition, censure. *SEE* CRITICISM

**flake** *n.* scale, bit, fleck, chip, sliver, peel, shaving, sheet.

**flake** *v.* scale, peel, shave, exfoliate, chip, shed.

**FLAMBOYANT** *a.* [flam BOY unt] showy or ornate, loud. *She wore flamboyant costumes to draw attention to herself.* *SYN.* showy, ornate, loud, colorful, flashy, florid, gaudy, dazzling, ostentatious, garish, wild, theatrical, splashy, extravagant, glamorous. *ANT.* *quiet, understated, modest, plain, inconspicuous, dull.*

**flame** *n.* 1. FIRE flare, blaze, light, \*tongue, flash. *SEE* FIRE 2. LOVER sweetheart, girlfriend, boyfriend.

**flame** *v.* burn, blaze, flare up, kindle, flash, spark, flicker, glow, sparkle.

**flammable** *a.* combustible, inflammable, incendiary, igneous, explosive. *ANT.* *fireproof, nonflammable.*

**flap** *n.* 1. FOLD cover, tab, wing, tail, fly, skirt. 2. CONTROVERSY agitation, commotion, brouhaha, to-do, fuss, hullabaloo, \*tempest.

**flap** *v.* slap, whack, flutter, smack, swat, lash, whip.

**flare** *v.* 1. FLAME blaze, flash, flicker, glow, scintillate, sparkle, ignite, spark, glare. 2. BURST OUT erupt, explode, blow up, pop. 3. WIDEN broaden, spread, expand, dilate, splay. *ANT.* 2. *die down, dampen, cool.* 3. *contract, narrow.*

**flare-up** *n.* outbreak, outburst, explosion, rise, blowup, disruption, convulsion, epidemic, uprising, spurt, gush.

**flash** *n.* 1. FLARE streak, burst, blaze, glint, flame, radiance, strobe, coruscation, illumination,

spark, scintillation, glow, discharge, explosion. 2. INSTANT second, \*heartbeat, \*blink of an eye, jiffy.

**flash** *v.* strobe, blink, fulgurate, flicker, flare, shine, scintillate, glow, glint, shimmer.

**flashback** *n.* memory, recurrence, remembrance, reliving, reminiscence, echo, recollection, recall, ghost from the past, \*head trip.

**flasher** *n.* *Sl.* exhibitionist, pervert, \*sicko, \*dirty old man.

**flash point** *n.* moment of truth, critical mass, zero hour.

**flashy** *a.* showy, loud, flamboyant, gaudy, ostentatious, garish, glaring, blinding, glitzy, glittery, pretentious. *ANT.* *quiet, plain, understated, modest, sober.*

**flask** *n.* bottle, container, flagon, phial, vial, can-teen.

**flat** *a.* 1. LEVEL even, flush, horizontal, plane, smooth, lying down, recumbent, supine, prostrate, prone. 2. ABSOLUTE unequivocal, unqualified, positive, definite, direct, plain, clear. 3. TASTELESS, DULL insipid, stale, bland, dull, boring, flavorless, lackluster, blah, spiritless, drab, uninteresting. *ANT.* 1. *uneven, rough, bumpy, round.* 2. *equivocal, qualified.* 3. *interesting, tasty, effervescent.*

**flatten** *v.* 1. LEVEL plane, smooth, spread out, lie flat. 2. KNOCK DOWN squash, crush, \*steamroll, prostrate.

**flatter** *v.* compliment, praise, puff up, adulate, laud, extoll, inflate, \*brownnose, \*kiss up to, \*apple polish, toady, cajole, fawn, \*suck up to, \*lay it on thick, \*lay it on with a trowel, \*butter up, \*massage one's ego, \*stroke, blandish, gush, \*sweet talk.

**flatterer** *n.* complimenter, booster, trumpeter, sycophant, \*yes-man, \*brownnose, \*sweet talker, \*apple polisher, toady, \*lickspittle, bootlicker. "Like cats, [they] lick and then scratch."—German proverb. "One who says things to your face that he would not say behind your back"—G. Millington. "A friend who is your inferior, or pretends to be so."—Aristotle.

**flattery** *n.* praise, compliment, adulation, tribute, eulogy, blarney, inflation, applause, sycophancy, blandishment, \*brownnosing, \*apple polishing, toadyism, \*honeyed words, \*snow job, gush, smarm, bootlicking, fawning, cajolery. "Something nice someone tells you about yourself that you wish were true."—Frank Malester.

**flatulence** *n.* gas, wind, bloating.

- flatulent** *a.* 1. GASSY windy. 2. PRETENTIOUS pompous, windy, long-winded, bombastic, verbose.
- flaunt** *v.* show off, strut, display, parade, wave, flash, exhibit, spotlight, swagger, peacock, broadcast, advertise, vaunt. *ANT.* *hide, cover up, conceal.*
- flavor** *n.* 1. TASTE savor, sapor, tincture, piquancy, tang, zing, seasoning, spiciness, saltiness, sweetness, sourness, tartness. 2. ESSENCE character, quality, nature, spirit, feel.
- flavor** *v.* season, spice, \*liven up, salt, lace, infuse.
- flaw** *n.* defect, imperfection, fault, deformity, blemish, failing, weakness, pitfall, shortcoming, chink.
- flawless** *a.* faultless, defect-free. *ANT.* *faulty, flawed.* SEE PERFECT
- fledgling** *n.* beginner, \*rookie, \*greenhorn, \*tenderfoot, freshman, \*tyro, novice, neophyte.
- flee** *v.* run away, escape, bolt, \*cut and run, \*make a quick exit, take off, decamp, \*split, \*beat feet, \*fly the coop, \*make a getaway, \*make tracks, \*blow, \*skeddadle, \*vamoose, \*scram.
- fleece** *v.* cheat, \*rip off, swindle, rook, \*flimflam, \*take to the cleaners, \*soak, \*chisel, con, hustle.
- fleet** *n.* flotilla, armada, squadron, convoy, navy. SEE NAVY
- fleet** *a.* fast, swift, quick, rapid, speedy, mercurial, hasty, expeditious, meteoric, nimble. *ANT.* *slow, plodding, slothful, dragging.*
- fleeting** *a.* transient, brief, ephemeral, temporary, quick, short-lived, momentary, \*flash in the pan, \*here today gone tomorrow, meteoric. *ANT.* *enduring, lasting, permanent.*
- flesh** *n.* 1. MEAT body tissue, muscle, fat, beef, brawn. 2. BODY material person, human, man, woman, physical nature. *ANT.* 2. *soul, spirit.*
- fleshy** *a.* fat, plump, beefy, obese, blubbery, corpulent, chubby, chunky, \*tubby, meaty, porcine, portly, stout, paunchy, \*jelly-bellied, pulpy. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic, bony, rawboned.*
- flex** *v.* bend, crook, stretch, contract, tense.
- flexible** *a.* 1. PLIABLE bendable, pliant, elastic, supple, springy, ductile, malleable, rubbery, willowy, lithe, limber. 2. ADAPTABLE yielding, adjustable, manageable, compliant, docile, tractable, amenable. *ANT.* 1. *rigid, stiff, inflexible.* 2. *rigid, obstinate.*
- flick** *v.* snap, flip, tap, brush.
- flicker** *v.* waver, flutter, dance, quiver, glimmer, glint, scintillate, flash, shimmer, flare, flame.
- flier** *n.* flyer, pilot, airman, aviator, aviatrix, navigator. SEE AIRCRAFT
- flight** *n.* soaring, air travel, hovering, gliding, planing, flying, aeronautics, volitation.
- flighty** *a.* frivolous, capricious, irresponsible, fickle, impulsive, scatterbrained, whimsical, harebrained, giddy, \*airheaded, \*ditzzy, unstable. *ANT.* *stable, rational, thoughtful.*
- flimflam** *v.* cheat, swindle, \*rip off, \*con, deceive, trick, delude.
- flimsy** *a.* 1. FRAGILE frail, easily broken, thin, delicate, slight, shoddy, unsubstantial, ethereal, diaphanous, gossamer, rickety, cheap. 2. INADEQUATE ineffectual, feeble, weak, lame, shallow, unconvincing, trivial, poor, incredible, implausible. *ANT.* 1. *solid, strong.* \*like the Rock of Gibraltar. 2. *credible, solid, convincing, plausible.*
- flinch** *v.* recoil, wince, cringe, shrink, jump, cower, quail, start, blench, jerk, blink.
- fling** *v.* throw, pitch, cast, hurl, toss, sling, heave, flip, \*chuck.
- flinty** *a.* hard, firm, stony, inflexible, rigid, unmerciful, coldhearted, hardened, heartless, unsympathetic. *ANT.* *soft, warmhearted, sympathetic.*
- flip** *n.* somersault.
- flip** *v.* toss, flick, throw, pitch, spin, snap.
- flip-flop** *n.* reversal, about-face, change, turnaround, change of heart, \*fence-hopping.
- flip out** *v.* *SL.* \*go mental, \*go berserk, \*go ballistic, \*go nuts, \*lose it, \*freak out, \*flip one's lid.
- flip side** *n.* reverse side, obverse, back, opposite side, other side of the coin, \*B-side.
- FLIPPANT** *a.* [FLIP unt] disrespectful, irreverent. *Tom was sent to the principal's office for being flippant.* *SYN.* disrespectful, irreverent, impudent, impertinent, insolent, brash, fresh, cheeky, \*flip, \*wise, cocky, rude, sassy. *ANT.* *respectful, reverent, polite.*
- flirt** *n.* tease, coquette, hussy, wolf, vamp, heartbreaker, \*game-player.
- flirt** *v.* tease, lead on, entice, coquet, tantalize, toy, trifle, dally, vamp, \*make eyes at, \*wink at, \*make a pass at, \*hit on.
- flirtatious** *a.* teasing, enticing, tantalizing, provocative, coquettish, \*on the make, \*come-hither, alluring, \*on the prowl, \*making eyes at, inviting. *ANT.* *aloof, cold.*
- flit** *v.* dart, hop, flutter, hover, whisk, skim, fly, flitter, race, hurry, flap, wing.
- float** *v.* bob, buoy, levitate, hover, be borne along by current, ride, raft, drift, swim, waft, sail. *ANT.* *sink, go under, submerge.*
- flock** *n.* congregation, drove, pack, herd, group, gang, assemblage, band, swarm, colony, mass, throng, multitude. SEE ANIMAL
- flog** *v.* whip, thrash, lash, flagellate, horsewhip, beat, strap, flail, cane, flay, hide, tan.

**flood** *n.* deluge, inundation, torrent, overflow, outpouring, gush, rush, surge, wave, tsunami, downpour, cloudburst, gullywasher, \*rain of biblical proportion, cataclysm.

**flood** *v.* deluge, inundate, overflow, gush, rush, surge, overwhelm, drown, engulf, submerge, swamp, flush, drench, saturate.

**floor** *n.* 1. BOTTOM footing, base, flooring, planking, parquet, linoleum, rug, carpeting, walkway. 2. STORY level, flight, tier, deck.

**floor** *v.* flabbergast, astound, stun, stagger, shock, throw, nonplus, dumbfound, astonish, confound.

**flop** *n.* failure, \*bomb, \*dud, \*dog, loser, \*turkey, disaster, \*bust, fiasco, \*clunker, \*lemon, \*lead balloon, \*laugher. *ANT.* *success, hit, triumph, winner.*

**flop** *v.* 1. FALL plop, collapse, flounder, \*belly-flop, tumble, topple, \*plunk down, \*fall flat on one's face. 2. FAIL \*bomb, \*go over like a lead balloon, \*wash out, fizzle, \*lay an egg, fold, \*sputter and die. *ANT.* 2. *succeed, triumph, win.*

**florid** *a.* ornate, showy, gaudy, ostentatious, flamboyant, flowery, elaborate, embellished, overdecorated, high-flown, garish, arabesque, rococo, baroque, ruddy, rosy, pink. *ANT.* *plain, simple, austere, stark, unadorned.*

**flotilla** *n.* fleet, armada, argosy, group, unit, squadrons, vessels.

**flotsam** *n.* wreckage, debris, cargo, odds and ends, castoffs, junk, jetsam.

**flounder** *v.* struggle, stumble, blunder, wallow, fumble, flop, thrash, stammer, stutter, falter, \*flub one's lines.

**flourish** *n.* 1. DECORATION embellishment, ornamentation, garnish, adornment, frill, curlicue. 2. BRANDISHING wave, show, flaunting, exhibition, display.

**flourish** *v.* grow, thrive, prosper, blossom, flower, fatten, boom, burgeon, increase, wax, succeed, \*go great guns, expand, mushroom. *ANT.* *wither, die, shrivel, fail.*

**floot** *v.* jeer, scoff, mock, scorn, ridicule, jeer at, spurn, insult, deride, taunt, \*make fun of. *ANT.* *respect, honor, revere.*

**flow** *n.* current, course, gush, stream, drift, river, outpouring, spill, issuance, discharge, emanation, flux, trickle, progression, ebb, tide.

**flow** *v.* course, gush, stream, drift, issue, discharge, emanate, spout, trickle, progress, surge, run, roll, spew, ooze, ebb, proceed, cascade, well, spill.

**flower** *n.* bloom, blossom, ornamental, floweret, floret, bud, annual, perennial, spray, posy,

nosegay, bouquet. "Heaven's masterpiece."—Dorothy Parker. "The sweetest thing God ever made, and forgot to put a soul into."—Henry Ward Beecher. *SEE* FIELD

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#### WORD FIND

**bloom, blossom:** effloresce

**bouquet worn on shoulder:** corsage

**descriptive:** teardrop petals, ruffles and lace, spikes like kitten tails, iridescent, radiant, creamy, flaming, blazing, dotting fields like fallen confetti, elegant profusion, heady perfumes of Spring

**female organ that becomes fruit:** pistil

**grains of male germ cells:** pollen

**male organ:** stamen

**names:** African violet, amaryllis, aster, azalea, baby's breath, begonia, black-eyed Susan, bleeding heart, bluebell, buttercup, camellia, candytuft, carnation, cat's paw, Chinese lantern, chrysanthemum, cockscomb, columbine, cornflower, cowslip, daffodil, dahlia, daisy, dandelion, dogwood, forget-me-not, forsythia, foxglove, foxtail, fuchsia, gardenia, gentian, geranium, gladiolus, goldenrod, heather, hibiscus, hollyhock, honeysuckle, hyacinth, impatiens, Indian paintbrush, iris, jack-in-the-pulpit, jonquil, lady's slipper, larkspur, lilac, lily, lily of the valley, lotus, lupine, magnolia, mallow, marigold, mayflower, mimosa, morning glory, narcissus, oleander, orchid, pansy, peony, petunia, phlox, poinsetta, poppy, primrose, Queen Anne's lace, rhododendron, rose, snapdragon, sunflower, sweet alyssum, sweet William, tulip, Venus flytrap, viola, violet, water lily, wolfbane, yucca, zinnia

**native flowers of a region:** flora

**petals, collective term:** corolla

**science of growing:** horticulture

**sepals, or protective leaves of a flower:** calyx

**spike, dense:** spadix, spike

**spot of different color in center of some types:** eye

**sun, follows the:** heliotropic, phototropic

**fluctuate** *v.* vary, waver, oscillate, vacillate, \*run hot and cold, change, \*seesaw, \*yo-yo, alternate, shift, rise and fall.

**flue** *n.* pipe, channel, duct, vent, passage, tube, airway.

**fluent** *a.* flowing, smooth, easy, loose, fluid, articulate, eloquent, smooth-talking, practiced,

effortless, glib, natural, \*silver-tongued. *ANT. halting, floundering, tongue-tied.*

**fluff** *n.* down, fleece, fuzz, eiderdown, wool.

**fluffy** *a.* downy, feathery, soft, fleecy, flossy, woolly, silky. *ANT. flat, hard.*

**fluid** *n.* liquid, water, juice, aqua.

**fluid** *a.* 1. LIQUID liquefied, watery, flowing, streaming, pouring, running, juicy, wet. 2. FLEXIBLE adaptable, unfixed, changeable, indefinite, adjustable. *ANT. 1. solid. 2. fixed.*

**fluke** *n.* stroke of luck, good fortune, windfall, \*one in a million, \*lucky strike, break, fortuity, godsend, serendipity, accident, fate.

**flume** *n.* chute, channel, run.

**flunk** *v.* SEE FAIL

**flunky** *n.* lackey, servant, footman, toady, \*yes man.

**furry** *n.* 1. SUDDEN GUST OF WIND, SNOW, OR RAIN shower, dusting, squall. SEE RAIN, SNOW 2. COMMOTION stir, bustle, fluster, \*to-do, \*ado, squall, turmoil, hubbub, ferment.

**flush** *v.* 1. BLUSH redden, color, glow, turn crimson, \*burn, bloom, \*turn rosy, \*turn ruddy. 2. WASH OUT flood, rinse, drench, irrigate, spray, douche, douse. *ANT. 1. blanch, whiten.*

**flush** *a.* 1. FLAT level, square, plane, plumb, straight. 2. ABUNDANT plentiful, affluent, rich, wealthy, well-supplied, well-to-do. *ANT. 1. uneven, out of plumb. 2. poor, destitute, lacking.*

**flushed** *a.* red, pink, ruddy, florid, glowing, aglow, blushing, red-faced, burning, scarlet-faced, blooming, feverish. *ANT. pale, blanched, white.*

**fluster** *n.* confusion, befuddlement, agitation, nervousness, turmoil, \*discombobulation, bewilderment, disturbance, excitement, commotion. *ANT. calm, composure, peace.*

**fluster** *v.* confuse, bewilder, perturb, befuddle, agitate, \*discombobulate, disturb, \*rattle, excite, stir, ruffle, disquiet. *ANT. calm, quiet, compose.*

**flute** *n.* SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**fluting** *n.* channels. SEE GROOVE

**flutter** *v.* flap, wave, beat, quiver, shake, sway, swing, shudder, tremble, bat, oscillate, wag, dance, flit, fly.

**flux** *n.* flow, current, course, stream, run, movement, tide, passage, surge, change, unrest, fluctuation. *ANT. stagnation, inertia, stasis.*

**fly** *v.* 1. SOAR take wing, take flight, glide, flit, hover, jet, float, \*ride the thermals, \*wing, climb, dive, swoop, \*hedgehop, waft, be borne along by the wind, scud, barnstorm. SEE AIRCRAFT, BIRD 2. SPEED AWAY rush,

hurry, \*hightail, hustle, scoot, \*make a mad dash, \*go like the wind, scurry, \*go off like a shot, \*put the pedal to the metal, \*beat feet. 3. FLEE escape, \*make a getaway, skedaddle, \*cut and run, \*split, \*vamoose, \*scram, \*head for the hills, \*blow.

**fly-by-night** *a.* unstable, unreliable, disreputable, unprofessional, untrustworthy, undependable, short-lived. *ANT. reputable, established.*

**flying saucer** *n.* unidentified flying object, UFO, bogey, spaceship, extraterrestrial vessel. SEE AIRCRAFT, SPACE

**foam** *n.* froth, lather, suds, scum, fizz, bubbles, spume, effervescence, spindrift, head.

**foam** *v.* froth, lather, fizz, bubble, spume, effervesce, ferment, cream.

**foamy** *a.* frothy, lathery, fizzy, bubbly, effervescent, spummy, soapy, sudsy, creamy. *ANT. flat, uncarbonated.*

**focus** *n.* focal point, center, target, hub, heart, spotlight, bull's eye, nucleus.

**focus** *v.* center on, center, zero in on, pinpoint, direct, fix, concentrate, \*hone in on, spotlight, clear up, sharpen.

**fodder** *n.* feed, silage, food, hay, straw.

**foe** *n.* enemy, adversary, rival, opponent, antagonist, \*bad guy, combatant, competitor. *ANT. friend, ally, \*soul mate.*

**fog** *n.* 1. MIST haze, cloud, brume, sea smoke, vapor, \*pea soup, murk, smog, gloom. 2. MUDDLE confusion, daze, bewilderment, haze, stupor, disorientation, perplexity, mystification.

#### WORD FIND

**cooling point below which fog forms:** dew point

**dense mass of:** fog bank

**descriptive:** diaphanous, gossamer, nubilous, ethereal, veils, gauzy, sea's breath, thick enough to curdle, as thick as New England clam chowder, thick enough to eat/shovel, creeping, dank, cloaking, shrouds, sheets of fog like the sails of Spanish galleons, ghosting over the water, wisps, fingers of fog clutching at ship riggings, soul-dampening

**freezing fog that deposits frost:** rime

**ice crystals, containing:** pogonip

**surrounded by and prevented from sailing:** fogbound

**foggy** *a.* SEE FOG

**foghorn** *n.* siren, guide, diaphone fog signal, warning signal.

**FOIBLE** *n.* [FOY bul] a minor weakness or fault. *Reporters regularly expose the foibles of those in the public eye.* SYN. weakness, fault, shortcoming, deficiency, Achilles' heel, flaw, failing, frailty, imperfection, quirk, vice, chink. ANT. *asset, strength, strong point.*

**foil** *n.* contrast, complement, antithesis, background.

**foil** *v.* thwart, frustrate, balk, check, baffle, impede, outsmart, circumvent, stymie, prevent, checkmate, stop, outwit, counter, hamstring, spoil, \*throw up a roadblock. ANT. *aid, assist, abet, advance.*

**foist** *v.* palm off, sneak in, fob, pass off, \*pull a fast one.

**fold** *n.* crease, pleat, tuck, crimp, gather, dog-ear, overlap, layer, drape.

**fold** *v.* 1. CREASE pleat, plait, tuck, crimp, gather, double over, dog-ear, overlap, drape, hem, enclose, envelop, wrap. 2. GO OUT OF BUSINESS fail, close, go bankrupt, \*go belly up, become insolvent.

**folder** *n.* file, binder, wrapper, envelope, sheath, covering.

**foliage** *n.* leaves, leafage, greenery, umbrage. SEE TREE, FOREST, JUNGLE

**folklore** *n.* myths, legends, fables, custom, tradition, superstition.

**folks** *n.* kin, relatives, parents, flesh and blood, family.

**folksy** *a.* \*down-to-earth, friendly, informal, unassuming, rustic, natural, down-home, casual, unpretentious, simple, easygoing, corny. ANT. *sophisticated, pretentious, \*la-di-da.*

**follow** *v.* 1. COME AFTER ensue, succeed, supplant, supersede, proceed, replace, take the place of, result, issue, emanate. 2. TRAIL stay behind, \*bring up the rear, shadow, tail, track, \*dog, hunt down, chase, pursue, go after. 3. ABIDE BY obey, conform to, heed, regard, mind, comply with, do what is told, emulate, copy, imitate. ANT. 1. *precede, antedate.* 2. *trailblaze, head up, lead.* 3. *disregard, ignore.*

**follower** *n.* disciple, fan, adherent, apostle, partisan, pupil, devotee, member, proponent, patron, votary, proselyte, henchman. ANT. *leader, mentor, detractor.*

**following** *n.* fans, supporters, patrons, devotees, adherents, coterie, entourage, retinue, train.

**following** *a.* afterward, successive, subsequent, next, ensuing, coming, \*in the wake of, \*on the horizon. ANT. *preceding.*

**folly** *n.* foolishness, silliness, nonsense, craziness, lunacy, absurdity, wackiness, senseless-

ness, idiocy, fatuity. "A vigorous plant, which sheds abundant seed."—Isaac D'Israeli. ANT. *good sense, intelligence, wisdom, \*wise move.*

**foment** *v.* instigate, incite, stir up, agitate, spark, fire, excite, arouse, provoke, spur, egg on, galvanize, \*fan the flames. ANT. *extinguish, suppress, dampen, check.*

**fond** *a.* affectionate, loving, attached, tender, doting, close, warm, adoring, caring, devoted, \*sweet on, enamored. ANT. *hostile, hating, uncaring, cool.*

**fondle** *v.* stroke, caress, pat, pet, embrace, rub, hug, hold, massage, squeeze.

**font** *n.* source, origin, wellspring, genesis, root, seed.

**food** *n.* nourishment, sustenance, foodstuffs, \*eats, victuals, \*chow, \*grub, edibles, comestibles, cuisine, fare, \*vittles, ration, provisions, subsistence, meal, meat and potatoes, fodder, feed. "The first enjoyment of life."—Lin Yutang.

**food poisoning** *n.* salmonella, ptomaine poisoning.

**fool** *n.* idiot, blockhead, ignoramus, moron, imbecile, ninny, nincompoop, simpleton, nitwit, harebrain, clown, ass, buffoon, \*dingaling, \*lunkhead, dupe, dunce, sap, oaf. "One who does not suspect himself."—José Ortega y Gasset. "The whetstone of the wits."—Shakespeare.

**fool** *v.* deceive, kid, trick, cheat, hoodwink, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, mislead, dupe, \*sucker, \*scam, \*take in, \*bamboozle.

**fool around** *v.* 1. WASTE TIME \*horse around, fritter, \*hang out, putter, diddle. 2. MAKE LOVE \*make out.

**foolhardy** *a.* reckless, rash, foolish, risk-taking, bold, Icarian, daring, stupid, impetuous, daredevil, imprudent, irrational, insane, adventuresome. ANT. *cautious, careful, wary.*

**foolish** *a.* stupid, idiotic, asinine, ignorant, imprudent, moronic, imbecilic, harebrained, clownish, oafish, \*cockamammy, daft, unwise, silly, \*nuts, ill-advised, \*half-baked, fatuous, ludicrous, \*screwy, childish. ANT. *wise, thoughtful, smart, rational, sensible.*

**foolproof** *a.* failsafe, \*goofproof, \*idiot-proof. ANT. *tricky, difficult.*

**foot** *n.* 1. EXTREMITY hoof, pad, paw, \*dog. 2. BASE bottom, foundation, floor, pedestal. ANT. 2. *crow, head.*

**football** *n.* sport.

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**WORD FIND**

**ball, slang for:** pigskin  
**ball snapper:** center

**center of defensive line:** nose guard, nose tackle

**defends against passes and runs into the backfield:** defensive back, safety, cornerback

**defensive backfield:** secondary

**defensive players just behind linemen:** linebackers

**downing of ball in offense's end zone, two points to defense:** safety

**encroaching into opposing team's side before ball is snapped:** offside, encroachment

**extra point kick after touchdown:** conversion

**faking a handoff and running with ball hidden behind hip:** bootleg

**faking a handoff to running back, who pretends to run with ball hidden in arms, then passing:** play-action pass

**field:** gridiron

**five back defense:** nickel defense

**foul in which player without ball is hit from behind:** clipping

**fullback and halfback form a line behind quarterback:** I formation

**imaginary line where ball is down:** line of scrimmage

**kickoff in which ball lands in receiving team's end zone:** touchback

**kickoff to opposing side:** punt

**kick that is low and tumbling, employed to force fumble:** onside kick

**know-it-all fan who criticizes players:** arm-chair quarterback, Monday morning quarterback

**lateral pass or handoff followed by surprise pass:** flea-flicker

**line-drive pass:** bullet

**line-of-scrimmage player:** lineman

**long pass requiring small miracle to be caught:** Hail Mary, prayer

**offensive alignment in which quarterback takes snap standing several yards back from center:** shotgun

**offensive back behind or near quarterback:** fullback, halfback running back

**passes, hands off, runs, calls plays:** quarterback

**pass that imparts spin on ball and keeps it from tumbling:** spiral, bullet

**play change called out at line of scrimmage:** audible

**quarterback's eluding of tacklers:** scrambling

**run and handoff to player running in opposite direction:** reverse

**score:** touchdown

**sideways or backwards pass:** lateral

**six back defense:** dime defense

**slamming ball down in end zone after scoring touchdown:** spike

**surprise run by quarterback:** quarterback sneak

**surprise rush:** blitz

**tackle with arm swung into opponent's neck or head:** clothesline

**footing** *n.* foot, foothold, foundation, establishment, position, toehold, basis, beachhead, bridgehead, vantage.

**footloose** *a.* free, unrestricted, fancy-free, unencumbered, unattached, roving, untethered, liberated, uninhibited. *ANT.* *restricted, bound, shackled.*

**footprint** *n.* track, footmark, impression, tread.

**fop** *n.* dandy, clotheshorse, dude, coxcomb, peacock, popinjay, fashion plate, Beau Brummel, poseur, \*pretty boy.

**for** *prep.* 1. IN THE INTEREST OF on behalf of. 2. IN FAVOR OF in support of.

**forage** *v.* search, look for, hunt, sniff out, scavenge, rummage, explore, root out, seek, raid, plunder.

**foray** *v.* raid, plunder, pillage, ransack, loot, ravage, attack, invade, maraud, assault.

**forbear** *v.* refrain, avoid, resist temptation, abstain, lay off, desist, shun, eschew, go without, hold back, forgo, endure, tolerate, bear.

**forbearance** *n.* restraint, self-control, abstinence, refraining, avoidance, desistance, tolerance, patience, mercy. "To forgive an enemy who has been shorn of power."—Elbert Hubbard. *ANT.* *impatience, intolerance.*

**forbid** *v.* prohibit, proscribe, disallow, ban, outlaw, enjoin, restrict, veto, make off limits, taboo, interdict, stop. *ANT.* *allow, permit, approve.*

**forbidden** *a.* prohibited, proscribed, banned, outlawed, verboten, restricted, off limits, vetoed, taboo, disallowed. *ANT.* *allowed, permitted, approved of.*

**forbidden fruit** *n.* SEE TABOO

**forbidding** *a.* threatening, ominous, dangerous, frightening, scary, uninviting, foreboding, sinister, disagreeable, unfriendly. *ANT.* *inviting, friendly, alluring.*

**force** *n.* 1. POWER strength, vigor, might, energy, velocity, momentum, pressure, horsepower, \*muscle, drive, pull, weight, stress, poten-

- cy, impetus. "The blind wild beast"—Alfred Lord Tennyson. 2. **COERCION** compulsion, constraint, duress, bullying, arm-twisting, violence. 3. **MILITARY POWER** army, navy, air power, troops, infantry, division, squadron, regiment. *ANT.* 1. *impotence, weakness.*
- force** *v.* coerce, compel, oblige, arm-twist, strong-arm, constrain, pressure, press, make, \*rail-road, exact, push, drive, necessitate, wrest, \*put the screws to.
- forced** *a.* 1. **COERCED** involuntary, obligatory, compulsory, enforced, unwilling, constrained, pressured. 2. **NOT SPONTANEOUS** strained, constrained, stiff, labored, contrived, unnatural, artificial, insincere, affected, self-conscious, studied. *ANT.* 1. *voluntary, willing, unforced.* 2. *spontaneous, natural, genuine.*
- forceful** *a.* powerful, effective, vigorous, dynamic, potent, mighty, strong, robust, energetic, commanding, persuasive. *ANT.* *ineffectual, impotent, weak.*
- fore** *a.* front, first, forward, head, leading. *ANT.* *rear, last.*
- forebear** *n.* forefather, progenitor. *SEE* ANCESTOR
- foreboding** *n.* portent, bad feeling, omen, premonition, uneasiness, warning, prophecy, foreshadowing, \*gut feeling, apprehension, \*handwriting on the wall, \*bad vibes, forewarning.
- forecast** *n.* prediction, prophecy, divination, prognostication, augury, projection, \*reading of the cards, prognosis, conjecture, guess.
- forecast** *v.* predict, foresee, prophesy, foretell, divine, \*read in the cards, augur, prognosticate, project, presage, envision, conjecture, guess, estimate.
- forefather** *n.* forbear, progenitor, forerunner, predecessor. *SEE* ANCESTOR
- forefront** *n.* front, head, \*cutting edge, vanguard, fore. *ANT.* *rear, background.*
- foregoing** *a.* previous, former, aforesaid, preceding, prior, late, earlier. *ANT.* *following, ensuing.*
- foreign** *a.* 1. **NONDOMESTIC** alien, exotic, unfamiliar, imported, faraway, distant, outlandish, unknown, nonnative, strange, overseas. 2. **UNCHARACTERISTIC** aberrant, unnatural, abnormal, inconsistent, incompatible, unrelated, extraneous. *ANT.* 1. *domestic, native, indigenous.* 2. *characteristic, compatible, natural.*
- foreigner** *n.* alien, nonnative, immigrant, outsider, stranger. *ANT.* *native.*
- foreman** *n.* boss, crew chief, overseer, supervisor, superintendent, spokesman, chair, foreperson.
- foremost** *a.* chief, first, leading, head, principal, primary, preeminent, main, paramount, supreme, first, uppermost. *ANT.* *bottom, least, lowest.*
- forensic** *a.* arguable, controversial, debatable, moot, judicial. *ANT.* *certain, incontrovertible.*
- foreplay** *n.* fondling, warm-up, sexual activity, heavy petting, cuddling, lovemaking. *SEE* SEX
- forerunner** *n.* 1. **PREDECESSOR** precursor, ancestor, forbear, forefather, prototype, pioneer. 2. **HERALD** announcer, harbinger, usher, messenger, portent, omen.
- foresee** *v.* anticipate, predict, prophesy, prognosticate, foretell, divine, envision, forecast, presage, augur.
- foresight** *n.* farsightedness, vision, anticipation, foreknowledge, precognition, forethought, preconception, prudence, preparedness, precaution, prophecy. *ANT.* *hindsight, unpreparedness.*
- forest** *n.* woods, woodland, timberland, weald, stand, grove, bush, copse, coppice, wilderness, wild, trees, habitat, \*regiment of trees. *SEE* JUNGLE, TREE
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- WORD FIND**
- ancient, uncut:** old-growth forest, virgin forest
- cleared area littered with logging debris:** slash
- evergreen oak thicket:** chaparral
- grassy clearing in:** glade
- ground or floor material:** litter, duff, mor
- leaf-shedding trees:** deciduous
- logging, denuding method:** clear-cutting
- non-leaf-shedding trees:** coniferous
- pertaining to trees:** arboreal
- thickly treed:** bosky
- top of trees:** canopy, crowns
- trees of a forest region:** sylvia
- tropical woods receiving heavy rainfall:** rain forest
- wind-toppled trees and branches:** windthrow, windfall, deadfall
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- foretell** *v.* predict, forecast, prophesy, foresee, divine, augur, presage, prognosticate, anticipate, forebode, portend, warn.
- forethought** *n.* planning, foresight, prudence, anticipation, farsightedness, preparedness, precaution, provision. *ANT.* *afterthought.*
- forever** *adv.* always, everlastingly, endlessly, eternally, incessantly, continually, unceasingly, for all time, interminably, \*till hell freezes over. *ANT.* *never.*
- foreword** *n.* preface, introduction, prologue. *ANT.* *epilogue.*

**forfeit** *n.* penalty, fine, forfeiture, damages, fee, loss.

**forfeit** *v.* lose, surrender, give up, relinquish, sacrifice, yield.

**forge** *v.* 1. FORM make, manufacture, shape, fabricate, mold, contrive, fashion, hammer out, cast, devise, invent. 2. COUNTERFEIT copy, falsify, trace, reproduce, imitate, simulate.

**forgery** *n.* fake, counterfeit, fraud, copy, imitation, simulation, falsification, sham.

**forget** *v.* 1. \*DRAW A BLANK slip one's mind, overlook. 2. LET PASS nevermind, disregard, ignore, write off, skip, drop. *ANT.* 1. remember, recall. 2. regard, consider.

**forgetful** *a.* absentminded, amnesic, abstracted, distracted, \*out to lunch, oblivious, inattentive, daydreaming, heedless, mindless, absent. *ANT.* attentive, alert, focused.

**forgive** *v.* pardon, excuse, absolve, overlook, condone, \*wipe the slate clean, \*let off the hook, \*let bygones be bygones, exculpate, acquit. *ANT.* condemn, convict, damn.

**forgiveness** *n.* pardon, excusing, forbearance, absolution, amnesty, reprieve, dispensation, mercy, exoneration, clemency, acquittal. "The fragrance the violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it."—Mark Twain. "Man's deepest need and highest achievement."—Horace Bushnell. "The sweetest revenge."—Isaac Friedmann. *ANT.* condemnation, conviction, revenge.

**forgo** *v.* do without, give up, relinquish, abstain from, renounce, eschew, refrain from, forswear, pass up, quit. *ANT.* take up, keep, indulge in.

**fork** *n.* branching, division, split, divergence, bifurcation, parting.

**FORLORN** *a.* [for LORN] miserable and without hope. *After the funeral she was grim and forlorn.* *SYN.* miserable, hopeless, wretched, woebegone, pitiful, pathetic, abandoned, bereft, desolate, dismal, inconsolable, despairing, lonesome, deserted. *ANT.* cheerful, happy, euphoric.

**form** *n.* 1. SHAPE configuration, contour, silhouette, outline, profile, cast, structure, figure, conformation, design, frame. 2. BODY anatomy, figure, build, frame, physique, shape. 3. MOLD cast, frame, model. 4. TYPE kind, sort, variety, class, genus, species, order. 5. PROCEDURE way, ceremony, formality, ritual, custom, decorum, motions, formula, protocol, method, mode, format. 6. DOCUMENT application, sheet, questionnaire.

**form** *v.* 1. SHAPE mold, cast, frame, design, make, produce, construct, build, fabricate, \*ham-

mer out, fashion, manufacture, invent, create, concoct. 2. ORGANIZE found, establish, start, incept. 3. MATERIALIZE arise, appear, \*take shape, crystallize, come into being. 4. COMPOSE compose, constitute, make up.

**formal** *a.* 1. CEREMONIAL decorous, orderly, customary, proper, conventional, methodical, ritualistic, systematic, official, prescribed, correct, \*by-the-book. 2. STIFF stuffy, \*starched, prim, ceremonious, stilted, straitlaced, punctilious, rigid, proper, self-conscious. *ANT.* 1. spontaneous, unconventional, uncustomary. 2. informal, relaxed, casual.

**formality** *n.* 1. CONVENTION form, tradition, observance, protocol, practice, decorum, officiality, \*red tape. 2. PROPRIETY etiquette, ceremony, decorum. *ANT.* 2. informality.

**format** *n.* arrangement, layout, system, shape, size, form, setup, configuration, organization, scheme, method, formula, plan.

**formation** *n.* creation, establishment, development, genesis, generation, production, construction, manufacture, crystallization, evolution, structure, composition.

**former** *a.* previous, prior, earlier, aforementioned, first, past, antecedent, preceding, bygone. *ANT.* later, following, ensuing.

**formfitting** *a.* snug, body-hugging. *ANT.* baggy, loose. *SEE* TIGHT

**FORMIDABLE** *a.* [FOR muh duh bul] an intimidating thing or person that is difficult to face, surmount, or overcome. *The rookie boxer met his formidable opponent—the World Heavyweight Champion.* *SYN.* intimidating, dreadful, frightening, scary, feared, awesome, difficult, hard, overwhelming, insurmountable, powerful, indomitable, staggering, tough, huge. *ANT.* weak, manageable, tiny, insignificant.

**formless** *a.* shapeless, amorphous, asymmetrical. *ANT.* distinct, specific, defined.

**formula** *n.* recipe, prescription, specifications, method, blueprint, code, system, principle, creed.

**fornicate** *v.* have sexual intercourse, have an affair, commit adultery, \*sleep around, philander, \*cheat. *SEE* SEX

**fornication** *n.* intercourse, copulation, sex, adultery. *SEE* SEX

**forsake** *v.* abandon, leave behind, renounce, give up, quit, discard, forswear, reject, desert, disown, disavow, repudiate, \*spurn, \*wash one's hands of, \*kiss off. *ANT.* embrace, take up.

**forswear** *v.* renounce, disavow, deny, repudiate.

**fort** *n.* fortress, fortification, stronghold, citadel, garrison, defense, army post, battlement. SEE CASTLE

**FORTE** *n.* [FOR tay] something one does particularly well or excels at. *I'm not much of a tennis player; basketball is more my forte.* SYN. specialty, strong point, strength, \*bag, \*cup of tea, \*thing, proficiency, skill, area of expertise, bent, talent, aptitude, \*long suit, metier. ANT. *weakness, foible.*

**forthcoming** *a.* upcoming, \*on the horizon, approaching, imminent, impending, prospective, expected, pending, awaited. ANT. *distant, past.*

**forthright** *a.* direct, straightforward, frank, blunt, candid, honest, plain, unambiguous, undisguised, heart-to-heart, \*up front, bald. ANT. *indirect, dishonest, ambiguous, disguised, \*sugar-coated.*

**forthwith** *adv.* immediately, at once, now, directly, without delay, tout de suite, \*pronto, this instant, speedily. ANT. *eventually, gradually, slowly, later.*

**fortification** *n.* fort, fortress, stronghold, citadel, garrison, defense, army post, battlement, earthwork, outwork, palisade, bastion, bulwark, rampart. SEE CASTLE

**fortify** *v.* 1. STRENGTHEN reinforce, brace, bulwark, secure, harden, shore up, steel, temper, buttress, build up, arm, shield, gird. 2. REASSURE encourage, hearten, embolden, empower, strengthen, invigorate, \*buck up. 3. ENRICH, enhance, improve. ANT. 1. *weaken, strip down, expose, soften.* 2. *demoralize, undermine, discourage.*

**FORTITUDE** *n.* [FORT uh tood] courage and strength in the face of adversity. *Instestinal fortitude allowed him to press on, despite the death of his wife.* SYN. strength, courage, heart, grit, endurance, mettle, backbone, \*guts, resoluteness, bravery, tenacity, pluck, hardiness, \*stick-to-itiveness. ANT. *weakness, cowardice, spinelessness, mousiness.*

**fortress** *n.* stronghold, fort, citadel, defense, castle, garrison, safeguard, refuge.

**FORTUITOUS** *a.* [for TOO uh tus] occurring by chance, accidental. *A fortuitous discovery led to the invention.* SYN. chance, accidental, serendipitous, casual, random, \*fluky, unforeseen, unintentional, haphazard, lucky, providential. ANT. *planned, \*mapped out, arranged.*

**fortunate** *a.* lucky, blessed, happy, fortuitous, felicitous, propitious, favored, providential, advantageous, opportune, timely. ANT. *unfortunate, unlucky, untimely.*

**fortune** *n.* 1. RICHES wealth, affluence, money, assets, treasure, estate, \*miser's hoard. 2. CHANCE luck, fate, destiny, providence, serendipity, fortuity, \*wheel of fortune, hap-penstance, \*toss of the dice. "A tide in the affairs of men"—Shakespeare. "That ar-rant whore."—Shakespeare. "Like glass, the brighter the glitter, the more easily broken."—Pubilius Syrus.

**fortuneteller** *n.* seer, soothsayer, augur, crystal ball gazer, diviner, palm reader, tarot reader, prophet, prognosticator, astrologer, psychic, sibyl.

**forward** *a.* bold, presumptuous, brazen, pushy, insolent, brash, impudent, cheeky, audacious, \*nervy, \*ballsy, fresh, pert. ANT. *backwards, shy, reserved, deferential.*

**fossil** *n.* remains, specimen, relic, impression, mineralized bone, remnant.

**foster** *v.* 1. ADVANCE further, promote, feed, nurture, cultivate, boost, support, help, stimulate. 2. REAR bring up, raise, care for, parent, mother, father, nurture, nurse, sustain, shelter. ANT. 1. *hinder, hamper, undermine.*

**foul** *n.* infraction, violation.

**foul** *v.* 1. MAKE DIRTY soil, defile, taint, pollute, dirty, stain, smear, contaminate. 2. ENTANGLE catch, snarl, tangle, ensnare. ANT. 1. *clean, wash.* 2. *untangle.*

**foul** *a.* 1. DISGUSTING loathsome, stinking, dirty, \*gross, disgraceful, repulsive, revolting, nasty, malodorous, rank, filthy, putrid, spoiled, polluted. 2. INDECENT obscene, vulgar, indelicate, nasty, coarse, smutty, \*raunchy, lewd, scatological, dirty, offensive. 3. WICKED abominable, evil, villainous, monstrous, hellish, abhorrent, heinous, atrocious. ANT. 1. *attractive, appealing, clean, pure.* 2. *wholesome, clean, \*G-rated.* 3. *moral, good, virtuous.*

**foul play** *n.* SEE MURDER

**found** *v.* establish, organize, originate, develop, start, create, launch, institute.

**foundation** *n.* 1. BASE basis, groundwork, bedrock, footing, underpinning, substructure, support, rudiment, fundamental, root, grounds. 2. FINANCING ORGANIZATION institution, establishment, charity, endowment.

**founder** *n.* originator, creator, organizer, father, designer, architect, establisher.

**founder** *v.* 1. TAKE ON WATER AND SINK go down, capsize, swamp, wallow, lurch, submerge, run aground, shipwreck. 2. COLLAPSE fall, break down, fail, stumble, trip, go under, falter, bog down.

**fountain** *n.* 1. SPOUT jet, fount, spray, gush, geyser, font, spring. 2. SOURCE origin, well-spring, birthplace, root, beginning.

**fountainhead** *n.* spring, source.

**foxy** *a.* sly, wily, crafty, cunning, shrewd, tricky, artful, sharp, devious, deceitful, scheming, crazy, vulpine. *ANT.* *artless, stupid, naive.*

**foyer** *n.* hall, lobby, entrance, reception area, receiving area, waiting room, vestibule, anteroom.

**fracas** *n.* fight, brawl, quarrel, wrangle, argument, \*scrap, row, melee, ruckus, uproar, scuffle, free-for-all, fistfight, donnybrook, altercation, \*rumble.

**fraction** *n.* part, fragment, division, segment, piece, slice, portion.

**FRACTIOUS** *a.* [FRAK shus] unruly, troublemaking, irritable. *The fractious mob demanded a recount.* *SYN.* unruly, troublemaking, rebellious, irritable, cross, peevish, insubordinate, touchy, unmanageable, \*ornery, petulant, huffy. *ANT.* *agreeable, peaceful, docile, easygoing.*

**fracture** *n.* crack, cleft, rent, split, fissure, rupture, breach, cleavage, slit, gash, chasm, cut.

**fracture** *v.* crack, split, break, shatter, rupture, cut, breach, rend, cleave.

**fragile** *a.* delicate, frail, breakable, brittle, flimsy, fine, frangible, flimsy, dainty, tender, unsubstantial. *ANT.* *unbreakable, sturdy, strong.*

**fragment** *n.* part, fraction, segment, piece, portion, slice, splinter, chip, shard, sliver, snip-pet, bit, shaving.

**fragmentary** *a.* incomplete, partial, piecemeal, broken, disconnected, choppy, separate, fractional, imperfect, sketchy. *ANT.* *complete, whole.*

**fragrance** *n.* scent, sweet smell, perfume, aroma, odor, incense, bouquet, essence, redolence. *ANT.* *stink, stench, reek.* *SEE* ODOR

**fragrant** *a.* sweet-smelling, aromatic, savory, redolent, spicy, balmy, heady, floral, intoxicating, ambrosial, tangy. *ANT.* *\*stinky, malodorous, foul, fetid, noxious.*

**frail** *a.* fragile, delicate, weak, dainty, flimsy, slight, breakable, feeble, decrepit, infirm, sickly, wispy. *ANT.* *strong, robust, sturdy.*

**frailty** *n.* weakness, failing, shortcoming, \*chink in one's armor, \*Achilles heel, deficiency, fallibility, foible, susceptibility. *ANT.* *strength, virtue.*

**frame** *n.* 1. FRAMEWORK support, substructure, skeleton, underpinning, scaffolding, construction, mounting, staging, armature, rack. 2. PICTURE FRAME mounting, casing, edging.

3. PHYSIQUE build, body, figure, shape, anatomy.

**frame** *v.* 1. BUILD construct, assemble, set up, stage, shape, fashion, form, erect, fabricate. 2. COMPOSE conceive, create, concoct, devise, contrive, put into words, articulate.

**frame of mind** *n.* state of mind, disposition. *SEE* MOOD

**franchise** *n.* 1. RIGHT due, privilege, authority, vote, prerogative. 2. DEALERSHIP distributorship, chain store, enterprise, business, partnership, retail establishment, outfit, store, shop, business.

**frank** *a.* honest, straightforward, candid, open, \*straight from the heart, direct, blunt, plain, explicit, outspoken, unequivocal, unambiguous, sincere, forthright. *ANT.* *indirect, mealymouthed, insincere, euphemistic, disguised.*

**frankfurter** *n.* hot dog, wiener, \*weenie, \*dog, frank, \*footlong, sausage.

**frantic** *a.* frenzied, wild, excited, distraught, \*unglued, agitated, \*at wit's end, overexcited, beside oneself, crazy, berserk, \*gone ballistic, raving, maniacal, \*out of one's mind, furious, \*freaked out, \*wiggled out. *ANT.* *calm, composed, serene, self-possessed, cool.*

**fraternity** *n.* brotherhood, brotherliness, fellowship, kinship, camaraderie, comradeship, society, club, \*frat, order, house, clan.

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**WORD FIND**

**rite:** rush, initiation, hazing

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**fraternize** *v.* associate with, hang out with, rub shoulders with, socialize with, mingle with, \*hobnob, run with, consort with.

**fraud** *n.* 1. DECEIT deception, trickery, cheating, swindle, \*flimflam, ruse, \*rip-off, con, extortion, scam, racket, hoax, double-dealing. 2. CHEAT imposter, deceiver, \*con artist, \*rip-off artist, swindler, crook, charlatan, \*shark, mountebank. *ANT.* 1. *honesty, trustworthiness, integrity.* 2. *\*honest John, \*Dudley Do-right.*

**fraudulent** *a.* deceptive, deceitful, tricky, cheating, dishonest, crooked, criminal, illegal, bogus, shifty, treacherous, shady, \*sham. *ANT.* *honest, moral, trustworthy.*

**fraught** *a.* loaded, filled, charged, full of, teeming with, laden, pregnant, replete. *ANT.* *empty, devoid of.*

**fray** *n.* fight, quarrel, brawl, \*rumble, wrangle, melee, skirmish, battle, war, squabble, row, scuffle, clash.

**fray** *v.* shred, ravel, unravel, come apart, tear, tatter, rip.

**frazzle** *v.* stress out, exhaust, wear out, drain.

**freak** *n.* abnormality, anomaly, weirdo, aberration, mutant, \*geek, monster, monstrosity, deformity, curiosity, oddity, \*oddball. SEE MONSTER

**freak** *v.* *Sl.* \*freak out, \*flip out, \*wig out, \*go ballistic, \*lose it.

**freak** *a.* anomalous, aberrant, weird, abnormal, unusual, irregular, atypical, extraordinary. *ANT.* *normal, typical, usual.*

**freakish** *a.* abnormal, anomalous, weird, aberrant, unusual, irregular, quirky, atypical, extraordinary, strange, outlandish, bizarre. *ANT.* *normal, regular, usual.*

**freak out** *v.* *Sl.* go crazy, \*go nuts, \*go bananas, \*go ballistic, \*lose one's mind, \*see things, hallucinate, \*flip out, \*wig out.

**free** *a.* 1. UNRESTRICTED liberated, at liberty, emancipated, footloose, independent, autonomous, self-governing, unrestrained, loose, unconfined, sovereign. 2. COSTING NOTHING gratis, \*on the house, complimentary, no charge. 3. UNOCCUPIED clear, open, available, vacant, unused, empty, unengaged. 4. GENEROUS lavish, liberal, openhanded, giving, munificent. *ANT.* 1. *restricted, enslaved, dependent, imprisoned.* 2. *costing, \*dear, expensive.* 3. *occupied, busy.* 4. *cheap, stingy, \*tight.*

**free** *v.* liberate, release, loose, let go, emancipate, unshackle, discharge, deliver, \*spring, clear, extricate, unburden, disencumber, absolve. *ANT.* *imprison, enslave, shackle, confine, restrict.*

**freedom** *n.* liberty, independence, autonomy, sovereignty, self-government, emancipation, free will, license, carte blanche, privilege, \*free reign, immunity, exemption, latitude, range, unrestraint. "Room to enlarge."—C.A. Bartol. "The right to be wrong, not the right to do wrong."—John Diefenbaker. *ANT.* *slavery, bondage, restriction, confinement.*

**free-for-all** *n.* fight, brawl, melee, \*rumble, fray, donnybrook.

**freelance** *a.* independent, non-staff, on one's own, unaffiliated, free agent, autonomous, self-employed, at large, self-directed. *ANT.* *associated, staff.*

**free spirit** *n.* maverick, nonconformist, bohemian, eccentric.

**freeway** *n.* expressway, highway, superhighway, interstate, parkway, beltway, artery, road, autobahn.

**free-wheeling** *a.* free, unrestrained, unrestricted, uninhibited, unfettered. *ANT.* *restrained, limited.*

**freezer** *n.* ice box, ice chest, cooler, refrigerator.

**freezing** *a.* frigid, icy, cold, arctic, chilling, numbing, anesthetizing, \*bone-chilling, biting, frosty, wintry, raw. *ANT.* *hot, sweltering.*

**freight** *n.* cargo, shipment, load, lading, tonnage.

**frenetic** *a.* frenzied, wild, overexcited. SEE FRANTIC

**frenzy** *n.* mania, madness, delirium, hysteria, fit, furor, outburst, rage, tantrum, spell, agitation, paroxysm, derangement. *ANT.* *stability, composure, calmness, equanimity.*

**frequent** *a.* numerous, regular, habitual, recurrent, common, continual, daily, everyday, incessant, periodic, usual, often. *ANT.* *selddom, rare, infrequent.*

**frequent** *v.* attend regularly, visit often, haunt, \*hang out at, patronize.

**fresh** *a.* 1. NEW up-to-date, \*hot, current, modern, newborn, recent, bright, sparkling, unused, \*hot off the presses, untouched, vernal, \*spring-fresh. 2. ADDITIONAL new, more, further. 3. VIGOROUS energetic, lively, vital, bright-eyed, rested, revived, full of vim and vigor, vibrant, alert, bouncing. 4. ORIGINAL imaginative, creative, new, unconventional, novel, untried, \*cutting edge. 5. REFRESHING cool, clean, bracing, pure, invigorating. 6. INEXPERIENCED raw, green, untried, new, untrained, \*wet behind the ears. 7. SASSY rude, smart-alecky, cheeky, flippant, disrespectful, \*smartass, impudent, bold, \*nervy, bally. *ANT.* 1. *old, worn, dated, stale.* 3. *tired, exhausted, weary.* 4. *trite, hackneyed, clichéd.* 5. *stale, musty, polluted.* 6. *experienced, tried, veteran.* 7. *polite, shy, quiet, deferential.*

**freshman** *n.* student, \*frosh, beginner, novice, \*greenhorn, \*rookie.

**fret** *v.* worry, brood, agonize, stew, mope, anguish, fuss, lose sleep over, chafe, \*work oneself up, \*give oneself an ulcer, \*eat one's heart out, fume. *ANT.* *relax, ignore.*

**fretful** *a.* discontented, irritable, annoyed, peevish, cross, grouchy, cranky, touchy, testy, \*ornery, grumbling, anxious, whiny. *ANT.* *relaxed, cheerful, good-humored, unperturbed.*

**friable** *a.* crumbly, fragile, powdery, brittle.

**friction** *n.* 1. ABRASION rubbing, erosion, attrition, grinding, scraping, chafing, rasping, wearing. 2. DISAGREEMENT discord, conflict, opposition, animosity, antagonism, dispute, clash, hostility, strife. *ANT.* 2. *agreement, accord, harmony.*

- friend** *n.* confidant, pal, \*buddy, companion, sidekick, alter ego, chum, playmate, \*soul mate, \*bro, crony, amigo. "A person with whom you dare to be yourself."—Frank Crane. "The medicine of life."—The Bible. "The best mirror."—George Herbert. "One who walks in when the rest of the world walks out."—Walter Winchell. *ANT.* *enemy, adversary, stranger.*
- friendly** *a.* sociable, amiable, warm, approachable, amicable, \*buddy-buddy, companionable, neighborly, affectionate, hospitable, \*chummy, outgoing, intimate, close, familiar. *ANT.* *hostile, distant, cool, aloof, standoffish.*
- friendship** *n.* companionship, comradeship, fellowship, camaraderie, neighborliness, relationship, intimacy, amity, affection, rapport, affinity, pact, tie. "To feel as one while remaining two."—Anne Swetchine. "The wine of life."—Edward Young. "A holy tie."—John Dryden. *ANT.* *hostility, distance, coolness.*
- fright** *n.* fear, terror, alarm, apprehension, scare, panic, trepidation, horror, shock, awe, \*the creeps, \*the willies, dread. *ANT.* *courage, calm, composure.* *SEE ANXIETY, FEAR, FEARFUL*
- frighten** *v.* scare, terrify, panic, shock, fill with dread, petrify, awe, \*adrenalize, horrify, unnerve, \*send chills down spine, spook, alarm, startle, intimidate, \*curdle one's blood, \*paralyze. *ANT.* *encourage, embolden, reassure.*
- frightening** *a.* scary, terrifying, shocking, dreadful, petrifying, awesome, \*adrenalizing, unnerving, chilling, \*spooky, alarming, startling, intimidating, \*bloodcurdling, \*paralyzing, traumatic, horrifying. *ANT.* *encouraging, reassuring, heartening.*
- frigid** *a.* 1. FREEZING icy, cold, arctic, frosty, wintry, hyperborean, \*anesthetizing, biting, bitter, brisk, Siberian, polar, glacial, gelid. 2. STIFF formal, cold, icy, cool, distant, remote, aloof, austere, unsociable. 3. UNRESPONSIVE lifeless, unfeeling, passionless, inhibited, passive, cold, chilly, frosty. *ANT.* 1. *hot, sweltering, warm.* 2. *warm, friendly, sociable.* 3. *passionate, \*hot-blooded, orgasmic.*
- frill** *n.* ornament, trimming, decoration, extra, luxury, ruffle, extravagance, superfluity, embellishment, frippery.
- fringe** *n.* 1. DECORATIVE EDGING border, margin, trimming, ruff, hem, skirting, flounce. 2. BORDER margin, outskirts, edge, periphery, verge, perimeter.
- frisk** *v.* 1. FROLIC gambol, romp, cavort, prance, dance, play, wiggle. 2. *Sl.* SEARCH shake down, inspect.
- frisky** *a.* lively, playful, spirited, frolicsome, zippy, active, kittenish, \*peppy, coltish, spry. *ANT.* *lifeless, dead, comatose.*
- fritter** *v.* waste, squander, \*blow, spend, dissipate, throw away, lavish, \*piss away. *ANT.* *save, conserve.*
- frivolous** *a.* trivial, trifling, silly, impractical, petty, unimportant, foolish, extravagant, shallow, \*piddling, pointless, worthless, unnecessary. *ANT.* *important, vital, necessary.*
- frock** *n.* tunic, robe, gown, garment.
- frog** *n.* amphibian, bullfrog, toad.
- frolic** *n.* fun, play, sport, romping, merriment, antics, mirth, joking, game-playing, gaiety, amusement, tomfoolery.
- frolic** *v.* play, romp, make merry, have fun, joke, \*cut up, \*cut loose, \*whoop it up, play games, frisk, gambol, cavort, \*raise hell, \*fool around.
- front** *n.* 1. FORE face, facade, head, exterior, anterior, foreground, top, obverse, beginning. 2. PRETENSE facade, mask, false front, look, air, demeanor, expression, countenance, guise, exterior. *ANT.* 1. *rear, back.*
- front** *a.* fore, lead, first, forward, topmost, anterior. *ANT.* *back, posterior, end.*
- frontier** *n.* 1. BORDERLAND boundary, far reaches, perimeter, limit, verge. 2. UNCIVILIZED TERRITORY outskirts, remote region, far reaches, outland, hinterland, outpost, no-man's-land.
- frost** *n.* frozen condensation, frozen dew, rime, ice, snow, hoarfrost, ice crystals.
- frosting** *n.* icing, spread, topping, glaze.
- frosty** *a.* 1. FREEZING hoary, rimy, icy, frigid, frozen, cold, raw, nippy, bone-chilling, anestheticizing. 2. UNFRIENDLY cool, icy, aloof, distant, remote. *ANT.* 1. *hot, sweltering.* 2. *friendly, warm.*
- froth** *n.* bubbles, foam, fizz, spume, suds, spray, head, lather, effervescence, spindrift, scum.
- frothy** *a.* 1. BUBBLY foamy, fizzy, spumous, effervescent, \*scummy, lathery, soapy. 2. TRIFLING light, worthless, trivial, frivolous, shallow, foolish. *ANT.* 1. *flat, uncarbonated.* 2. *important, deep, serious.*
- frown** *v.* 1. SCOWL glower, \*give a dirty look, glare, \*shoot daggers, \*scorch with one's eyes, \*narrow eyes with contempt, lower, gloom. *SEE ANGRY* 2. FROWN UPON \*look down on, dislike, object to, disapprove of, \*take a dim view of, discourage. *ANT.* 1. *smile, grin.* 2. *approve of, accept, like.*
- frozen** *a.* icy, frigid, cold, chilled, iced, cooled, solidified, wintry, glacial, numb, arctic. *ANT.* *thawed, melted.* *SEE COLD, SNOW*

- FRUGAL** *a.* [FROO gul] careful not to be wasteful, thrifty. *He's so frugal he manages to pay for everything in cash.* SYN. thrifty, economical, unwasteful, conserving, sparing, saving, penny-pinching, stingy, scrimping, \*nickel-squeezing, parsimonious, tight. ANT. extravagant, wasteful, lavish, spending.
- fruit** *n.* 1. PRODUCE drupe, harvest, crop. 2. REWARD return, yield, profit, benefit, result, consequence, outcome.
- fruitful** *a.* fertile, productive, rich, prolific, profitable, bounteous, advantageous, gainful, worthwhile, successful. ANT. fruitless, worthless, unproductive.
- FRUITION** *n.* [froo ISH un] a fulfillment, a bearing of fruit. A number of her investments have come to fruition. SYN. fulfillment, realization, consummation, maturity, achievement, ripeness, attainment. ANT. incompleteness, nonfulfillment.
- fruitless** *a.* futile, vain, useless, unproductive, worthless, unsuccessful, unrewarding, pointless, barren, infertile. ANT. fruitful, productive, worthwhile.
- frumpy** *a.* dowdy, frumpish, dull, plain, unfashionable, colorless, slovenly, shabby, wrinkled, \*as fashionable as a potato sack/burlap bag. ANT. fashionable, stylish, chic.
- frustrate** *v.* thwart, foil, check, balk, circumvent, hamstring, cripple, short-circuit, arrest, stymie, defeat, discourage, baffle, obstruct, impede, inhibit, exasperate. ANT. advance, promote, encourage, abet.
- frustration** *n.* defeat, circumvention, discouragement, obstruction, check, nonfulfillment, failure, disappointment, miscarriage, baffle, dissatisfaction, thwarting. ANT. success, advancement, encouragement, fulfillment.
- fry** *v.* brown, singe, pan fry, sizzle, deep fry, sear, sauté, French fry, stir fry, blacken.
- frying pan** *n.* pan, skillet, wok, spider, fry pan.
- fuddy-duddy** *n.* \*square.
- fuel** *n.* combustible, gas, oil, propellant, wood, kindling, coal.
- fuel** *v.* charge, stoke, fire, fan, \*tank up, feed, nourish. ANT. extinguish, quench, dampen.
- fugitive** *n.* runaway, exile, absconder, escapee, refugee, truant, renegade, deserter, outlaw.
- fugitive** *a.* fleeing, runaway, escaped, wanted, evading. ANT. caught, captured.
- fulfill** *v.* complete, satisfy, realize, achieve, consummate, carry out, accomplish, bring to fruition, perfect, meet, make good, perform, effect. ANT. \*fall short, \*miss the mark, fail.
- fulfillment** *n.* completion, satisfaction, realization, achievement, consummation, accomplishment, fruition, perfection, culmination, attainment. ANT. failure, miscarriage, incompleteness.
- full** *a.* 1. FILLED glutted, gorged, sated, brimming, crammed, stuffed, \*chock-full, bursting, stocked, crowded, teeming, replete, chockablock, saturated, overflowing, bulging. 2. COMPLETE whole, entire, thorough, comprehensive, exhaustive, maximum, total, integral. ANT. 1. empty, barren, vacant, hungry, starving. 2. incomplete, partial.
- full-blooded** *a.* purebred, thoroughbred, unmixed. ANT. mongrel, half-breed, mutt.
- full-bodied** *a.* rich, concentrated, strong, undiluted. ANT. weak, diluted.
- full-fledged** *a.* developed, trained, schooled, skilled, qualified, experienced. ANT. unqualified, \*green, inexperienced.
- full-grown** *a.* adult, fully developed, ripe. ANT. immature, young. SEE MATURE
- fully** *adv.* 1. COMPLETELY totally, entirely, comprehensively, wholly. 2. ADEQUATELY sufficiently, amply.
- fulminate** *v.* denounce, denunciate, censure, criticize, damn, curse, shout down, \*knock, condemn, remonstrate, thunder, swear at, revile.
- fumble** *v.* grope, mishandle, bungle, \*drop the ball, \*flub, botch, blunder, muff, flounder, bobble, mess up.
- fume** *n.* smoke, exhaust, gas, steam, vapor, effluvium, exhalation, pollution, reek, smog, stench, miasma.
- fume** *v.* rage, rant, rave, seethe, boil, blow up, explode, bluster, \*get steamed, \*blow one's stack, \*fly off the handle, \*go ballistic.
- fumigate** *v.* disinfect, \*smoke out, poison, sanitize, sterilize.
- fun** *n.* amusement, entertainment, enjoyment, pleasure, diversion, play, sport, good time, romping, \*blast, frolic, recreation, merriment, pastime, jollity, \*jollies. ANT. misery, torture, agony, monotony.
- function** *n.* 1. ROLE job, use, purpose, duty, task, business, occupation, employment, responsibility, activity, concern. 2. AFFAIR ceremony, gala, social, formal, \*get-together, reception, party.
- function** *v.* act, work, serve, operate, perform, run.
- functional** *a.* working, operative, serviceable, performing, practical, useful. ANT. impractical, ineffective, \*for show.
- fund** *n.* reserve, savings, treasury, capital, nest egg, account, endowment, stock, mutual

fund, \*stash, hoard, pool, \*kitty. SEE BANK, MONEY

**fund** *v.* pay for, finance, bankroll, endow, back, capitalize, grant, subsidize, contribute, underwrite, \*pick up the check.

**fundamental** *n.* basic, essential, element, rudiment, principle, foundation, ABCs, cornerstone, \*nitty-gritty, heart, nucleus. *ANT. extra, peripheral, supplement.*

**fundamental** *a.* basic, essential, primary, elementary, rudimentary, principal, underlying, cardinal, chief, indispensable, integral, foundational. *ANT. secondary, peripheral, auxiliary.*

**fundraiser** *n.* pledge drive, telethon, charity event, charity ball, philanthropic enterprise.

**funds** *n.* money, cash, capital, currency, finances, means, \*dough, \*bread, reserve, assets, resources, nest egg, \*loot, \*piggy bank, \*stash. SEE MONEY, BANK

**funeral** *n.* obsequies, exequies, burial, inhumation, interment, entombment, last rites, services, cremation. "The last bedtime story."—Leonard Levinson. "A consolation to the living than of any service to the dead."—Saint Augustine. SEE CEMETERY, COFFIN, DEATH, MOURNING

**WORD FIND**

- announcement:** obituary
- automobile/coach that carries coffin to cemetery:** hearse
- bell toll signaling death:** knell
- bugle call at military funeral:** taps
- burial at sea:** deep six
- burial cloth or sheet:** shroud, winding sheet
- Catholic Mass for:** Requiem Mass
- churchyard gateway sheltering coffin at service:** lich gate
- coffin carriers:** pallbearers
- euphemism, burying:** lay to rest
- friends, relatives of deceased:** bereaved, mourners
- mourn aloud by weeping, wailing, etc.:** lament
- pile of wood on which corpse is burned:** pyre
- praise for deceased:** eulogy
- prayer for deceased:** requiescat
- procession:** cortege, death march
- RIP:** rest in peace
- song of lament:** dirge, elegy, requiem, threnody
- undertaker:** mortician
- watch or viewing of the deceased, often with festivities:** wake, vigil

**funereal** *a.* somber, depressing, black, gray, grim, mournful, sepulchral, dreary, doleful, dismal, grave, lugubrious, gloomy, melancholy. *ANT. cheerful, euphoric, bright, upbeat.*

**fungus** *n.* thallophyte, mold, mildew, mushroom, parasite.

**funk** *n.* depression, blues, blue funk, melancholy, doldrums.

**funnel** *v.* channel, direct, conduct, siphon, pour, filter, focus, conduct.

**funny** *a.* 1. HUMOROUS comical, hilarious, laughable, \*side-splitting, amusing, \*a scream, droll, absurd, riotous, hysterical, ludicrous, ridiculous, farcical, silly, jocular, \*tickling. 2. PECULIAR strange, odd, weird, bizarre, unusual, outlandish, abnormal, \*offbeat, different, queer. *ANT. 1. serious, grave, grim, morbid. 2. ordinary, normal, usual.*

**furious** *a.* 1. ANGRY enraged, infuriated, outraged, irate, \*beside oneself, \*boiling, \*pissed, \*on the warpath, fuming, mad, inflamed, incensed, livid, \*up in arms, \*spitting tacks, \*bent out of shape, rabid, \*ripped. 2. VIOLENT overpowering, intense, fierce, wild, ferocious, stormy, turbulent, raging, vicious, savage. *ANT. 1. calm, unperturbed, pleased. 2. mild, meek, weak.*

**furlough** *n.* leave, leave of absence, vacation, layoff.

**furnace** *n.* heater, burner, stove, warmer, oil burner, forge blast furnace, incinerator, smelter, kiln.

**furnish** *v.* supply, equip, provide, stock, outfit, provision, fit, turn out, rig, appoint, account, give.

**furnishings** *n.* gear, trappings, appointments, decor, fittings, equipment, accessories.

**furniture** *n.* furnishings, seating, cabinetry, shelving, tables, chairs, armchair, armoire, buffet, bureau, cabinet, Canadian rocker, card table, chaise lounge, chest, chest of drawers, chiffonier, china cabinet, commode, console, couch, credenza, daybed, divan, etagère, hassock, highboy, loveseat, lowboy, ottoman, recliner, rocking chair, roll-top desk, secretary, settee, sideboard, side chair, sleigh bed, slipper chair, Tambour desk, vitrine, wardrobe, windsor chair, wing chair.

**WORD FIND**

**FURNITURE STYLES AND DESIGN ELEMENTS**

American colonies to 1776, style of: Colonial arcs, sleek lines, geometric shapes, 1920s and '30s style featuring: Art Deco

bulge or convex shape on chest or com-  
mode: bombe  
cabinetmaker of 1700s, famous: Hepple-  
white  
carved foot, crane's claw, or dragon's claw  
element: ball-and-claw foot  
column supporting a rail, turned: baluster  
contrasting wood insert: marquetry  
couch or sofa with no exposed wood, over-  
stuffed: Chesterfield  
curved lines, 1875 style featuring slightly:  
Art Nouveau  
curved wood element: bentwood  
eagle heads and talons, lion heads and  
claws, and satyr's masks, 1700s style  
featuring: Georgian  
folding, portable furniture: campaign fur-  
niture  
goat-like legs, introduced in 17th century:  
cabriole  
gothic revival: Neo Gothic  
Greek, Roman, or Egyptian styling reviv-  
als of late 1700s: Neoclassical  
heavily carved, massive style of second  
half of 1500s England: Elizabethan  
heavy, massive, and richly decorated style:  
Baroque  
hinged panel which can be raised on a ta-  
ble: drop leaf  
inserted wood, grain, mother of pearl, or  
other material of contrasting appear-  
ance: inlay  
local or rural design stylings: Provincial  
medieval style, heavy: gothic  
mosaic of wood in geometric patterns:  
parquetry  
motifs of animals, mythological creatures,  
garlands of flowers, early 1600s style  
featuring carved: Louis XIV  
Napoleonic style decorated with bees,  
crowns, laurel leaves, and mythologi-  
cal figures: Empire  
oak, simple rectilinear style made mostly  
of: Mission  
painted ornamentation, contrasting ve-  
neers, and inlays, 1700s style featur-  
ing: Sheraton  
plain, blocky, German style, 19th century:  
Biedermeier  
plain, simple style of the late 19th century:  
Arts and Crafts  
plain, simple style sometimes featuring  
chrome and glass and mass produced  
in 20th century: yle

rococo style of mid-18th century, delicate:  
Chippendale  
scrollwork on rich woods, style featuring  
highly ornate: Rococo  
serpentine arms, cabriole legs, rounded  
frames and walnut veneers, style fea-  
turing: Queen Anne  
sleek and polished style of 1930s: Moderne  
unadorned, practical style built by Shak-  
ers: Shaker  
veneer and inlay, style following American  
Revolution featuring brass feet: Federal

**F**

**furor** *n.* uproar, craze, excitement, frenzy, com-  
motion, rage, outburst, mania, disturbance,  
\*ado, \*to-do, ruckus, \*big stink. *ANT.* *apathy,*  
*indifference, dispassion.*

**furrow** *n.* channel, groove, rut, trench, ditch,  
cut, trough, track, line, seam, crease, wrin-  
kle.

**furry** *a.* hairy, woolly, shaggy, bushy, downy.  
*ANT.* *bald, hairless.*

**further** *v.* advance, forward, assist, foster, facil-  
itate, promote, aid, contribute to, abet. *ANT.*  
*hamper, hinder, thwart.*

**further** *a.* additional, more, added, supplemen-  
tary, other, new. *ANT.* *fewer, scant.*

**furthermore** *adv.* in addition, additionally, also,  
moreover, what's more, too.

**FURTIVE** *a.* [FUR tiv] secret, sneaky. *He shot a*  
*furtive glance at his desk partner's notes.* *SYN.*  
secret, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, covert,  
clandestine, sly, wary, hidden, underhand,  
conspiratorial, skulking, concealed, shifty.  
*ANT.* *open, overt, aboveboard.*

**fury** *n.* anger, rage, wrath, furor, frenzy, indig-  
nation, madness, fire, ire, tantrum, fit, dud-  
geon, storm, squall, tempest, hot blood, huff,  
rampage, fierceness. *ANT.* *calm, serenity,*  
*tranquility, indifference.*

**fuse** *v.* merge, meld, smelt, combine, blend, com-  
pound, unite, integrate, commingle, weld, al-  
loy, consolidate. *ANT.* *divide, separate, split.*

**fusion** *n.* union, amalgamation, coalescence,  
melding, blend, mixture, consolidation,  
compound, merger, combination, coalition.  
*ANT.* *separation, division, splitting.*

**fusillade** *n.* enfilade, salvo, volley, broadside,  
burst of fire.

**fuss** *n.* bother, ado, fluster, pother, trouble, turmoil,  
disturbance, agitation, stir, fretting, flutter.

**fussy** *a.* particular, picky, choosy, meticulous,  
persnickety, discriminating, finicky, fastidi-  
ous, dainty, hard-to-please, nit-picking. *ANT.*  
*\*easy, careless.*

**fustian** *a.* bombastic, pompous, pretentious, extravagant, grandiose, lofty. *ANT.* understated, low-key.

**futile** *a.* vain, useless, hopeless, fruitless, ineffective, unproductive, for naught, pointless, unavailing, idle, \*on a wild goose chase. *ANT.* fruitful, productive, worthwhile.

**futility** *n.* uselessness, pointlessness, emptiness, worthlessness, ineffectiveness, frivolousness.

**futon** *n.* mattress, bed, couch, sofa.

**future** *n.* tomorrow, offing, time to come, hereafter, \*down the road, \*over the horizon, prospect, fate, destiny. “The shape of things to come.”—H.G. Wells. “That period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true and our happiness is assured.”—Am-

brose Bierce. “The past returning through another gate.”—Arnold Glasgow.

**future** *a.* coming, expected, prospective, anticipated, imminent, impending, next, \*on the horizon, forthcoming, approaching, scheduled, eventual, projected, succeeding, subsequent. *ANT.* past, former, bygone.

**futuristic** *a.* visionary, cutting edge, innovative, ahead of one’s time, on the horizon, up and coming, of tomorrow, ground breaking, pioneering. *ANT.* antiquated, old fashioned.

**fuzz** *n.* hair, fur, fluff, down, wool, nap, lint.

**fuzzy** *a.* 1. HAIRY furry, fluffy, downy, woolly, napped, linty, frizzy. 2. UNCLEAR blurry, vague, cloudy, dim, hazy, obscure, misty, out of focus. *ANT.* 1. smooth, hairless. 2. clear, focused, sharp.

# G

**gab** *n.* chatter, talk, jabber, conversation, babble, \*chitchat, \*tongue-wagging, \*rap, prattle, palaver, gossip.

**gab** *v.* chatter, talk, jabber, converse, babble, \*yak, \*chitchat, \*rap, prattle, \*jaw, \*shoot the breeze, gossip.

**gabby** *a.* talkative, loquacious, windy, garrulous, long-winded, voluble, wordy, verbose, \*motor-mouthed, blabbermouthed, chatty, babbling. *ANT.* reserved, taciturn, quiet, mute.

**gadabout** *n.* wanderer, fun-seeker, rambler, roamer, playboy.

**gadfly** *n.* \*pain in the neck, irritant. *SEE* PEST

**gadget** *n.* contraption, \*widget, apparatus, appliance, device, mechanism, instrument, tool, \*gizmo, contrivance, \*dooickey, \*thingamajig, machine, \*Rube Goldberg device.

**gadgetry** *n.* mechanism, contraptions, works, appliances, instrumentation, machinery, \*bells and whistles, robotics, peripherals, \*Rube Goldberg devices.

**gaffe** *n.* blunder, goof, mistake, \*boner, faux pas, \*boo-boo, slip, misstep, indiscretion, lapse, transgression, pécadillo, error.

**gag** *n.* joke, practical joke, prank, trick, wise-crack, caper, jest, \*leg-pulling.

**gag** *v.* 1. CHOKE retch, heave, gasp, upchuck, vomit, puke. 2. SILENCE muzzle, shut up, censor, squelch, hush, muffle, suppress, \*put a lid on.

**gaiety** *n.* happiness, cheer, mirth, joy, high spirits, elation, revelry, merriment, lightheartedness, glee, joie de vivre, festivity, jollity, gladness, hilarity, jubilation, buoyancy. *ANT.* somberness, depression, downheartedness, melancholy.

**gain** *n.* profit, increase, proceeds, growth, earnings, yield, winnings, advancement, improvement, enrichment, progress, headway. *ANT.* loss, decline.

**gain** *v.* profit, increase, grow, earn, yield, acquire, attain, get, advance, improve, enrich, progress, win, make headway. *ANT.* lose, decline, fall.

**gainful** *a.* profitable, productive, worthwhile, rewarding, remunerative, paying, lucrative,

fruitful, beneficial. *ANT.* unprofitable, unrewarding.

**gainsay** *v.* deny, contradict, controvert, dispute, refute, oppose, negate, disagree, repudiate. *ANT.* affirm, uphold, \*own up.

**gait** *n.* stride, walk, step, carriage, motion, run, tread, pace, gallop, canter. *SEE* WALK

## WORD FIND

**descriptive:** limp; hobble; lumber; plod; stagger; shuffle; totter; traipse; trudge; shamble; pert wiggle; military gait; goose-stepping; portly waddle; long, fluid stride; bowlegged stride; grace of a porteuse; loose-boned gait; willowy gait; strut; swagger; feline grace; voluptuous sway; mincing steps; authoritative gait

**gala** *n.* celebration, festival, bash, fiesta, party, jubilee, \*blowout, \*blast, \*wingding, \*shindig.

**galaxy** *n.* \*island universe, star cluster, star system, Milky Way, Andromeda. *SEE* ASTRONOMY, CONSTELLATION, MOON, PLANET, SPACE, STAR

**gale** *n.* wind, gust, squall, blow, blast, breeze, tempest, northeaster, hurricane, cyclone, tornado. *SEE* WIND

**gall** *n.* \*nerve, brass, \*chutzpah, \*balls, impudence, insolence, brashness, sauciness, \*cheek, audacity, \*guts, effrontery. *ANT.* timidity, deference, mousiness, shyness.

**gall** *v.* irritate, annoy, \*rub the wrong way, rattle, vex, irk, agitate, peeve, \*piss off, provoke, inflame, chafe, nettle. *ANT.* please, delight.

**gallant** *a.* 1. BRAVE daring, courageous, valorous, heroic, chivalrous, noble, valiant, lionhearted, intrepid, dauntless, high spirited, knightly. 2. POLITE gracious, courteous, noble, mannerly, courtly, gentlemanly, kindly, well-bred, attentive, considerate. *ANT.* 1. cowardly, timid, mousy. 2. rude, impolite, discourteous, coarse, crude.

**gallantry** *n.* 1. BRAVERY daring, courage, valor, heroism, chivalry, nobility, dauntlessness, fearlessness, \*derring-do, intrepidity. 2. POLITENESS graciousness, courtesy, suavity,

tact, nobility, manners, gentleness, kindness, courtliness, attentiveness, duty. "To remember one is a gentleman in spite of one's birth and training."—Elbert Hubbard. *ANT.* 1. *cowardice, mousiness, timidity.* 2. *rudeness, crudeness, discourtesy.*

**gallery** *n.* 1. WALKWAY passage, hall, corridor, veranda, porch, arcade, loggia, colonnade. 2. BALCONY bleachers, grandstand. 3. EXHIBIT art museum, exhibition hall, showplace, showroom, salon.

**galling** *a.* annoying, irritating, nettlesome, vexing, aggravating, chafing, rankling, irksome, peevish, exasperating. *ANT.* *pleasing, delightful.*

**gallop** *v.* run, race, sprint, hurdle, dash, bolt, \*hightail, canter, lope, rack, trot, \*clippety-clop. *SEE* HORSE

**GALVANIZE** *v.* [GAL vuh nize] to stimulate or rouse into action, to jolt. *The plight of the spotted owl galvanized the environmental movement.* *SYN.* stimulate, rouse, stir, spur, goad, excite, \*fire, \*spark, energize, electrify, jolt, wake up, vitalize, invigorate. *ANT.* *dampen, inhibit, deaden, \*pull the plug.*

**gambit** *n.* maneuver, action, move, play, tactic, strategy, plan, ploy, stratagem, ruse, trick.

**gamble** *n.* bet, wager, stake, speculation, chance, risk, \*shot in the dark, \*outside chance, \*long shot, \*toss of the dice, \*a ride on the wheel of fortune, \*flier.

**gamble** *v.* bet, wager, chance, speculate, risk, \*take a shot in the dark, \*toss the dice, \*take a flier, \*spin the wheel of fortune, try one's luck, \*shoot the works, \*go for broke, hazard, prospect, \*play the ponies, \*play the numbers.

**gambler** *n.* wagerer, risk-taker.

**gambling** *n.* "The sure way of getting nothing for something."—Wilson Mizner. "This tyrant vice."—David Garrick.

**gambol** *v.* frolic, frisk, caper, romp, cavort, bounce, prance, spring, rollick, sport, dance about, leap about.

**game** *n.* 1. CONTEST match, competition, tournament, tourney, meet, showdown, round, bout, test of skill. 2. AMUSEMENT entertainment, pastime, diversion, play, sport, recreation, fun, merriment, romp, clowning, test of skill.

**game** *a.* brave, courageous, bold, dauntless, fearless, plucky, \*gutsy, daring, spirited, eager, enthusiastic, willing. *ANT.* *unwilling, \*chicken, afraid.*

**gamely** *adv.* bravely, courageously, boldly, dauntlessly, fearlessly, pluckily, eagerly, enthusiastically, willingly. *ANT.* *unwillingly, timidly, cowardly.*

**gamut** *n.* range, extent, sweep, scope, area, reach, compass, spectrum.

**gamy** *a.* strong-smelling, strong-tasting, tainted, ripe, foul, stinky, dirty, wild, reeking, malodorous, spoiled, rank. *ANT.* *ambrosial.*

**gang** *n.* group, band, pack, mob, tribe, party, squad, herd, company, clique, crowd, crew, troop, coterie, club, ring, league, fraternity, \*boys in the hood, juvenile delinquents.

**gangling** *a.* lanky, tall, thin, awkward, skinny, spindly, rangy, loosely built. *ANT.* *husky, stout, brawny, obese.*

**gangrene** *n.* decay, rot, putrefaction, wasting away.

**gangster** *n.* mobster, Mafioso, criminal, \*soldier, thug, hoodlum, \*hood, racketeer, \*goon, crook, godfather, \*consigliere, hit man, gunman, tough. *SEE* CRIME

**gap** *n.* opening, break, hole, aperture, breach, cleft, separation, rent, crevice, chasm, space, crack, fissure, hiatus, lacuna, void, interruption.

**gape** *v.* gawk, look saucer-eyed, stare, ogle, stare at goggle-eyed, \*rubberneck, peer, stare openmouthed, stare in astonishment.

**garage** *n.* 1. SHELTER car barn, stall, building, hangar, car port. 2. REPAIR FACILITY shop.

**garb** *n.* clothes, clothing, apparel, outfit, dress, wear, vestments, costume, attire, gear, \*duds, \*threads.

**garb** *v.* dress, clothe, outfit, attire, fit out, apparel, clad, deck, vest, array.

**garbage** *n.* waste, refuse, scraps, leavings, remains, rubbish, trash, offal, \*slop, dregs, \*crap.

**garble** *v.* confuse, mix up, distort, jumble, slur, mumble, misrepresent, twist, misstate, misunderstand.

**garden** *n.* vegetable garden, flower garden, herb garden, plot, bed, patch, nursery. "The richer realm."—Alice Brown. "The purest of human pleasures."—Francis Bacon. "The best place to seek God ... you can dig for Him there."—George Bernard Shaw.

#### WORD FIND

**cultivation science:** horticulture

**enclosed garden:** garth

**fertilizer:** bone meal, manure, compost

**first:** Eden

**glass container, small garden in:** terrarium

**greenhouse display:** conservatory

**greenhouse-like box, small:** cold frame

**Japanese teahouse, bonsai, water:** tea garden, Japanese garden

**pest:** aphid, cutworm, borer, Japanese beetle, slug

**pleasure ground or garden on an estate:**  
 pleasance  
**protective organic cover of straw, leaves, peat moss:** mulch  
**rock:** rock garden, rockery  
**section:** bed, plot  
**sheltered from elements:** greenhouse, hot-house  
**shrubs sculpted into shapes of animals, objects:** topiary  
**skill for growing:** green thumb  
**soil:** humus, loam  
**soilless growing method using nutrient-rich solution:** hydroponics  
**tool:** hoe, trowel, rake, sprinkler  
**tree and shrub:** arbor, arboretum  
**wartime garden grown to boost food production:** victory garden  
**watering:** irrigation

**gargantuan** *a.* gigantic, huge, colossal, enormous, immense, monstrous, Brobdingnagian, Herculean, mammoth, stupendous, towering, massive, elephantine, prodigious, \*humongous. *ANT.* tiny, \*pint-sized, miniature, Lilliputian.

**garish** *a.* flashy, showy, gaudy, glaring, loud, ostentatious, cheap, blatant, ornate, tawdry, glittering, bright. *ANT.* subtle, understated, plain, modest, conservative.

**garland** *n.* wreath, festoon, laurel, crown, coronet. *SEE* FLOWER

**garlic** *n.* herb, clove, bulb, seasoning.

**garment(s)** *n.* clothing, attire, outfit, dress, costume, vestment, apparel, wear, \*duds, \*threads, \*getup, uniform, \*rags.

**garner** *v.* collect, reap, harvest, store, gather, assemble, \*squirrel away, amass, accumulate.

**garnish** *n.* embellishment, adornment, ornament, decoration, dressing, enhancement, trimming.

**garnish** *v.* embellish, adorn, ornament, decorate, dress, enhance, bedeck, trim.

**garrison** *n.* fort, fortification, military post, command post, fortress, stronghold, troop station.

**GARRULOUS** *a.* [GAR uh lus] talkative. *They're a garrulous family; they'll talk your ear off.* *SYN.* talkative, loquacious, long-winded, windy, verbose, \*motor-mouthed, \*loose-lipped, babbling, windy, effusive, wordy, glib. *ANT.* quiet, reserved, taciturn.

**gas** *n.* 1. VAPOR fume, air, exhalation, steam, smoke, effluvium, miasma, oxygen, carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, propane, hydrogen, nitrogen. 2. GASOLINE fuel,

petrol, flammable liquid, propellant, combustible, gasahol.

**gash** *n.* cut, slice, slash, slit, tear, rent, split, laceration, incision, wound.

**gash** *v.* cut, slice, slash, slit, tear, rent, split, lacerate, incise, wound, rend, hack, hew.

**gasket** *n.* seal, packing.

**gasoline** *n.* *SEE* GAS

**gasp** *n.* heave, pant, sharp intake of air, huff, gulp.

**gasp** *v.* heave, pant, huff, inhale sharply, gulp.

**gassy** *a.* flatulent, bloated.

**gastronomy** *n.* epicurism.

**gate** *n.* entry, entrance, door, opening, gateway, portal, access, egress, ingress, turnstile.

**gatekeeper** *n.* sentry, guard, monitor, watchman, custodian.

**gather** *v.* 1. MASS amass, collect, accumulate, assemble, reap, harvest, muster, garner, glean, stockpile, hoard. 2. INFER assume, guess, surmise, reckon, deduce, presume, conclude, judge. *ANT.* 1. disperse, scatter.

**gathering** *n.* congregation, assembly, collection, crowd, mass, throng, bunch, concentration, gang, band, meeting, convention, muster, conference, convocation, council, caucus.

**GAUCHE** *a.* [GO/SH] tactless, lacking social grace. *Telling the queen a dirty joke is considered gauche.* *SYN.* tactless, clumsy, boorish, uncultured, uncouth, ill-mannered, crude, unrefined, cloddish, crass, unsophisticated, ignorant, graceless. *ANT.* gracious, refined, cultured, suave.

**gaudy** *a.* showy, flashy, cheap, garish, ostentatious, loud, tacky, tasteless, eye-catching, tawdry, glaring, pretentious. *ANT.* tasteful, understated, modest, conservative.

**gauge** *n.* measure, standard, yardstick, criterion, test, touchstone, barometer, indicator, benchmark, guideline.

**gauge** *v.* measure, evaluate, appraise, assess, estimate, guess, calculate, judge, weigh, quantify, figure, compute, calibrate.

**GAUNT** *a.* [GAWNT] emaciated and hollow-eyed, as if from starvation, old age, sickness, etc. *The old man looked gaunt on his death bed.* *SYN.* emaciated, thin, haggard, hollow-eyed, bony, sickly, cadaverous, spindly, raw-boned, wasted, scrawny, skeletal, drawn, \*like death warmed over, anorexic. *ANT.* strapping, robust, well-fed, fat.

**GAUNTLET, RUN THE** *v.* [GONT lit] an outmoded form of punishment in which a soldier was forced to run between two lines of men, who would hit him with clubs, knotted ropes, etc., as he passed. In modern use, any multidirectional ordeal, punishment

criticism, etc. *Politicians with unpopular ideas are forced to run the gauntlet of public opinion.* SYN. face one's punishment, take potshots, be a target, be a whipping boy, face criticism, \*run an emotional minefield.

**GAUNTLET, THROW DOWN THE** *v.* [GONT lit] to challenge another, as to a fight or debate. *She questioned his credibility and thus officially threw down the gauntlet.* SYN. challenge, dare, invite to debate, invite to do battle, contest, start trouble, defy, invite for a face-off, provoke, confront, accost, stand up to. ANT. *back off, acquiesce.*

**gauzy** *a.* sheer, diaphanous, \*see-through, transparent, gossamer, filmy, hazy, unsubstantial, translucent. ANT. *opaque, heavy, thick.*

**gavel** *n.* mallet.

**gawk** *v.* gape, stare in astonishment, stare saucer-eyed, ogle, look goggle-eyed, \*rubberneck.

**gawky** *a.* clumsy, ungainly, awkward, oafish, graceless, bumbling, bungling, cloddish, maladroit, uncoordinated. ANT. *coordinated, graceful.*

**gay** *a.* 1. **HAPPY** joyous, joyful, cheerful, sunny, festive, merry, mirthful, jolly, in high spirits, gleeful, vivacious, lighthearted, buoyant, animated, effervescent. 2. **BRIGHT** brilliant, vivid, intense, showy, flashy, colorful. 3. **HO-MOSEXUAL** lesbian.

**gaze** *v.* stare, peer, ogle, eye, \*eyeball, look, scrutinize, inspect, watch, survey, scan, regard, study, admire, glare, \*scorch with one's eyes.

**gazebo** *n.* summerhouse, shelter, structure, bandstand, platform.

**gear** *n.* 1. **EQUIPMENT** apparatus, rigging, accessories, tools, implements, paraphernalia, outfit, kit, trappings, accoutrement, \*stuff, effects. 2. **MACHINE PART** cog, toothed wheel, sprocket, flywheel, cam. 3. **CLOTHING** apparel, outfit, attire, costume, \*togs, \*duds.

**geek** *n.* *Sl.* freak, goon, weirdo, mutant, oddball, one who belongs in a carnival sideshow.

**geisha** *n.* companion, hostess.

**geld** *v.* castrate, neuter, sterilize, emasculate, alter, \*fix.

**gem** *n.* jewel, precious stone, semiprecious stone, \*rock, \*ice, bauble. SEE **JEWELRY**

**WORD FIND**

**blue:** sapphire, aquamarine, turquoise, hyacinth

**carved in relief:** cameo

**cutting device:** lap

**diamond look-alike:** zircon

**engraving:** glyptics

**expert, cutter, polisher, dealer:** lapidary

**fake:** paste, rhinestone

**flaw:** feather

**imperfectly transparent gem:** loupe

**iridescent:** pearl, moonstone, opal, cat's eye

**green:** emerald, beryl, aquamarine, jade, peridot

**magnifying glass used by jeweler:** loupe

**oblong shape, cut in:** baguette

**plane or individual cut:** facet, culet, bezel, bezil

**purple:** amethyst

**red:** ruby, garnet, carnelian, sard, avena

**setting, groove and flange:** bezel

**study of:** gemology

**transparent:** diamond

**weight:** carat, karat

**yellow:** topaz

**gender** *n.* sex, classification.

**genealogy** *n.* descent, pedigree, lineage, family tree, ancestry, blood line, extraction, parentage.

**general** *a.* 1. **COMMON** popular, regular, conventional, routine, normal, everyday, familiar, usual, prevalent, accepted, widespread. 2. **COMPREHENSIVE** universal, all-inclusive, catholic, blanket, sweeping, extensive, broad, worldwide. 3. **INEXACT** approximate, vague, unspecific, ill-defined, indefinite. ANT. 1. *uncommon, irregular, unconventional.* 2. *exclusive, restricted.* 3. *exact, specific, defined.*

**generality** *n.* generalization, loose statement, broad statement, sweeping statement, abstraction.

**generalize** *v.* speculate, hypothesize, make sweeping statement, make broad statement, \*paint with a broad brush.

**generally** *adv.* 1. **COMMONLY** regularly, conventionally, usually, routinely, normally, typically, ordinarily. 2. **MAINLY** mostly, for the most part, chiefly, ordinarily, on the whole, as a rule. ANT. 1. *rarely, seldom, irregularly.*

**generate** *v.* produce, create, start, give rise to, invent, fashion, make, cause, initiate, originate, spawn, father, mother, found, give birth to, beget.

**generation** *n.* 1. **CREATION** production, formation, invention, inception, fashioning, making, initiation, origination, spawning, founding, genesis. 2. **AGE** period, era, epoch, eon, day, span.

**generator** *n.* dynamo, alternator.

**generic** *a.* general, universal, common, comprehensive. ANT. *specific.*

**generous** *a.* 1. **GIVING** charitable, unselfish, big-hearted, openhanded, lavish, munificent,

- beneficent, benevolent, philanthropic, liberal, unstinting. 2. PLENTIFUL bounteous, abundant, copious, ample, rich, lavish, liberal, overflowing. *ANT.* 1. *cheap, stingy, \*tight. 2. scanty, spare, meager.*
- genesis** *n.* origin, beginning, birth, creation, inception, start, generation, formation, dawn, commencement. *ANT.* *death, finish.*
- genial** *a.* cheerful, friendly, amiable, warm, sympathetic, cordial, sunny, pleasant, agreeable, good-natured, nice, convivial, sociable. *ANT.* *unfriendly, moody, standoffish, grouchy.*
- genie** *n.* jinni, supernatural being, spirit, wizard, conjurer.
- genitals** *n.* sexual organs, genitalia, reproductive organs, pudendum, privates, private parts. MALE: penis, phallus, \*tool, testicles, testes, gonads. FEMALE: vagina, vulva, labia, clitoris.
- genius** *n.* 1. MENTAL GIANT \*brain, \*whiz, intellectual, \*wunderkind, prodigy, savant, \*Edison, master, \*Einstein, expert, virtuoso, \*egghead, \*rocket scientist. 2. GREAT ABILITY OR INTELLECT talent, gift, facility, knack, endowment, brilliance, intelligence, astuteness, acumen, understanding, insight, creativity, imagination, aptitude, brains, smarts, flair, wisdom, ingenuity, propensity, grasp, inventiveness. “Nothing more than our common faculties refined to a greater intensity.”—Benjamin Haydon. “Nothing but labor and diligence.”—William Hogarth. “Perseverance in disguise.”—Henry Austin. “Originality, the opening of new frontiers.”—Arthur Koestler. *ANT.* 1. *moron, imbecile, ignoramus, idiot.*
- GENOCIDE** *n.* [JEN uh SIYD] the extermination or attempted extermination of an entire ethnic group, originally of the Jews by Nazi Germany, but now any mass ethnic extermination. *Ethnic cleansing is a form of genocide.* SYN. mass extermination, ethnic cleansing, holocaust, annihilation, eradication, ethnic elimination, massacre, slaughter, blood-bath, mass murder, decimation, carnage. SEE MURDER
- GENRE** *n.* [ZHAHN ruh] a type, kind, or category. *Stephen King writes primarily within the horror genre.* SYN. type, kind, category, class, sort, classification, school, variety, style, genus.
- GENTEEL** *a.* [jen TEEL] refined and polite. Also, affectedly refined. *He never burped out loud; he was too genteel for that.* SYN. refined, polite, cultured, respectable, mannerly, civil, courtly, behaved, gentlemanly, ladylike, formal, prudish, pretentious, \*la-di-da, \*highfalutin, affected, pompous, \*stuffy, hoity-toity. *ANT.* *unrefined, coarse, crude, uncultured, rude, earthy, \*down-home.*
- gentile** *n.* non-Jew, goy.
- gentility** *n.* refinement, politeness, manners, civility, courtliness, courtesy, polish, sophistication, culture, respectability, nobility. *ANT.* *coarseness, vulgarity.*
- gentle** *a.* 1. SOFT light, delicate, calm, quiet, easy, tender, slight, mellow, faint, temperate. 2. KINDLY agreeable, mild, docile, tender, soft, quiet, placid, peaceful, meek, serene, tame. *ANT.* 1. *rough, hard, violent. 2. violent, vicious, rough.*
- gentleman** *n.* 1. MAN fellow, \*guy, chap, \*dude. 2. REFINED MAN OR RICH MAN patrician, lord, aristocrat, nobleman, \*gent, \*blue-blood, courtier. “To speak as the common people do, to think as wise men do.”—Roger Ascham.
- gentlemanly** *a.* genteel, mannerly, courtly, refined, polite, courteous, gallant, civil, honorable, cultivated, noble.
- gentry** *n.* aristocracy, upper class, \*upper crust, nobility, genteelfolk, elite.
- genuine** *a.* 1. REAL authentic, legitimate, \*the real McCoy, bona fide, certified, actual, honest, true, unadulterated. 2. SINCERE honest, frank, ingenuous, forthright, heartfelt, unaffected, earnest, natural. *ANT.* 1. *counterfeit, fake, bogus. 2. insincere, affected, disingenuous.*
- genus** *n.* class, classification, sort, kind, type, category, order.
- germ** *n.* 1. MICROBE microorganism, \*bug, virus, bacterium, bacillus, pathogen, infectious agent, rhinovirus, retrovirus, streptococcus, spirochete. 2. SOURCE root, beginning, origin, seed, embryo, fountainhead, spark.
- GERMANE** *a.* [jur MANE] relevant, pertinent. *Your comment is not germane to the subject at hand.* SYN. relevant, pertinent, related, appropriate, applicable, to the point, apropos, related, material, apt. *ANT.* *irrelevant, immaterial, unrelated.*
- germicide** *n.* antiseptic, germ killer, disinfectant, antibiotic, fumigant, bactericide.
- germinate** *v.* sprout, bud, flower, grow, develop, spring up, shoot, generate.
- gerontology** *n.* geriatrics, study of aging.
- gestation** *n.* pregnancy, incubation, maturation, development.
- gesticulate** *v.* SEE GESTURE
- gesture** *v.* gesticulate, motion, signal, wave, pantomime, mime, express with hands, \*use body language, \*use body English, sign.

**get** *v.* 1. OBTAIN acquire, attain, come by, secure, net, take, \*bag, gain, receive, seize, earn, win, procure, reap, harvest, gather, achieve. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, grasp, see, follow, fathom, take in, apprehend. 3. BE AFFLICTED WITH catch, \*come down with, contract.

**geyser** *n.* spout, fountain, jet, blast, gusher, thermal spring.

**ghastly** *a.* 1. FRIGHTFUL horrible, hideous, gruesome, shocking, dreadful, horrendous, appalling, revolting, macabre, grisly. 2. CADAVEROUS ghostly, pale, haggard, blanched, corpse-like, deathly, ashen. *ANT.* 1. *lovely*.

**ghetto** *n.* slum, inner city, rundown quarter, public housing district.

**ghost** *n.* spirit, specter, apparition, phantom, \*spook, phantasm, poltergeist, wraith, dop-pelgänger, shade, shadow. "The outward and visible sign of an inward fear."—Ambrose Bierce.

**ghostly** *a.* spectral, phantom, spiritual, phantasmic, spooky, spiritual, haunted, unearthly, wraithlike, supernatural, ghostly, eerie, illusory.

**ghoul** *n.* evil spirit, demon, graverobber, fiend, devil, bogeyman, goblin, creep, vampire, monster.

**ghoulish** *a.* monstrous, hideous, fiendish, vampiric, gruesome, diabolical, necrophilic, cold-blooded, horrible.

**GI** *n.* government issue, soldier, member of the service, marine, army man, army woman, sailor, \*grunt, \*dogface, \*leatherneck. *SEE* AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY

**giant** *n.* titan, Gargantua, colossus, behemoth, \*whopper, \*bruiser, hulk, Goliath, Brobdingnagian, Amazon, Cyclops, ogre, giantess. *ANT.* *midget, dwarf, \*shrimp, \*Lilliputian*.

**giant** *a.* huge, gigantic, gargantuan, mammoth, colossal, enormous, prodigious, Brobdingnagian, titanic, Herculean, elephantine, towering. *ANT.* *tiny, microscopic, \*Lilliputian*.

**gibberish** *n.* babble, gibber, \*gobbledegook, mumbo jumbo, jabber, chatter, nonsense, twaddle, drivel, blather, prattle, jargon.

**gibe** *v.* taunt, jeer, mock, scoff, ridicule, tease, \*ride, deride, make fun of, sneer at, heckle, \*razz, rib.

**giddy** *a.* 1. DIZZY light-headed, \*woozy, reeling, unsteady, faint, vertiginous. 2. FLIGHTY frivolous, fickle, \*bubbleheaded, capricious, silly, \*airheaded, scatterbrained, \*ditz. *ANT.* 1. *steady, strong, energetic*. 2. *level-headed, sober, stable, serious*.

**gift** *n.* 1. PRESENT gratuity, donation, giveaway, contribution, offering, token, gesture, favor,

benefaction, bonus, grant, tip. 2. TALENT natural ability, knack, faculty, aptitude, endowment, flair, bent, genius.

**gifted** *a.* talented, endowed, skilled, expert, accomplished, masterly, proficient, adept, ingenious, intelligent, blessed. *ANT.* *dense, inept, slow*.

**gig** *n.* show, performance, play date, engagement, job, appearance, concert, recital.

**gigantic** *a.* huge, big, titanic, gargantuan, colossal, \*whopping, Brobdingnagian, Herculean, enormous, stupendous, towering, prodigious. *ANT.* *tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian*.

**giggle** *v.* laugh, titter, snigger, chuckle, snicker, \*teehee, chortle, cackle.

**gigolo** *n.* escort, lover, \*pro, \*professional, par-amour, paid date, lady-killer, paid companion, \*sex machine, Lothario, Don Juan, Casanova, love buddy.

**gild** *v.* embellish, decorate, gloss over, embroider, dress up, enhance, touch up, garnish, whitewash, sugarcoat.

**gimcrack** *n.* knickknack, bauble, gew gaw, trinket, doodad, novelty, whatnot, bagatelle.

**gimmick** *n.* device, scheme, catch, subterfuge, artifice, wrinkle, ruse, ploy, trick, contrivance, \*dodge.

**gingerly** *adv.* delicately, lightly, carefully, cautiously, gently, warily, guardedly, discreetly, charily, timidly. *ANT.* *recklessly, boldly, rashly*.

**gingivitis** *n.* gum inflammation, gum disease, bleeding gums.

**gird** *v.* encircle, surround, enclose, circumscribe, band, encompass, secure, reinforce, fortify.

**girdler** *n.* beam, joist, timber, support.

**girdle** *n.* corset, undergarment, truss.

**girl** *n.* female, lass, lassie, maiden, miss, \*filly, damsel, wench, \*chick, \*babe, \*dame, made-moiselle, debutante, belle, tomboy, \*muchacha. "Innocence playing in the mud, beauty standing on its head, and motherhood dragging a doll by the foot."—Allan Beck.

**gist** *n.* essence, substance, main point, pith, crux, heart, core, point, drift, thrust, \*bottom line.

**give** *v.* 1. CONTRIBUTE, BESTOW donate, present, hand over, confer, award, dispense, deliver, transmit, provide, \*fork over, convey, \*shell out, entrust. 2. IMPART express, communicate, send, deliver, offer, announce, state. 3. CONCEDE yield, bend, surrender, relinquish. 4. COLLAPSE buckle, cave in, fall.

**give-and-take** *n.* compromise, cooperation, reciprocity, \*mutual back-scratching, interchange, trade-off, collaboration, exchange, swap.

**gizmo** *n.* device, appliance, mechanism, tool, gadget, thingamajig, thingamabob, contraption, widget, machine, \*Rube Goldberg device.

**glacial** *a.* icy, snowy, frozen, gelid, frigid, frosty, arctic, polar, wintry. *ANT.* *tropical, warm, sunny.* SEE SNOW, WINTER

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**WORD FIND**

**altering of land mass by glacier:** glaciation  
**boulder pushed far from its native land by:** glacial erratic

**bowl-like gouge carved out of mountain side by glacier:** cirque

**breaking away of large chunks from head of glacier:** calving

**cave in a glacier:** glaciere

**chunks of glacier floating in ocean:** iceberg

**epoch:** pleistocene

**expert:** glaciologist

**form:** glaciote

**gravel and rocks deposited by:** drift, till, drumlin, esker, kame, moraine

**mountain peak surrounded by:** nunatak

**period of cold in which glaciers grow and expand:** ice age

**pinnacle of ice on:** serac

**scratches, grooves left on bedrock by passing glacier:** striations

**snow that gradually becomes glacial ice:** neve, firn

**study of:** glaciology

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**glacier** *n.* ice mass, snow mass, ice cap, snow pack.

**glad** *a.* 1. HAPPY delighted, \*tickled, \*tickled to death, \*tickled pink, pleased, thrilled, gratified, cheerful, joyous, upbeat. 2. DELIGHTFUL happy, pleasing, gratifying, cheering. 3. WILLING eager. *ANT.* 1. *sad, depressed, unhappy.* 2. *miserable, awful, terrible.* 3. *unwilling, reluctant.*

**gladden** *v.* cheer, make happy, hearten, please, brighten, delight, \*tickle pink, \*raise one's spirits, elate. *ANT.* \*bring down, \*bum out, depress.

**gladiator** *n.* swordsman, fighter, combatant.

**glamorous** *a.* fascinating, charismatic, alluring, captivating, charming, magnetic, bewitching, enchanting, dazzling, provocative. *ANT.* *humdrum, prosaic, every day.*

**glamour** *n.* allure, charm, appeal, fascination, \*razzle-dazzle, charisma, magnetism, attraction, bewitchment, \*star power.

**glance** *n.* look, glimpse, peek, peep, gander, \*once-over.

**glance** *v.* 1. LOOK glimpse, peer, peek, peep, view, observe, \*get a load of, \*take a gander, \*give

a once-over, eye, \*eyeball. 2. GRAZE side-swipe, brush, carom, kiss, ricochet, skim, bounce off, touch.

**gland** *n.* organ, secreting organ, lymph gland, thymus, thyroid, parotid, adrenal gland, sweat gland, pituitary gland, liver, pancreas.

**glare** *v.* 1. SHINE flash, gleam, blaze, dazzle, light, radiate, blind, flame, glow. 2. SCOWL frown, \*stare down, glower, lower, \*scorch with one's eyes, \*look at piercingly, \*stare icily. SEE ANGRY

**glaring** *a.* 1. BRIGHT blinding, dazzling, brilliant, intense, overpowering, shining, harsh, flashy, blazing. 2. FLAGRANT obvious, conspicuous, blatant, extreme, open, overt, prominent, undisguised. *ANT.* 1. *dim, subdued.* 2. *subtle, covert, negligible, inconspicuous.*

**glass** *n.* cup, tumbler, goblet, mug, chalice, beaker, pony.

**glasses** *n.* \*specs, spectacles, corrective lenses, lenses. SEE EYE, GLASSES

**glassy** *a.* 1. TRANSPARENT clear, crystal, glossy, vitreous, lucid, smooth, slick. 2. EXPRESSIONLESS glazed, lifeless, vacuous, empty, dazed, deadpan, fixed. *ANT.* 1. *opaque, clouded.* 2. *expressive.*

**glaze** *n.* varnish, lacquer, gloss, coat, finish, patina, luster.

**glaze** *v.* varnish, lacquer, gloss, coat, finish, polish, paint.

**gleam** *n.* flash, beam, light, brilliance, sparkle, glimmer, glow, twinkle, scintillation, shimmer.

**gleam** *v.* shine, beam, flash, light, radiate, sparkle, glimmer, glow, twinkle, scintillate, shimmer.

**glean** *v.* collect, gather, harvest, reap, cull, take in, extract.

**glee** *n.* joy, gaiety, happiness, merriment, exultation, elation, verve, mirth, gladness, jubilation, felicity. *ANT.* *depression, misery, melancholy.*

**gleeful** *a.* joyous, gay, happy, merry, exultant, elated, mirthful, glad, jubilant, exhilarated, blithe. *ANT.* *depressed, miserable, melancholy.*

**GLIB** *a.* [GLIB] spoken or given too easily, too offhandedly, or too superficially to be taken seriously, as a piece of advice. *His glib response to Marcia's earnest question left her unsatisfied.* SYN. *facile, superficial, shallow, smooth-tongued, quick, ready, slick, smooth-talking, fluent, fast-talking, voluble.* *ANT.* *thoughtful, sincere, deep, profound.*

**glide** *v.* slide, glissade, float, skim, plane, waft, coast, drift, skate, slip, flow, wing.

**glimmer** *v.* gleam, glow, flicker, sparkle, glare, coruscate, beam, glitter, twinkle, scintillate, flash.

**glimpse** *n.* look, peek, peep, glance, fleeting look, flash.

**glimpse** *v.* catch a peek, peep, look, glance, see, eye, \*eyeball, spot, \*get a load of, take in, spy.

**glint** *n.* sparkle, gleam, flash, glitter.

**glisten** *v.* shine, sparkle, flash, glimmer, shimmer, gleam, glint, scintillate, glitter.

**glitch** *n.* *Sl.* error, malfunction, \*bug, snag, \*snafu.

**glitter** *n.* sparkle, glint, glimmer, gleam, sheen, shine, brilliance, radiance, scintillation, luster, twinkle.

**glitter** *v.* sparkle, glint, glimmer, gleam, shine, radiate, scintillate, twinkle, coruscate.

**glitz** *n.* showiness, ostentation, gaudiness, garishness.

**gloaming** *n.* dusk, twilight, nightfall, sundown.

**gloat** *v.* crow, exult, strut, brag, vaunt, triumph, \*rub it in, boast, \*lord over, \*take malicious pleasure in. *ANT.* *downplay, deprecate.*

**glob** *n.* lump, chunk, hunk, mass, blob, globule, drop, ball, gob.

**global** *a.* worldwide, international, intercontinental, universal, planetary, pandemic, widespread, extensive, far-reaching. *ANT.* *local, regional, confined.*

**globe** *n.* sphere, orb, spheroid, earth, planet, world, ball, \*spaceship Earth, biosphere.

**gloom** *n.* 1. DARKNESS dimness, murk, shadow, obscurity, shade, dusk, blackness, cloudiness. 2. SADNESS depression, hopelessness, melancholy, despair, woe, grief, sorrow, dejection, unhappiness, desolation, heavy-heartedness. *ANT.* 1. *brightness, sunniness, light, radiance.* 2. *happiness, cheerfulness, joy.*

**gloomy** *a.* 1. DARK dim, murky, shadowy, dismal, obscure, dusky, gauzy, black, cloudy, dreary, somber. 2. SAD depressed, depressing, hopeless, dismal, melancholy, woeful, glum, sorrowful, dejected, unhappy, desolated, joyless, heavyhearted, despondent, saturnine, black, bleak, funereal. *ANT.* 1. *bright, light, radiant, sunny.* 2. *happy, elated, euphoric, bright.*

**glorify** *v.* 1. EXALT honor, idolize, revere, worship, deify, elevate, venerate, immortalize, beatify, sanctify. 2. PRAISE extol, celebrate, honor, \*put on a pedestal, \*talk up, \*sing the praises of, hail, acclaim, celebrate, flatter, lionize. *ANT.* *degrade, condemn, dishonor, disgrace.*

**glorious** *a.* divine, splendid, magnificent, wonderful, grand, marvelous, superb, excellent, heavenly, sublime, spectacular, resplendent. *ANT.* *lowly, humble, modest, plain.*

**glory** *n.* 1. HONOR admiration, fame, renown, celebrity, praise, acclaim, esteem, adoration, veneration, prestige, notoriety. "Goads and spurs to virtue."—Francis Bacon. "A torch to kindle the noble mind."—Silius Italicus. 2. BEAUTY splendor, magnificence, radiance, grandeur, resplendence, majesty, brilliance. *ANT.* 1. *dishonor, degradation, disgrace.* 2. *ugliness.*

**gloss** *n.* shine, luster, sheen, shimmer, glow, gleam, polish, brilliance.

**gloss** *v.* 1. SHINE make lustrous, polish, buff, rub, burnish, varnish. 2. SMOOTH OVER cover up, mask, disguise, \*sugarcoat, soft-pedal, \*whitewash, doctor.

**glossary** *n.* lexicon, word list, nomenclature, vocabulary, dictionary.

**glossy** *a.* shiny, lustrous, shimmering, gleaming, glowing, polished, burnished, sleek, silky, glassy. *ANT.* *dull, tarnished.*

**glow** *n.* radiance, light, gleam, brightness, glimmer, shine, luminosity, illumination, incandescence, effulgence, phosphorescence. *SEE* BLUSH

**glow** *v.* radiate, light, gleam, glimmer, shine, illuminate, incandesce, shimmer, glare. *SEE* BLUSH

**glower** *v.* frown, scowl, glare, lower, stare blackly, \*shoot a dirty look, \*scorch with one's eyes. *SEE* ANGRY

**glowing** *a.* 1. RADIANT aglow, luminous. 2. COLORED red, ruddy, rosy, flushed, florid, radiant, aglow, blooming. 3. ENTHUSIASTIC complimentary, laudatory, favorable. *ANT.* 1. *dull, dim.* 2. *pale, blanched, pallid.* 3. *negative, unenthusiastic, critical.*

**glue** *n.* cement, paste, fixative, adhesive, \*stickum, mucilage.

**glum** *a.* sullen, gloomy, morose, down, low, dispirited, long-faced, sulky, dismal, cheerless, lugubrious, sad. *ANT.* *cheerful, happy, joyous, elated.*

**glut** *n.* excess, surplus, overabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, flood, inundation, overflow, plethora, repletion. *ANT.* *dearth, scarcity, lack, shortage.*

**glut** *v.* fill, flood, surfeit, sate, satiate, inundate, clog, choke, oversupply, stuff, congest, overload.

**glutton** *n.* \*pig, \*hog, gourmand, \*garbage disposal, eater, epicure, \*garbage gut, \*chow hound, overeater. "One who digs his grave with his teeth."—French proverb.

**gluttonous** *a.* voracious, gourmandizing, insatiable, ravenous, \*piggish, \*hoggish.

**gnarled** *a.* knotted, knotty, twisted, contorted, tortured, crooked, distorted, arthritic, wrinkled. *ANT.* *smooth.*

**gnash** *v.* grind, grit, grate, rasp, clamp.

**gnaw** *v.* 1. MUNCH nibble, chew, bite, champ, eat away. 2. BOTHER nag, \*eat at, trouble, worry, plague, torment.

**gnome** *n.* fairy, elf, dwarf, troll, pixie, leprechaun, imp.

**go** *n.* 1. ENERGY animation, drive, vigor, zest, pep, life, force. 2. TRY attempt, whirl, stab, shot, crack.

**go** *v.* 1. PROCEED advance, begin, move, start, set out, get the ball rolling, travel, make headway, progress. 2. LEAVE depart, retire, run, \*split, \*scram, decamp, withdraw, slip away, \*hit the road, vamoose, quit, \*shove off, \*beat it, \*blow. 3. FUNCTION perform, run, work, operate, act. 4. PASS elapse, slip away, transpire, expire. 5. EXTEND lead, stretch, span, reach. *ANT.* 1. *stop, stay, freeze.* 2. *remain, stay.*

**goad** *n.* stimulus, spur, prod, inducement, impetus, catalyst, urge, motive, incentive, \*kick in the pants, \*swift kick.

**goad** *v.* stimulate, spur, prod, induce, urge, motivate, impel, incite, spark, egg on, coerce, prompt, \*kickstart, provoke.

**goal** *n.* aim, ambition, end, purpose, objective, target, design, intention, destination.

**goat** *n.* scapegoat, \*fall guy, whipping boy, butt, \*patsy.

**gobble** *v.* bolt, wolf, gulp, stuff, cram, choke down, devour, \*shovel, gorge, \*suck up, swallow whole.

**gobbledygook** *n.* gibberish, jargon, cant, \*officialialese, claptrap, legalese, nonsense, \*bunk, \*rot, \*bafflegab.

**go-between** *n.* intermediary, middleman, medium, second, arbitrator, mediator, agent, broker, referee.

**goblin** *n.* spirit, bogeyman, \*spook, hobgoblin, imp, elf, puck, gnome, kobold.

**God/god** *n.* 1. GOD Supreme Being, Father in Heaven, Heavenly Father, the Almighty, the All-Powerful, the All-Wise, the All-Merciful, the All-Seeing, Lord of Lords, King of Kings, the Creator, Brahma, Allah, Adonai, Lord, Jehovah, Holy Spirit, the Man Upstairs. "Love."—The Bible. "A superior reasoning power ... revealed in the incomprehensible universe."—Albert Einstein. "Conscience."—Mohandas Gandhi. "A light that is never darkened."—Francis Quarles. "A mighty fortress."—Martin Luther. "Personified incomprehensibility."—George Lichtenberg. "That

which has no definition."—Joseph Albo. "A vengeful, pitiless, and almighty fiend."—Percy Bysshe Shelley. "An infantile fantasy ... necessary when men did not know what lightning was."—Edward Anhalt. "A gaseous vertebrate."—Ernst Haeckel. 2. DEITY goddess, divinity, spirit, idol. *ANT.* 1. *the Devil, Satan, Lucifer, Prince of Darkness.* 2. *mortal, physical being.* SEE CHURCH, MYTHICAL DEITIES, RELIGION

#### WORD FIND

**appearance of:** theophany

**belief in god other than that of Jewish, Christian, or Muslim faith:** paganism

**cry of praise to God:** hosanna

**disbelief in:** atheism

**disbeliever:** atheist

**half god, half human:** demigod

**Hindu deity on earth:** avatar

**human traits imagined in:** anthropomorphism

**humans created by God not evolved, belief that:** creationism

**Latin:** Deus

**one, belief in more than:** polytheism

**one, belief in only:** monotheism

**questioner of God's existence:** agnostic

**questioning of God's existence:** agnosticism

**Son of God:** Jesus Christ

**study of:** theology

**universe and its natural laws are God, belief that:** pantheism

**God-fearing** *a.* pious, devout, faithful, devoted, reverent, holy, religious. *ANT.* *atheistic, godless, heathen.*

**godforsaken** *a.* desolate, forlorn, lonely, abandoned, wretched, cheerless, forgotten, condemned. *ANT.* *lush, hospitable.*

**godless** *a.* atheistic, heathen, impious, pagan, sacrilegious, blasphemous, freethinking, agnostic, wicked, unholy. *ANT.* *pious, devout, God-fearing.*

**godly** *a.* religious, God-fearing, devout, pious, righteous, holy, spiritual, reverent, born-again, saintly, good, moral. *ANT.* *godless, sinful, atheistic, blasphemous, sacrilegious.*

**godsend** *n.* blessing, gift, windfall, miracle, manna, benediction, boon.

**Godspeed** *n.* good luck, good fortune, success, God's blessings, prosperity, God's favor.

**gofer** *n.* *Sl.* errand boy, errand girl, \*go getter, gal Friday, man Friday, \*grunt.

**gold** *n.* 1. COLOR yellow, gilt, straw, tawny, flaxen, blond, honey, auric. 2. METAL precious

metal, nugget. "The touchstone whereby to try men."—Thomas Fuller.

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**WORD FIND**

**bar:** ingot, bullion

**fool's:** pyrite

**of gold:** aurous

**glacial deposit:** placer mine

**overlay:** gild, gilt

**weight:** carat

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**goldbrick** *v.* *Sl.* shirk, loaf, \*goof off, malinge.

**gold digger** *n.* user, parasite, bloodsucker, leech, sponge, opportunist, exploiter.

**golden** *a.* 1. SEE GOLD 2. ADVANTAGEOUS best, opportune, favorable, auspicious, timely, propitious, providential, rosy. *ANT.* 2. *black, unfavorable.*

**gold mine** *n.* bonanza, mother lode, Eldorado, \*cash cow, \*goose that layed the golden egg.

**golf** *n.* sport, pastime. "A plague invented by the Calvinistic Scots as a punishment for man's sins."—James Reston. "A good walk spoiled."—Mark Twain.

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**WORD FIND**

**aid:** caddy

**average number of shots deemed necessary for each hole:** par

**ball position after coming to rest:** lie

**closely cropped green around hole:** putting green

**club:** baffle, blade, brassie, chipping iron, cleek, iron, mashie, niblick, putter, driver, wood, wedge, spoon

**curving drive:** hook, slice

**curving fairway:** dogleg

**extra shot allowed in casual game:** Mulligan

**fee to play:** greens fee

**flagstick:** pin

**grounds:** fairway, green, links, course

**hole made in one stroke:** ace, hole in one

**lockers, club building:** clubhouse

**long grass area:** rough

**par, scoring one stroke over:** bogey

**par, scoring one stroke under:** birdie

**par, scoring three strokes under:** albatross, double eagle

**par, scoring two strokes over:** double bogey

**par, scoring two strokes under:** eagle

**plug that ball sits on:** tee

**poor golfer:** duffer, hacker

**sand hazard:** sand trap, bunker; \*beach

**shots:** drive, putt, chip shot, loft, pitch, hook, slice

**shouted warning:** fore!

**turf hacked out by club:** divot

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**gone** *a.* departed, left, removed, away, absent, vanished, missing, extinct, \*AWOL, out, off, lost, used up, consumed, finished. *ANT.* *present, arrived, here.*

**gonzo** *a.* *Sl.* strange, odd, bizarre, weird, \*far out, experimental, unconventional. *ANT.* *straight-laced, conventional.*

**good** *n.* 1. ADVANTAGE benefit, welfare, profit, gain, interest, well-being. 2. VIRTUE goodness, morality, value, worth, uprightness.

**good** *a.* 1. SATISFACTORY adequate, acceptable, worthy, OK, all right, fine, excellent, first-rate, choice, super, great, commendable, prime, marvelous, select, sufficient, beneficial, reputable, recommended, effective. 2. MORAL virtuous, righteous, wholesome, honorable, upright, conscientious, exemplary, respectable, noble, chaste. 3. KIND humane, benevolent, sympathetic, compassionate, giving, charitable, merciful, altruistic. 4. WELL-BEHAVED mannerly, respectful, polite, considerate. 5. UNSPOILED fresh, uncontaminated, untainted, fit, sound. 6. SKILLED able, proficient, competent, accomplished, adept, capable, talented. 7. GENUINE authentic, real, bona fide, valid, true, sound, \*kosher. 8. CONSIDERABLE big, large, sizable, respectable, substantial, extensive. *ANT.* 1. *unsatisfactory, bad, poor, second-rate.* 2. *immoral, sinful, wicked.* 3. *cruel, mean, vicious.* 4. *rude, impolite, unruly.* 5. *spoiled, tainted.* 6. *unskilled, bad, inadequate.* 7. *fake, counterfeit, phony.* 8. *scant, trivial, piddling.*

**goodbye** *interj.* farewell, bye-bye, \*so long, Godspeed, \*toodle-oo, \*toodles, \*ta-ta, adieu, adios, ciao, sayonara, hasta la vista, arriverdici, au revoir, auf Wiedersehen, see you later, \*later, \*see you later alligator, vaya con dios, aloha, shalom.

**good-humored** *a.* SEE GOOD-NATURED

**good-looking** *a.* attractive, beautiful, handsome, pretty, cute, comely, lovely, becoming, fair, \*nice, \*foxy, \*bonny. *ANT.* *ugly, repulsive.*

**good-natured** *a.* easygoing, cheerful, amiable, genial, pleasant, good-humored, agreeable, nice, even-tempered, complaisant, kindly. *ANT.* *grouchy, touchy, standoffish.*

**goodness** *n.* virtue, excellence, righteousness, uprightness, morality, integrity, kindness, wholesomeness, benevolence. *ANT.* *badness, wickedness, evil.*

**goods** *n.* 1. PERSONAL PROPERTY belongings, possessions, things, stuff, effects. 2. MERCHANDISE wares, stock, inventory, commodities.

**goodwill** *n.* benevolence, kindness, altruism, favor, friendliness, humanitarianism, graciousness, goodness. *ANT.* *ill will, hostility.*

**goody-goody** *a.* straight-laced, upright, politically correct, nice, pious, moral, prudish, prissy, Victorian, Puritan, no-nonsense. *ANT.* *wild, rowdy, immoral.*

**goosey** *a.* sticky, \*gloppy, tacky, viscous, gelatinous, gummy. *ANT.* *dry.*

**goof** *v.* *Sl.* bungle, mess up, blunder, fail, \*screw up, miscalculate.

**goofy** *a.* *Sl.* silly, foolish, stupid, sophomoric, childish, \*nerdy, \*ditzzy, \*daffy, dopey. *ANT.* *serious, respected.*

**goon** *n.* \*geek, \*bozo, clown, \*boob, \*dork, \*goober, lummoX, freak, moron, \*throwback, \*Neanderthal.

**GORDIAN KNOT** *n.* SEE CUT THE GORDIAN KNOT

**gore** *n.* bloodshed, slaughter, carnage. SEE MURDER

**gore** *v.* pierce, puncture, stab, impale, gouge, horn, hook.

**gorge** *n.* canyon, chasm, pass, valley, gap, ravine, gully, defile.

**gorge** *v.* bolt, stuff, cram, wolf, swallow whole, gulp, gobble, devour, \*shovel in, overeat, satiate, glut.

**gorgeous** *a.* beautiful, magnificent, splendid, sumptuous, attractive, stunning, lovely, ravishing, exquisite, luxurious, resplendent. *ANT.* *repulsive, hideous, plain.* SEE GOOD-LOOKING

**gorilla** *n.* 1. GREAT APE beast, primate, mammal, simian, \*King Kong, \*Mighty Joe Young. 2. THUG beast, bruiser, goon, hoodlum, brute, animal.

**gormandize** *v.* devour, gorge, \*pig out, overeat, stuff, gobble, wolf.

**gospel** *n.* fact, truth, God's word, simple truth, reality, actuality, chapter and verse, \*what's what.

**gory** *a.* bloody, bloodstained, sanguinary, murderous, savage, horrible.

**gossamer** *a.* delicate, diaphanous, airy, fine, feathery, cobwebby. *ANT.* *strong, solid, well-built.*

**gossip** *n.* 1. RUMORS hearsay, chatter, talk, scandal, \*dirt, \*lowdown, \*scuttlebutt, report, mudslinging, \*grapevine, \*small talk, \*buzz. "Foul whisperings."—Shakespeare. "Murder by language."—Roland Barthes. 2. RUMORMONGER tattler, tattletale, \*big mouth, \*blabbermouth, busybody, snoop, prattler.

**gouge** *n.* groove, channel, hole, scratch, furrow, score, gash, excavation, striation.

**gouge** *v.* scratch, scrape, excavate, dig, scoop out.

**gourmet** *n.* epicure, epicurean, gastronome, connoisseur, bon vivant, gourmand. "Just a glutton with brains."—Philip Haberman.

**govern** *v.* 1. RULE administer, direct, supervise, manage, oversee, dictate, run, reign, order, occupy the throne, regulate, \*lay down the law, hold sway, \*pull the strings, exercise authority. 2. HOLD IN CHECK curb, inhibit, bribe, restrain, control, arrest, regulate.

**government** *n.* regulation, administration, governing body, control, \*Big Brother, Washington, \*Uncle Sam, the state, \*powers that be, management, supervision, guidance, bureaucracy, rule, command, reign, authority, leadership, dictatorship, regime, senate, congress, ministry. "The biggest organized social effort for dealing with social problems."—Felix Frankfurter. "The people."—John Quincy Adams. "The Santa Claus of something-for-nothing and something-for-everyone."—Barry Goldwater. "A kind of gangsterism."—Frank Lloyd Wright. SEE CONGRESS, ELECTION, POLITICS

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**WORD FIND**

**absence of:** anarchy  
**authoritarian:** totalitarianism  
**autonomy:** sovereignty  
**betrayal of:** treason  
**citizens in authority:** commonwealth, democracy, republic  
**clergy, headed by:** hierocracy, theocracy, hagiarchy  
**dictated by one ruler or small group:** dictatorship, despotism, tyranny  
**experts, by:** technocracy  
**female:** matriarchy, gynarchy, gynecocracy  
**king's:** monarchy  
**male lineage, handed down through:** patriarchy  
**Medieval system of lords and vassals:** feudalism  
**military, by:** stratocracy, martial law  
**oppressive, one-party system:** fascism  
**preserving cultural diversity:** pluralism  
**privileged class, by:** aristocracy, oligarchy, plutocracy  
**secret police, controlled by:** police state  
**seizure of:** coup d'état  
**self-governing:** autonomous  
**without:** acrary

**governor** *n.* ruler, regulator, director, administrator, supervisor, head, bureaucrat, magistrate.

**gown** *n.* dress, frock, robe, negligee.

**grab** *v.* snatch, seize, clutch, grasp, pluck, catch, capture, bag, nab, take, latch on to, get one's hands on.

**grace** *n.* 1. BEAUTY AND CHARM loveliness, attractiveness, elegance, appeal, pulchritude. 2. GOOD FORM fluidity, symmetry, finesse, ease, \*poetry in motion, form, agility, dexterity, poise, refinement, coordination. 3. MANNERS thoughtfulness, savoir faire, decorum, tact, charm, cultivation, etiquette. 4. MERCY forgiveness, clemency, leniency, compassion, reprieve, quarter, good will. 5. PRAYER benediction, thanksgiving, request for blessings. 6. GOD'S FAVOR love, virtue, divine influence, holiness. "The outward expression of the inward harmony of the soul."—William Hazlitt. *ANT.* 1. *ugliness, repulsiveness.* 2. *clumsiness, awkwardness.* 3. *boorishness, rudeness, bad manners.* 4. *condemnation, damnation, ill will.*

**grace** *v.* decorate, adorn, beautify, bedeck, ornament, enhance, garnish, dignify, honor, distinguish.

**graceful** *a.* 1. HAVING GOOD FORM fluid, coordinated, poised, dexterous, agile, refined, adroit, nimble, lissome, lithesome, supple, \*graceful as a porteuse, smooth, balanced, elegant. 2. CHARMING appealing, attractive, elegant, mannerly, cultivated, winsome, tactful, urbane. *ANT.* 1. *clumsy, awkward.* 2. *rude, obnoxious, boorish, unrefined.*

**gracious** *a.* kind, courteous, hospitable, cordial, polite, benevolent, accommodating, considerate, well-mannered, friendly, affable, charitable. *ANT.* *ungracious, rude, inconsiderate.*

**grade** *n.* 1. SLOPE incline, gradient, slant, rise, pitch, ascent, descent. 2. RANK status, standing, position, class, station, stage, increment, rating, mark.

**grade** *v.* 1. RANK rate, evaluate, classify, sort, brand, order, label. 2. LEVEL flatten, smooth.

**gradient** *n.* grade, slope, incline, slant, rise, pitch, ascent, descent.

**gradual** *a.* progressive, successive, slow, incremental, piecemeal, step-by-step, bit-by-bit, leisurely, measured, steady, by degrees. *ANT.* *abrupt, sudden, instantaneous.*

**graduate** *n.* alumnus, alumna, grad, bachelor.

**graduate** *v.* 1. COMPLETE SCHOOL receive a diploma, receive a degree, complete one's education. 2. GRADE measure, calibrate, mark off.

**graduation** *n.* commencement, advancement. SEE COLLEGE, SCHOOL

**graffiti** *n.* slogans, graphics, defacement, graffiti, epigrams, obscenities, scribbles, cere-

mony, inscriptions, sophomoric, philosophy, epithets, doodles.

**graft** *n.* 1. TRANSPLANT implant, scion, splice, slip. 2. CORRUPTION spoils, \*take, \*payola, bribe, \*hush money, \*skimming, kickback, boodle.

**graft** *v.* implant, transplant, splice, insert, affix.

**grain** *n.* 1. SEED kernel, grist, cereal, wheat, oats, barley, rice, rye, millet. 2. PARTICLE granule, bit, speck, fleck, mote, dot. 3. TEXTURE surface, weave.

**grammar** *n.* composition, language, language rules, syntax, semantics.

**grand** *a.* 1. MAGNIFICENT impressive, great, majestic, imposing, striking, glorious, splendid, excellent, superb, ambitious, marvelous, sumptuous, monumental, stately, august, awesome, huge, palatial, lofty. 2. MAIN principle, head, chief, leading, supreme, preeminent. 3. EXCELLENT great, good, superb, fabulous, first-rate. *ANT.* 1. *lowly, pedestrian, paltry, modest.* 2. *secondary, lesser, minor.* 3. *poor, lousy, second-rate.*

**grandeur** *n.* magnificence, greatness, splendor, majesty, glory, resplendence, vastness, augustness, beauty, distinction, eminence. *ANT.* *insignificance, modesty.*

**GRANDILOQUENT** *a.* [gran DIL uh kwent] using big words to try to impress, bombastic. *Many politicians are grandiloquent but have little to say.* SYN. bombastic, pompous, pretentious, high-flown, fustian, \*windy, inflated, verbose, magnificent, turgid, rhetorical. *ANT.* *plainspoken, \*folksy, simple, unpretentious.*

**grandiose** *a.* grand, magnificent, impressive, imposing, extravagant, ambitious, cosmic, epic, homeric, pompous, theatrical, \*highfalutin. *ANT.* *down to earth, modest, humble.*

**grandstand** *n.* bleachers, seating, stands, decking, box seats.

**grandstand** *v.* showoff, \*hot dog, \*showboat, play to the crowd.

**grant** *n.* gift, contribution, donation, present, endowment, award, bestowal, charity, scholarship.

**grant** *v.* 1. GIVE confer, transfer, bestow, award, impart, present, contribute, donate. 2. CONCEDE acknowledge, admit, accede, yield, go along with. *ANT.* *refuse, deny.*

**grape** *n.* berry, fruit.

**graphic** *a.* vivid, clear, lifelike, striking, pictorial, picturesque, realistic, explicit, descriptive, effective, expressive. *ANT.* *vague, obscure.*

**graphics** *n.* pictorials, pictures, drawings, art, imagery, illustrations, visuals, representations.

**grapple** *v.* 1. STRUGGLE wrestle, scuffle, battle, tussle, combat, \*lock horns, confront, fight.

2. GRIP hold, seize, clutch, snatch, squeeze, catch.
- grasp** *n.* 1. GRIP hold, clutch, clasp. 2. COMPREHENSION understanding, perception, mastery, knowledge, cognition.
- grasp** *v.* 1. GRIP grab, hold, clutch, clasp, catch, snatch, clinch, grapple, nab. 2. COMPREHEND understand, get, see, sense, follow, apprehend, appreciate. *ANT.* 1. *loose, release, let go.*
- grasping** *a.* avaricious, greedy, acquisitive, hungry, covetous, rapacious, miserly, \*grabby, venal, desirous. *ANT.* *generous, giving.*
- grass** *n.* lawn, turf, sward, pasture, meadow, alfalfa, barley, Bermuda grass, bluegrass, broomcorn, buckwheat, bulrush, bunch grass, cane, crab grass, darnel, eelgrass, fescue, foxtail, hay, horsetail, lemon grass, millet, oat, orchard grass, redtop, ribbon grass, rice, rush, rye, sedge, sorghum, timothy, wheat, witch grass. "The hair of the earth."—Thomas Dekker. *SEE* FIELD

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**WORD FIND**

- clump:** hassock, tussock, tuft  
**decaying matter beneath:** thatch  
**dried:** hay  
**hay:** timothy  
**individual:** blade, spear, shoot, leaf  
**new growth:** fog
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- grassland** *n.* meadow, field, prairie, pasture, range, pampas, campo, savanna, plain, steppe, veldt.
- GRASS ROOTS** *n.* the common people, ordinary taxpayers. *The movement began among the grass roots of America.* *SYN.* common people, taxpayers, the masses, middle class, rank and file, \*little guys, hoi polloi, electorate, Middle America.
- grate** *v.* 1. SHRED grind, rasp, fray, mince, abrade, grit, file. 2. IRRITATE \*rub the wrong way, annoy, \*get on one's nerves, irk, nettle, peeve, fret.
- grateful** *a.* thankful, appreciative, indebted, beholden, obliged, much obliged. *ANT.* *ungrateful, unappreciative.*
- gratification** *n.* satisfaction, enjoyment, pleasure, fulfillment, contentment, delight, happiness, reward, gratuity.
- gratify** *v.* please, satisfy, fulfill, content, make happy, delight, gladden, favor, oblige, indulge. *ANT.* *displease, dissatisfy, disappoint.*
- gratifying** *a.* pleasing, satisfying, fulfilling, contenting, delightful, gladdening, rewarding, enjoyable. *ANT.* *displeasing, disappointing.*

- grating** *n.* framework, grille, grid, latticework, grate.
- grating** *a.* 1. HARSH rasping, jarring, grinding, strident, scraping, screeching, piercing. 2. IRRITATING annoying, irksome, nettlesome, vexatious, exasperating, abrasive. *ANT.* 1. *fluid, melodious, pleasing.* 2. *pleasing, agreeable.*
- gratis** *a.* free, complimentary, \*on the house, no charge, gratuitous. *ANT.* *for a fee, costing extra.*
- gratitude** *n.* appreciation, thankfulness, gratefulness, thanks, acknowledgement, recognition, sense of obligation. "The exchequer of the poor."—Shakespeare.
- GRATUITOUS** *a.* [gruh TOO i tus] uncalled for or unjustified, also, given freely or without charge. *Movies today are filled with gratuitous violence.* *SYN.* 1. UNCALLED FOR unjustified, unnecessary, unwarranted, needless, superfluous, inessential, unprovoked, baseless. 2. FREE gratis, complimentary, \*on the house. *ANT.* 1. *necessary, relevant, justified, warranted.*
- gratuity** *n.* gift, tip, present, fee, extra, \*perk, lagniappe, recompense, bonus, offering, vail, cumshaw.
- grave** *n.* tomb, resting place, crypt, vault, sepulcher, burial pit, mausoleum, catacomb, God's acre, burial grounds, barrow. "The last inn of all travelers."—William Davenant. "The footprints of angels."—Longfellow. "The threshold of eternity."—Robert Southey. *SEE* CEMETERY, COFFIN, FUNERAL, MONUMENT
- grave** *a.* 1. SERIOUS important, momentous, weighty, critical, crucial, \*life and death, vital, pivotal, urgent, ominous, grievous, dangerous, threatening. 2. SOLEMN grim, somber, dignified, serious, sedate, gloomy, sober, subdued, staid, dour, quiet, saturnine. *ANT.* 1. *trivial, unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential.* 2. *cheerful, beaming, silly, merry.*
- graveyard** *n.* necropolis, \*boneyard. *SEE* CEMETERY
- gravitate** *v.* be drawn to, be attracted, head toward, converge, incline, fall, settle, sink.
- gravity** *n.* 1. GRAVITATION pull, attraction, pressure, force, weight. 2. SERIOUSNESS importance, weightiness, consequence, magnitude, significance, urgency, import, enormity. *ANT.* 1. *repulsion.* 2. *insignificance, triviality, frivolity.*
- gravy** *n.* drippings, natural juices, sauce.
- gray** *a.* 1. SILVERY ash, leaden, pearly, smoky, gunmetal, battleship gray, stone, slate, dove-colored, salt and pepper, grizzled. 2. OVERCAST gloomy, dismal, dim, dreary, somber. *ANT.* 2. *bright, sunny.*

**graze** *v.* 1. TOUCH scrape, brush, glance, kiss, skim, skin, scratch. 2. FEED forage, browse, crop, munch, pasture.

**grease** *n.* fat, oil, lard, tallow, drippings, lubricant.  
**grease** *v.* lubricate, oil.

**greasy** *a.* oily, fatty, buttery, lardy, oleaginous, slick, slippery, waxy, unctuous, smeared.

**great** *a.* 1. LARGE big, huge, grand, immense, prodigious, gigantic, massive, tremendous, stupendous, enormous, gargantuan, extensive, boundless, voluminous, countless, extreme, prolonged, numerous. 2. INTENSE strong, pronounced, extraordinary, considerable, powerful. 3. IMPORTANT significant, momentous, consequential, influential, critical. 4. CELEBRATED eminent, illustrious, famed, distinguished, esteemed, prominent, exalted, noted, renowned, heroic. 5. EXCELLENT superb, super, fantastic, exceptional, awesome, first-rate, outstanding, terrific, wonderful, \*crack, \*aces, proficient, skilled. *ANT.* 1. *small, lesser, tiny, miniscule.* 2. *mild, minor, light, weak.* 3. *insignificant, unimportant, inconsequential.* 4. *obscure, unknown, ordinary.* 5. *mediocre, terrible, lousy, awful.*

**greed** *n.* avarice, \*grabbiness, acquisitiveness, covetousness, gluttony, rapaciousness, insatiability, graspingness, cupidity, want, hunger. *ANT.* *generosity, charity.*

**greedy** *a.* avaricious, covetous, \*grabby, \*piggish, \*hoggish, acquisitive, gluttonous, rapacious, insatiable, grasping, hungry, selfish, stingy. *ANT.* *generous, giving, charitable.*

**green** *a.* 1. COLOR aquamarine, emerald, grass, kelly, pea, lime, beryl, sap, apple, moss, sea green. 2. YOUNG AND GROWING youthful, blooming, budding, developing, vigorous, robust, fresh, spreading, flourishing, burgeoning, verdant. 3. INEXPERIENCED unseasoned, untried, \*wet behind the ears, naive, new, untrained, ignorant, raw. *ANT.* 2. *withered, wilted, dying.* 3. *experienced, veteran, seasoned, mature.*

**greenhorn** *n.* newcomer, tenderfoot, novice, amateur, \*babe in the woods, neophyte, beginner, tyro, rookie, pup. *ANT.* *veteran, \*old hand.*

**greenhouse effect** *n.* global warming, trapped heat.

**greet** *v.* welcome, hail, receive, salute, meet, wave to, usher in, address, recognize.

**greeting** *n.* salutation, acknowledgement, respects, hello, hail, nod, welcome, \*how do, salute, bow, reception.

**GREGARIOUS** *a.* [gri GAIR ee us] outgoing and sociable, liking the company of oth-

ers. *Gregarious partygoers never run out of things to talk about.* *SYN.* sociable, outgoing, friendly, social, extroverted, companionable, affable, genial, \*chummy, folksy. *ANT.* *introverted, reclusive, aloof.*

**gridlock** *n.* jam, entanglement, Gordian knot, obstruction, logjam, block, congestion, squeeze, clog, bottleneck, impasse, dead end, constipation.

**grief** *n.* sorrow, sadness, heartache, anguish, woe, misery, bereavement, desolation, mourning, melancholy, agony, despair, despondency. "An iron chain."—Stephen Vincent Benet. *ANT.* *joy, euphoria, happiness.*

**grief-stricken** *a.* sad, heartsick, anguished, heavyhearted, devastated, despairing, heartbroken, desolate, melancholy, miserable, despondent. *ANT.* *happy, joyful, cheerful.*

**grievance** *n.* complaint, gripe, wrong, injustice, injury, hardship, \*axe to grind, \*stink, objection, \*beef, \*bone to pick.

**grieve** *v.* 1. MOURN lament, ache, sorrow, rue, bewail, bemoan, \*eat one's heart out, weep, cry, shed tears, be heartsick. 2. AFFLICT WITH GRIEF aggrieve, hurt, sadden, pain, break one's heart, wound, crush. *ANT.* 1. *re-joyce, revel, \*party.* 2. *cheer, hearten.*

**grievous** *a.* serious, severe, harmful, appalling, atrocious, deplorable, egregious, flagrant, heinous, intolerable, outrageous, monstrous, grave, distressing, sad, sorrowful. *ANT.* *harmless, trivial, insignificant.*

**grift** *n.* swindle, \*con game, confidence game, \*rip-off, extortion, sting, scam, \*racket, hustle, fraud.

**grill** *v.* 1. BROIL sear, flame-broil, barbecue, fry, cook. 2. QUESTION cross-examine, quiz, interrogate, pump, \*give the third degree.

**grim** *a.* gloomy, harsh, severe, stern, sullen, somber, hard, morose, surly, miserable, dour, menacing, bleak, hopeless, forbidding, sinister, horrible, ghastly, gruesome, resolute, determined. *ANT.* *bright, cheerful, pleasant.*

**grimace** *n.* pained expression, wry face, face, twisted face, scowl, frown, glare, look of distaste.

**grime** *n.* dirt, soot, grit, smudge, filth, soil, mud, dust, \*crud, \*gook.

**grimy** *a.* dirty, filthy, \*grungy, sooty, smudged, soiled, muddy, \*cruddy, befouled, begrimed, dingy. *ANT.* *clean, spotless, bright, unsoiled.*

**grin** *v.* smile, beam, smirk, simper, \*grin like a Cheshire cat. *SEE* SMILE, TEETH

**grind** *n.* drudgery, tedium, treadmill, routine, rut, chore.

**grind** *v.* 1. PULVERIZE crush, mash, grit, grate, rasp, powder, mill, granulate, triturate, crush, disintegrate. 2. SHARPEN hone, smooth, whet, polish, burnish. 3. GNASH grit, grate, rasp, crunch.

**grip** *n.* 1. HOLD clasp, clutch, clench, grasp. 2. COMPREHENSION understanding, perception, mastery, grasp. 3. CONTROL mastery, command.

**grip** *v.* grasp, hold, clasp, clutch, clench, squeeze.

**gripe** *n.* complaint, \*beef, grumble, protest, grouch, grievance, pain, grouse.

**gripe** *v.* complain, \*beef, grumble, protest, grouch, grouse, nag, whine, cry, bellyache.

**grisly** *a.* terrifying, horrible, ghastly, frightful, hideous, dreadful, gruesome, sickening, shocking, macabre, gory. *ANT.* *pleasant, heartwarming, lovely.*

**grit** *n.* 1. DIRT sand, dust, soot, particles, powder. 2. COURAGE perseverance, toughness, pluck, determination, tenacity, mettle, backbone, heart, fortitude, \*guts, \*moxie. *ANT.* 2. *cowardice, weakness, mousiness.*

**gritty** *a.* 1. DIRTY sandy, dusty, sooty, granular, powdery. 2. COURAGEOUS persevering, tough, plucky, determined, tenacious, \*gutsy, steadfast, resolute, game, mettlesome. *ANT.* 1. *clean.* 2. *cowardly, weak, mousy.*

**grizzled** *a.* gray, salt and pepper, silvery.

**groan** *n.* moan, grumble, whine, complaint, mutter, gripe, howl, murmur, lament, whimper.

**groan** *v.* moan, grumble, whine, complain, mutter, gripe, howl, murmur, lament, whimper.

**grocery store** *n.* market, supermarket, food mart, Mom and Pop store, convenience store, franchise.

**groggy** *a.* dazed, \*dopey, dizzy, \*punch-drunk, \*punchy, shaky, sluggish, stupefied, numbed, sleepy, \*out of it, woozy, reeling, confused. *ANT.* *lucid, alert, steady.*

**groin** *n.* crotch.

**groom** *n.* bridegroom, husband, spouse, partner.

**groom** *v.* 1. CLEAN UP tidy, neat, prepare, dress, freshen up, brush, comb, curry, primp, \*fix up, preen, tend to one's toilette. 2. TRAIN prepare, educate.

**groove** *n.* 1. CHANNEL score, rut, furrow, canal, cut, striation, scratch, flute, trench, indentation, line. 2. RUT habit, routine, custom, \*same old thing.

**groovy** *a.* *Sl.* \*cool, excellent, great, \*neat, \*far-out, wonderful.

**grope** *v.* feel about, finger, seek blindly, paw, probe, fumble, fish for, poke around, grabble.

**gross** *a.* 1. DISGUSTING, INDELICATE vulgar, foul, crude, indecent, obscene, \*out of the gutter, \*barnyard, unseemly, tasteless, offensive. 2. TOTAL whole, aggregate, comprehensive, all, before taxes. 3. FLAGRANT blatant, obvious, glaring, apparent, outrageous, egregious, shocking, heinous, plain, shameful. 4. OBESE fat, overweight, big, corpulent, stout, burly, \*blubbery. *ANT.* 1. *seemly, tasteful, decent.* 2. *net, after taxes, take-home.* 3. *subtle, minor.* 4. *skinny, anorexic.*

**grotesque** *a.* strange, ridiculous, fantastic, bizarre, freakish, odd, incongruous, distorted, weird, peculiar, fanciful, surrealistic, misshapen, ugly, \*gross, deformed, monstrous. *ANT.* *normal, ordinary, realistic.*

**grotto** *n.* cavern. SEE CAVE

**grouch** *n.* complainer, faultfinder, grumbler, nag, whiner, crab, curmudgeon, \*sourpuss, \*bear, \*grump.

**grouch** *v.* complain, find fault, grumble, nag, whine, crab, \*grump, sulk, gripe, grouse, bellyache, growl.

**grouchy** *a.* \*grumpy, grumbling, complaining, whining, crabby, sulky, surly, testy, cross, cantankerous, \*like a bear. *ANT.* *good-humored, easygoing, agreeable.*

**ground** *n.* earth, soil, land, terra firma, turf, sand, terrain, real estate.

**ground** *v.* teach, educate, train, base, familiarize, prime, instruct, indoctrinate.

**groundbreaking** *a.* pioneering, spearheading, trendsetting, innovating, cutting edge, trailblazing. *ANT.* *old fashioned, obsolete.*

**groundless** *a.* baseless, unjustified, unwarranted, idle, unsupported, conjectural, gratuitous, unfounded. *ANT.* *substantiated, corroborated, verified.*

**grounds** *n.* 1. AREA land, estate, holding, lot, acreage, terrain, property, tract, surroundings. 2. BASIS base, foundation, rationale, premise, reason, argument, cause, motive.

**groundswell** *n.* wave, tsunami, force to be reckoned with, surge, upsurge, uprising, rush, sweep, landslide, avalanche.

**groundwork** *n.* preparation, foundation, footing, underpinning, infrastructure, fundamentals, preliminaries, base, planning.

**group** *n.* 1. ASSEMBLAGE body, mass, collection, party, bunch, band, crowd, gang, pack, crew, congregation, herd, flock, throng, aggregation. 2. CLASS classification, variety, category, division, branch, set, circle.

**group** *v.* classify, categorize, divide, sort, assign, grade, systematize, arrange, bunch.

**grouse** *v.* grumble, complain. SEE GROUCH

- grove** *n.* stand, orchard, wood, copse, coppice, thicket, boscaque.
- grovel** *v.* \*bow and scrape, kowtow, cringe, beg, \*kiss up, \*brownnose, toady, \*fall all over, demean oneself, fawn, \*bootlick, \*kiss feet, cower, \*suck up to, wheedle, cower, \*apple-polish, kneel before, worm. *ANT. defy, challenge, dominate.*
- grow** *v.* 1. DEVELOP spread, increase, enlarge, expand, lengthen, double, flourish, thrive, mature, burgeon, progress, sprout, spring up, germinate, blossom, mushroom. 2. PRODUCE cultivate, raise, generate, nurture, propagate. *ANT. 1. die, wither, shrink.*
- growl** *v.* snarl, grumble, rumble, gnarl, howl, \*give a throaty warning, roar, bark, make a guttural noise.
- grown-up** *a.* mature, adult, full-grown, of age. *ANT. immature, childish.*
- growth** *n.* 1. DEVELOPMENT spread, increase, expansion, lengthening, branching out, maturing, burgeoning, progress, germination, blossoming, blooming, evolution. 2. TUMOR mass, lump, cancer.
- grub** *v.* dig, root, poke, probe, forage, unearth, search, hunt, ferret about, dig, delve, uproot.
- grubby** *a.* messy, dirty, grimy, soiled, unclean, filthy, \*grungy, foul, begrimed, slovenly, \*scuzzy, squalid. *ANT. clean, tidy, fresh.*
- grudge** *n.* resentment, grievance, malice, spite, hard feelings, bitterness, \*bone to pick, ill will, \*axe to grind, rancor. *ANT. good will, benevolence.*
- grudge** *v.* begrudge, resent, mind, envy, hold against.
- grueling** *a.* exhausting, trying, arduous, back-breaking, hard, taxing, draining, strenuous, laborious, fatiguing, demanding, punishing. *ANT. easy, effortless, \*no sweat.*
- gruesome** *a.* grisly, horrifying, repulsive, disgusting, hideous, frightful, ghastly, revolting, repellent, appalling, monstrous, horrific, repugnant. *ANT. lovely, charming, delightful.*
- gruff** *a.* 1. RUDE brusque, surly, blunt, grouchy, grumpy, abrupt, rough, curt, sour, bearish, nasty, short. 2. HOARSE throaty, harsh, croaking, husky, rough, guttural. *ANT. 1. genial, polite, sweet. 2. resonant, smooth.*
- grumble** *v.* complain, groan, gripe, bellyache, fuss, grouch, growl, squawk, snarl.
- grump** *n.* complainer, whiner, \*one who isn't happy unless he is miserable, curmudgeon, griper, grouch, \*crab, sulker, \*sourpuss.
- grumpy** *v.* grouchy, surly, crabby, bearish, cross, cranky, peevish, cantankerous, testy, moody, irritable, touchy. *ANT. cheerful, happy, good-humored.*
- grungy** *a.* grimy, dirty, dingy, messy, \*scuzzy, foul. *ANT. clean.*
- guarantee** *n.* warranty, pledge, assurance, bond, promise, contract, word of honor, covenant, surety, security, oath.
- guarantee** *v.* warrant, promise, pledge, assure, \*give one's word of honor, back, certify, \*stand behind, vouch for, ensure, insure, protect, contract, underwrite.
- guarantor** *n.* warrantor, sponsor, backer, insurer, bondsman, underwriter.
- guard** *n.* security officer, protector, guardian, watchman, sentinel, sentry, lookout, escort, custodian, warder, cordon.
- guard** *v.* watch, protect, defend, attend, cover, shield, lookout, secure, safeguard, place under surveillance, screen, escort, \*ride shotgun, patrol.
- guarded** *a.* wary, cautious, circumspect, careful, mindful, leery, watchful, apprehensive, suspicious, reserved, discreet. *ANT. careless, reckless, rash.*
- guerrilla** *n.* bushfighter, resistance, soldier, freedom fighter, warrior, mercenary, soldier of fortune, volunteer soldier, mujahadeen.
- guess** *n.* estimate, \*guesstimate, conjecture, hypothesis, calculation, presumption, speculation, assumption, supposition, \*shot in the dark, \*ballpark figure, reckoning, hunch.
- guess** *v.* estimate, \*guesstimate, calculate, hypothesize, conjecture, presume, speculate, assume, suppose, \*take a shot in the dark, \*give a ballpark figure, reckon, figure, deduce, infer, theorize, gather, imagine.
- guest** *n.* visitor, company, caller, roomer, renter, boarder, lodger, client, customer. "[Those who] are often welcomest when they are gone."—Shakespeare. "A nuisance after three days."—Plautus.
- guffaw** *n.* roar, howl, burst of laughter. SEE LAUGH
- guidance** *n.* counseling, counsel, advice, direction, instruction, word to the wise, suggestion, recommendation, leadership, navigation.
- guide** *n.* leader, director, captain, pilot, navigator, escort, chaperon, mentor, guru, teacher, example, exemplar, model, beacon, landmark, lodestar.
- guidebook** *n.* manual, guide, field guide, handbook, reference book, how-to book, itinerary, tome, volume, vade mecum, bible.
- guild** *n.* society, association, union, fraternity, sorority, federation, league, club, group, company, alliance, coalition, brotherhood.

**guideline** *n.* direction, guide, instruction, indication, rule, code, mark, marker, clue, key, signal.

**GUILE** *n.* [GILE] slyness, craftiness, artfulness. *He managed a passing grade through pure guile; he used crib notes.* SYN. slyness, craftiness, artfulness, cunning, trickery, artifice, deceit, duplicity, fraud, dishonesty, treachery. ANT. honesty, naivete, candor.

**guileless** *a.* open, honest, frank, candid, naive, innocent, artless, ingenuous, sincere, truthful, unsophisticated. ANT. sly, crafty, artful.

**guilt** *n.* 1. BLAME culpability, culpa, reprehensibility, criminality, guiltiness, crime, sin, wrongdoing, liability, 2. REMORSE regret, shame, conscience, contrition, disgrace, self-reproach, penitence, compunction. "The avenging fiend that follows us behind with whips and stings."—Nicholas Rowe. ANT. 1. innocence, \*clean hands, clear conscience.

**guilty** *a.* 1. TO BLAME culpable, responsible, blameworthy, at fault, wrong, reprehensible, \*caught red-handed, in flagrante delicto, sinful, liable. 2. REMORSEFUL regretful, ashamed, conscience-stricken, contrite, disgraced, compunctious, sorry, sheepish, hangdog. ANT. 1. innocent, faultless, blameless. 2. proud, remorseless.

**guinea pig** *n.* test subject, victim, testee, examinee, cavy, rodent, lab animal, \*pharmaceutical pincushion.

**guise** *n.* appearance, semblance, aspect, cover, facade, disguise, form, mode, pretense, garb, dress, costume.

**guitar** *n.* SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**gulch** *n.* channel, ravine, trench, gully, wash, ditch, arroyo, cut.

**gulf** *n.* 1. INLET bay, estuary, harbor, cove, sound. 2. CHASM abyss, gap, rift, cleft, void, canyon, breach, hollow.

**GULIBLE** *a.* [GULL uh bul] easily fooled, credulous. *Gullible people believe anything told them by the media.* SYN. credulous, naive, easily fooled, trusting, innocent, unsophisticated, unsuspecting, \*born yesterday, green, \*wet behind the ears. ANT. wary, skeptical, wise, suspicious.

**gully** *n.* ditch, ravine, culvert, channel, trench, gutter, watercourse, gorge, valley, gulch.

**gulp** *v.* swallow, bolt, wolf, gobble, choke down, guzzle, swill, \*chugalug, swig, quaff.

**gummy** *a.* sticky, gooey, viscid, tacky.

**gumption** *n.* courage, boldness, initiative, \*starch, resourcefulness, enterprise, \*get up and go, hustle, drive.

**gun** *n.* firearm, revolver, pistol, \*six-shooter, \*shooting iron, rifle, carbine, shotgun, \*pea-shooter, \*Saturday night special, \*.38 special, \*.45, \*equalizer, \*rod, \*piece, \*enforcer, \*heater, \*roscoe. "[That which] makes men equal, a citizen's musket fires as well as a nobleman's."—Heinrich Heine. SEE AMMUNITION, ARMY, BULLET, CANNON, WAR, WEAPON

**WORD FIND**

**ammunition receptacle:** clip, magazine, cylinder

**antique:** blunderbuss, breechloader, Colt six-shooter, flintlock, Gatling gun, musket, muzzle loader

**attack rifle:** assault rifle

**back explosion:** backfire

**barrel end:** muzzle

**barrel portion receiving bullet:** chamber

**bead:** sight

**bore:** caliber, gauge

**brush:** swab

**butt:** stock

**case:** holster

**cock:** hammer

**colored finish on metal parts:** blueing

**gunfire:** fusillade, enfilade, volley, salvo

**handle:** grip

**knife mounting:** bayonet

**locking mechanism:** safety

**manufacturer:** Colt, Magnum, Luger, Winchester, Smith and Wesson, Beretta, Remington, Uzi

**plug placed in muzzle for safety:** tampion

**quieting attachment:** silencer, suppressor

**rear portion:** breech

**recoil after firing:** kick

**revolver's ability to shoot without first**

**cocking hammer:** double-action

**revolving cartridge holder:** cylinder

**trigger needing only slight pull:** hair trigger

**single-shot pistol:** derringer

**sliding rod that pushes cartridge into firing chamber:** bolt

**gunfire** *n.* gunshot, discharge, shot, detonation, enfilade, gunplay, fusillade, backfire, volley, salvo.

**gung ho** *a.* Sl. enthusiastic, eager, \*fired up, ardent, fanatical. ANT. blasé, nonchalant, jaded.

**gunman** *n.* killer, triggerman, assassin. SEE MURDERER

**gurgle** *v.* burble, babble, murmur, tinkle, ripple, bubble.

**guru** *n.* advisor, mentor, teacher, guide, leader, master, maharishi, swami, spiritual leader.

**gush** *n.* outpouring, flow, spurt, cascade, flood, rush, flush, surge, stream, spill, jet, discharge.

**gush** *v.* 1. POUR OUT flow, spurt, cascade, flood, rush, flush, surge, stream, spill, jet, spew. 2. EXAGGERATE \*lay it on thick, \*get carried away, be effusive, blather, bubble over, overstate, \*carry on. *ANT.* 2. *understate, restrain oneself.*

**gust** *n.* wind, rush, blow, burst, breeze, surge, squall, gale, blast, puff, draft. *SEE* WIND

**gusto** *n.* enjoyment, appreciation, zest, relish, exhilaration, enthusiasm, delight, pleasure, passion, ardor. *ANT.* *apathy, indifference.*

**gut** *n.* stomach, belly, abdomen, \*tummy, innards, intestines, bowels, \*spare tire, \*beer gut, \*middle-aged spread, paunch.

**gut** *v.* eviscerate, clean out, disembowel, dress, decimate.

**gut** *a.* instinctual, intuitive, inner, internal, visceral, deep, heartfelt, emotional. *ANT.* *fact-based, literal, unemotional.*

**gutless** *a.* cowardly, timid, fearful, mousy, \*wimpy, fainthearted, spineless, \*chicken, \*yellow, \*lily-livered, weak. *ANT.* *brave, courageous, \*gutsy, \*ballsy.*

**guts** *n.* *Sl.* courage, bravery, backbone, pluck, nerve, \*balls, heart, spunk, daring, boldness, \*spine, \*grit, \*moxie, fortitude. *ANT.* *cowardice, timidity, faintheartedness.*

**gutsy** *a.* *Sl.* courageous, brave, plucky, \*nervy, \*ballsy, spunky, daring, bold, \*gritty, intrepid, game. *ANT.* *cowardly, fainthearted, spineless.*

**gutter** *n.* channel, trough, trench, ditch, conduit, drain, culvert, sewer, canal, watercourse, runnel, gully.

**guttural** *a.* throaty, harsh, rasping, hoarse, gruff, \*whiskey-voiced, croaking, deep, glottal, gravelly, thick. *ANT.* *high-pitched, shrill, soprano.*

**guy** *n.* man, fellow, gentleman, chap, \*dude, person, teen, boy, lad, \*bro, \*buddy.

**guzzle** *v.* swill, swig, \*chug-a-lug, \*down, quaff, tipple, \*knock back, gulp, drain, \*polish off, \*choke down.

**gym** *n.* gymnasium, workout facility, court, indoor sport facility, fitness center, weight room, basketball court, arena, hall, auditorium. *SEE* FITNESS

**gymnastics** *n.* athletics, acrobatics, vaulting, calisthenics, exercises, somersaults, handstands, headstands, handsprings, floor exercises, pommel horse, the vault, parallel bars, uneven bars, balance beam, rings, tumbling, aerobics.

**gyp** *v.* \*rip-off, cheat, swindle, defraud, bilk, trick, bamboozle, hoodwink, rook, \*gull.

**gypsy** *n.* wanderer, nomad, roamer, vagrant, vagabond, migrant, drifter, rover, gadabout, Bohemian.

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**WORD FIND**

**known for:** fortunetelling

**language of:** Romany

**gyrate** *v.* revolve, spin, twirl, whirl, rotate, circle, wheel, gyre, pirouette, spiral.

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**habit** *n.* routine, custom, practice, tendency, convention, way, rut, pattern, mode, proclivity, manner, mannerism, inclination. "A cable. We weave a thread of it everyday, and at last we cannot break it."—Horace Mann.

**habitat** *n.* natural environment, home, terrain, haunt, natural element, \*stomping grounds, biosphere, range, domain, realm, natural surroundings, dwelling.

**habitation** *n.* home, dwelling, lodging, residence, domicile, abode, quarters, house, chambers, roost, place, \*pad, shelter. SEE HOUSE

**habitual** *a.* routine, usual, customary, established, fixed, set, hardened, inveterate, regular, everyday, accustomed, chronic, repetitious, persistent, ingrained, rooted. *ANT.* irregular, unusual, infrequent.

**habituated** *a.* inured, used to, accustomed, familiar, acclimated, seasoned, adapted, hardened, conditioned. *ANT.* unfamiliar, new.

**hacienda** *n.* estate, plantation, house, mansion, ranch.

**hack** *v.* chop, slice, axe, cleave, slash, cut, sever, hew, gash, lop off, shear, fell.

**hacker** *n.* computer programmer, computer nerd, \*cracker, \*cyber punk, \*internaut, \*computer crackerjack, \*computer wiz, computer prodigy, encryption expert, \*computer brain. SEE COMPUTER, INTERNET

**HACKNEYED** *a.* [HAK need] commonplace; dull from overuse, trite. *Clichés are hackneyed expressions.* *SYN.* commonplace, trite, banal, pedestrian, unimaginative, unoriginal, stock, overworked, tired, shopworn, inane, threadbare, clichéd, stale. *ANT.* fresh, original, imaginative.

**hag** *n.* witch, crone, harridan, ogress, virago, demon, enchantress, beldam, battle-ax, shrew.

**HAGGARD** *a.* [HAG urd] having a wild-eyed, drawn or gaunt appearance from exhaustion, sickness, etc. *SYN.* wild-eyed, wild, drawn, gaunt, wasted, drained, unruly, exhausted, careworn, run-down, hollow-cheeked, emaciated, ghastly, mad, insane. *ANT.* fresh, rested, vigorous.

**haggle** *v.* argue, bargain, wrangle, dicker, higgler, deal, \*drive a hard bargain, chaffer, barter, \*hash out a deal, quibble.

**hail** *v.* greet, wave to, call to, hello, accolade, salute, welcome, \*tip one's hat to, nod to, flag down, signal.

**hair** *n.* locks, mane, tress, down, \*mop, fur, strand, tuft, curls, fuzz, fringe, bristle, whiskers. "The only thing that will really prevent baldness."—Drew Berkowitz.

## WORD FIND

**African-American, puffy, 1960s, 1970s:** Afro  
**arrange:** coif, set, style, perm

**auburn dye:** henna

**back comb:** tease

**bald crown surrounded by ring of fringe:**  
tonsure

**bald:** glabrous

**baldness, common:** male pattern baldness

**band:** filet, snood

**beehive-like style of 1950s, 1960s:** beehive

**bowl-like:** Beatle cut, \*Moe

**braided rows close to head:** cornrows

**braid:** plait, cue, cueue, pigtail, tress, fishbone braid, French braid

**colors:** ash, ash blond, auburn, black, bleach blond, blond, blue-gray, brown, brunet, carrot, chestnut, cinnamon, coal black, cocoa, copper, dusky, fair-haired, fiery, flaxen, frosted, ginger, golden, gray, grizzled, hoary, honey, jet-black, nutbrown, nutmeg, peroxide blond, platinum blond, polished wood, premature gray, raven, russet, rust, sable, salt and pepper, silver, snowy, strawberry blond, tawny, technicolor (died, punk), titian, towheaded, violent red, washed out, white

**curl:** ringlet, corkscrew

**curled-ends style with bangs:** flip

**curl pressed against face with saliva:** spit curl

**curly like a poodle:** poodle cut

**cut short:** crop

**Dorothy Hamill style of 1970s:** wedge

**ducktail-like style of 1950s:** ducktail  
**fake:** toupee, \*rug, wig, implant  
**forehead fringe:** bangs  
**graying, premature:** poliosis  
**hairy, abnormally:** hirsute, hirsutism  
**high sweep of hair combed back from forehead:** pompadour  
**Jamaican braids:** dreadlocks, Rastafarian dreadlocks, dreads  
**knot:** chignon, bob, bun  
**mass, tangled or bushy:** shock  
**matted, tangled hairs:** elflocks  
**neck hairs:** hackles  
**point of hair tapering to forehead:** widow's peak  
**puffed-out mass, style:** bouffant  
**punk:** mohawk, porcupine, spiked, shaved, dyed  
**remove:** epilate, depilate, bob  
**remover:** depilatory, electrolysis  
**roll:** bun, chignon  
**shaved trails in a slanted or sculpted buzz cut:** \*fade, \*gumby  
**short haircut for men:** buzz, flattop, crew cut, butch, \*fade  
**short haircut for women:** bob  
**short on sides, nearly shoulder-length in back:** mullet  
**standing cone ending in ponytail:** empire cone  
**stick-up tuft:** cowlick  
**straight-cut style with bangs:** page boy  
**textures:** billowing, bouncy, bristly, bushy, coarse, cornsilk, crimped, crinkly, dollish, downy, eiderdown, fine (baby fine), fleecy, flowing, flyaway, frazzled, frizzy, fuzzy, greasy, kinky, knotted, lacquered, listless, lustrous, luxurious, matted, nappy, oily, rat's nest, rigid, ropey, satiny, shaggy, shocked, silky, snarled, stringy (like twine), thatched, wispy, withered, wizened, woolly.  
**waves style:** marcel

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

**hairless** *a.* SEE BALD, HAIR

**hairsplitting** *n.* nitpicking, pettiness, quibbling, caviling, fault-finding.

**hair-raising** *a.* bloodcurdling, breathtaking, frightening, terrifying, hackle-raising, spiningling, electrifying, shocking, chilling, horrifying. *ANT.* *reassuring, encouraging, emboldening.*

**hairy** *a.* hirsute, shaggy. SEE HAIR

**halcyon** *a.* calm, peaceful, tranquil, serene, untroubled. *ANT.* *agitated, turbulent.*

**hale** *a.* vigorous, sound, healthy, robust, fit, hearty, spry, hardy, well, \*in the pink, \*full of vim and vigor, \*in fine fettle. *ANT.* *sickly, weak, frail, failing.*

**half-baked** *a.* stupid, sophomoric, harebrained, premature, crude, impractical, \*birdbrained, idiotic, imbecilic, uninspired, moronic, dumb. *ANT.* *practical, brilliant, well-formulated.*

**halfhearted** *a.* unenthusiastic, lukewarm, blasé, indifferent, apathetic, dispassionate, cool, perfunctory, tepid, spiritless. *ANT.* *enthusiastic, eager, ardent, wholehearted.*

**half-wit** *n.* dimwit, nitwit, \*pea brain. SEE MORON

**halitosis** *n.* bad breath, \*dragon breath, foul breath, \*garbage breath, offensive breath.

**hall** *n.* hallway, corridor, passageway, entrance, foyer, vestibule, gallery.

**HALLMARK** *n.* [HALL mark] an identifying characteristic or telltale sign. *The hallmark of a sluggish economy is a drop in interest rates.* *SYN.* characteristic, telltale sign, identifying mark, sign, symbol, indicator, badge, earmark, index.

**hallowed** *a.* holy, sacred, venerated, revered, sanctified, worshipped, honored, consecrated, blessed, beatified, divine.

**hallucination** *n.* vision, illusion, hypnagogic image, delusion, fantasy, figment of the imagination, apparition, delirium, mirage, phantasmagoria.

**WORD FIND**

**alcoholic's:** delirium tremens

**amputee's false perception of limb:** phantom limb pain

**crossed senses:** synesthesia

**induces:** hallucinogen

**odor:** phantosmia

**halo** *n.* nimbus, aureole, glory, ring, circle, radiance. SEE ANGEL

**halt** *n.* stop, end, close, termination, pause, freeze, stay, recess, standstill, break, discontinuance.

**halt** *v.* stop, end, close, terminate, pause, freeze, stay, recess, stand still, take a break, discontinue, cease and desist, suspend.

**halting** *a.* hesitant, \*jerky, unsteady, disconnected, stuttering, stammering, faltering, stumbling, tentative, clumsy. *ANT.* *assured, decisive, unflinching.*

**halve** *v.* divide, split, cut in two, bisect.

**hamlet** *n.* small town, crossroads. SEE VILLAGE

**hammer** *n.* beetle, clawhammer, sledge, maul, mallet, gavel, ball-peen hammer.

**hammer** *v.* pound, beat, batter, bang, hit, pummel, drive, tap, strike, nail, \*clobber, fashion, form, forge.

**hamper** *v.* impede, hinder, handicap, hamstring, slow, inhibit, encumber, obstruct, frustrate, retard, restrict, hobble, curb. *ANT.* *help, assist, facilitate.*

**hamstring** *v.* cripple, handicap, hobble. *SEE* DISABLE

**hamstrung** *a.* crippled, handicapped. *SEE* DISABLED

**hand** *n.* 1. FIST palm, \*mitt, \*paw, \*duke. 2. HELPER worker, employee, laborer, aide, assistant, help. 3. HELP assistance, aid, lift, support, boost.

**handbook** *n.* manual, guide, how-to book, reference book, field guide, bible.

**handicap** *n.* disability, impediment, encumbrance, disadvantage, impairment, limitation, millstone, difficulty, burden, restriction, stumbling block.

**handicap** *v.* disable, impede, hamstring, cripple, encumber, impair, limit, burden, restrict, inhibit, weigh down, hamper.

**handkerchief** *n.* kerchief, bandanna, neckerchief, hanky, \*snot rag.

**handle** *n.* grip, haft, hilt, butt, knob, holder, crank, stock, pull.

**handle** *v.* 1. TOUCH feel, examine, finger, poke, hold, fondle, stroke, caress, rub, palpate. 2. MANAGE take care of, direct, supervise, oversee, govern, control, administer, deal with, steer.

**hand-me-down** *a.* passed down, second-hand, used, previously owned, old. *ANT.* *new, latest.*

**hand out** *vt.* distribute, dispense, disburse, deal out, parcel, mete, give out, deliver.

**handsome** *a.* 1. ATTRACTIVE good-looking, \*hunky, comely, fine, fair, manly, dignified, gorgeous, majestic, statuesque, \*foxy, luscious, macho, beautiful. 2. GENEROUS liberal, considerable, abundant, princely, magnanimous, ample. *ANT.* 1. *ugly, repulsive, \*gross.* 2. *meager, small, niggardly.*

**handwriting** *n.* script, penmanship, calligraphy, chirography, \*hen scratching, manuscript, scribbling, hand.

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#### WORD FIND

**poor:** cacography

**slip of the pen:** lapsus calami

**study of:** graphology

**style:** cursive, block lettering

**time and word-saving:** shorthand

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**handy** *a.* 1. CONVENIENT accessible, close at hand, nearby, at one's fingertips, within

reach. 2. DEXTEROUS deft, clever, adroit, skilled, adept, proficient, masterful, \*crack-erjack. *ANT.* 1. *inconvenient, inaccessible.* 2. *unskilled, inept, clumsy.*

**hang** *v.* 1. SUSPEND dangle, drape, depend, stick, pin, affix, sling, fall, swing, be pendent. 2. EXECUTE lynch, \*string up, \*send to the gallows, \*invite to a necktie party, gibbet, noose.

**hangdog** *a.* shamefaced, cringing, crestfallen, cowering, browbeaten, abject, miserable, wretched, conscience-stricken. *ANT.* *saintly, triumphant, innocent.*

**hangout** *n.* haunt, stomping ground, home away from home, club, club house, retreat, meeting place.

**hang-up** *n.* *Sl.* problem, inhibition, difficulty, quirk, disturbance, preoccupation, phobia, fear.

**hankering** *n.* desire, craving, yearning, want, thirst, itch, yen, ache, longing, \*fire in one's belly, drive.

**hanky-panky** *n.* *Sl.* 1. TRICKERY \*funny business. 2. AFFAIR \*fooling around, romance, fling, liaison, dalliance, \*thing, amour. *SEE* MISCHIEF

**haphazard** *a.* unmethodical, unorganized, slapdash, uncoordinated, aimless, casual, \*willy-nilly, indiscriminate, \*hit or miss, careless, random, arbitrary. *ANT.* *planned, organized, designed.*

**hapless** *a.* unfortunate, cursed, unlucky, star-crossed, jinxed, hopeless, luckless, wretched, woeful. *ANT.* *fortunate, lucky.*

**happen** *v.* occur, take place, befall, transpire, materialize, come about, come to pass, develop, ensue, spring, pass, result, arise.

**happening** *n.* event, occurrence, incident, experience, occasion, episode, incidence, affair, circumstance.

**happiness** *n.* joy, gladness, contentment, bliss, delight, jubilation, pleasure, cheer, high spirits, peace of mind, elation, rapture, euphoria, \*seventh heaven, exuberance, felicity, ecstasy. "It is all within yourself, in your way of thinking."—Marcus Aurelius. "[Something that] makes up in height for what it lacks in length."—Robert Frost. "Tranquility and occupation."—Thomas Jefferson. "Freedom from suffering."—Arthur Schopenhauer. "The mastery of passions."—Alfred Lord Tennyson. "Good friends, good books, and a sleepy conscience."—Mark Twain. *ANT.* *misery, depression, melancholia.*

**happy** *a.* 1. GLAD joyful, content, blissful, delighted, jubilant, pleased, cheerful, in high spirits, at peace, elated, euphoric, in \*seventh heaven,

exuberant, ecstatic, gleeful, \*tickled pink, \*walking on air, chipper, overjoyed, \*high. 2. FORTUNATE lucky, felicitous, auspicious, opportune, favorable, propitious, timely. *ANT. 1. depressed, miserable, downhearted, suicidal, sad, glum. 2. inauspicious, inopportune, unlucky.*

**happy-go-lucky** *a.* carefree, untroubled, \*devil-may-care, lighthearted, casual, easy, easygoing, nonchalant, insouciant, \*living the life of Riley, unconcerned. *ANT. stressed, worried, anxious, careful, concerned.*

**hara kiri** *n.* ritual suicide, disembowelment.

**harangue** *n.* tirade, diatribe, exhortation, lecture, \*chewing-out, speech, sermon.

**harangue** *v.* exhort, \*chew out, lecture, spout off, rant, sermonize, preach, declaim, rant and rave, go on about, \*get on one's soapbox.

**harass** *v.* disturb, trouble, torment, pester, plague, bother, \*bug, badger, distress, worry, \*pull one's chain, \*rattle one's cage, irritate, attack, intimidate, persecute, hound, harry, vex, ride, beset.

**HARBINGER** *n.* [HAR bin] ur] a sign of things to come, a forerunner, herald. *April rain is a harbinger of May flowers.* *SYN.* sign of things to come, forerunner, herald, precursor, omen, usher, messenger, premonition, portent, signal.

**harbor** *n.* 1. ANCHORAGE port, dock, pier, mooring, wharves, landing, bay, inlet, cove. 2. HAVEN refuge, retreat, shelter, sanctuary, port, port in a storm.

**harbor** *v.* 1. SHELTER house, lodge, quarter, berth, hide, protect, secrete, conceal, cover, shield, guard. 2. TO ENTERTAIN IN THE MIND hold, maintain, believe, cling to, foster, imagine, indulge, nurse.

**hard** *a.* 1. FIRM rigid, stiff, rock-solid, stony, inflexible, concrete, set, compacted, like iron, like steel, unyielding, impregnable. 2. DIFFICULT arduous, demanding, tough, laborious, burdensome, exhausting, strenuous, backbreaking, rigorous, painstaking, Herculean, \*murder, draining. 3. COMPLICATED complex, knotty, involved, incomprehensible, perplexing, bewildering, thorny. 4. STRONG powerful, severe, heavy. 5. UNFEELING callous, unfriendly, hostile, cold, merciless, harsh, cruel, hard-boiled, hard-hearted, unsympathetic, pitiless, ruthless, unrelenting. 6. HARSH rough, severe, trying, intolerable, unbearable, torturous, insufferable, difficult, bad. *ANT. 1. soft, pliable, flexible. 2, 3. easy, simple, effortless. 4. weak, light. 5. warm, sympathetic, compassionate. 6. soft, easy, mild.*

**hard-and-fast** *a.* set, invariable, strict, binding, unalterable, exacting, unbending, inflexible, incontrovertible. *ANT. flexible, variable, changeable.*

**hard-boiled** *a.* SEE HARD, TOUGH

**hard-core** *a.* 1. ABSOLUTE express, unqualified. 2. FIRM unyielding, resistant, rigid, staunch, steadfast, stubborn, inveterate, die-hard, unwavering. *ANT. 2. pliant, unresistant, waffling.*

**harden** *v.* 1. STIFFEN solidify, thicken, set, toughen, indurate, compact, cement, temper, steel, freeze, petrify. 2. ACCUSTOM strengthen, steel, inure, season, case harden, toughen, acclimatize, gird, callous. *ANT. 1. soften, weaken, thin.*

**hard-hearted** *a.* cold, callous, cruel, merciless, pitiless, unsympathetic, unfeeling, \*cold-hearted, inhuman, uncaring, \*icewater in one's veins. *ANT. compassionate, sympathetic, warmhearted.*

**hard-line** *a.* uncompromising, unyielding, adamant, firm, intractable, hardcore, unbending. *ANT. submitting, yielding.*

**hardly** *adv.* scarcely, barely, just, rarely, only.

**hard-nosed** *a.* hardheaded, stubborn, bullheaded, mulish, pigheaded, obstinate, tough, uncompromising, indomitable. *ANT. flexible, open-minded.*

**hardship** *n.* adversity, misfortune, suffering, privation, burden, affliction, \*hard knock, trial, tribulation, bad luck, grief, infelicity, trouble, hard times, disaster, catastrophe, rigor, travail. *ANT. good fortune, blessing, boon.*

**hardware** *n.* 1. TOOLS metalware, equipment, gear, utensils, cutlery, implements, machinery, appliances. 2. COMPUTER COMPONENTS microprocessor, peripherals, keyboard, modem, monitor. SEE COMPUTER

**hardy** *a.* robust, vigorous, strong, tough, rugged, powerful, strapping, fit, healthy, \*tough as nails, hearty, hale, sound, in good shape. *ANT. weak, sickly, frail.*

**harebrained** *a.* stupid, reckless, rash, foolish, idiotic, imbecilic, silly, half-witted, brainless, scatterbrained. *ANT. smart, \*brainy, sensible.*

**harem** *n.* seraglio.

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**WORD FIND**

**male attendant:** eunuch

**slave woman:** odalisque

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**harlot** *n.* whore, prostitute, strumpet, hussy, slut, tramp, loose woman, wench, trollop, street-walker, \*hooker, lady of the evening.

**harm** *n.* injury, hurt, damage, destruction, adversity, waste, wrong, detriment, abuse, loss, ruin. *ANT.* *help, good, benefit.*

**harm** *v.* hurt, injure, damage, wound, cripple, maim, molest, impair, destroy, wrong, abuse, ruin, misuse, wreck, spoil. *ANT.* *help, benefit, do good.*

**harmful** *a.* injurious, hurtful, damaging, destructive, detrimental, wounding, crippling, abusive, adverse, noxious, deleterious, inimical, pernicious, ruinous, disastrous. *ANT.* *beneficial, helpful, harmless.*

**harmless** *a.* benign, innocuous, safe, innocent, unoffensive, powerless, impotent, \*a pussy-cat, gentle, \*defanged. *ANT.* *harmful, deleterious, noxious, injurious.*

**harmonica** *n.* mouth organ. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**harmonious** *a.* compatible, agreeable, in rapport, peaceable, amicable, friendly, in accord, congenial, in tune, simpatico, like-minded, unified, blending. *ANT.* *discordant, clashing, incompatible.*

**harmonize** *v.* correspond, agree, unify, get in tune, attune, blend, coincide, \*be of one mind, jibe with, accommodate, accord, integrate. *ANT.* *disagree, clash.*

**harmony** *n.* agreement, correspondence, unification, blending, accord, integration, concurrence, rapport, consonance, rapprochement, coordination, compatibility. *ANT.* *discord, dissonance, disagreement.* SEE MUSIC

**harp** *n.* lyre. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**harpichord** *n.* clavichord. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**harried** *a.* pressured, stressed, troubled, \*at wit's end, beset, agitated, put-upon, overtaxed, plagued, harassed. *ANT.* *relaxed, calm, unwound.*

**HARROWING** *a.* [HAIR o wing] frightening, distressing. *The child found the roller coaster ride a harrowing experience.* SYN. frightening, distressing, upsetting, traumatic, disturbing, terrifying, bloodcurdling, hair-raising, tormenting. *ANT.* *soothing, pacifying, tranquilizing, relaxing.*

**harry** *v.* torment, harass, worry, agitate, beset, trouble, plague, pester, pressure, annoy, bother, \*stress out, nag, bug, weary.

**harsh** *a.* 1. ROUGH coarse, jagged, craggy, rugged, sharp, unpleasant, grinding, jarring, discordant, grating, clashing. 2. SEVERE cruel, unfeeling, hard, tough, merciless, stern, brutal, hard-boiled, unbending, cold-blooded. *ANT.* 1. *smooth, pleasant, melodious, musical.* 2. *soft, mild, easy, gentle.*

**harvest** *n.* gathering, reaping, return, yield, crop, fruit, profit, product.

**harvest** *v.* reap, gather, pick, collect, amass, glean.

**hash** *n.* mixture, hodgepodge, mess, jumble, pot-pourri, mishmash, medley, miscellany, muddle.

**hashish** *n.* narcotic, cannabis, cannabis resin, hash. SEE DRUG, NARCOTIC, MARIJUANA

**hassle** *n.* Sl. problem, difficulty, bother, \*pain, dispute, squabble, argument, disagreement, tussle.

**hassle** *v.* bother, harass, \*give a hard time, annoy, plague, pester, \*bug, hound, harry.

**haste** *n.* speed, swiftness, quickness, fleetness, dispatch, celerity, hurry, hustle, rapidity, rush, velocity, promptness. *ANT.* *slowness, sluggishness, delay.*

**hasten** *v.* hurry, rush, speed, race, \*step on it, \*get a move on, go quickly, scurry, \*ride like the wind, hustle, fly, accelerate, expedite, sprint, \*get the lead out, \*beat feet. *ANT.* *slow, delay, \*drag one's feet, procrastinate.*

**hasty** *a.* quick, fast, swift, rushed, fleet, rapid, expeditious, abrupt, prompt, \*on the double, \*pronto, brisk, instantaneous, \*quick as a wink, \*in a heartbeat, brief, rash, impetuous, reckless. *ANT.* *slow, leisurely, careful.*

**hat** *n.* cap, chapeau, headgear, headdress, \*lid. SEE CAP

#### WORD FIND

**Australian cowboy hat with brim turned up on one side:** bush hat

**bejeweled, decorated skullcap for evening wear, weddings:** Juliet

**beret with pompom in the middle:** tam, tam-o-shanter

**bowler:** derby

**box:** bandbox

**brimless, round, small hat of 1920s:** pill-box

**collapsible opera hat:** gibus

**cowboy:** Stetson, ten-gallon hat

**Crockett's, Davy:** coonskin cap

**derby:** bowler

**French Foreign Legion cap with havelock:** kepi, Legionnaire's

**graduate's square with tassel:** mortarboard

**high-domed hat worn by English police:** bobby

**high-domed hat worn by polo players:** chukka

**Jewish embroidered skullcap:** yarmulka

**knitted winter hat:** watch cap

**knitted winter hat with a long tail sometimes fitted with pompom:** stocking cap

**marching band's tall hat with feather cockade:** shako

**Mexican broad hat made of straw or felt:** sombrero

**pancakelike cap:** beret, tam

**pith helmet:** topee

**scarf wound around head:** turban

**Scottish Highland Military's creased cloth cap with badge and black ribbons:** glengarry

**seventeenth-century tall black hat, silver buckle:** Puritan

**Sherlock Holmes's tweed hat:** deerstalker

**snap-brim hat with low, flat crown:** porkpie

**snap-brim hat with puffed crown:** newsboy

**soft, domelike hat pulled down over forehead, for women:** cloche

**soft, felt hat creased down middle of crown:** fedora, homburg

**soft hat that can be crushed, carried in pocket:** crusher

**stovepipelike hat with tall crown, silky finish:** top hat

**straw hat, man's:** Panama

**straw hat with oval crown:** boater, picture hat

**straw, parasol-like hat worn by Chinese:** coolie

**straw, yellow and broad:** leghorn

**tall, fur hat worn by British army:** busby

**three-cornered:** tricorne

**Turkish hat shaped like truncated cone, decorated with tassel:** fez

**World War II folding dress cap, olive or khaki-colored:** garrison cap

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**hatch** *v.* create, concoct, bring forth, devise, design, produce, \*cook up, conceive, invent, originate, formulate, \*dream up.

**hate** *n.* loathing, dislike, abhorrence, detestation, odium, aversion, scorn, disgust, contempt, venom, repugnance, enmity, hostility, animosity, malice. *ANT.* *love, liking, affection.*

**hate** *v.* loathe, dislike, abhor, detest, scorn, regard with disgust, regard with contempt, feel hostile toward, despise, be sickened by, abominate, shrink from, disdain, have an aversion to. *ANT.* *love, like, admire.*

**hateful** *a.* loathsome, detestable, despicable, abhorrent, abominable, odious, nasty, mean, damnable, repugnant, foul, heinous, malicious. *ANT.* *loving, nice, wonderful.*

**hatred** *n.* loathing, dislike, abhorrence, detestation, odium, aversion, scorn, disgust, contempt, venom, repugnance, enmity, hostility, animosity, malice. "Self-punishment."—Ho-

sea Ballou. "Burning down your own house to get rid of a rat."—Harry Emerson Fosdick. "The coward's revenge."—George Bernard Shaw. *ANT.* *love, affection, friendliness.*

**HAUGHTY** *a.* [HAWT ee] arrogant and disdainful of others, high and mighty. *She had a haughty way of peering down her nose at us.* *SYN.* arrogant, disdainful, high and mighty, snobbish, lordly, condescending, patronizing, stuck-up, self-important, vain, conceited, imperious, superior, \*hoity-toity, supercilious, \*sniffy, \*above it all. *ANT.* *modest, humble, down to earth, folksy.*

**haul** *v.* pull, drag, tow, draw, lug, move, carry, truck, transport, convey, cart, take.

**haunt** *n.* purlieu, hangout, stomping ground, gathering place.

**haunt** *v.* 1. FREQUENT hang out at. 2. TROUBLE worry, torment, plague, disquiet, disturb. 3. \*SPOOK inhabit, appear, possess, manifest, terrorize, materialize, scare.

**haunting** *a.* unforgettable, spooky, ethereal, supernatural.

**HAUTEUR** *n.* [ho TUR] haughtiness, arrogance. *He regarded us with his usual hauteur.* *SYN.* haughtiness, arrogance, disdain, snobishness, condescension, pride, self-importance, imperiousness, superiority, presumptuousness, conceit, airs. *ANT.* *modesty, folksiness.*

**have** *v.* 1. BE IN POSSESSION possess, hold, own, retain, keep, enjoy. 2. EXPERIENCE endure, suffer, entertain, bear, undergo, know.

**haven** *n.* refuge, asylum, safe harbor, sanctuary, shelter, sanctum, port in a storm, retreat, hideaway.

**havoc** *n.* destruction, devastation, ruin, disaster, catastrophe, demolition, waste, chaos, desolation, shambles, calamity.

**hawk** *n.* 1. RAPTOR bird of prey. 2. WARMONGER.

**hawker** *n.* peddler, huckster, street vendor, salesman, pitchman.

**hayseed** *n.* *Sl.* yokel, bumpkin, hick, clodhopper, rustic, farmer, hillbilly, hobnail, \*rube, \*goat-roper, \*Bubba, \*Arky, \*Clem, \*Okie, \*brush ape. *ANT.* \*city slicker, sophisticated, cosmopolitan.

**haywire** *a.* *Sl.* crazy, confused, \*bonkers, berserk, amok, disordered, \*out of kilter, \*out of whack, \*psycho, out of order. *ANT.* *functioning, normal.*

**hazard** *n.* danger, threat, peril, risk, jeopardy, pitfall, \*thin ice, \*house of cards, insecurity, endangerment, cause for alarm, quicksand.

**hazard** *v.* risk, chance, venture, wager, gamble, stake, dare, attempt, try, \*go out on a limb, \*go for broke.

**hazardous** *a.* dangerous, threatening, perilous, imperiling, endangering, life-threatening, risky, unsafe, chancy, menacing, \*hairy, \*dicey, precarious. *ANT.* *safe, secure, harmless.*

**hazardous waste** *n.* toxic waste, pollution, nuclear waste, \*toxic soup, poison, contaminated materials, pathogenic materials.

**haze** *n.* vapor, fog, smog, smoke, mist, murk.

**haze** *v.* persecute, humiliate, tease, test, initiate.

**hazy** *a.* 1. CLOUDY foggy, misty, murky, nebulous, dim, gauzy, steamy, smoky, veiled, blurred, filmy, fuzzy. 2. VAGUE obscure, indefinite, confused, indistinct, dim, muddled, unintelligible, nebulous. *ANT.* 1. *clear, sunny.* 2. *clear, distinct, lucid.*

**head** *n.* 1. SKULL cranium, brain, noggin, \*bel-fry, \*noodle, \*bean, dome. "The palace of the soul"—Lord Byron. "The dupe of the heart"—La Rochefoucauld. 2. CROWN top, summit, peak, tip, apex, acme, pinnacle, cap, crest, vertex, height. 3. LEADER boss, chief, president, director, CEO, commander, ringleader, principal, chairman, \*big cheese, \*biggest toad in the puddle, \*top dog, captain, ruler. *ANT.* 2. *foot, base.* 3. *follower, underling.*

**head** *v.* lead, direct, command, boss, preside, chair, captain, run, rule, control, govern, supervise, oversee.

**headache** *n.* 1. migraine. 2. DIFFICULTY \*pain, \*pain in the neck, trouble, bother, annoyance, nuisance, problem.

**headhunting** *n.* recruiting, talent search.

**heading** *n.* 1. TITLE caption, headline, line. 2. COURSE bearing, direction.

**headline** *n.* caption, heading, title, banner, screamer. *SEE* NEWSPAPER

**headlong** *a.* reckless, dangerous, incautious, rash, foolhardy, breakneck, impetuous, uncontrolled, at full tilt, ungoverned. *ANT.* *cautious, careful, prudent.*

**headquarters** *n.* HQ, command post, nerve center, home office, main office, base, center of operations.

**headstrong** *a.* stubborn, self-willed, pigheaded, bullheaded, willful, obstinate, mulish, unyielding, wayward, defiant, intractable. *ANT.* *docile, obedient, yielding.*

**headway** *n.* advance, improvement, procession. *SEE* PROGRESS

**heady** *a.* intoxicating, stimulating, powerful, inebriating, exhilarating, exciting, arousing.

**heal** *v.* cure, make well, mend, restore, remedy, repair, treat, recover, alleviate, patch up, fix, doctor, nurse, revive, renew, medicate, rejuvenate.

**healer** *n.* physician, shaman, medicine man. *SEE* DOCTOR

**health** *n.* fitness, soundness, well-being, vitality, strength, vigor, hardiness, shape, condition. "To eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not."—Mark Twain.

**healthy** *a.* 1. GOOD FOR YOU salubrious, healthful, wholesome, salutary, beneficial, nutritious, nourishing, invigorating, restorative, sustaining, energizing. 2. IN GOOD SHAPE fit, strong, sound, well, vital, vigorous, hardy, hearty, \*bright-eyed, robust, hale, trim, \*in the pink, \*in fine fettle, lusty, lively, energetic. *ANT.* 1. *unhealthy, noxious, pernicious, deleterious.* 2. *failing, sickly, diseased, weak.*

**heap** *n.* pile, mound, stack, mass, bank, accumulation, clump, load, agglomeration, stockpile, jumble, bunch, abundance, \*lots, plenty.

**heap** *v.* pile, mound, stack, amass, bank, accumulate, clump, load, gather, group, cluster.

**hear** *v.* listen, heed, pay attention to, receive, hearken.

**hearing** *n.* interview, audience, inquiry, day in court, inquisition, inquest, review, trial, presentation.

**hearsay** *n.* rumor, gossip, \*grapevine report, scuttlebutt, word of mouth, talk, second-hand information, \*talk of the town.

**heart** *n.* 1. BLOOD-PUMPING ORGAN muscle, \*pump, \*ticker. 2. CENTRAL CORE nucleus, pith, center, kernel, essence, crux, seat, hub. 3. EMOTIONS compassion, love, sympathy, feeling, passion, soul, humanity, sensitivity, affection, pity. "The tabernacle of the human intellect."—Moses Maimonides. "The organ that sees better than the eye."—Yiddish proverb. "A free and fetterless thing—a wave of the ocean, a bird on the wing."—Longfellow. 4. COURAGE \*guts, bravery, spirit, \*spunk, valor, grit, nerve, backbone, mettle, fortitude. *ANT.* 2. *periphery, outskirts, edge.* 3. *coldness, hatred, indifference.* 4. *cowardice, timidity.*

#### WORD FIND

**angina drug used to widen blood vessels:**  
nitroglycerin

**artery, large:** aorta

**artery-repairing procedure:** angioplasty, bypass

**chest pain from lack of blood flow:** angina pectoris  
**damage to heart muscle due to insufficient blood supply:** heart attack, myocardial infarction  
**decreased blood flow to:** ischemia  
**defect sign:** murmur  
**device used to regulate heartbeat:** pacemaker  
**drug used to strengthen heartbeat:** digitalis  
**enlarged heart caused by strenuous exercise:** athletic heart syndrome  
**fluttering or pounding beat:** palpitation  
**inflammation:** pericarditis  
**occluded arteries:** atherosclerosis  
**out-of-control heart contractions:** fibrillation  
**pertaining to:** cardiac  
**pumping failure or weakening:** congestive heart failure  
**rapid heartbeat:** tachycardia  
**readout of electrical impulses:** electrocardiogram (EKG)  
**rhythm disturbance:** arrhythmia  
**stoppage:** cardiac arrest  
**study of:** cardiology

**heartache** *n.* heartbreak, anguish, grief, sorrow, misery, sadness, despair, broken heart, agony, heartsickness, desolation, woe, suffering, melancholy.

**heart attack** *n.* SEE HEART

**heartbreak** *n.* grief, anguish. SEE HEARTACHE

**heartbreaking** *a.* sad, pitiful, heart-wrenching, heartrending, painful, agonizing, disappointing, tragic, grievous, poignant, bitter, unendurable, crushing, devastating. *ANT.* *cheering, heartening.*

**heartbroken** *a.* sad, disappointed, crushed, devastated, heartsick, desolate, dejected, miserable, disheartened, despondent, depressed, crestfallen. *ANT.* *cheered, heartened, buoyed.*

**heartburn** *n.* reflux, pyrosis.

**hearten** *v.* encourage, cheer up, embolden, buoy, raise one's spirits, fortify, \*give a shot in the arm, boost up, buck up, comfort. *ANT.* *discourage, dishearten, \*take the wind out of one's sails.*

**heartfelt** *a.* sincere, feeling, real, deep, genuine, serious, ardent, fervent, honest, impassioned, profound. *ANT.* *insincere, phony, feigned.*

**heartless** *a.* cold, cruel, brutal, inhuman, callous, merciless, pitiless, unfeeling, \*thick-skinned, uncaring, mean, insensitive, hard. *ANT.* *compassionate, sympathetic, feeling.*

**heartrending** *a.* painful, distressing, agonizing, mournful, touching, moving, grievous, anguishing, saddening, excruciating, soul-stirring. *ANT.* *heartwarming.*

**heartsick** *a.* sad, mournful, grieving, nostalgic, despondent, disappointed, inconsolable, despairing, depressed, blue, down, lost. *ANT.* *euphoric, gleeful.*

**heartwarming** *a.* loving, affectionate, sweet, heartfelt, heartening, joyous. *ANT.* *heart-rending, chilling, unpleasant.*

**hearty** *a.* 1. WARM friendly, genial, cordial, affectionate, jovial, enthusiastic, wholehearted, passionate, unrestrained, effusive. 2. STRONG healthy, robust, hardy, vigorous, sturdy, energetic, stout, \*in fine fettle. *ANT.* 1. *cool, reserved, restrained, half-hearted.* 2. *frail, feeble, weak, sickly.*

**heat** *n.* 1. HIGH TEMPERATURE warmth, hotness, fever, fire, torridity, sultriness. 2. ANGER passion, rage, ardor, zeal, fervor, intensity, excitement, vehemence. *ANT.* 1. *coldness, fridity.* 2. *indifference, apathy, coolness.*

**heated** *a.* passionate, hot, raging, angry, ardent, fervent, intense, excited, vehement, violent, fiery, volcanic. *ANT.* *cool, calm, mild.*

**heathen** *n.* pagan, non-Christian, non-Jew, non-Muslim, infidel, nonbeliever, atheist, idolater, agnostic, skeptic. *ANT.* *believer, Christian, Jew, Muslim.*

**heave** *v.* 1. RAISE, THROW hurl, cast, toss, hoist, lift, fling, shoot, fire, pitch, chuck. 2. VOMIT throw up, puke, \*ralph, disgorge, discharge, \*upchuck, spew, spit up, \*blow chunks.

**heaven** *n.* 1. HEREAFTER paradise, afterworld, bliss, kingdom of God, glory, providence, ecstasy, utopia, \*Shangri-la, \*happy hunting ground, nirvana, city of light, Elysium, transport, happiness. "To be one with God"—Confucius. "Fulfilled desire."—Edward Fitzgerald. 2. SKY cosmos, universe, firmament, celestial sphere, \*the wild blue yonder. *ANT.* 1. *hell, Hades, purgatory, torment.* SEE GOD

**heavenly** *a.* blissful, glorious, divine, beautiful, holy, sublime, wonderful, extramundane, spiritual, beatific, ethereal. *ANT.* *hellish, horrible, demonic.*

**heavy** *a.* 1. HEFTY weighty, burdensome, over-weight, unmanageable, ponderous, substantial, massive, huge, titanic, obese. SEE FAT 2. INTENSE great, large, strong, abundant, extreme, powerful, overwhelming, violent, rough, deep, extensive, prolonged, profound. 3. SERIOUS profound, grave, weighty, important, critical, vital, crucial. 4. BURDENSOME

oppressive, distressing, hard, harsh, onerous, intolerable, harsh. *ANT.* 1. *light, weightless, featherlike.* 2. *light, mild, weak, brief.* 3. *trivial, unimportant, petty.* 4. *easy, light, tolerable.*

**heckle** *v.* harass, annoy, hassle, pester, \*wise off, jeer, bait, taunt, tease, \*ride, bother, \*give a hard time, \*bug.

**hectic** *a.* feverish, confused, rushed, chaotic, frenzied, frenetic, excited, wild, riotous, furious, tumultuous. *ANT.* *relaxed, calm, tranquil.*

**hector** *v.* bully, browbeat, pester, bait, badger, bother, torment, threaten, intimidate, harry, plague, menace, dominate.

**hedge** *n.* bush, hedgerow, boundary, shrubbery, windbreak, fence, barrier.

**hedge** *v.* avoid, lessen, evade, dodge, sidestep, equivocate, \*stonewall, \*hem and haw, temporize, \*pass the buck, \*waffle, duck.

**HEDONIST** *n.* [HEE dun ist] a pleasure-seeker, one who indulges. *He partied every Saturday night; he was a dyed-in-the-wool hedonist.* *SYN.* pleasure-seeker, bon vivant, indulger, \*party animal, profligate, glutton, voluptuary, epicure, gourmand, debauchee. *ANT.* *prude, Puritan, bluenose.*

**heed** *n.* attention, mind, notice, consideration, regard, thought.

**heed** *v.* mind, regard, pay attention to, consider, take notice, note, follow, hear, look at.

**heedless** *a.* inattentive, unmindful, careless, unobservant, thoughtless, reckless, rash, negligent, disregarding. *ANT.* *attentive, mindful, observant.*

**hefty** *a.* heavy, weighty, large, massive, powerful, bulky, gigantic, ample, husky, brawny, rugged, muscular. *ANT.* *puny, weak, wispy.*

**heifer** *n.* calf, yearling.

**height** *n.* 1. *ALTITUDE* elevation, tallness, highness, loftiness. 2. *TOP, CLIMAX* crest, crowning point, acme, zenith, high point, limit, peak, summit, pinnacle, apex, culmination.

**heighten** *v.* increase, intensify, enlarge, magnify, amplify, raise, lift, elevate, augment, strengthen, extend. *ANT.* *lower, lessen, shorten.*

**HEINOUS** *a.* [HAY nus] evil or wicked to the extreme, abominable. *The heinous war crimes will never be forgotten.* *SYN.* evil, wicked, abominable, atrocious, hellish, monstrous, loathsome, ghastly, horrid, shocking, unspeakable, revolting, outrageous, damnable, sickening, despicable, grisly. *ANT.* *saintly, angelic, good, moral.*

**heir** *n.* heirress, inheritor, beneficiary, recipient, successor, heir apparent, heir presumptive.

**heirloom** *n.* hand-me-down, cherished possession, legacy, inheritance, bequest.

**heist** *n.* *Sl.* holdup, \*stickup. *SEE* ROBBERY

**helicopter** *n.* aircraft, \*chopper, \*eggbeater, \*whirlybird, \*copter, autogyro.

**hell** *n.* Hades, Gehenna, nether world, abyss, fire and brimstone, inferno, underworld, Pandemonium, Abaddon, abode of the damned, limbo, eternal punishment, abode of the dead, abode of Satan, infernal regions, purgatory, pit, perdition, torment, depths. "Where their worms die not, and the fire is not quenched."—The Bible. "A vast, unbottomed, boundless pit."—Robert Burns. "A brimstone sea of boiling fire."—Francis Quarles. "Every man is his own."—Henry Louis Mencken. "God's penitentiary."—Charles Jaynes. *ANT.* *heaven, paradise, bliss.*

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## WORD FIND

**halfway to:** purgatory, limbo

**hell-bent** *a.* determined, driven, reckless, obsessed, resolute, bound and determined, single-minded. *ANT.* *wavering, unsure.*

**hellion** *n.* troublemaker, rascal, \*rowdy, devil, rogue.

**hellish** *a.* infernal, satanic, demonic, diabolical, fiendish, horrible, black, evil, wicked, stygian, terrible, cruel, pitiless. *ANT.* *heavenly, blissful.*

**helm** *n.* wheel, driver's seat, tiller, control, leadership, seat of power.

**helmet** *n.* headgear, head protector, hard hat.

**help** *n.* assistance, aid, hand, succor, support, boost, contribution, lift, service, guidance.

**help** *v.* 1. *ASSIST* aid, lend a hand, support, boost, contribute, lift, serve, guide, accommodate, do a favor, succor, abet, \*pitch in, oblige, \*go to bat for, \*stick up for, back, promote, rescue, save, extricate, \*throw a lifeline. 2. *IMPROVE* alleviate, ameliorate, mitigate, relieve, remedy, cure, allay, better, benefit. *ANT.* 1. *hinder, hamper, \*throw up a roadblock.* 2. *make worse, aggravate.*

**helper** *n.* assistant, aide, hand, helpmate, \*right-hand man, \*gofer, laborer, handmaid, henchman, subordinate, girl/man Friday, colleague, partner.

**helpful** *a.* useful, beneficial, constructive, accommodating, of service, valuable, conducive, invaluable, profitable, practical. *ANT.* *harmful, useless, worthless.*

**helpless** *a.* powerless, impotent, useless, inequitate, incompetent, incapable, weak, vulnerable, defenseless, infirm, dependent, spineless, lost. *ANT.* *capable, independent, powerful.*

**helter-skelter** *a.* disorderly, arbitrary, confused, random, haphazard, hurried, pell-mell, hit-or-miss, jumbled, chaotic. *ANT.* *orderly, arranged.*

**hem** *n.* edge, border, edging, skirt, trim, fringe, verge, ruff.

**hemorrhage** *v.* bleed, shed blood.

**henchman** *n.* follower, helper, underling, aide, flunky, bodyguard, subordinate, \*yes-man, hatchet man, advisor, attendant.

**hen-peck** *v.* nag, \*ride, dominate, \*bug, pester, \*pick on.

**herald** *n.* messenger, usher, forerunner, harbinger, precursor, omen, sign, indication, portent, symptom.

**herald** *v.* usher in, announce, foretell, harbinger, portend, trumpet, precede, presage, broadcast.

**herbicide** *n.* poison, defoliant, weed killer.

**Herculean** *a.* powerful, courageous, strong, mighty, formidable, tough, brawny, muscular, \*built, gigantic, colossal, heroic, laborious, arduous, hard, rough, backbreaking, strenuous. *ANT.* *puny, weak, easy.*

**herd** *n.* drove, flock, bunch, drift, mass, swarm, mob, bevy, crush, crowd, throng, horde.

**hereditary** *a.* inborn, inherited, congenital, genetic, inbred, ancestral, innate, inherent. *ANT.* *acquired, learned.*

**heresy** *n.* apostasy, unorthodoxy, nonconformity, freethinking, blasphemy, heterodoxy, infidelity, dissension, atheism, agnosticism. "Only another word for freedom of thought."—Graham Greene. "Experiments in man's unsatisfied search for truth."—H.G. Wells.

**heretical** *a.* unorthodox, infidelic, nonconforming, unbelieving, freethinking, heterodox, impious, schismatic, heathen. *ANT.* *orthodox, faithful.*

**heritage** *n.* legacy, inheritance, ancestry, tradition, birthright, lot. "Scriptures ... which have been absorbed into our blood."—Sholem Asch.

**hermit** *n.* recluse, solitary, loner, \*lone wolf, anchorite, misanthrope.

**hero** *n.* heroine, champion, idol, conqueror, victor, star, role model, principal, public figure, lion, protagonist, leading man. "One who is afraid to run away."—English proverb. "The shortest lived profession on earth."—Will Rogers. "One who thinks slower than a coward."—William Rotsler.

**heroic** *a.* brave, courageous, fearless, bold, noble, gallant, valiant, lionhearted, manly, \*gutsy, \*bigger than life, virile, gritty, altruis-

tic, exalted, epic. *ANT.* *cowardly, fainthearted, dastardly.*

**heroin** *n.* narcotic, drug, \*horse, \*snow, \*smack, \*Big H, \*black pearl, \*Charley, \*DOA, \*Hazel, \*joy powder, \*junk, \*Mexican brown, \*mojo, \*parachute, \*poppy, \*scag, \*sweet Jesus, \*the beast, \*white nurse, \*wings, \*witch. *SEE* DRUG, NARCOTIC

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**WORD FIND**

**cocaine and heroin mixed:** \*Belushi, \*goofball, \*speedball, \*snowball

**crack and heroin:** \*moonrock

**inject into someone else:** \*give wings

**lethal dose:** \*hot load

**low purity heroin:** flea powder

**marijuana and heroin mixture:** \*atom bomb

**marijuana, heroin, and cocaine mixture:** \*el diablo

**PCP and heroin mixed:** \*whack

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**heroism** *n.* bravery, courageousness, fearlessness, boldness, nobility, gallantry, valiance, valor, manliness, \*gutsiness, virility, grit, altruism. "Unbounded courage and compassion joined."—Joseph Addison. "Endurance for one moment more."—George Kennan. "It is always either doing or dying."—Roswell Hitchcock.

**hesitant** *a.* reluctant, irresolute, faltering, undecided, balking, tentative, wavering, halting, unsure, stalling, dallying. *ANT.* *decided, firm, confident.*

**hesitate** *v.* pause, hem and haw, falter, balk, waver, stall, wait, \*dillydally, \*waffle, dither, hang back, pussyfoot, \*drag one's feet.

**HETEROGENEOUS** *a.* [HET ur o GEE nee us] made up of dissimilar elements, different, incongruous. America is known for its heterogeneous society. *SYN.* dissimilar, different, incongruous, diverse, motley, varied, mixed, miscellaneous, disparate, unrelated. *ANT.* *homogeneous, like, same, uniform.*

**heterosexual** *a.* \*straight. *ANT.* *gay, homosexual.*

**hex** *n.* curse, spell, jinx, whammy, evil eye.

**HIATUS** *n.* [hi AYE tus] a break, gap or rest, often in one's work. *SYN.* break, interruption, lapse, discontinuity, interim, gap, pause, blank, rest, suspension, time out.

**hibernate** *v.* winter, sleep, hole up, lie low, lie dormant.

**hick** *n.* yokel, \*hayseed, farmer, rustic, bumpkin, \*hillbilly, \*rube, clodhopper, \*Okie, \*Arky, \*Clem.

**hidden** *a.* concealed, covered, covert, secret, under wraps, cloaked, clandestine, veiled,

undercover, secreted, indiscernible, obscure, latent, occult, cryptic, invisible. *ANT.* *open, exposed, \*in the spotlight, overt.*

**hide** *v.* conceal, secrete, cover, \*put under wraps, cloak, veil, obscure, lie low, cache, shield, mask, camouflage, disguise, \*drop out of sight, \*hole up. *ANT.* *expose, reveal, show.*

**hideous** *a.* horrible, dreadful, appalling, terrible, ugly, awful, monstrous, grotesque, sickening, repulsive, gruesome, frightful, ghastly, grisly, repugnant, macabre. *ANT.* *lovely, beautiful, attractive.*

**HIERARCHY** *n.* [HYE uh RAHR kee] an order of rank, pecking order. *He was second in command in the company hierarchy.* *SYN.* order, pecking order, ranking, grouping, strata, \*chain of command, \*ladder, caste system.

**high** *a.* 1. LOFTY tall, towering, soaring, steep, sky-high, \*cloud-kissing, \*cloud-piercing, elevated, skyward, alpine, vertiginous. 2. IMPORTANT powerful, superior, prominent, excellent, exalted, ranking, eminent, chief, leading, uppermost. 3. EXTREME excessive, great, intensified, dear, expensive, exorbitant, extravagant, costly, \*steep. 4. HIGH-PITCHED soprano, shrill, treble, piercing. 5. HAPPY euphoric, elated, ecstatic, joyful, cheerful, exuberant, rhapsodic. 6. UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS OR DRINK \*buzzed, under the influence, intoxicated, \*stoned, \*flying, \*hammered, \*baked, \*blitzed, \*coked out, delirious, \*fried, \*hopped up, \*out of it, \*tripping, \*wired, \*spaced out. *ANT.* 1. *low, short. 2. low, insignificant, piddling. 3. modest, low, cheap. 4. low, bass. 5. low, depressed, \*down in the dumps. 6. sober, lucid, clearheaded.*

**high and mighty** *a.* lordly, arrogant, presumptuous. *SEE HAUGHTY*

**highbrow** *n.* longhair, thinker, \*egghead, scholar. "The kind of person who looks at a sausage and thinks of Picasso."—Alan Herbert. "A person educated beyond his intelligence."—Brander Mathews. *SEE INTELLECTUAL*

**highbrow** *a.* erudite, scholarly, intellectual, learned, cultivated, bookish, cultured. *ANT.* *lowbrow, unread, uncultured.*

**high-class** *a.* superior, first-rate, best, supreme, \*tops, upper-class, \*upper-crust, top-flight, select, deluxe, quality, plush. *ANT.* *low-class, ordinary, mediocre.*

**highfalutin** *a.* pretentious, high-flown. *SEE POMP- OUS*

**high-flown** *a.* high-sounding, bombastic, grandiloquent, lofty, grandiose, pretentious, stilt-

ed, inflated, extravagant, turgid, showy, flowery. *ANT.* *folksy, down to earth, plain.*

**high-handed** *a.* overbearing, domineering, imperious, tyrannical, dictatorial, arbitrary, oppressive, ironhanded, authoritarian. *ANT.* *cooperating, helpful, just.*

**highlight** *n.* high point, memorable part, feature, focus, focal point, peak, climax, best part.

**highlight** *v.* spotlight, underline, underscore, feature, play up, headline, punctuate, accentuate, emphasize, stress. *ANT.* *downplay, obscure.*

**high-minded** *a.* ethical, moral, principled, honorable, noble, upright, conscientious, virtuous, honest, righteous. *ANT.* *unethical, immoral, unprincipled.*

**high society** *n.* cultured class, upper class, upper crust, moneyed class, beau monde, \*jet set, society, haut monde, privileged class, \*beautiful people, aristocracy, elite, crème de la crème, glitterati.

**high-strung** *a.* nervous, tense, uptight, wound up, \*hyper, \*wired, edgy, skittish, jumpy, excitable, taut, temperamental, snappy. *ANT.* *calm, relaxed, placid.*

**highway** *n.* road, street, freeway, drive, parkway, turnpike, expressway, thoroughfare, boulevard, \*main drag, causeway, autobahn, toll road, beltway. *SEE AUTOMOBILE*

**hijack** *v.* seize control, commandeer, steal, \*hold up, skyjack, \*carjack.

**hijacker** *n.* robber, skyjacker, \*carjacker, kidnapper, abductor.

**hike** *n.* walk, journey, walkabout, ramble, trek, march, tramp, odyssey.

**hike** *v.* walk, journey, ramble, backpack, trek, march, tramp, rove, \*hoof it, range.

**hilarious** *a.* funny, side-splitting, \*hysterical, humorous, \*a riot, \*a scream, uproarious, amusing, merry, boisterous, gay, jolly, mirthful, gleeful, noisy. *ANT.* *grim, grave, sad, depressing.*

**hill** *n.* elevation, rise, knoll, hillock, hummock, knob, hump, bluff, gradient, slope, highland, prominence, mound, tor, dune. *ANT.* *crater, canyon, hollow, valley.* *SEE MOUNTAIN*

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**WORD FIND**

**hilly:** rolling, tumultous  
**land between hills:** intervalle

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**hillbilly** *n.* \*hayseed, \*Clem, clohopper. *SEE HICK*

**hillock** *n.* *SEE HILL*

**hinder** *v.* obstruct, block, impede, slow, stop, prevent, check, deter, thwart, frustrate, hamper, interfere, foil, forestall, stand in the

- way, \*hamstring. *ANT.* help, enable, facilitate, free.
- hindrance** *n.* impediment, obstruction, encumbrance, stumbling block, obstacle, restriction, restraint, constraint, snag, handicap.
- hindsight** *n.* retrospect, \*Monday morning quarterbacking, experience, wisdom, knowledge, seasoned perception, looking back.
- Hinduism** *n.* SEE RELIGION
- hinge** *v.* depend, be contingent, rest, hang, revolve.
- hint** *n.* 1. CLUE indication, tip, \*tip-off, suggestion, telltale, implication, allusion, sign, lead, innuendo, intimation. 2. TRACE tinge, touch, suggestion, taste, sprinkling.
- hint** *v.* give a clue, suggest, indicate, intimate, imply, indicate, allude to, insinuate, \*put a bug in one's ear, infer, tip, cue.
- hinterland** *n.* backcountry, outback, \*boonies, \*sticks, remote region, wilderness, frontier, wilds, bush country.
- hip** *a. Sl.* \*with it, sophisticated, \*in the know, aware, stylish, savvy, au courant, worldly-wise, experienced, astute, \*cool. *ANT.* ignorant, \*out of it, unaware.
- hip hop** *n.* rap, black urban music, \*gangsta rap. SEE RAP
- hippie** *n.* nonconformist, \*long-hair, \*freak, free spirit, Bohemian, \*Deadhead, flower child, beatnik, deviant, \*60s dropout.
- hire** *v.* employ, engage, enlist, take on, commission, secure, appoint, delegate, put to work, retain, contract for, rent, charter, lease. *ANT.* fire, let go, \*pink slip.
- Hispanic** *a.* Spanish, Latino, Hispano.
- historic** *a.* momentous, consequential, important, notable, significant, unforgettable, famous, celebrated, renowned, outstanding, extraordinary. *ANT.* unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, obscure.
- historical** *a.* documented, factual, real, actual, authentic, true, recorded, verifiable, chronicled, past, bygone, former. *ANT.* mythical, fictitious, made-up, contemporary, modern.
- history** *n.* 1. CHRONICLE record, documentation, account, annals, saga, chronology, memories, diary, memoirs. "The witness of the times ... the messenger of antiquity."—Cicero. "A voice forever sounding across the centuries the laws of right and wrong."—James Froude. "A sort of mask, richly colored."—John Quincy Adams. "The great dust heap."—Augustine Birrell. "A fraud agreed upon."—Napoleon I. "That terrible mill in which sawdust rejoins sawdust."—Edith Sitwell. 2. THE PAST yesteryear, bygone era, \*good old days, \*water under the bridge, antiquity.
- HISTRIONIC** *a.* [HISS tree AWN ik] theatrical, overly dramatic. *His histrionic show of temper made him the center of attention.* *SYN.* theatrical, dramatic, melodramatic, overplayed, overacted, affected, stagy, thespian, forced, unnatural, \*put-on. *ANT.* natural, unaffected, understated.
- histrionics** *n.* theatrics, melodramatics, dramatics, show, acting, affectation, display, play-acting, performing.
- hit** *n.* 1. BLOW strike, knock, bump, impact, smack, whack, tap, rap, thump, \*conk, cuff, punch, slap, swat. 2. SUCCESS triumph, winner, \*smash, sensation, best-seller, sellout.
- hit** *v.* strike, knock, bump, smack, whack, tap, rap, thump, \*conk, cuff, punch, slap, swat, belt, bang, wallop, sock, pound, bash, beat, bop, slug.
- hitch** *n.* problem, snag, impediment, hindrance, stumbling block, \*snafu, catch, difficulty, \*glitch, bug, complication.
- hitch** *v.* join, connect, fasten, link, bind, attach, harness, couple, yoke, unite.
- hitchhike** *v.* \*thumb a ride.
- hit man** *n. Sl.* \*triggerman, \*hired gun, assassin. SEE KILLER, MURDERER
- hit-or-miss** *a.* random, haphazard, careless, inaccurate, luck of the draw, trial and error, casual. *ANT.* precise, accurate.
- hoard** *n.* stockpile, store, cache, supply, reserve, stash, \*nest egg, collection, accumulation.
- hoard** *v.* stockpile, store, cache, put away, \*squirrel away, amass, stash, hide, save, collect, accumulate. *ANT.* squander, waste, spend.
- hoarse** *a.* husky, throaty, rough, harsh, rasping, gravelly, croaking, \*whiskey-voiced, scratchy, ropy, guttural, ragged.
- hoary** *a.* 1. WHITE OR GRAY salt and pepper, grizzled, snowy-haired. 2. OLD elderly, ancient, aged, venerable.
- hoax** *n.* prank, trick, \*put-on, \*fake-out, joke, \*spoof, ruse, fraud, deception, \*crook, \*humbug.
- hoax** *v.* trick, \*put on, \*fake out, deceive, \*con, \*hoodwink, fool, delude, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, \*sucker, dupe.
- hobble** *v.* 1. LIMP hitch, shamble, falter, dodder, walk lamely, stumble, stagger, \*shortleg. 2. RESTRICT fetter, hinder, hamper, \*hamstring, cripple, impede, handicap, inhibit.
- hobby** *n.* pastime, avocation, diversion, sideline, \*thing, leisure time activity, pursuit, play, \*bag, fun, \*cup of tea.

**hobgoblin** *n.* bogey, bugbear, apparition, evil spirit, \*spook, puck, elf, imp, fairy.

**hobo** *n.* tramp, \*bum, transient, drifter, vagrant, derelict, \*stiff, migrant worker, rover.

**hock** *v.* pawn.

**hockey** *n.* ice hockey, field hockey, sport.

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**WORD FIND**

**ICE HOCKEY**

**avoid being scored against while short-handed:** kill a penalty

**bumping opponent away from play:** check, body check

**cup:** Stanley

**disk:** puck

**drop of puck by referee between two players:** face-off

**fake a move to shake off opponent:** deke

**free shot on goal:** penalty shot

**goaltender:** goalie

**hard, driving shot:** slapshot

**holding crook of opponent's stick to stop movement:** hooking

**illegally striking opponent with stick:** slashing, spearing, high sticking

**illegal shot from behind center red line:** icing

**penalty situation in which team has a one-man advantage:** power play

**positions:** center, forwards, wings, backline, defensemen

**rectangle in front of goal:** crease

**roughness penalty, excessive:** roughing

**three goals scored by one player in a single game:** hat trick

**vehicle that restores ice surface:** Zamboni

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**hocus-pocus** *n.* magic, trickery, legerdemain, sleight-of-hand, prestidigitation, hoax, conjuring, deception, incantation, \*abracadabra, mumbo jumbo, gibberish.

**hodgepodge** *n.* mixture, miscellany, jumble, melange, potpourri, medley, patchwork, \*goulash, mess, \*mishmash, hash, \*mixed bag.

**hoe** *n.* garden implement, tool, weeder, cultivator, digger.

**hog** *n.* 1. PIG swine, \*oinker, shoat, piglet, sow, boar. 2. GLUTTON gourmand.

**hog** *v.* *Sl.* be greedy, take all, monopolize.

**hogwash** *n.* \*BS, \*baloney, balderdash, \*bilge. SEE NONSENSE

**hoi polloi** *n.* the common people, the masses, commoners, rank and file, the working class, the crowd, citizenry, plebians, proletariat,

\*Middle America. *ANT.* aristocracy, high society, upper class.

**hoist** *v.* raise, lift, pull up, elevate, raise aloft, jack up, erect.

**hokey** *a.* SEE CORNY

**hold** *n.* influence, grip, control, sway, pull, effect, \*clout.

**hold** *v.* 1. GRIP clutch, grasp, clasp, clench, carry, embrace, squeeze, palm, cradle, handle, wield. 2. POSSESS have, retain, keep, own, secure, maintain, contain. 3. BELIEVE maintain, think, feel, reckon, view, deem, assume, surmise, espouse, swear by. 4. CHECK restrain, restrict, suspend, postpone. 5. PERSIST continue, last, endure, stay, remain. 6. SUPPORT uphold, bear, shoulder.

**hold up** *n.* 1. ARMED ROBBERY \*stickup, heist. 2. DELAY gridlock, red tape, wait, pause, stoppage, bottleneck, congestion. SEE CRIME

**hole** *n.* 1. OPENING space, aperture, gap, orifice, vent, cavity, rift, slot, break, puncture, perforation, excavation, hollow, crater, pit, dug-out, well, burrow. 2. PREDICAMENT \*box, \*pickle, jam, dilemma, fix, spot, bind, plight, \*hot water, \*tight squeeze.

**holiday** *n.* celebration, festival, commemoration, fiesta, jubilee, holy day, observance, anniversary, vacation, day off, day of rest, long weekend. "Overrated disturbances of routine."—Edward Lucas.

**HOLIER-THAN-THOU** *a.* acting as if one is more virtuous than another, self-righteous. *We were sickened by his hypocritical, holier-than-thou judgments.* *SYN.* sanctimonious, self-righteous, pious, self-satisfied, smug, snobbish, \*squeaky clean, judgmental.

**holiness** *n.* sanctity, sacredness, godliness, divinity, blessedness, grace, saintliness, piety, virtue. "A sweet, pleasant, charming, serene, calm nature."—Jonathan Edwards. "A fire whose outgoing warmth pervades the universe."—Plotinus. *ANT.* *sinfulness, sin.*

**HOLISTIC** *a.* [ho LIS tik] encompassing an entire integrated system, as opposed to an individual part. *Holistic medicine seeks to look at the entire mind/body connection in addition to the disease site.* *SYN.* complete, whole, one, comprehensive, entire, total, integral, universal, full, integrated, systemic, multidimensional. *ANT.* *partial, individual.*

**holler** *v.* yell, bellow, thunder. SEE SHOUT

**hollow** *n.* depression, concavity, indentation, cavity, dent, dimple, sink, bowl. SEE HOLE

**hollow** *a.* 1. EMPTY vacant, void, unfilled. 2. CONCAVE deep-set, indented, sunken, cavernous. 3. MEANINGLESS empty, vain, futile, worth-

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- less, useless, insincere. *ANT.* 1. *full, teeming, replete.* 2. *convex.* 3. *meaningful, important, profound.*
- holocaust** *n.* destruction, annihilation, genocide, mass killing, massacre, carnage, extermination, catastrophe, disaster, devastation, conflagration, firestorm, inferno.
- holy** *a.* godly, divine, sacred, hallowed, sacrosanct, consecrated, blessed, saintly, virtuous, religious, righteous, pious, faithful, spiritual. *ANT.* *ungodly, unholy, profane, diabolical, demonic.*
- HOMAGE** *n.* [(H) ÄM - ij] something done, said or given to honor or show respect for another. *We paid homage to the president with our salute.* *SYN.* honor, respect, tribute, exaltation, esteem, admiration, reverence, allegiance, obeisance, deference, recognition.
- home** *n.* 1. RESIDENCE house, domicile, abode, habitation, dwelling, quarters, place, castle, lodging, roost, \*diggings, \*pad. "Where we love."—Oliver Wendell Homes. "A place where you can scratch any place you itch."—Henry Ainsley. "The abode of the heart."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. HOME BASE OR ORIGIN birthplace, native land, fatherland, habitat. *SEE* HOUSE
- homebody** *n.* introvert, \*house cat, \*stick in the mud, \*couch potato. *ANT.* *extrovert.*
- homeboy** *n.* *Sl.* friend, buddy, neighbor, acquaintance, \*homie, \*brother, \*sister.
- homegrown** *a.* native, homespun, homemade. *ANT.* *foreign.*
- homeless** *a.* destitute, \*down-and-out, vagrant, displaced, derelict, evicted, dispossessed, exiled, forsaken, impoverished. *ANT.* *affluent, well-off, comfortable.*
- homely** *a.* 1. UGLY plain, unattractive, \*short on looks. 2. SIMPLE plain, unpretentious, unsophisticated, homey, modest, folksy, informal, comfortable. *ANT.* 1. *beautiful, pretty, handsome.* 2. *pretentious, sophisticated, showy.*
- homemade** *a.* homespun. *ANT.* *storebought.*
- homemaker** *n.* housewife, house husband, housekeeper, mother, domestic, household manager, domestic manager.
- homesick** *a.* nostalgic, wistful, heartsick, longing, yearning, pining, lonely for home, alienated, estranged.
- homespun** *a.* plain, unpretentious, homemade, homely, simple, unsophisticated, folksy, simple, down-home, modest, informal. *ANT.* *sophisticated, pretentious, refined.*
- homestead** *n.* farm house.
- homey** *a.* comfortable, cozy, relaxed, familiar, informal, folksy, domestic, intimate, friendly, unpretentious. *ANT.* *sophisticated, formal.*
- homicidal** *a.* murderous, bloodthirsty, violent, maniacal. *ANT.* *pacifistic, peaceful.*
- homicide** *n.* murder, killing, manslaughter, slaughter, slaying, assassination, \*hit, shooting. *SEE* MURDER
- homily** *n.* sermon, lecture, lesson.
- hominid** *n.* hominoid, human ancestor, Homo sapien, primate.
- HOMOGENEOUS** *a.* [HO mo JEE nee us] made of like or similar elements. *A nation with only one ethnic group is a homogeneous society.* *SYN.* similar, like, identical, kindred, uniform, consistent, unmixed, the same. *ANT.* *heterogeneous, dissimilar.*
- homosexual** *n.* gay man, gay woman, lesbian, invert, bisexual, transsexual. *ANT.* *heterosexual.*
- homosexual** *a.* gay, lesbian, \*queer, bisexual, transsexual, inverted.
- homosexuality** *n.* homoeroticism, lesbianism, androphilia, gynophilia, gayness, orientation, same-sex attraction, \*gender bending. *SEE* BISEXUAL, HOMOSEXUAL, LESBIAN, SEXUALITY

## WORD FIND

- acknowledged, publicly:** out; out of the closet
- anal sex between males, old term for:** buggery
- announce one's orientation publicly:** out
- appearance of either a male or female, having the:** androgynous
- boy in sexual relationship with man:** catamite
- demanding, loud or flamboyant gay, slang for:** diva
- dresses as female:** drag queen
- dresses as opposite gender and may or may not be gay:** cross dresser, transvestite
- fear of:** homophobia
- female:** lesbianism
- flamboyant, wildly effeminate, slang for:** flaming
- gay man, slang for:** fag, queer, queen, femme, molly
- gender, dresses, behaves, and may be surgically altered as opposite:** transgendered, transsexual
- gender, has sex with either:** bisexual
- grooming, shaving, trimming, term for stylish:** manscaping
- heterosexual male perceived to be gay because of advanced style and grooming:** metrosexual
- hidden tendencies, describing:** latent

**hole for anonymous sex:** glory hole  
**lesbian:** Sapphic  
**lesbian, slang for:** dyke, lezbo  
**male who dresses and acts female, accepted in some cultures as a magical third gender:** berdache  
**marriage between homosexuals, legal:** civil union  
**masculine behavior of lesbian, describing:** butch  
**military policy of secrecy, outmoded:** don't ask, don't tell  
**older man with adolescent boy:** pederasty  
**oral or anal sex, male:** sodomy  
**secret homosexual orientation, referring to one's:** in the closet  
**sham marriage used to hide one's orientation:** lavender marriage  
**supporter of:** homophile  
**woman who couples with a homosexual to help hide his orientation:** beard  
**wondering about one's leanings toward:** gay curious

**hone** *v.* sharpen, file, whet, grind.

**honest** *a.* 1. TRUTHFUL trustworthy, upstanding, scrupulous, moral, ethical, veracious, reputable, straight, \*on the level, honorable, aboveboard, conscientious, principled, credible, believable. 2. CANDID frank, direct, straightforward, forthright, sincere, genuine, real, outspoken, outright, blunt. *ANT.* 1. *dishonest, deceitful, disreputable.* 2. *indirect, insincere.*

**honesty** *n.* 1. TRUTHFULNESS veracity, integrity, trustworthiness, scrupulousness, probity, principle, morality, virtue, conscientiousness, credibility. "The ability to resist small temptations."—John Ciardi. 2. CANDOR frankness, directness, straightforwardness, forthrightness, sincerity, outspokenness, bluntness. *ANT.* 1. *dishonesty, deceit, deception.* 2. *indirectness, insincerity.*

**honeyed** *a.* sweetened, sugarcoated, candied, syrupy, flattering, smooth-tongued, ingratiating, cajoling.

**honk** *v.* beep, toot, blast, blare, blow, sound.

**honor** *n.* 1. REGARD respect, esteem, admiration, veneration, reverence, dignity, glory, deference, homage, exaltation, recognition, approval. 2. INTEGRITY character, honesty, morality, virtue, principles, decency, righteousness, rectitude, nobility, dignity. "The moral conscience of the great."—William D'Avenant. "The morality of superior men."—Henry Louis Mencken. "A mistress

all mankind pursue."—Paul Whitehead. *ANT.* 1. *dishonor, shame, disgrace,* 2. *dishonor, dishonesty, immorality, perfidy, treachery.*

**honorable** *a.* virtuous, scrupulous, honest, moral, ethical, principled, decent, righteous, noble, trustworthy, upright, good. *ANT.* *dishonorable, disreputable, dishonest.*

**honorary** *a.* honorific, titular, in name only. *ANT.* *actual, earned.*

**hood** *n.* punk, thug. SEE HOODLUM

**hoodlum** *n.* \*hood, criminal, thug, ruffian, gangster, mobster, \*tough, \*goon, \*hooligan, \*punk, rowdy, troublemaker.

**hoodwink** *v.* dupe, mislead, deceive, confuse, trick, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, delude, cheat, fool, bamboozle.

**hook** *n.* 1. GRAPPLE grapnel, crook, catch, hasp. 2. BEND crook, dogleg, curve, angle, loop, arc, hairpin turn.

**hook** *v.* hitch, catch, gaff, grab, seize, snag, secure, fasten, couple.

**hooked** *a.* *Sl.* \*having a monkey on one's back. SEE ADDICTED

**hooker** *n.* *Sl.* whore, lady of the evening, streetwalker. SEE PROSTITUTE

**hooligan** *n.* rowdy, \*punk, \*tough. SEE HOODLUM

**hoopla** *n.* *Sl.* excitement, to-do, fuss, fireworks, brouhaha, bustle, furor, ballyhoo.

**hoot** *v.* jeer, shout in disapproval, scorn, catcall, deride, boo, \*razz, howl, mock, scoff at.

**hop** *v.* jump, leap, bound, hurdle, vault, spring, bounce, skip, dance, romp, caper, prance, gambol.

**hope** *n.* optimism, faith, confidence, trust, expectation, wish, desire, want, aspiration, dream, anticipation, expectancy, prospect, belief, fancy. "The poor man's bread."—George Herbert. "Eating the air on promise of supply."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *hopelessness, despair, pessimism.*

**hope** *v.* have faith, trust, be optimistic, expect, wish, desire, want, aspire, dream, anticipate, believe, fancy, look forward to, count on. *ANT.* *despair, doubt.*

**hopeful** *a.* 1. OPTIMISTIC \*keeping the faith, looking forward to, anticipating, expectant, confident, sanguine. 2. PROMISING encouraging, bright, favorable, heartening, reassuring, auspicious, propitious. *ANT.* 1. *pessimistic, hopeless.* 2. *black, bleak, hopeless, foreboding.*

**hopeless** *a.* 1. FUTILE lost, desperate, irrevocable, bleak, discouraging, vain, foreboding, incurable, threatening, grave, unobtainable, impossible. 2. DESPAIRING desperate, demoralized, lost, disconsolate, miserable,

heartbroken, depressed, suicidal, \*broken, dispirited. *ANT.* 1. *hopeful, bright, promising.* 2. *hopeful, optimistic, confident, encouraged.*

**horde** *n.* crowd, mass, throng, multitude, mob, pack, swarm, bunch, gang, group, band, press.

**horizon** *n.* skyline, vista, purview, field of vision, limit, range, offing, azimuth.

**horizontal** *a.* flat, level, flush, plane, straight, supine, prone, recumbent. *ANT.* *vertical, upright.*

**horn** *n.* 1. OUTGROWTH tusk, antler, spike, cornu. 2. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**horny** *a.* *Sl.* \*hot, lustful, \*turned on, amorous, passionate, lascivious, erotic, goatish, feverish, salacious, libidinous, sex-crazed, randy, \*hot as a three-dollar pistol. *ANT.* *turned off, frigid.*

**horoscope** *n.* 1. celestial positioning. 2. DIAGRAM chart, forecast, astrological forecast.

**horrendous** *a.* SEE HORRIBLE

**horrible** *a.* horrendous, terrible, awful, frightful, horrid, appalling, dreadful, horrifying, abominable, hideous, ghastly, shocking, gruesome, disgusting, terrifying, repulsive, atrocious. *ANT.* *wonderful, lovely, charming, delightful.*

**horrid** *a.* SEE HORRIBLE

**horrify** *v.* dismay, shock, frighten, terrify, appall, scare, \*curdle one's blood, \*curl one's hair, \*scare the daylight out of, \*make one's skin crawl, \*send chills up one's spine, sicken, nauseate, disgust, revolt, fill with morbid fascination, paralyze, petrify. *ANT.* *calm, soothe, reassure.*

**horror** *n.* fear, terror, fright, dread, trepidation, dismay, revulsion, repulsion, disgust, loathing, abhorrence, aversion.

**hors d'oeuvre** *n.* tidbit, finger sandwich, canape. SEE APPETIZER

**horse** *n.* equine, steed, mount, nag, pony, \*bronc, stallion, mare, \*plug, \*crowbait.

**WORD FIND**

**COLORS AND MARKINGS**

**beige with black mane:** buckskin

**beige with brown or light mane:** dun

**black and white:** piebald

**black speckles:** medicine hat

**bluish gray:** grulla, smokey

**bronze or coppery:** chestnut, sorrel

**brownish sprinkled with gray and white:** roan

**palomino color:** buttermilk, golden

**patches of white over any coat color except**

**black:** skewbald

**piebald or spotted:** calico, pinto, dappled, paint

**reddish brown with black mane:** bay

**stripe extending down back:** eel stripe, dorsal stripe

**white above fetlock:** stocking

**white below fetlock:** sock

**white marking around nostril:** snip

**white marking between eyes:** star

**white streak on face:** blaze, race

**white with white mane:** palomilla

**yellowish cross of sorrel and dun:** claybank

**BREEDS**

Appaloosa, Arabian, Cleveland bay, Clydesdale, Dartmoor, Exmoor, French Trotter, Hackney, hunter, Lipizzaner, Morgan, palomino, Percheron, quarter horse, saddlebred, Shetland, Shire, standardbred, Suffolk, Tennessee Walking Horse, thoroughbred

**GENERAL**

**back, highest portion of:** withers

**bangs:** forelock

**barnyard play area:** paddock

**bent-backed:** swaybacked, hogbacked

**breeding mare:** brood mare

**breeding period of mare:** heat

**bushy tail:** broomtail

**care and feeding of, for a fee:** livery

**castrated male:** gelding

**cattle horse:** cutting horse

**comb:** currycomb

**command to turn left:** haw

**command to turn right:** gee

**cry of:** neigh, whinny, snort

**disease:** staggers, distemper, loco, spavin, heaves

**equipment:** appointments, breastplate, bridle, bit, cheek straps, crownpiece, throatlatch, headband, blinder, cavesson, reins, saddle, halter, hackamore

**feeding trough:** manger

**female under age four:** filly

**gait:** walk, trot, lope, canter, gallop, rack, volt, fox trot

**gentle farm horse:** dobbin

**half-turn:** caracole

**Indian:** pinto, cayuse, mustang

**joint above hoof:** fetlock

**leap, playful four-legged:** gambado

**leap straight up:** capriole

**male under age four:** colt

**measurement of four inches:** hand

**mythological:** Pegasus, centaur

**nervous movement sideways or backwards:**

jib

**newborn:** foal  
**nose and mouth area:** muzzle  
**pen:** corral  
**pertaining to:** equestrian, equine  
**race:** steeplechase, derby  
**riding competition:** gymkhana  
**riding pants, boots:** jodhpurs  
**riding and falling in English riding style:**  
 posting  
**shelter:** stall, stable  
**short-legged horse:** cob  
**sideways gait:** volt  
**smooth, refined gait for show:** dressage  
**stand up on rear legs:** rear  
**strong horse used for pulling:** draft horse  
**stud's herd:** harras  
**sweat:** lather  
**trained:** broken, bridewise  
**trot in place for show:** piaffe  
**upjerk of head:** bridle  
**wild or half-wild:** mustang, bronco  
**winker:** blinder

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**horseman** *n.* equestrian, rider, jockey, roughrider, cowboy, broncobuster.  
**horseplay** *n.* clowning, foolishness, antics, fun, hijinks, tomfoolery.  
**horticulture** *n.* gardening, cultivation, agriculture, farming, vegetable growing, floriculture.  
**hose** *n.* hosiery, stockings.  
**hospice** *n.* hostel, lodging, shelter.  
**hospitable** *a.* gracious, accommodating, sociable, friendly, welcoming, neighborly, convivial, genial, cordial, helpful. *ANT.* *unwelcoming, inhospitable, unfriendly.*  
**hospital** *n.* medical center, infirmary, clinic, sanatorium, sick bay, dispensary, ward, institution, treatment facility, hospice. "That blend of penitentiary and third-class hotel."—Henry Sigerist. *SEE* DOCTOR, MEDICINE, NURSE, OPERATION, SURGERY  
**hospitality** *n.* accommodation, welcome, friendliness, graciousness, sociability, neighborliness, geniality, cordiality, warmth. "A genial hearth, a hospitable board, and a refined rusticity."—William Wordsworth.  
**host** *n.* multitude, group, throng, legion, horde, flock, myriad.  
**hostage** *n.* pawn, captive, security. *SEE* PRISONER  
**hostile** *a.* unfriendly, antagonistic, malevolent, bellicose, belligerent, enemy, contrary, aggressive, nasty, contentious, warring, pugnacious, cold. *ANT.* *friendly, warm, amiable, peaceful.*

**hostility** *n.* 1. UNFRIENDLINESS antagonism, malevolence, hatred, ill will, enmity, animus, opposition, aggression, venom, bellicosity, virulence, bad blood, anger, nastiness. 2. HOSTILITIES war, conflict, dispute, clash. *ANT.* 1. *friendliness, good will.* 2. *amity, peace.*  
**hot** *a.* 1. TORRID blazing, fiery, burning, scorching, steaming, boiling, blistering, roasting, sweltering, feverish, sizzling, sultry, tropical. 2. SPICY peppery, sharp, biting, burning, piquant, zesty, pungent. 3. PASSIONATE ardent, fiery, intense, fervent, vehement, impassioned, angry, raging, furious, violent. 4. AROUSED SEXUALLY \*horny, lustful, lascivious, salacious, libidinous, randy. 5. NEW AND POPULAR trendy, fresh, in vogue. *ANT.* 1. *cold, wintry, frigid.* 2. *bland, mild.* 3. *indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm.* 4. *turned off, repulsed, cold.*  
**hot dog** *n.* 1. FRANKFURTER wiener, \*weenie, \*dog, \*foot long. 2. SHOWOFF crowd-pleaser, grandstander.  
**hotel** *n.* motel, inn, motor inn, resort, lodging, tavern, hostel, \*flophouse.  
**hotheaded** *a.* hot-tempered, quick-tempered, touchy, explosive, volatile, testy, \*short-fused, combustible, rash, impetuous. *ANT.* *even-tempered, levelheaded, easygoing.*  
**hothouse** *n.* greenhouse, nursery, conservatory.  
**hound** *v.* chase, nag, badger, harass, pester, pursue, dog, \*bug, ride, \*hassle, persecute, go after.  
**house** *n.* home, residence, shelter, abode, habitation, domicile, homestead, castle, mansion, duplex. *SEE* ARCHITECTURE, CASTLE, HOME

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**WORD FIND**  
**attic access hole:** scuttle  
**beam supporting floor or ceiling:** joist  
**board siding:** clapboard  
**flooring of wood forming geometric pattern:** parquet  
**foundation without basement:** slab  
**frame made of heavy timbers:** post-and-beam construction  
**framing member, vertical:** stud  
**glass-enclosed lookout on top of roof:** belvedere  
**glass:** glazing  
**ornamentation, elaborate:** gingerbread  
**passage between garage and house:** breezeway  
**projection, with window, on sloping roof:** dormer  
**roof dome or domelike structure:** cupola

**roof framing member:** rafter, purlin, ridge-board  
**roof overhang:** eaves  
**roof walkway:** widow's walk  
**roof with double slope on each side:** gambrel  
**roof with four sides, no gables:** hip roof  
**roof with two slopes on all four sides:** mansard roof  
**stair railing spindles:** balusters  
**styles:** adobe, bothy, brownstone, bungalow, cabin, cajun cottage, Cape Cod, chateau, colonial, cottage, Creole townhouse, Dutch Colonial, Elizabethan, English magpie, Federal, gambrel, Georgian, gingerbread, Gothic Revival, Greek Revival, Italianate, octagon, pueblo, Queen Anne, Romanesque, row house, saltbox, Second Empire, split level, Tudor, Victorian  
**tile mortar:** grout  
**upper wall portion between slopes of roof:** gable  
**wall not requiring plaster:** drywall, sheetrock, gypsum wallboard  
**window framework:** sash  
**window strips or bars:** mullions  
**window that projects:** bay window

**housekeeper** *n.* homemaker, housewife, house husband, domestic, maid, cleaner.  
**housewife** *n.* homemaker, lady of the house, matron, domestic manager.  
**hovel** *n.* shed, hut, shack, cabin, shanty, lean-to, \*dump, \*rattrap, \*hole.  
**hover** *v.* float, hang, linger, flutter, stay suspended.  
**howl** *v.* wail, waul, bay, bellow, yowl, cry out, bawl, moan, whine, ululate, caterwaul.  
**hub** *n.* center, axis, core, pivot, focal point, \*nerve center, heart, middle.  
**hubbub** *n.* noise, uproar, tumult, commotion, clamor, racket, confusion, pandemonium, hullabaloo, stir, fuss, \*ruckus, unrest. *ANT.* *quiet, silence, stillness.*  
**hubris** *n.* arrogance, insolence. *SEE* PRIDE  
**huckster** *n.* salesman, peddler, tradesman, hawker, vendor, concessionaire, merchant.  
**huddle** *v.* mass, gather, pack, crowd, cluster, bunch, converge, herd, confer, \*powwow.  
**hue** *n.* color, tint, shade, tone, tinge, cast.  
**hue and cry** *n.* outcry, protest, outrage, clamor, uproar, hullabaloo, brouhaha.  
**huff** *n.* snit, bad mood, \*stew, tiff, rage, resentment, fit of anger, tantrum.

**huffy** *a.* touchy, irritable, easily offended, testy, sensitive, hypersensitive, petulant, peevish, cross, crabby, waspish, nettled, irate. *ANT.* *cheerful, good-humored.*  
**hug** *n.* embrace, squeeze, clasp, clinch, \*bear hug. "A roundabout way of expressing emotion."—Gideon Wurdz.  
**hug** *v.* embrace, squeeze, clasp, clinch, hold, clutch, \*bear hug, take in one's arms, cuddle.  
**huge** *a.* gigantic, colossal, immense, enormous, gargantuan, prodigious, humongous, great, whopping, tremendous, king-size, titanic, monstrous, massive, jumbo, stupendous, Brobdingnagian, mountainous, monumental, towering, elephantine, staggering, \*eclipsing. *ANT.* *tiny, small, miniature, Lilliputian, microscopic.*  
**hulking** *a.* heavy, large, clumsy, bulky, unwieldy, ponderous, massive, awkward, cumbersome, weighty, unmanageable. *ANT.* *compact, petite.*  
**hullabaloo** *n.* uproar, noise, confusion. *SEE* HUBBUB  
**hum** *v.* drone, buzz, whir, croon, intone, purr, murmur, sound, throb, bombinate.  
**human** *n.* man, woman, person, Homo sapiens, being, \*naked ape, creature. "A pair of pin-cers set over a bellows and a stewpan, the whole fixed upon stilts."—Samuel Butler. "A proper engine for the soul to work with."—Joseph Addison. "A little cave-dwelling virus mutated."—John D. MacDonald.  
**human** *a.* 1. ANTHROPOID anthropomorphic, manlike, hominine, bipedal, civilized, mortal. 2. *SEE* HUMANE  
**humane** *a.* compassionate, kind, sympathetic, merciful, good, understanding, humanitarian, forgiving, pitying, tolerant, magnanimous. *ANT.* *\*inhumane, cruel, unfeeling, vicious, merciless.*  
**humanitarian** *n.* good Samaritan, philanthropist, do-gooder, \*Robin Hood, altruist, benefactor.  
**humanity** *n.* 1. HUMAN RACE mankind, human-kind, men and women, people, the masses, society, man. 2. COMPASSION kindness, goodness, sympathy, benevolence, mercy, magnanimity, goodwill, brotherly love.  
**humankind** *n.* humanity, mankind, human race, anthropoid population, Homo sapiens, family of man, civilized species. "A tribe of animals, living by habits and thinking in symbols; and it can never be anything else."—George Santayana. "A farce."—Mark Twain.  
**humble** *a.* 1. MODEST self-effacing, unassuming, unpretentious, reserved, deferential, meek,

- demure, self-conscious, subservient, diffident, obsequious, lowly. 2. **LOWLY** shabby, simple, plain, ordinary, poor, undistinguished, rough, plebian, humdrum, unrefined, inconsequential. *ANT.* 1. *arrogant, pretentious, haughty, proud, conceited.* 2. *rich, superior, ostentatious, illustrious, distinguished.*
- humble** *v.* degrade, deflate, \*take the wind out of one's sails, \*bring down a peg, shame, humiliate, demean, disgrace, \*make one feel small, \*make one eat crow, \*make one eat humble pie. *ANT.* *exalt, \*put on a pedestal, inflate, puff up.*
- humbug** *n.* baloney, \*BS, nonsense, balderdash, \*eyewash, \*bunk, claptrap, poppycock, \*hogwash, rubbish, \*rot.
- humdrum** *a.* monotonous, boring, tedious, \*hum, dull, tiresome, routine, prosaic, uninteresting, \*blah, flat, insipid, somnolent. *ANT.* *interesting, stimulating, fascinating, riveting, exciting.*
- humid** *a.* moist, damp, wet, vaporous, muggy, steamy, clammy, sticky, \*close, dank, sultry, foggy, misty. *ANT.* *dry, arid.*
- humiliate** *v.* embarrass, mortify, shame, disgrace, chagrin, \*make a fool out of, abash, put to shame, degrade, deflate, demean, humble, abase. *ANT.* *honor, exalt, \*put on pedestal.*
- humiliation** *n.* embarrassment, mortification, shame, disgrace, chagrin, degradation, deflation, humbling, humble pie, losing face, \*put-down, belittling. *ANT.* *honor, exaltation.*
- HUMILITY** *n.* [hyoo MIL uh tee] humbleness, modesty, the absence of arrogance or pride. *She accepted the award with great humility.* *SYN.* humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness, lowliness, meekness, reserve, diffidence, sheepishness, obsequiousness, self-abasement. "Nothing else but a right judgment of ourselves."—William Law. "A noble mind in a low estate."—Jane Porter. *ANT.* *arrogance, pride, haughtiness.*
- humor** *n.* 1. **COMEDY** funniness, jest, wit, facetiousness, jocularly, buffoonery, slapstick, drollery, whimsy, parody, satire. 2. **MOOD** temperament, disposition, spirits, frame of mind, bent. "Truth in an intoxicated condition."—George Jean Nathan. "Pleasantry in pain."—Moritz Saphir. "Playful aggression."—Emil Drahtser.
- humorist** *n.* comedian, comedienne, \*stand-up, joker, comic, jester, wit, clown, caricaturist, mimic.
- humorous** *a.* funny, comical, laughable, ludicrous, hilarious, \*side-splitting, facetious, tickling, farcical, amusing, droll, jocular, whimsical. *ANT.* *serious, grave, somber.*
- hump** *n.* bulge, protuberance, hunch, swelling, lump, mound, bump, knob, swell, hummock, hill.
- hunch** *n.* feeling, suspicion, guess, idea, premonition, inkling, intuition, notion, foreboding, impression.
- hunch** *v.* hump, bend, bow, huddle, crouch.
- hunchbacked** *a.* humpbacked, crookbacked, buffalo humped, deformed, gibbous.
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- WORD FIND**
- elderly, in:** dowager's hump
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- hunger** *n.* appetite, starvation, famine, ravenousness, voraciousness, famishment, \*sweet tooth, \*munchies, stomach pangs, desire, craving, longing, yen, want, need, lust, drive, thirst. "The best sauce in the world."—Miguel de Cervantes. *ANT.* *satiety.*
- hungry** *a.* starving, famished, ravenous, malnourished, peckish, voracious, hankering, \*got the munchies, \*could eat a horse, craving, salivating. *ANT.* *full, sated, gorged.*
- hunk** *n.* 1. **CHUNK** lump, piece, clod, slab, block, portion, square, loaf, glob, slice. 2. **ATTRACTIVE MALE** \*stud, \*beefcake, Adonis, sex symbol, \*looker, \*he-man, \*dreamboat, Greek god.
- hunt** *n.* search, chase, pursuit, trailing, quest, coursing.
- hunt** *v.* 1. **LOOK FOR** search high and low, ferret out, scour, seek, quest for, leave no stone unturned, turn everything upside down, rummage, probe, fish for, investigate. 2. **PURSUE AND KILL** hound, trail, chase, track, \*beat the bushes, stalk, course, poach.
- hurdle** *n.* obstacle, obstruction, stumbling block, barrier, impediment, difficulty, complication, block, snag.
- hurdle** *v.* jump over, clear, vault, leap, spring, hop, bound, negotiate.
- hurl** *v.* throw, chuck, fling, sling, heave, toss, pitch, lob, launch, catapult, propel.
- hurricane** *n.* tropical cyclone, cyclone, tempest, monsoon, typhoon, \*blow, windstorm, rainstorm. *SEE WIND*
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- WORD FIND**
- calm center:** eye
- measure of intensity:** Saffier-Simpson Hurricane Scale
- tide rise, rapid:** storm surge
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**hurried** *a.* hasty, quick, rushed, speedy, swift, breakneck, superficial, cursory, perfunctory, slapdash. *ANT.* *slow, leisurely, careful.*

**hurry** *n.* haste, speed, swiftness, rush, celerity, hustle, dispatch, expeditiousness, bustle.

**hurry** *v.* hasten, quicken, pick up the pace, \*step on it, rush, run, lose no time, hustle, \*get a move on, zip, fly, race, speed, scurry, \*make tracks, expedite, \*get the lead out, \*beat feet. *ANT.* *slow, decelerate, delay.*

**hurt** *n.* injury, harm, pain, wound, trauma, soreness, ache, pang, \*boo-boo, sting, stitch, pinch, twinge, throb.

**hurt** *v.* 1. PHYSICALLY injure, harm, pain, torture, wound, damage, punish, abuse, sting, pinch, ache, throb, bite, sear, gnaw, stab, chafe, smart, pierce. 2. EMOTIONALLY insult, wound, cut to the quick, grieve, anguish, sadden, depress, affront, offend, abuse, distress, upset, torment, crush, \*rake over the coals.

**hurt** *a.* injured, harmed, pained, wounded, traumatized, sore, aching, stinging, throbbing, bleeding, bruised, stricken, damaged, offended, crushed, devastated, distressed.

**hurtful** *a.* injurious, harmful, painful, wounding, traumatizing, deleterious, pernicious, damaging, destructive, cutting, nasty, cruel, spiteful, mean. *ANT.* *helpful, benign, beneficial.*

**hurtle** *v.* fly, rush, plunge, charge, hurl, scramble, \*zip, tear.

**husband** *n.* spouse, groom, \*hubby, \*old man, mate, alter ego, sidekick, \*ball and chain, companion. "A hero in his own home until the company leaves."—Warren Goldberg.

**husband** *v.* preserve, manage, economize. SEE CONSERVE

**hush** *n.* silence, stillness, peace, quiet, lull, quietude, vacuum.

**hush** *v.* silence, quiet, mute, shut up, stifle, muffle, mute, suppress, gag, shush.

**husk** *n.* shell, hull, pod, shuck, peel, covering, case, bark.

**husky** *a.* 1. HOARSE harsh, rough, throaty, rasping, croaking, whiskey-voiced, gruff, raucous, guttural. 2. BRAWNY muscular, stout, beefy, burly, \*Herculean, powerful, strapping, strong, athletic, hefty. *ANT.* 1. *clear, fluid, fluting, shrill.* 2. *anorexic, scrawny, puny.*

**hussy** *n.* loose woman, wench, \*tart, Jezebel, strumpet, slut, whore, trollop, minx.

**hustle** *v.* 1. HURRY \*get a move on, bustle, scramble, rush, \*hotfoot, make haste, fly, run, \*step on it, \*work like hell, \*move. 2. PUSH shove, jostle, force, knock about, elbow, nudge, shoulder.

**hustler** *n.* *Sl.* con artist, \*rip-off artist, flim-flam man, scam artist, grifter, swindler, \*shark, thief, fast talker, enterpriser, go-getter.

**hut** *n.* shelter, shack, camp, cabin, cottage, lean-to, shed, hovel, shanty, hutch.

**hutch** *n.* 1. PEN COOP, cote, shed, cage, confine. 2. CHEST BOX, cabinet, locker, trunk.

**hybrid** *n.* cross, crossbreed, half-breed, mixed breed, mongrel, \*mutt, composite, mixture, conglomerate, combination, mulatto. *ANT.* *thoroughbred.*

**hygiene** *n.* cleanliness, hygienics, sanitation, washing, regimen.

**hygienic** *a.* clean, sanitary, healthful, pure, disinfected, aseptic, sterile, germfree, prophylactic, wholesome. *ANT.* *dirty, infected, germ-infested.*

**hymn** *n.* spiritual, psalm, paean, choral, anthem, song of praise, canticle. SEE SONG

**hype** *n.* *Sl.* exaggeration, promotion. SEE HYPERBOLE

**hyperactive** *a.* overactive, wild, unfocused, frenetic, unrestrained, uncontrollable, unruly. *ANT.* *calm, sedate, tranquil.*

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**WORD FIND**

**related disorder:** attention deficit disorder  
(ADD)

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**HYPERBOLE** *n.* [hi PUR bul ee] an exaggeration, often used in figures of speech. "I'm so hungry I could eat an elephant" is a statement illustrating the use of hyperbole. *SYN.* exaggeration, overstatement, aggrandizement, \*hype, embellishment, \*PR, enlargement, inflation, magnification. *ANT.* *understatement.*

**hypercritical** *a.* overcritical, hard to please, severe, fussy, exacting, rigid, strict, overparticular, captious, persnickety, hairsplitting, finicky. *ANT.* *easy to please, unparticular.*

**hypnotic** *a.* soporific, somnolent, sleep-inducing, sedative, numbing, spellbinding, mesmerizing, mesmeric, entrancing, stupefying. *ANT.* *invigorating, awaking.*

**hypnotize** *v.* spellbind, entrance, mesmerize, stupefy, bewilder, enchant, enthrall, charm, bewitch, sedate, put to sleep.

**hypocrisy** *n.* lip service, pretense, insincerity, phoniness, imposture, falsity, pietism, sanctimoniousness, Pharisaism, duplicity, two-facedness, crocodile tears. "A mouth that prays, a hand that kills."—Arabian proverb. *ANT.* *sincerity, genuineness, honesty.*

**hypocrite** *n.* pretender, \*con, Pharisee, fake, dissembler, phony, tartuffe, deceiver, Janus, whited sepulchre, Holy Willie, poser.

**hypocritical** *a.* insincere, phony, hollow, dishonest, Janus-faced, deceptive, fake, Pecksniffian, pretending, sanctimonious, unnatural, pious, self-righteous, dissembling, artificial, duplicitous, pretentious. *ANT.* *sincere, genuine, real, honest.*

**hypothesis** *n.* theory, supposition, proposition, assumption, conjecture, speculation, guess, thesis, inference, deduction, idea, \*shot in the dark.

**HYPOTHETICAL** *a.* [hye puh THET i kul] assumed, unproven, uncertain. *There are nu-*

*merous hypothetical explanations for UFOs.* *SYN.* assumed, unproven, uncertain, conjectural, speculative, supposed, presumed, inferred, guessed, academic, theoretical, presumptive. *ANT.* *factual, established, actual, confirmed.*

**hysteria** *n.* hysterics, frenzy, madness, delirium, craze, panic, mania, anxiety, agitation, fit, outburst.

**hysterical** *a.* 1. **OUT OF CONTROL** wild, crazed, frenzied, mad, delirious, panicked, manic, agitated, raving, carried away, rabid, \*nuts, berserk. 2. **COMICAL** funny, \*side-splitting, uproarious, ludicrous, \*a riot. *ANT.* 1. *calm, rational, composed.*

**icky** *a.* *Sl.* \*yucky, \*gross, disgusting, distasteful, sickening, repulsive, sticky, gluey. *ANT.* *pleasant, \*yummy.*

**ICONOCLAST** *n.* [iye KON uh KLAST] one who attacks popular institutions, beliefs, public figures, etc., or who views such modern icons with skepticism and cynicism. *The true iconoclast believes that nothing is sacred.* *SYN.* cynic, skeptic, critic, detractor, non-conformist, image-shatterer, denouncer, dis-senter, nonbeliever.

**ice** *n.* glaze, icicle, glacier, crystal, sheet. *SEE SNOW*

**WORD FIND**

**chunk of an iceberg, small:** growler

**crystals and slush:** frazil

**drifting ice that has collided and packed with other masses:** pack ice

**fragments of floating, broken pieces:** brash ice, drift ice

**invisible over asphalt:** black ice

**floating sheet greater than six miles (10k)**  
**across:** ice field

**floating ice sheet less than six miles (10k)**  
**across:** ice floe

**mound of broken ice:** hummock

**rounds of various sizes:** pancake ice

**icon** *n.* image, representation, picture, likeness, symbol, idol.

**icy** *a.* 1. FREEZING frozen, frigid, frosty, gelid, glacial, chilly, wintry, biting, cold. 2. UN-FRIENDLY cold, aloof, distant, chilly, frigid, hostile, stony. *ANT.* 1. *tropical, warm.* 2. *friendly, warm, genial.*

**idea** *n.* thought, notion, concept, view, plan, design, inking, scheme, theory, insight, belief, understanding, \*brainstorm, inspiration.

**ideal** *n.* model, archetype, epitome, paragon, standard, example, acme, ne plus ultra, exemplar, ultimate, inspiration.

**ideal** *a.* 1. PERFECT model, supreme, consummate, exemplary, optimal, classic, faultless, best, excellent, utopian. 2. CONCEPTUAL imaginary, visionary, fanciful, abstract. *ANT.* 1. *imperfect, flawed.* 2. *real, actual.*

**idealist** *n.* dreamer, visionary, optimist, Pollyanna, romantic, utopian. "One who, on noticing that a rose smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make a better soup."—H. L. Mencken. *ANT.* *realist, cynic, skeptic, pragmatist.*

**idealistic** *a.* unrealistic, visionary, optimistic, utopian, Pollyannish, dreaming, romantic, naive. *ANT.* *realistic, skeptical, cynical.*

**identical** *a.* matching, alike, same, indistinguishable, twin, duplicate, corresponding, exact, synonymous, uniform, \*carbon copy. *ANT.* *different, distinct, dissimilar.*

**identify** *v.* recognize, determine, distinguish, know, pick out, place, \*tag, \*spot, \*peg, name, label, earmark.

**identity** *n.* individuality, self, oneself, ego, personality, character, identification, uniqueness.

**idiocy** *n.* foolishness, stupidity, imbecility, lunacy, craziness, madness, wackiness, absurdity, silliness.

**idiom** *n.* language, tongue, dialect, vernacular, lingo, parlance, jargon, colloquialism, expression, phrasing.

**idiosyncrasy** *n.* peculiarity, mannerism, quirk, singularity, characteristic, bent, trait, distinction, habit, quality, eccentricity.

**idiot** *n.* moron, imbecile, \*retard, fool, nincompoop, simpleton, half-wit, lamebrain, \*numskull, \*chowderhead, \*airhead, \*dufus, ignoramus, dolt, \*boob, blockhead, \*pinhead. *ANT.* *genius, \*Rhodes scholar, \*brain, rocket scientist.*

**idiotic** *a.* moronic, stupid, retarded, foolish, imbecilic, simple, half-witted, \*lamebrained, \*numb, ignorant, dumb, asinine. *ANT.* *brilliant, intelligent, clever.*

**idle** *a.* 1. WORTHLESS useless, vain, futile, frivolous, unproductive, pointless, irrelevant. 2. UNUSED inactive, out of action, down, still, unemployed, quiet, dead, mothballed, empty, vacant. 3. LAZY unemployed, slothful, shiftless, indolent, lethargic, loafing, sluggish, resting. *ANT.* 1. *useful, valuable, productive.* 2. *in use, active, working.* 3. *active, busy, employed.*

**idol** *n.* hero, god, role model, star, superstar, celebrity, luminary, favorite, darling, icon.

**idolize** *v.* look up to, admire, revere, worship, venerate, deify, hero-worship, honor, \*put on a pedestal, \*worship the ground one walks on.

**IDYLIC** *a.* [iye DIL ik] pastoral and peaceful; rustic and simple. *They chose an idyllic spot to build their house.* SYN. rustic, charming, peaceful, pastoral, unspoiled, romantic, simple, picturesque, heavenly, blissful. ANT. urban, frenetic, noisy.

**iffy** *a.* uncertain, unsettled, doubtful, questionable, \*up in the air, dubious, unresolved, tentative, chancy. ANT. certain, settled, sure.

**ignite** *v.* 1. LIGHT set fire, burst into flames, touch off, kindle, blow up, put a match to, flare up, burn. 2. EXCITE arouse, agitate, spark. ANT. douse, extinguish, smother.

**ignoble** *a.* dishonorable, base, low, contemptible, despicable, shameful, corrupt, rotten, mean, disgraceful, vile, deplorable. ANT. noble, honorable, admirable, good.

**IGNOMINY** *n.* [IG num MIN ee] shame and dishonor. *He suffered the ignominy of a jail sentence.* SYN. shame, dishonor, disgrace, infamy, disrepute, discredit, odium, degradation, loss of face, humiliation. ANT. honor, glory.

**ignoramus** *n.* idiot, moron, \*retard, simpleton, dunce, fool, half-wit, \*airhead, bonehead, dolt, \*dummy, \*pea-brain. ANT. intellectual, \*Rhodes scholar, \*brain.

**ignorance** *n.* stupidity, inexperience, unenlightenment, illiteracy, denseness, naivete, unfamiliarity, unconsciousness, empty-headedness, innocence, nescience, greenness. “The only slavery.”—Ralph Ingersoll. ANT. knowledge, experience, intelligence.

**ignorant** *a.* uneducated, inexperienced, unschooled, stupid, retarded, unenlightened, illiterate, dense, \*thick, naive, unfamiliar, unaware, unconscious, empty-headed, innocent, unlettered, obtuse, oblivious, mindless, moronic, sophomoric, nescient, green, \*dense as a post, \*numb as a hake. “Confident in everything.”—Charles Spurgeon. “What everybody is, only on different subjects.”—Will Rogers. ANT. educated, aware, experienced, schooled, conscious.

**ignore** *v.* disregard, overlook, skip, \*pass over, slight, nevermind, discount, \*turn a deaf ear on, neglect, pay no attention to, \*bury one’s head in the sand, \*give the cold shoulder. ANT. regard, mind, heed.

**ilk** *n.* sort, kind, class, type.

**ill** *n.* harm, injury, hurt, pain, trouble, misfortune, damage, evil, misery, calamity, bad luck, tribulation. ANT. good fortune.

**ill** *a.* 1. SICK ailing, sickly, unwell, afflicted, \*laid low, \*green around the gills, \*under the weather, \*out of sorts, \*off one’s feed, \*out of commission, bedridden, feverish, nauseated, diseased. 2. EVIL bad, wicked, harmful, malicious, sinful, wrong, nefarious, immoral, foul, nasty. ANT. 1. healthy, well, sound. 2. good, moral, kind.

**ill-advised** *a.* unwise, imprudent, misguided, stupid, foolish, short-sighted, harebrained, \*half-baked, rash, injudicious. ANT. wise, prudent.

**ill-at-ease** *a.* uncomfortable, self-conscious, anxious, nervous, uneasy, apprehensive, awkward, insecure, shy, bashful. ANT. relaxed, calm, confident.

**illegal** *a.* against the law, unlawful, prohibited, forbidden, criminal, banned, illicit, outlawed, wrongful, felonious, shady, \*black market. ANT. legal, lawful, licit.

**illegible** *a.* unreadable, indecipherable, unintelligible, \*hard to make out, scrawled, scribbled, \*clear as mud, \*hen scratching. ANT. legible, readable.

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#### WORD FIND

**illegible handwriting:** griffonage

**poor handwriting:** cacography

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**illegitimate** *a.* \*born out of wedlock, misbegotten, bastard, baseborn, \*love child, illegal, unlawful.

**ill-fated** *a.* doomed, unlucky, star-crossed. SEE UNFORTUNATE

**illicit** *a.* unlawful, prohibited, improper. SEE ILLEGAL

**illiterate** *a.* uneducated, unschooled, unlettered. SEE IGNORANT

**ill-mannered** *a.* rude, beastly, discourteous, impolite, crude, coarse, uncivil, boorish, tacky, rough, vulgar. ANT. courteous, mannerly, civil.

**ill-natured** *a.* moody, ill-tempered, contentious, ill-humored, grouchy, irritable, crabby, touchy, sour, surly, waspish, cantankerous. ANT. good-natured, easygoing, amiable.

**illness** *n.* sickness, affliction, disorder, malady, ailment, disease, infirmity, syndrome, indisposition, poor health, complaint, \*bug, virus. “A great leveler. At its touch, the artificial distinctions of society vanish away.”—Max Thorek.

**illogical** *a.* unscientific, unsound, fallacious, senseless, wacky, \*screwed, inconsistent, invalid,

incongruous, unreasonable, wrong, irrational, \*cockeyed. *ANT. sound, correct, logical.*

**ill-suited** *a.* unsuitable, incompatible. SEE INAPPROPRIATE

**ill-tempered** *a.* nasty, moody, explosive, ill-natured, contentious, grouchy, irritable, crabby, touchy, sour, surly, waspish, cantankerous. *ANT. even-tempered, easygoing, good-natured.*

**illuminate** *v.* 1. LIGHT UP brighten, spotlight, radiate, beam, shine. 2. EXPLAIN elucidate, clarify, throw light on, shed light on, clear up, define, enlighten, expound. *ANT. 1. dark-en, dim. 2. obfuscate, muddy, obscure.*

**illumination** *n.* 1. LIGHT luminescence, radiation, radiance, glow, shine. 2. EXPLANATION elucidation, clarification, enlightenment, knowledge, instruction, wisdom, insight, understanding.

**illusion** *n.* apparition, mirage, hallucination, misconception, pipe dream, vision, phantasm, figment of the imagination, delusion, fallacy, deception.

#### WORD FIND

**false image of cliffs and rock faces projected onto sky above shorelines:** *fata morgana*

**illusory** *a.* unreal, deceptive, imaginary, false, delusory, visionary, hallucinatory, fanciful, spurious, chimerical. *ANT. real, concrete, true.*

**illustrate** *v.* 1. MAKE CLEAR explain, demonstrate, illuminate, cite, elucidate, expound, clear up, make plain, describe, clarify, give an example, exemplify. 2. DRAW depict, paint, portray, sketch, diagram, delineate, decorate, adorn.

**illustration** *n.* 1. DEMONSTRATION exemplification, example, anecdote, story, analogy, sampling, case in point, instance. 2. DRAWING depiction, painting, portrayal, sketch, diagram, cartoon, reproduction, design, figure, artwork, picture.

**illustrious** *a.* famous, renowned, distinguished, celebrated, prominent, eminent, notable, well-known, outstanding, acclaimed, esteemed. *ANT. obscure, unknown, undistinguished.*

**ill will** *n.* hostility, animosity, hate, malice, dislike, enmity, antipathy, hard feelings, spite, venom, grudge. *ANT. goodwill, friendliness, love.*

**image** *n.* 1. REPRESENTATION picture, form, likeness, resemblance, imitation, copy, \*carbon copy, mirror image, reproduction, facsimile, replica. 2. IMPRESSION concept, idea, conception, mental picture, perception, thought.

**imaginary** *a.* fantasized, fancied, unreal, fantastic, visionary, invented, fictitious,

\*dreamed-up, made-up, conceived, mythical, hypothetical. *ANT. real, actual, true.*

**imagination** *n.* mind's eye, mental imagery, fabrication, visualization, \*mental gymnastics, fantasy, illusion, reverie, dream world, figment, fancy, \*castle in Spain, delusion, creativity, enterprise, inventiveness. "The true magic carpet."—Norman Vincent Peale. "A ladder to the fourth dimension."—Elbert Hubbard. "A warehouse of facts, with poet and liar in joint ownership."—Ambrose Bierce.

**imaginative** *a.* creative, inventive, original, innovative, \*far-out, artistic, visionary, clever, ingenious, inspired, fanciful, fantastic, surreal. *ANT. unimaginative, unoriginal, prosaic, shallow.*

**imagine** *v.* 1. PICTURE think of, fantasize, conceive, visualize, envision, conceptualize, dream, invent, fancy, create, conjure up. 2. ASSUME believe, think, deduce, expect, conjecture, suspect, infer, surmise, suppose, guess.

**imbecile** *n.* idiot, moron, \*retard, cretin, \*pinhead, simpleton, dimwit, fool, dolt, \*mental midget, \*dummy, \*chowderhead, dope, blockhead, ignoramus. *ANT. genius, \*Rhodes scholar, \*rocket scientist, \*brain.* SEE MORON

**imbibe** *v.* drink, partake, consume, quaff, swallow, guzzle, sip, \*swig, \*swill, \*tipple, \*chug-a-lug, \*hit the sauce.

**IMBROGLIO** *n.* [im BROL yo] a confusing or complicated situation causing misunderstanding and, sometimes, a fight. *The police are experts at disentangling neighborhood imbroglios.* SYN. predicament, entanglement, confusion, disagreement, mess, complication, confusion, problem, difficulty, dilemma, quandary, trouble, \*Catch-22, stalemate, squabble.

**imbue** *v.* infuse, saturate, suffuse, permeate, steep, fill, impregnate, instill, pervade, inspire.

**imitate** *v.* copy, mimic, match, emulate, follow suit, ape, impersonate, clone, simulate, replicate, mirror, parrot, caricature, model after.

**imitation** *n.* simulation, copy, fake, replica, likeness, facsimile, \*phony, counterfeit, \*sham, fraud, clone, parody, caricature, impersonation, impression. "The sincerest form of flattery."—Charles Colton. *ANT. genuine article, \*the real McCoy, original.*

**imitation** *a.* simulated, fake, artificial, synthetic, ersatz, phony, bogus, mock. *ANT. authentic, genuine, real.*

**immaculate** *a.* clean, pure, flawless, \*squeaky clean, uncorrupted, spotless, unsoiled, fault-

- less, sinless, untainted, perfect, above reproach, pristine, virginal. *ANT. dirty, unclean, tainted, sinful, defiled.*
- immaterial** *a.* irrelevant, impertinent, unimportant, insignificant, trivial, inconsequential, meaningless, extraneous. *ANT. important, vital, central, relevant.*
- immature** *a.* young, undeveloped, incomplete, unfinished, imperfect, unseasoned, \*green, infantile, babyish, childish, juvenile, sophomore, inexperienced, \*wet behind the ears, raw, unfledged, callow, puerile. *ANT. mature, adult, experienced, seasoned.*
- immeasurable** *a.* infinite, boundless, vast, inestimable, incalculable, limitless, unfathomable, inexhaustible, countless, neverending. *ANT. finite, measurable, limited.*
- immediate** *a.* 1. INSTANTANEOUS instant, now, present, current, sudden, prompt, swift, hasty, without delay. 2. NEAR next, close, direct, neighboring, adjacent, adjoining, contiguous. *ANT. 1. slow, leisurely, eventual. 2. distant, remote.*
- immediately** *a.* instantly, at once, without delay, now, presently, \*in a wink, \*in a heartbeat, \*lickety-split, forthwith, \*pronto, directly, \*PDQ, \*in a New York minute, \*tout de suite, \*before you can say "Jack Robinson," \*before you can say "Bob's your uncle," \*in a jiffy. *ANT. eventually, later.*
- immense** *a.* huge, gigantic, colossal, gargantuan, prodigious, vast, enormous, massive, towering, Brobdingnagian, tremendous, stupendous, staggering, \*humongous, monstrous. *ANT. tiny, miniature, microscopic.*
- immerse** *v.* 1. DIP submerge, sink, dunk, douse, duck, plunge, soak, baptize. 2. ABSORB engross, involve, engage, occupy.
- imminent** *a.* impending, approaching, threatening, at hand, on the verge, close, immediate, looming, nearing, on the horizon. *ANT. far, distant.*
- immobile** *a.* stationary, unmovable, fixed, stable, motionless, rooted, riveted, still, frozen, paralyzed. *ANT. mobile, movable.*
- immoderate** *a.* excessive, unreasonable, extreme, extravagant, unrestrained, too much, inordinate, overblown, unwarranted. *ANT. moderate, reasonable, just enough.*
- immodest** *a.* bold, shameless, unseemly, indecent, unblushing, risqué, unrestrained, brazen, \*cheeky. *ANT. modest, restrained, shy.*
- immoral** *a.* wrong, evil, sinful, bad, wicked, nasty, depraved, unethical, unprincipled, corrupt, unscrupulous, degenerate, \*loose, debauched, perverted, disreputable. *ANT. moral, upright, virtuous, good.*
- immortal** *n.* SEE GOD
- immortal** *a.* deathless, everlasting, eternal, undying, indestructible, enduring, lasting, timeless, never ending, ageless, perpetual. *ANT. mortal, temporary, ephemeral.*
- immortality** *a.* 1. DEATHLESSNESS everlastingness, indestructibility, endurance, eternity, infinity. "To rise upon some fairer shore."—J.L. McCreery. 2. FAME renown, celebrity, glorification, commemoration. "When a man dies but his words live."—Carl Crow. "The genius to move others long after you yourself have stopped moving."—Franklin Rooney. *ANT. mortality, death, obscurity, oblivion.*
- immune** *a.* invulnerable, resistant, safe, protected, exempt, unsusceptible, defended, inoculated, spared. *ANT. vulnerable, susceptible, liable.*
- immunity** *n.* protection, resistance, defense, inoculation, safety, exemption, privilege, exception, impunity. *ANT. vulnerability, liability, susceptibility.*
- IMMUTABLE** *a.* [i MYOO tuh bul] unchangeable. *The rules of the club are strict and immutable.* *SYN. unchangeable, unalterable, inflexible, permanent, fixed, irreversible, unbreakable, stable, \*carved in stone. ANT. changeable, variable, flexible.*
- imp** *n.* devil, demon, brat, troublemaker, puck, sprite, hellion, hobgoblin, rascal, hellcat, scamp, tyke, mischievous child. *ANT. angel, little saint.*
- impact** *n.* 1. COLLISION crash, bang, striking, slam, bump, smash, blow, whack, crunch, jolt, concussion, thump, rock, meeting, percussion. 2. EFFECT repercussion, force, influence, power, consequences, results, brunt.
- impair** *v.* injure, damage, weaken, hinder, debilitate, harm, hurt, lessen, worsen, diminish, undermine, deteriorate, disable, enfeeble. *ANT. strengthen, improve, fortify.*
- impale** *v.* pierce, transfix, stab, run through, lance, spear, stick, prick, spike, puncture, skewer.
- impart** *v.* communicate, make known, inform, tell, announce, pass on, relate, transmit, proclaim, convey, divulge.
- IMPARTIAL** *a.* [im PAR shul] completely fair and unbiased. *We need an impartial judge to make the right decision.* *SYN. fair, unbiased, neutral, disinterested, just, unprejudiced, objective, detached, equitable, dispassionate, nonpartisan. ANT. partial, biased, partisan.*

**impasse** *n.* dead end, cul-de-sac, deadlock, stalemate, gridlock, \*Catch-22, morass, standstill, standoff, dead stop.

**impassioned** *a.* passionate, ardent, fervent, intense, fiery, vehement, enthusiastic, excited, burning, torrid, powerful, rousing, emotional. *ANT.* *indifferent, apathetic, cool, dispassionate.*

**impassive** *a.* emotionless, calm, placid, stolid, stony, cool, indifferent, apathetic, stolid, dispassionate, unfeeling, matter-of-fact, reserved, phlegmatic. *ANT.* *impassioned, ardent, fervent.*

**impatience** *n.* restlessness, eagerness, agitation, expectancy, \*ants in one's pants, restiveness, itchiness, excitement. *ANT.* *patience, calm.*

**impatient** *a.* restless, eager, agitated, expectant, restive, itching, \*antsy, \*chomping at the bit, hurried, nervous, anxious, edgy, annoyed. *ANT.* *patient, nonchalant, calm.*

**impeach** *v.* accuse, charge, indict, discredit, incriminate, denounce, impugn, point the finger at.

**IMPECCABLE** *a.* [im PEK uh bul] flawless, without fault or sin. *The general's record was impeccable.* *SYN.* *flawless, faultless, perfect, immaculate, spotless, unblemished, irreproachable, virtuous, sinless, pure.* *ANT.* *flawed, imperfect, defective.*

**impede** *v.* block, hinder, obstruct, delay, hamper, check, thwart, bar, foil, inhibit, slow, stymie, stop, hold up, retard. *ANT.* *help, facilitate, advance.*

**impediment** *n.* barrier, obstacle, hindrance, block, stumbling block, obstruction, restriction, bar, check, holdup, delay, deterrent. *ANT.* *help, advancement, aid.*

**impending** *a.* imminent, coming, approaching, close, at hand, nearing, on the horizon, in the offing, forthcoming, looming, threatening. *ANT.* *far, distant.*

**impenetrable** *a.* 1. IMPERVIOUS dense, hard, solid, thick, bulletproof, impassable, unaccessible. 2. INCOMPREHENSIBLE unfathomable, inscrutable, unknowable, arcane, baffling, inexplicable, esoteric, mysterious. *ANT.* 1. *penetrable, accessible, passable.* 2. *knowable, understandable, clear, simple.*

**imperative** *a.* necessary, urgent, compelling, pressing, important, mandatory, obligatory, requisite, essential. *ANT.* *unnecessary, voluntary, unimportant.*

**imperfect** *a.* flawed, faulty, defective, deficient, unfinished, insufficient, below par, substandard, immature. *ANT.* *perfect, flawless.*

**imperfection** *n.* flaw, fault, defect, deficiency, failing, blemish, shortcoming, malformation, weakness, inadequacy, disfigurement. *ANT.* *perfection, faultlessness.*

**imperil** *v.* endanger, jeopardize, hazard, \*play with fire, risk, chance it, expose, \*put one's life on the line. *ANT.* *safeguard, protect.*

**IMPERIOUS** *a.* [im PEER ee us] domineering and overbearing. *He peered down his nose at us with his usual imperious expression.* *SYN.* *domineering, overbearing, lordly, arrogant, haughty, high-handed, tyrannical, bossy, authoritarian, commanding.* *ANT.* *deferential, mousy, bashful.*

**IMPERMEABLE** *a.* [im PERM ee uh bul] water or air-tight; impenetrable. *An impermeable membrane inside the container kept liquids from leaking out.* *SYN.* *impenetrable, watertight, airtight, waterproof, impervious, impassable, nonporous, sealed, leak-proof.* *ANT.* *permeable, porous.*

**impersonal** *a.* unfriendly, detached, remote, distant, cold, businesslike, formal, cool, disinterested, objective, neutral. *ANT.* *friendly, warm, personal.*

**impersonate** *v.* imitate, ape, caricature, do an impression, mimic, double as, represent, mock, parody, pretend to be.

**impertinent** *a.* 1. IRRELEVANT not germane, immaterial, unrelated, extraneous, beside the point. 2. INSOLENT rude, impudent, disrespectful, saucy, brash, inappropriate, fresh, \*smart-alecky, \*flip, \*mouthy. *ANT.* 1. *relevant, germane.* 2. *polite, respectful.*

**impervious** *a.* inaccessible, dense. *SEE* IMPENETRABLE

**IMPETUOUS** *a.* [im PECH oo us] acting thoughtlessly or without careful consideration. *The impetuous youth drove without brakes and crashed into a wall.* *SYN.* *rash, impulsive, headlong, hasty, careless, spontaneous, reckless, foolhardy, precipitate, spur-of-the-moment.* *ANT.* *thoughtful, careful, prudent, cautious.*

**impetus** *n.* incentive, stimulus, spur, motive, spark, instigation, motivation, goad, catalyst, drive, force.

**impinge** *v.* trespass, encroach, infringe, invade, intrude.

**impious** *a.* irreverent, sacriligious, blasphemous, ungodly, atheistic, irreligious, agnostic, sinful, iconoclastic, profane, immoral. *ANT.* *pious, religious, devout.*

**impish** *a.* mischievous, troublesome, naughty, prankish, devilish, \*bratty, rascally, roguish, puckish, pert. *ANT.* *angelic, saintly.*

**implacable** *a.* inflexible, inexorable, unappeasable, unforgiving, relentless, merciless, vengeful, vindictive, unbending. *ANT.* *placable, merciful, forgiving.*

**implausible** *a.* unbelievable, improbable, unlikely, incredible, questionable, doubtful, dubious, inconceivable, farfetched. *ANT.* *plausible, believable, likely, credible.*

**implement** *n.* tool, utensil, instrument, device, contrivance, mechanism, apparatus, appliance, gadget, contraption. *SEE* TOOL

**implement** *v.* start, fulfill, carry into effect, perform, accomplish, bring about, execute, enable.

**implicate** *v.* involve, point the finger at, accuse, embroil, name, incriminate, entangle, insinuate, connect, associate. *ANT.* *exclude, acquit, exonerate.*

**implication** *n.* association, involvement, connection, link, inference, incrimination, suggestion, assumption, ramification.

**IMPLICIT** *a.* [im PLIS it] not expressed explicitly but implied or suggested. *There was an implicit understanding that Joe was guilty.* *SYN.* implied, suggested, unspoken, tacit, inferred, understood, unexpressed, deduced, hinted. *ANT.* *explicit, spoken.*

**implied** *a.* suggested, implicit, unspoken, inferred, hinted at, tacit, deduced, alluded to, indicated, insinuated.

**implode** *v.* collapse, cave in, fall in, fold.

**implore** *v.* beg, beseech, ask, plead, entreat, appeal to, request, pray, supplicate.

**imply** *v.* suggest, hint, infer, allude to, indicate, point to, refer, insinuate, signify, mean.

**impolite** *a.* rude, discourteous, ill-mannered, unrefined, disrespectful, boorish, crude, indelicate, ungracious, uncivil. *ANT.* *polite, courteous, respectful.*

**importance** *n.* consequence, significance, weight, moment, substance, value, magnitude, gravity, greatness, seriousness.

**important** *a.* consequential, significant, weighty, \*heavy, momentous, substantial, valuable, great, serious, critical, vital, crucial, paramount, far-reaching, big, huge, influential, \*major league, decisive. *ANT.* *unimportant, trivial, insignificant, inconsequential.*

**impose** *v.* place, set, dictate, charge, enjoin, assign, exact, demand, lay, force, prescribe, fix, order, require, obtrude, \*shove down one's throat, intrude.

**IMPOSING** *a.* [im PO zing] grand, awesome, having a powerful presence. *New York has many imposing skyscrapers.* *SYN.* grand, awesome, impressive, powerful, majestic, mon-

umental, towering, massive, commanding, striking, magnificent, mighty, stupendous. *ANT.* *unimpressive, insignificant.*

**impossible** *a.* inconceivable, unachievable, unfeasible, unobtainable, insurmountable, unreachable, beyond reason, unthinkable, preposterous, absurd, hopeless. *ANT.* *possible, conceivable, feasible.*

**impostor** *n.* pretender, masquerader, fake, phony, fraud, con man, mountebank, impersonator, charlatan, humbug.

**IMPOTENT** *a.* [IM puh tunt] powerless, weak, ineffective. Also, unable to engage in sexual intercourse. *The marshal was impotent without his six-shooter.* *SYN.* powerless, weak, ineffective, helpless, debilitated, incapacitated, emasculate, prostrate, inadequate, worthless. *ANT.* *potent, strong, powerful.*

**impound** *v.* confine, hold, retain, keep, imprison, pen, confiscate, seize, take.

**impoverished** *a.* poor, destitute, poverty-stricken, indigent, penniless, impecunious, ruined, needy, broke, insolvent, bankrupt, \*strapped, \*hard up, receiving welfare, receiving food stamps, living hand to mouth. *ANT.* *rich, wealthy, affluent.*

**impractical** *a.* unworkable, impracticable, unrealistic, useless, wild, starry-eyed, chimerical, impossible, unfeasible, speculative, ideal. *ANT.* *practical, workable, viable, realistic, down-to-earth.*

**impregnable** *a.* unyielding, firm, secure, invincible, invulnerable, indestructible, impenetrable, strong, indomitable. *ANT.* *pregnable, yielding, vulnerable.*

**impregnate** *v.* inseminate, fertilize, fecundate, procreate, make pregnant, \*knock up.

**impresario** *n.* producer, manager, sponsor, director.

**impress** *v.* 1. AFFECT influence, move, sway, stir, touch, grab, faze, strike, overwhelm, inspire, excite. 2. IMPRINT dent, indent, stamp, mold, engrave, emboss, mark.

**impression** *n.* 1. EFFECT influence, mark, impact, feeling. 2. FEELING notion, sense, inkling, hunch, idea, suspicion, belief, sensation, perception. 3. IMPRINT dent, indentation, stamp, mold, engraving, mark.

**impressionable** *a.* susceptible, moldable, gullible, receptive, vulnerable, suggestible, inexperienced, naive, pliable, malleable, easily brainwashed, sensitive. *ANT.* *worldly-wise, impervious, sophisticated, hardened.*

**impressive** *a.* effective, powerful, striking, awesome, extraordinary, profound, dramatic, imposing, moving, wondrous, admirable,

- momentous, breathtaking. *ANT.* *unimpressive, \*blah, \*ho-hum, ordinary.*
- imprint** *n.* impression, stamp, signature, trademark, seal.
- imprison** *v.* jail, incarcerate, immure, lock up, confine, cage, impound, put behind bars, \*throw in the slammer, hold in custody, hold captive, \*send up the river, detain. *ANT.* *release, free, liberate.*
- improbable** *a.* unlikely, doubtful, questionable, implausible, dubious, unrealistic, unbelievable, impossible, farfetched, unheard of. *ANT.* *probable, likely, reasonable.*
- impromptu** *a.* unrehearsed, extemporaneous, improvised, ad-lib, off the cuff, unprepared, spontaneous, offhand, \*off the top of one's head, spur-of-the-moment. *ANT.* *rehearsed, prepared, planned.*
- improper** *a.* unsuitable, inappropriate, unfitting, wrong, out of place, inapt, imprudent, uncalled for, incorrect, indecent, unseemly, indecorous, impolite, indelicate, offensive. *ANT.* *proper, correct, appropriate, fitting.*
- impropriety** *n.* slip, faux pas, gaffe, mistake, blunder, indecency, misstep, fault, bad taste, bad form.
- improve** *v.* make better, better, upgrade, reform, rework, correct, \*touch up, \*doctor, revise, enhance, mend, fix, refine, polish, enrich, ameliorate, promote, heal. *ANT.* *worsen, damage, impair.*
- improvement** *n.* enhancement, enrichment, amelioration, betterment, change for the better, progression, advance, upgrade, rectification, furtherance, revision. *ANT.* *worsening, impairment, decline.*
- improvident** *a.* thrifless, shortsighted, incautious, happy-go-lucky. *ANT.* *prudent, cautious.*
- improvise** *v.* invent, \*wing it, \*play by ear, make do, fake it, extemporize, make up, contrive, ad-lib, jury-rig.
- imprudent** *a.* unwise, rash, careless, indiscreet, thoughtless, foolhardy, reckless, injudicious, unthinking, irresponsible, impulsive, impetuous, unwary. *ANT.* *prudent, wise, cautious.*
- IMPUDENT** *a.* [IM pyoo dunt] boldly disrespectful, impertinent. *The impudent student was removed from the classroom.* *SYN.* bold, disrespectful, impertinent, shameless, insolent, saucy, rude, cheeky, brazen, audacious, fresh, \*mouthy, \*smart-alecky. *ANT.* *respectful, reverent, deferential.*
- IMPUGN** *v.* [im PYOON] to attack or criticize, especially for dishonesty or lack of integrity, to refute. *The attorney impugned the witness for stretching the truth.* *SYN.* attack, criticize, refute, call into question, vilify, challenge, assail, negate, cast aspersions, rebuke, impeach.
- impulse** *n.* urge, drive, instinct, itch, spur, goad, desire, feeling, whim, notion, impetus, incitement, want, wish, inclination, reflex.
- impulsive** *a.* spontaneous, impetuous, spur-of-the-moment, extemporaneous, precipitate, unpremeditated, offhand, sudden, thoughtless, rash, hasty, whimsical. *ANT.* *premeditated, cautious, planned.*
- IMPUNITY** *n.* [im PYOO ni tee] freedom from penalty or punishment. *The looters thought they could steal with impunity.* *SYN.* exemption, freedom, immunity, license, privilege, without liability, \*free hand, amnesty. *ANT.* *punishment, liability, comeuppance.*
- impure** *a.* 1. CONTAMINATED polluted, dirty, adulterated, tainted, infected, sullied, foul, defiled, unclean. 2. IMMORAL unchaste, defiled, indecent, corrupted, degenerate, sinful, depraved, unvirginal. *ANT.* 1. *pure, clean, untainted.* 2. *moral, upright, wholesome.*
- impurity** *n.* contaminant, pollutant, foreign matter, defilement.
- impute** *v.* attribute, ascribe, blame, charge, assign, credit, cite, implicate, accuse, associate.
- inaccessible** *a.* unreachable, remote, removed, distant, far away, beyond one's grasp, out-of-the-way, godforsaken, unattainable. *ANT.* *nearby, close at hand.*
- inaccuracy** *n.* error, mistake, fault, blunder, defect, miscalculation, bungle, slip, flub, \*screwup, \*boo-boo, \*boner.
- inaccurate** *a.* inexact, imprecise, wrong, incorrect, false, faulty, erroneous, mistaken, slipshod, \*way off, flawed, fallacious, \*wide of the mark, unreliable, \*all wet. *ANT.* *accurate, precise, correct.*
- inactive** *a.* idle, inert, immobile, down, inoperative, dormant, disengaged, still, unemployed, lazy, lethargic, sedentary, slothful. *ANT.* *active, busy, bustling.*
- inadequate** *a.* deficient, unsatisfactory, lacking, unfit, wanting, insufficient, too little, short, scanty, scarce, incompetent, impotent, incapable, unqualified. *ANT.* *adequate, satisfactory, sufficient, capable.*
- inadmissible** *a.* not allowed, unacceptable, unfitting, inappropriate, unsuitable, objectionable, immaterial, unqualified, untenable, restricted. *ANT.* *permitted, approved.*
- inadvertent** *a.* accidental, unplanned, unintentional, undeliberate, unwitting, undesigned,

- not on purpose, involuntary. *ANT. on purpose, designed, intentional, deliberate.*
- inadvisable** *a.* unwise, ill-advised, foolish, wrong, imprudent, inexpedient, unrecommended, injudicious, impulsive, inopportune, reckless, irrational, illogical, senseless, unintelligent, crazy. *ANT. wise, opportune.*
- INANE** *a.* [i NANE] empty, silly or foolish, pointless. *The TV show was poorly written and inane.* *SYN.* empty, silly, foolish, senseless, pointless, fatuous, insipid, thoughtless, ludicrous, stupid, idiotic, mindless. *ANT. deep, profound, intelligent, meaningful.*
- inanimate** *a.* lifeless, dead, nonliving, inert, nonmoving, dull. *ANT. alive, animated.*
- inapplicable** *a.* unsuited, unfit, inapt, irrelevant, immaterial, impertinent, incompatible, inappropriate. *ANT. applicable, suitable, relevant.*
- inappropriate** *a.* unsuitable, unfitting, improper, incompatible, inapt, incorrect, out of line, wrong, unseemly, indecorous. *ANT. appropriate, fitting, suitable.*
- inapt** *a.* SEE INAPPROPRIATE
- inarticulate** *a.* mute, incoherent, indistinct, garbled, unintelligible, tongue-tied, speechless, taciturn, reticent, shy. *ANT. articulate, expressive, intelligible.*
- inattentive** *a.* absentminded, daydreaming, \*out to lunch, negligent, distracted, unobservant, faraway, preoccupied, unconscious, heedless. *ANT. sharp, observant, \*on the ball, aware.*
- inaudible** *a.* silent, soundless, noiseless, unintelligible, imperceptible, indistinct, low, muffled, out of earshot, below the threshold of hearing, quiet, still, stone silent, silent as a tomb, silent as the depths of space. *ANT. loud, deafening.*
- inaugurate** *v.* 1. INDUCT install, invest, instate. 2. BEGIN commence, start, initiate, launch, set in motion, get under way.
- inauguration** *n.* 1. INDUCTION installation, investiture, instatement, \*swearing in. 2. BEGINNING commencement, start, initiation, launch, outset, institution.
- inborn** *a.* innate, inbred, congenital, natural, indigenous, inherent, inherited, native, in the genes, in the blood. *ANT. acquired, learned.*
- inbred** *a.* genetic, congenital. SEE INBORN
- incalculable** *a.* inestimable, immeasurable, countless, infinite, innumerable, unfathomable, endless, limitless, unknowable. *ANT. measurable, finite, limited.*
- incantation** *n.* magic spell, magic charm, magic formula, hocus-pocus, abracadabra, conjuration, chant, invocation, mumbo-jumbo, hex, jinx. SEE MAGIC
- incapable** *a.* unable, inept, incompetent, unskilled, inadequate, insufficient, helpless, impotent, ineffective, unfit, powerless. *ANT. capable, able, competent.*
- incapacitated** *a.* disabled, crippled, handicapped, debilitated, unfit, disarmed, put out of action, \*hamstrung, paralyzed, immobilized. *ANT. hale, healthy.*
- incarcerate** *v.* jail, imprison, lock up, \*throw in the slammer, confine, hold in custody, impound. *ANT. free, release, liberate.*
- incautious** *a.* unwary, careless, rash, reckless, imprudent, impetuous, injudicious, \*devil-may-care, bold, unthinking, impulsive. *ANT. careful, wary, prudent, judicious.*
- incendiary** *a.* rebellious, troublemaking, rabble-rousing, inflammatory, agitating, provocative, stirring, ardent, electrifying, fiery. *ANT. pacifying.*
- incense** *n.* aromatic, scent, pastille, tablet, stick, spice, essence, fragrance, perfume, joss stick, sandalwood, frankincense.
- incensed** *a.* enraged, angry, outraged, furious, wrathful, infuriated, \*up in arms, mad, \*pissed, irate, peeved, rankled, indignant, \*ticked off, fired up. *ANT. calm, unruffled, composed.* SEE ANGRY
- incentive** *n.* motivation, motive, inducement, stimulus, goad, provocation, impetus, spur, consideration, enticement, lure.
- inception** *n.* start, beginning, origin, outset, birth, commencement, debut, conception, initiation. *ANT. end, close, finish, death.*
- INCESSANT** *a.* [in SES unt] never ceasing, nonstop. *I'm sick of your incessant complaining.* *SYN.* unceasing, neverending, relentless, constant, perpetual, continual, unremitting, unending, persistent. *ANT. infrequent, sporadic, intermittent, occasional.*
- incest** *n.* sexual abuse, molestation, statutory crime.
- incident** *n.* event, occurrence, happening, experience, affair, episode, occasion, circumstance, matter, scene, encounter.
- incidental** *a.* casual, accidental, chance, random, odd, \*fluky, coincidental, secondary, minor, subordinate, unimportant, insignificant, negligible. *ANT. main, central, basic.*
- incidentally** *adv.* by the way, parenthetically, speaking of that, by the by.
- incinerate** *v.* burn, cremate, consume, reduce to ashes.
- incinerator** *n.* burner, furnace, crematory, crematorium, gas chamber.

**incipient** *a.* beginning, commencing, developing, newborn, nascent, initial, embryonic, developing, early.

**incision** *n.* slit, slash, scratch, score, gash. SEE CUT

**INCISIVE** *a.* [in SYE siv] sharp, penetrating to the heart of a matter. *An incisive newspaper story on the homeless changed his attitude.* SYN. sharp, penetrating, trenchant, acute, cutting, biting, piercing, to the point, keen, crisp, probing. *ANT. shallow, superficial, dull.*

**incite** *v.* instigate, spark, prompt, rouse, stir, spur, provoke, goad, inflame, whip up, agitate, encourage, \*egg on. *ANT. dissuade, dampen, stop.*

**incivility** *n.* rudeness, discourtesy, disrespect, impoliteness, bad manners, tactlessness, roughness, coarseness. *ANT. civility, courtesy, politeness.*

**inclement** *a.* rough, stormy, harsh, severe, raw, nasty, foul, violent. *ANT. clement, mild, nice.*

**inclination** *n.* disposition, tendency, proclivity, bent, penchant, propensity, leaning, drift, bias, predilection, preference.

**incline** *n.* slant, slope, grade, cant, tilt, leaning, rise, pitch, ramp.

**incline** *v.* slant, slope, cant, tilt, lean, pitch, grade, rise, recline, list.

**inclined** *a.* disposed, prone, tending, liable, likely, predisposed. *ANT. unwilling, reluctant, disinclined.*

**include** *v.* involve, incorporate, comprise, hold, embody, contain, comprehend, take into account, number, accommodate, embrace. *ANT. exclude, preclude, omit.*

**incognito** *a.* in disguise, masked, concealed, clandestine, anonymous. *ANT. exposed, revealed, unmasked.*

**incoherent** *a.* unintelligible, illogical, disjointed, disconnected, incohesive, indistinguishable, rambling, muddled, inarticulate, mumbling. *ANT. coherent, intelligible, understandable, clear.*

**income** *n.* revenue, profit, gross, net, earnings, pay, \*take-home, wages, salary, yield, receipts, gain, proceeds.

**incomparable** *a.* peerless, unequaled, matchless, unrivaled, superior, supreme, beyond compare, superlative, second to none. *ANT. run-of-the-mill, average, \*just another brick in the wall.*

**incompatible** *a.* unsuited, incongruous, clashing, contrary, contradictory, mismatched, inharmonious, conflicting, opposite, \*different as night and day. *ANT. compatible, harmonious, suited, \*like hand in glove.*

**incompetent** *a.* inadequate, incapable, unskilled, inept, unfit, bumbling, useless, unable, out of one's league, out of one's element, inexperienced, ignorant, \*all thumbs, unqualified, bungling, inexpert. *ANT. competent, skilled, capable, expert.*

**incomplete** *a.* unfinished, lacking, deficient, wanting, imperfect, immature, short, insufficient, rough, fragmentary. *ANT. complete, finished, done.*

**incomprehensible** *a.* beyond comprehension, unintelligible, baffling, \*beyond me, bewildering, \*over one's head, unfathomable, unexplainable, deep, profound, mysterious, \*clear as mud. *ANT. clear, plain, understandable.*

**inconceivable** *a.* unimaginable, unthinkable, unbelievable, incredible, incomprehensible, \*mind-boggling, hard to grasp, unheard of, fantastic. *ANT. believable, reasonable, plausible.*

**inconclusive** *a.* undetermined, indefinite, unresolved, \*up in the air, ambiguous, vague, open, uncertain, doubtful. *ANT. conclusive, definite, certain.*

**INCONGRUOUS** *a.* [in KON groo us] not fitting together, incompatible, inharmonious. *The new sports dome looked incongruous among the Victorian mansions.* SYN. incompatible, inharmonious, incongruent, discordant, conflicting, odd, inconsistent, discrepant, clashing, out of place, jarring, unsuited, inappropriate. *ANT. congruous, suitable, compatible, consistent.*

**inconsequential** *a.* insignificant, unimportant, immaterial, negligible, \*small time, \*no great shakes, trivial, trifling, piddling. *ANT. consequential, significant, important.*

**inconsiderate** *a.* thoughtless, insensitive, unthinking, rude, inattentive, boorish, ungracious, discourteous, self-centered. *ANT. considerate, sensitive, thoughtful.*

**inconsistent** *a.* 1. IRREGULAR erratic, variable, unstable, changing, fickle, inconstant. 2. INCOMPATIBLE contradictory, contrary, incongruous, divergent, out of step, conflicting, at odds, incoherent. *ANT. 1. regular, steady, consistent. 2. compatible, harmonious, congruent.*

**INCONSPICUOUS** *a.* [in kon SPIK yoo us] not standing out, attracting little attention. *The shoplifter tried to remain as inconspicuous as possible.* SYN. undistinguished, unapparent, indistinct, unnoticeable, low-profile, invisible, hidden, unostentatious, plain, unobtrusive, \*fading into the woodwork, \*like

- another brick in the wall. *ANT. conspicuous, distinguished, obvious, \*standing out like a sore thumb.*
- inconstant** *a.* irregular, erratic, variable, unstable, changing, intermittent, unsteady, fickle. *ANT. constant, steady, stable.*
- incontrovertible** *a.* indisputable, beyond doubt, established, certain, incontestable, solid, undeniable, irrefutable. *ANT. debatable, questionable, doubtful.*
- inconvenient** *a.* bothersome, troublesome, inopportune, untimely, burdensome, disadvantageous, cumbersome, discommoding. *ANT. convenient, advantageous, timely.*
- incorporate** *v.* include, involve, embody, comprise, unite, join, integrate, consolidate, merge, combine, associate.
- incorrect** *a.* wrong, in error, inaccurate, erroneous, faulty, false, inexact, fallacious, \*way off. *ANT. correct, right, accurate.*
- INCORRIGIBLE** *a.* [in KAWR i juh bul] incapable of improving or becoming reformed. *The incorrigible youth was destined for the county jail.* *SYN.* hardened, hopeless, beyond help, irreformable, irredeemable, lost, intractable, incurable, recidivous, \*unbreakable, \*dyed in the wool. *ANT. correctable, reformable, curable.*
- incorruptible** *a.* honest, moral, honorable, virtuous, noble, principled, ethical, righteous, irreproachable, innocent, \*squeaky clean. *ANT. corrupt, dishonest, immoral, dishonorable.*
- increase** *n.* growth, rise, enlargement, addition, expansion, enhancement, escalation, upsurge, intensification, broadening, burgeoning. *ANT. decrease, reduction, shrinkage.*
- increase** *v.* grow, rise, enlarge, add, expand, enhance, escalate, surge, intensify, broaden, burgeon, amplify, swell, advance, heighten, augment, \*snowball, mushroom, multiply, build, inflate, double, triple. *ANT. decrease, reduce, shrink, deflate.*
- incredible** *a.* unbelievable, improbable, inconceivable, farfetched, unimaginable, extraordinary, fantastic, awesome, miraculous, wonderful, astonishing, fabulous, \*unreal. *ANT. credible, believable, ordinary.*
- INCREDULOUS** *a.* [in KRE] oo lus] unbelieving, skeptical. *The cop looked incredulous; clearly he didn't believe the driver's story.* *SYN.* unbelieving, doubting, skeptical, suspicious, dubious, distrusting, mistrusting, unconvinced, cynical. *ANT. credulous, trusting, believing, gullible.*
- increment** *n.* addition, accession, step, increase, rise, gain, augmentation, accretion.
- incriminate** *v.* accuse, charge, \*point the finger at, blame, involve, implicate, \*blow the whistle on, \*squeal.
- incubus** *n.* evil spirit, demon, devil, sex demon, fiend, goblin, hobgoblin, nightmare.
- incur** *v.* contract, acquire, get, gain, come into, bring upon oneself, bargain for.
- incurable** *a.* fatal, deadly, terminal, uncorrectable, hopeless, inoperable. *ANT. curable, remedial.*
- incursion** *n.* inroad, infiltration, encroachment, advance, penetration, invasion, raid, foray.
- indebted** *a.* obligated, beholden, bound, owing, appreciative, thankful, grateful. *ANT. free, unbound, independent.*
- indecent** *n.* obscenity, foulness, offensiveness, vulgarity, filthiness, \*raunchiness, vileness, incivility, crudity, impropriety.
- indecent** *a.* obscene, foul, offensive, vulgar, filthy, \*raunchy, vile, crude, \*dirty, \*X-rated, pornographic, lewd, unseemly, indecorous, indelicate, improper. *ANT. decent, modest, \*clean, wholesome.*
- indecisive** *a.* 1. UNCERTAIN wavering, faltering, vacillating, waffling, irresolute, wishy-washy, hesitant, undecided, \*of two minds. 2. INCONCLUSIVE unclear, indeterminate, unsettled, \*up in the air. *ANT. 1. certain, positive, resolute. 2. conclusive, settled.*
- indeed** *adv.* truly, certainly, surely, verily, by all means, positively, really.
- indefatigable** *a.* tireless, untiring, inexhaustible, unflagging, energetic, unflinching, dogged, unremitting, persevering, diligent, tenacious. *ANT. slothful, sluggish, anemic.*
- indefensible** *a.* inexcusable, unjustifiable, unforgivable, untenable, weak, insupportable. *ANT. defensible, excusable, justifiable.*
- indefinite** *a.* uncertain, imprecise, ambiguous, undetermined, inexact, vague, indeterminate, unspecific, unknown, indistinct, ill-defined. *ANT. definite, specific, precise, unambiguous.*
- INDELIBLE** *a.* [in DEL uh bul] leaving a lasting impression. *The Kennedy assassination left an indelible impression on the minds of millions of Americans.* *SYN.* fixed, permanent, enduring, indestructible, unforgettable, ingrained, nonerasable, unfading, fast. *ANT. erasable, temporary, fading.*
- indelicate** *a.* coarse, rough, crude, gross, offensive, indecorous, tactless, unrefined, indecent, immodest, rude, lewd. *ANT. delicate, refined, decent.*
- indent** *v.* dent, depress, dimple, push in, mark, impress, hollow.

**independence** *n.* self-determination, self-government, self-reliance, self-sufficiency, autonomy, freedom, liberty. “Resistance to the herd spirit.”—Daniel Mason. “The privilege of the strong.”—Friedrich Nietzsche. “To live after your own nature.”—Thoreau. *ANT.* *dependence, subordination, subjugation.*

**independent** *a.* self-determining, self-governing, self-reliant, self-sufficient, autonomous, sovereign, free, nonpartisan, separate. *ANT.* *dependent, subordinate, controlled.*

**indescribable** *a.* beyond words, inexpressible, nondescript, extraordinary, incredible, strange, wondrous.

**indestructible** *a.* unbreakable, lasting, durable, permanent, enduring, immortal, deathless. *ANT.* *fragile, delicate, mortal.*

**indeterminate** *a.* indefinite, inexact, vague, uncertain, inconclusive, unclear, unspecified. *ANT.* *exact, specific, precise.*

**indicate** *v.* signify, denote, mark, show, point out, express, tell, suggest, demonstrate, imply, designate, specify, symbolize.

**indication** *n.* sign, signal, symptom, hint, testimony, evidence, manifestation, intimation, clue, telltale, suggestion, attestation, warning, portent.

**indicator** *n.* pointer, dial, gauge, register, sign, guide, index, barometer.

**INDICT** *v.* [in DITE] to charge with a crime, accuse. *He was indicted by the grand jury.* *SYN.* charge, accuse, arraign, cite, incriminate, impute, prosecute, impeach.

**INDICTMENT** *n.* [in DITE munt] a formal charge of a crime, a written accusation. *The grand jury handed down an indictment against three gang members.* *SYN.* charge, accusation, imputation, arraignment, incrimination, implication, complaint, blame, allegation, summons, prosecution, impeachment.

**indifference** *a.* apathy, disinterest, unconcern, nonchalance, impassiveness, lack of interest, detachment, stoniness, disregard, insensitivity. “The worst sin toward our fellow creatures.”—George Bernard Shaw. *ANT.* *interest, concern, passion.*

**INDIFFERENT** *a.* [in DIF ur unt] unconcerned, not interested, apathetic. *She didn't care who won the election; she was indifferent.* *SYN.* unconcerned, disinterested, apathetic, impassive, detached, nonchalant, cool, lukewarm, removed, blasé, uninvolved. *ANT.* *interested, concerned, passionate, involved.*

**INDIGENOUS** *a.* [in DIJ uh nus] originating in a specific region, native. *Cactus is indig-*

*enous to the American southwest.* *SYN.* native, aboriginal, natural, endemic, original, homegrown, domestic, innate, inherent, intrinsic. *ANT.* *foreign, imported, naturalized.*

**INDIGENT** *a.* [IN di jun] poor. *The indigent family had no money for luxuries.* *SYN.* poor, poverty-stricken, needy, impoverished, penniless, destitute, \*bad off, \*hard up, \*broke, \*down and out, \*struggling to keep the wolf from the door. *ANT.* *wealthy, rich, well off.*

**indignant** *a.* angry, incensed, irate, peeved, \*sore, furious, wrathful, miffed, \*bent out of shape, fuming, resentful, exasperated. *ANT.* *pleased, happy, joyful.*

**indignation** *n.* anger, fury, wrath, rage, resentment, offense, displeasure, ire, exasperation, irritation, gall. *ANT.* *delight, pleasure.* *SEE ANGER*

**indignity** *n.* insult, affront, humiliation, embarrassment, outrage, \*slap in the face, abuse, slur, disrespect, \*snub.

**indirect** *a.* 1. **ROUNDAABOUT** circuitous, wandering, divergent, tortuous, digressive, deviating, oblique, sidelong. 2. **INCIDENTAL** secondary, unintentional, ancillary, circumstantial. 3. **DISHONEST** backhanded, deceitful, sneaky. *ANT.* 1. *direct, straight.* 2. *primary, direct.* 3. *direct, honest, straightforward.*

**indiscreet** *a.* imprudent, unwise, injudicious, careless, thoughtless, inconsiderate, insensitive, hasty, rash. *ANT.* *discreet, sensitive, considerate.*

**indiscretion** *n.* imprudence, injudiciousness, blunder, impropriety, mistake, gaffe, misstep, faux pas, lapse, \*slip, gaucherie, transgression, offense.

**indiscriminate** *a.* random, careless, unparticular, casual, uncritical, indiscriminating, haphazard, promiscuous, unmethodical, hit-or-miss, unselective. *ANT.* *discriminating, selective.*

**indispensable** *a.* necessary, essential, vital, needed, requisite, required, crucial, fundamental, basic, critical. *ANT.* *extraneous, dispensable, superfluous.*

**indisposed** *a.* ill, sick, \*under the weather, ailing, \*laid up, \*out of sorts, \*out of action, \*feeling crappy. *ANT.*  *hale, vigorous, robust, well.*

**indisputable** *a.* irrefutable, incontestable, undeniable, clear, beyond doubt, incontrovertible, unquestionable, \*open and shut, solid. *ANT.* *questionable, debatable, dubious.*

**indistinct** *a.* vague, fuzzy, ambiguous, obscure, faint, dim, hazy, unclear, unintelligible, blurry, undefined, out of focus, nebulous, undecipherable. *ANT.* *distinct, clear, sharp, defined.*

**individual** *n.* person, human being, body, soul, character, man, woman, guy, girl, boy, personality.

**individual** *a.* single, separate, distinctive, sole, lone, exclusive, peculiar, particular, unique, singular, characteristic, specific, special, personal. *ANT.* *group, general, common, universal.*

**individuality** *n.* personality, character, distinction, difference, uniqueness, singularity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, originality, self, temperament.

**INDOCTRINATE** *v.* [in DAWK truh nate] to teach or instruct, to transfer one's beliefs to another. *The cult thoroughly indoctrinates new members with its beliefs.* *SYN.* teach, instruct, school, imbue, enlighten, train, implant, instill, \*beat into one's head, brainwash, program. *ANT.* \*deprogram.

**INDOLENT** *a.* [IN duh lunt] lazy. *He was homeless because he was indolent, not unlucky.* *SYN.* lazy, idle, slothful, \*allergic to work, listless, inactive, shiftless, do-nothing. *ANT.* *industrious, bustling, \*go-getting.*

**indomitable** *a.* invincible, unyielding, unconquerable, undefeatable, unbeatable, insurmountable, dogged, steadfast, staunch, resolute, tough. *ANT.* *yielding, weak, \*wimpy.*

**indubitably** *adv.* certainly, unquestionably, undoubtedly, surely, undeniably, definitely.

**induce** *v.* bring on, persuade, encourage, produce, influence, talk into, instigate, incite, prompt, cause, abet, prevail upon, sway, effect.

**inducement** *n.* incentive, motive, \*carrot, stimulus, spur, enticement, instigation, reason, cause, \*come-on.

**induct** *v.* bring in, install, instate, swear in, inaugurate.

**indulge** *v.* gratify, humor, satisfy, spoil, pamper, coddle, accommodate, splurge, treat oneself, \*baby oneself.

**indulgence** *n.* luxury, self-gratification, immoderation, extravagance, treat, excess, satisfaction, \*wishfulfillment, intemperance, spoiling, pampering, \*babying, catering, splurging.

**indulgent** *a.* immoderate, extravagant, excessive, \*weak, intemperate, pampering, \*babying, splurging, lenient, overpermissive.

**industrious** *a.* hardworking, bustling, on the go, busy, \*busy as a bee, hustling, \*high octane, aggressive, productive, assiduous, diligent, dynamic, vigorous, constructive. *ANT.* *indolent, lazy, slothful.*

**industry** *n.* 1. BUSINESS manufacturing, enterprise, trade, commerce. 2. HARD WORK effort, industriousness, labor, toil, diligence, enterprise, activity.

**inebriated** *a.* drunk, intoxicated, tipsy, \*bombed, \*smashed, \*loaded, \*hammered, \*sloshed, \*drunk as a lord, \*lit to the gills, \*under the table. *ANT.* *sober.*

**ineffective** *a.* ineffectual, impotent, useless, inadequate, incompetent, vain, futile, unproductive, powerless, fruitless. *ANT.* *effective, powerful, potent.*

**ineffectual** *a.* SEE INEFFECTIVE

**inefficient** *a.* deficient, unfit, inapt, inept, incompetent, \*below par, ineffective, wasteful, time-wasting, slow, disorganized, sloppy. *ANT.* *efficient, effective.*

**INEPT** *a.* [in EPT] awkward, clumsy, incompetent; unsuitable. *Every beginning carpenter is inept.* *SYN.* awkward, clumsy, incompetent, unfit, unskilled, bungling, \*all thumbs, ungraceful, oafish, maladroit, wrong, unsuitable, inappropriate. *ANT.* *competent, skilled, graceful, appropriate.*

**inequitable** *a.* unequal, unfair, uneven, unjust, unbalanced, biased, partial, one-sided. *ANT.* *equal, fair.*

**INERT** *a.* [in URT] inactive, motionless. *The substance had completed its chemical reaction and was now inert.* *SYN.* inactive, still, motionless, lifeless, dead, unresponsive, quiescent, dormant, passive, static, sleepy, sluggish. *ANT.* *active, moving, reactive.*

**inertia** *n.* inactivity, stillness, lifelessness, quiescence, passivity, stasis, stagnation, paralysis, sluggishness, laziness. *ANT.* *activity, motion, business.*

**inevitable** *a.* unavoidable, inescapable, inexorable, assured, certain, irrevocable, unpreventable, ordained, fated, destined, predetermined. *ANT.* *avoidable, escapable, preventable.*

**inexcusable** *a.* unforgivable, unpardonable, unacceptable, outrageous, indefensible, unjustifiable, reprehensible, intolerable. *ANT.* *forgivable, understandable, acceptable.*

**inexhaustible** *a.* 1. UNLIMITED limitless, boundless, infinite, bountiful, measureless, endless. 2. TIRELESS unflagging. *ANT.* 1. *limited, finite.* 2. *tiring.*

**INEXORABLE** *a.* [in EK sur uh bul] unchangeable and unrelenting, inevitable. *Americans have two inexorable fates: death and taxes.* *SYN.* unchangeable, unalterable, inescapable, inevitable, \*carved in stone, unmovable, inflexible, unremitting, unyielding. *ANT.* *changeable, alterable, flexible.*

**inexpensive** *a.* cheap, reasonable, bargain, low-priced, \*dime-a-dozen, nominal, economical, sale-priced, \*budget. *ANT.* *expensive, costly, exorbitant.*

**inexperienced** *a.* green, unseasoned, unfamiliar, unschooled, virgin, unfledged, immature, innocent, young, untrained, raw, callow, ignorant, \*wet behind the ears, rookie, naive, unsophisticated. *ANT.* *practiced, veteran, seasoned, sophisticated.*

**inexplicable** *a.* unexplainable, mysterious, baffling, puzzling, bewildering, incomprehensible, undecipherable, inscrutable. *ANT.* *explainable, understandable, explicable.*

**infallible** *a.* unerring, accurate, unfailing, flawless, perfect, reliable, dependable, trustworthy, foolproof, impeccable. *ANT.* *fallible, inaccurate, imperfect, erring.*

**INFAMOUS** *a.* [IN fuh mus] having a bad or scandalous reputation, notorious. *The infamous gangster went on trial today.* *SYN.* notorious, disreputable, disgraceful, scandalous, villainous, dishonorable, shameful, wicked, evil, low, wretched, reprehensible, despicable. *ANT.* *virtuous, illustrious, noble, revered.*

**infamy** *n.* bad reputation, scandalous reputation, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, shame, villainy, evil, wickedness, notoriety, ignominy, opprobrium. *ANT.* *honor, nobility, repute.*

**infant** *n.* newborn, tot, toddler. *SEE* BABY

**infantile** *a.* babyish, childish, juvenile, immature, spoiled. *ANT.* *adult, mature, dependable.*

**infatuated** *a.* enamored, smitten, charmed, bewitched, beguiled, taken with, spellbound, in love, \*stuck on, \*hung up on, \*gaga over, \*hot for, \*having a crush on, \*carried away with. *ANT.* *repulsed, disgusted, repelled.*

**infect** *v.* contaminate, poison, taint, pollute, affect, disease, defile, corrupt, befoul.

**infectious** *a.* catching, contagious, spreading, communicable, transmittable, transferable, epidemic, pestilent, poisonous, toxic, virulent. *ANT.* *nontoxic, benign.*

**INFER** *v.* [in FUR] to deduce or come to a conclusion, to suppose something from a set of facts. *The police infer that a lack of eye contact may point to a guilty conscience.* *SYN.* deduce, conclude, gather, suppose, assume, presume, \*put two and two together, figure, arrive at, guess, surmise, reckon, judge.

**inference** *n.* deduction, conclusion, assumption, presumption, corollary, supposition, figuring, guess, reckoning, judgment, interpretation, reasoning.

**inferior** *a.* poor, bad, awful, second-rate, \*bush-league, lousy, mediocre, substandard, low, \*junky, \*two-bit, subordinate, minor, junior. *ANT.* *superior, first-rate, \*top-drawer, senior.*

**infernal** *a.* hellish, diabolic, Stygian, fiendish, demonic, satanic, devilish, hateful, outra-

geous, evil, damned, damnable. *ANT.* *heavenly, angelic, saintly, godly.*

**inferno** *n.* hellfire, conflagration. *SEE* HELL

**infertile** *a.* barren, sterile, unproductive, unfruitful, infecund, impotent, depleted, exhausted, fallow. *ANT.* *fertile, productive, fecund.*

**infest** *v.* overrun, swarm, populate, spread, pervade, flood, fill, overwhelm, teem.

**infidel** *n.* nonbeliever, atheist, non-Christian, non-Muslim, pagan, heathen, heretic, dissenter, idolater, agnostic. *ANT.* *believer, follower.*

**infidelity** *n.* unfaithfulness, disloyalty, betrayal, treachery, perfidy, adultery, cheating, \*two-timing. *ANT.* *fidelity, loyalty, faithfulness.*

**infiltrate** *v.* pass through, creep in, penetrate, intrude, invade, impregnate, permeate.

**infinite** *a.* endless, boundless, limitless, unlimited, countless, immeasurable, innumerable, inexhaustible, astronomical, vast, immense, never ending, eternal, ceaseless, perpetual. *ANT.* *finite, limited, ending.*

**INFINITESIMAL** *a.* [IN fin i TES uh mul] infinitely small, microscopic. *The odds of winning the contest were infinitesimal.* *SYN.* infinitely small, microscopic, tiny, minute, imperceptible, negligible, inappreciable, atomic, miniscule, slight. *ANT.* *gigantic, huge, enormous, great.*

**infinity** *n.* endlessness, limitlessness, continuum, eternity, inexhaustibility, infinitude, immeasurability, forever, perpetuity, vastness. "A fathomless gulf, into which all things vanish."—Marcus Aurelius. "A dark illimitable ocean, without bound."—John Milton.

**infirm** *a.* weak, feeble, sick, faint, shaky, fragile, ailing, frail, debilitated, unsound, powerless, faltering, decrepit. *ANT.* *strong, robust, sound, powerful.*

**infirmary** *n.* hospital, dispensary, treatment center, clinic, pharmacy, nurse's station, sick bay, medical facility. *SEE* HOSPITAL

**infirmity** *n.* weakness, ailment, sickness, illness, handicap, condition, disease, frailty, affliction, malady. *SEE* DISEASE, MEDICINE

**inflame** *v.* fire, spark, ignite, agitate, excite, incite, impassion, fan the fire, aggravate, enrage, rile, intensify. *ANT.* *dampen, extinguish.*

**inflammable** *a.* combustible. *SEE* FLAMMABLE

**inflammation** *n.* redness, swelling, pain, immune response, tissue irritation, tenderness.

**inflammatory** *a.* fiery, explosive, incendiary, provocative, inciting, rabble-raising, riotous, instigative. *ANT.* *conciliatory, pacific, mollifying.*

**inflate** *v.* blow up, swell, increase, dilate, distend, expand, puff up, bloat, stretch, grow, balloon. *ANT.* *deflate, contract, shrink.*

- inflation** *n.* increase, runaway prices, oversupply of currency, stagflation. SEE ECONOMY
- inflexible** *a.* 1. HARD unyielding, rigid, firm, stiff, unmalleable. 2. STUBBORN unyielding, adamant, firm, uncompromising, obstinate, rigid, unbending, intractable, fixed, pigheaded. *ANT.* 1. *flexible, soft, malleable.* 2. *compromising, yielding.*
- inflict** *v.* impose, deal out, administer, visit upon, wreak, bring to bear, mete out.
- influence** *n.* power, pull, control, clout, weight, authority, leadership, pressure, force, effect, dominance, sway.
- influence** *v.* sway, control, persuade, move, incline, affect, act on, impact upon, impress, direct, turn, shape, \*pull strings, manipulate.
- influential** *a.* powerful, persuasive, weighty, compelling, authoritative, effective, consequential, potent, inspiring, charismatic, forceful, important. *ANT.* *unimportant, trivial, meaningless.*
- influenza** *n.* flu, \*bug, virus, viral infection, respiratory virus, gripe, chills and fever, Hong Kong flu, Asian flu, disease, illness, sickness, bacterial pneumonia, bronchitis. SEE DISEASE

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**WORD FIND**

**widespread:** epidemic, pandemic, outbreak

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- influx** *n.* inflow, arrival, incoming, infusion, in-pouring, tide.
- inform** *v.* tell, let know, advise, apprise, fill in, enlighten, notify, communicate to, \*squeal, \*rat on, tattle, snitch, fink.
- informal** *a.* casual, relaxed, unofficial, unceremonious, simple, workaday, down-home, breezy, \*laid-back, loose, natural. *ANT.* *formal, ceremonious, stiff, official.*
- information** *n.* data, facts, intelligence, knowledge, \*dope, \*lowdown, news, communication, \*skinny.
- informative** *a.* educational, enlightening, instructive, edifying, informational, illuminating, explanatory. *ANT.* *unredeeming, unhelpful.*
- informed** *a.* educated, knowing, in the know, advised, savvy, up-to-date, au courant, briefed, \*up to speed, knowledgeable, enlightened, \*up on, conversant with, abreast of. *ANT.* *ingnorant, unaware.*
- informer** *n.* informant, tattletale, \*rat, \*fink, snitch, \*stool pigeon, \*squealer, \*weasel, whistle-blower, betrayer.

- infraction** *n.* violation, infringement, breach, lawbreaking, transgression, offense, malfeasance, trespass. SEE LAW
- infrastructure** *n.* foundation, base, framework, underpinning, support, structure.
- infrequent** *a.* rare, seldom, occasional, odd, unusual, exceptional, irregular, limited, \*few and far between. *ANT.* *frequent, often.*
- infringe** *v.* trespass, violate, transgress, intrude, encroach, contravene.
- infuriate** *v.* enrage, anger, \*make one's blood boil, outrage, madden, \*burn up, incense, rile, inflame, \*get one's dander up. *ANT.* *pacify, mollify.*
- infuse** *v.* instill, impart, imbue, inspire, inculcate, fill, ingrain, infect, implant, suffuse, permeate, introduce.
- ingenious** *a.* clever, brilliant, intelligent, resourceful, creative, inventive, shrewd, imaginative, skillful, proficient, \*crack. *ANT.* *uncreative, stupid, unimaginative, \*lame.*
- ingenue** *n.* innocent, naïf, juvenile, \*babe in the woods, young woman, debutante.
- ingenuity** *n.* cleverness, brilliance, intelligence, resourcefulness, creativity, inventiveness, shrewdness, imagination, skill, proficiency, genius.
- INGENUOUS** *a.* [in JEN yoo us] unsophisticated, unworldly, naive, artless and honest. *Most young children are naturally ingenuous.* *SYN.* unsophisticated, unworldly, naive, artless, honest, simple, up-front, innocent, childlike, open, sincere, genuine, candid, frank, direct. *ANT.* *disingenuous, artful, sophisticated, deceitful, insincere.*
- ingest** *v.* swallow, consume, eat.
- inglorious** *a.* shameful, dishonorable, disgraceful, ignominious, odious, scandalous, disreputable, infamous, reprehensible. *ANT.* *honorable, commendable.*
- ingrained** *a.* deep-rooted, fixed, planted, inherent, intrinsic, innate, \*built-in, indelible, dyed-in-the-wool, permanent. *ANT.* *surface, superficial.*
- INGRATIATE** *v.* [in GRA she ate] to court favor with someone or purposely try to get on his or her good side. *After the argument she attempted to ingratiate herself with her boyfriend by preparing a special dinner.* *SYN.* court, blandish, \*kiss up, \*brownnose, charm, flatter, \*get on one's good side, \*butter up, curry favor, cajole, kowtow.
- ingratitude** *n.* ungratefulness, unthankfulness.
- ingredient** *n.* element, component, part, constituent, item.

**inhabit** *v.* live, abide, reside, lodge, dwell, occupy, stay at, populate.

**inhabitant** *n.* resident, occupant, lodger, tenant, renter, boarder, citizen, native, denizen.

**inhale** *v.* breathe, draw a breath, gasp, inspire, sniff.

**INHERENT** *a.* [in HEER unt, in HER unt] existing naturally, as an inborn trait, innate, native. *The drive to survive is inherent in every living thing.* SYN. natural, inborn, innate, native, existing, instinctive, hereditary, built-in, ingrained, fundamental, essential. ANT. *extrinsic, alien, foreign, unnatural.*

**inheritance** *n.* legacy, bequest, estate, birthright, endowment, gift heirloom.

**inherited** *a.* genetic, inbred, in the genes, hereditary, connate, in the blood, inborn, passed down, innate. ANT. *acquired, learned.*

**inhibit** *v.* hinder, restrain, check, repress, arrest, cramp, hold back, obstruct, constrict, impede, forbid, prohibit. ANT. *free, encourage, let.*

**inhibited** *a.* shy, withdrawn, self-conscious, reticent, reserved, guarded, uptight, bashful, self-censoring, stiff. ANT. *spontaneous, outgoing, uninhibited.*

**inhibition** *n.* 1. SHYNESS self-consciousness, withdrawal, reticence, reserve, guardedness, uptightness, bashfulness, self-censorship, stiffness. 2. RESTRAINT restriction, hindrance, check, constriction, blockage, prohibition. ANT. 1. *spontaneity, outgoingness, unrestraint.* 2. *freedom, liberty.*

**inhospitable** *a.* unfriendly, forbidding, unkind, ungracious, hostile, cold, unwelcoming, aloof, unsociable. ANT. *hospitable, friendly, warm.*

**inhuman** *a.* beastly, cruel, inhumane, brutal, cold-blooded, merciless, pitiless, heartless, savage, animal, vicious, barbaric, unfeeling, ferocious, malicious. ANT. *human, humane, compassionate, kind.*

**inhumane** *a.* SEE INHUMAN

**inhumanity** *n.* beastliness, cruelty, brutality, cold-bloodedness, savagery, viciousness, barbarity, maliciousness. ANT. *humanity, compassion, kindness.*

**inimitable** *a.* unequaled, unmatched, preeminent, incomparable, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed, peerless, supreme. ANT. *comparable, similar, surpassed.*

**iniquity** *n.* wickedness, evil, injustice, sinfulness, wrong, immorality, wrongdoing, godlessness, abomination, infamy, crime. ANT. *virtue, righteousness, morality, justice.*

**initial** *a.* first, original, primary, beginning, earliest, inaugural, opening, commencing, maiden, embryonic. ANT. *last, final, closing.*

**initiate** *v.* 1. START originate, begin, commence, introduce, usher in, institute, launch, establish, kick off, pioneer. 2. TEACH instruct, train, acquaint with, familiarize with, tutor, train, indoctrinate, inculcate. 3. INDUCE instate, enroll.

**initiation** *n.* start, beginning, commencement, entrance, introduction, institution, launch, kickoff, inception, debut, induction.

**initiative** *n.* 1. FIRST STEP first move, start, lead, beginning, kickoff. 2. ENTERPRISE ambition, resourcefulness, hustle, drive, \*get up and go, dynamism, push, aggressiveness.

**inject** *v.* insert, introduce, put in, implant, infuse, imbue, inoculate, \*shoot up, \*mainline.

**injection** *n.* shot, booster shot, inoculation, vaccine, vaccination, infusion, dose.

**injure** *v.* harm, damage, hurt, wound, maim, bruise, impair, cripple, weaken, disfigure, mangle, afflict, mutilate, abuse.

**injurious** *a.* harmful, damaging, hurtful, wounding, maiming, bruising, impairing, crippling, pernicious, weakening, deleterious, disfiguring, destructive. ANT. *healing, helpful, reconstructive.*

**injury** *n.* harm, damage, hurt, wound, impairment, \*boo-boo, indignity, disfigurement, mutilation, trauma, bruise, cut, gash, contusion, laceration, sprain, break, fracture, hemorrhage, scar, abrasion, concussion, dislocation, whiplash.

**injustice** *n.* unfairness, inequity, mistreatment, inequality, wrong, injury, crime, miscarriage, outrage, offense, inequity, discrimination, bias, grievance. ANT. *justice, fairness, equity.*

**inkling** *n.* hint, suggestion, indication, glimmer, idea, clue, notion, suspicion, trace.

**inn** *n.* lodging, hotel, motel, motor inn, motor court, bed and breakfast, hostel, resort, roadhouse.

**INNATE** *a.* [i NATE] naturally present, as from birth. *Infants have an innate ability to grasp.* SYN. inborn, natural, native, hereditary, in the blood, inherent, inherited, intrinsic, indigenous, inbred. ANT. *acquired, foreign, alien, learned, unnatural.*

**inner** *a.* 1. INTERIOR inside, internal, inward, central, middle. 2. PRIVATE personal, intimate, mental, psychic, interior, \*gut, spiritual, emotional, psychological, secret. ANT. 1. *outer, external, exterior.* 2. *outer, public, surface.*

**innocence** *n.* 1. FREEDOM FROM GUILT blamelessness, clean hands, virtue, inculpability, clear

- conscience, purity, righteousness. 2. SIMPLICITY naive, harmlessness, unsophistication, unworldliness, ingenuousness, artlessness, gullibility, unfamiliarity. "The unbounded hope, the heavenly ignorance."—Lord Byron. *ANT.* 1. *guilt, unclean hands, corruption.* 2. *artfulness, worldliness, sophistication, disingenuousness.*
- innocent** *a.* 1. FREE FROM GUILT blameless, pure, \*clean, inculpable, above suspicion, sinless, unimpeachable, guilt-free, guiltless, uncorrupt, immaculate, irreproachable. 2. SIMPLE, AS A CHILD naive, childlike, harmless, unsophisticated, unworldly, ingenuous, artless, gullible, guileless, pure of heart. "Those who not only are guiltless themselves but who think others are."—Josh Billings. *ANT.* 1. *guilty, to blame, culpable, corrupt.* 2. *sophisticated, worldly, artful, disingenuous.*
- INNOCUOUS** *a.* [i NOK yoo us] harmless, dull, or causing no controversy or offense. *Her comments were largely innocuous.* *SYN.* harmless, benign, inoffensive, innocent, painless, insipid, banal, dull, bland, mild, safe, \*blah. *ANT.* *harmful, malignant, noxious, offensive.*
- innovation** *n.* change, invention, novelty, \*new wrinkle, modernization, \*new thing, \*latest thing, \*cutting edge, \*last word.
- innovator** *n.* creator, pioneer, inventor, ground-breaker, father, architect, trailblazer, discoverer, trendsetter, pacesetter, avant-gardist.
- INNUENDO** *n.* [IN yoo EN do] a remark or reference made indirectly that implies something negative. *He never insulted the company directly, but by innuendos and subtle hints.* *SYN.* insinuation, oblique remark, intimation, suggestion, hint, allusion, implication, reference, overtone, \*winking compliment, veiled sarcasm.
- innumerable** *a.* countless, numberless, myriad, \*umpteen, incalculable, infinite, untold. *ANT.* *finite, limited, measurable.*
- inoculation** *n.* immunization, injection, shot, vaccination. *SEE DISEASE*
- inoffensive** *a.* unobjectionable, innocuous, harmless, clean, innocent, quiet, unobtrusive, wholesome. *ANT.* *offensive, objectionable.*
- inopportune** *a.* untimely, inconvenient, ill-timed, unseasonable, disadvantageous, inauspicious, unfavorable. *ANT.* *opportune, timely.*
- inordinate** *a.* excessive, immoderate, extravagant, unreasonable, disproportionate, uncalled for, exorbitant, unwarranted. *ANT.* *reasonable, proportionate, moderate.*
- INQUEST** *n.* [IN kwest] a legal inquiry, such as that made by a coroner to determine the cause of death of one who has died under suspicious circumstances. *The inquest officially termed the death suspicious.* *SYN.* inquiry, probe, investigation, hearing, inquisition, examination.
- inquire** *v.* 1. ASK question, query, quiz, interrogate, pry, feel out, grill, pump, seek information, cross-examine. 2. LOOK INTO investigate, probe, examine, scrutinize, inspect, \*sniff out, study, track down, \*leave no stone unturned.
- inquiry** *n.* 1. QUESTIONING query, quiz, interrogation, inquisition, \*Q and A, grilling, \*third degree, cross-examination. 2. INVESTIGATION probe, examination, scrutiny, inspection, study, analysis, exploration.
- inquisitive** *a.* curious, prying, nosy, inquiring, questioning, interested, \*dying to know, probing, intrusive, \*snooping, \*hungry for knowledge. *ANT.* *uninterested, indifferent.*
- inroad** *n.* advance, encroachment, incursion, intrusion, trespassing, infiltration, foray, onslaught, infringement.
- insane** *a.* mentally ill, psychotic, \*psycho, \*nuts, deranged, crazy, demented, schizophrenic, \*cracked, \*loony, maniacal, paranoid, mad, \*mental, \*out of one's mind, \*off one's rocker, lunatic, \*loco, scatterbrained, not of sound mind, \*cuckoo, \*flipped out, sick, touched, \*wiggled out, daft, unbalanced, \*one brick short of a load, irrational, delusional, non compos mentis. *ANT.* *sane, rational, normal.*
- insanity** *n.* mental illness, psychosis, derangement, dementia, schizophrenia, paranoia, madness, lunacy, craziness, unbalance, psychopathy, diseased mind, loss of reason. "A perfectly rational adjustment to the insane world."—R.D. Laing. *SEE DISEASE, MANIA, NEUROSI, PHOBIA*

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**WORD FIND**
**alcoholic's:** delirium tremens, hallucinosis, Korsakoff's psychosis

**amnesic flight from reality:** fugue state

**brain lobe removal treatment:** prefrontal lobotomy

**conscience, without:** antisocial personality, sociopathic

**corpse, sexual attraction to:** necrophilism

**delusion that one is great or powerful:** delusions of grandeur

**deteriorating behavior due to long-term stress:** decompensation

**emotional agitation, extreme:** hysteria

**excessive, irrational talking:** logorrhea  
**hands, delusion one has lost one or both:** achiria  
**memory loss, profound:** amnesia  
**mood swings disorder:** manic-depressive psychosis  
**multiple personality:** multiple personality, split personality  
**nonstop talking:** logomania  
**odor hallucination:** phantosmia  
**overeating, pathologic:** hyperphagia  
**perception of sights, sounds, smells that aren't there:** hallucination  
**persecution, delusions of:** paranoia  
**pregnant, delusion that one is:** pseudocyesis  
**primitive behavior, reverting to:** atavism  
**psychosis involving thought processes, moods, emotion:** schizophrenia  
**schizophrenia marked by constant silly grin:** hebephrenia  
**shock therapy:** electroconvulsive therapy  
**stupor marked by muteness, motionlessness:** catatonia  
**unstable or rapidly changing moods:** lability

**insatiable** *a.* unquenchable, ravenous, voracious, unappeasable, gluttonous, greedy, unsatisfiable, wanting, desiring, \*hungry for more. *ANT.* *satiabile, satisfiable.*

**inscribe** *v.* write, print, engrave, carve, sign, mark, imprint, impress, autograph.

**inscription** *n.* wording, message, statement, epitaph, epigraph, blurb, imprint, impression, signature, autograph, dedication, engraving.

**inscrutable** *a.* unfathomable, mysterious, enigmatic, impenetrable, unknowable, indecipherable, hidden, incomprehensible, unreadable, secret. *ANT.* *knowable, readable, obvious.*

**insect** *n.* bug, \*creepy crawler, vermin, pest, louse, cootie, flea, gnat, mite, aphid, fly, ant, tick, mosquito, beetle, termite, weevil, horsefly, bee, wasp, hornet, cockroach, midge, nose-um, earwig, cricket, grasshopper, katydid, praying mantis, ladybug.

**insecure** *a.* 1. UNSURE uncertain, anxious, lacking confidence, doubtful, diffident, timid, shy, apprehensive. 2. UNSAFE defenseless, vulnerable, unprotected, unguarded, exposed, dangerous, hazardous, perilous, precarious. *ANT.* 1. *confident, sure.* 2. *safe, guarded, defended, invulnerable.*

**insensitive** *a.* unfeeling, thoughtless, inconsiderate, indifferent, obtuse, callous, unconcerned, hardened, thick-skinned, unrefined. *ANT.* *sensitive, considerate, thoughtful.*

**insert** *v.* put in, inject, implant, introduce, pop in, tuck in, enter, imbed, place, stick, root, inlay, \*shoehorn. *ANT.* *remove, extract.*

**inside** *n.* interior, middle, innards, soul, guts, heart.

**INSIDIOUS** *a.* [in SID ee us] working in a treacherous or sneaky way and quietly producing severe results. *Cancer is frequently insidious; by the time victims learn they have it, it may be too late.* *SYN.* treacherous, sneaky, sly, tricky, quietly damaging, guileful, underhanded, subtle, stealthy, slippery, covert, shady, Machiavellian. *ANT.* *overt, blatant, innocuous.*

**insight** *n.* awareness, observation, wisdom, sensitivity, intuitiveness, intuition, understanding, grasp, perception, discernment, sagacity, ken.

**insightful** *a.* perceptive, intelligent, wise, smart, thoughtful, sharp, understanding, discerning, aware, sensitive, observant. *ANT.* *ignorant, oblivious.*

**insignia** *n.* emblem, badge, mark, patch, decoration, regalia.

**insignificant** *a.* inconsequential, unimportant, trivial, trifling, meaningless, petty, negligible, \*no great shakes, inappreciable, not worth mentioning, piddling, picayune, minor. *ANT.* *important, weighty, meaningful.*

**insincere** *a.* unguenuine, \*fake, dishonest, phony, disingenuous, \*put-on, deceitful, hypocritical, two-faced, pretended, slick, pretentious, fulsome. *ANT.* *sincere, genuine, honest, \*real.*

**insinuate** *v.* imply, suggest, indicate, hint, intimate, allude, cast innuendos.

**INSIPID** *a.* [in SIP id] dull, lifeless, bland. *Television programming is growing ever more insipid.* *SYN.* dull, lifeless, bland, vapid, tasteless, prosaic, flavorless, \*blah, uninteresting, boring, tiring, colorless, weak, \*lame. *ANT.* *interesting, stimulating, exciting, colorful.*

**insist** *v.* demand, require, command, \*lay down the law, stand firm, urge, contend, maintain, aver.

**insistent** *a.* demanding, commanding, tenacious, laying down the law, won't take no for an answer, determined, persistent, standing firm, urging, pushy, dogged. *ANT.* *wishy-washy, undemanding.*

**insolence** *n.* disrespect, boldness, impertinence, impudence, arrogance, nerve, gall, cheek, effrontery, back talk, \*lip, \*guff, haughtiness. *ANT.* *respect, deference, courtesy.*

**INSOLENT** *a.* [IN suh lunt] boldly disrespectful, arrogant. *Insolent youths disrupted the class.* *SYN.* disrespectful, bold, impertinent,

- impudent, arrogant, \*nervy, \*smart-alecky, \*wise, \*flip, cheeky, insulting. *ANT.* *respectful, deferential, courteous.*
- insomnia** *n.* sleeplessness, insomnolence, restlessness, wakefulness, sleep disorder, sleep deprivation, sleep latency, tossing and turning, \*curse of Hypnos.
- INSOLVENT** *a.* [in SAWL vunt] unable to pay one's bills or debts. *The company became insolvent and declared bankruptcy.* *SYN.* indebted, ruined, \*behind, \*broke, wiped out, bankrupt, penniless, in arrears, \*in the red, \*in the hole, \*strapped, \*hard up. *ANT.* *solvent, in the black, profitable.*
- insouciant** *a.* carefree, lighthearted, buoyant, happy-go-lucky, untroubled, devil-may-care, airy, free and easy, sunny. *ANT.* *anxious, troubled, worried.*
- inspect** *v.* examine, scrutinize, look over, check, eye, scan, study, survey, peruse, probe, \*give the once-over.
- inspection** *n.* examination, scrutiny, check, scan, study, survey, perusal, probe, \*once-over, audit, inventory.
- inspector** *n.* examiner, tester, checker, investigator, detective, sleuth, private eye, police officer, assessor, reviewer, auditor.
- inspiration** *n.* motivation, stimulus, provocation, prompting, spur, sparking, igniting, idea, \*flash, spark, flight of fancy, vision, insight.
- inspire** *v.* influence, stimulate, impel, arouse, prompt, motivate, spur, encourage, spark, stir, excite, ignite, inflame, trigger, give rise to. *ANT.* *discourage, stifle, dampen.*
- instability** *a.* unsteadiness, unsteadiness, shakiness, imbalance, precariousness, insecurity, variability, inconstancy, impermanence, vacillation, fickleness, capriciousness, volatility. *ANT.* *stability, equilibrium, steadiness.*
- install** *v.* put in, place, fix, set, situate, position, locate, establish, induct, instate, inaugurate, invest.
- installment** *n.* 1. INSTALLATION emplacement, fixing, positioning, locating, establishment. 2. SEGMENT portion, section, part, fragment, division, chapter, serial.
- instance** *n.* example, case, situation, sampling, exemplification, time, particular, occasion.
- instant** *n.* moment, split second, \*heartbeat, \*wink/blink of an eye, \*flash, \*jiffy, \*twin-kling, \*nothing flat.
- instant** *a.* immediate, quick, sudden, direct, fast, prompt, swift, instantaneous, split second, quick, direct, abrupt. *ANT.* *slow, delayed.*
- instantly** *adv.* immediately, at once, instantaneously, now, directly, tout de suite, \*PDQ, without delay, forthwith.
- instigate** *v.* incite, foment, initiate, urge on, egg on, spur, prompt, goad, start, begin, encourage, \*whip up, kindle, spark, rally. *ANT.* *discourage, stop, check, quell.*
- instigator** *n.* troublemaker, \*spark, \*sparkplug, spur, rabble-rouser, initiator, fomentor, incendiary, \*provocateur, \*agent provocateur.
- instill** *v.* infuse, imbue, implant, impart, inculcate, indoctrinate, introduce, engender, brainwash, program, inject, impress.
- instinct** *n.* 1. DRIVE intuition, impulse, \*gut feeling, urge, sense, prompting. 2. APTITUDE tendency, bent, knack, talent, proclivity.
- instinctive** *a.* innate, inborn, inbred, inherent, natural, reflexive, automatic, impulsive, intuitive, unthinking, involuntary, \*gut. *ANT.* *acquired, learned, unnatural.*
- institute** *n.* institution, organization, company, establishment, society, association, union, school, academy, college.
- institute** *v.* begin, establish, set up, found, originate, develop, \*usher in, create, organize, launch, fix, introduce.
- institution** *n.* 1. SEE INSTITUTE 2. CUSTOM law, practice, convention, principle, system, code, tradition, bylaw.
- instruct** *v.* 1. TEACH school, train, show how, educate, tutor, enlighten, edify, indoctrinate, inform, drill, acquaint. 2. ORDER command, direct, charge, enjoin.
- instruction** *n.* 1. EDUCATION teaching, direction, training, grounding, tutelage, drilling, enlightenment, edification, indoctrination. 2. COMMAND demand, direction, order, directive, mandate, charge.
- instructive** *a.* educational, informative, enlightening, edifying.
- instructor** *n.* teacher, educator, trainer, tutor, coach, mentor, master, professor, counselor, guide, pedagogue.
- instrument** *n.* 1. TOOL implement, appliance, apparatus, contrivance, device, mechanism, utensil, machine, contraption, \*gizmo. 2. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT 3. MEANS agent, vehicle, medium, tool, way, mechanism.
- instrumental** *a.* helpful, useful, effectual, valuable, serviceable, of assistance, contributory, influential, vital, determining. *ANT.* *unimportant, trivial, useless.*
- insubordinate** *a.* disobedient, defiant, rebellious, uncompliant, contrary, refractory, uncooperative, dissentious, \*too big for one's

- britches. *ANT.* subordinate, deferential, obedient, compliant.
- insubordination** *n.* disobedience, defiance, rebellion, noncompliance, noncooperation, dissension, revolt, insurrection, resistance. *ANT.* subordination, obedience, deference.
- insubstantial** *a.* 1. SLIGHT flimsy, airy, tenuous, light, gossamer, ethereal, delicate, weak. 2. IMAGINARY unreal, immaterial, intangible, phantom, illusive, impalpable. *ANT.* 1. substantial, hefty. 2. real.
- insufferable** *a.* intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, agonizing, impossible, too much, excruciating, torturous. *ANT.* tolerable, bearable.
- insufficient** *a.* deficient, lacking, inadequate, wanting, short, not enough, incomplete, shy, scant, missing, unsatisfactory, incommensurate. *ANT.* enough, sufficient, plenty.
- INSULAR** *a.* [IN suh lur] isolated like an island, detached. *The hermit lived an insular lifestyle in the woods.* *SYN.* isolated, detached, separated, sequestered, insulated, lonely, cloistered, secluded, cut off, provincial, narrow-minded. *ANT.* connected, urban, \*in touch, broad-minded.
- insult** *n.* affront, \*put-down, slight, \*slap in the face, dig, offense, snub, denigration, abuse, attack, \*cheap shot, slam, impudence. *ANT.* compliment, praise, \*pat on the back.
- insult** *v.* affront, \*put down, slight, cut, \*slap in the face, dig, offend, snub, denigrate, abuse, attack, slam, \*cut to the quick, ridicule, \*dump on, belittle. *ANT.* compliment, praise, flatter.
- insulting** *a.* offensive, abusive, hurtful, disparaging, cutting, disrespectful, derogatory, ridiculing, denigrating, insolent. *ANT.* complimentary, flattering, respectful.
- insurance** *n.* security, protection, guarantee, pledge, assurance, warranty, backing, indemnity, safeguard.
- insure** *v.* 1. ASSURE secure, make sure, make certain, warrant, guarantee. 2. UNDERWRITE cover, protect, financially safeguard.
- insurgent** *n.* rebel, revolutionist, mutineer, insurrectionist, agitator, malcontent, subversive.
- insurmountable** *a.* insuperable, unconquerable, invincible, unassailable, unbeatable, formidable, impossible, hopeless, impassable. *ANT.* surmountable, superable.
- INSURRECTION** *n.* [in suh REK shun] a rebellion or revolt against established authority. *The insurrection of the masses stunned the king.* *SYN.* rebellion, revolt, uprising, revolution, mutiny, sedition, insubordination, coup, overthrow.
- intact** *a.* whole, undamaged, all together, unbroken, sound, unimpaired, complete, unharmed, unscathed, all in one piece. *ANT.* broken, damaged, shattered.
- INTANGIBLE** *a.* [in TAN juh bul] that which cannot be physically perceived, impalpable. *The soul is intangible.* *SYN.* impalpable, imperceptible, invisible, nonphysical, insubstantial, untouchable, incorporeal, unapparent, immaterial, indefinite, elusive. *ANT.* tangible, palpable, physical.
- integral** *a.* essential, central, basic, indispensable, fundamental, elemental, necessary, component. *ANT.* inessential, unnecessary.
- integrate** *v.* unify, unite, combine, mix, merge, consolidate, combine, amalgamate, fuse, desegregate. *ANT.* divide, separate, segregate.
- integrity** *n.* 1. UPRIGHTNESS goodness, honesty, honor, morality, virtue, character, incorruptibility, rectitude, probity, decency. 2. COMPLETENESS wholeness, unity, soundness. *ANT.* 1. improbity, immorality, dishonor, corruption. 2. fragmentation, unsoundness.
- intellect** *n.* brain power, reason, sense, intelligence, \*brains, comprehension, understanding, wits, judgment, cognition, intuition, aptitude, genius, \*smarts, mental agility.
- intellectual** *n.* \*brain, \*egghead, thinker, scholar, genius, \*Einstein, pundit, academic, savant, mental giant, philosopher, highbrow, \*walking encyclopedia, \*know-it-all. "A person educated beyond his intellect."—Horace Porter. "A man who takes more words than necessary to tell us more than he knows."—Dwight D. Eisenhower. *ANT.* moron, imbecile, ignoramus, idiot.
- intellectual** *a.* smart, intelligent, \*brainy, cerebral, learned, scholarly, educated, well-schooled, literate, bookish, erudite. *ANT.* ignorant, unschooled, illiterate.
- intelligence** *n.* 1. SMARTNESS intellect, mind, brain power, brains, \*smarts, \*gray matter, \*IQ, reasoning, sense, comprehension, understanding, wits, judgment, aptitude, genius, brilliance, cleverness, acumen, wisdom, astuteness, sagacity, creativity. "The thing that enables a man to get along without an education."—Albert Wiggam. 2. INFORMATION news, report, data, facts, \*low-down, surveillance.
- intelligent** *a.* smart, intellectual, \*brainy, brilliant, bright, wise, astute, clever, sharp, knowledgeable, ingenious, perceptive, witty, resourceful, creative, quick, sagacious, \*having a good head on one's shoulders, sensible. *ANT.* stupid, moronic, dense, ignorant.

**intelligentsia** *n.* literati, brains, geniuses, brain trust, intellectuals, academia.

**intelligible** *a.* clear, comprehensible, understandable, plain, distinct, unmistakable, unambiguous. *ANT.* *unintelligible, unclear, incomprehensible.*

**intend** *v.* plan, have in mind, mean, aim at, aspire to, propose, expect, design, figure on, plot, scheme, devise.

**intended** *a.* planned, designed, meant, devised, intentional, expected, set, prearranged, deliberate, premeditated. *ANT.* *unintentional, accidental, unplanned.*

**intense** *a.* concentrated, acute, strong, severe, powerful, deep, extreme, violent, sharp, fierce, potent, high, vivid, passionate, earnest, ardent, fervent, vigorous. *ANT.* *mild, light, weak, gentle.*

**intensify** *v.* concentrate, strengthen, deepen, sharpen, heighten, magnify, amplify, escalate, raise, \*beef up, step up, redouble. *ANT.* *weaken, lighten, diminish.*

**intensity** *n.* force, concentration, strength, power, magnitude, severity, potency, vigor, depth, volume, ferocity, violence, sharpness, passion, earnestness, ardor, fervor. *ANT.* *weakness, lightness, emptiness.*

**intensive** *a.* concentrated, thorough, profound, exhaustive, strengthened, stepped-up, increased, heightened, comprehensive, in-depth. *ANT.* *weakened, diluted, diminished.*

**intent** *n.* intention, purpose, goal, aim, design.

**intent** *a.* determined, resolved, resolute, intense, concentrated, set, steadfast, committed, \*hell-bent. *ANT.* *irresolute, wavering, hesitant.*

**intention** *n.* purpose, intent, goal, aim, design, plan, object, end, target.

**intentional** *a.* deliberate, planned, intended, designed, calculated, meant, willful, on purpose, premeditated, voluntary. *ANT.* *unintentional, accidental, unplanned.*

**inter** *v.* bury, entomb, lay to rest, inhume, consign to the grave. *ANT.* *exhume, dig up.*

**intercede** *v.* mediate, arbitrate, advocate, plead for, petition for, step in, intervene, interpose.

**intercept** *v.* stop, head off, cut off, catch, seize, arrest, check, confiscate, impound.

**interchangeable** *a.* switchable, identical, same, equal, convertible, synonymous, reciprocal, mutual.

**intercourse** *n.* 1. COPULATION sexual relations, coitus, lovemaking, mating, carnal knowledge, "Making the beast with two backs."—Shakespeare. 2. COMMUNICATION exchange, interchange, interplay, correspondence, connection, liaison.

**interest** *n.* 1. CURIOSITY engagement, attention, engrossment, attraction, notice, regard, concern. 2. SHARE claim, stake, investment, right, involvement, percentage. 3. ADVANTAGE benefit, welfare, profit, gain. *ANT.* 1. *indifference, boredom, apathy.*

**interesting** *a.* engaging, engrossing, fascinating, riveting, entertaining, diverting, absorbing, stimulating, intriguing, enthralling, provocative, gripping. *ANT.* *boring, dull, insipid.*

**interfere** *v.* \*butt in, intervene, meddle, intercede, obtrude, intrude, interpose, horn in, hinder, impede, obstruct.

**interim** *n.* meantime, interval, interlude, break, pause, interruption, hiatus, intermission.

**interim** *a.* temporary, stopgap, intervening, provisional, makeshift. *ANT.* *permanent, stable.*

**interior** *n.* inside, center, innards. *ANT.* *exterior.*

**interior** *a.* inner, internal, inside, inward, innermost, central. *ANT.* *exterior, outer.*

**interject** *v.* throw in, insert, interrupt, interpose, introduce.

**interloper** *n.* intruder, meddler, trespasser, busybody, outsider.

**interlude** *n.* pause, recess, break, intermission, rest, lull, interval, interim.

**intermediary** *n.* go-between, mediator, middleman, agent, medium, negotiator, arbitrator, intermediate, referee, interceder, broker.

**intermediate** *a.* intervening, in-between, halfway, middle, median, midway, intervening, compromising. *ANT.* *beginning, ending.*

**interment** *n.* burial, entombment, inhumation.

**interminable** *a.* endless, eternal, neverending, everlasting, limitless, ceaseless, continuous, incessant, nonstop, infinite, constant. *ANT.* *fleeting, finite, limited.*

**intermingle** *v.* mix, blend, combine, commingle, compound, merge, amalgamate, fuse.

**intermission** *n.* break, pause, recess, interim, interlude, breather, time-out, rest, lull, interruption.

**intermittent** *a.* sporadic, irregular, periodic, off and on, broken, now and then, occasional, alternate, infrequent. *ANT.* *regular, constant.*

**internal** *a.* inner, interior, within, inside, gut, innate, intrinsic. *ANT.* *external, outer.*

**international** *a.* worldwide, multinational, global, intercontinental, universal, cosmopolitan. *ANT.* *domestic, local.*

**INTERNET** *n.* [IN tur net] a national or international network of computers and computer networks. *Many people are making connections over the Internet.* *SYN.* computer network, \*information superhighway, World Wide Web, the Web, the Net, medium, online

network, cyberspace, \*Infobahn, \*virtual city, \*virtual village, \*global village. SEE COMPUTER

**WORD FIND**

**abandoned Web site no longer maintained:** ghost site, orphan annie  
**ACK:** chatting shorthand for “acknowledge”  
**address abbreviation, such as .com or .org, at end of URL:** domain  
**address, Web site:** URL (Uniform Resource Locator)  
**ads that create powerful word-of-mouth action:** viral advertising  
**advertisement that takes viewer to sponsor’s page:** click ad  
**advertisement trading between Web sites:** banner exchange  
**advertisement, Web page:** banner ad, pop-up ad  
**AFK:** chatting shorthand for “away from keyboard”  
**animation and computation program:** applet  
**articles, collection of related:** newsgroup  
**ASAP:** chatting shorthand for “as soon as possible”  
**BAK:** chatting shorthand for “back at the keyboard”  
**BBN:** chatting shorthand for “bye bye now”  
**BBS:** bulletin board system  
**BCNU:** chatting shorthand for “be seeing you”  
**blinking line on computer screen marking next character location:** cursor  
**BRB:** chatting shorthand for “be right back”  
**browse, search, or move about on the Web:** navigate, \*surf, \*cruise  
**browsing aid:** browser  
**BTW:** chatting shorthand for “by the way”  
**business deriving income via the Internet:** e-business  
**button that brings one to previous Web page:** back button  
**BWL:** chatting shorthand for “bursting with laughter”  
**C&G:** chatting shorthand for “chuckle and grin”  
**café with computers and Internet access:** cybercafé  
**camera used to send video or pictures over Web:** webcam  
**Capital letters, e-mailing or chatting using all:** shouting  
**clean disks and CD-ROMs with antivirus programs before using:** sheepdip

**CNP:** chatting shorthand for “continued in next post”  
**code triggered when certain conditions are met, damaging computer:** logic bomb  
**coding data into math for security:** encryption  
**coding mathematics used to secure transactions:** cryptography  
**college or other classroom learning over the Internet:** distance learning  
**commands for creating Web pages, formatting:** HTML (Hypertext Markup Language)  
**communications allowing direct contact, two-way:** interactive  
**compressed file, Windows-based:** Zip file, .zip file  
**connect to a network or Web site:** log in, log on  
**connected to server or Internet:** online  
**connector of networks, electronic:** router  
**conversations, online medium where users can have real time:** chat room  
**converse online in real time:** chat; instant message  
**copying and pirating, illegal removal of components to prevent:** cracking  
**copy-prevention components and illegally traded, software or game stripped of its:** warez  
**correspondence, electronic:** e-mail  
**criminal destruction or disruption of Internet communications:** cyberterrorism  
**CYA:** chatting shorthand for “see ya”  
**CYAL8R:** chatting shorthand for “see ya later”  
**damaging program that makes endless copies of itself:** worm  
**decoding of encrypted messages:** decryption  
**decompress or open a Zip file:** unzip  
**defeater of security components allowing illegal copying of software:** cracker  
**device for photographing hard documents or graphics and transmitting them on to the Internet:** scanner  
**devious marketing trick using false keywords such as “sex” to draw search engines to a Web site:** bait and switch  
**disconnected from server or Internet:** off-line  
**discussion forum:** newsgroup  
**discussions, reading but not participating in:** lurking  
**e-mail which must be downloaded, file sometimes sent with:** attachment

**failure of network resulting in frozen mouse or keyboard:** crash; meltdown

**FAQS:** frequently asked questions

**fight between two or more people, online:**  
\*flame war

**fighting verbally online:** flaming

**file page, online:** Web page

**format change, rewriting to create a:** encoding

**fraud, online:** cyberfraud

**free software:** freeware

**frequent traveler through:** \*cybernaut, \*internaut

**FYEO:** chatting shorthand for “for your eyes only”

**FYI:** chatting shorthand for “for your information”

**G/S?:** chatting shorthand for “gay or straight?”

**GG:** chatting shorthand for “gotta go”

**handwriting recognition software:** Graffiti

**head page of Web site:** home page

**host computer, network's:** server

**IC:** chatting shorthand for “I see”

**identification file automatically created and stored on hard drive after visiting Web site:** cookie

**identification marker used to legally protect original documents from unauthorized use:** digital fingerprinting

**identification number assigned to every computer on Internet:** IP address

**identify person online from e-mail address, program or utility that can:** finger

**ILY:** chatting shorthand for “I love you”

**IM:** chatting shorthand for “instant message”

**image or the mechanism that creates it, standardized, compressed:** JPG (Joint Photographic Experts Group), .jpg

**image transformation effects:** morphing

**IMHO:** chatting shorthand for “in my humble opinion”

**IMO:** chatting shorthand for “in my opinion”

**inaccessible due to technical difficulty:** down

**incites fights in forums and elsewhere by posting negative comments:** troll

**inexperienced newcomer to:** \*newbie

**interconnection of two or more computers:** network

**junk e-mail, unwanted advertisements or:** spam

**K:** chatting shorthand for “kiss”

**KIT:** chatting shorthand for “keep in touch”

**know-it-all, Internet:** geek

**L8R:** chatting shorthand for “later”

**large or very powerful computer:** mainframe, Cray

**lettering style:** font

**library of stored files:** archive

**link leading directly to a favorite site:** bookmark

**link made up of glowing text or graphics that when clicked leads directly to another Web page or site:** hyperlink, hotlink

**link that leads nowhere or is broken:** dead link

**link that leads one to an unwanted site for criminal purposes, misleading:** fraudulent link

**links to related documents, text system used to create:** hypertext

**list of options to choose on screen:** menu, drop-down menu

**log of Web sites recently visited:** history list

**LOL:** chatting shorthand for “laughing out loud”

**loss of data during transmission:** bitloss

**M/F?:** chatting shorthand for “male or female?”

**magazine, electronic:** e-zine

**mail downloading tool and clock setter:** bot, autobot

**mail sorter used to block unwanted advertisements:** mail filter

**mail that is undeliverable, to return:** bounce

**mailing list server:** Listserve

**mailing to a single recipient to wreak havoc on server, intentional mass:** flooding, mail bomb

**manners, online:** \*netiquette

**medium, computer:** cyberspace

**meeting with participants on video, Internet:** video conferencing

**message medium:** bulletin board

**message, put up a:** post

**miniaturized picture clicked on to display a larger version:** thumbnail

**money, electronic:** \*cybercash, e-money

**monitoring computer set up to lure hackers, scammers, and identity thieves:** honeypot

**monitoring computer set up to surf the web for sites that load malicious code:** honeymonkey

**monitoring of another's computer to capture secret passwords:** sniffing

**motion picture file:** MPEG (Motion Picture Experts Group)

**multimedia links allowing the downloading of graphics, videos, or audio files:** hypermedia

**music (MP3 files) downloading and trading application:** Napster

**music storage and transmission in digital format, standard of:** MP3

**netgroups, giant network of:** Usenet

**network computer providing multiple services, such as e-mail, for other computers:** host

**network confined to a single building or floor:** LAN (Local Area Network)

**network of discussion groups called news-groups:** USENET

**network, individual computer connected to a:** node

**network, in-house company:** intranet

**network, international:** World Wide Web, the Web

**networking method used in small areas:** ethernet

**NTMY:** chatting shorthand for “nice to meet you”

**OIC:** chatting shorthand for “oh, I see”

**OMG:** chatting shorthand for “oh my god!”

**online journal or forum with links to communicate with participants:** blog, Web log

**overloaded data path resulting in no or slow response from server:** congestion

**PM:** chatting shorthand for “private message”

**PMJI:** chatting shorthand for “pardon my jumping in”

**portion of data transmitted or received, one:** packet

**processing rates, temporarily holding transmitted data to compensate for differences in:** buffering

**programming wizard:** \*hacker, \*cracker

**protocol for transmission and reception, data:** HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol)

**protocol of Internet, standard communications:** TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet)

**record of activity on a Web site:** log

**reduction of file to speed transmission, electronic:** compression

**reload Web page for updated content:** refresh

**representation or picture of specific item that is clicked to activate program or link:** icon

**ROTF:** chatting shorthand for “rolling on the floor”

**screen portion one must scroll down to see:** below the fold

**screen presentation without toolbars, menus, borders:** kiosk mode; presentation mode

**search system:** search engine

**searches new Internet resources, program that:** crawler, bot, spider

**section of a Web page, separate or divided:** frame

**sex on, pseudo:** \*cybersex

**sexual materials found on:** \*cyberporn

**shopping mall, online:** e-mall

**short text blogging venue:** Twitter

**simulation of reality:** virtual reality

**simulation:** virtual

**software copying, illegal:** piracy

**software, free:** shareware

**spying and browser-altering software:** parasite; spyware

**spyware that monitors another’s browsing and infect’s computer with pop-ups:** hijacker

**stealing a Web page and its files for unauthorized use:** pagejacking

**stealing identification data to gain access to a secure network:** spoofing

**stealing material from sites of others:** contentjacking

**storage and shrinkage, data:** compression

**storage disk, data and graphics:** Zip Disk

**store of Web files on hard drive used for quicker access to previously visited Web sites:** cache

**store, compress multiple files as one:** archive

**storehouse of related data:** database

**symbols illustrating sender’s emotional state, shorthand:** emoticons

**SYS:** chatting shorthand for “see you soon”

**talk medium and meeting place:** chat room

**talking with others online in real time:** chatting, instant messaging

**television online service:** WebTV

**transfer file from another’s computer to yours:** download

**transfer file to another’s computer from yours:** upload

**transmission channel using fiber-optic or coaxial cable, high speed, high capacity:** broadband

**transmission circuit superior to regular phone circuit:** DSL (Digital Subscriber Line)

**transmission service via telephone lines:** dial-up  
**TTYL:** chatting shorthand for “talk to you later”  
**underground network who illegally trade copyrighted games and software:** dark-net  
**video data transfer technique, live:** streaming  
**virus disguised as a program, hard drive-erasing:** Trojan Horse  
**virus that changes its binary pattern to elude detection:** polymorphic virus  
**virus that hides by copying itself in another location:** stealth virus  
**virus type:** strain  
**virus, self-replicating:** worm  
**viruses, program that weeds out:** anti-virus  
**virus-safe programming language used for Internet use:** Java  
**visits to Web site, tallied:** hits  
**VOD:** video on demand  
**VOIP:** voice-over-Internet protocol  
**WB:** chatting shorthand for “welcome back”  
**Web page combined with someone else’s for enriched content:** mashup  
**Web site architect or graphics designer:** Web designer  
**Web site manager:** Webmaster  
**Web sites, related and linked:** Web ring  
**wi-fi system capable of transmitting 30 miles:** WiMax  
**wire-free Internet access:** wireless  
**wireless Internet access unit:** wi-fi  
**wireless signals from the Internet, system that transmits:** wi-fi  
**WWW:** World Wide Web

**interpret** *v.* 1. CONSTRUCT read, understand, view, define, explain, explicate, clarify, shed light on, spell out, illuminate. 2. TRANSLATE transcribe, paraphrase.

**interpretation** *n.* understanding, reading, slant, perception, meaning, definition, explanation, view.

**interrogate** *v.* question, ask, probe, cross-examine, quiz, query, grill, pump, \*give the third degree, inquire, \*pick one’s brains.

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#### WORD FIND

**coerced admission of guilt under extreme duress:** false confession  
**manipulative question to elicit desired response:** leading question

**suspiciously precise recall or alibi of where and what one was doing on a specific day long ago:** selective recall

**technique in which detective plays down seriousness of crime in order to relax a suspect:** minimization

**technique in which detective tries to convince suspect the police have much more evidence than they really do:** maximization

**witness to crime who embellishes facts in order to be more involved:** inventive witness

**interrupt** *v.* 1. INTRUDE \*butt in, break in, cut in, \*chime in, interject, inject, horn in, speak out of turn, obtrude, disturb, interfere. 2. STOP suspend, halt, discontinue, break off.

**intersect** *v.* cross, traverse, bisect, divide, cross-cut.

**intersperse** *v.* sprinkle, strew, scatter, pepper, distribute, diffuse, disseminate, broadcast.

**intertwine** *v.* entwine, tie, interweave, braid, crisscross, cross, mesh, reticulate.

**interval** *n.* pause, rest, break, recess, intermission, hiatus, interim, gap, space, period, spell, lull.

**intervene** *v.* step in, intercede, interfere, mediate, arbitrate, interpose, come between, obtrude, meddle.

**interview** *n.* \*Q and A, inquiry, press conference, probe, talk, conference, exchange, meeting, parley, dialogue, \*tête-à-tête, examination, hearing.

**interviewer** *n.* questioner, interrogator, inquirer, inquisitor, prober.

**intestines** *n.* bowels, guts, viscera, entrails, innards, alimentary canal.

**intimacy** *n.* closeness, fellowship, communion, friendship, understanding, acquaintance, confidentiality, sharing, disclosing, chumminess, familiarity, affection. *ANT.* alienation, isolation, aloofness, estrangement.

**intimate** *v.* suggest, announce, state, \*tip off, hint at, tell, \*let the cat out of the bag, \*spill the beans, leak, insinuate, imply, allude.

**intimate** *a.* 1. PERSONAL private, confidential, privy, secret, innermost, \*gut. 2. CLOSE familiar, friendly, acquainted, dear, chummy, personal, bosom. 3. COZY romantic, quiet, comfortable, warm, snug. 4. SEXUAL carnal, adulterous, erotic, impure, lustful. *ANT.* 1. public. 2. distant, remote, aloof, formal. 3. crowded, loud, uncomfortable.

**intimation** *n.* suggestion, hint, clue, inkling, allusion, insinuation, implication, tip, innuendo.

**intimidate** *v.* scare, frighten, cow, threaten, daunt, bully, unnerve, terrify, terrorize, awe, appall, silence, coerce, strong-arm, twist one's arm, put the fear of God into.

**intimidating** *a.* threatening, inhibiting, demoralizing, scary, frightening, daunting, terrifying, unnerving, emasculating, silencing, powerful, formidable, commanding respect. *ANT.* *reassuring, conciliatory.*

**intolerable** *a.* insufferable, unbearable, unendurable, agonizing, excruciating, unacceptable, too much, extreme, monstrous, unreasonable, outrageous. *ANT.* *tolerable, acceptable.*

**intolerant** *a.* bigoted, illiberal, closed-minded, narrow-minded, prejudiced, uncharitable, inconsiderate, biased, chauvinistic, sexist, racist, \*homophobic, xenophobic, misanthropic, contemptuous, disdainful, arrogant. *ANT.* *tolerant, liberal, open-minded.*

**intonation** *n.* modulation, inflection.

**intoxicated** *a.* drunk, inebriated, tipsy, besotted, soused. *ANT.* *sober, \*on the wagon.*

**INTRACTABLE** *a.* [in TRAK tuh bul] unmanageable, uncontrollable or stubborn. *The two-year-old is famous for his intractable demeanor.* *SYN.* unmanageable, uncontrollable, stubborn, disobedient, rebellious, obstinate, ungovernable, difficult, headstrong, contrary, unruly, wild, intransigent. *ANT.* *obedient, docile, compliant, easy.*

**INTRANSIGENT** *a.* [in TRAN si jun] uncompromising and stubborn. *Smith was intransigent; nobody could negotiate with him and win.* *SYN.* uncompromising, stubborn, obstinate, mulish, pigheaded, unbending, unyielding, rigid, steadfast, die-hard, resolute, \*hard-nosed, persistent. *ANT.* *compromising, yielding, flexible, \*easy.*

**INTREPID** *a.* [in TREP id] fearless, courageous. *The intrepid explorers bushwhacked their way deeper into the jungle.* *SYN.* fearless, courageous, brave, dauntless, bold, daring, \*gutsy, \*ballsy, adventurous, valiant, lion-hearted, game, plucky, heroic. *ANT.* *cowardly, frightened, mousy, \*wimpy, craven.*

**intricate** *a.* complex, complicated, involved, convoluted, knotty, labyrinthine, elaborate, sophisticated, thorny, perplexing, tough. *ANT.* *simple, uninvolved, easy.*

**intrigue** *n.* plotting, scheme, machination, conspiracy, maneuver, finagling, manipulation, trickery, double-dealing, cabal.

**intrigue** *v.* 1. PLOT scheme, machinate, conspire, maneuver, finagle, manipulate, trick, double-deal. 2. INTEREST fascinate, pique one's interest, attract, grab, captivate, excite, appeal, draw, arouse.

**intriguing** *a.* interesting, fascinating, captivating, exciting, arousing curiosity, thought-provoking, enthralling, provocative, riveting. *ANT.* *boring, mundane.*

**INTRINSIC** *a.* [in TRIN sik] naturally or inherently belonging. *His success was partially due to an intrinsic aggressiveness.* *SYN.* inherent, natural, essential, innate, internal, inbred, native, inherited, built-in, basic, fundamental, constitutional. *ANT.* *extrinsic, external, outer.*

**introduce** *v.* 1. ACQUAINT present, familiarize. 2. START begin, open, \*get the ball rolling, launch, set in motion, usher in, lead off, \*kick off, initiate. 3. PUT IN insert, add, inject, interject, work in, enter, instill, infuse.

**introduction** *n.* 1. START beginning, opening, lead, commencement, \*intro, launching, initiation. 2. PREFACE foreword, prologue, pre-ample, prelude. *ANT.* 1. *end.* 2. *afterword.*

**introductory** *a.* opening, beginning, starting, initial, preliminary, first, inaugural, preparatory, prefatory. *ANT.* *concluding, final.*

**INTROSPECTIVE** *a.* [IN truh SPEC tiv] observing one's own thoughts, feelings, inner self, etc. *Joe was always analyzing his own mind; he was introspective.* *SYN.* introverted, self-analyzing, self-examining, soul-searching, pensive, contemplative, meditative, self-occupied, consciousness-raising, in deep thought. *ANT.* *outer-directed, extroverted.*

**introvert** *n.* bookworm, loner, \*lone wolf, \*wallflower, quiet person. *ANT.* *extrovert.*

**introverted** *a.* introspective, reserved, bookish, retiring, shy, bashful, taciturn, quiet, solitary, preferring one's own company. *ANT.* *extroverted, outgoing.*

**intrude** *v.* obtrude, invade, interfere, barge in, \*horn in, infringe, meddle, \*butt in, interpose, \*gate-crash, encroach, trespass, interlope.

**intruder** *n.* interloper, trespasser, thief, burglar, prowler, infiltrator, \*gate-crasher, invader, unwelcome visitor.

**intrusive** *a.* obtrusive, invasive, unwelcome, unwanted, meddlesome, interfering, \*nosy, officious, \*overstepping one's bounds. *ANT.* *welcome, invited, wanted.*

**intuition** *n.* sense, sixth sense, hunch, feeling, instinct, insight, \*feeling in one's bones, \*gut

- instinct, \*vibes, inkling, perception, discernment, apprehension.
- intuitive** *a.* instinctive, \*gut, innate, natural, inherent, automatic, \*seat of the pants, perceptive, psychic. *ANT.* *learned, practiced, dense.*
- inundate** *v.* flood, deluge, engulf, drown, swamp, submerge, overwhelm, overpower, glut, bury.
- inure** *v.* habituate, accustom, harden, desensitize, season, toughen, temper, acclimate.
- invade** *v.* encroach, trespass, attack, assault, assail, strike, storm, swarm, blitz, occupy, overrun, intrude, interlope, \*gate-crash.
- invalid** *n.* sick person, convalescent, cripple, shut-in, patient.
- invalid** *a.* 1. NULL AND VOID unenforceable, impotent, nonviable, inoperative, useless, worthless, not binding. 2. FALSE unfounded, wrong, untrue, fallacious, baseless, unsubstantiated, unproven. 3. SICKLY weak, feeble, bedridden, disabled, crippled, infirm, frail. *ANT.* 1. *valid, viable, binding.* 2. *true, substantiated, correct.* 3. *strong, able-bodied.*
- invalidate** *v.* void, nullify, annul, cancel, repeal, countermand, revoke, negate, disqualify, quash. *ANT.* *validate.*
- invaluable** *a.* valuable, priceless, precious, indispensable, helpful, \*worth its weight in gold. *ANT.* *worthless.*
- invariable** *a.* unvarying, unchanging, constant, steady, consistent, unwavering, stable, regular, uniform, unbroken, undeviating. *ANT.* *variable, varying, changing, inconstant.*
- invasion** *n.* attack, assault, strike, storm, encroachment, trespass, incursion, intrusion, onslaught, infringement, offensive, blitz.
- INVECTIVE** *n.* [in VEK tiv] a verbal attack, insults, criticism. *He continued his invective until she was in tears.* *SYN.* verbal attack, verbal abuse, censure, tongue-lashing, vilification, diatribe, tirade, disparagement, condemnation, harsh words, sarcasm.
- inveigh** *v.* verbally attack, rail against, assail, vituperate, censure, denounce, vilify, criticize, scold, castigate, condemn, remonstrate.
- inveigle** *v.* entice, lure, seduce, \*suck in, tempt, tantalize, manipulate, cajole, bait, \*string along, \*rope in, \*lead on.
- invent** *v.* 1. CREATE devise, come up with, think up, originate, design, shape, conceive, forge, fabricate, improvise, concoct, develop, fashion. 2. LIE fabricate, fib, prevaricate, \*tell a white lie, distort, trump up, make up.
- invention** *n.* 1. CREATION innovation, concoction, \*brainchild, original, design, composition, fabrication, construction, contrivance, formulation, discovery. "Bringing out the secrets of nature and applying them for the happiness of man."—Thomas Edison. 2. LIE fabrication, fib, prevarication, white lie, distortion, falsehood, \*tall tale.
- inventive** *a.* creative, ingenious, imaginative, resourceful, artistic, gifted, \*brainy, visionary, clever, constructive, productive, fertile, \*having a Da Vinci-like mind. *ANT.* *unimaginative, unoriginal.*
- inventor** *n.* creator, originator, father, discoverer, designer, deviser, innovator, craftsman, builder, tinkerer, pioneer.
- inventory** *n.* stock, goods, supply, reserve, backlog, stockpile, store, backlist, catalog, itemized list, survey, record, itemization, tally, count, tabulation, census, account, register.
- invert** *v.* reverse, turn inside out, convert, up-end, overturn, transpose, flip over.
- inverse** *a.* reversed, inverted, opposite, back to front, turned, contrary, transposed. *ANT.* *obverse.*
- invest** *v.* 1. INVEST MONEY venture, speculate, risk, put money into, \*plow profits back into, entrust, \*salt away. 2. GRANT POWER empower, authorize, confer, sanction, enable, license, entrust, ordain, charge. *ANT.* 1. *divest.* 2. *divest, strip of power.*
- investigate** *v.* look into, inquire, probe, examine, explore, inspect, research, delve into, review, nose around, scrutinize, sift, muckrake, \*check out, \*case.
- investigation** *n.* inquiry, probe, inspection, inquest, \*fact-finding mission, search, analysis, review, exploration, scrutiny, study.
- investigator** *n.* examiner, analyst, reviewer, inspector, inquirer, inquisitor, fact finder, researcher, detective, \*sleuth, \*private eye.
- investment** *n.* financial venture, security, speculation, hedge against inflation, risk, down payment on one's future, stocks, bonds, mutual fund, commodities, retirement fund, IRA. SEE BANK, ECONOMY, MONEY
- investor** *n.* venture capitalist, capitalist, backer, banker, shareholder, stockholder, financier, speculator, developer, risk-taker.
- INVETERATE** *a.* [in VET ur it] habitual, long-standing, chronic. *She was an inveterate liar.* *SYN.* habitual, long-standing, chronic, deeply rooted, long-established, ingrained, deep-seated, incurable, entrenched, hard-core, dyed-in-the-wool. *ANT.* *reformed, cured.*
- invidious** *a.* insulting, offensive, hateful, malicious, spiteful, hostile, odious, slighting, baleful, discriminatory. *ANT.* *complimentary, flattering, sweet.*

**invigorating** *a.* energizing, enlivening, refreshing, stimulating, vitalizing, restorative, bracing, strengthening, animating. *ANT.* *tiring, somnolent, weakening.*

**invincible** *a.* unconquerable, unbeatable, indestructible, indomitable, invulnerable, insuperable, impregnable, mighty, powerful, inviolable. *ANT.* *vulnerable, weak, conquerable.*

**invisible** *a.* imperceptible, imperceivable, impalpable, intangible, hidden, indiscernible, out of sight, unseen, transparent. *ANT.* *visible, perceivable, palpable.*

**invitation** *n.* bidding, summons, call, request, solicitation.

**invite** *v.* ask for, beckon, summon, request, solicit, bid, court, woo, petition.

**inviting** *a.* alluring, enticing, tempting, attractive, captivating, magnetic, seductive, appealing, welcoming, beguiling. *ANT.* *repulsive, repellent, forbidding.*

**in vitro** *a.* outside the womb, test-tube, artificial.

**invoice** *n.* bill, itemized bill, account, bill of lading, statement, manifest, itemization.

**invoke** *v.* call on, call forth, summon, petition, entreat, request, implore, supplicate, appeal to, conjure, solicit.

**involuntary** *a.* unintentional, reflexive, automatic, instinctive, spontaneous, unpremeditated, unthinking, uncalculated, forced. *ANT.* *voluntary, intentional, calculated.*

**involve** *v.* include, comprise, engage, contain, incorporate, concern, affect, entail, encompass, comprehend, implicate.

**invulnerable** *a.* indestructible. *SEE* INVINCIBLE

**iota** *n.* jot, speck, scintilla, bit, shred, whiff, mite, smidgen, atom, dot, particle, fleck.

**IRASCIBLE** *a.* [i RAS uh bul] quick-tempered or easily angered. *Mike was irascible; we walked on eggshells around him.* *SYN.* quick-tempered, easily angered, touchy, testy, irritable, bad-tempered, \*short-fused, grouchy, cantankerous, grumpy, ornery, crabby, snappish. *ANT.* *easygoing, good-humored, mild-mannered, serene.*

**irate** *a.* angry, mad, furious, infuriated, incensed, \*up in arms, livid, indignant, wrathful, inflamed, \*foaming at the mouth, \*gone ballistic. *ANT.* *placated, euphoric, joyful.* *SEE* ANGRY

**ire** *n.* anger, rage, fury, indignation, wrath, displeasure, choler, vexation, dudgeon, passion, irritation, \*Irish. *SEE* ANGER

**irk** *v.* annoy, irritate, \*bug, aggravate, nettle, peeve, bother, harass, fret, gall, \*get on one's nerves, \*try one's patience, \*get under one's skin.

**irksome** *a.* annoying, irritating, aggravating, nettlesome, bothersome, vexing, troubling, troublesome, wearisome, tiring, problematic. *ANT.* *simple, solvable.*

**iron** *a.* hard, strong, powerful, tough, firm, unyielding, unbending, rigid, steel, stony, cruel, merciless. *ANT.* *soft, weak, yielding.*

**ironclad** *a.* unalterable, fixed.

**IRONIC** *a.* [i RON ik] opposite of or incongruous with what is expressed or expected. *He said he loved steamed clams, but he was being ironic—clams really disgusted him.* *SYN.* sarcastic, mocking, contradictory, paradoxical, double-edged, sardonic, satirical, unexpected, surprising. *ANT.* *straightforward, frank, earnest.*

**irony** *n.* double meaning, contradiction, sarcasm, incongruity, paradox, satire, mocking, lampoon, twist, wit. "Jesting hidden behind gravity."—John Weiss.

**irrational** *a.* senseless, unthinking, unreasonable, foolish, illogical, crazy, mindless, unwise, stupid, unsound, unscientific, half-baked, \*cockamammy, idiotic. *ANT.* *rational, sane, sensible, wise.*

**irreconcilable** *a.* irreparable, unresolvable, conflicting, hostile, incompatible, contrary, at odds, intransigent, inflexible. *ANT.* *resolvable, compatible.*

**irrefutable** *a.* undeniable, unquestionable, certain, indisputable, sure, proven, incontrovertible, beyond a shadow of a doubt. *ANT.* *debatable, questionable, moot.*

**irregular** *a.* 1. VARIABLE erratic, uneven, fitful, random, sporadic, inconsistent, changeable, disordered, spasmodic. 2. ANOMALOUS abnormal, deviant, unusual, odd, unexpected, strange, eccentric, singular, peculiar, quirky. 3. UNEVEN asymmetrical, crooked, variable. *ANT.* 1. *regular, consistent, even.* 2. *normal, typical, usual.* 3. *even, symmetrical.*

**irrelevant** *a.* impertinent, immaterial, unrelated, beside the point, not germane, unconnected, inapplicable, neither here nor there, extraneous. *ANT.* *relevant, pertinent, germane.*

**irreligious** *a.* atheistic, impious, faithless, agnostic, unholy, ungodly, profane, heathen, pagan. *ANT.* *religious, pious, faithful.*

**irreparable** *a.* beyond repair, irrevocable, ruined, irretrievable, \*consigned to the scrap heap, \*done, \*shot, \*kaput, hopeless. *ANT.* *repairable, salvageable.*

**irrepressible** *a.* unrestrainable, insuppressible, uncontrollable, uninhibited, unbridled, vivacious, lively, effervescent, buoyant. *ANT.* *disheartened, dispirited, \*down.*

**irreproachable** *a.* beyond reproach, blameless, faultless, inculpable, unblemished, above suspicion, \*squeaky clean, virtuous, innocent, pure, upright. *ANT.* reproachable, to blame.

**irresistible** *a.* overwhelming, overpowering, powerful, potent, compelling, invincible, unconquerable, fascinating, charming, alluring, captivating, seductive. *ANT.* resistible, powerless.

**irresolute** *a.* wavering, indecisive, vacillating, undecided, dubious, wishy-washy, doubtful, hesitant, undetermined, \*hot and cold, half-hearted. *ANT.* resolute, resolved, firm, determined.

**irresponsible** *a.* careless, unreliable, undependable, devil-may-care, untrustworthy, lax, immature, unaccountable, reckless, capricious. *ANT.* responsible, dependable, reliable.

**IRREVERENT** *a.* [ir REV ur unt] disrespectful. *With today's irreverent comedians, even the pope is the subject of dirty jokes.* *SYN.* disrespectful, contemptuous, mocking, sneering, \*wise, rude, impudent, insolent, insulting, \*smart-alecky, impious, blasphemous, profane. *ANT.* reverent, respectful, civil.

**irrevocable** *a.* irreversible, unchangeable, fixed, final, unalterable, permanent, irretrievable, \*carved in stone. *ANT.* reversible, changeable.

**irrigate** *v.* water, bathe, wash, flush, flood, sprinkle, soak, drench.

**irritable** *a.* grouchy, touchy, cantankerous, irascible, crabby, testy, moody, snappy, grumbling, quick-tempered, petulant, grumpy. *ANT.* good-humored, good-natured, even-tempered.

**irritate** *v.* 1. ANNOY \*bug, agitate, nettle, disturb, \*get under one's skin, try one's patience, exasperate, irk, \*drive one up a wall, peeve, \*get on one's nerves, plague. 2. MAKE SORE inflame, aggravate, hurt, chafe, sting, rub, worsen. *ANT.* 1. please, delight, humor. 2. relieve, soothe.

**Islamic** *a.* Muslim, Moslem, Muhammadan, Mohammedan, Shiite, Sunni. *SEE* RELIGION

**island** *n.* land mass, atoll, islet, isle, cay, key, reef, sand bar.

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**WORD FIND**

**group of:** archipelago  
**river, in a:** holm

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**isolate** *v.* seclude, separate, segregate, dissociate, sequester, set apart, confine, remove, quarantine.

**isolated** *a.* secluded, separated, segregated, dissociated, sequestered, confined, set apart, alone, lonely, removed, remote, cloistered, in quarantine. *ANT.* public, central.

**isolation** *n.* seclusion, separation, segregation, dissociation, sequestration, loneliness, solitude, confinement, removal, quarantine, cloister.

**issue** *n.* 1. SUBJECT topic, matter, question at hand, bone of contention, controversy, problem. 2. RESULT consequence, outcome, end, upshot, conclusion, effect. 3. INSTALLMENT copy, number.

**issue** *v.* 1. PUT OUT give out, distribute, circulate, dispense, disseminate, deliver. 2. EMIT pour forth, emanate, exude, gush, effuse, stream, ooze.

**itch** *n.* 1. URGE TO SCRATCH prickling sensation, tickling, irritation, crawling sensation. 2. DESIRE craving, urge, yen, thirst, hunger, appetite, hankering, passion.

**item** *n.* article, thing, part, piece, bit, element, matter, paragraph, story, feature.

**itemize** *v.* detail, enumerate, count, inventory, tally, list, record, specify, spell out, codify.

**itinerant** *a.* wandering, roaming, traveling, roving, transient, rambling, journeying, way-faring, vagabond, nomadic, migratory. *ANT.* rooted, settled.

**itinerary** *n.* route, course, way, tour, path, plan, schedule, agenda, \*game plan.

# J

**jab** *v.* poke, thrust, punch, hit, strike, prod, stab.  
**jabber** *v.* chatter, gibber, prattle, babble, \*run off at the mouth, yak, prate, palaver.

**jacket** *n.* 1. COVER case, wrapper, wrapping, sheath, skin, envelope. 2. COAT blazer, windbreaker. SEE COAT

## WORD FIND

**black, waist-length, wide-lapelled:** Eton jacket

**Eskimo:** anorak

**fringed deerskin:** buckskin jacket

**khaki-colored with four large front pockets:** safari jacket, bush jacket

**knitted, sweaterlike:** cardigan

**leather flight jacket:** bomber jacket

**lightweight jacket of waist-length:** golf jacket, windbreaker

**parka with hood:** snorkel

**plaid wool:** lumber jacket

**seaman's:** pea jacket, pea coat, reefer

**sleeveless:** bolero

**winter, insulated:** parka

**woman's loose jacket:** paletot

**wool with blanket-like patterns:** mackinaw

**World War II army jacket:** Eisenhower jacket, battle jacket

**JADED** *a.* [JAY did] wearied or worn out, as from overindulgence. *He saw it all and grew jaded.* SYN. wearied, worn out, tired, satiated, played out, exhausted, cloyed, surfeited, dulled, gorged, inured, bored. ANT. *enthusiastic, interested.*

**jagged** *a.* broken, serrated, rough, uneven, ragged, notched, saw-toothed, crenelated, ridged, denticulate. ANT. *smooth, even, level.*

**jail** *n.* prison, penitentiary, house of correction, \*slammer, lockup, brig, stockade, hoosegow, \*clink, \*cooler, penal institution, \*the big house, \*pokey, \*the academy.

**jail** *v.* imprison, lock up, incarcerate, put behind bars, cage, hold, confine, intern, impound. ANT. *release, free, liberate.*

**jailer** *n.* warden, correctional officer, guard, turnkey, gaoler.

**jalopy** *n.* automobile, car, \*bucket of bolts, \*junker, \*clunker, \*boat, wreck, \*wheezier, \*flivver, derelict, \*heap, \*lemon, \*rattletrap. SEE AUTOMOBILE

**jam** *n.* trouble, scrape, bind, \*hot water, \*pickle, hole, predicament, mess, plight.

**jam** *v.* 1. SQUEEZE IN cram, ram, pack, stuff, press, wedge, tamp, \*squish, squash, overcrowd, \*stuff to the gills. 2. CLOG plug, obstruct, congest, stick, \*gum up the works, \*bottleneck.

**jamboree** *n.* celebration, party, gathering, revelry, festival, outing, carnival, jubilee, \*wingding.

**jangle** *n.* clang, rattle, ring, reverberation, jingle, clatter, clangor, cacophony, racket.

**jangle** *v.* clang, rattle, ring, reverberate, jingle, clatter, chime, crash.

**janitor** *n.* custodian, caretaker, cleaning man, \*super, handyman, maintenance man, superintendent.

**jar** *n.* vessel, container, bottle, receptacle, jug.

**jar** *v.* 1. SHAKE vibrate, jog, jounce, jolt, shock, jerk, rattle, rock, jiggle. 2. \*FAZE shock, disturb, disturb, upset, unsettle, shake up, surprise, discompose.

**jargon** *n.* 1. LINGO vernacular, cant, argot, parlance, tongue, slang, idiom, dialect, phraseology, shop talk, \*officialese, legalese. 2. GIBBERISH gobbledygook, mumbo jumbo, nonsense, blather, babble, drivel, twaddle.

**jaundiced** *a.* prejudiced, biased, partial, narrow-minded, warped, embittered, jealous, envious, hostile, critical. ANT. *impartial, fair-minded.*

**jaunt** *n.* short trip, excursion, outing, drive, tour, cruise, stroll, \*spin, day trip, airing.

**jaunty** *a.* sprightly, carefree, buoyant, self-confident, bouncy, frisky, pert, lighthearted, lively, breezy, debonair.

**jazz** *n.* music, bop, bebop, fusion jazz, improvisational music, swing, Dixieland, jive, ragtime, barrelhouse, hot jazz, cool jazz, boogie-woogie. "A thrilling communion with the primitive soul, or an earsplitting bore."—Winthrop Sargent. "Music that will endure as long as

people hear it through their feet instead of their brains.”—John Sousa. SEE MUSIC

**WORD FIND**

**nonsensical vocalizations:** scat singing

**jealous** *a.* 1. ENVOIOUS green-eyed, green with envy, begrudging, resentful, desirous, covetous. 2. WATCHFUL guarded, proprietary, possessive, protective, vigilant, wary. *ANT.* 2. *trusting.*

**jealousy** *n.* envy, \*green-eyed monster, resentment, grudge, begrudging, covetousness, spite, distrust, paranoia, suspicion. “Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.”—Erica Jong. “The fear or apprehension of superiority.”—William Shenstone.

**jeans** *n.* pants, Levis, Lees, dungarees.

**jeer** *v.* mock, taunt, hoot, heckle, scoff, ridicule, sneer, laugh at, tease, hector, deride, boo, hiss. *ANT.* *cheer, applaud, praise.*

**jeopardize** *v.* endanger, imperil, hazard, risk, put in jeopardy, chance, threaten, tempt fate.

**jeopardy** *n.* danger, hazard, peril, trouble, \*double-trouble, threat, menace, insecurity, exposure, vulnerability, liability. *ANT.* *safety, security.*

**jeer** *n.* *Sl.* \*dink, fool, \*bozo, \*chump, \*creep, \*dork, \*dweeb, \*goober.

**jeer** *v.* pull, yank, twist, move, thrust, tug, push, shove, jolt, start.

**jerrybuilt** *a.* shoddy, flimsy, defective, rickety, unstable, \*junky, faulty, unsound, thrown together, cheap. *ANT.* *solid, sturdy, sound.*

**jest** *n.* joke, gag, wisecrack, witticism, \*funny, bon mot, \*one-liner, prank, banter, riposte.

**jest** *v.* joke, kid, fool, quip, poke fun at, \*josh, \*pull one’s leg, wisecrack, tease, banter, gibe.

**jester** *n.* joker, clown, comic, comedian, buffoon, humorist, wit, \*card, zany, prankster, \*cutup, \*stand-up.

**Jesus Christ** *n.* Son of God, Savior, teacher, prophet, Messiah, Lord, spiritual leader. SEE GOD, RELIGION

**jet** *n.* 1. SEE AIRCRAFT 2. SPURT gush, stream, fountain, spout, spray, squirt, spring, geyser, spritz.

**jet** *v.* spurt, gush, stream, spout, spew, spray, squirt, spring, shoot, discharge, issue.

**jet set** *n.* beautiful people, high society, glitter-*arti*, fashionable society, beau monde, elite, \*upper crust.

**jetttison** *v.* eject, dump, get rid of, chuck, expel, cast off, discard, unload, \*deep-six, heave.

**jetty** *n.* breakwater, sea wall, barrier, groin, riprap.

**Jew** *n.* Semite, Israelite, Hebrew, Judaist, Hasid. SEE RELIGION

**jewel** *n.* 1. GEM stone, precious stone, semiprecious stone, \*rock, birthstone, bauble, baquette, bijou, diamond, emerald, opal, ruby, sapphire, pearl. SEE GEM 2. RARITY treasure, prize, find, pride and joy, work of art, one in a million.

**jewelry** *n.* jewels, gems, precious stones, semiprecious stones, bauble, ornament, chain, necklace, choker, locket, cameo, brooch, pin, ring, earring, nose ring, tiara, crown, bracelet, anklet, beads, bijou, chatelaine, rhinestone, adornment, trinket, gewgaw, gimcrack, \*ice. “Orators of love.”—Samuel Daniel. SEE GEM, DIAMOND, GEMSTONES, RING

**WORD FIND**

**attachment on chain or necklace:** bail

**ball threaded with others:** bead

**birthday, stone representing month of one’s:** birthstone

**black coal used in mourning jewelry:** jet

**black lacquer, having a shiny:** japanned

**black rhodium, gold electroplated with:** black gold

**bulging setting:** bombe

**buttercups, prongs shaped like:** buttercup setting

**cairngorn, amethyst, bronze, silver, and gold, old world pieces made of:** Celtic jewelry

**carving or engraving on a gem:** intaglio

**chain from which pendant is hung:** lava-*liere*

**chain, pocket watch:** fob

**chain with book-like links, Victorian:** book chain

**chain with cup-like links:** Brazilian chain

**chain with diamond-shaped links:** marina chain

**chain with slanting links:** herringbone chain

**chain with square links:** box chain

**cheap and showy piece of jewelry, any:** bauble  
**clasp, ornamental, worn at the waist:** chatelaine

**coated with thin layer of gold:** electroplated

**collar of gold or silver, surrounded by a:** bezel setting

**corner cuttings:** beveled

**cut:** facet

**cut to standard size:** calibrated

**cut with 58 facets to produce highest brilliance:** brilliant cut

**darkening of metal during aging:** oxidation

**death in family, dark jewelry worn to mark:** mourning jewelry

domed gemstone, any: cabochon  
 earring, dangling: drop earring  
 earring, dangling and showy like a chandelier: chandelier earrings  
 earring, large, circular: hoop earring  
 engraving and carving, art of: glyptography  
 fake diamond made of rock crystal: Bohemian diamond  
 fake gemstone glass: paste; rhinestone  
 fake ruby made of pyrope garnet: California ruby  
 fasteners, clasps, posts, hooks used in jewelry, all: findings  
 featherlike, bejeweled ornament worn in hair: aigrette  
 framework: mounting  
 French bread, gem cut to resemble: baguette  
 gold, copper, silver alloy: rose gold; pink gold  
 gold, copper, silver, and zinc alloy: green gold  
 gold and iron alloy: blue gold; grey gold  
 gold and palladium or nickel alloy: white gold  
 gold plating: gilt  
 gold, textured: bloomed gold  
 gold, thin layer of: gilding; gold washed  
 good luck charm or fetish worn around neck: amulet  
 hair, 19th century jewelry comprised of locks of: hair jewelry  
 half moon shaped gemstone: demilune  
 hairpin, bejeweled: bodkin  
 illegal tusk material from elephants: ivory  
 imbedding of gemstones: inlay  
 imitation: faux  
 imperfection in gemstone: blemish, flaw, inclusion  
 irregular pearl or bead: baroque  
 iridescent shell layer from pearl-bearing mollusk: mother-of-pearl  
 irritant in oyster to produce pearl, created by human-imbedded: cultured pearl  
 ivory, imitation: celluloid  
 fine wire metalwork: filigree  
 lacy setting: basket  
 lozenge-shaped: pendalique  
 magnifying glass used by jeweler: loupe  
 matching set of jewelry: parure  
 measure of purity of gold: karat  
 measuring of a precise amount of gold or silver: assaying  
 modern slang for big and showy and often diamond-studded: bling  
 narrow, rectangular cut: baton  
 necklace over 34 inches: opera necklace  
 necklaces made of ground shells: heishi  
 octagon-like cut with 72 facets: Ascher cut

open, pierced mounting like decorative woodwork on stern of old sailing ship: gallery  
 ornament suspended from chain or necklace: pendant  
 ornamental metalwork, with scrolls, leaves, flowers: arabesque  
 oval-shaped cut with pointy ends: marquise cut  
 pearl used for earring, half: blister pearl, bouton pearl  
 pin or clasp, decorative: brooch  
 plastic used during Depression: bakelite  
 portrait of woman, ornamental pin showing low relief: cameo  
 rectangular cut with corner and edge facets: emerald cut  
 rectangular pin: bar pin  
 round cut with 58 facets: brilliant cut  
 scrolling made of gold wire, decorative: cannetille  
 seeds used in some beads in necklaces and bracelets: Job's tears  
 smoothing process for stones: tumbling  
 soften metal by heating, for jewelry-making: anneal  
 sparkle of stone: brilliance; scintillation  
 stamp or mark on gold or silver to authenticate purity: hallmark  
 stone-cutting and polishing for jewelry, art of: lapidary  
 streaks of color in a gemstone: fire  
 string of pearls over 40 inches: rope  
 teardrop pendant with triangular facets: briolette  
 tiara, jeweled: diadem  
 unit of weight for diamond or pearl: grain; carat  
 weight measure for gemstones: carat  
 yellowish, semi-clear, fossilized tree resin: amber

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**Jewish** *a.* Semitic, Hebrew, Israelite, Hasidic. SEE RELIGION

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**WORD FIND**

languages of Ashkenazic Jews: Yiddish

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**Jezebel** *n.* whore, hussy, strumpet, harlot, loose woman, wanton, trollop, witch, harridan.  
**jibe** *v.* harmonize, correspond, match, fit, accord, agree, dovetail, conform, square, go together.  
**jiffy** *n.* instant, moment, second, \*blink of an eye, \*heartbeat, \*two shakes of a lamb's tail, flash, twinkling. *ANT.* eternity, lifetime.

**jiggle** *v.* wiggle, shake, shimmy, twitch, joggle, jig, bib, vibrate, rock, bounce.

**jilt** *v.* reject, dump, cast off, drop, \*give the mitten, spurn, break off, forsake, \*give the brush off, ditch, \*drop a bomb on.

**jingle** *v.* clang, tinkle, tingle, jangle, ring, clang, chime, ding, tintinnabulate.

**jinx** *n.* curse, spell, hex, invocation, evil eye, \*whammy, \*double whammy, voodoo, hoodoo, black magic, \*bête noire.

**jitterbug** *n.* dance, Lindy Hop, swing dance.

**jitters** *n.* shakes, shivers, anxiety, nervousness, trembling, quaking, \*heebie-jeebies, \*willies, quivering.

**jittery** *a.* shaky, nervous, anxious, trembling, quaking, quivering, tense, uptight, uneasy. *ANT. relaxed, calm.*

**job** *n.* 1. TASK chore, work, project, business, assignment, mission, responsibility, duty, obligation, role, charge, function, errand, venture, commission, burden. 2. EMPLOYMENT occupation, business, livelihood, career, trade, post, position, vocation, profession, craft, \*racket.

**jobless** *a.* unemployed, out of work, laid off, idle, collecting unemployment benefits. *ANT. employed.*

**jock** *n. Sl.* 1. ATHLETE \*macho man, letterman. 2. JOCK STRAP athletic supporter.

**jockey** *n.* rider, equestrian.

**jockey** *v.* race, ride, steer, maneuver, direct, position, push, jostle.

**jocular** *a.* joking, humorous, funny, jesting, playful, comical, fun, prankish, droll, jocose, lighthearted, jovial, sportive. *ANT. serious, grave, grim, solemn.*

**jocund** *a.* cheerful, gay, blithe, in high spirits, lighthearted, breezy, happy-go-lucky, optimistic, buoyant, genial, merry. *ANT. depressed, sad, miserable.*

**jog** *v.* 1. RUN trot, speedwalk, dash. SEE RUN 2. SHAKE jerk, nudge, jostle, poke, jab, prod, bump, tap.

**John Hancock** *n.* autograph, name. SEE SIGNATURE

**join** *v.* 1. CONNECT fasten, unite, fuse, link, couple, merge, attach, combine, unify, hitch, splice, tie, consolidate, bind. 2. ENROLL sign up, enlist, associate with, become a member, subscribe to. *ANT. 1. disconnect, detach, divide, separate.*

**joint** *n.* connection, hinge, coupling, junction, link, union, articulation, bend. *ANT. single, individual.*

**joint** *n. Sl.* marijuana cigarette, \*reefer, \*doobie, \*joy stick, \*goofbutt, \*J, \*jay, \*mooter, \*ju-ju, \*log, \*number, \*twist. SEE MARIJUANA

#### WORD FIND

**burned-down end piece requiring clip to hold:** \*roach

**cigar filled with marijuana or marijuana and cocaine:** \*blunt

**cigar filled with marijuana and crack:** \*woolah

**cigar laced with marijuana and dipped in malt liquor:** \*B-40

**clip used to hold burned-down end:** \*roach clip

**smoke, to:** \*fly Mexican airlines, \*puff the dragon, \*toke, \*toke up

**joint** *a.* combined, mutual, cooperative, shared, united, concerted, allied, collaborative, collective, hand in hand.

**joke** *n.* 1. JEST \*one-liner, gag, witticism, wise-crack, quip, humor, bon mot, \*funny, drollery, pun, \*rib-tickler, prank, \*knee-slapper. "The cayenne of conversation."—Paul Chatfield. "Sport to one ... death to another."—William Hazlitt. 2. LAUGHINGSTOCK butt, object of ridicule, target, clown, goat. SEE LAUGHTER

**joker** *n.* jester, clown, comic, comedian, \*stand-up, humorist, wisecracker, prankster, \*card, \*cutup, wit, \*punster.

**jolly** *a.* high-spirited, merry, jovial, cheerful, playful, mirthful, jocular, joyous, glad, gleeful, gay, lively, exuberant. *ANT. depressed, miserable, somber.*

**jolt** *n.* jerk, shake, blow, jar, start, jump, jounce, bump, jog, slam, lurch, shock, surprise, \*bolt out of the blue, bombshell.

**jolt** *v.* jerk, shake, jar, start, jounce, bump, jog, slam, jostle, rock, shock, surprise, stun, stagger, \*take one's breath away, shake up, startle.

**jostle** *v.* bump, push, elbow, shove, nudge, crash, shoulder, crowd, scuffle, \*bulldoze, herd.

**journal** *n.* chronicle, record, diary, narrative, history, memoir, log, daybook, account, minutes, ledger, register.

**journalism** *n.* news-gathering, reporting, writing, news, print media, fourth estate. "The first power in the land."—Samuel Bowles. SEE NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE

**journalist** *n.* reporter, newspaperman/woman, correspondent, writer, newshound, columnist. "Alarmists."—George Riddell. "Puppets. They simply respond to the pull of the most

powerful strings.”—Lyndon Johnson. SEE NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE

**journey** *n.* trip, wayfaring, tour, excursion, travel, expedition, odyssey, voyage, drive, journey, peregrination, trek, cruise, safari, adventure, junket, hike.

**journey** *v.* travel, take a trip, tour, voyage, drive, cruise, trek, roam, globe-trot, ramble, range, wander.

**joyful** *a.* playful, genial, cheerful, merry, mirthful, happy, gleeful, blithe, jocund, glad, high-spirited, effervescent. *ANT.* miserable, depressed, somber.

**jawl** *n.* cheek, jaw.

**joy** *n.* happiness, delight, euphoria, high spirits, gladness, bliss, glee, elation, cheer, jubilation, rapture, transport. *ANT.* misery, depression, desolation, despair.

**joyful** *a.* happy, delightful, euphoric, elated, high-spirited, glad, blissful, gleeful, cheerful, jubilant, rapturous, transported, ecstatic, high. *ANT.* miserable, depressed, despondent.

**joyous** *a.* SEE JOYFUL

**joyful** *a.* joyful, elated, overjoyed, rejoicing, exultant, exhilarated, triumphant, celebrating, thrilled, euphoric, \*beside oneself, \*on cloud nine. *ANT.* miserable, dejected, despondent, downhearted.

**Judaism** *n.* SEE RELIGION

**Judas** *n.* betrayer, backstabber, traitor, Judas Iscariot, snake in the grass, rat, weasel, two-timer, Benedict Arnold.

**judge** *n.* 1. JUSTICE magistrate, jurist, \*his Honor. “Nothing but the law speaking.”—Benjamin Whichcote. “A law student who marks his own papers.”—Henry Louis Mencken. SEE COURT 2. ARBITRATOR arbiter, adjudicator, mediator, referee, umpire, conciliator.

**judge** *v.* 1. ADJUDICATE try, adjudge, hear, sit, rule, give a verdict, decide, settle, determine, arbitrate, mediate, referee, umpire. 2. ESTIMATE guess, surmise, reckon, infer, deduce, gather, arrive, size up. 3. APPRAISE rate, assess, rank, evaluate, value, size up.

**judgment** *n.* 1. SENSE common sense, wisdom, intelligence, prudence, discernment, understanding, savvy, brains, acumen, reasoning. 2. LEGAL DECISION order, decree, ruling, decision, adjudication, sentence, verdict, award, damages. 3. OPINION estimate, determination, appraisal, assessment, deduction, conclusion, conviction.

**judgemental** *a.* critical, disapproving, censorious, fault-finding, appraising, holier-than-thou, self-righteous, discriminating, discerning. *ANT.* accepting, liberal-minded.

**judicial** *a.* 1. LEGAL judiciary, juristic, forensic. 2. CRITICAL careful, thoughtful, analytical, discriminating, discerning, perceptive, keen. 3. UNBIASED. *ANT.* 2. obtuse, indiscriminating. SEE FAIR

**JUDICIOUS** *a.* [joo DISH us] having or using sound judgment. *We rely on the Supreme Court to make judicious decisions.* *SYN.* wise, sound, sensible, sage, sagacious, mindful, careful, well-considered, rational, thoughtful, astute, keen, persipacious, discriminating. *ANT.* injudicious, senseless, thoughtless, irrational, careless.

**judo** *n.* martial art, self-defense technique, throws.

**WORD FIND**

**martial arts:** jujitsu, karate, tae kwon do

**jug** *n.* vessel, receptacle, container, pitcher, jar, bottle, vase.

**JUGGERNAUT** *n.* [JUG ur not] any large, powerful force or institution, sometimes followed with blind devotion. *The cult had become a religious juggernaut, sometimes pressuring its followers into selling all they owned.* *SYN.* god, idol, object of worship, institution, force to be reckoned with, religion, crusade, movement, tidal wave, monster, colossus, titan, giant, engine, tidal wave.

**juice** *n.* fluid, extract, distillation, liquid, serum, sap, nectar, essence, secretion.

**juicer** *n.* food processor, blender, mixer, liquefier.

**juicy** *a.* 1. MOIST succulent, dripping, watery, liquid, saturated. 2. INTERESTING provocative, racy, sexy, spicy, sensational, fascinating, colorful, risqué. *ANT.* 1. dry, dehydrated. 2. dry, dull, bland.

**juke joint** *n.* bar, roadhouse, club, tavern, pool hall.

**jumble** *n.* mixture, hodgepodge, mishmash, medley, melange, tangle, miscellany, mess, confusion, assortment, goulash, hash.

**jumbled** *a.* mixed, scrambled, strewn about, disorganized, cluttered, thrown together, disarranged, tangled, confused, in disarray. *ANT.* organized, ordered.

**jumbo** *a.* huge, gigantic, king-size, industrial size, oversized, immense, prodigious, elephantine, Brobdingnagian. *ANT.* little, \*mini, small, Lilliputian.

**jump** *n.* 1. LEAP hop, bound, vault, hurdle, spring, pounce, rise, leapfrog, buck, frolic, bounce. 2. INCREASE upsurge, advance, upturn, boost.

**jump** *v.* 1. LEAP hop, bound, vault, hurdle, spring, dive, pounce, rise, leapfrog, bounce, lunge, buck. 2. RECOIL start, flinch, wince, bolt, jerk. 3. INCREASE surge, advance, escalate, rise, gain, boost.

**jumpy** *a.* nervous, restless, jittery, skittish, edgy, on edge, fidgety, \*on pins and needles, \*having hair-trigger nerves, uneasy, tense. *ANT.* relaxed, calm, tranquil.

**junction** *n.* juncture, convergence, joining, meeting, union, link, connection, crossing, intersection, crossroads, confluence.

**junction** *n.* 1. CONNECTION joint, joining, junction, coupling, hookup, link, seam, convergence, meeting, union. 2. POINT OF TIME moment, point, stage, period. 3. CRITICAL MOMENT crisis, turning point, crossroad, \*zero hour, exigency, emergency.

**jungle** *n.* rain forest, forest, woods, bush, \*the wild, the wilderness.

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#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** lush, moss-bearded trees, festooned and encrusted with parasites, tangled gardens, steaming, rampant foliage, leafy mosaic, ferns like lacy parasols, soaring monoliths

**flowering parasite growing from cracks of trees:** bromeliad, orchid, epiphyte

**misty jungle:** cloud forest

**rotting floor debris:** litter

**uppermost story:** canopy

**vine, great:** liana

**vine, killer:** strangler

**vines, slang:** bush rope

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**junior** *a.* lower, lesser, subordinate, inferior, minor, secondary. *ANT.* senior, superior.

**junk** *n.* trash, scrap, refuse, waste, rubbish, debris, castoffs, salvage, garbage, crap, remnants, bits and pieces.

**junk** *v.* throw out, scrap, heave, dump, discard, dispose of, trash.

**junket** *n.* outing, trip, tour, fact-finding junket, excursion, party, banquet.

**junk food** *n.* snacks, fast food, processed food.

**junkyard** *n.* scrap yard, auto graveyard, dump, salvage yard, refuse yard, recycling facility.

**jurisdiction** *n.* 1. AUTHORITY authorization, power, command, sanction, control, dominion, rule, sovereignty. 2. REALM OF AUTHORITY domain, sphere, bounds, province, bailiwick, district, area, territory, reach.

**jurist** *n.* lawyer, attorney, attorney-at-law, counsel, counselor, legal advisor, judge, justice, magistrate.

**jury** *n.* peers, panel, judges, grand jury, petit jury, inquest, jury of one's peers. *SEE* COURT

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#### WORD FIND

**spokesperson:** foreman, forewoman

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**just** *a.* 1. FAIR impartial, unbiased, equitable, evenhanded, dispassionate, objective, non-partisan, right. 2. RIGHTEOUS upright, decent, virtuous, moral, ethical, honorable, proper, scrupulous, principled, good. 3. DESERVED justified, worthy, merited, earned, due, fitting, rightful. 4. ACCURATE right, correct, precise, sound, valid, true. *ANT.* 1. unfair, partial, biased. 2. corrupt, immoral, unprincipled. 3. undeserved, unearned. 4. inaccurate, imprecise.

**just** *adv.* 1. ONLY merely, simply. 2. BARELY hardly, narrowly, \*by the skin of one's teeth.

**justice** *n.* 1. RIGHTEOUSNESS virtue, rectitude, uprightness, integrity, honor, honesty, morality, goodness. 2. FAIRNESS impartiality, equity, evenhandedness, fair play, objectivity. "To give everyone his due"—Cicero. 3. LAWFULNESS rightness, legitimacy, validity, legality. 4. PENALTY OR REWARD recompense, compensation, reparation, just deserts, redress, retribution. *ANT.* 1. immorality, dishonor, corruptness. 2. unfairness, partiality, bias.

**justice of the peace** *n.* magistrate, official, witness, notary public. *SEE* LAW

**justify** *v.* vindicate, absolve, warrant, legitimize, show just cause, substantiate, answer for, defend, rationalize, support, exonerate, excuse.

**jut** *v.* project, protrude, stick out, extend.

**juvenile** *n.* youngster, kid, boy, girl, youth, minor, teenager, adolescent, lad, lass.

**juvenile** *a.* childish, young, immature, childlike, babyish, teenaged, adolescent, pubescent, undeveloped, inexperienced, naive, \*wet behind the ears. *ANT.* adult, old, experienced.

**juvenile delinquent** *n.* punk, hooligan, hoodlum, malefactor, rowdy, gangbanger. "Other people's children in trouble."—Jerry Dashkin.

**JUXTAPOSE** *v.* [JUK stuh POSE] to place side by side. *He had to juxtapose the pieces in order to see where they fit.* *SYN.* appose, place side by side, pair, place parallel to one another.

J

# K

**KAFKAESQUE** *a.* [KAHF kuh ESK] surreal or nightmarish, as the writings of Franz Kafka. *As the drug took effect, the captive's surroundings took on an increasingly Kafkaesque quality.* SYN. surreal, nightmarish, weird, bizarre, fantastic, freakish, monstrous, unbelievable, dreamy.

**keen** *a.* 1. SHARP cutting, razor-sharp, knife-edged, honed, pointed. 2. PIERCING cutting, incisive, penetrating, trenchant. 3. AS-TUTE acute, sharp, bright, perceptive, intelligent, discerning, quick, shrewd, wise, clever, discriminating. 4. ENTHUSIASTIC eager, interested, avid, \*gung ho, ardent, zealous, \*psyched. ANT. 1. dull, blunt. 2. shallow, superficial. 3. dull, obtuse, dense, stupid. 4. indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm.

**keep** *v.* 1. HOLD retain, possess, have, own, save, store. 2. TAKE CARE OF maintain, tend, look after, support, board, provide for, protect, mind, guard, watch over. 3. CELEBRATE observe, commemorate, memorialize, regard. 4. RESTRAIN keep back, hold in check, prevent, curb, check, obstruct, detain, arrest, stop. ANT. 1. throw out, discard, release. 2. neglect, ignore. 3. disregard, ignore. 4. free, let loose, liberate.

**keeper** *n.* guardian, protector, custodian, watchman, warden, caretaker, conservator, curator.

**keepsake** *n.* memento, reminder, souvenir, memorial, token, remembrance.

**keg** *n.* barrel, cask, drum, hogshead, container, tank, butt, firkin, tun.

**ken** *n.* perception, understanding, knowledge, cognizance, grasp, comprehension, range of vision.

**kernel** *n.* seed, grain, pit, stone, germ, nut, core, essence, heart, gist, center, crux, marrow.

**kettle** *n.* cauldron, pot, boiler, vessel, vat, stewpot, teakettle.

**key** *n.* 1. SOLUTION answer, clue. 2. GUIDE manual, code.

**keyboard** *n.* organ, synthesizer. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

**keystone** *n.* principle, cornerstone, linchpin, support, foundation, ground, basis.

**kick** *n.* 1. THRILL \*bang, \*charge, \*rush, enjoyment. 2. THRUST jolt, recoil. 3. COMPLAINT gripe, objection. 4. STIMULATION zing, bite, punch, snap, potency, power, sharpness.

**kick** *v.* 1. BOOT punt, drop-kick. 2. OBJECT complain, gripe, protest, remonstrate, grumble. 3. *Sl.* QUIT give up, \*go cold turkey, stop.

**kickback** *n.* *Sl.* percentage, payment, \*payola, payoff, graft, cut, bribe, \*money under the table.

**kid** *n.* child, juvenile, adolescent, youth, teenager, boy, girl, youngster, tot, lad, lass.

**kid** *v.* tease, fool, \*pull one's leg, \*put on, make fun of, \*josh, play a joke on, make sport of, \*rib.

**kidnap** *v.* abduct, \*shanghai, \*snatch, seize, hold for ransom, hijack, skyjack, pirate.

**kill** *v.* 1. MURDER put to death, execute, slay, do in, dispatch, get rid of, assassinate, exterminate, \*waste, slaughter, \*rub out, destroy. SEE MURDER 2. END stop, abort, halt, cease, terminate, turn off, cancel. 3. VETO defeat, reject, \*give thumbs down, turn down, negate.

**killer** *n.* murderer, slayer, assassin, executioner, ripper, homicidal maniac, \*hit man, serial killer, gunman. SEE MURDERER

**killing** *n.* murder, homicide, slaying, manslaughter, execution, extermination, assassination, slaughter, foul play, death, fatality.

**killjoy** *n.* \*wet blanket, spoilsport, \*gloomy Gus, \*partypooper, \*prophet of doom, naysayer, \*stick in the mud.

**kin** *n.* relatives, kinsfolk, kindred, sibling, family, blood relative, relations.

**kind** *n.* type, sort, variety, class, order, category, breed, strain, genus, brand, genre.

**kind** *a.* nice, compassionate, considerate, good, benevolent, generous, charitable, bighearted, understanding, loving, sympathetic, humane, gentle, \*bleedingheart, friendly, soft, merciful, forgiving, Christian, tenderhearted. ANT. mean, cruel, cold, brutal.

**kindhearted** *a.* SEE KIND

**kindle** *v.* 1. SET ON FIRE ignite, burn, torch, fuel, inflame. 2. AROUSE excite, inflame, \*fire up, agitate, incite, egg on, stir up, stimulate, fan the fire.

- kindly** *a.* kind, nice, compassionate, considerate, good, benevolent, generous, charitable, bighearted, understanding, gracious, loving, sympathetic, humane, gentle, friendly, soft-hearted, merciful, forgiving, Christian. *ANT.* *mean, cruel, cold, brutal.*
- kindly** *adv.* nicely, compassionately, benevolently, generously, charitably, bigheartedly, understandingly, lovingly, sympathetically, humanely, gently, mercifully, agreeably. *ANT.* *meanly, cruelly, coldly, brutally.*
- kindness** *n.* 1. NICENESS compassion, consideration, goodness, benevolence, generosity, charity, bigheartedness, understanding, graciousness, love, magnanimity, sympathy, humanity, gentleness, friendliness, mercy, forgiveness. "The golden chain by which society is bound together."—Johann Goethe. 2. GOOD TURN good deed, service, accommodation, helping hand, generosity, charity, assistance, relief. *ANT.* 1. *meanness, cruelty, coldness, brutality.*
- kindred** *a.* similar, like, related, matching, corresponding, parallel, close, allied. *ANT.* *different, opposite, unrelated.*
- kinetic** *a.* energetic, dynamic, active, lively, in motion. *ANT.* *static, motionless, stationary.*
- king** *n.* monarch, His Majesty, crowned head, sovereign, ruler, emperor, czar, overlord, chief, leader, boss, \*top dog, \*kingpin, \*head honcho, \*big cheese, \*biggest toad in the puddle. "A name of dignity and office, not of person."—John Milton. "A highly paid model for postage stamps."—Anon.
- kingdom** *n.* monarchy, realm, empire, dominion, domain, sovereignty, country, nation, territory, turf, sphere.
- kink** *n.* 1. CURL twist, bend, screw, coil, curlique, crinkle, knot, crimp. 2. MUSCLE SPASM cramp, \*charley horse, knot, stitch, twinge, crick. 3. ECCENTRICITY peculiarity, quirk, idiosyncrasy, singularity. 4. DIFFICULTY defect, hitch, knot, snarl, \*glitch, complication.
- kinky** *a.* 1. CURLY snarled, knotted, frizzy, tangled, twisted, matted. 2. PERVERTED bizarre, strange, eccentric, twisted, peculiar, depraved, warped, sick, outlandish, unconventional. *ANT.* 1. *straight, smooth.* 2. *normal, conventional, ordinary.*
- kinship** *n.* relationship, kin, blood ties, close connection, affinity, association.
- kiosk** *n.* booth, stand, stall.
- KISMET** *n.* [KIZ met] fate; destiny. *His early death was attributed to kismet.* *SYN.* fate, destiny, fortune, Providence, \*what is written in the stars, predestination, lot, portion.
- kiss** *n.* peck, \*smack, \*French kiss, osculation, smooch, buss, \*soul kiss. "A word invented by the poets as a rhyme for "bliss."—Ambrose Bierce. "The sure, sweet cement, glue and lime of love."—Robert Herrick.
- kiss** *v.* peck, \*smack, \*smooch, \*neck, osculate.
- kit** *n.* gear, outfit, set, equipment, implements, rigging, supplies, tools, utensils, instruments, tackle, case, bag, pack.
- klutz** *n.* clumsy oaf, lummoX, bungler, \*butterfingers, \*bull in a china shop.
- knack** *n.* ability, skill, talent, dexterity, aptitude, gift, propensity, genius, flair, command, \*head, know-how.
- knave** *n.* rascal, bastard, villain, rogue, cad, scoundrel, cur, louse, fiend, snake, \*SOB, scamp, cheater, blackmailer, extortionist, \*bum.
- knead** *v.* press, work, fold over, mix, rub, massage, manipulate, squeeze.
- knickknack** *n.* bric-a-brac, ornament, \*whatnot, bauble, gewgaw, trinket, doodad, gimcrack, bibelot, objet d'art, conversation piece.
- knife** *n.* dagger, switchblade, blade, dirk, stiletto, scalpel, bowie knife, butter knife, jackknife, penknife, Swiss Army knife, cutlery. *SEE* DAGGER, SWORD
- knife** *v.* stab, run through, stick, cut, slash, impale, pierce, wound, lance.
- knit** *v.* purl, crochet, loop, cable, knot, intertwine, bind, weave.
- knob** *n.* protuberance, lump, bump, projection, nub, node, bulge, tumor, prominence, swelling.
- knock** *v.* 1. STRIKE bump, strike a blow, hit, bang, punch, pound, pummel, batter, thump, rap, \*slug, slap, smack, floor. 2. CRITICIZE \*pan, find fault, belittle, pick apart, \*slam, \*badmouth, disparage. \*rake over the coals. *ANT.* 1. *caress, pat.* 2. *praise, laud, applaud.*
- knoll** *n.* hillock, hill, mound, rise, hummock, hump, elevation, swell.
- knot** *n.* 1. TIE twist, loop, bow, braid, plait, intertwinement, tangle, entanglement, mat, kink, snarl. 2. LUMP bump, protuberance, knob, gnarl, nub, node. 3. BUNCH group, aggregation, mob, swarm, gathering, mass, assemblage. 4. COMPLEX PROBLEM complexity, Gordian knot, puzzle, difficulty, horns of a dilemma, labyrinth.
- knotty** *a.* complex, puzzling, baffling, perplexing, complicated, troublesome, labyrinthine, intricate, thorny, involved. *ANT.* *simple, easy, elementary.*
- know** *v.* 1. UNDERSTAND apprehend, comprehend, grasp, realize, \*get it, fathom, recognize, appreciate, see, \*have the hang of, \*have down

pat, have memorized, \*know backward and forward, \*have down cold. 2. BE ACQUAINTED WITH be familiar with, be intimate with, be close to, be on good terms with, associate with. 3. DISTINGUISH discern, recognize, discriminate, differentiate.

**know-how** *n.* expertise, skill, capability, ability, experience, savvy, talent, proficiency, knack, flair, command, mastery, \*the right stuff. *ANT.* *ignorance, inexperience, incompetence.*

**knowing** *a.* knowledgeable, informed, aware, conscious, perceptive, astute, schooled, educated, learned, enlightened, intelligent, sophisticated, worldly, shrewd, clever, bright, insightful, wise. *ANT.* *unenlightened, ignorant, obtuse, dense.*

**know-it-all** *n.* \*walking encyclopedia, \*brain, intellectual, \*professor, \*blowhard, \*windbag.

**knowledge** *n.* 1. ACQUAINTANCE familiarity, awareness, understanding, apprehension, conversance, appreciation, consciousness, cognizance, realization, perception, enlightenment, experience, recognition, memory. "The wing wherewith we fly to heaven"—Shakespeare. "An unending adventure at the edge of uncertainty."—Jacob Bronowski. "The only instrument of production that is not subject to diminishing returns."—J.M.

Clark. 2. EDUCATION schooling, erudition, learning, scholarship, instruction, enlightenment. 3. INFORMATION facts, data, \*low-down, lore, science, wisdom. *ANT.* *ignorance, unfamiliarity, unconsciousness.*

**knowledgeable** *a.* learned, schooled, well-read, erudite, educated, scholarly, literate, conversant, au courant, experienced, informed, knowing, abreast of, wise, worldly, sophisticated. *ANT.* *ignorant, unaware, unschooled.*

**knurled** *a.* knotty, knobby, bumpy, gnarled, warty. *ANT.* *smooth.*

**kook** *n.* *Sl.* \*nut case, \*loony tune, \*fruitcake, \*wacko, weirdo, \*screwball, eccentric, character, \*ding-a-ling.

**kosher** *a.* *Sl.* all right, okay, proper, correct, acceptable, approved, fitting, permissible, legitimate, permitted. *ANT.* *unacceptable.*

**kowtow** *v.* bow, kneel, stoop, genuflect, bow and scrape, kiss feet, \*kiss up, \*brownnose, toady, cringe, grovel, fawn.

**KUDOS** *n.* [KOO doz] praise for an outstanding accomplishment. *The restaurant critic gave kudos to the chef for a magnificent dinner.* *SYN.* credit, praise, honor, glory, fame, acclaim, applause, laudation, esteem, plaudits, recognition, prestige.

# L

**lab** *n.* SEE LABORATORY

**label** *n.* 1. TAG sticker, ticket, stamp, sign, brand, name, logo, trademark, seal, identification.  
2. CHARACTERIZATION stereotype, classification, generalization, epithet.

**label** *v.* 1. TAG classify, differentiate, identify, name, designate, ticket, stamp, mark, brand.  
2. CHARACTERIZE stereotype, classify, generalize, brand.

**labor** *n.* 1. WORK effort, toil, \*sweat of one's brow, exertion, struggle, \*plugging, \*blood, sweat and tears, energy, \*grind, strain, \*grunt work, \*elbow grease. "The grand conqueror, enriching and building up nations more surely than the proudest battles."—William Channing. "The capital of our workingmen."—Grover Cleveland. 2. BIRTH PROCESS contractions, parturition. SEE BIRTH, BABY, PREGNANCY *ANT.* 1. *rest, leisure, relaxation.*

**laboratory** *n.* lab, testing room, testing ground, analysis lab, chemistry lab, workshop. SEE CHEMISTRY, SCIENCE

## WORD FIND

**acid or alkaline tester:** litmus test; litmus paper

**airless, enclosed space, any:** vacuum chamber

**bell-shaped gas holder:** bell jar

**bent-over neck and bubble-like container, glass vessel with:** retort

**bottle used for absorbing gasses, multi-necked:** Woulff bottle

**bowl in which substances are crushed, usually with pestle:** mortar

**box for hands to work in airtight compartment:** glove box

**cold surface, produces:** cold finger

**crushing implement used with mortar:** pestle

**cup or bowl-shaped vessel holding very hot chemical mixtures:** crucible

**cylindrical glass vessel:** beaker, flask, fleaker, graduated cylinder, test tube

**distiller:** still

**distilling glass tube within a tube:** condenser

**dropper with vacuum component, kind of:** pipette

**drying bowl in which air is removed:** desiccator

**flask, conical:** Erlenmeyer flask

**gas flame heating apparatus:** Bunsen burner

**heat released during chemical reactions, measures:** calorimeter

**liquid density, measures:** hydrometer

**open dish used for evaporation, flat:** evaporating dish

**rotates substances to separate individual constituents:** centrifuge

**shallow dish used to culture cells:** petri dish

**sterilizer:** autoclave

**test-tube like vessel:** burette

**vial, glass:** ampule

**labored** *a.* strained, with great effort, forced, excessive, overworked, overwrought, stiff, studied, unnatural. *ANT.* *effortless, natural, spontaneous.*

**laborer** *n.* worker, blue-collar worker, hand, \*grunt, unskilled worker, drudge, peon, \*hardhat, wage earner, employee.

**laborious** *a.* hard, arduous, difficult, back-breaking, strenuous, burdensome, heavy, ponderous, tough, \*Herculean, demanding. *ANT.* *easy, light, effortless, \*child's play.*

**labyrinth** *n.* maze, convolution, network, complexity, intricacy, knot, tangle, winding way, Gordian knot.

**lace** *n.* netting, mesh, tatting, openwork, web, embroidery, macramé, braid, filigree.

**lacerate** *v.* tear, rip, cut, gash, slash, rend, mutilate, stab, mangle, slice, wound.

**laceration** *n.* tear, jagged tear, rip, cut, gash, slash, scratch, rent, slice, mutilation, wound.

**lack** *n.* want, deficiency, need, dearth, insufficiency, shortage, shortfall, paucity, privation. *ANT.* *overflow, excess, abundance.*

**lack** *v.* miss, need, want, fall short, be found wanting, require.

**lackadaisical** *a.* listless, languid, spiritless, indifferent, apathetic, unmotivated, languorous, impassive, lethargic, careless, laid-back, halfhearted, lazy. *ANT.* *eager, spirited, enthusiastic, energetic.*

**lackey** *n.* toady, servant, footman, slave, stooge, \*brownnose, \*yes-man, flunky, underling, inferior.

**lackluster** *a.* dull, drab, colorless, bland, flat, \*blah, boring, lifeless, dead, \*ho-hum. *ANT.* vivid, radiant, colorful, interesting.

**LACONIC** *a.* [luh KON ik] employing few words, terse. *The laconic waiter grunted a one-word reply.* *SYN.* terse, brief, short, concise, to the point, succinct, short and sweet, pithy, curt, taciturn, quiet, reticent. *ANT.* loquacious, talkative, wordy, garrulous.

**lacquer** *n.* finish, coating.

**lacy** *a.* filigreed, webbed, tatted, delicate, meshy, frilly.

**lad** *n.* boy, young man, youth, fellow, kid, chap, guy, \*dude.

**lady** *n.* woman, female, gal, gentlewoman, matron, girl, señorita, mademoiselle. "One who makes a man behave like a gentleman."—Russel Lynes.

**ladylike** *a.* refined, cultured, well-bred, genteel, proper, feminine, courtly, dignified, matronly, polite, well-mannered, prim. *ANT.* rough, crude, uncouth, boorish, \*gross.

**lag** *v.* fall behind, wane, ebb, flag, slow, linger, poke, drag, stall, dawdle, delay, trail, dally, procrastinate, \*take one's sweet time. *ANT.* rush, race, accelerate, surpass.

**lagoon** *n.* pool, body of water, shallow, tidal pond.

**laggard** *n.* straggler, slowpoke, dawdler, lagger, dallier, \*slug.

**lair** *n.* den, hole, burrow, cave, nest, hideaway, hideout, retreat, lie, refuge, sanctuary.

**LAISSEZ-FAIRE** *n.* [LESS ay FEHR] allowance to do as one pleases without interference, regulation or control, a "hands-off" government policy. *The government's laissez-faire policy allows some businesses to set their own rules.* *SYN.* \*hands-off policy, free enterprise, nonintervention, noninterference, permissiveness, deregulation, inaction, free hand, latitude, \*enough rope to hang oneself with.

**lake** *n.* pond, tarn, pool, basin, reservoir, loch, Great Salt Lake, Erie, Ontario, Superior, Michigan, Huron, Tahoe, Geneva, Champlain, Mead, Loch Ness, Titicaca, Victoria, Baikal, Crater, Dead Sea. "The earth's eye."—Thoreau. *SEE* MARSH, POND, RIVER, SWAMP

**WORD FIND**

**bend of a river, cut off:** oxbow lake

**crater lake:** caldera

**desert, temporary, shallow:** playa

**diminishing process from lake to pond to marsh to swamp:** eutrophication, succession

**epoch when most lakes formed:** Pleistocene

**expert on:** limnologist

**glacial:** ice scour, kettle, moraine lake

**glacial series of, resembling beads:** pater-noster lakes

**Great Lakes forming glacier:** Wisconsin ice sheet

**mountain lake:** tarn

**mountainside basin:** cirque

**oscillations of:** seiche

**outlet:** bayou

**pertaining to:** lacustrine

**skimming insect:** boatman

**lambaste** *v.* scold, berate, dress down, \*rake over the coals, reprimand, castigate, cuss out, censure, rebuke, \*chew out, \*jump down one's throat.

**lame** *a.* 1. DISABLED crippled, handicapped, gimpy, hamstrung, limping, hobbled, sidelined, impaired, stiff, sore. 2. WEAK feeble, poor, inferior, ineffectual, inadequate, unsatisfactory, insufficient, flimsy. *ANT.* 1. fleet-footed, agile, nimble. 2. sound, strong, effective.

**lament** *v.* mourn, grieve, weep, wail, cry, sob, shed tears, sorrow, commiserate, bewail, deplore, rue, \*eat one's heart out.

**lamentable** *a.* grievous, deplorable, regrettable, woeful, pitiable, heartbreaking, distressing, sad, sorrowful, wretched. *ANT.* happy, fortunate, welcome.

**lamentation** *n.* lament, grieving, mourning, wailing, weeping, crying, sobbing, moaning, commiseration, plaint, dirge.

**lamp** *n.* lantern, beacon, illuminant. *SEE* LIGHT

**LAMPOON** *v.* [lam POON] to satirize or parody, to ridicule. *The comedy troupe loves to lampoon the president.* *SYN.* satirize, parody, mock, ridicule, make fun of, caricature, burlesque, \*send up, pasquinade.

**lance** *v.* pierce, cut open, incise, stick, prick, puncture, stab.

**land** *n.* 1. GROUND earth, soil, terra firma, turf, sand, loam, dirt. 2. TERRAIN expanse, stretch, sweep, topography, lowland, highland. 3. PROPERTY real estate, grounds, acreage, plot, lot, parcel, holding. 4. COUNTRY, AREA nation, region, motherland, fatherland, old country, district, territory.

**land** *v.* 1. SET DOWN touch down, alight, dock, drop anchor, arrive. 2. OBTAIN \*bag, get, win, secure, catch, acquire, \*collar.

- landfill** *n.* dump, toxic waste site, disposal area, hazardous waste dump.
- landlord** *n.* landholder, lessor, proprietor, slumlord.
- landmark** *n.* guide, marker, milestone, guidepost, beacon, benchmark, watershed.
- landscape** *n.* expanse, view, panorama, sweep, vista, scene, scenery, surroundings, prospect.
- landslide** *n.* avalanche, mudslide, rockslide, collapse.
- lane** *n.* way, path, route, passage, alley, avenue, course, access, road, trail.
- language** *n.* verbalization, vocalization, communication, linguistics, speech, parlance, tongue, expression, articulation, wording, vernacular, vocabulary, idiom, idiolect, phraseology, prose, lingo, jargon, cant, slang, slanguage, dialect, diction, colloquialism, localism, Americanism, syntax. "A man's language is an unerring index of his nature."—Laurence Binyon. "The armory of the human mind."—Samuel Taylor Coleridge. "Man's deadliest weapon."—Arthur Koestler. "A city to the building of which every human being brought a stone."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "A series of squeaks."—Alfred North Whitehead.
- LANGUID** *a.* [LAN gwid] lacking vitality or energy, weak. *The day after the party, we sat around languidly.* *SYN.* weak, drooping, listless, faint, enervated, lethargic, languorous, sluggish, dull, slow, apathetic, indifferent. *ANT.* vigorous, vital, energized.
- LANGUISH** *v.* [LAN gwish] to grow weak, listless or dull, flag. *After the drought, the delicate flowers languished, then died.* *SYN.* weaken, flag, grow listless, tire, fade, wilt, wither, droop, decline, ebb, sicken, \*fizzle out, \*go downhill. *ANT.* flourish, revive, thrive, strengthen.
- languor** *n.* weakness, listlessness, sluggishness, languidness, faintness, lethargy, torpor, fatigue, apathy, indifference. *ANT.* vigor, strength, zest, vitality.
- lanky** *a.* tall, skinny, lean, bony, slender, spare, twiggy, gangling, skin-and-bones, spindly, \*lean as linguine, \*built like a broomstick, \*could fall through a flute and not sound a note. *ANT.* stout, hulking, fat, Herculean.
- lantern** *n.* lamp, torch, flashlight. *SEE* LIGHT
- lap** *v.* lick, splash, slosh, slap, ripple.
- lapse** *n.* 1. SLIP error, fault, flub, blunder, mistake, omission, oversight, \*screwup. 2. GAP passage, break, pause, lull, interval, interim.
- larceny** *n.* stealing, theft, petty larceny, burglary, robbery, shoplifting, pilfering, embezzlement, swindling, fraud. *SEE* CRIME, LAW
- larder** *n.* store, storage, pantry, supply room; supplies, provisions, stock.
- large** *a.* big, sizable, great, huge, gigantic, immense, colossal, prodigious, hefty, towering, enormous, \*jumbo, voluminous, \*whopping, massive, gargantuan, vast, extensive, expansive, roomy, spacious, commodious, capacious, generous. *ANT.* tiny, small, microscopic, minute, sparse, paltry.
- largely** *adv.* mostly, chiefly, mainly, for the most part, principally, by and large, to a great extent, overall, generally.
- larger than life** *a.* legendary, storybook, mythical, towering, imposing, impressive, awesome, extraordinary, fabulous, *ANT.* ordinary, down-to-earth.
- largess** *a.* generosity, charity, giving, gift-giving, philanthropy, benefaction. *ANT.* stinginess, cheapness, penny-pinching.
- LASCIVIOUS** *a.* [luh SIV ee us] lustful, expressing lust, lewd. *Her lascivious glance spoke volumes.* *SYN.* lustful, lewd, wanton, licentious, \*horny, lecherous, \*hot, libidinous, carnal, goatish, salacious, blue, \*raunchy, lurid, obscene. *ANT.* celibate, pure, chaste, frigid.
- lash** *v.* 1. THRASH whip, beat, flog, switch, strike, flail, flagellate, swat, scourge. 2. CENSURE rebuke, attack, criticize, tongue-lash, berate, scold, chastise, lambaste, \*chew out.
- lass** *n.* girl, female, young woman, maid, maiden, lassie, miss, \*filly, colleen, mademoiselle.
- lassitude** *n.* fatigue, weariness, languor, torpor, lethargy, listlessness, exhaustion, malaise, sluggishness, tiredness. *ANT.* vigor, energy, vitality.
- lasso** *n.* lariat, rope, thong, noose.
- last** *v.* endure, survive, persist, persevere, keep on, remain, continue, outlast, hold out. *ANT.* die, wear out, give out.
- last** *a.* 1. FINAL ending, closing, concluding, terminal, ultimate, climactic, finishing, trailing, rearmost. 2. LATEST newest, current, recent, up-to-the-minute. *ANT.* 1. first, beginning, opening. 2. oldest, earliest.
- lasting** *a.* enduring, permanent, continuing, durable, undying, persisting, everlasting, indestructible, immortal, abiding, perdurable. *ANT.* short-lived, fleeting, temporary, ephemeral.
- lastly** *adv.* finally, in closing, ultimately.
- latch** *n.* lock, catch, hook and eye, bolt, fastening, hasp, clasp.
- latch** *v.* lock, bolt, fasten, secure, hook, close.

**late** *a.* 1. TARDY overdue, behind, delayed, lagging, slow, held up. 2. RECENT new, modern, current, up-to-the-minute, fresh. 3. DECEASED dead, extinct, defunct, bygone, former, past, previous. *ANT.* 1. *punctual, on time.* 2. *early, old.* 3. *existing, living.*

**lately** *adv.* of late, recently, a short time ago, now.

**LATENT** *a.* [LAYT unt] existing or present beneath the surface, hidden. *He possessed a latent talent that only occasionally emerged.* *SYN.* dormant, hidden, under the surface, inactive, quiescent, \*closet, slumbering, potential, smoldering, undeveloped. *ANT.* *apparent, obvious, active, developed.*

**lateral** *a.* sideways, sidewise, sidelong, oblique, slanting, glancing, flanking. *ANT.* *perpendicular.*

**lather** *n.* foam, froth, suds, spume, cream, bubbles.

**LATITUDE** *n.* [LAT uh tood] freedom to act without restrictions. *The governor was given complete latitude to choose the state's fate.* *SYN.* freedom, liberty, free hand, carte blanche, license, leeway, \*slack, room, play, run, independence. *ANT.* *restriction, confinement.*

**lattice** *n.* framework, openwork, screen, trellis, grid, grating, fretwork.

**LAUD** *v.* [LAWD] to praise or acclaim. *The critics lauded his latest work.* *SYN.* praise, acclaim, applaud, extol, hail, compliment, sing the praises of, cheer, celebrate, commend. *ANT.* *disparage, criticize, denigrate.*

**laudable** *a.* praiseworthy, commendable, admirable, excellent, exceptional, good, exemplary, superb, worthy, meritorious. *ANT.* *awful, contemptible, terrible, shameful.*

**laudatory** *a.* commendatory, praising, approving, eulogizing, complimentary, favorable, acclamatory, flattering. *ANT.* *condemning, critical.*

**laugh** *n.* chuckle, giggle, snigger, snicker, chortle, guffaw, roar, cackle, \*tee-hee, horse-laugh, belly laugh, \*great gust/gale of laughter, howl, fit of laughter, titter, snort, hoot, \*raspy chuckle, \*wheezing chuckle, shriek, scream, squeal, unrestrained laughter.

**laugh** *v.* chuckle, giggle, snigger, snicker, chortle, guffaw, roar, cackle, \*tee-hee, convulse with glee, double over with laughter, howl, titter, snort, hoot, chuckle hoarsely, shriek, scream, squeal.

**laughable** *a.* absurd, ridiculous, hilarious, ludicrous, comical, funny, stupid, silly, sidesplitting, amusing, \*a scream, hysterical, nonsensical. *ANT.* *serious, sad, depressing.*

**laughter** *n.* giggling, chuckling, \*great gales of laughter, howling, squealing, shriek-

ing, tittering, snickering, merriment, hilarity, mirth, glee, jollity. "A smile that burst."—Patricia Nelson. "A noisy smile."—Steven Goldberg. "A universal bond that draws all men closer."—Nathan Ausubel. "A tranquilizer with no side effects."—Arnold Glasow.

**launch** *v.* 1. START inaugurate, begin, commence, institute, \*start the ball rolling, usher in, break ground, open. 2. SET OFF send forth, propel, discharge, fire off, catapult, set afloat.

**launder** *v.* wash, clean, cleanse, scrub, rinse.

**laurels** *n.* fame, honor, credit, kudos, renown, glory, praise, laudation, tribute, commendation, recognition.

**lavatory** *n.* washroom, toilet, rest room. SEE BATHROOM

**lavish** *v.* shower, spend, squander, deluge, heap, give, waste, pour, fritter, be generous with. *ANT.* *limit, stint.*

**lavish** *a.* generous, liberal, extravagant, profuse, abundant, bountiful, immoderate, excessive, unsparing, lush, prodigal. *ANT.* *sparing, scant, meager.*

**law** *n.* regulation, code, ordinance, rule, principle, statute, restriction, control, act, commandment, enactment, mandate, legislation. "Reason free from passion."—Aristotle. "The embodiment of the moral sentiments of the people."—William Blackstone. "The expression and the perfection of common sense."—Joseph Choate. "The backbone which keeps man erect."—S.C. Yuter. SEE COURT, MURDER

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#### WORD FIND

**evidence that incriminates oneself, refusal to give:** taking the Fifth

**habitual lawbreaker:** scofflaw, recidivist

**ignorance of the law is no excuse:** ignorantia legis non excusat

**jargon, law:** legalese

**lawlessness:** anarchy

**lured into a crime by police:** entrapment

**punishment, laws regarding:** penal code

**puritanical or overly strict laws:** blue laws

**reading of rights rule on arrest:** Miranda rule

**science and philosophy of law:** jurisprudence

**second prosecution, law against:** double jeopardy

**time limit for judicial action:** statute of limitations

**unjust imprisonment, writ preventing:** habeas corpus

**lawbreaker** *n.* criminal, violator, felon, offender, outlaw, transgressor, miscreant, delinquent, culprit, malefactor, scofflaw, recidivist.

**lawful** *a.* legal, allowable, legitimate, licit, within the law, sanctioned, permissible, constitutional, rightful. *ANT.* *illegal, unlawful, illicit.*

**lawless** *a.* anarchic, ungoverned, unchecked, unruly, felonious, criminal, nihilistic, barbarous, uncivilized, savage, chaotic. *ANT.* *lawful, civilized, law-abiding.*

**lawn** *n.* yard, grass, grounds, turf, sward, greensward, green.

**lawsuit** *n.* suit, action, litigation, case, claim, prosecution, dispute. "A machine which you go into as a pig and come out as a sausage."—Ambrose Bierce. *SEE* COURT

**lawyer** *n.* attorney, counselor, counsel, legal advisor, advocate, jurist, member of the bar, public defender, solicitor, barrister. "Perilous mouths."—Shakespeare. "A learned gentleman who rescues your estate from your enemies and keeps it himself."—Henry Brougham. "Those who earn a living by the sweat of their browbeating."—James Huneker. "One skilled in the circumvention of the law."—Ambrose Bierce. *SEE* COURT, LAW

**lax** *a.* slack, loose, remiss, careless, negligent, inattentive, devil-may-care, sloppy, casual, inexact, \*asleep at the wheel. *ANT.* *careful, conscientious, strict.*

**laxative** *n.* cathartic, purging agent, physic.

**lay** *n.* position, layout, arrangement, configuration, form, orientation.

**lay** *v.* 1. PUT place, set, set down, leave, deposit, rest, position. 2. KNOCK DOWN fell, level, flatten, floor. 3. PRODUCE bear, bring forth, generate, deposit. 4. IMPOSE place, exact, assess, levy. 5. *Sl.* COPULATE.

**lay** *a.* amateur, nonprofessional, ordinary, secular, unschooled. *ANT.* *professional.*

**layer** *n.* stratum, thickness, bed, course, tier, ply, fold, overlap, sheet, row, zone.

**layman** *n.* amateur, nonprofessional, laic, neophyte, novice. *ANT.* *professional, expert.*

**layoff** *n.* dismissal, discharge, firing, \*downsizing, cutback, unemployment.

**lazy** *a.* indolent, slothful, unwilling to work, \*allergic to work, idle, shiftless, malingering, sleepy, loafing, inert, unindustrious, unmotivated. *ANT.* *industrious, enterprising, hard-working, hard-driving, \*busy as a beaver.*

**leach** *v.* drain, pass, percolate out, drip, filter, empty.

**lead** *n.* 1. FIRST PLACE edge, top spot, vanguard, jump, head, spearhead, cutting edge. 2. CLUE tip, hint, indication, sign. *ANT.* 1. *rear, tail.*

**lead** *v.* 1. GUIDE direct, show the way, conduct, usher, shepherd, escort. 2. HEAD command, direct, govern, supervise, run, \*take

the helm, rule, dominate, take charge. 3. INFLUENCE persuade, incline, guide, direct, affect, \*sell on, prevail upon, prompt, cause. 4. PRECEDE go before. 5. EXCEL surpass, outdo, outshine, outperform, head the pack, rank first, stand head and shoulders above.

**leader** *n.* head, chief, commander, director, boss, supervisor, manager, captain, maestro, ruler, general, governor, dean, \*biggest toad in the puddle, \*big cheese, bellwether, pacesetter, pioneer, trailblazer, groundbreaker, vanguard. "A man who has the ability to get other people to do what they don't want to do and like it."—Harry S. Truman. "The wave pushed ahead by the ship."—Leon Tolstoy.

**leadership** *n.* command, control, direction, guidance, influence, domination, sway, mastery, charisma, potency, authority, counsel, management, supervision, rulership, government, shepherding, pacesetting, trailblazing, supremacy, dominace. "Action, not position."—Donald McGannon. *ANT.* *subservience, subordination, obedience.*

**leading** *a.* foremost, preeminent, chief, main, dominant, supreme, outstanding, greatest, ranking, most important. *ANT.* *secondary, minor, lesser.*

**league** *n.* alliance, association, confederation, federation, coalition, organization, union, affiliation, partnership, fraternity.

**leak** *n.* seepage, drip, trickle, oozing, stream, dribble, discharge, opening, rupture, crack, puncture, gash, break, breach.

**leak** *v.* 1. DISCHARGE seep, drain, drip, trickle, ooze, stream, spurt, dribble, flow. 2. DIVULGE reveal, \*spill the beans, disclose.

**lean** *v.* 1. INCLINE slant, slope, cant, bend, tilt, pitch, list. 2. RELY ON depend on, count on for support. 3. TEND incline, be disposed, gravitate toward, have a preference for.

**lean** *a.* 1. THIN spare, emaciated, anorexic, skin and bones, rawboned, gaunt, slim, slender, svelte, skinny, \*lean as linguine, malnourished. 2. UNPRODUCTIVE meager, poor, scanty, unprofitable. *ANT.* 1. *fat, plump, rotund.* 2. *productive, profitable, rich.*

**leaning** *n.* tendency, inclination, disposition, preference, proclivity, propensity, bias, weakness, mindset, penchant.

**leap** *n.* jump, spring, vault, hop, bound, bounce, hurtle.

**leap** *v.* jump, spring, vault, hop, bound, bounce, hurtle, soar, rise, leapfrog.

**learn** *v.* 1. ACQUIRE KNOWLEDGE \*pick up, master, understand, comprehend, apprehend, grasp, realize, absorb, become educated, memorize,

become versed in, \*get the hang of, study, pore over, \*cram. 2. DISCOVER find out, hear, detect, determine, stumble upon.

**learned** *a.* educated, schooled, erudite, scholarly, literate, well-read, knowledgeable, lettered, intellectual, pedantic, bookish. *ANT.* ignorant, unschooled, illiterate.

**learning** *n.* education, schooling, enlightenment, study, edification, erudition, research, training, scholarship, cultivation, inquiry, questioning, growth, knowledge. “Dust shaken out of a book and into an empty skull.”—Ambrose Bierce. “A companion on a journey to a strange country ... a strength inexhaustible.”—Hitopadesa.

**learning disability** *n.* learning disorder, learning deficit, learning impairment, dyslexia, ADD (attention deficit disorder).

**lease** *v.* let, rent, hire out, sublease, lend.

**leash** *n.* lead, line, rein, tether, rope, choker.

**leash** *v.* tie, restrain, tether, hitch, chain, collar, restrict.

**least** *a.* smallest, slightest, fewest, minimum, poorest, lowest, minutest, last. *ANT.* greatest, largest, most.

**leave** *n.* 1. PERMISSION okay, consent, authorization, allowance, liberty, concession, indulgence, tolerance. 2. TIME OFF furlough, leave-of-absence, sabbatical, break, \*R&R. *ANT.* 1. refusal, denial.

**leave** *v.* 1. GO depart, exit, \*split, take one's leave, vacate, withdraw, \*shove off, decamp, flee, \*cut out, bid farewell, run along, take off. 2. ABANDON drop, desert, quit, give up, relinquish, forsake. *ANT.* 1. arrive, come.

**lecherous** *a.* lustful, lewd, lascivious, libidinous, salacious, carnal, wanton, \*horny, licentious, randy, \*dirty-minded, \*raunchy. *ANT.* chaste, pure, celibate.

**lechery** *n.* lewdness, lust, lasciviousness, salaciousness, carnality, \*horniness, nymphomania, \*dirty-mindedness, \*raunchiness. *ANT.* chastity, purity, celibacy.

**lectern** *n.* desk, stand, support, ambo.

**lecture** *n.* 1. TALK address, speech, discussion, discourse, oration, disquisition, sermon, lesson, instruction. 2. SCOLDING \*dressing down, reprimand, rebuke, criticism, reproach, \*talking-to, remonstrance, admonishment, sermon.

**lecture** *v.* 1. TALK give a speech, address, discuss, discourse, orate, give a lesson, give instruction, expound, preach, hold forth. 2. SCOLD \*dress down, reprimand, rebuke, criticize, reproach, remonstrate, admonish, sermonize, preach.

**ledge** *n.* shelf, overhang, projection, ridge, mantle, shoulder, outcrop.

**ledger** *n.* account book, record book, journal.

**leech** *n.* parasite, bloodsucker, sponge, golddigger, blackmailer, extortionist, \*bum.

**leer** *n.* salacious look, lascivious look, ogle, lustful stare, stare, once-over, lecherous look, sidelong glance, sneer.

**leer** *v.* eye lustfully, eye salaciously, eye lasciviously, eye lecherously, stare, give once-over, eye hungrily, ogle, look sidelong, smirk.

**leery** *a.* wary, guarded, suspicious, distrusting, cautious, chary, skeptical, uncertain. *ANT.* trusting, unsuspecting.

**leeway** *n.* room, margin, space, latitude, breathing space, elbow room, freedom, slack, range.

**LEFT-HANDED** *a.* [LEFT HAND ED] referring to an insincere or dubious compliment, one that is actually insulting. *She told him he had the ability to sing semiprofessionally, another of her subtle left-handed compliments.* *SYN.* insincere, dubious, backhanded, ambiguous, questionable, ironic, veiled, sardonic, mocking. *ANT.* sincere, unambiguous, genuine.

**leftover** *n.* remnant, remainder, surplus, leaving, scrap, remains, oddsends.

**LEFT-WING** *a.* [LEFT WING] liberal, leftist, radical. *Left-wing activists wanted to preserve the entire forest, regardless of the jobs lost.* *SYN.* liberal, leftist, radical, progressive, far left, red, communistic. *ANT.* right-wing, conservative, rightist.

**LEGACY** *n.* [LEG uh see] something passed down from a previous generation or ancestor. *Drug abuse is now commonplace, a legacy of the “anything goes” 1960s.* *SYN.* inheritance, bequest, heritage, \*hand-me-down, gift, heirloom, birthright, carryover.

**legal** *a.* lawful, licit, allowable, sanctioned, permitted, constitutional, right, just, authorized, legitimate, judicial. *ANT.* illegal, illicit, unlawful.

**legalize** *a.* make lawful, legitimize, allow, sanction, authorize, decriminalize, permit, license, legislate. *ANT.* outlaw, prohibit.

**legend** *n.* 1. MYTH fable, lore, tale, story, fiction, narrative, allegory. 2. CELEBRITY giant, star, superstar, hero, prodigy.

**legendary** *a.* 1. MYTHICAL fabled, fanciful, fantastic, fictional, imaginary, traditional, romantic, epic. 2. REMARKABLE immortal, great, celebrated, extraordinary, acclaimed, renowned, heroic. *ANT.* 1. actual, real, true-to-life. 2. commonplace, unremarkable.

**legerdemain** *n.* sleight of hand, deceit.

**legible** *a.* readable, decipherable, clear, plain, easy-to-read, intelligible. *ANT.* illegible, unreadable.

- legion** *n.* mass, multitude, crowd, throng, pack, army, swarm, horde, mob, scores.
- legislation** *n.* bill, act, law, statute, code, ordinance, rule, regulation, charter, constitution. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS
- legislator** *n.* lawmaker, lawgiver, politician, representative, congressman, senator, selectman, assemblyman, councilman. SEE POLITICIAN, ELECTION
- legislature** *n.* congress, senate, house of representatives, parliament, assembly, council. SEE CONGRESS, POLITICS
- legitimate** *a.* 1. LAWFUL legal, licit, \*legit, statutory, constitutional. 2. GENUINE authentic, \*for-real, true, \*legit, \*on the level, \*kosher, \*OK. ANT. 1. *unlawful, illegal, illicit*. 2. *fake, dishonest, fraudulent*.
- leisure** *n.* repose, ease, freedom, liberty, rest, recreation, relaxation, unemployment, idle hours, respite, \*downtime. "The time you don't get paid for and enjoy spending"—Hyman Berston. ANT. *labor, work, employment*.
- leisurely** *a.* slow, unhurried, deliberate, casual, relaxed, laid-back, easy, lazy, \*poky. ANT. *hurried, breakneck, rushed*.
- lemon** *n.* \*dud, \*dog, loser, \*piece of crap, \*hunk of junk, reject. ANT. \**piece of work, success*.
- lend** *v.* 1. LOAN entrust, let use, accommodate, advance, oblige. 2. IMPART give, provide, furnish, contribute.
- length** *n.* 1. DISTANCE span, extent, reach, measure, size, dimension, expanse. 2. DURATION span, period, term.
- lengthen** *v.* stretch, elongate, protract, extend, expand, increase, prolong. ANT. *shorten, cut*.
- lengthy** *a.* long, protracted, drawn out, extended, prolonged, extensive, elongated, interminable, long-winded. ANT. *brief, short*.
- lenient** *a.* soft, mild, easy, merciful, tolerant, permissive, liberal, indulgent, charitable, kind, forgiving, compassionate. ANT. *strict, harsh, tough, unforgiving*.
- leprechaun** *n.* fairy, elf, little old man, dwarf, gnome, brownie, sprite, pixie, goblin.
- lesbian** *n.* homosexual, sapphist, gay woman.
- lesbian** *a.* homosexual, gay, sapphist. ANT. *heterosexual*.
- lesion** *n.* injury, damage, hurt, wound, sore, trauma, cut, laceration, bruise, contusion, impairment, \*boo-boo.
- less** *a.* fewer, smaller, slighter, shorter, lower, not as great, inferior, minor, subordinate, lower, secondary. ANT. *more, greater, superior*.
- lessen** *v.* decrease, diminish, reduce, lower, abate, slacken, dwindle, shrink, fall off, cut, contract, downsize, pare, fade, subtract, moderate. ANT. *increase, multiply, expand*.
- lesson** *n.* instruction, class, exercise, lecture, assignment, drill, study, homework, teaching.
- let** *v.* 1. ALLOW permit, authorize, enable, grant, \*give the go-ahead, \*give the green light, give permission, license. 2. LEASE rent, sublease, hire out, charter.
- letdown** *n.* disappointment, disillusionment, anticlimax, disenchantment, \*comedown, frustration, \*washout, blow, \*bubble-burster. ANT. *fulfillment, satisfaction, dream-come-true*.
- lethal** *a.* fatal, deadly, mortal, killing, death-dealing, murderous, dangerous, poisonous, pernicious, malignant. ANT. *harmless, benign*.
- lethargic** *a.* drowsy, sluggish, tired, weary, fatigued, listless, sleepy, torpid, languid, \*out of it, lazy, slothful, apathetic, somnolent, dragging, comatose. ANT. *energized, lively, hyperactive*.
- lethargy** *n.* drowsiness, sluggishness, tiredness, fatigue, listlessness, sleepiness, somnolence, torpor, languor, malaise, laziness, slothfulness, apathy. ANT. *liveliness, vigor, \*get-up-and-go*.
- letter** *n.* note, dispatch, message, missive, communication, memo, reply, acknowledgment, billet-doux, \*fax. "Servant of parted friends."—Charles Eliot. "An unannounced visit."—Friedrich Nietzsche.
- letters** *n.* belles lettres, learning.
- letup** *n.* stopping, pause, cessation, interlude, break, lapse, lull, recess.
- levee** *n.* bank, embankment, dam, mound, breakwater.
- level** *n.* 1. HEIGHT elevation, altitude, story, floor, stratum, extent. 2. RANK position, grade.
- level** *v.* 1. GRADE smooth, plane, flatten, even out. 2. RAZE flatten, knock down, fell, wreck, demolish, destroy.
- level** *a.* even, flat, flush, plane, uniform, straight, smooth, balanced, equable, proportionate, in line. ANT. *uneven, tilted*.
- levelheaded** *a.* sensible, reasonable, prudent, composed, even-tempered, cool, calm, self-possessed, unruffled, unflappable, poised. ANT. *unreasonable, thoughtless, irrational, wild*.
- leverage** *n.* weight, influence, \*pull, \*clout, power, control, upper hand, advantage.
- leviathan** *n.* giant, colossus, monster, behemoth, titan, hulk, mammoth, whale, sea monster. ANT. *shrimp, midget, gnat*.
- LEVITY** *n.* [LEV i tee] light or unserious behavior, frivolity. *His jokes added much-needed levity to the occasion.* SYN. *lightness, frivolity,*

- lightheartedness, foolishness, silliness, buoyancy, mirth, merriment, whimsy, giddiness. *ANT. seriousness, gravity, somberness.*
- levy** *n.* tax, tariff, toll, assessment, duty, revenue, dues, fee, collection, imposition.
- levy** *v.* impose, exact, assess, tax, fix, lay on, charge, collect, wrest, tithe.
- lewd** *a.* lascivious, lecherous, lustful, libidinous, salacious, licentious, obscene, vulgar, indecent, immodest, suggestive, X-rated, lurid. *ANT. chaste, pure, upright, wholesome, clean.*
- lexicon** *n.* dictionary, thesaurus, glossary, word book, vocabulary.
- liability** *n.* 1. RESPONSIBILITY accountability, burden, blame, obligation. 2. DEBT indebtedness, obligation, due, debit. 3. DRAWBACK disadvantage, hindrance, handicap, impediment, encumbrance, millstone, burden. *ANT. 1. immunity. 2. asset. 3. advantage, plus.*
- liable** *a.* 1. RESPONSIBLE accountable, answerable, obligated, subject, bound. 2. LIKELY apt, probable, prone, disposed, given, subject, open, susceptible. *ANT. 1. immune, exempt. 2. unlikely.*
- liaison** *n.* 1. ALLIANCE connection, affiliation, hookup, union, association, linkup, communication. 2. LOVE AFFAIR romance, fling, amour, tryst, \*hanky-panky.
- liar** *n.* prevaricator, fabricator, fibber, deceiver, perjurer, cheater, dissembler, \*con artist.
- LIBEL** *n.* [LYE bul] published statements that are untrue, malicious, and damaging to one's reputation. *The tabloid was recently sued for libel.* *SYN.* slander, defamation, smear, malicious gossip, falsehood, dirty lie, yellow journalism, innuendo, aspersion. *SEE LAW, NEWSPAPER*
- libel** *v.* slander, defame, smear, scandalize, malign, denigrate, \*drag through the mud, slur, discredit, \*give a black eye.
- libelous** *a.* slanderous, defamatory, scandalous, denigrating, untrue, false, malicious, injurious, maligning, discrediting, made up. *ANT. true, proven, accurate.*
- liberal** *n.* progressive, reformer, leftist, left-winger, libertarian, radical. \*bleeding heart, \*sucker for a sob story. "A man too broad-minded to take his own side in a quarrel."—Robert Frost.
- liberal** *a.* 1. GENEROUS giving, free-handed, charitable, openhanded, lavish, philanthropic, bountiful, unsparring. 2. ABUNDANT plentiful, ample, copious, rife, rich, lavish, large. 3. NONRESTRICTIVE loose, unrestrictive, free, unstrict. 4. TOLERANT broad-minded, open-minded, unprejudiced, accepting, unbiased, indulgent. 5. PROGRESSIVE reformist, left-wing, leftist, radical. *ANT. 1. stingy, cheap, tightfisted. 2. sparse, skimpy. 3. strict, literal. 4. intolerant, prejudiced, close-minded. 5. conservative, right-wing.*
- liberal arts** *n.* academic disciplines, studies, general education, the trivium and quadrivium, language, literature, philosophy, history, mathematics, science.
- liberate** *v.* free, release, emancipate, loose, unshackle, deliver, manumit, unbind, extricate, rescue. *ANT. enslave, subjugate, shackle.*
- liberation** *n.* freedom, liberty, release, emancipation, unshackling, deliverance, manumission, salvation, extrication, rescue. *ANT. enslavement, subjugation, imprisonment.*
- liberty** *n.* freedom, release, emancipation, liberation, autonomy, self-determination, non-restriction, independence, privilege, license, sovereignty, latitude, unrestraint. "A power to do as we would be done by."—John Quincy Adams. *ANT. enslavement, restriction, restraint.*
- libidinous** *a.* lustful, \*hot, \*horny, lascivious, lewd, randy, sensual, carnal, lecherous, turned on. *ANT. turned off.*
- libido** *n.* sex drive, urge, lust, desire, \*horniness, \*hot pants, hot blood, sexuality, Eros, biological drive.
- library** *n.* book depository, institution, reference center, athenaeum, atheneum, bibliotheca, book collection, media center, lending library. "The true university."—Thomas Carlyle. "The ruins of an antique world and the glories of a modern one."—Longfellow. "The diary of the human race."—George Dawson. *SEE BOOK*
- license** *n.* 1. PERMIT permission, authorization, entitlement, privilege, grant, right. 2. FREEDOM liberty, latitude, free hand, indulgence, presumption, immoderation, unrestraint, looseness, excess, boldness. *ANT. 1. prohibition, restriction. 2. restriction, restraint.*
- license** *v.* permit, authorize, allow, sanction, warrant, certify, accredit.
- licentious** *a.* lascivious, lewd, immoral, libidinous, wanton, abandoned, lecherous, carnal, promiscuous, lustful, debauched, smutty, unrestrained. *ANT. chaste, prudish, wholesome, restrained.*
- lick** *n.* 1. HIT punch, \*whack, smack, blow, slap, jab. 2. MUSICAL PHRASE \*riff.
- lick** *v.* 1. LAP tongue, kiss, graze, brush. 2. BEAT whip, defeat, trounce, overpower, \*shellac, trample.
- lid** *n.* cover, top, cap.

**lie** *n.* prevarication, fabrication, fib, falsehood, story, \*cock-and-bull story, little white lie, \*whopper, untruth, perjury, fiction, deceit, misrepresentation, distortion, stretching of the truth, barefaced lie. "The refuse of fools and cowards."—Lord Chesterfield. "An art in a lover."—Helen Rowland. *ANT.* *truth, gospel truth, fact.*

**lie** *v.* 1. PREVARICATE fabricate, fib, falsify, \*tell a little white lie, perjure, deceive, misrepresent, distort, stretch the truth, fudge, con. 2. REST recline, stretch out, be recumbent, be prone, be supine, sprawl, lounge. *ANT.* 2. *stand.*

**life** *n.* 1. EXISTENCE being, vitality, animation, viability, consciousness, flesh and blood, organism. "A vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."—The Bible. "A little gleam of time between two eternities."—Thomas Carlyle. "A play. It's not in its length, but its performance that counts."—Seneca. 2. LIVELINESS vigor, spirit, energy, animation, zest, vivacity, heart, enthusiasm. 3. LIFE SPAN life expectancy, duration, longevity, course, length, period. 4. TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS peaks and valleys, the human condition, vicissitudes, \*hand one is dealt, survival of the fittest. "A bridge of groans across a stream of tears."—Philip Bailey. "One long process of getting tired."—Samuel Butler. "Like eating artichokes—you've got to go through so much to get so little."—T.A. Dorgan. "A B-picture script."—Kirk Douglas. "An onion, and one peels it crying."—French proverb. *ANT.* *death, nonexistence, oblivion.*

**life-and-death** *a.* life or death, critical, crucial, important, vital, consequential, earth-shaking, emergent, pivotal, climactic. *ANT.* *inconsequential, trivial.*

**lifeless** *a.* 1. DEAD deceased, extinct, \*dead as a coffin nail, \*stone dead, defunct, \*down for the count, comatose, unconscious, inanimate, inert. 2. COLORLESS dull, lackluster, flat, \*blah, insipid, wooden, tiresome, spiritless. *ANT.* 1. *alive, living, vital.* 2. *spirited, lively, colorful.*

**lifestyle** *n.* way of life, behavior, habits, conduct, orientation, inclinations. *SEE* LIFE

**lifetime** *n.* lifespan, life expectancy, duration, day, age, being, \*threescore years and ten.

**lifelike** *a.* natural, realistic, true-to-life, faithful, true, graphic. *ANT.* *unnatural.*

**lift** *v.* 1. HOIST heave, raising, boost, pull up. 2. RAISING OF SPIRITS boost, \*shot in the arm, \*pick-me-up, encouragement.

**lift** *v.* 1. HOIST elevate, heave, raise, boost, jack up, erect, upraise, hike, heft. 2. STEAL swipe, pinch, pocket, shoplift, pilfer. 3. REMOVE cancel, annul, rescind. *ANT.* 1. *drop.* 3. *impose.*

**liftoff** *n.* launch, take-off, blast-off, ignition, firing.

**light** *n.* 1. RADIANCE luminescence, illumination, radiation, glow, shine, incandescence, effulgence, flash, glare, brilliance, glimmer. 2. LAMP beacon, lantern, candle, torch, flare. *ANT.* 1. *dark, gloom, blackness.*

**light** *v.* 1. ILLUMINATE spotlight, shine, irradiate, brighten. 2. IGNITE kindle, spark, set fire to, inflame. 3. GET DOWN descend, alight, land, settle, perch. *ANT.* 1. *darken, dim.* 2. *extinguish, douse.*

**light** *a.* 1. BRIGHT illuminated, radiant, brilliant, shining, luminous, glowing, aglow, well-lit, lambent, sunny, gleaming. 2. PALE faded, fair, bleached, blanched, washed-out. 3. OF WEIGHT weightless, slight, ethereal, \*featherlight, wispy, insubstantial, airy, lighter than air, unheavy, sheer, scant. 4. WEAK mild, slight, soft, faint, gentle. 5. SIMPLE easy, effortless, undemanding, untaxing, \*no sweat. 6. CHEERFUL humorous, amusing, gay, merry, blithe, funny, entertaining, frivolous, trifling. *ANT.* 1. *dark, black, gloomy.* 2. *dark, deep, vivid.* 3. *heavy, hefty, massive.* 4. *strong, powerful, hard, harsh.* 5. *hard, demanding, taxing.* 6. *heavy, deep, serious.*

**lighten** *v.* 1. REDUCE decrease, ease, unload, remove, lessen, empty, disencumber, alleviate, mitigate. 2. LIFT cheer, perk up, buoy, gladden. 3. BRIGHTEN illuminate, light up, irradiate. *ANT.* 1. *increase, burden, weigh down.* 2. *depress, discourage.* 3. *darken.*

**lighthearted** *a.* carefree, cheerful, happy, buoyant, sunny, jovial, playful, upbeat, blithe, glad, untroubled, joyous. *ANT.* *downhearted, heavyhearted, grave, depressed.*

**lightly** *adv.* slightly, softly, faintly, gently, daintily, delicately, sparingly, gingerly, easily, carelessly. *ANT.* *heavily, ponderously.*

**lightning** *n.* electrical discharge, bolt, thunderbolt, flash, chain lightning, stroke, jag. *SEE* CLOUD, THUNDER

#### WORD FIND

conducting metal rod safeguarding rooftop  
from: lightning rod

erroneous terms for broad-appearing flashes obscured by clouds: heat lightning, sheet lightning

mysterious flashes appearing above a thunderstorm but not below: blue jet, sprite

**radio noise and static caused by:** atmospheric; whistlers

**spherical flyer:** ball lightning

**likable** *a.* winning, agreeable, charming, attractive, nice, pleasing, pleasant, appealing, sweet, good-natured, warmhearted, friendly. *ANT. repellent, mean, unappealing.*

**like** *v.* 1. **FANCY** enjoy, care for, delight in, \*get a kick out of, be partial to, \*dig, love, adore, take pleasure in, be fond of, appreciate, relish, \*have a soft spot for, esteem. 2. **WANT** choose, prefer, care, feel inclined. *ANT. 1. dislike, hate, abhor, detest.*

**like** *a.* similar, alike, uniform, approximating, much the same, comparable, corresponding, close, equivalent, homologous, akin. *ANT. different, unlike.*

**likelihood** *n.* probability, good chance, prospect, possibility, potentiality.

**likely** *a.* probable, apt, promising, liable, expected, anticipated, presumable, plausible, \*in the cards, destined. *ANT. unlikely, improbable, doubtful.*

**like-minded** *a.* simpatico, similar, of one mind, of like mind, compatible, in agreement, in accord, en rapport, unanimous. *ANT. at odds, opposite, clashing.*

**liken** *v.* relate, link, equate. *SEE COMPARE*

**likeness** *n.* 1. **RESEMBLANCE** semblance, similarity, correspondence, sameness, uniformity, analogy. 2. **FACSIMILE** replica, image, representation, depiction, portrait, picture, photo, copy, model. *ANT. 1. difference, dissimilarity.*

**liking** *n.* fondness, fancy, affinity, taste, appetite, inclination, partiality, preference, attraction, \*soft spot. *ANT. aversion, hatred.*

**limb** *n.* appendage, member, part, extremity, leg, arm, wing, branch, bough.

**limber** *a.* flexible, pliant, elastic, supple, agile, loose, pliable, malleable. *ANT. stiff, rigid, inflexible.*

**limbo** *n.* nowhere. *SEE OBLIVION*

**limit** *n.* boundary, end, extent, margin, maximum, ceiling, border, brink, utmost, farthest reach, termination.

**limit** *v.* restrict, bound, confine, put a ceiling on, inhibit, restrain, constrict, hem in, curb, ration, check, circumscribe.

**limitation** *n.* restriction, check, curb, impediment, stumbling block, stricture, bar, block, hindrance, handicap, qualification.

**limited** *a.* restricted, bound, confined, restrained, checked, circumscribed, controlled, curbed, fixed. *ANT. unlimited, unrestricted.*

**limitless** *a.* unlimited, boundless, unrestricted, infinite, neverending, immeasurable, incalculable, innumerable, vast. *ANT. limited, finite.*

**limp** *v.* hobble, falter, favor one leg, drag one foot, walk lamely, stagger, shuffle, hitch, move haltingly, hop, totter, take mincing steps.

**limp** *a.* flaccid, drooping, wilted, soft, slack, flabby, weak, lax. *ANT. rigid, firm, stiff, strong.*

**limpid** *a.* clear, transparent, pellucid, crystal, like glass, translucent. *ANT. cloudy, muddy.*

**line** *n.* 1. **LONG MARK** score, underscore, underline, stripe, stroke, dash, streak, slash, demarcation. 2. **ROW** course, column, series, succession, queue, procession, chain, train, string, file, tier. 3. **CORD** string, twine, rope, cable, filament, thread, strand. 4. **LINE OF WORK** business, calling, specialty, interest, vocation, profession, \*racket. 5. **LINEAGE** ancestry, descent, breed, stock, pedigree.

**lineage** *n.* descent, ancestry, stock, family, strain, bloodline, genealogy, heredity, succession, extraction.

**linger** *v.* stay, remain, hang back, hang around, loiter, dawdle, dillydally, poke about, wait, procrastinate, delay, hesitate.

**lingerie** *n.* underclothes, undergarments, underwear, \*undies, underthings, panties, bra, teddy, camisole, chemise, garterbelt, negligee.

**lingo** *n.* language, dialect, jargon, vocabulary, vernacular, argot, tongue, speech, slang, idiom.

**linguist** *n.* polyglot, bilingual, translator, interpreter.

**liniment** *n.* ointment, salve, balm, lotion, embrocation, unguent.

**link** *n.* 1. **CONNECTION** component, section, coupling. 2. **ASSOCIATION** attachment, tie, connection, bond, contact.

**link** *v.* associate, connect, attach, unite, tie, bond, couple, join, splice, bind, relate.

**lion** *n.* lioness, king of beasts, carnivore, predator, meat-eater, mammal, quadruped, cub, wildcat, puma, mountain lion, cougar.

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#### WORD FIND

**group:** pride

**hair:** mane

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**lionize** *v.* celebrate, acclaim, glorify, exalt, elevate, idolize, immortalize, worship, revere.

**lip** *n.* 1. **RIM** brim, edge, verge. 2. **SL** **IMPUDENCE** \*mouth, back talk, insolence, rudeness, \*sass, \*wising off.

**LIP SERVICE** *n.* [LIP SER vis] insincere agreement, empty talk or gesture. *Politicians pay a lot of lip service to their constituents.* *SYN.*

insincerity, empty talk, empty gesture, token agreement, tokenism, show, hollow words, flattery, smooth talk, duplicity.

**liquefy** *v.* dissolve, thaw, melt.

**liquid** *n.* fluid, water, solution, aqua, juice, extract, broth, soup.

**liquid** *a.* fluid, running, flowing, aqueous, wet, moist, watery, juicy, molten. *ANT.* *solid, dry.*

**liquidate** *v.* 1. SETTLE pay off, dispose of, make good, square, satisfy, discharge. 2. CLOSE OUT sell out, convert to cash, sell stock. 3. KILL murder, \*knock off, slay, \*rub out, \*bump off, exterminate, assassinate.

**liqueur** *n.* liquor, alcohol, flavored drink, cordial, aperitif, appetizer. SEE ALCOHOL, COCKTAIL, DRINK, LIQUOR, MOONSHINE, WINE

#### WORD FIND

**almond-flavored:** amaretto

**bourbon and spice:** Wild Turkey

**cherry and almond:** maraschino

**chocolate and vanilla:** crème de cacao

**coconut and rum:** ron coco

**coffee flavor with vanilla:** Kahlúa

**cognac and orange:** grand marnier

**French cherry:** crème de cerise

**French raspberry:** framboise

**Greek, anise-flavored:** ouzo

**green, licorice flavor:** absinthe

**herbed brandy:** benedictine, chartreuse

**Irish whiskey, honey, and orange:** Irish mist

**Israeli, chocolate and orange:** sabra

**Jamaican, coffee and spice:** tia maria

**Japanese, honeydew melon:** midori

**licorice-flavored:** anise, pernod, sambuca

**mint and menthol:** crème de menthe

**peach:** Southern Comfort

**plum gin:** sloe gin

**scotch, heather, honey, and herbs:** drambuie

**liquor** *n.* alcohol, booze, spirits, whiskey, \*hard stuff, firewater, \*rotgut, demon rum, intoxicant, inebriant, potation, rum, gin, vodka, Scotch, rye. SEE ALCOHOL, COCKTAIL, LIQUEUR, MOONSHINE, WINE

**lissom** *a.* lithe, limber, supple, agile, flexible, pliant, loose, graceful, light on one's feet. *ANT.* *stiff, heavy, awkward.*

**list** *n.* checklist, rundown, inventory, roll, roster, directory, tally, lineup, schedule, index, series, menu.

**list** *v.* 1. INVENTORY record, tally, schedule, tabulate, itemize, note, post, index, record, file. 2. LEAN tilt, slant, incline, pitch, slope, tip.

**listen** *v.* hear, absorb, harken, pay attention, prick up one's ears, catch, \*tune in, monitor,

heed, overhear, eavesdrop. "The only way to entertain some folks."—Kin Hubbard. *ANT.* *ignore, disregard, turn a deaf ear on.*

**listless** *a.* languid, weary, apathetic, indifferent, lethargic, sluggish, \*out of it, passive, fatigued, drowsy, dead, torpid, leaden, spiritless, \*blah. *ANT.* *energetic, lively, spirited.*

**litany** *n.* list, listing, repetition, recital, rendition, rundown, account, compilation.

**literal** *a.* exact, true, actual, word-for-word, faithful, real, accurate, verbatim, \*to the letter, undeviating, precise. *ANT.* *figurative, metaphorical, loose, imprecise, paraphrased.*

**literally** *adv.* exactly, actually, word-for-word, real, nonfiguratively, faithfully, verbatim, \*to the letter, precisely. *ANT.* *figuratively, metaphorically, imprecisely, loosely.*

**literary** *a.* bookish, literate, scholarly, erudite, cerebral, formal, artistic, stuffy.

**literate** *a.* schooled, educated, well-read, able to read and write, scholarly, lettered, knowledgeable, cultured. *ANT.* *illiterate, ignorant, uneducated.*

**lithe** *a.* flexible, limber, pliant, supple, bendable, lithesome, lissome, loose, agile, nimble. *ANT.* *stiff, rigid.*

**lithesome** *a.* SEE LITHE

**LITIGATE** *v.* [LIT uh GATE] to take a dispute to court, to sue. *The damaged party threatened to litigate.* *SYN.* try in court, contest in court, file suit, bring suit, sue, prosecute, bring legal action.

**litigation** *n.* lawsuit, suit, legal action, legal proceedings, prosecution, filing of charges, court case, trial. "A machine which you go into as a pig and come out of as a sausage."—Ambrose Bierce. SEE LAW, COURT

**LITIGIOUS** *a.* [li TIJ us] quick to threaten with or file lawsuits, contentious, quarrelsome. *America has become one of the most litigious societies on earth.* *SYN.* contentious, quarrelsome, argumentative, combative, belligerent, given to filing lawsuits, \*sue-happy, \*lawsuit happy. *ANT.* *accommodating, compromising, peaceful.*

**litter** *n.* trash, rubbish, refuse, garbage, \*crap, debris.

**litter** *v.* strew, clutter, mess, scatter.

**little** *a.* 1. SMALL tiny, wee, diminutive, miniature, pint-sized, undersized, dinky, shrimpy, Lilliputian, itsy-bitsy, minute, puny, microscopic. 2. SCANT insufficient, few, meager, skimpy. 3. BRIEF fleeting, passing, short, momentary, limited. 4. WEAK insignificant, inconsequential, ineffective, faint, feeble, powerless, trivial, slight. 5. YOUNG immature,

- juvenile, undeveloped. *ANT.* 1. *big, huge, gigantic.* 2. *ample, sufficient.* 3. *protracted, prolonged.* 4. *strong, powerful.* 5. *big, adult.*
- liturgy** *n.* ritual, service, rite, ceremony, worship.
- livable** *a.* habitable, comfortable, satisfactory, adequate, tolerable, homey, \*equipped with creature comforts. *ANT. uninhabitable, intolerable.*
- live** *v.* 1. EXIST live and breathe, draw breath, survive, be alive, function, subsist, persist, endure, last. 2. RESIDE dwell, inhabit, occupy, lodge, \*hang one's hat. *ANT. 1. die, expire, perish*
- live** *a.* 1. LIVING alive, breathing, animate, vital, conscious, \*alive and kicking, viable. 2. LIVELY energetic, dynamic, hot, operative, active, vigorous, spirited. *ANT. 1. dead, inanimate, lifeless.* 2. *dead, cold.*
- livelihood** *n.* living, occupation, job, work, employment, trade, profession, vocation, business, source of income, subsistence.
- lively** *a.* full of life, energetic, active, \*peppy, bustling, vivacious, vigorous, \*hyper, frisky, spry, effervescent, perky, \*bubbly, \*high octane. *ANT. dead, sluggish, leaden, listless.*
- livid** *a.* 1. BLACK AND BLUE bruised, discolored. 2. FURIOUS enraged, infuriated, irate, mad, beside oneself with rage, incensed, indignant, red in the face. *ANT. 2. calm, peaceful, composed.*
- living** *n.* livelihood, subsistence, source of income, job, support, \*bread and butter, occupation.
- living** *a.* alive, existing, animated, breathing, vital, vigorous, lively, conscious, viable, active. *ANT. dead, extinct, inanimate.*
- load** *n.* 1. FREIGHT cargo, shipment, lading, haul, payload, consignment, burden, contents, goods. 2. BURDEN weight, encumbrance, millstone, cross, albatross, hardship, worry, care, oppression, \*excess baggage.
- load** *v.* fill, pack, stack, stuff, lade, pile, cram, weigh down, saddle, burden, encumber. *ANT. unload, empty, unburden.*
- loaf** *v.* lounge about, \*goof off, laze, idle, \*sit on one's butt, \*not lift a finger, vegetate, \*lie down on the job, shirk, malingering.
- loafer** *n.* idler, \*lazybones, \*layabout, \*couch potato, \*sofa spud, deadbeat, slacker, \*goof-off, do-nothing, ne'er-do-well, shirker, malingerer. *ANT. hustler, go-getter, doer.*
- loan** *n.* advance, credit, allowance, mortgage, \*fronting. SEE MONEY
- loathe** *v.* dislike, hate, abhor, look upon with disgust, regard contemptuously, feel sick at the sight of, despise, detest, reject, scorn. *ANT. like, love, admire.*
- loathing** *n.* hatred, dislike, abhorrence, disgust, revulsion, repugnance, contempt, aversion, distaste. *ANT. love, admiration, adoration.*
- loathsome** *a.* abhorrent, disgusting, revolting, despicable, detestable, contemptible, distasteful, abominable, hateful, repugnant, deplorable. *ANT. admirable, likable, wonderful.*
- lob** *v.* toss, throw, loft, flip, pitch, fling.
- lobby** *n.* 1. HALL entrance, corridor, foyer, vestibule, reception area, anteroom. 2. PRESSURE GROUP special interest group, political action group, influence peddlers, lobbyists.
- LOBBY** *v.* [LAH bee] to try to influence others, especially politicians and their votes. *The paper companies plan to lobby in Washington for stronger lumbering rights.* SYN. influence, \*influence-peddle, \*pull strings, persuade, pressure, sway, solicit votes, sell, push, politick.
- lobbyist** *n.* special interest representative, pressure group representative, influence peddler, string-puller, power-broker, mover and shaker, persuader. SEE POLITICS
- local** *a.* regional, neighborhood, community, municipal, divisional, district, close to home, civic, parochial, provincial, native, limited, narrow, confined. *ANT. national, international, worldwide, foreign.*
- locality** *n.* locale, spot, place, area, neighborhood, position, site, point, region, zone, district.
- localize** *v.* confine, limit, narrow, restrict.
- locate** *v.* 1. FIND detect, come across, uncover, discover, place, track down, pinpoint, unearth, root out, sniff out, ferret out. 2. ESTABLISH settle, occupy, take root, house, take up residence, squat.
- located** *a.* situated, stationed, placed, positioned, based.
- location** *n.* place, spot, site, position, point, zone, locale, locality, area, neighborhood, district, neck of the woods.
- lock** *n.* 1. bolt, catch, padlock, latch, hook, bar, deadbolt, clamp. 2. tress, curl, ringlet, tuft. SEE HAIR
- lock** *v.* secure, latch, bolt, padlock, bar, close, shut.
- locker** *n.* chest, footlocker, trunk, cabinet, compartment, closet.
- locomotion** *n.* motion, movement, progression, traveling, driving, walking. *ANT. inertia, stasis.*
- locution** *n.* phrasing, phraseology, language, idiom, dialect, pronunciation, accent, brogue.
- lodestar** *n.* 1. NORTH STAR pole star, Polaris. 2. GUIDE ideal.

**lodge** *n.* summer house, cabin, camp, cottage, chalet, hostel, resort hotel, hunting lodge.

**lodge** *v.* 1. STAY room, house, abide, \*put up, reside, live, bunk, \*hole up, sojourn. 2. BE-COME STUCK stick, wedge, fix, catch.

**lodger** *n.* guest, tenant, boarder, renter, roomer.

**lodging** *n.* accommodation, hotel, motel, inn, bed and breakfast, hostel, boarding house, rooming house, quarters, room and board, pied-à-terre, billet.

**loft** *n.* attic, garret, storeroom, upper level, studio, gallery, clerestory.

**loft** *v.* throw, toss, launch skyward.

**lofty** *a.* 1. VERY HIGH sky high, elevated, soaring, towering, vertiginous, tall, aerial, cloud-kissing, heavenly, celestial. 2. NOBLE OR SUBLIME exalted, elevated, great, grand, esteemed, renowned, celebrated, distinguished, majestic. 3. HAUGHTY arrogant, high and mighty, lordly, supercilious, self-important, \*snotty, \*stuck-up, \*on one's high horse, \*uppity, pompous, proud. *ANT.* 1. *low, earthbound, short.* 2. *ignoble, low, common.* 3. *modest, humble, down to earth.*

**log** *n.* 1. TREE LIMB OR TRUNK stump, timber, branch, block, pole, beam, wood. 2. RECORD BOOK journal, register, account, daybook, diary, chronicle.

#### WORD FIND

**game, knock opponent off rolling log:**  
birling

**logger:** lumberjack

**logging slope run:** flume, sluice

**mass of in river:** drive

**pile:** rollway

**log** *v.* record, report, enter, note, register, chronicle, take down, keep an account, tally.

**loge** *n.* box, balcony, compartment, stall.

**logger** *n.* lumberjack, woodcutter, forest worker.

**logic** *n.* reasoning, argumentation, deduction, induction, syllogization, analysis, rationale, sense, good sense, sound judgment. "The anatomy of thought."—John Locke. "The architecture of human reason."—Evelyn Waugh. "The armory of reason."—Thomas Fuller.

**logical** *a.* reasonable, sensible, commonsensical, rational, sound, analytical, intelligent, smart, deductive, scientific, plausible. *ANT.* *illogical, nonsensical, unscientific.*

**LOGISTICS** *n.* [lo JIS tiks] management of any large operation, military or otherwise, and particularly dealing with procurement, distribution, transport and maintenance of materials and personnel. *The logistics of feed-*

*ing, moving, and lodging 100,000 troops in two days is nightmarish.* *SYN.* management, organization, coordination, maintenance, procurement, upkeep, systematization, governance, handling, direction, husbandry, methodization.

**logo** *n.* trademark, logogram, logotype, name, symbol, trade name, emblem, colophon.

**loiter** *v.* hang around, linger, idle, lounge, tarry, hover, mill around, poke, \*hang, loaf, vegetate, dawdle.

**loll** *v.* 1. LOUNGE lean, recline, sprawl, relax, slouch, lie on, repose, hang. 2. DROOP hang, dangle, trail, sag.

**lone** *a.* solitary, sole, isolated, lonely, single, individual, unaccompanied, deserted, forsaken. *ANT.* *paired, accompanied.*

**loneliness** *n.* isolation, emptiness, aloneness, alienation, detachment, remoteness, seclusion, lack of intimacy, heartache, longing for companionship. *ANT.* *intimacy, camaraderie, fellowship.*

**lonely** *a.* 1. FRIENDLESS feeling empty, lonesome, companionless, lone, forsaken, isolated, solitary, secluded, reclusive, \*like a hermit, forlorn, lovelorn, desolate, deserted, abandoned, forgotten, estranged, shut in. 2. REMOTE out of the way, unfrequented, uninhabited, deserted, isolated, secluded, unpopulated, sequestered, cloistered. *ANT.* 1. *befriended, popular.* 2. *crowded, mobbed, frequented.*

**loner** *n.* \*lone wolf, solitary, hermit, recluse, introvert, outcast, misanthrope.

**lonesome** *a.* SEE LONELY

**long** *a.* 1. EXTENSIVE extended, expanded, lengthy, elongated, protracted, prolonged, stretched out, drawn out. 2. TAKING TOO MUCH TIME overlong, interminable, long-winded, unending, endless, dragging, tedious. *ANT.* 1. *short, brief.* 2. *brief, short, concise.*

**long** *v.* yearn, hunger, desire, crave, thirst, want, hanker, wish for, pine, \*lust after, \*have the hots for.

**longevity** *n.* long life, endurance, staying power, durability.

**longing** *n.* yearning, desire, hunger, craving, thirst, want, hankering, yen, wish, \*itch.

**longing** *a.* yearning, desirous, wanting, craving, hungry, wishful, pining. *ANT.* *content, satisfied.*

**longshot** *n.* outside shot, outside chance, one in a million chance, \*a snowball's chance in hell.

**long-standing** *a.* long-established, deeply rooted, long-lived. *ANT.* *short-lived, new.*

**long-winded** *a.* wordy, verbose, prolix, \*windy, diffuse, rambling, circumlocutory, overlong, endless, interminable. *ANT.* *brief, short, to the point.*

**look** *n.* 1. EXPRESSION appearance, face, aspect, bearing, guise, impression, air, fashion. 2. GLANCE glimpse, eye, regard, stare, gander, inspection, \*once-over, scrutiny, examination.

**look** *v.* 1. SEE regard, behold, check out, inspect, examine, view, observe, scrutinize, notice, \*take a gander, \*feast one's eyes on, survey, watch, \*eyeball, \*get a load of, gaze, stare, glimpse, glance. 2. APPEAR seem, strike one as, exhibit, resemble, manifest.

**look-alike** *n.* twin, double, carbon copy, clone, mirror image, \*dead ringer, match, \*spitting image, duplicate.

**lookout** *n.* 1. WATCH guard, eye, vigilance, heed, surveillance. 2. SENTINEL guard, sentry, watchman, patrol, spotter. 3. LOOKOUT STATION tower, perch, crow's nest, watchtower, observatory.

**loom** *v.* appear, take shape, materialize, rise up, emerge, threaten, menace, impend, cast a long shadow. *ANT.* *disappear, vanish, recede.*

**loony** *a.* Sl. crazy, nutty, demented, lunatic, \*daffy, \*cuckoo, \*wacky, mad, daft, foolish, stupid, \*out of one's gourd, irrational. *ANT.* *sane, rational, sober.*

**loony bin** *n.* Sl. mental health institution, mental health treatment facility, psychiatric hospital, psychiatric ward, recovery center, mental hospital, insane asylum, \*nuthouse, \*madhouse, \*laughing academy, \*funny farm, \*psycho ward, \*booby hatch, \*nut college, \*rubber room.

**loop** *n.* circle, ring, hoop, bow, noose, spiral, coil, eyelet, bend, circuit.

**loop** *v.* circle, encircle, ring, wind, coil, curl, knot.

**loophole** *n.* escape, evasive route, way out.

**loose** *v.* SEE LOOSEN

**loose** *a.* 1. NOT TIGHT slack, relaxed, lax, limp, baggy, unbinding. 2. UNRESTRAINED unbound, unfastened, untied, undone, unrestricted, unconstrained, unsecured, unattached, free. 3. INEXACT indefinite, imprecise, vague, broad, roundabout. 4. SEXUALLY IMMORAL lascivious, licentious, promiscuous, lewd, lecherous, abandoned, debauched, unrestrained, libidinous, perverted, \*having the morals of an alley cat. *ANT.* 1. *tight, snug, binding.* 2. *restrained, bound, tied.* 3. *exact, precise.* 4. *chaste, celibate, moral.*

**loosen** *v.* 1. SLACKEN relax, unbind, ease up, moderate, relieve tension. 2. FREE untie, unbind, let go, liberate, unfasten, untether,

undo, unlock. *ANT.* 1. *tighten, restrict, bind.* 2. *tie, bind, fasten.*

**loot** *n.* plunder, spoils, stolen goods, booty, take, haul, pillage.

**loot** *v.* plunder, rob, steal, despoil, pillage, \*rip off, swipe, lift, ransack, pilfer, burglarize.

**looter** *n.* thief, plunderer, pillager, criminal, grabber, raider, ravager, ransacker, pilferer, opportunist.

**lop** *v.* trim, cut, remove, prune, sever, truncate, chop off, clip, shear, pare.

**lope** *v.* stride, spring, \*move right along. SEE WALK

**lopsided** *a.* uneven, asymmetrical, one-sided, unbalanced, disproportional, top-heavy, \*cockeyed, awry, irregular. *ANT.* *even, symmetrical, balanced.*

**LOQUACIOUS** *a.* [loh KWAY shus] talkative, gabby. *Talk show hosts are naturally loquacious.* *SYN.* talkative, gabby, garrulous, chatty, longwinded, voluble, babbling, verbose, \*bigmouthed, \*motor-mouthed, \*having the gift of gab. *ANT.* *taciturn, reticent, reserved.*

**lord** *n.* nobleman, master, ruler, monarch, governor, baron, viscount, king.

**lordly** *a.* 1. NOBLE grand, stately, dignified, gracious, lofty, princely, regal, royal. 2. HAUGHTY arrogant, overbearing, high and mighty, imperious, domineering, insolent, condescending, supercilious, \*snotty, superior. *ANT.* 1. *low, common, humble.* 2. *modest, humble, down to earth, subservient.*

**lose** *v.* 1. MISLAY misplace, lose track of, lose sight of. 2. BE DEFEATED fail, fall, \*blow it, \*flunk, \*go belly up, be outclassed, be outdistanced, fall short, surrender, \*eat one's dust, \*meet one's Waterloo, \*take a beating, be humbled, \*take a dive, \*bomb, flop, \*lay an egg, \*take a bath. 3. ELUDE evade, escape, avoid, \*give the slip, rid, \*throw off the trail, outdistance, \*leave in one's wake. *ANT.* 1. *find, stumble upon, locate.* 2. *win, defeat, triumph, outclass, vanquish.*

**loser** *n.* failure, \*Charlie Brown, \*schlemiel, also-ran, \*dud, \*flop, \*dog, \*sad sack, \*foul ball, \*turkey, \*poor slob. *ANT.* *winner, champion, hero.*

**loss** *n.* 1. COST debit, deficit, debt, forfeiture. 2. SEE DEFEAT 3. DAMAGE deprivation, detriment, disadvantage, harm, injury, impairment, privation, misfortune, destruction, removal. *ANT.* 1. *profit, gain, surplus.* 2. *win.* 3. *gain, return.*

**lost** *a.* 1. MISPLACED mislaid, missing, disappeared, vanished, gone, strayed, down the drain, irretrievable. 2. OFF TRACK disoriented, astray, \*going around in circles, off-

- course, adrift. 3. DESTROYED ruined, wiped out, wrecked, obliterated. 4. WASTED squandered, misspent, exhausted. 5. DEEP IN THOUGHT absorbed, dreaming, rapt, preoccupied, engrossed, abstracted, far away. 6. BEWILDERED confused. *ANT.* 1. *found, uncovered, retrieved.* 2. *oriented, on course, having one's bearings.* 3. *preserved, saved.*
- lot** *n.* 1. PARCEL OF LAND plot, acreage, tract, real estate, subdivision. 2. PORTION share, allotment, allowance, interest, part, percentage. 3. FORTUNE fate, \*hand one is dealt, destiny, portion, status, doom, \*the way the cookie crumbles. 4. A GREAT DEAL much, quantity, piles, slews, loads, scores, tons, abundance, plenty, oodles.
- lothario** *n.* womanizer, lady-killer, seducer, rake, lover, \*wolf, philanderer, Don Juan, Casanova, Romeo.
- lotion** *n.* cream, ointment, balm, salve, embrocation, conditioner, liniment, unguent.
- lottery** *n.* drawing, game of chance, Lotto, sweepstakes, raffle, numbers game, gambling.
- loud** *a.* 1. BLARING earsplitting, deafening, piercing, thundering, booming, stentorian, intense, clamorous, noisy, vociferous, \*enough to wake the dead, powerful, roaring, cacophonous. 2. GAUDY flashy, garish, blinding, splashy, ostentatious, vivid, cheap. *ANT.* 1. *quiet, low, soft, silent.* 2. *tasteful, understated.*
- loudmouthed** *a.* bigmouthed, obnoxious, blustering, bellowing, vociferous, boisterous, strident, clamorous. *ANT.* *reticent, shy, quiet, taciturn.*
- lounge** *n.* 1. LOBBY waiting room, reception room, anteroom. 2. COCKTAIL LOUNGE club, bar, saloon, disco.
- lounge** *v.* relax, recline, lie about, repose, stretch out, sprawl out, loll, loaf, vegetate, idle, laze.
- lousy** *a.* *Sl.* poor, rotten, inferior, awful, terrible, \*crappy, shoddy, inadequate, shabby, bad, disgusting, contemptible, atrocious. *ANT.* *good, great, high class.*
- lout** *n.* boor, oaf, clothopper, clod, bumpkin, hayseed, dolt, clown, \*lug, \*slob, yahoo, \*lummox.
- loutish** *a.* boorish, clumsy, stupid, oafish, cloddish, dense, rough, churlish, \*like a bull in a china shop. *ANT.* *refined, gracious, urbane, suave.*
- lovable** *a.* endearing, adorable, sweet, dear, warmhearted, winning, amiable, cute, cuddly, lovely, likable, charming, angelic. *ANT.* *repugnant, nauseating, loathsome.*
- love** *n.* endearment, devotion, adoration, fondness, affection, warmth, esteem, friendship, closeness, intimacy, attachment, regard, passion, infatuation, crush, enchantment, amour, ardor, rapture, desire, longing, \*hots. "Our highest word, and the synonym of God."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "An alliance of friendship and animalism."—Charles Colton. "Friendship set on fire."—Jeremy Taylor. "The heart's immortal thirst to be completely known and all forgiven."—Henry Van Dyke. "Spiritual fire."—Emanuel Swedenborg. "Two minds without a single thought."—Philip Barry. "A perpetual hyperbole."—Francis Bacon. "When another' person's needs are as important as your own."—Abe Burrows. *ANT.* *hate, disgust, contempt, repulsion.*
- love** *v.* 1. ADORE be fond of, cherish, worship, hold dear, treasure, idolize, think the world of, like, be crazy about, long for, desire. 2. \*MAKE OUT hug, kiss, cuddle, neck, embrace, make love, romance, have sex, engage in foreplay, \*have the hots for. *ANT.* 1. *hate, dislike, loathe, detest.*
- love affair** *n.* affair, fling, romance, intrigue, liaison, relationship, tryst, adultery, amour.
- love child** *n.* bastard, illegitimate child, whorson.
- love handle** *n.* *Sl.* fat, flab, \*spare tire, \*middle age spread.
- lovelorn** *n.* loveless, forsaken, lovesick, spurned, bereft, rejected, jilted.
- lovely** *a.* beautiful, pretty, attractive, exquisite, fair, gracious, winning, charming, handsome, good-looking, comely, fetching, captivating, pleasing, graceful, nice, personable. *ANT.* *ugly, repulsive, hideous.*
- lovemaking** *n.* \*making out, foreplay, intercourse, coitus, copulation, sexual union, passion, pair-bonding, mating, cuddling, fondling, kissing. *SEE* SEX
- lover** *n.* 1. SWEETHEART flame, steady, \*honey, \*significant other, mate, sex partner, suitor, paramour, stud, Romeo, beau, boyfriend, girlfriend, mistress, lothario, Don Juan, Casanova, heartthrob. 2. FAN aficionado, devotee, enthusiast, buff, \*freak, \*bug, \*nut.
- lovesick** *a.* longing, pining, \*out of it, \*gone, love-lorn, \*having it bad. *ANT.* *repulsed, \*over it.*
- loving** *a.* affectionate, warm, tender, giving, fond, devoted, caring, doting, kind, friendly, demonstrative, solicitous, passionate, amorous, romantic, sexual, erotic, ardent. *ANT.* *hateful, mean, cold, brutal.*
- low** *a.* 1. CLOSE TO THE GROUND ground-level, low-lying, low-hanging, low-slung, short, squat, bottommost. 2. DECREASED diminished, drained, depleted, dried up, exhausted,

shallow, expended, running out. 3. UNHAPPY depressed, melancholy, \*bummed out, miserable, blue, downhearted, dejected, glum, discouraged, sad, heavyhearted. 4. SMALL little, paltry, slight, modest, slim, puny, deficient, humble. 5. MEAN despicable, bad, evil, base, depraved, contemptible, disgraceful, wretched, reprehensible, ignoble, vulgar, nasty. 6. QUIET hushed, subdued, soft, muted, muffled, whispered, murmured. 7. POOR plebian, humble, lowborn. *ANT.* 1. *high, tall, skyscraping, towering.* 2. *full, replenished, overflowing.* 3. *high, happy, joyous.* 4. *large, generous, high.* 5. *honorable, noble, nice.* 6. *loud, amplified.* 7. *wealthy, highborn, aristocratic.*

**low-browed** *a.* uneducated, uncultivated, unsophisticated, vulgar, unschooled, ignorant, illiterate. *ANT.* *refined.*

**lower** *v.* 1. DROP bring down, let down, let fall, depress, descend, submerge, dip, sink. 2. REDUCE decrease, diminish, lessen, downgrade, depreciate, modify, cut, slash, shorten, soften, abate, relieve. 3. HUMBLE degrade, dishonor, shame, humiliate, disgrace, debase, demean. *ANT.* 1. *raise, lift, elevate.* 2. *increase, boost, add, extend.* 3. *respect, honor, exalt.*

**lower** *a.* inferior, under, lesser, secondary, minor, subordinate, junior. *ANT.* *higher, superior.*

**low-key** *a.* subdued, understated, subtle, restrained, toned down, mellow, muted, quiet. *ANT.* *loud, intense, blatant.*

**lowly** *a.* inferior, humble, modest, common, ordinary, plain, simple, poor, plebian, proletarian, baseborn, obscure. *ANT.* *superior, high-born, lofty.*

**loyal** *a.* faithful, trustworthy, true, allegiant, \*tried and true, \*true-blue, devoted, patriotic, dedicated, staunch, reliable, dependable. *ANT.* *disloyal, unfaithful, treacherous.*

**loyalty** *n.* faithfulness, allegiance, devotion, dedication, patriotism, fidelity, duty, honor, reliability, dependability, steadfastness, staunchness, trustworthiness. *ANT.* *disloyalty, backstabbing, treachery, perfidy.*

**LSD** *n.* lysergic acid diethylamide, hallucinogen, drug, \*acid, \*blotter, \*blue cheer, \*California sunshine, \*dots, \*electric Koolaid, \*mellow yellows, \*pearly gates, \*tabs, \*strawberry fields, \*yellow, \*beast, \*blue heaven, \*blue microdot, \*blue moons, \*Lucy in the sky with diamonds, \*Zen, \*barrels. SEE DRUG

**WORD FIND****supplier:** \*travel agent**user:** \*acid head**lubricant** *n.* grease, oil, coating.**lubricate** *v.* grease, oil, slicken.

**LUCID** *a.* [LOO sid] clear, easy to understand. Also, clearheaded. *The report was straightforward and lucid.* *SYN.* clear, crystal-clear, transparent, understandable, comprehensible, plain, intelligible, easy to grasp, distinct, apparent, obvious, unambiguous, clear-headed, rational, of sound mind, sensible. *ANT.* *unclear, cloudy, unintelligible, irrational.*

**Lucifer** *n.* Satan, archangel. SEE DEVIL

**luck** *n.* 1. FORTUNE fate, chance, lot, destiny, wheel of fortune, fortuity, happenstance, \*fickle finger of fate, \*toss of the dice, providence, kismet. 2. GOOD FORTUNE \*break, success, windfall, godsend, opportunity, serendipity, fluke. "An explanation of the other fellow's success."—Harry Thompson. *ANT.* 2. *misfortune, bad break.*

**lucky** *a.* fortunate, blessed, auspicious, providential, propitious, fortuitous, by chance. *ANT.* *unlucky, unfortunate.*

**LUCRATIVE** *a.* [LOO kruh tiv] producing profit or riches. *His oil business turned out to be highly lucrative.* *SYN.* profitable, profit-producing, wealth-producing, income-producing, remunerative, money-making, high-paying, gainful, prosperous, rewarding, worthwhile. *ANT.* *unprofitable, money-losing, unprosperous, income-draining.*

**lucre** *n.* money, riches, wealth.

**LUDICROUS** *a.* [LOO di kruz] laughable, absurd. *The medical beliefs of the early Victorians were often ludicrous.* *SYN.* laughable, absurd, ridiculous, stupid, preposterous, comical, hilarious, outlandish, crazy, silly, uproarious, nonsensical, \*cockamamory. *ANT.* *serious, sensible, respectable.*

**lug** *v.* carry, drag, haul, tow, \*schlep, hump, tug, pull, tote.

**luggage** *n.* baggage, trunks, carry-on, suitcases, valises, packs, bags, gear, effects.

**lukewarm** *a.* unenthusiastic, halfhearted, cool, apathetic, indifferent, tepid, impassive, uncaring, uninterested. *ANT.* *enthusiastic, passionate, hot.*

**lull** *n.* quiet period, calm, pause, letup, break, quiet, respite, hush, spell, breather, silence.

**lull** *v.* calm, soothe, reassure, sedate, pacify, quiet, put to sleep, tranquilize, allay. *ANT.* *agitate, arouse, excite.*

**lulu** *n.* *Sl.* \*dilly, \*corker, \*dandy, \*humdinger, \*doozy, \*ripsnorter, \*something to write home about.

**lumber** *n.* timber, wood, planks, boards, two-by-fours, milled wood, studs, posts, beams.

**lumber** *v.* clump, plod, stump, trudge, stamp, \*clomp, drag, waddle, move heavily, move awkwardly.

**lumberjack** *n.* logger, woodcutter.

**luminary** *n.* celebrity, star, \*superstar, \*VIP, notable, personality, dignitary, \*big name, \*big-shot, \*bigwig, \*toast of the town. *ANT.* *nobody.*

**luminous** *a.* 1. BRIGHT glowing, aglow, shining, illuminated, lighted, brilliant, radiant, lit, resplendent, luminescent, lustrous. 2. CLEAR understandable, lucid, comprehensible, intelligible, perspicuous, plain, obvious. *ANT.* 1. *dark, dim, black.* 2. *cloudy, confusing, vague.*

**lummock** *n.* oaf, clod, \*klutz, \*big ape, lunkhead, lout, clodhopper.

**lump** *n.* clump, chunk, mass, gob, ball, hunk, piece, bulk, scrap, bump, protuberance, swelling, bulge, prominence, node, knot.

**lunacy** *n.* craziness, insanity, psychosis, madness, dementia, folly, foolishness, idiocy, \*wackiness, \*nuttness, stupidity, silliness, imbecility. *ANT.* *sanity, rationality, sensibleness.*

**lunatic** *n.* psychopath, maniac, madman, psychotic, sociopath, \*schizo, \*psycho, \*whacko, \*nut, \*kook, \*loony, \*screwball, crackbrain. *SEE* INSANITY

**lunatic** *a.* *SEE* CRAZY

**lunch** *n.* luncheon, dinner, bite to eat, brunch, meal, déjeuner.

**lung** *n.* respiratory organ.

**lunge** *n.* thrust, plunge, charge, pounce, jump, rush, spring, leap, pass, jab, stab.

**lunge** *v.* thrust, plunge, charge, pounce, jump, rush, spring, leap, pass, jab, stab.

**lurch** *v.* pitch, jerk, heave, slip, roll, stagger, sway, lunge, plunge, toss, reel, tilt.

**lure** *n.* enticement, bait, temptation, \*carrot, \*magnet, \*come-on, attraction, tease, inducement, allurement, draw, hook, bribe. *ANT.* *repellent.*

**lure** *v.* entice, bait, tempt, \*hold out a carrot, attract, tease, induce, draw, hook, bribe, allure, seduce. *ANT.* *repel.*

**LURID** *a.* [LOOR id] shocking, horrifying, or sensational, as a grisly crime. *The news show provided all the lurid details of the murder.* *SYN.* shocking, horrifying, sensational, startling, vivid, graphic, horrid, gruesome, appalling, grisly, revolting.

**luscious** *a.* delicious, delightful, delectable, \*scrumptious, tasty, flavorful, toothsome, palatable, sumptuous, heavenly, succulent, savory, \*out of this world, mouth-watering, ambrosial, \*yummy, rich. *ANT.* *disgusting, nauseating, sickening.*

**lush** *a.* rich, luxurious, luxuriant, profuse, dense, thick, flourishing, prolific, abundant, green, verdant. *ANT.* *sparse, scanty, thin.*

**lust** *n.* desire, \*burning desire, passion, libido, want, hunger, longing, craving, urge, Eros, sex drive, hot blood, itch, licentiousness, lechery, heat. “The brutish passion.”—Robert Burton. “A means for the satisfaction of animal needs.”—Mohandas Gandhi. “A honey-eyed poison.”—John Taylor.

**lust** *v.* desire, want, hunger for, long for, crave, itch for, pant after, \*have the hots for, ache for, be consumed with desire.

**luster** *n.* shine, glow, gloss, sheen, radiance, shimmer, gleam, burnish, glint, brilliance, dazzle. *ANT.* *dullness, drabness.*

**lustrous** *a.* shining, glowing, bright, glossy, radiant, shimmering, gleaming, burnished, glinting, brilliant, dazzling. *ANT.* *dull, drab.*

**lusty** *a.* vigorous, hearty, strong, robust, hardy, full of life, hale, energetic, healthy, vital, virile. *ANT.* *weak, sickly, frail.*

**luxuriant** *a.* 1. LUSH teeming, vigorous, abundant, profuse, rich, luxurious, dense, thick, copious, overgrown. 2. EXTRAVAGANT excessive, florid, ornate, busy, overdone, ro-coco, showy, sumptuous. *ANT.* 1. *sparse, thin, scanty.* 2. *understated, plain.*

**luxurious** *a.* rich, extravagant, sumptuous, splendid, plush, ostentatious, fancy, indulgent, posh, lush, immoderate, \*ritz, comfortable, sensuous. *ANT.* *poor, shoddy, shabby.*

**luxury** *n.* extravagance, indulgence, riches, wealth, affluence, superfluity, opulence, \*bed of roses, sumptuousness, abundance, lavishness, comfort, ease, immoderation, \*high living, hedonism, treat, frill, extra. “Positive hindrances to the elevation of mankind.”—Thoreau. *ANT.* *poverty, want, deprivation, bare necessity.*

**lying** *n.* dishonesty, untruthfulness, prevarication, deceit, fibbing, dissembling, fabrication, storytelling, insincerity, mendacity. “A form of creativity; talking the truth is being only a reporter.”—Eric Hoffer. *ANT.* *honesty, truth-telling.*

**lying** *a.* dishonest, untruthful, deceitful, fibbing, dissembling, mendacious, fabricating, insincere, prevaricating. *ANT.* *truthful, honest.*

**lynching** *n.* hanging, \*stringing up, \*necktie party, execution, \*mob justice, murder, vigilante justice.

**lyric** *a.* songlike, poetic, musical, melodic, melodious, tuneful, mellifluous.

**lyrical** *a.* expressive, emotional, soulful, deep, heartfelt, rhapsodic.

**lyricist** *n.* songwriter, songsmith, poet, composer.

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**MACABRE** *a.* [muh KAHB ruh] gruesome, ghastly, denoting the horrors of death. *The macabre account of torture and murder was a bestseller.* SYN. gruesome, ghastly, horrifying, horrible, grim, grisly, deathly, morbid, frightful, lurid, eerie, ghostly, spooky, unearthly.

**macaroni** *n.* pasta, shells. SEE PASTA

**MACHIAVELLIAN** *a.* [MAK ee uh VEL ee un] deceitful and crafty, wily. *The politician was Machiavellian in his dealings with rivals.* SYN. deceitful, crafty, wily, duplicitous, expedient, cunning, scheming, conniving, devious, sly, unscrupulous. ANT. honorable, straightforward, honest.

**MACHINATION** *n.* [mak uh NAY shun] a plot or scheme, especially of devious intent. *He won the nomination through behind-the-scenes machinations.* SYN. plot, plotting, scheme, scheming, engineering, string-pulling, design, contrivance, ploy, maneuver, artifice, \*skulduggery, \*backdoor dealing, device.

**machine** *n.* mechanism, apparatus, device, appliance, engine, motor, contraption, vehicle, \*workhorse, automaton, robot, gadget.

**machinery** *n.* SEE MACHINE

**machismo** *n.* masculinity, virility, manliness, dominance, strength, fierceness, aggressiveness, fearlessness, potency, toughness.

**macho** *a.* masculine, virile, dominant, strong, fierce, fearless, manly, aggressive, potent, tough, swaggering, cocky. ANT. weak, effeminate, \*wimpy.

**macrocosm** *n.* world, cosmos, universe, all creation. ANT. microcosm.

**mad** *a.* 1. INSANE crazy, psychotic, psychopathic, schizophrenic, \*nuts, deranged, demented, \*out of one's mind, unstable, unbalanced, \*loony, \*off one's rocker, \*mental, \*wacky, foolish, harebrained. SEE INSANITY 2. ANGRY enraged, furious, infuriated, incensed, irate, peeved, irritated, annoyed, vexed, \*ticked, enflamed, \*pissed, livid, \*gone ballistic. SEE ANGRY ANT. 1. sane, rational, stable, of sound mind. 2. pleased, delighted, happy.

**madcap** *a.* reckless, wild, impulsive, crazy, rash, imprudent, foolish, foolhardy. ANT. prudent, sensible, cautious.

**maddening** *a.* infuriating, aggravating, exasperating, enraging, galling, provoking, riling, troubling, irritating, annoying, outrageous, frustrating, ANT. encouraging, settling, fulfilling.

**made-up** *a.* fictional, fictitious, invented, fabricated, contrived, thought up, dreamed up, concocted. ANT. true, factual, real.

**madhouse** *n.* insane asylum, \*loony bin, mental hospital, \*laughing academy, mental institution, psychiatric hospital, \*nuthouse, \*booby hatch, chaos, bedlam.

**madman** *n.* psychopath, psychotic, \*psycho, lunatic, schizophrenic, maniac, sociopath, \*sicko, \*kook, \*nut.

**madness** *n.* insanity, craziness, psychosis, lunacy, schizophrenia, dementia, derangement, mental illness, \*nuttness, mania, delusion of grandeur. "That reckless fire."—Edmund Gosse. "A common calamity; we are all mad at some time or other."—Johannes Mantuanus. SEE NEUROSIS, MANIA, PHOBIA, INSANITY

**maelstrom** *n.* 1. WHIRLPOOL vortex, eddy, swirl, Charybdis. 2. AGITATION turmoil, turbulence, uproar, madness, confusion, unbalance.

**maestro** *n.* master, conductor, composer, master musician, music teacher, instructor.

**Mafia** *n.* \*the mob, Cosa Nostra, organized crime, the underworld, Black Hand, the Syndicate, gangland.

## WORD FIND

**advisor to chief:** consigliere

**arrested:** pinched

**blackmail or scare someone for money:** shakedown

**business enterprises:** loan sharking, money laundering, drug trafficking, gambling, labor racketeering, counterfeiting, extortion, prostitution, gangland killings

**chief:** boss, capo, chairman, don

**code of silence:** omerta

**crime family:** borgata, brugad

**euphemism:** waste management business, garbage business

**gambling profits without declaring on taxes, to take:** skim

**gun:** piece

**gun, carrying a:** heavy, packing

**inducted into the Mafia:** made

**informers:** canary, rat, squealer

**interest paid to loan sharks:** juice

**intimidates, threatens, beats up, or kills; one who:** enforcer

**legal protection for testifying against:** Witness Protection Program

**loans money at exorbitant interest rate:** loanshark

**low-ranking member:** soldier

**member of:** goodfella, Mafioso, mobster, wiseguy

**membership in:** the books

**mistress of Mafia member:** comare

**money paid to shut someone up:** hush money

**murder, to:** whack, hit, burn, put a contract out on.

**powerless wannabe:** empty suit

**profit, illegal:** graft

**ruling members:** administration

**second-in-command:** caporegime, underboss

**slipping away by various means from someone who may be following on foot or in a car:** cleaning

**soldiers, group of:** crew

**stolen car:** bent car

**stolen goods:** swag

**stolen goods, one who receives or sells:** fence

**surveil one's comings and goings:** clock

**underling, stupid:** babbo

**works with but is not yet "made":** associate

**magazine** *n.* periodical, publication, journal, digest, monthly, weekly, quarterly, \*rag, review, \*slick.

**magic** *n.* 1. SUPERNATURAL POWERS wizardry, witchcraft, sorcery, black magic, necromancy, conjuring, mysticism, voodoo, hoodoo, occultism, diabolism. 2. TRICKERY legerdemain, sleight-of-hand, prestidigitation, hocus-pocus, \*smoke and mirrors, conjuring. SEE OCCULT

#### WORD FIND

**gold from metal art:** alchemy

**magic words:** incantation, abracadabra, presto, mumbo jumbo, sesame

**symbol:** pentacle

**magical** *a.* enchanting, bewitching, charming, spellbinding, mesmerizing, entrancing, fascinating, hypnotic, seductive. *ANT.* ordinary.

**magician** *n.* 1. ONE WITH SUPERNATURAL POWERS wizard, sorcerer, witch, necromancer, mystic, conjurer, warlock, Merlin, shaman. 2. TRICKSTER prestidigitator, illusionist, legerdemainist, sleight-of-hand expert, Houdini.

**magistrate** *n.* civil officer, administrator, justice of the peace, judge, justice.

**MAGNANIMOUS** *a.* [mag NAN uh mus] high-minded or noble, quick to forgive and not hold grudges. *John was magnanimous in his loss, conceding that his opponent was the better man.* *SYN.* noble, forgiving, high-minded, big, generous, liberal, tolerant, charitable, ungrudging, benevolent, chivalrous. *ANT.* grudging, petty, unforgiving.

**MAGNATE** *n.* [MAG nate] a powerful or influential business person. *The oil magnate made a large donation to the library.* *SYN.* \*big shot, \*bigwig, tycoon, capitalist, industrialist, baron, leader, power, giant, VIP, \*big-time operator, \*biggest toad in the puddle.

**magnetic** *a.* drawing, pulling, attractive, irresistible, arresting, tugging, grabbing, seductive, alluring, captivating, charismatic. *ANT.* repellent, repulsive.

**magnetism** *n.* attractiveness, charisma, drawing power, hold, irresistibility, charm, appeal, dynamism, animal magnetism, sex appeal, pull.

**magnificent** *a.* grand, beautiful, stately, glorious, exalted, spectacular, grandiose, wonderful, splendid, majestic, imposing, awe-inspiring, elegant, gorgeous, sumptuous, breathtaking. *ANT.* modest, humble, \*nothing to write home about.

**magnify** *v.* enlarge, blow up, intensify, enhance, increase, expand, amplify, \*beef up, heighten, concentrate, exaggerate, blow out of proportion, overstate. *ANT.* minimize, reduce, diminish.

**magnitude** *n.* 1. SIZE extent, greatness, bigness, dimensions, vastness, measure, mass, volume, expanse, bulk. 2. IMPORTANCE influence, consequence, weight, degree, moment, significance, import, enormity, prominence. *ANT.* 1. smallness. 2. insignificance.

**maharishi** *n.* guru, spiritual guide, mystic, teacher.

**maiden** *n.* maid, girl, miss, lass, virgin, school girl, damsel, \*jailbait, \*chick.

**maiden** *a.* new, untried, virgin, fresh, first, inaugural, initial, original. *ANT.* old, hackneyed, \*old hat.

**mail** *n.* letters, postcards, correspondence, post, packages, parcel post, \*junk mail, circulars, \*snail mail, dispatch.

**mail** *v.* post, send, dispatch, address, ship, transmit, \*fax, send it UPS, e-mail, \*snail mail.

**mailman** *n.* letter carrier, mail carrier, postal carrier, mailwoman, postman.

**maim** *v.* cripple, handicap, mutilate, disable, hurt, injure, wound, incapacitate, mangle, hamstring, dismember, damage, break.

**main** *a.* principal, chief, primary, central, prime, major, critical, important, head, predominant, foremost, essential, crucial, outstanding. *ANT. secondary, minor, subordinate, lesser.*

**mainly** *adv.* principally, chiefly, primarily, predominantly, essentially, mostly.

**mainstay** *n.* chief support, backbone, anchor, pillar, strength, prop, staff, foundation, buttress.

**mainstream** *a.* prevailing, general, average, typical, standard, predominant, main, principle, middle-of-the-road, primary. *ANT. extreme, fringe, radical.*

**maintain** *v.* 1. KEEP UP look after, service, repair, mend, care for, take care of, sustain, preserve, conserve. 2. CONTINUE WITH carry on, prolong, keep, keep going, keep alive, sustain, perpetuate, support. 3. ASSERT declare, hold, contend, state, claim, testify, affirm, insist, argue. *ANT. 1. neglect, let go, destroy, ruin. 2. stop, quit, kill, end. 3. deny, disavow.*

**maintenance** *n.* 1. UPKEEP servicing, repair, care, grooming, preservation, conservation. 2. SUSTENANCE support, livelihood, income, allowance, alimony, child support.

**majestic** *a.* grand, stately, lofty, dignified, regal, princely, kingly, imperial, distinguished, palatial, imposing. *ANT. modest, humble, lowly.*

**majesty** *n.* grandeur, stateliness, loftiness, dignity, regalness, magnificence, nobility, splendor.

**major** *a.* 1. BIGGER larger, greater, chief, superior, dominant, main, principal. 2. IMPORTANT chief, principal, primary, foremost, top, critical, outstanding, significant. *ANT. 1. smaller, lesser. 2. minor, secondary.*

**majority** *n.* 1. THE MOST greater part, preponderance, bulk, more than half, mass, lion's share. 2. ADULTHOOD voting age, age of consent, maturity, manhood, womanhood, drinking age. *ANT. 1. minority, less than half, few. 2. minority, childhood.*

**make** *n.* brand, kind, variety, model, style.

**make** *v.* 1. FORM construct, fabricate, create, originate, concoct, manufacture, build, assemble, compose, produce, devise, shape, fashion, \*slap together, cook up, brew. 2. CAUSE bring about, effect, effectuate, start,

generate, produce, do, accomplish. 3. FORCE compel, impel, coerce, prevail upon, press, pressure, oblige, railroad, arm twist, \*strong-arm, require. 4. ELECT appoint, vote in, designate, name, assign, install. 5. EARN bring in, clear, \*take home, gross, net, reap, gain. *ANT. 1. disassemble, dismantle, destroy, obliterate. 5. spend, pay, \*blow, lose.*

**make-believe** *n.* fantasy, imagination, pretending, dream, fancy, fiction, invention, pretense.

**makeshift** *a.* temporary, expedient, \*slapdash, emergency, stopgap, thrown-together, jury-rigged, improvised, on-the-spot, substitute. *ANT. permanent.*

**make-up** *n.* 1. COSMETICS foundation, rouge, blush, greasepaint, beauty aid, mascara, face paint. 2. CHARACTER genetic heritage, nature, personality, disposition, temperament, individuality, composition, sums of one's parts.

**maladjusted** *a.* maladapted, unadapted, unfit, neurotic, disturbed, \*messed up, \*warped, abnormal, stressed. *ANT. adjusted, adapted, normal, fit.*

**maladroit** *a.* awkward, clumsy, bumbling, \*klutzy, blundering, bungling, \*having two left feet, \*all thumbs, \*like a bull in a china shop, uncoordinated, cloddish, inadequate, oafish. *ANT. graceful, coordinated, adroit, dexterous.*

**malady** *n.* disease, disorder, illness, sickness, ailment, affliction, infirmity, disability, complaint, infection, \*bug.

**MALaise** *n.* [ma LAYZ] uneasiness or queasiness, especially that which manifests itself at the start of an illness. *He fell into a state of malaise and rarely got off the couch.* *SYN. uneasiness, queasiness, weakness, sickness, tiredness, exhaustion, \*the blahs, discomfort, lassitude. ANT. vigor.*

**malaria** *n.* infectious disease, mosquito-borne disease, illness, sickness, malady, ague.

**malarky** *n.* *Sl.* rot, poppycock, baloney, bull. *SEE NONSENSE*

**malcontent** *n.* complainer, faultfinder, grumbler, whiner, \*bellyacher, grouch, rebel.

**malcontent** *a.* discontented, dissatisfied, unsatisfied, unhappy, disgruntled, rebellious, complaining, faultfinding. *ANT. content, satisfied.*

**male** *n.* man, gentleman, guy, fellow, buck, \*dude, boy, brother, father. *ANT. female, woman.*

**male** *a.* masculine, manly, \*macho, virile. *ANT. female, feminine.*

**malediction** *n.* curse, damning, imprecation, excretion, anathema, vilification. *ANT. blessing, best wishes.*

**MALEVOLENT** *a.* [mu LEV uh lunt] malicious, wishing harm on others. *He was severely*

- abused as a child and had a malevolent disposition.* SYN. malicious, mean, vicious, nasty, hostile, spiteful, evil, malignant, vindictive, hateful, wicked, venomous, bitter. ANT. *kind, benevolent, warm, bighearted.*
- malformation** *n.* abnormality, deformity, anomaly, mutation, irregularity, freak, monster, monstrosity.
- malformed** *a.* deformed, misshapen, distorted, mutated, grotesque, irregular, crooked, misproportioned, freakish, stunted, hunchbacked. ANT. *well-formed, perfect, impeccable.*
- malfunction** *n.* breakdown, \*glitch, \*bug, \*grem-lin, \*snafu, failure, snag, foul-up, jam, \*computer virus.
- MALICE** *n.* [MAL iss] the desire to hurt others, ill will. *The humiliating loss filled him with malice.* SYN. ill will, spite, maliciousness, hatred, malevolence, evil intent, malignance, venom, animosity, bitterness, vengefulness, viciousness, bad blood, meanness. ANT. *love, compassion, kindness.*
- malicious** *a.* spiteful, hurtful, vicious, malignant, malevolent, hateful, bitter, venomous, nasty, mean, wicked, pernicious, vengeful, harmful. ANT. *loving, kind, compassionate, benevolent.*
- malign** *v.* defame, slander, denigrate, disparage, vilify, run down, \*bad-mouth, mudsling, insult, smear, revile, \*drag one's name through the mud, slur.
- malignant** *a.* 1. DEADLY lethal, fatal, harmful, virulent, metastatic, cancerous, pernicious. 2. MALICIOUS malevolent, hostile, hurtful, harmful, evil, wicked, spiteful, vicious. ANT. 1. *benign, harmless.* 2. *kind, helpful, friendly.*
- malingeringer** *n.* shirker, slacker, loafer, clock-watcher, idler, \*faker.
- mall** *n.* 1. SHOPPING CENTER shopping complex, shopping mecca, shopping plaza, strip mall, marketplace. 2. PROMENADE walk, alameda, esplanade.
- malleable** *a.* 1. PLIABLE flexible, movable, plastic, moldable, yielding, soft. 2. IMPRESSION-ABLE changeable, moldable, adaptable, susceptible, teachable, \*like putty in one's hands, tractable, docile. ANT. 1. *rigid, inflexible, hard.* 2. *intractable, unchangeable.*
- malnutrition** *n.* nutrient deficiency, protein deficiency, malnourishment.
- malodorous** *a.* stinking, \*stinky, smelly, noxious, offensive, foul, fetid, nasty, strong, reeking, putrid, rotten, rank, vile, nauseating. ANT. *sweet-smelling, flowery.*
- malpractice** *n.* incompetence, negligence, unprofessional conduct, misconduct, impriety, carelessness, maltreatment, abuse, egregious error, mistake, ineptitude, irresponsibility.
- mammal** *n.* warm-blooded animal, creature, beast.
- mammoth** *a.* huge, gigantic, elephantine, colossal, gargantuan, immense, enormous, stupendous, monstrous, titanic, prodigious, massive, Brobdingnagian. ANT. *tiny, minute, microscopic, Lilliputian.*
- man** *n.* 1. MALE fellow, guy, gentleman, boy, chap. 2. HUMANKIND mankind, human being, human, Homo sapiens, hominid, person, creature, soul, mortal, earthling. "An ape with possibilities."—Roy Andrews. "An intelligence served by organs."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "An ingenious assembly of portable plumbing."—Christopher Morley. "The bad child of the universe."—James Oppenheim. "The only joker in the deck of nature."—Fulton Sheen. "The organ of the accumulated smut and sneakery of 10,000 generations of weaseling souls."—Philip Wylie. "An omniverous biped that wears breeches."—Thomas Carlyle.
- manacle** *n.* handcuff, shackle, iron, chain, bond.
- manage** *v.* 1. OVERSEE direct, govern, supervise, control, take charge of, lead, regulate, administer, conduct, guide, pilot, command, captain, quarterback. 2. ACCOMPLISH work, succeed, contrive, bring about, cause, effect, finagle, swing, engineer, wangle.
- manageable** *a.* controllable, governable, tractable, docile, obedient, compliant, tame, submissive, meek. ANT. *uncontrollable, unmanageable, noncompliant.*
- management** *n.* 1. ADMINISTRATION overseeing, direction, government, supervision, control, leadership, regulation, guidance, operation, command. 2. ADMINISTRATORS administration, executives, supervisors, bosses, superiors, directors, leaders.
- manager** *n.* administrator, boss, overseer, director, governor, supervisor, controller, leader, regulator, commander, foreman, officer, executive, CEO, \*biggest toad in the puddle. ANT. *subordinate, employee, laborer.*
- MANDATE** *n.* [MAN dayt] the will or order of the people, as expressed through a vote or referendum, any order backed by authority. *The governor received a clear mandate from his constituents.* SYN. order, directive, command, charge, decree, edict, dictate, \*word, ruling, instruction, authorization, commission.
- mandatory** *a.* required, obligatory, necessary, requisite, compulsory, demanded, needed,

essential, imperative, \*a must. *ANT. elective, optional, unnecessary.*

**man-eater** *n.* cannibal, anthropophagite. SEE MONSTER

**maneuver** *n.* 1. MOVE strategy, scheme, artifice, gambit, tactic, ruse, dodge, feint, subterfuge, ploy, play, machination. 2. MILITARY MANEUVER exercise, deployment, war game, tactics, movements, operations, flanking maneuver.

**maneuver** *v.* 1. MANIPULATE scheme, engineer, machinate, plot, intrigue, contrive, \*finagle, \*pull strings. 2. GUIDE direct, handle, steer, drive, navigate, negotiate, pilot, jockey.

**mangle** *v.* mutilate, cut, tear, hack, rip, lacerate, slice, slash, disfigure, crush, bruise, maim, damage.

**mangy** *a.* shabby, filthy, dingy, dirty, ragged, scruffy, seedy, sordid, wretched, poor. *ANT. fine, new.*

**manhandle** *v.* strong-arm, dominate, abuse, arm-twist, rough up, bully, beat up, mistreat, \*belt, \*slug, batter, push around.

**mania** *n.* craze, obsession, mental disorder, compulsion, fixation, preoccupation, desire, passion, fascination, madness.

#### WORD FIND

**alcohol:** dipsomania

**animals:** zoomania

**books:** bibliomania

**cats:** ailuomania

**children:** pedomania

**dancing:** choreomania

**death:** necromania

**dogs:** cynomania

**eating:** sitomania

**fire:** pyromania

**flowers:** anthomania

**food:** phagomania

**genius, delusion one is:** sophomania

**horses:** hippomania

**kill, desire to:** dacnomania

**money:** chrematomania

**nakedness:** gymnomania

**night:** noctomania

**pleasure:** hedonomania

**sex:** nymphomania, aphrodisiomania

**sleep:** hypnomania

**solitude:** automania

**stealing:** kleptomania

**sun:** heliomania

**talking:** logomania

**travel:** hodomania

**washing:** ablutomania

**wealth:** plutomania

**women:** gynemania

**woods:** hylomania

**maniac** *n.* madman, lunatic, psychotic, \*psycho, psychopath, sociopath, \*nut, \*nutcase, \*mental case, \*sicko, \*loony. SEE INSANITY, NEUROSIS, PHOBIA

**maniacal** *a.* crazy, insane, raving, \*out of one's mind, demented, deranged, crazed, psychotic, \*psycho, \*flipped out, \*nuts, \*wiggled out. *ANT. sane, rational, stable.*

**manic** *a.* excited, agitated, \*wired, \*hyper, hyperactive, \*worked-up, frantic, frenzied, \*high, hysterical. *ANT. calm, tranquil, depressed, down.*

**manifest** *v.* show, reveal, make plain, expose, exhibit, materialize, display, illustrate, express, bring to light, demonstrate. *ANT. hide, conceal, cover up.*

**MANIFEST** *a.* [MAN uh FEST] obvious, visible, evident. *That he was sincere was manifest.* *SYN. obvious, visible, evident, clear, plain, apparent, distinct, showing, glaring, in full view, unmistakable, prominent. ANT. invisible, unapparent, uncertain, ambiguous.*

**manifestation** *n.* form, demonstration, evidence, exhibition, display, indication, example, illustration, expression, proof, testimony.

**MANIFESTO** *n.* [MAN uh FES toh] a public declaration of political doctrine and intentions. *The new government produced a written manifesto of their beliefs.* *SYN. proclamation, declaration, promulgation, notice, notification, announcement.*

**manifold** *a.* varied, various, multifold, multifarious, multiple, multifaceted, diverse, miscellaneous, numerous. *ANT. simple, one-dimensional.*

**manipulate** *v.* 1. HANDLE operate, work, wield, use, finger. 2. FINAGLE \*pull strings, contrive, influence, plot, scheme, machinate, engineer, jockey, trick, \*wangle, \*wheel and deal.

**mankind** *n.* SEE MAN

**manly** *a.* masculine, brave, strong, courageous, macho, virile, tough, potent, red-blooded, \*two-fisted, daring, unflinching, heroic, gritty, fearless, aggressive, chivalrous, muscular, husky. *ANT. effeminate, \*wimpy, mousy, feminine, weak.*

**man-made** *a.* artificial, synthetic, manufactured, fabricated, handmade, unnatural, fake. *ANT. natural, real.*

**manner** *n.* 1. STYLE way, mode, fashion, method, system, pattern, custom, practice. 2. BEHAVIOR air, way, conduct, deportment, as-

pect, bearing, mien, posture, appearance, demeanor.

**mannered** *a.* affected, unnatural, pretentious, put-on, posed, phony, artificial, \*fake, studied, calculated. *ANT.* *natural, genuine.*

**mannerism** *n.* habit, idiosyncrasy, quirk, peculiarity, trait, tic, characteristic gesture, affectation, put-on.

**mannerly** *a.* polite, courteous, well-behaved, civil, gracious, considerate, refined, nice, proper, respectful, gentlemanly, ladylike, polished. *ANT.* *rude, ill-mannered, discourteous.*

**manners** *n.* courtesy, civilities, decorum, graciousness, etiquette, politeness, formalities, social graces, good form, refinement, gentility. "The final and perfect flower of noble character."—William Winter. "The art of making those people easy with whom we converse."—Jonathan Swift. "Oil that lubricates social contacts."—Leon Harrison. *ANT.* *rudeness, bad manners, impoliteness, roughness.*

**mansion** *n.* manor, estate, chateau, villa, palazzo, castle, stately home, \*showplace, \*dream house, \*spread. *SEE* HOUSE

**manslaughter** *n.* killing, slaying, homicide. *SEE* MURDER

**manual** *n.* handbook, guidebook, instructions, directions, \*how-to, bible, reference, primer, textbook. *SEE* BOOK

**manufacture** *v.* 1. MAKE produce, mass-produce, fabricate, assemble, build, create, formulate, construct, fashion, hammer out, turn out, cast, forge. 2. CONCOCT make up, invent, think up, fabricate, devise, lie, embellish, \*tell a tall tale.

**manufacturer** *n.* maker, builder, producer, mill, assembler, assembly plant.

**manure** *n.* dung, excrement, \*crap, droppings, mulch, waste matter, \*do do, \*cow chips, fertilizer, compost.

**manuscript** *n.* script, text, book, composition, story, document, article, typewritten pages, hard copy.

**many** *n.* a lot, abundance, scores, tons, \*scads, a bunch, multitude, myriad, \*galaxy, \*heaps, profusion. *ANT.* *a few, none.*

**many** *a.* abundant, several, numerous, countless, multitudinous, innumerable, plentiful, copious, \*umpteenth. *ANT.* *few.*

**map** *n.* chart, plan, plot, graph, relief map, atlas, street guide.

**maple** *n.* tree, acer, deciduous tree.

**mapmaker** *n.* cartographer, mapper, topographer, surveyor.

**mar** *v.* disfigure, spoil, damage, impair, injure, blemish, deface, deform, mangle, ruin, wreck, scar, crack.

**marathon** *n.* cross-country race, footrace, endurance run, long distance race.

**maraud** *v.* raid, plunder, ransack, pillage, loot, ravage, prey upon, wreak havoc on, despoil, assault.

**marauder** *n.* raider, attacker, plunderer, pillager, looter, pirate, ransacker, thief, robber.

**march** *v.* step in time, pace, tramp, tread, parade, goose-step, walk, promenade, file, plod, strut.

**WORD FIND**

**manner of:** lockstep  
**marching in formations:** close-order drill

**Mardi Gras** *n.* festival, parade, carnival, celebration, masquerade party.

**margin** *n.* border, edge, perimeter, verge, periphery, brink, brim, lip, hem, skirt, fringe, limit.

**marginal** *a.* borderline, slight, minimal, limited, negligible, insignificant, trivial. *ANT.* *significant, considerable.*

**marijuana** *n.* cannabis, hemp, \*pot, \*weed, \*grass, \*dope, \*ganja, \*Columbian, \*Indian hay, \*Jamaican, \*Kona gold, \*Mary Jane, \*Panama red, \*sinsemilla, \*smoke, \*Maui wowie, \*Thai stick. *SEE* COCAINE, DRUG, NARCOTIC

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**WORD FIND**

**active substance:** tetrahydrocannabinol, THC  
**block of pressed:** brick  
**bundle weighing one kilogram:** \*kilo  
**butt end of cigarette:** \*roach  
**cigarette holding clip:** \*roach clip  
**cigarette:** \*reefer, \*doobie, \*jay, \*joint, \*number, \*bomb  
**five-dollar bag:** \*nickel bag  
**legal blend of herbs that mimic:** K-2, Spice  
**ounce of:** \*lid  
**puff, a:** toke  
**resin product:** hashish, \*hash  
**ten-dollar bag:** \*dime bag  
**water pipe:** bong

**marina** *n.* harbor, dock, dockage, boat basin, moorings, berth, slip, landing, boat yard, pier, wharf. *SEE* BOAT, SAIL, SHIP

**marinate** *v.* pickle, steep, soak.

**marine** *n.* *SEE* ARMY, MILITARY, NAVY

**marine** *a.* oceanic, sea, aquatic, pelagic, maritime, nautical.

**mariner** *n.* sailor, seafarer, seaman, \*sea dog, \*salt, bluejacket, navy man, skipper, mate,

helmsman, boatswain, deckhand. SEE NAVAL OFFICER, NAVY, SHIP, BOAT

**marionette** *n.* dummy, doll. SEE PUPPET

**marital** *a.* wedded, matrimonial, married, conjugal, connubial, nuptial. *ANT.* *single.*

**maritime** *a.* oceanic, sea, aquatic, pelagic, nautical, seagoing, oceangoing, naval, marine.

**mark** *n.* 1. LINE, SPOT, OR BLEMISH streak, tick, blot, impression, trace, blotch, dot, stain, smudge, imprint, score, scratch, cut. 2. CHARACTERISTIC sign, hallmark, indication, symptom, symbol, brand, badge, signature, proof, evidence. 3. STANDARD norm, rule, criterion, scale, yardstick, gauge. 4. TARGET goal, aim, end, objective, object, bull's-eye.

**mark** *v.* 1. BLEMISH streak, blot, leave an impression, blotch, dot, stain, smudge, splotch, mar, imprint, score, scratch, cut. 2. CHARACTERIZE distinguish, brand, stamp, imprint, identify, label, indicate, symbolize, denote.

**marked** *a.* noticeable, obvious, distinct, conspicuous, clear, apparent, prominent, outstanding, striking, glaring, pronounced. *ANT.* *indistinct, undistinguished.*

**market** *n.* store, mart, shopping center, grocery store, outlet, mall, stall, stand, emporium, exchange.

**market** *v.* sell, peddle, hustle, offer for sale, hawk, wholesale, retail, exchange, trade, advertise.

**marksman** *n.* sharpshooter, crack shot, dead shot, good shot.

**maroon** *v.* strand, abandon, leave behind, cast away, desert, put ashore, forsake, isolate.

**marriage** *n.* union, wedding, matrimony, coupling, wedlock, tie, bond, nuptials, \*wedded bliss, \*tying the knot, merger. "An armed alliance against the outside world."—Gilbert Keith Chesterson. "The high sea for which no compass has yet been invented."—Heinrich Heine. "Fever in reverse: it starts with heat and ends with cold."—German proverb. "A field of battle, not a bed of roses."—Robert Louis Stevenson. SEE DIVORCE, WEDDING

**WORD FIND**

**after death of first spouse:** digamy

**broker, Jewish:** schatchen

**divorce:** dissolution

**estrangement:** alienation of affections

**failing:** \*on the rocks

**forced, due to sexual misconduct:** \*shotgun wedding

**hater of:** misogamist

**hatred of:** misogamy

**interracial:** miscegenation, mixed marriage

**invalidation of:** annulment

**long-term cohabitation without benefit of wedding:** common-law marriage

**loveless couple joined for benefits other than affection:** marriage of convenience

**man uninterested in:** confirmed bachelor  
**man who has sexually unfaithful wife:** cuckold

**married to more than one spouse:** bigamy, polygamy

**married to one spouse:** monogamy, monogyny, monandry

**outside the bonds of marriage:** extramarital property brought into by woman: dowry

**seventh-year temptation:** \*seven-year itch  
**unfaithfulness in:** infidelity

**vow:** troth

**with others:** open marriage

**marry** *v.* wed, \*tie the knot, exchange wedding vows, unite in holy wedlock, \*say "I do," \*hitch up, \*walk down the aisle, \*settle down. *ANT.* *divorce, \*split up, separate.*

**marsh** *n.* bog, swamp, fen, bayou, everglade, estuary, moor, wetland, quagmire, slough. SEE LAKE

**WORD FIND**

**gas:** methane

**hollow:** swale

**plant:** reed, sedge, cattail, bulrush

**marshal** *v.* order, arrange, array, manage, direct, coordinate, organize, distribute, deploy, dispose, guide.

**marshy** *a.* boggy, swampy, fenny, wet, soggy, spongy, mucky. *ANT.* *dry, arid.*

**martial** *a.* military, militant, warlike, hostile, combative, aggressive, bellicose, antagonistic. *ANT.* *peaceful, civil.*

**martinet** *n.* disciplinarian, drillmaster, taskmaster, \*whip, tyrant, slavedriver, authoritarian, stickler.

**martyr** *n.* sufferer, self-sacrificer, \*poor me.

**martyrdom** *n.* suffering, torment, torture, anguish, self-sacrifice, persecution, crown of thorns, crucifixion, hell, vale of tears, ordeal. "Proof of the intensity, never of the correctness of a belief."—Arthur Schnitzler. "The only way in which a man can become famous without ability."—George Bernard Shaw.

**marvel** *n.* wonder, miracle, prodigy, sensation, spectacle, \*sight to behold, \*mindblower, phenomenon, rarity.

**marvel** *v.* wonder at, stand in awe, be awestruck, be astonished, gape at, stare at with wonder, be amazed.

- marvelous** *a.* 1. WONDERFUL sensational, phenomenal, miraculous, amazing, astonishing, surprising, extraordinary, awesome, wondrous, stunning, supernatural. 2. GREAT excellent, fabulous, fantastic, fine, splendid, superb, \*super, terrific, \*out of this world, wonderful. *ANT.* 1. \**ho-hum, ordinary, banal, everyday.* 2. *lousy, terrible, bad.*
- masculine** *a.* manly, macho, virile, male, strong, tough, powerful, muscular, dominant, potent, butch, bold, \*gutsy. *ANT.* *effeminate, feminine, \*wimpy, weak.*
- mash** *v.* smash, crush, pulp, squash, scrunch, grind, press, pulverize.
- mask** *n.* disguise, cover-up, facade, masquerade, veil, concealment, false front.
- mask** *v.* disguise, cover up, hide, conceal, veil, camouflage, cloak, screen, masquerade.
- mason** *n.* stoneworker, bricklayer, stone mason.
- masquerade** *n.* disguise, costume, facade, put-on, guise, getup, mask, mummery, ball, costume party, \*Mardi Gras, imposture, pose, pretense.
- mass** *n.* 1. MATTER body, lump, solid, hunk, chunk, pile, bulk, mound, load, block, heap, deposit, gob, wad, accumulation, collection, aggregation, conglomeration, assemblage, host, number, assortment, crowd. 2. SIZE magnitude, bulk, weight, volume, dimension, greatness.
- massacre** *n.* slaughter, mass killing, bloodbath, indiscriminate killing, wholesale slaughter, carnage, butchery, decimation, annihilation, genocide. *SEE* MURDER
- massacre** *v.* slaughter, kill, butcher, slay, annihilate, decimate, kill off, liquidate, wipe out, exterminate, eliminate. *SEE* MURDER
- massage** *n.* rubdown, back rub, kneading, manipulation, \*Rolfing.
- massage** *v.* rub, knead, stroke, press, roll, flex.
- masses** *n.* common people, working class, lower class, peasantry, plebeians, proletariat, hoi polloi. "Mute, inglorious men and women who made no nuisance of themselves in the world."—Philip Howard. "The nondistinctive bulk of human kind—the average man."—Robert Zwick. *ANT.* *upper class, aristocracy, elite, royalty, \*upper crust.*
- massive** *a.* huge, large, tremendous, stupendous, colossal, enormous, prodigious, extensive, immense, gigantic, gargantuan, staggering, monstrous, monumental, towering. *ANT.* *tiny, microscopic, miniscule.*
- master** *n.* 1. EXPERT pro, professional, \*ace, authority, \*whiz, veteran, \*old hand, master hand, proficient, mentor, teacher. 2. CHIEF overseer, boss, commander, director, ruler, manager, governor, leader, head, lord, \*top dog, \*biggest toad in the puddle. *ANT.* 1. *amateur, beginner, tyro, rookie.* 2. *subordinate, employee, underling.*
- master** *v.* learn, \*get the hang of, \*get down, understand, \*know backwards and forwards, \*know inside and out, become proficient in.
- master** *a.* 1. EXPERT proficient, skilled, experienced, professional, accomplished. 2. MAIN principal, great, dominant, chief, leading, ruling, commanding. *ANT.* 1. *unskilled, rookie, inexperienced, amateur.* 2. *secondary, subordinate, minor.*
- masterful** *a.* expert, proficient, skilled, accomplished, experienced, crack, \*crackerjack, virtuoso, dexterous, adroit. *ANT.* *amateurish, bumbling, inept.*
- mastermind** *n.* architect, author, engineer, leader, ringleader, wizard, genius, \*brains, designer, orchestrator, instigator.
- masterpiece** *n.* masterwork, magnum opus, chef oeuvre, pièce de résistance, tour de force, \*jewel in the crown, showpiece.
- mastery** *n.* 1. CONTROL command, rule, domination, authority, power, sway, upper hand, influence. 2. EXPERTISE proficiency, command, skill, prowess, knowledge, ability, facility, virtuosity. *ANT.* 1. *submission, subservience.* 2. *ineptness, ignorance.*
- masturbation** *n.* self-gratification, onanism, autoeroticism, self-abuse.
- match** *n.* 1. EQUAL equivalent, mate, double, twin, fellow, duplicate, peer, counterpart. 2. COUPLE pair, pairing, partnership, duet. 3. CONTEST competition, meet, bout, game, tournament, duel, rivalry.
- match** *v.* equal, go together, look alike, parallel, correspond, make a pair, mirror one another. *ANT.* *clash, oppose.*
- matching** *a.* twin, paired, like, coordinating, corresponding, identical, duplicate, of a set. *ANT.* *clashing, opposing, unlike.*
- matchless** *a.* unequaled, unparalleled, peerless, incomparable. *ANT.* *comparable, akin, \*on par with.*
- mate** *n.* partner, twin, counterpart, fellow, double, equal, one of a pair, peer, sidekick, alter ego, companion, \*buddy, friend, lover, spouse, colleague.
- mate** *v.* pair up, couple, join up, marry, wed, breed, procreate, copulate.
- material** *n.* 1. SUBSTANCE matter, stuff, medium, components, constituents, ingredients, elements, stock. 2. TEXTILE fabric, cloth, dry

- goods. 3. DATA facts, information, notes, text, documentation.
- material** *a.* 1. PHYSICAL palpable, tangible, touchable, solid, concrete, corporeal, bodily, real, nonspiritual. 2. IMPORTANT relevant, significant, consequential, weighty, fundamental, germane, momentous, vital, crucial. *ANT.* 1. *spiritual, impalpable.* 2. *immaterial, irrelevant, unimportant.*
- materialistic** *a.* acquisitive, greedy, \*keeping up with the Joneses, \*like a yuppie.
- materialize** *v.* appear, take shape, come to be, emerge, turn up, rise, issue, come about, develop, form, manifest, accomplish, realize. *ANT.* *disappear, vanish, fade away.*
- maternal** *a.* motherly, parental, nurturing, protecting, caring, devoted, doting, sheltering, loving. *ANT.* *uncaring, cruel.*
- mathematics** *n.* math, arithmetic, calculation, figures, numbers, multiplication, addition and subtraction, division, algebra, calculus, geometry, equations, trigonometry. “The music of reason.”—James Sylvester.
- matriarch** *n.* mother, grandmother, matron, dame, dowager, queen, empress, \*ruler of the roost, \*battle-ax.
- matrimony** *n.* holy wedlock. SEE MARRIAGE
- matron** *n.* 1. MATURE WOMAN middle-aged woman, matriarch, dame, dowager, widow. 2. WARDEN head mistress, supervisor, housemother, governess.
- matronly** *a.* dignified, sedate, mellow, mature, serious, motherly.
- matted** *a.* tangled, snarled, twisted, knotted, full of snags, \*like a rat’s nest, uncombed, messy, disheveled.
- matter** *n.* 1. SUBSTANCE material, stuff, body, medium, element, object. 2. AFFAIR issue, concern, situation, question, subject, doing, business, topic, happening, episode. 3. CONSEQUENCE importance, weight, significance, import, gravity, magnitude. 4. TROUBLE difficulty, problem, dilemma, upset, distress.
- matter-of-fact** *a.* unemotional, prosaic, dry, businesslike, dull, plain, unexciting, \*cold-blooded, sober, phlegmatic, impassive, straightforward, direct. *ANT.* *emotional, passionate.*
- mature** *v.* grow, season, develop, ripen, bloom, flower, \*come of age, grow up, evolve, settle down, mellow.
- mature** *a.* 1. ADULT fully grown, full-grown, full-fledged, ripened, in bloom, seasoned, developed, in one’s prime. 2. WISE AND EXPERIENCED seasoned, practiced, responsible, dependable, independent, self-sufficient, settled. *ANT.* 1. *immature, juvenile, young.* 2. *immature, dependent, callow.*
- maturity** *n.* 1. ADULTHOOD manhood, womanhood, majority, age of consent, full bloom, full growth, development, completion, perfection. 2. WISDOM AND EXPERIENCE responsibility, dependability, reliability, independence, self-sufficiency, seasoning, sophistication, refinement. “The ability to live in someone else’s world.”—Oren Arnold. “The day you don’t need to be lied to about anything.”—Frank Yerby. “The ability to postpone gratification.”—Sigmund Freud. “The day you have your first real laugh at yourself.”—Ethel Barrymore. *ANT.* 1. *immaturity, childhood, infancy.* 2. *imperfection, incompleteness, dependence, irresponsibility.*
- MAUDLIN** *a.* [MAWD lin] overly sentimental to the point of silliness. *The drunk embraced everyone and grew increasingly maudlin.* *SYN.* sentimental, overly sentimental, mawkish, mushy, cow-eyed, \*drippy, unrestrained, teary, weepy, \*schmaltzy, \*cornball, overemotional, \*laying it on thick, \*laying it on with a trowel. *ANT.* *cold, matter-of-fact, emotionless.*
- maul** *v.* beat, injure, tear, lacerate, bruise, pound, batter, pummel, rough up, \*clobber, trounce, thrash, manhandle.
- mausoleum** *n.* tomb, sepulchre. SEE GRAVE, CEMETERY
- maverick** *n.* independent, nonconformist, vanguard, trendsetter, trailblazer, pioneer, dissenter, eccentric, rebel, individual, \*lone voice in the wilderness. *ANT.* *follower, \*one of the herd, conformist.*
- mawkish** *a.* sickeningly sentimental, maudlin, nauseating, mushy, emotional, \*schmaltzy, teary, \*gushy, \*sappy. *ANT.* *emotionless, cold, matter-of-fact.*
- MAXIM** *n.* [MAK sim] a saying that illustrates a basic truth. “*Blood is thicker than water*” is a popular maxim. *SYN.* saying, truth, principle, truism, adage, aphorism, proverb, axiom, tenet, saw, \*bromide, cliché. “Little sermons.”—Gelett Burgess. “The condensed good sense of nations.”—James Mackintosh.
- maximum** *n.* top, height, zenith, peak, pinnacle, climax, culmination, high point, extreme, most, optimum, limit. *ANT.* *minimum, bottom.*
- maximum** *a.* highest, greatest, biggest, top, most, maximal, supreme, utmost, paramount. *ANT.* *minimum, least, smallest.*
- maybe** *adv.* possibly, perhaps, perchance.

**mayhem** *n.* destruction, violence, brutality, injury, chaos, pandemonium, havoc, disorder, confusion. *ANT.* *calm, order.*

**maze** *n.* labyrinth, convolution, meander, tangle, knot, puzzle, jungle, confusion, perplexity, muddle, bewilderment.

**meadow** *n.* field, grassland, pasture, range, prairie, plain, lea, veldt, mead. *SEE* GRASS, FLOWER

#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** Audubonesque tableau of birds and flowers, grasses undulating in the breeze, windblown timothy, Irish green meadow, tawny tussocks of Autumn

**open spot in a forest:** glade

**meager** *a.* scanty, sparse, scarce, thin, bare, lean, insufficient, inadequate, poor, lacking, skimpy. *ANT.* *plentiful.*

**meal** *n.* repast, \*feed, feast, banquet, fare, \*grub, breakfast, lunch, dinner, supper, brunch, \*eats, spread, food, mess, chow, K ration, entree.

**mealy-mouthed** *a.* euphemistic, insincere, indirect, mincing, delicate, overnice, prim, over-subtle, roundabout, honeyed, vague. *ANT.* *direct, blunt, straightforward.*

**mean** *n.* average, norm, happy medium, par, middle, rule, median. *ANT.* *extreme.*

**mean** *v.* 1. HAVE IN MIND intend, plan, think of, expect, propose, aim, anticipate, want. 2. SIGNIFY denote, indicate, designate, stand for, represent, symbolize, express, imply.

**mean** *a.* 1. NASTY unpleasant, obnoxious, cruel, vicious, hurtful, rude, malicious, \*dirty, rotten, rough, sour, unkind, contemptible, hostile, insulting, petty, ignoble, spiteful, brutal. 2. STINGY miserly, cheap, penny-pinching, ungenerous, tight, parsimonious, grudging, niggardly. 3. POOR shabby, low, second-rate, humble, modest, squalid, paltry, mediocre, menial, small. 4. AVERAGE normal, medium, middle, median, mid, intermediate. *ANT.* 1. *noble, nice, kind.* 2. *generous, giving.* 3. *rich, first-rate, superior.*

**meander** *v.* wind, convolute, twist, snake, take a serpentine path, \*switchback, zigzag, cork-screw, wander, go in roundabout fashion, range, ramble, \*go all over the place, follow a tortuous course. *ANT.* *make a beeline.*

**meaning** *n.* intent, intention, purport, significance, denotation, sense, definition, connotation, drift, suggestion, point, thrust, interpretation, essence, content.

**meaningful** *a.* important, deep, profound, consequential, significant, weighty, momentous,

purposeful. *ANT.* *meaningless, insignificant, empty.*

**meaningless** *a.* empty, vacuous, senseless, nonsensical, useless, worthless, pointless, inconsequential, purposeless, hollow, trivial, futile. *ANT.* *meaningful, deep, profound, important.*

**means** *n.* 1. WAY method, resources, modus operandi, system, apparatus, mechanism, power, instrumentation, medium, expedient, agent. 2. MONEY wealth, resources, assets, capital, cash, finances, \*bucks, income.

**meanwhile** *adv.* meantime, at the same time, simultaneously, while, during, concurrently.

**measles** *n.* viral disease, contagious disease, illness, affliction, sickness.

**measly** *a.* *Sl.* paltry, skimpy, meager, scanty, poor, puny, trifling. *ANT.* *large, substantial, generous.*

**measurable** *a.* quantifiable, quantitative, calculable, assessable, computable, gaugeable, determinable. *ANT.* *immeasurable, infinite.*

**measure** *n.* 1. EXTENT share, portion, part, allowance, allotment, division, quantity, quota, sum, ration, extent, dimension, scope, span, capacity, volume, magnitude. 2. STANDARD rule, gauge, benchmark, model, yardstick, scale. 3. ACTION act, step, course, procedure, means, expedient, move.

**measure** *v.* gauge, weigh, take dimensions, survey, quantify, figure, calculate, compute, appraise, size, figure, calibrate, judge.

**measurement** *n.* measuring, gauging, estimation, calculation, computation, assessment, dimension, volume, depth, capacity, height, width, weight, mass, density, length, magnitude.

**meat** *n.* 1. FLESH beef, veal, fat, pork, chicken, ham, bacon, sausage, venison, mutton, pastrami, hamburger, blubber, chop, loin, roast, cut, flank, steak, cutlet, rasher, sirloin, food. 2. GIST heart, crux, essence, core, nub.

**meaty** *a.* meaningful, rich, \*heavy, full of substance, profound, rich, pithy, weighty, deep. *ANT.* *trivial, frivolous, light.*

**meat-eating** *a.* carnivorous, flesh-eating, predacious, bloodthirsty. *ANT.* *herbivorous, vegetarian.*

**mecca** *n.* center, hub, destination, goal.

**mechanical** *a.* 1. TECHNOLOGICAL power-driven, motor-driven, machine-driven, automated, \*robotic. 2. SKILLED WITH ONE'S HANDS dexterous, deft, proficient, handy. 3. EXPRESSIONLESS automatic, robotlike, emotionless, unfeeling, impersonal, matter-of-fact, lifeless. *ANT.* 1. *manual, hand-powered.* 2. *inept, bumbling, clumsy.* 3. *emotional, feeling, spontaneous.*

**mechanism** *n.* machine, motor, generator, device, contrivance, servomechanism, apparatus, gear, component, instrument, gadget.

**mechanize** *v.* automate, motorize, rig, equip.

**medal** *n.* medallion, decoration, citation, ribbon, award, badge, testimonial, recognition.

**meddle** *v.* interfere, \*stick one's nose in where it doesn't belong, \*butt in, intrude, interlope, intervene, impose, horn in, \*kibitz. *ANT. mind one's business, \*stick to one's own knitting.*

**meddlesome** *a.* interfering, intrusive, meddling, officious, obtrusive, presumptuous, busybody, \*snoopy, \*kibitzing. *ANT. removed, restrained, indifferent.*

**media** *n.* press, communications industry, news industry, radio, television, publishing, reporters, paparazzi. *SEE NEWSPAPER, MAGAZINE, RADIO, TELEVISION, BOOK, INTERNET*

**median** *a.* middle, mid, central, mean. *ANT. outer, extreme.*

**MEDIATE** *v.* [MEE dee ATE] to take an intermediate position and help settle differences between two or more parties. *Better to have a third party mediate than to call in expensive lawyers.* *SYN. settle, conciliate, compromise, reconcile, bring to terms, negotiate, referee, umpire, resolve differences, moderate.*

**mediation** *n.* settlement, peaceful intervention, conciliation, compromise, reconciliation, negotiation, refereeing, moderating, making peace.

**medicine** *n.* medication, medicament, remedy, cure, elixir, preparation, drug, wonder drug, pharmaceutical, antibiotic, pill, inoculation, vaccine, physic, dose, treatment, therapeutics. "Consists of amusing the patient while nature cures the disease."—Voltaire. "A conjectural art."—Celsus. *SEE ALSO BIRTH, DISEASE, DOCTOR, HOSPITAL, OPERATION, PREGNANCY*

**WORD FIND**

**MEDICINES AND DRUGS**

**acid neutralizer:** antacid, bicarbonate of soda

**alcohol, solution of:** tincture

**allergy reliever that counters histamine:** antihistamine

**analgesic:** acetaminophen, aspirin, codeine, ibuprofen, morphine, opium

**angina, relieves:** nitroglycerin

**antibiotic:** amoxicillin, ampicillin, erythromycin, penicillin, streptomycin, sulfa drug, sulfonamide, tetracycline

**bacterial infection treatment derived from fungus:** antibiotic

**blood clotting, prevents:** anticoagulant, heparin

**blood serum containing antibodies:** gamma globulin

**blood vessel constrictor:** vasoconstrictor

**blood vessel widener:** vasodilator

**body's natural immune protein:** antibody

**book listings of:** pharmacopoeia

**breathing passages, opens:** bronchodilator

**cancelling out of one drug's effects by another:** antagonism

**circulation, steps up:** epinephrine, adrenalin

**cough suppressant:** antitussive, codeine

**cure-all:** panacea, catholicon

**diabetes victim's blood sugar regulator:** insulin

**dropper:** pipette

**epilepsy, seizure medication:** diazepam, Dilantin

**fever reducer:** antipyretic, febrifuge

**heart activity, decreases:** beta blocker

**heart stimulant:** digitalis

**itch reliever:** antipruritic

**laxative:** cathartic, purgative

**malaria drug:** quinine

**motion sickness reliever:** Dramamine

**muscle-building hormone:** steroid

**nonprescription:** over-the-counter

**ointment:** salve, unguent, balm, emollient

**organ transplant, fights rejection of:** immunosuppressant

**painkiller:** analgesic, Demerol, methadone

**Parkinson's disease, controls:** L-dopa

**phlegm, helps bring up:** expectorant

**poison counteractant:** antidote, antivenin

**polio vaccine:** Sabin vaccine, Salk vaccine

**quack:** patent medicine, nostrum

**reduced effectiveness of medicine over time:** tolerance

**relieves symptoms but does not cure disease:** palliative

**simulated:** placebo

**skin, applied to:** topical

**sleep, induces:** hypnotic, soporific

**spasm reliever:** antispasmodic

**study of medicines:** pharmacology

**tranquilizer:** Librium, Miltown, Thorazine

**ulcer medicine:** Xantac, antacid

**urine, increases excretion of:** diuretic

**vaccine for diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus:** DPT

**vaccine for measles, mumps, and rubella:** MMR

**vessel:** ampule, phial, vial

**vomiting, induces:** emetic

**PROCEDURES, SEE ALSO OPERATION**

**alcohol, drug, toxin removal from body:** detoxification, \*detox  
**allergy test:** patch test, scratch test  
**blood cell count:** blood count  
**blood filtering to aid kidney function:** dialysis  
**brain scan by tomography:** PET scan, positron emission tomography  
**brain's electrical activity reading:** electroencephalogram, EEG  
**breast X-ray or imaging:** mammography  
**broken bone alignment by force:** traction  
**cancer treatment with X-rays, beta rays, gamma rays:** radiation therapy  
**chemical or drug treatment for cancer:** chemotherapy  
**choking maneuver:** Heimlich maneuver  
**CPR:** cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
**determination of disease:** diagnosis  
**EEG:** electroencephalogram  
**EKG:** electrocardiogram  
**enhanced radiology imaging:** CAT scan (computerized axial tomography)  
**evaluation, general:** workup, physical  
**fat sucked out, plastic surgery method:** liposuction  
**feeling for body abnormalities by hand:** palpation  
**heart exam through ultrasound imaging:** echocardiography  
**heart fitness test:** stress test  
**heart's electrical activity reading:** electrocardiogram, EKG  
**imaging internal body with magnetic field:** magnetic resonance imaging, MRI  
**intravenous introduction of blood:** transfusion, IV  
**microorganisms, lab examination of body's:** culture  
**prediction of disease outcome:** prognosis  
**prioritizing of most critical patients first:** triage  
**stone destruction by sound waves:** lithotripsy  
**tapping body part to aid in diagnosis:** percussion  
**tissue removal for examination:** biopsy  
**tube insertion in body part for drainage, diagnosis, etc.:** intubation  
**uterine fluid removal during pregnancy:** amniocentesis  
**uterine or cervical cancer test:** Pap test  
**X-ray image live on screen:** fluoroscopy  
**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT**  
**bladder probe:** cystoscope  
**bleeding, stops profuse:** hemostat

**blood filtering machine aiding kidney function:** dialysis machine  
**blood pressure cuff:** sphygmomanometer  
**breathing apparatus:** respirator, resuscitator  
**colon discharge bag:** colostomy bag  
**colon probe:** sigmoidoscope  
**decompression chamber:** hyperbaric chamber  
**ear probe:** otoscope  
**electrocardiogram machine:** electrocardiograph  
**gown, green surgical:** \*scrubs, scrub suit  
**grasper:** forceps  
**hammer used to check reflexes:** plessor, percussion hammer  
**holds body cavity open:** speculum  
**internal probe:** endoscope  
**joint probe:** arthroscope  
**knife:** bistoury, lancet, scalpel  
**knife, electrical:** radio knife  
**larynx probe:** laryngoscope  
**listening device, diaphragm:** stethoscope  
**needle and syringe:** hypodermic  
**photographs internal body by radiation:** X-ray machine  
**pole on which medicinal fluids are hung:** IV pole, \*ivy pole  
**pump used in heart surgery:** heart-lung machine  
**rectal probe:** proctoscope, sigmoidoscope  
**respiratory recorder:** spirograph  
**sterilizer, instrument:** autoclave  
**stretcher:** gurney  
**stomach probe:** gastroscope  
**tissue retractor:** retractor  
**tissue scraper:** curette  
**tongue, moves out of the way:** tongue depressor  
**trachea probe:** bronchoscope  
**tube drain:** catheter  
**X-ray screen:** fluoroscope  
**FIELDS OF MEDICINE**  
**aging:** geriatrics, gerontology  
**anesthesia:** anesthesiology  
**animal:** veterinary medicine  
**behavioral effects of drugs:** psychopharmacology  
**birth:** obstetrics, tocology  
**blood:** hematology  
**bones:** osteology, osteopathy, orthopedics  
**children:** pediatrics  
**cosmetic and reconstructive surgery:** plastic surgery  
**digestive system:** gastroenterology  
**disease identification:** diagnostics  
**disease:** pathology, etiology

**ears, nose, and throat:** otorhinolaryngology  
**ears:** otology  
**epidemics:** epidemiology  
**eyes:** ophthalmology, optometry  
**feet:** podiatry  
**female reproductive system:** gynecology  
**gums:** periodontics  
**hearing:** audiology  
**heart:** cardiology  
**hormones, glands:** endocrinology  
**immune system:** immunology  
**internal disease, noninvasive treatment of:** internal medicine  
**joints:** arthrology  
**kidneys:** nephrology  
**liver:** hepatology  
**lungs and breathing:** pulmonology  
**malformations:** teratology  
**mental diseases, disorders:** psychopathology, psychiatry  
**muscles:** myology, orthopedics  
**needles, Chinese:** acupuncture  
**nervous system:** neurology  
**newborns:** neonatology  
**obstetrics and gynecology:** ob-gyn  
**poisons:** toxicology  
**rectum, anus, and colon:** proctology  
**rheumatic disease:** rheumatology  
**sexually transmitted diseases:** venereology  
**skin:** dermatology  
**skull:** craniology  
**spinal alignment:** chiropractic  
**stomach:** gastrology  
**teeth:** dentistry, orthodontics  
**tumors:** oncology  
**urinary tracts:** urology  
**veins:** phlebology  
**viruses:** virology  
**whole body treatment:** holistic medicine  
**X rays, radiation:** radiology

**medieval** *a.* of the Middle Ages, of the Dark Ages, Gothic, feudal, archaic. *ANT.* *modern.*  
 SEE CASTLE

**WORD FIND**

**catapult:** mangonel, trebuchet  
**chemistry:** alchemy  
**duty and loyalty owed to lord by vassal:** fealty  
**garden, villager's:** croft  
**land grant made by lord in exchange for services:** fief  
**land unit of eighteen to thirty-two acres supporting peasant:** virgate  
**lord's tenant pledging military service:** vassal  
**manager of lord's manor:** bailiff

**musical instrument:** lute, lyre, rebec  
**peasant:** serf, villein  
**political and social system:** feudalism  
**singer:** minstrel, troubador  
**sport:** tilting, jousting  
**tax paid to a lord:** tallage  
**town, village:** bourg  
**tunic:** gipon, jupon  
**yard:** toft

**mediocre** *a.* fair, okay, ordinary, middling, so-so, okay, passable, tolerable, run-of-the-mill, garden-variety, \*fair to middling, second-rate, poor, pedestrian, undistinguished. *ANT.* *superior, first-rate, exceptional, outstanding.*

**meditate** *v.* think, reflect, muse, contemplate, ruminate, ponder, brood, chew over, deliberate, focus on, cogitate, weigh, mull over.

**meditation** *n.* deep thought, reflection, contemplation, musing, rumination, cogitation, concentration, reverie, chewing over, mulling over.

**medium** *n.* 1. MEANS vehicle, agency, mode, channel, way, instrument, mechanism. 2. ATMOSPHERE air, environment, element, climate, surroundings, setting. 3. clairvoyant psychic, telepathist, necromancer, seer, mindreader.

**medium** *a.* mean, middle, midway, intermediate, median, average, moderate, par, standard, fair, ordinary, normal. *ANT.* *extraordinary, extreme, unusual.*

**medley** *n.* mixture, hodgepodge, miscellany, jumble, mélange, assortment, potpourri, mishmash, variety, assortment, mixed bag.

**meek** *a.* mild, gentle, docile, compliant, peaceful, passive, tame, patient, timid, shy, spineless, deferential, submissive. *ANT.* *aggressive, pugnacious, rebellious, domineering.*

**meet** *n.* competition, match, tournament, contest, game.

**meet** *v.* 1. ENCOUNTER happen upon, come upon, run across, \*bump into, chance upon, face, see. 2. MAKE ACQUAINTANCE shake hands with, get to know, say hello to, greet. 3. JOIN connect, touch, converge, unite, cross, abut, intersect. 4. ASSEMBLE gather, congregate, convene, get together, muster, collect. 5. FULFILL satisfy, execute, handle, perform, carry out, discharge, dispose of. *ANT.* 1. *miss, avoid.* 3. *separate, disconnect.* 4. *disperse, break up.* 5. *shirk, fall short, renege.*

**meeting** *n.* 1. ENCOUNTER engagement, confrontation, rendezvous, collision, convergence. 2. ASSEMBLY gathering, conference, \*powwow, congregation, convention, get-to-

gether, discussion, council, \*confab. *ANT.* *avoidance, parting.*

**melancholy** *n.* depression, unhappiness, downheartedness, blues, sadness, gloom, low spirits, funk, woe, misery, sorrow, despondency. "A hell upon earth."—Robert Burton. "The mind's disease."—John Ford. "The pleasure of being sad."—Victor Hugo. *ANT.* *happiness, elation, euphoria.*

**melancholy** *a.* depressed, downhearted, blue, dejected, sad, dispirited, low, glum, \*down in the mouth, \*down in the dumps, \*bummed out, heartsick, forlorn, disconsolate, gloomy, miserable, despondent. *ANT.* *happy, elated, euphoric.*

**mélange** *n.* mixture, hodgepodge, miscellany.  
SEE MEDLEY

**meld** *v.* blend, unite, merge, combine, mix, fuse, incorporate, mingle, amalgamate, compound. *ANT.* *separate, split.*

**melee** *n.* riot, fight, free-for-all, \*rumble, brawl, fracas, donnybrook, tussle, scuffle, pandemonium, \*ruckus, scrap, hubbub.

**MELLIFLUOUS** *a.* [muh LIF loo us] sweet-sounding and smooth. *The mellifluous tones echoed quietly across the stage.* *SYN.* smooth-sounding, sweet-sounding, honeyed, dulcet, euphonic, liquid, fluid, silver-toned, resonant. *ANT.* *harsh, grating, rough, discordant.*

**mellow** *a.* 1. GENTLE mild, softened, easygoing, placid, seasoned, wise, mature. 2. RIPE soft, sweet, aged, smooth, full-flavored, rich. *ANT.* 1. *immature, aggressive, hard, troubled.* 2. *green, unripe, immature.*

**melodious** *a.* tuneful, musical, melodic, song-like, harmonious, euphonic, symphonic, sweet, pleasing to the ear, mellifluous. *ANT.* *cacophonous, discordant, unmusical.*

**MELODRAMATIC** *a.* [MEL o druh MAT ik] exaggerated or sensational, theatrical. *The teenager was being melodramatic when he said he'd die without a new pair of jeans.* *SYN.* exaggerated, sensational, theatrical, stacy, overemotional, histrionic, overacted, maudlin, mawkish, gushing. *ANT.* *understated, subtle, matter-of-fact.*

**melody** *n.* tune, song, \*ditty, musical arrangement, refrain, line, run, lyric, passage, \*hook.

**melt** *v.* liquefy, dissolve, soften, deliquesce, thaw, defrost.

**member** *n.* associate, enrollee, constituent, fellow, brother, sister, affiliate, part, element, component, segment.

**membership** *n.* members, associates, enrollment, constituency, rolls, roster, rank and

file, fellowship, brotherhood, sisterhood, society, club, body, fraternity.

**membrane** *n.* layer, sheet, covering, lining, film, tissue, skin, sheath, mucosa.

**memento** *n.* souvenir, keepsake, remembrance, reminder, token, memorabilia, record, memorial.

**memo** *n.* SEE MEMORANDUM

**memoirs** *n.* autobiography, biography, diary, life story, reminiscences, recollections, journal, chronicle, history, \*bio. "When you put down the good things you ought to have done, and leave out the bad ones you did do."—Will Rogers.

**memorabilia** *n.* mementos, token, souvenir, keepsakes, remembrance, collectible, reminder, records, archives, annals.

**memorable** *a.* unforgettable, important, momentous, critical, crucial, historic, powerful, leaving an indelible image, noteworthy, extraordinary, striking, remarkable, \*red-letter, meaningful, \*once in a lifetime. *ANT.* *forgettable, unimportant, ordinary, everyday.*

**memorandum** *n.* memo, note, reminder, message, notice, dispatch, minute, tickler.

**memorial** *n.* monument, statue, shrine, marker, monolith, reminder, commemoration, record, inscription.

**memorial** *a.* remembering, commemorative, retrospective.

**memorize** *v.* remember, commit to memory, store, learn by rote, learn by heart, retain, imprint on one's mind.

**memory** *n.* 1. RECALL recollection, remembrance, retention, retrospection, reminiscence, photographic memory, eidetic memory, hypermnnesia, calling to mind. "The library of the mind."—Francis Fauvel-Gourand. "What God gave us so that we might have roses in December."—James Barrie. "The warder of the brain."—Shakespeare. 2. REMINDER image, recollection, picture, thought, vision. *ANT.* *amnesia.*

**menace** *n.* threat, danger, hazard, peril, danger, troublemaker, sword of Damocles.

**menace** *v.* threaten, scare, frighten, intimidate, terrorize, endanger, daunt, imperil.

**menacing** *a.* threatening, scary, frightening, intimidating, terrorizing, dangerous, hazardous, looming, hanging over one's head. *ANT.* *reassuring, calming.*

**menagerie** *n.* zoo, collection, zoological collection, exhibition.

**mend** *v.* fix, repair, restore, correct, patch up, doctor, rectify, recondition, remedy, heal, cure, right.

- mendacious** *a.* dishonest, lying, false, deceptive, misleading, deceitful, fraudulent, untruthful, dissembling. *ANT.* *honest, truthful.*
- menial** *a.* low, servile, mean, humble, common, subservient, unskilled, abject, ignoble, obsequious. *ANT.* *highborn, superior, noble, arrogant.*
- menopause** *n.* change of life, climacteric.
- mental** *a.* 1. INTELLECTUAL cerebral, cognitive, thinking, phrenic, reasoning, of the mind, psychic, psychological. 2. OF MENTAL ILLNESS mentally ill, disturbed, deranged, psychotic, insane, mad, neurotic, psychiatric, phobic, \*nutty, crazy.
- mentality** *n.* attitude, outlook, view, opinion, state of mind, \*mind-set, way of thinking, reasoning.
- mental hospital** *n.* psychiatric hospital, insane asylum, mental health treatment facility, recovery center, psychiatric ward, \*madhouse, \*nuthouse, \*loony bin, \*laughing academy.
- mental illness** *n.* emotional disorder, personality disorder, neurosis, psychosis, maladjustment, schizophrenia, delusions, phobia, mania, insanity, nervous breakdown. SEE INSANITY, PHOBIA, MANIA
- mention** *n.* reference, remark, referral, utterance, comment, note, acknowledgement, statement, indication, suggestion.
- mention** *v.* refer, remark, speak of, allude to, cite, bring up, comment on, touch on, make note of, acknowledge, indicate.
- MENTOR** *n.* [MEN tur] a teacher, guide, coach, or advisor. *She couldn't have succeeded without her mentor.* *SYN.* teacher, guide, coach, advisor, guru, master, instructor, trainer.
- menu** *n.* bill of fare, selection.
- mercenary** *n.* soldier of fortune, \*hired gun, professional soldier, legionnaire, hired hand.
- MERCENARY** *a.* [MUR suh ner ee] working for monetary gain and no other reason. *His motivation for fighting in the war was purely mercenary.* *SYN.* monetary, selfish, money-grubbing, greedy, venal, acquisitive, for financial gain. *ANT.* *altruistic, idealistic.*
- merchandise** *n.* goods, products, wares, stock, commodities, vendibles, line, stuff.
- merchandise** *v.* buy and sell, trade, advertise, \*move, market, deal in, traffic, distribute, wholesale, do business in.
- merchant** *n.* trader, wholesaler, retailer, dealer, shopkeeper, salesman, businessman, jobber, vendor, hawker.
- merciful** *a.* compassionate, forgiving, humane, humanitarian, kind, charitable, sympathetic, sparing, lenient, pitying, mild, gentle, soft-hearted. *ANT.* *merciless, unfeeling, brutal, pitiless.*
- merciless** *a.* uncompassionate, unforgiving, inhumane, unfeeling, brutal, coldhearted, hardhearted, heartless, pitiless, stony, mean, callous, cruel, ruthless. *ANT.* *merciful, compassionate, kind.*
- MERCURIAL** *a.* [mur KYOOR ee ul] quick or quick to change, volatile. She was known for her fickle, mercurial manner. *SYN.* quick, changeable, volatile, unstable, quick to change, flighty, unpredictable, erratic, \*blowing hot and cold, capricious, \*up and down, lively. *ANT.* *stable, predictable, constant.*
- mercy** *n.* compassion, forgiveness, humanity, kindness, charity, sympathy, pity, lenience, clemency, softheartedness, quarter. "Nobility's true badge."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *cruelty, meanness, cold-bloodedness.*
- mere** *a.* nothing more than, insignificant, trifling, little, small, minor, only, simple, bare. *ANT.* *significant, great, major.*
- merge** *v.* unite, combine, blend, consolidate, become partners, unify, marry, join, fuse, mix, confederate, join forces. *ANT.* *separate, split, diverge.*
- merger** *n.* consolidation, incorporation, alliance, combination, partnership, unification, union, marriage, joining, fusion. *ANT.* *separation, split-up, parting.*
- meridian** *n.* zenith, apex, highest point, crowning point, acme, peak, pinnacle, summit, climax, culmination. *ANT.* *low point, nadir.*
- merit** *n.* worth, worthiness, value, quality, virtue, excellence, integrity, credit.
- merit** *v.* deserve, be worthy of, earn, have coming to, be entitled to, rate.
- meritorious** *a.* praiseworthy, commendable, honorable, good, worthy, admirable, laudable, deserving, exemplary, noble. *ANT.* *unworthy, reprehensible, despicable.*
- merriment** *n.* fun, gaiety, frolic, joy, celebration, good times, enjoyment, mirth, laughter, joviality, jollity, sport. *ANT.* *misery, gloom, depression.*
- merry** *a.* fun, cheerful, gay, mirthful, joyful, celebratory, jovial, jolly, laughing, happy, rollicking, festive, blithe, carefree. *ANT.* *miserable, gloomy, depressed.*
- merry-go-round** *n.* carousel.
- mesa** *n.* plateau, tableland, butte.
- mesh** *n.* net, netting, network, web, webbing, screen, strainer, plexus, openwork, grid, grille, lattice.
- mesh** *v.* engage, fit, interlock, come together, enmesh, dovetail, interweave, entangle.

**mesmerize** *v.* hypnotize, spellbind, entrance, enthral, \*cast a spell on, put under, enchant, bewitch, fascinate, \*do a Svengali.

**mess** *n.* 1. CLUTTER jumble, disorder, disarray, litter, eyesore, debris, unsightliness, dump, mayhem, pigpen, filth, \*rat's nest. 2. PREDICAMENT trouble, plight, difficulty, \*pickle, \*jam, fix, stew, \*fine kettle of fish, quandary. *ANT.* 1. *order, neatness, tidiness.*

**message** *n.* 1. COMMUNICATION note, word, communiqué, notice, memo, wire, dispatch, bulletin, missive, intelligence. 2. THEME meaning, idea, moral, point.

**messenger** *n.* courier, runner, carrier, bearer, emissary, envoy, herald, delivery person.

**messy** *a.* cluttered, jumbled, disordered, in disarray, littered, unsightly, filthy, dirty, chaotic, untidy. *ANT.* *clean, neat, tidy.*

**METAMORPHOSIS** *n.* [MET uh MOR fuh sis] a change of form, transformation. *We studied the metamorphosis of a caterpillar to a butterfly.* *SYN.* change, transformation, transmutation, conversion, metastasis, alteration, evolution, transmogrification, mutation, rebirth.

**METAPHOR** *n.* [MET uh for] a figure of speech comprised of a word or phrase that transfers its meaning to another use, as a means of illustration. *We are 'drowning in paperwork' is a metaphor and not meant to be taken literally.* *SYN.* figure of speech, analogy, likening, image, simile, trope, symbol. "The language of poetry."—Raphael Kraus.

**metaphorical** *a.* figurative, symbolic, analogous, poetic. *ANT.* *literal, actual.*

**METAPHYSICAL** *a.* [met uh FIZ i kul] not of the physical world, supernatural. *The astronomer uses hard science along with the metaphysical to understand the universe.* *SYN.* incorporeal, supernatural, transcendental, philosophical, abstract, theoretical, immaterial, impalpable, speculative, spiritual. *ANT.* *physical, concrete, material.*

**metaphysics** *n.* "The attempt of the mind to rise above the mind."—Thomas Carlyle. "The art of bewildering oneself methodically."—Jules Michelet.

**meteor** *n.* meteorite, fireball, bolide.

**meteoric** *a.* dazzling, brilliant, flashing, fleeting, ephemeral, short-lived, brief, sudden, swift.

**meteorology** *n.* weather science, weather forecasting, weather prediction. *SEE* CLOUD, STORM

**method** *n.* 1. TECHNIQUE way, system, mode, style, formula, process, manner, means, procedure, program, course. 2. DESIGN order, arrangement, plan, scheme, regularity.

**methodical** *a.* systematic, orderly, ordered, constant, efficient, regular, precise, machinelike, robotic, routine, step by step, structured. *ANT.* *loose, unmethodical, casual.*

**methodology** *n.* methods, procedures, practices, science, designs, programs, processes, techniques, mode, systems.

**meticulous** *a.* careful, detail-oriented, scrupulous, painstaking, precise, finicky, exact, particular, demanding, perfectionist. *ANT.* *lax, casual, careless, sloppy.*

**metier** *n.* trade, profession, line of work. *SEE* OCCUPATION

**metropolis** *n.* capital, city, municipality, downtown, urban sprawl, megalopolis. *SEE* CITY, NEW YORK

**mettle** *n.* character, courage, heart, \*what one is made of, spirit, \*guts, strength, spunk, \*grit, makeup, nerve, backbone, resolve.

**miasma** *n.* effluvium, vapor, gas, fog, cloud, mist, pollution, smog, stench, reek, methane.

**microbe** *n.* *SEE* MICROORGANISM

**MICROCOSM** *n.* [MYE kruh KOZ um] a miniature world or reality. *Bangladesh is a microcosm of a much greater population problem.* *SYN.* miniature world, miniature reality, little world, miniature universe. *ANT.* *macrocosm.*

**microorganism** *n.* microbe, germ, \*bug, bacillus, bacterium, virus, pathogen.

**microscopic** *a.* tiny, minute, infinitesimal, invisible to the naked eye, minuscule, imperceptible, \*wee. *ANT.* *macroscopic, immense.*

**microwave** *v.* heat, cook, \*zap, \*nuke.

**middle** *n.* center, midpoint, halfway point, midsection, mean, epicenter, bull's-eye, thick of things, core, focal point. *ANT.* *periphery, margin, extreme.*

**middle** *a.* central, median, center, mean, halfway, intermediate, between, inside, equidistant. *ANT.* *outer, peripheral.*

**middle age** *n.* mid-life, middle years, forties. "The old age of youth and youth of old age."—Nunally Johnson.

**middle class** *n.* bourgeoisie, bourgeoisie, common people, hoi polloi, Middle America, citizenry, working class. "The backbone of a country."—Robert Zwick.

**middleman** *n.* go-between, intermediary, broker, agent, mediator, wholesaler.

**middle-of-the-road** *a.* moderate, \*on the fence, neutral, noncommittal, nonpartisan. *ANT.* *radical, leftist, rightist, liberal, conservative.*

**middling** *a.* okay, so-so, fair, medium, adequate, moderate, mediocre, tolerable, nothing to

- brag about, run-of-the-mill. *ANT.* *exceptional, outstanding, first-class.*
- midget** *n.* dwarf, homunculus, pygmy, gnome, \*Lilliputian, midge, Tom Thumb, runt, shrimp, pipsqueak. *ANT.* *giant, titan, monster.*
- midnight** *n.* twelve o'clock, \*witching hour, \*dead of night. "Fairy time."—Shakespeare. "The outpost of advancing day."—Longfellow.
- midst** *n.* middle, core, thick of things, hub, nucleus, heart, center, interior. *ANT.* *edge, periphery, outskirts.*
- mien** *n.* manner, bearing, air, demeanor, carriage, deportment, act, expression, look, presence, attitude, aura.
- miff** *v.* insult, hurt, irritate, annoy, offend, irk, bother, \*bug, aggrieve, upset, vex.
- might** *n.* strength, power, force, muscle, potency, command, energy, brawn, vigor, steam. *ANT.* *weakness, impotency.*
- mighty** *a.* 1. STRONG powerful, forceful, potent, commanding, influential, muscular, omnipotent, vigorous, puissant, \*strong as an ox. 2. HUGE gigantic, colossal, immense, titanic, enormous, gargantuan, massive, monstrous. *ANT.* 1. *weak, feeble, impotent.* 2. *tiny, small, wee.*
- migrant** *n.* drifter, vagrant, nomad, mover, wanderer, rover, itinerant, gypsy, transient, tramp, \*hobo
- migrate** *v.* emigrate, immigrate, drift, move, wander, rove, travel, range, relocate, pull up stakes, \*hit the road. *ANT.* *remain, put down roots.*
- mild** *a.* 1. GENTLE soft, easygoing, docile, good-natured, meek, tame, mellow, peaceful, tender, pacific, kind, passive. 2. TEMPERATE moderate, balmy, clement, gentle, fair, sunny, halcyon. *ANT.* 1. *harsh, severe, hard, aggressive.* 2. *stormy, rough, wild.*
- mildew** *n.* fungi, growth, mold.
- milestone** *n.* landmark, turning point, high point, climax, achievement, accomplishment, event.
- MILIEU** *n.* [mil YOO] environment, setting. *The classical musician was out of his milieu at the heavy metal concert.* *SYN.* environment, setting, surroundings, element, medium, arena, theatre, background, scene.
- militant** *n.* fighter, troublemaker, agitator, firebrand, aggressor, attacker, combatant, warrior. *ANT.* *dove, pacifist, peacemaker.*
- militant** *a.* combative, aggressive, contentious, belligerent, pugnacious, hostile, fierce, antagonistic, warlike, offensive. *ANT.* *peaceful, pacific, passive.*
- military** *n.* army, armed forces, soldiers, troops, defense, service, air force, navy, marines, militia. SEE AIR FORCE, AMMUNITION, ARMY, BOMB, GUN, MISSILE, NAVY, NUCLEAR BOMB, WAR, WEAPON
- military** *a.* fighting, armed, combative, warring, militant, martial, soldierly, militaristic, militant. *ANT.* *peaceful, pacific.*
- milksoy** *n.* \*wimp, mouse, \*chicken, \*wuss, coward, pansy, sissy, baby, pantywaist, milquetoast. *ANT.* *macho man, he-man, hero.*
- Milky Way** *n.* galaxy, \*backbone of the night, \*starry trail, \*island universe. SEE ASTRONOMY, CONSTELLATION, STAR
- mill** *n.* factory, plant, manufactory, works, foundry, shop.
- millenium** *n.* one thousand years, one-thousandth anniversary, golden age, heaven, utopia, Second Coming.
- millstone** *n.* burden, weight, load, cross, affliction, encumbrance, albatross.
- milquetoast** *n.* SEE MILKSOP
- mimic** *n.* impersonator, imitator, mime, caricaturist, pantomimist, \*copycat, ape, parrot.
- mimic** *v.* impersonate, imitate, mime, caricature, pantomime, copy, ape, parrot, burlesque, parody, mock.
- mince** *v.* 1. CUT UP chop up, dice, cube, hash, slice, fragment. 2. SPEAK EUPHEMISTICALLY speak delicately, euphemize, \*water down, minimize, soften, gloss over, moderate.
- mind** *n.* 1. INTELLIGENCE intellect, seat of consciousness, brains, head, thought, mentality, cognitive power, perception, wisdom, reason, wits, intuition, psyche. "That little world."—Samuel Rogers. "An empire."—Robert Southwell. 2. MEMORY recollection, remembrance. 3. OPINION belief, view, outlook, attitude, feeling, sentiment, way of thinking, conviction, notion. 4. SANITY reason, rationality, stability, wits, judgment, soundness of mind, \*marbles.
- mind** *v.* 1. HEED observe, pay attention to, notice, attend to, watch, abide by, follow. 2. LOOK AFTER care for, tend, babysit, protect, nurse. 3. CARE dislike, disapprove of, object, be opposed to, detest, care one way or another. *ANT.* 1. *ignore, overlook.* 2. *neglect, ignore.*
- mind-blowing** *a.* mind-bending, stunning, staggering, mind-altering, hallucinatory, psychedelic, breathtaking. *ANT.* *sporific, boring.*
- mind-boggling** *a.* overwhelming, mind-blowing, stunning, staggering, astonishing, amazing. *ANT.* *believable.*
- mindful** *a.* aware, conscious, attentive, heedful, cognizant, regardful, careful, alert, wary, on

the lookout. *ANT. unaware, heedless, oblivious.*

**mindless** *a.* brainless, stupid, witless, imbecilic, oblivious, unintelligent, asinine, idiotic, moronic, sophomoric, \*bubble-headed. *ANT. intelligent, brainy, brilliant.*

**mind reader** *n.* psychic, mentalist, telepathist, clairvoyant.

**mindset** *n.* attitude, disposition, view, opinion, perspective, leaning, way of thinking, feeling, sentiment, position, stance.

**mine** *n.* quarry, deposit, excavation, shaft, tunnel, pit, vein, lode, claim, diggings, bonanza. *SEE CAVE*

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**WORD FIND**

**claim:** stake

**coal cart:** corf

**coal dust:** culm

**combustible gasses in:** firedamp

**discovery of ore:** strike

**drain:** sump

**entranceway:** adit, portal

**flume for washing out gold ore:** sluice

**fraudulently scatter minerals about to deceive prospective buyer:** salt

**glacial mineral deposit of loose particles:** placer

**largest vein:** mother lode

**lung disease caused by coal dust:** black lung disease

**ore deposit:** vein, lode

**oxygen, absence or low level in shaft:** choke-damp

**passageway, main:** gangway

**potential area containing ore:** prospect

**residue of:** tailings

**rich vein:** bonanza

**search for ore:** prospect

**stratum:** seam

**waterway:** tailrace

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**mine** *v.* dig, quarry, excavate, tunnel, prospect, extract, pan, delve.

**mingle** *v.* 1. MIX blend, unite, merge, intermingle, combine, join, marry. 2. SOCIALIZE associate, hobnob, \*work the room, mix, fraternize, circulate, join. *ANT. 1. separate, divide. 2. snub, remain aloof, stay at arm's length.*

**miniature** *a.* mini, small, tiny, baby, midget, toy, dwarf, pint-sized, pocket-sized, small-scale, bantam, minute, wee. *ANT. giant, jumbo, oversized.*

**minimal** *a.* *SEE MINIMUM*

**minimum** *n.* least, lowest, bottom, slightest. *ANT. maximum.*

**minimum** *a.* minimal, least, smallest, lowest, slightest, bottom. *ANT. maximum, maximal, greatest.*

**minion** *n.* follower, sycophant, dependent, subordinate, flunkey, \*lap dog, \*kiss-up, \*brownnose, \*yes-man, fawner, lackey, toady.

**miniscule** *a.* tiny, small, wee, minute, microscopic, micro, mini, miniature, little, trifling, trivial, insignificant, pint-sized, infinitesimal. *ANT. gargantuan, gigantic.*

**minister** *n.* 1. CLERGYMAN cleric, pastor, preacher, parson, deacon, priest, ecclesiastic, man of the cloth, reverend, servant of God, rabbi, father. *SEE CLERGYMAN, RELIGION* 2. ADMINISTRATOR diplomat, ambassador, envoy, consul, cabinet member, official, delegate, secretary.

**minister** *v.* administer, tend, attend, serve, care for, accommodate, wait on, help, comfort, relieve, nurse.

**minor** *n.* child, juvenile, youth, adolescent, teenager, \*teenybopper, kid, schoolboy, schoolgirl. *ANT. adult.*

**minor** *a.* small, trivial, insignificant, slight, light, low grade, trifling, piddling, bush-league, secondary, inconsequential. *ANT. major, severe, extreme, significant.*

**minstrel** *n.* troubador, singer, musician, lyricist, bard, balladeer, poet.

**minute** *n.* sixty seconds, moment, instant, twinkling, jiffy, wink of an eye, \*two shakes of a lamb's tail. *SEE TIM*

**minute** *a.* tiny, miniscule, microscopic, infinitesimal, teeny, atomic, molecular, small, wee, micro, mini, little, trifling, trivial, insignificant, pint-sized. \*itsy-bitsy, puny, miniature, negligible. *ANT. huge, gigantic, massive, gargantuan.*

**MINUTIAE** *n.* [mi NOO shee uh] trivial details. *Don't be so concerned with minutiae.* *SYN.* trivia, trivial details, unimportant details, trifles, minor details, inessentials, non-essentials, useless information.

**miracle** *n.* act of God, divine act, supernatural event, marvel, wonder, spectacle, phenomenon, sensation. "The dearest child of faith."—Johann W. Goethe. "An event which creates faith; that is the purpose ... of miracles."—George Bernard Shaw. "Life itself."—Christopher Fry. "Every cubic inch of space."—Walt Whitman. *SEE GOD, RELIGION, FAITH*

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**WORD FIND**

**location of several:** Lourdes

**study of:** thaumatology

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- miraculous** *a.* divine, supernatural, marvelous, wonderful, wondrous, phenomenal, sensational, anomalous, supermundane, magical, superhuman, unearthly, freakish, extraordinary, mind-blowing, \*unreal. *ANT.* *ordinary, everyday, pedestrian.*
- mirage** *n.* optical illusion, refraction of light, delusion, vision, specter, phantom, apparition, hallucination, fantasy.
- mire** *n.* bog, mud, ooze, soggy ground, slush, marsh, fen, swamp, quagmire.
- mire** *v.* bog down, sink, stick, flounder, slow, wallow, get involved.
- mirror** *n.* looking glass, reflector. "A device which tells us the truth is a terrible thing."—Abraham Pollock.
- mirror** *v.* copy, imitate, mimic, reflect, simulate, personify, emulate, ape, mock, caricature.
- mirth** *n.* merriment, gaiety, joyousness, cheer, frolic, high spirits, glee, jollity, good times, lightheartedness, laughs, hilarity, sport. *ANT.* *depression, gloom, misery.*
- mirthful** *a.* merry, gay, joyous, cheerful, gleeful, jolly, lighthearted, hilarious, jocular, blithe, happy, glad. *ANT.* *depressed, gloomy, sad.*
- misadventure** *n.* mishap, accident, disaster, miscarriage, misfortune, \*screw-up, slip, catastrophe, tragedy, calamity.
- misanthrope** *n.* man-hater, woman-hater, people-hater, cynic, hermit, loner, recluse, misogynist, grouch.
- misappropriate** *v.* steal, swindle, embezzle, pocket, defalcate, \*rip off, filch, cheat.
- misbegotten** *a.* illegitimate, bastard, out of wedlock, illegal, unlawful, disreputable. *ANT.* *legitimate.*
- misbehave** *v.* act out, make trouble, get out of line, offend, be bad, disobey, \*raise hell, \*raise dickens, transgress. *ANT.* *behave, show good manners.*
- misbehavior** *n.* acting out, naughtiness, transgression, offensiveness, bad manners, rudeness, impropriety, misconduct, \*hell-raising.
- miscalculate** *v.* err, misjudge, miscompute, make a mistake, \*mess up, blunder, misconstrue, underestimate, overestimate.
- miscarriage** *n.* 1. ABORTION spontaneous abortion, stillbirth, premature delivery. 2. FAILURE malfunction, misfire, mistake, miss, nonfulfillment, washout, disappointment, debacle. *ANT.* 2. *success, achievement, fruition.*
- miscellaneous** *a.* varied, assorted, mixed, sundry, diversified, heterogeneous, multiform, motley. *ANT.* *uniform, homogenous.*
- miscellany** *n.* assortment, collection, combo, variety, potpourri, medley, mélange, anthology, compilation, mixture, pastiche.
- mischievous** *n.* 1. PRANKS playfulfulness, trick, misbehavior, trouble, devilment, devilry, \*hell, shenanigans, naughtiness, funny business, horseplay, espièglerie. 2. HARM damage, injury, destruction, sabotage, nuisance.
- mischievous** *a.* naughty, impish, devilish, prankish, roguish, playful, troublemaking, rascally, sportive, boyish, puckish. *ANT.* *angelic, well-behaved, saintly.*
- misconception** *n.* erroneous notion, wrong idea, misunderstanding, distortion, misinterpretation.
- misconduct** *n.* misbehavior, bad behavior, transgression, wrongdoing, misstep, delinquency, malfeasance, impropriety.
- misconstrue** *v.* misunderstand, misinterpret, misjudge, mistake, distort. *ANT.* *understand.*
- miscreant** *n.* criminal, evildoer, villain, sinner, felon, hoodlum, outlaw, scoundrel, rogue, rascal.
- misdeed** *n.* crime, sin, wrongful act, misdemeanor, transgression, offense, malefaction, malfeasance, felony, violation.
- misdeemeanor** *n.* misdeed, offense, misbehavior, misconduct, indiscretion, infringement, violation, naughtiness, wrong.
- miser** *n.* hoarder, penny-pincher, skinflint, cheapskate, \*tightwad, \*money-grubber, \*Scrooge, curmudgeon, misanthrope. *ANT.* *spendthrift, philanthropist.*
- miserable** *a.* 1. UNHAPPY anguished, troubled, depressed, blue, forlorn, desolate, despondent, suicidal, inconsolable, dejected, sad, melancholy, heartbroken, woebegone, glum, mournful, wretched. 2. BAD poor, inferior, rotten, lousy, disgraceful, wretched, pathetic, pitiful, sorry, deplorable, second-rate, abysmal. *ANT.* 1. *happy, joyous, euphoric, elated.* 2. *good, excellent, superb.*
- miserly** *a.* hoarding, cheap, penny-pinching, tight, money-grubbing, misanthropic, stingy, parsimonious, niggardly. *ANT.* *generous, charitable, philanthropic.*
- misery** *n.* 1. SUFFERING pain, anguish, depression, melancholy, unhappiness, woe, agony, sadness, distress, torment, hardship, sorrow, heartache, desolation, despair. "A communicable disease."—Martha Graham. "Almost always the result of thinking."—Joseph Jourbert. 2. ADVERSITY affliction, trouble, ordeal, trial, tribulation, problem, curse. *ANT.* 1. *happiness, pleasure, euphoria.* 2. *good fortune.*
- misfire** *v.* fail, fizzle, miss, \*shoot a blank, backfire.

**misfit** *n.* nonconformist, lone wolf, \*square peg in a round hole, individual, \*queer duck, \*fish out of water, oddball.

**misfortune** *n.* bad luck, adversity, trouble, \*bad break, trial, tribulation, setback, calamity, affliction, reversal, hardship, blow, disaster, tragedy. “Knives, that either serve us or cut us, as we grasp them by the blade or the handle.”—Herman Melville. *ANT.* *good luck, fortune, blessing, godsend.*

**misgiving** *n.* uncertainty, apprehension, qualm, doubt, hesitation, uneasiness, question, fear, distrust, suspicion. *ANT.* *certainty, trust, confidence.*

**misguided** *a.* misled, ill-advised, misinformed, led astray, mistaken, faulty, wrong, erroneous, \*led up the garden path, \*barking up the wrong tree, \*off. *ANT.* *well-advised, correct.*

**mishandle** *v.* botch, \*screw up, \*flub, mismanage, mess up, bungle, fumble, \*muff, blow, \*foul up, \*drop the ball. *ANT.* *succeed, master.*

**mishap** *n.* accident, miscarriage, misadventure, \*screw-up, blunder, mistake, misfortune, calamity, casualty.

**mishmash** *n.* hodgepodge, jumble, conglomeration. *SEE* MISCELLANY

**misinform** *v.* mislead, lead astray, misstate, misguide, misrepresent, distort, lie, deceive.

**misinterpret** *v.* misconstrue, misread. *SEE* MISUNDERSTAND

**misjudge** *v.* miscalculate, misread, overestimate, underestimate, overrate, underrate, err, mistake, misconstrue, misunderstand.

**mislead** *v.* lead astray, misinform, misguide, deceive, \*lead down the garden path, bamboozle, delude, \*give the bum steer, take in, \*pull the wool over one’s eyes.

**mismanage** *v.* *SEE* MISHANDLE

**mismatch** *n.* *SEE* DISPARITY

**misogynist** *n.* woman-hater, male chauvinist, misanthrope, sexist.

**misplace** *v.* lose, lose track of, mislay, displace.

**misrepresentation** *n.* distortion, misstatement, falsification, fabrication, misquote, \*stretch, perversion, adulteration, lie, exaggeration. *ANT.* *truth, accuracy.*

**miss** *n.* young lady, girl, lass, maiden, gal, young woman, mademoiselle.

**miss** *v.* 1. FAIL fall short, pass over, overlook, \*drop the ball, miscalculate, bobble, \*blow it, \*choke, muff. 2. LONG FOR pine for, yearn for, ache with nostalgia, think of fondly. *ANT.* 1. *succeed, catch, see.*

**misshapen** *a.* deformed, malformed, grotesque, distorted, misproportioned, contorted, monstrous, ugly. *ANT.* *well-formed, perfect.*

**missile** *n.* rocket, projectile, trajectory, ballistic missile, air-to-air missile, ground-to-air missile, guided missile. *SEE* AMMUNITION, BOMB

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**WORD FIND**

**air-to-air:** Sidewinder, Falcon, Sparrow  
**anti-armor, wire-guided:** TOW missile  
**antiship cruise missile:** Harpoon  
**antitank:** Hellfire missile, Maverick  
**camera-guided:** AGM-142, Have Nap missile  
**electronic beam, guided by:** beam rider  
**explosive portion:** warhead  
**guided missile:** cruise missile, Tomahawk  
**intercepts enemy missiles:** Patriot  
**intercontinental missile:** MX, Titan  
**multiple warhead missile:** MIRV  
**propulsion unit, additional:** booster  
**radar installations, homes in on:** HARM  
**shoulder-fired:** Stinger  
**silo-deployed, three-stage nuclear missile:** Minuteman  
**tank-mounted:** Shillelagh  
**underwater, launched from:** Polaris, Poseidon, Trident II

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**missing** *a.* lacking, absent, elsewhere, lost, gone, away, wanting, removed, mislaid, out of sight, unaccounted for, \*AWOL. *ANT.* *here, present.*

**mission** *n.* task, undertaking, assignment, object, objective, charge, duty, quest, errand, job, enterprise, calling.

**missionary** *n.* evangelist, proselytizer, preacher, clergyman, minister, messenger.

**missive** *n.* letter, message, note, dispatch, communication, memo, report, word, bulletin, \*fax.

**misspent** *a.* wasted, squandered, misapplied, thrown away, \*down the drain, \*blown, prodigal. *ANT.* *well spent, productive.*

**misstatement** *n.* misrepresentation, inaccuracy, misquote, distortion, mistake, falsification, perversion, lie, \*bloop.

**misstep** *n.* error, slip, mistake, wrong move, gaffe, lapse, faux pas, trip, transgression, blunder, oversight.

**mist** *n.* vapor, fog, drizzle, fine rain, cloud, steam, spray, brume, moisture, haze, smog. *SEE* CLOUD, FOG, RAIN

**mistake** *n.* error, inaccuracy, fault, blunder, gaffe, \*boo-boo, \*flub, slip, miscalculation, boner, misinterpretation, goof, omission, oversight, failure.

**mistake** *v.* err, blunder, \*flub, miscalculate, misinterpret, goof, omit, overlook, misunderstand, underestimate, overestimate, \*botch, miss, misconstrue, confuse.

**mistaken** *a.* wrong, incorrect, inaccurate, off, inexact, imprecise, erroneous, in error, fallacious, \*wide of the mark, confused, \*all wet, \*off base, misinformed, unsound. *ANT.* *correct, right, accurate.*

**mistreat** *v.* abuse, maltreat, wrong, rough up, manhandle, brutalize, disrespect, \*step on, \*walk all over, bully. *ANT.* *coddle, dote on.*

**mistreatment** *n.* abuse, maltreatment, disrespect, cruelty, brutality, torment, torture, manhandling, rough treatment. *ANT.* *coddling, kindness.*

**mistress** *n.* 1. MATRON madam, authority, head, matriarch, head of the household. 2. LOVER concubine, courtesan, sweetheart, kept woman, girlfriend, \*other woman.

**mistrust** *n.* distrust, suspicion, doubt, uncertainty, skepticism, apprehension, misgiving, wariness, qualm, leeriness. *ANT.* *trust, confidence, faith.*

**mistrust** *v.* distrust, suspect, doubt, have misgivings, question, apprehend, fear, have reservations. *ANT.* *trust, believe in, have faith in.*

**misty** *a.* vaporous, drizzling, foggy, moist, gauzy, cloudy, filmy, murky, steamy, hazy, fuzzy, shrouded, nebulous. *ANT.* *clear, transparent.*

**misunderstand** *v.* misinterpret, misconstrue, misapprehend, misconceive, get the wrong idea, misread, misjudge, miscalculate, \*get signals crossed. *ANT.* *understand, get, see.*

**misunderstanding** *n.* 1. MISINTERPRETATION misapprehension, the wrong idea, confusion, mix-up, misconception, mistake, misreading, false impression. 2. ARGUMENT disagreement, difference, dispute, rift, quarrel, dissension, squabble, \*falling-out.

**misuse** *n.* misapplication, abuse, misusage, corruption, misemployment, perversion.

**misuse** *v.* misapply, misemploy, abuse, corrupt, pervert, mistreat, wrong.

**MITIGATE** *v.* [MIT uh GATE] to lessen the effect or severity of something. *Mitigate the pain of a sprain by elevating the injured ankle.* *SYN.* moderate, lessen, diminish, soften, reduce, alleviate, allay, lighten, check, blunt, ease. *ANT.* *exacerbate, aggravate, worsen.*

**mix** *n.* mixture, blend, combination, combo, compound, amalgamation, composite, variety, potpourri, goulash, mélange, medley.

**mix** *v.* 1. BLEND combine, mingle, compound, amalgamate, jumble, suffuse, conglomerate, unite, join, merge. 2. SOCIALIZE fraternize, hobnob, \*work the room, mingle. *ANT.* 1. *separate, divide.* 2. *be aloof, snub, \*be a wallflower.*

**mixed bag** *n.* assortment, miscellany, odds and ends, medley, hodgepodge, melange, mish-mash, jumble, potpourri.

**mixed-up** *a.* confused, muddled, lost, befuddled, perplexed, puzzled, confounded, misunderstanding. *ANT.* *clear, \*with it.*

**mixture** *n.* SEE MIX

**moan** *n.* groan, cry, lament, wail, sigh, plaint.

**moan** *v.* groan, cry, lament, wail, sigh, grumble, complain, grieve.

**moat** *n.* trench, fosse, foss, ditch, gully, defense. SEE CASTLE

**mob** *n.* 1. CROWD throng, mass, legion, flock, multitude, horde, collection, crush, host. "Man voluntarily descending to the nature of a beast."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Many heads, but no brains."—Thomas Fuller. "A many-headed beast."—Horace. 2. GANG Mafia, underworld, syndicate, Cosa Nostra.

**mob** *v.* crowd, throng, swarm, surround, jostle, elbow, descend upon, attack.

**mobile** *a.* movable, moving, portable, locomotive, fluid, transportable, on the move, traveling. *ANT.* *stationary, immobile.*

**mobilize** *v.* ready, organize, summon, muster, assemble, call up, call to arms, round up, marshal, rally, activate. *ANT.* *immobilize, disperse.*

**mobster** *n.* GOON. SEE GANGSTER

**mock** *v.* 1. RIDICULE make fun of, taunt, challenge, laugh at, \*poke fun at, kid, tease, scoff, jeer, burlesque, \*thumb nose at. 2. IMITATE mimic, impersonate, caricature, ape, parrot, \*do, burlesque, lampoon, parody. *ANT.* 1. *show respect, honor, \*put on a pedestal.*

**mock** *a.* imitation, fake, artificial, counterfeit, simulated, mimic, \*bogus, make-believe, substitute, sham. *ANT.* *true, genuine, real.*

**mockery** *n.* 1. JOKE laughingstock, farce, travesty, \*butt, fool, sham. 2. RIDICULE taunting, kidding, disrespect, derision, scoffing, contempt, sport. *ANT.* 2. *respect, honor, reverence.*

**mode** *n.* 1. WAY manner, method, technique, style, practice, approach, procedure, methodology, form. 2. FASHION style, look, vogue, trend, rage, craze.

**model** *n.* 1. REPLICA mockup, dummy, prototype, miniature, copy, imitation, facsimile. 2. IDEAL standard, exemplar, archetype, pattern, paragon, mold, role model, prototype. 3. FASHION OR ARTIST'S MODEL poser, sitter, subject, dummy.

**model** *v.* 1. FASHION shape, mold, design, construct, base, cast. 2. SHOW show off, wear, display, parade.

**model** *a.* ideal, standard, exemplary, classic, perfect, archetypal. *ANT.* *flawed, imperfect.*

**modem** *n.* modulator/demodulator, electronic device, peripheral, data converter, translator. SEE COMPUTER

**moderate** *n.* \*middle-of-the-roader, nonliberal, nonconservative, centrist. *ANT.* *radical, conservative, liberal.*

**moderate** *v.* 1. LESSEN soften, mitigate, restrain, check, tone down, control, regulate, reduce, slacken, ease, blunt. 2. PRESIDE OVER control, oversee, chair, mediate, referee, lead, emcee, govern, supervise. *ANT.* 1. *intensify, increase, aggravate.*

**moderate** *a.* 1. TEMPERATE reasonable, sensible, judicious, balanced, equitable, conservative, restrained, neutral, unexceptional, middling, not extreme. 2. MILD calm, gentle, soft, low-key, quiet. 3. AVERAGE medium, mediocre, so-so, fair, middling, ordinary, intermediate, mean, common. *ANT.* 1. *extreme, severe, excessive.* 2. *harsh, severe, violent.* 3. *exceptional, outstanding, extraordinary.*

**moderation** *n.* temperance, happy medium, middle ground, discretion, restraint, judiciousness, forbearance, sobriety, golden mean. "Nothing to excess."—Anacharsis. "The silken string running through the pearl—chain of all virtues."—Thomas Fuller.

**moderator** *n.* master of ceremonies, emcee, chairperson, referee, speaker, presiding officer, mediator.

**modern** *a.* contemporary, up-to-date, new, neo, now, current, today, \*cutting edge, \*leading edge, \*mod, fresh, late, up-to-the-minute, \*hot, fashionable, modish, trendy, \*in, in vogue, progressive. *ANT.* *out of date, outdated, old-fashioned, antiquated, ancient, antique, passé.*

**modernize** *v.* update, renovate, remodel, revamp, redesign, streamline, retool. *ANT.* *antiquate.*

**modest** *a.* 1. UNASSUMING humble, self-effacing, reserved, demure, unpretentious, down to earth, shy, blushing, bashful. 2. ORDINARY humble, limited, moderate, medium, simple, plain, small, unpretentious, homely, adequate, middling, fair, unexceptional. *ANT.* 1. *arrogant, pretentious, \*full of oneself, vain.* 2. *exceptional, extravagant, ostentatious.*

**modesty** *n.* 1. HUMILITY humbleness, unpretentiousness, moderation, reserve, reticence, shyness, bashfulness, simplicity, plainness. "The only sure bait when you angle for praise."—Lord Chesterfield. "Meekness and wisdom combined."—Solomon Ibn Gabirol. "An index to nobility."—Solomon Ibn Gabirol. 2. DECENCY decorum, propriety, seemli-

ness. *ANT.* 1. *arrogance, pretentiousness, vanity.* 2. *indecenty, unseemliness.*

**modicum** *n.* bit, small amount, speck, little, iota, shred, snippet, drop, ounce, atom, whit, particle. *ANT.* *lot, \*truckload.*

**modify** *v.* 1. CHANGE alter, rework, correct, adjust, vary, innovate, reshape, reform, convert, moderate, transform, tweak, \*fiddle with. 2. LESSEN limit, moderate, reduce, soften, tone down. *ANT.* 2. *increase, intensify.*

**modish** *a.* fashionable, stylish, in vogue, chic, trendy, \*in, up-to-the-minute, \*hot, \*all the rage, smart, fresh. *ANT.* *old-fashioned, dated, passé.*

**modulate** *v.* adjust, regulate, tune, fine-tune, attune, balance, moderate, equalize, soften, tone down.

**modus operandi** *n.* mode of operation, method, technique, system, workings, means, way.

**mogul** *n.* \*big shot, \*bigwig, \*power, magnate, tycoon, baron, \*VIP, personage, \*mover and shaker, \*heavy hitter, \*heavyweight. *ANT.* *no-body, \*zero, peasant.*

**moist** *a.* damp, wet, watery, humid, muggy, dewy, dank, steamy, misty, foggy, drizzly, rainy, clammy. *ANT.* *dry, arid, dehydrated.*

**moisten** *v.* dampen, wet, moisturize.

**moisture** *n.* dampness, wetness, humidity, mugginess, dew, steam, mist, fog, drizzle, rain, liquid. *ANT.* *dryness, aridity.*

**moisturizer** *n.* cream, lotion, oil, salve, emollient.

**mold** *n.* 1. FORM cast, pattern, stamp, shape, impression, die, outline, cut, model. 2. FUNGUS mildew.

**mold** *v.* 1. SHAPE form, cast, make, fashion, forge, sculpt, model, construct. 2. INFLUENCE model, shape, guide.

**moldy** *a.* musty, stale, decayed, rotting, moldering, crumbling, mildewed, decomposing. *ANT.* *fresh, new, in good shape.*

**mole** *n.* spot, nevus, blemish, birthmark, freckle, blotch, discoloration, beauty mark.

**molest** *v.* 1. PHYSICALLY OR SEXUALLY ABUSE violate, rape, \*feel up, accost, fondle, make an advance, solicit, approach, \*paw, assault, mistreat. 2. BOTHER trouble, annoy, besiege, torment, plague, harass, upset, beset, irritate, pester, disturb.

**MOLLIFY** *v.* [MOL uh FYE] to soothe, soften, or appease. *We gave the toddler a stick of gum to mollify him.* *SYN.* soothe, soften, appease, pacify, tranquilize, mellow, calm, tame, gentle, tone down, mitigate, blunt, ease. *ANT.* *aggravate, intensify, exacerbate.*

**mollycoddle** *v.* pamper, coddle, baby, cosset, indulge, wait on, spoil.

**molt** *v.* shed, cast off, slough off, exuviate, exfoliate, peel.

**molten** *a.* melted, liquefied, red-hot, smelted, igneous, volcanic. *ANT.* *frozen, hardened.*

**mom** *n.* SEE MOTHER

**moment** *n.* 1. INSTANT minute, second, hour, point in time, \*twinkling, time, \*jiffy, short time, \*wink of an eye, flash, \*two shakes of a lamb's tail, date. 2. IMPORTANCE consequence, weight, significance, import, gravity, concern, substance, magnitude. *ANT.* 2. *unimportance, insignificance.*

**momentarily** *adv.* shortly, in a second, immediately, briefly, any moment now.

**momentary** *a.* brief, fleeting, short-lived, transitory, ephemeral, transient, instantaneous, passing. *ANT.* *long-lived, long, prolonged.*

**momentous** *a.* important, consequential, weighty, of great moment, significant, decisive, critical, crucial, pivotal, earthshaking, vital. *ANT.* *insignificant, trivial, unimportant.*

**momentum** *n.* impetus, force, push, drive, thrust, energy, impulse, go, speed.

**monarch** *n.* ruler, king, queen, autocrat, emperor, empress, sovereign, crowned head.

**monarchy** *n.* kingdom, sovereign state, autocracy, absolute monarchy.

**monastery** *n.* abbey, friary, cloister, religious community, convent, nunnery, priory, retreat, hermitage.

**monetary** *a.* pecuniary, financial, capital, fiscal.

**money** *n.* currency, legal tender, cash, \*bucks, \*dough, \*bread, medium of exchange, \*wad, \*loot, \*scratch, \*wampum, coin, specie, change, almighty dollar, funds, wealth, capital, riches. "A good servant but a bad master."—Henry Bohn. "Slave or master."—Horace. "A good soldier."—Shakespeare. "An eel in the hand."—Welsh proverb.

**WORD FIND**

**Afghanistan:** afghani

**Albania:** lek

**Algeria:** dinar

**American Samoa:** dollar

**Andorra:** euro

**Angola:** kwanza

**Anguilla:** dollar

**Antigua and Barbuda:** dollar

**Argentina:** peso

**Armenia:** dram

**Aruba:** guilder (also florin or gulden)

**Australia:** dollar

**Austria:** euro

**Azerbaijan:** manat

**Bahamas:** dollaar

**Bahrain:** dinar

**Bangladesh:** taka

**Barbados:** dollar

**Belarus:** ruble

**Belgium:** euro

**Belize:** dollar

**Benin:** franc

**Bermuda:** dollar

**Bolivia:** boliviano

**Bosnia and Herzegovina:** marka

**Botswana:** pula

**Brazil:** real

**British Virgin Islands:** dollar

**Brunei:** ringgit (Bruneian dollar)

**Bulgaria:** lev

**Burkina Faso:** franc

**Burma:** kyat

**Burundi:** franc

**Cambodia:** riel

**Cameroon:** franc

**Canada:** dollar

**Cayman Islands:** dollar

**Central African Republic:** franc

**Chad:** franc

**Chile:** peso

**China:** yuan

**Columbia:** peso

**Congo, Democratic Republic of:** franc

**Congo, Republic of the:** franc

**Costa Rica:** colon

**Cote d'Ivoire:** franc

**Croatia:** kuna

**Cuba:** peso

**Cyprus:** euro

**Czech Republic:** koruna

**Denmark:** krone

**Djibouti:** franc

**Dominica:** dollar

**Dominican Republic:** peso

**East Timor:** dollar

**Ecuador:** dollar

**Egypt:** pound

**El Salvador:** colon

**Equatorial Guinea:** franc

**Eritrea:** nakfa

**Estonia:** kroon

**Ethiopia:** birr

**European Union:** euro

**Falkland Islands:** pound

**Fiji:** dollar

**Finland:** euro

**France:** euro

**French Guiana:** euro; franc

**French Polynesia:** franc

<b>Gabon:</b> franc	<b>Mauritius:</b> rupee
<b>Gambia:</b> dalasi	<b>Mexico:</b> peso
<b>Georgia:</b> lari	<b>Micronesia, Federated States of:</b> dollar
<b>Germany:</b> euro	<b>Moldova:</b> leu
<b>Ghana:</b> new cedi	<b>Monaco:</b> euro
<b>Gibraltar:</b> pound	<b>Mongolia:</b> Mongolian togrog
<b>Greece:</b> euro	<b>Montenegro:</b> euro
<b>Greenland:</b> krone	<b>Montserrat:</b> dollar
<b>Grenada:</b> dollar	<b>Morocco:</b> dirham
<b>Guadeloupe:</b> euro; franc	<b>Mozambique:</b> metical
<b>Guam:</b> dollar	<b>Myanmar:</b> kyat
<b>Guatemala:</b> quetzal	<b>Namibia:</b> dollar, rand
<b>Guinea:</b> franc	<b>Nauru:</b> dollar
<b>Guinea-Bissau:</b> franc	<b>Nepa:</b> rupee
<b>Guyana:</b> dollar	<b>Netherlands:</b> euro
<b>Haiti:</b> gourde	<b>Netherlands Antilles:</b> guilder
<b>Honduras:</b> lempira	<b>New Zealand:</b> dollar
<b>Hong Kong:</b> dollar	<b>Nicaragua:</b> cordoba oro
<b>Hungary:</b> forint	<b>Niger:</b> franc
<b>Iceland:</b> krona	<b>Nigeria:</b> naira
<b>India:</b> rupee	<b>Northern Cyprus:</b> Turkish lira
<b>Indonesia:</b> rupiah	<b>Norway:</b> krone
<b>Iran:</b> rial	<b>Oman:</b> rial
<b>Iraq:</b> dinar	<b>Pakistan:</b> rupee
<b>Ireland:</b> euro	<b>Palau:</b> dollar
<b>Israel:</b> shekel	<b>Palestine:</b> Israeli new shekel, Jordanian dinar
<b>Italy:</b> euro	<b>Panama:</b> balboa, dollar
<b>Jamaica:</b> dollar	<b>Papua New Guinea:</b> kina
<b>Japan:</b> yen	<b>Paraguay:</b> guarani
<b>Jordan:</b> dinar	<b>Peru:</b> nuevo sol
<b>Kazakhstan:</b> tenge	<b>Philippines:</b> peso
<b>Kenya:</b> shilling	<b>Poland:</b> zloty
<b>Korea, North:</b> won	<b>Portugal:</b> euro
<b>Korea, South:</b> won	<b>Puerto Rico:</b> dollar
<b>Kosovo:</b> euro	<b>Qatar:</b> rial
<b>Kuwait:</b> dinar	<b>Romania:</b> leu
<b>Krygyzstan:</b> som	<b>Russia:</b> ruble
<b>Laos:</b> kip	<b>Rwanda:</b> franc
<b>Latvia:</b> lat	<b>Saint Kitts and Nevis:</b> dollar
<b>Lebanon:</b> pound	<b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:</b> dollar
<b>Lesotho:</b> loti; rand	<b>Samoa:</b> tala
<b>Liberia:</b> dollar	<b>San Marino:</b> euro
<b>Libya:</b> dinar	<b>Sao Tome' and Principe:</b> dobra
<b>Liechtenstein:</b> franc	<b>Saudi Arabia:</b> riyal
<b>Lithuania:</b> litas	<b>Senegal:</b> franc
<b>Luxembourg:</b> euro	<b>Serbia and Montenegro:</b> dinar; euro
<b>Macau:</b> pataca	<b>Seychelles:</b> rupee
<b>Macedonia:</b> dinar	<b>Sierra Leone:</b> leone
<b>Madagascar:</b> Malagasy ariary	<b>Singapore:</b> dollar
<b>Malawi:</b> kwacha	<b>Slovakia:</b> euro
<b>Malaysia:</b> ringgit	<b>Slovenia:</b> euro
<b>Maldives:</b> rufiyaa	<b>Solomon Islands:</b> dollar
<b>Mali:</b> franc	<b>Somalia:</b> shilling
<b>Malta:</b> euro	<b>Somaliland:</b> shilling
<b>Martinique:</b> euro	<b>South Africa:</b> rand
<b>Mauritania:</b> ouguiya	<b>Spain:</b> euro

**Sri Lanka:** rupee  
**Sudan:** Sudanese pound  
**Suriname:** Sirinamese dollar  
**Swaziland:** lilangeni  
**Sweden:** krona  
**Switzerland:** franc  
**Syria:** pound  
**Taiwan:** dollar  
**Tajikistan:** somoni  
**Tanzania:** shilling  
**Thailand:** baht  
**Togo:** franc  
**Tonga:** pa'anga  
**Trinidad and Tobago:** dollar  
**Tunisia:** dinar  
**Turkey:** lira  
**Turkmenistan:** manat  
**Tuvalu:** dollar  
**Uganda:** shilling  
**Ukraine:** hryvnia  
**United Arab Emirates:** dirham  
**United Kingdom:** pound  
**United States and its territories:** dollar  
**Uruguay:** peso  
**Uzbekistan:** som  
**Vanuatu:** vatu  
**Venezuela:** bolivar  
**Vietnam:** dong  
**Virgin Islands:** dollar  
**Yemen:** rial  
**Zambia:** kwacha  
**Zimbabwe:** dollar

**moneyed** *a.* rich, wealthy, affluent, \*loaded, \*well-off, \*well-to-do, \*flush. *ANT.* *poor, destitute.*  
**money-making** *a.* profitable, lucrative, paying, gainful, successful. *ANT.* *unprofitable.*  
**mongrel** *n.* mixture, crossbreed, mutt, hybrid, half-blood, half-breed, cur. *ANT.* *purebred, thoroughbred.*  
**moniker** *n.* *Sl.* nickname. *SEE* NAME  
**monitor** *n.* overseer, watchdog, supervisor, observer, advisor.  
**monitor** *v.* oversee, watch over, observe, \*keep an eye on, check, supervise, police, scan.  
**monk** *n.* brother, monastic, friar.  
**monkey** *n.* simian, primate, ape, chimpanzee, rhesus monkey, spider monkey, orangutan. "An organized sarcasm upon the human race."—Henry Ward Beecher.  
**monkey business** *n.* *Sl.* foolishness, mischief, misbehavior, impishness, antics, high jinks, \*monkeyshines, horseplay. *ANT.* *serious business.*  
**monolith** *n.* slab, stone, block, monument, obelisk  
**MONOLITHIC** *a.* [MON uh LITH ik] huge, massive, and permanent, as a monolith. *Our*

*monolithic government has hundreds of sub-bureaucracies.* *SYN.* massive, huge, like a rock, unyielding, gigantic, permanent, unchanging, immovable, immobile. *ANT.* *tiny, portable, yielding.*

**monologue** *n.* soliloquy, talk, discourse, lecture, speech, oration, one-man show, one-woman show. *ANT.* *dialogue, give and take.*  
**monopolize** *v.* corner, appropriate, own, dominate, \*hog, keep for oneself, control. *ANT.* *share, divide equally.*  
**monopoly** *n.* control, corner, domination, cartel, bloc, exclusive possession. "The octopus."—Frank Norris.  
**monotonous** *a.* boring, tiresome, wearisome, repetitious, unstimulating, unvarying, dull, ho-hum, tedious, dry, \*dull as dishwater, \*blah, flat, somnolent, droning. *ANT.* *varying, changing, stimulating.*  
**monotony** *n.* sameness, uniformity, boredom, dullness, tedium, routine, humdrum, repetition, dreariness, flatness. *ANT.* *change, variation, excitement.*  
**monster** *n.* 1. UNNATURAL BEAST creature, mutant, miscreation, ogre, freak of nature, monstrosity, boogieman, brute, thing, \*it, \*lab experiment, dragon, drake, sea serpent, kraken, hydra, Loch Ness Monster (Nessie), Champ (Lake Champlain), yeti, Bigfoot, abominable snowman, Frankenstein, werewolf, vampire, ghoul, goblin, hobgoblin, zombie, incubus, succubus, troll, basilisk, harpy, centaur, griffin, gargoyle, chimera, Gorgon, Medusa, Minotaur, Phoenix, Cerberus, Argus, Cyclops, Pluto, Sphinx, Orthos, Python, Pan, roc, demon, orc, satyr, hellhound, alien, extraterrestrial, little green man, man-eater, Godzilla, the Blob, B-movie monster (Roger Corman Creation). 2. GIANT colossus, behemoth, Gargantua, Goliath, titan, leviathan, mammoth, Brobdingnagian. *ANT.* 2. *dwarf, midget, runt, baby.*  
**monstrosity** *n.* *SEE* MONSTER  
**monstrous** *a.* 1. GROTESQUE hideous, abnormal, mutated, unnatural, repulsive, freakish, teratoid, weird, wild, outlandish, bizarre, otherworldly, beastly, frightful, shocking. 2. HUGE gigantic, gargantuan, colossal, stupendous, hulking, enormous, titanic, immense, mammoth, towering. 3. EVIL atrocious, satanic, revolting, heinous, hateful, gruesome, loathsome, vile, horrible. 4. OUTRAGEOUS shocking, incredible, ridiculous, astonishing. *ANT.* 1. *normal, natural, beautiful.* 2. *tiny, wee, small.* 3. *good, moral, angelic.* 4. *normal, reasonable.*

**montage** *n.* hodgepodge, jumble, patchwork, mosaic, mishmash, potpourri, miscellany, arrangement, scheme.

**monument** *n.* 1. MEMORIAL statue, pillar, column, monolith, obelisk, tower, stone, plinth, shrine, pyramid, tombstone, headstone, marker, cross, mausoleum, cenotaph, effigy, ossuary, sepulchre, solium, weeper. SEE CEMETERY 2. NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENT landmark, magnum opus, masterpiece, masterwork, chef d'oeuvre, watershed.

**monumental** *a.* massive, huge, prodigious, colossal, towering, grand, exalted, enduring, permanent, outstanding, exceptional. *ANT.* tiny, microscopic, insignificant, forgettable.

**moo** *v.* low, bellow.

**mooch** *v.* *Sl.* cadge, beg, \*sponge, \*bum off, \*leach off, \*panhandle, pilfer.

**mood** *n.* state of mind, frame of mind, spirit, temper, humor, vein, mind, disposition, caprice. SEE ANGER, ANXIETY, DEPRESSION, FEAR, HAPPINESS, SADNESS

**moody** *a.* temperamental, touchy, grouchy, labile, gloomy, glum, petulant, unpredictable, cranky, \*running hot and cold. *ANT.* stable, predictable, even-tempered, constant.

**moon** *n.* satellite, orb, planetoid, celestial body, sphere, \*dustball, Luna, Selene, Diana. "Magnificent desolation."—Edwin Aldrin. "A corpse upon the road of night."—Robert Burton. "A golden sickle reaping darkness down."—James B. Hope. "The passionless bright face."—Dinah Craik.

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#### WORD FIND

**crater:** Alphonsus, Copernicus, Kepler, Plato, Tycho

**descriptive:** sickle, wan, albescent, sallow, sterile, stark, surrealist

**goddess:** Luna, Selene, Diana, Phoebe, Astarte, Cynthis, Lucina, Hecate

**halo around:** nimbus

**hole from meteorite impact:** crater

**horn of crescent:** cusp

**landing site, original:** Sea of Tranquility

**line or crack from meteorite impact:** ray

**line where light and dark meet:** terminator

**mares:** (maria): Mare Imbrium, Mare Nubium, Oceanus Procellarum, Mare Tranquillitatis (sea of tranquility)

**mound:** dome

**mountains:** Alps, Apennines, Caucasus, Doerfel, Leibnitz

**narrow trench or valley:** rill(e)

**orbital point farthest from earth:** apogee

**orbital point nearest to earth:** perigee

**phases:** new, crescent, quarter, gibbous, full  
**plain originally mistaken for sea:** mare (maria)

**reflected sunlight:** albedo

**seasonal:** harvest, hunter's

**shadow:** umbra

**study of:** selenology

**waxing, waning**

**moon** *v.* *Sl.* 1. DROP ONE'S DRAWERS \*flash, \*salute. 2. DREAM daydream, fantasize, \*go off into one's own world.

**moonlight** *n.* moonshine, moonbeams, albedo, effulgence, luminescence, radiance.

**moonshine** *n.* *Sl.* corn liquor, contraband, home brew, bootleg, \*white lightning, \*mountain dew, \*rotgut, \*stump liquor, \*bathtub gin, \*the stuff that looks like water and kicks like a mule.

**moonstruck** *v.* crazed, deranged, demented, possessed, loony, insane.

**moor** *n.* heath, peat bog, scrubland, swamp, tundra, wasteland, marsh, prairie.

**moorings** *n.* slip, port, harbor, anchorage, dock, marina, wharf, berth, landing, pier.

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#### WORD FIND

**deck posts around which mooring lines are secured:** bitt

**dock or pier post around which mooring lines are secured:** bollard

**moose** *n.* deer, elk, mammal.

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#### WORD FIND

**feeding place:** yard

**female:** cow

**kin:** reindeer, caribou

**male:** bull

**sexual season:** rut

**young:** calf

**MOOT** *a.* [MOOT] subject to discussion or debate. *Whether or not abortion is morally acceptable is a moot question.* *SYN.* debatable, arguable, disputable, contestable, questionable, open to question, controversial, at issue, unsettled, theoretical, academic, conjectural. *ANT.* indisputable, uncontestable, resolved.

**mop** *n.* swab, duster, \*squeegee.

**mop** *v.* swab, wipe up, sponge up, dust, \*squeegee.

**mope** *v.* sulk, pout, brood, grumble, put on a long face, fret, pine, moon, languish, lose heart.

**moral** *n.* lesson, principle, truism, adage, proverb, teaching.

**moral** *a.* 1. RIGHTEOUS virtuous, ethical, good, upright, scrupulous, honorable, honest, principled, trustworthy, fair, decent, conscientious, correct, aboveboard, just. 2. SEXUALLY VIRTUOUS chaste, immaculate, pure, innocent, respectable, \*squeaky clean. *ANT.* 1. *immoral, unethical, unprincipled, corrupt, evil.* 2. *promiscuous, loose, wild.*

**morale** *n.* spirit, resolve, attitude, confidence, mood, state.

**morality** *n.* righteousness, goodness, integrity, virtue, decency, fairness, honesty, conscientiousness, honor, respectability, responsibility. "A terribly thin covering of ice over a sea of primitive barbarity."—Karl Barth. "To enjoy and give enjoyment, without injury to yourself or others."—Nicolas Chamfort. "Feeling temptation but resisting it."—Sigmund Freud. *ANT.* *immorality, evil.*

**moralize** *v.* preach, sermonize, pontificate, lecture, pass judgment, \*climb on one's moral soapbox, \*look down one's holier-than-thou nose.

**morals** *n.* ideals, standards, mores, scruples, principles, ethics, ethos, manners.

**morass** *n.* 1. MARSH bog, swamp, fen, quagmire, wetland, mire, slough, wallow. 2. ENTANGLEMENT mess, mix-up, jam, predicament.

**MORATORIUM** *n.* [MOR uh TOR ee um] a suspension or delay of an activity. *The city has placed a moratorium on new real estate development.* *SYN.* suspension, delay, deferment, postponement, discontinuance, stop.

**MORBID** *a.* [MOR bid] unhealthy, unwholesome, gloomy, or gruesome. *He had a morbid fascination with death.* *SYN.* unhealthy, sickly, pathological, morose, gloomy, black, depressed, somber, melancholy, neurotic, sick, gruesome. *ANT.* *healthy, wholesome, happy.*

**mordant** *a.* biting, cutting, caustic, bitter, sarcastic, acid, scathing, acerbic, venomous, pungent, acrimonious, pointed, sharp.

**more** *n.* additional amount, supplement, replenishment, increase, extra.

**more** *a.* additional, extra, further, greater, added. *ANT.* *fewer, less.*

**more or less** *a.* approximately, about, roughly, generally, thereabouts, in round numbers.

**moreover** *adv.* in addition, furthermore, over and above, also.

**mores** *n.* customs, codes, manners, standards, conventions, ethos.

**morgue** *n.* mortuary, funeral parlor, charnel house, crematorium.

**moribund** *a.* dying, expiring, failing, wasting away, on one's deathbed, terminal, \*circling the drain, \*sinking fast, \*at death's door. *ANT.* *robust, healthy, vital.*

**morning** *n.* dawn, daybreak, sunup, sunrise, A.M., forenoon, the holy light of dawn.

**moron** *n.* imbecile, idiot, simpleton, retardate, dope, dolt, nitwit, dullard, dunce, dummy, lamebrain, \*lunkhead, \*meathead, \*chowderhead, \*airhead, \*maroon, \*one with the IQ of a woodchuck, \*one who cuts with a dull tool, \*one who is one or two bricks shy of a load, \*one slower than a glacier, \*one as dense as a post, \*one as numb as a flounder, \*one who is dead from the neck up. *ANT.* *genius, savant, Rhodes scholar, Mensa member, rocket scientist.*

**moronic** *a.* dumb, addle-brained, bovine, asinine. *SEE* STUPID

**morose** *a.* gloomy, glum, sullen, melancholy, sour, dour, ill-humored, austere, saturnine, stern, scowling, lugubrious, surly. *ANT.* *cheerful, upbeat, sunny.*

**morphine** *n.* narcotic, pain killer, pain reliever, anesthetic, opiate, \*bang, \*hocus, \*joy dust, \*white nurse. *SEE* DRUG, NARCOTIC

**morsel** *n.* bite, tidbit, spoonful, bit, a taste, mouthful, scrap, piece, shred, speck, chunk, hunk, lump, smidgen.

**mortal** *a.* 1. SUBJECT TO DEATH human, earthly, perishable, temporal, transient, fleeting, finite, ephemeral, transitory. 2. CAUSING DEATH fatal, lethal, malignant, deadly. 3. TO THE DEATH homicidal, murderous, death-dealing, suicidal, bloodthirsty, fatal, deadly, unrelenting. *ANT.* 1. *immortal, permanent, everlasting.* 2. *benign, harmless.*

**mortality** *n.* 1. IMPERMANENCE transience. 2. DEATH ON A LARGE SCALE slaughter, carnage, bloodbath, holocaust, extermination, fatality. 3. DEATH RATE

**mortally** *adv.* gravely, seriously, fatally. *ANT.* *superficially, slightly.*

**mortgage** *n.* contract, pledge, title, deed, lease, loan agreement. *SEE* MONEY

**mortician** *n.* undertaker, funeral director, embalmer. *SEE* FUNERAL

**mortification** *n.* humiliation, shame, embarrassment, chagrin, humbling, humble pie, disgrace, loss of face.

**mortify** *v.* humiliate, embarrass, shame, humble, disgrace, dismay, deflate, bring down, \*take down a notch, belittle. *ANT.* *honor, exalt, worship.*

**mortuary** *n.* funeral home, funeral parlor, morgue, charnel house, crematorium. *SEE* FUNERAL

**mosaic** *n.* inlay, collage, tile-work, marquetry, parquetry, miscellany, jumble, hodgepodge.

**mosey** *v.* shuffle, saunter, pad, amble, stroll. SEE WALK

**Moslem** *n.* Muslem, Muslim, Mohammedan. SEE RELIGION

**mosque** *n.* temple, church, house of worship, house of God, sanctuary.

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**WORD FIND**

**prayer tower:** minaret

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**moss** *n.* lichen, liverwort, Irish moss, Spanish moss, club moss, peat moss.

**mossback** *n.* \*old fogy, \*fuddy-duddy, fossil, mid-Victorian, ultraconservative.

**most** *a.* greatest, largest, nearly all, majority, \*lion's share, maximum, utmost, unsurpassed, unequaled, furthest. *ANT.* *least, smallest, lowest.*

**mostly** *adv.* for the most part, principally, chiefly, mainly, by and large, on the whole.

**mot** *n.* witticism, quip, bon mot, repartee, riposte.

**mote** *n.* speck, particle, fragment, bit, flake, grit.

**motel** *n.* motor court, inn, motor inn, roadhouse, \*stop and drop. SEE HOTEL

**moth-eaten** *a.* 1. THREADBARE tattered, ragged, \*holey, worn-out, decrepit. 2. OLD-FASHIONED outmoded, outdated, antiquated, out of style, obsolete. *ANT.* 1. *fresh, new, pristine.* 2. *recent, contemporary.*

**mother** *n.* 1. MOM matriarch, parent, matron, nurturer, caregiver, \*hand that rocks the cradle, foster mother, adoptive mother, mother-in-law, \*mama, \*mum, \*mumsy, \*old lady. 2. SOURCE origin, originator, womb, cradle. "What God made because He could not be everywhere."—Adapted from Jewish proverb. "God's deputy on earth."—Rahel Varnhagen. SEE FAMILY

**mother** *v.* nurture, raise, rear, bring up, parent, foster, nourish, protect, nurse, care for, overprotect, spoil, smother, coddle.

**motherhood** *n.* maternity, mothership.

**motherland** *n.* native land, home land, \*the old country.

**motherly** *a.* maternal, nurturing, doting, protective, solicitous. *ANT.* *neglectful, abusive.*

**motif** *n.* theme, pattern, subject, leitmotif, idea, strain, device, form, concept.

**motion** *n.* 1. ACTION movement, change, moving, transition, drift, shift. 2. A PROPOSAL recommendation, suggestion, proposition, submission, offering.

**motion** *v.* gesture, gesticulate, point, nod, beckon, shrug, pantomime.

**motionless** *a.* unmoving, still, inert, static, lifeless, tranquil, dead, frozen, paralyzed, inanimate, stationary, immobile, becalmed, fixed, quiet, idle.

**motion picture** *n.* picture show, \*flick. SEE MOVIE

**motivate** *v.* impel, induce, move, stimulate, spur, goad, encourage, challenge, incite, prompt, inspire, start, arouse, \*hold out a carrot, \*light a fire under, galvanize, serve as a catalyst, \*give a good, swift kick. *ANT.* *discourage, deflate, \*take the wind out of one's sails, dishearten.*

**motivation** *n.* incentive, enticement, reason. SEE MOTIVE

**motive** *n.* motivation, purpose, reason, incentive, stimulus, rationale, driving force, grounds, enticement, aim, instigation, goal, spur, bribe.

**motley** *a.* heterogenous, diverse, many-colored, assorted, miscellaneous, varied, varicolored, variegated, kaleidoscopic, patchwork, jumbled, multifarious. *ANT.* *similar, uniform, homogeneous.*

**motor** *n.* engine, power plant, dynamo, turbine, generator, transformer, transducer, \*workhorse. SEE AIRCRAFT, AUTOMOBILE, MACHINERY

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**WORD FIND**

**Types:** internal combustion motor, diesel, Wankel, rotary, steam, double-overhead cam, two-stroke, four-stroke, V-6, V-8, four-barrel, slant, transverse, supercharged, turbocharged, inboard-outboard.

**alternating current producer:** alternator

**carburetor replacement system:** fuel injection

**closes air to carburetor:** choke

**coolant:** antifreeze, ethyl glycol

**cooling system:** fan, radiator, thermostat, water jackets, water pump

**cylindrical plugs that move up and down, compresses air-fuel mix:** pistons

**distributes electricity to spark plugs:** distributor

**drive train:** clutch, transmission, driveshaft, differential

**energy unit:** horsepower, rpm (revolutions per minute)

**exhaust burner:** catalytic converter, afterburner, turbocharger

**filters dirt and dust:** air filter, fuel filter, oil filter

**frame:** chassis  
**friction reducers:** bearings  
**fuel vaporizer:** carburetor  
**heat exchanger:** radiator  
**knocking:** ping, detonation  
**main framework containing cylinders:** engine block  
**main rotating shaft:** crankshaft  
**overtaxing of:** red-lining  
**piston housing:** cylinder  
**sputtering after ignition turned off:** dieseling  
**turning force of motor:** torque  
**valve operator:** camshaft

**motor** *v.* drive, cruise, ride, tour, steer.  
**motorboat** *n.* speedboat, power boat, outboard, cruiser. SEE BOAT, SHIP  
**motorcade** *n.* parade, procession, caravan, cavalcade.  
**motorcycle** *n.* motor bike, dirt bike, motor scooter, minibike, moped, \*hog, \*wheels, \*chopper, \*iron horse, \*rice burner, \*bike, \*sled. SEE MOTOR

**WORD FIND**

**accelerator:** throttle  
**engine shutoff:** kill switch  
**model:** Honda, Harley Davidson, Kawasaki, Suzuki, Triumph, Indian  
**safety bar, passenger:** sissy bar  
**seat:** saddle

**motor home** *n.* trailer, mobile home, RV, camper, \*tin can.  
**motorist** *n.* driver, commuter.  
**motorized** *a.* powered, mechanized, automatic. *ANT. manual.*  
**mottled** *a.* variegated, streaked, dappled, piebald, pied, spotted, shaded, motley, splotchy, marble-patterned, flecked, particolored. *ANT. monochrome, uniform.*  
**motto** *n.* maxim, adage, aphorism, saying, proverb, axiom, truism, principle, slogan, epigram, saw.  
**mound** *n.* heap, pile, mass, knoll, hump, hummock, hillock, dune. SEE HILL  
**mount** *v.* 1. ASCEND climb, go up, scale, surmount. 2. INCREASE grow, pile up, burgeon, accrue, swell, mushroom, multiply, proliferate, balloon, accumulate.  
**mountain** *n.* peak, alp, mount, summit, pinnacle, highland, elevation, ridge, pike, seamount, volcano, butte, mesa, plateau, massif, matterhorn, monadnock, nunatak, up-rising, cliff. "The palaces of nature."—Lord Byron. *ANT. valley, dale, dell, crater.* SEE HILL,

MOUNTAINEER, MOUNTAINEERING, MOUNTAINOUS, VOLCANO

**WORD FIND**

**Famous Mountains:** Aetna, Annapurna, Blanc, Everest, Fuji, Godwin Austen (K2), Grand Teton, Hood, Kilimanjaro, Krakatoa, Matterhorn, McKinley, Pelee, Pike's Peak, Rainier, Sinai, St. Helens, Vesuvius, Washington, Whitney. (Ranges) Adirondacks, Alps, Andes, Appalachian, Appenines, Canadian Rockies, Cascades, Caucasus, Himalayas, Karakoram, Pyrenees, Rockies, Sierra Madre, Sierra Nevada, Tetons, Urals, White Mountains.

**air:** rarefied  
**base:** piedmont  
**bowlike hollow carved by glacier:** cirque  
**chain:** cordillera, range, sierra  
**cloud:** banner  
**crest:** arête  
**descriptive:** bell-shaped, flinty, spired  
**elevation above 4800 ft.:** alpine  
**erosion resistant:** monadnock  
**flat-topped:** butte, mesa, plateau  
**formation:** orogeny  
**frozen fog:** rime ice, verglas  
**glacial ice, surrounded by:** nunatak  
**glow at sunrise/sunset:** alpenglow  
**gully:** couloir  
**humpback:** shoulder  
**lake:** tarn  
**leeward side:** rain shadow  
**low between summits:** saddle  
**needlelike peak:** aiguille, matterhorn  
**nymph:** oread  
**oxygen deprivation:** mountain sickness  
**pass:** col, defile  
**peak:** horn, summit  
**ranges, multiple:** cordillera  
**ridge:** arête, hogback, sawback, spur  
**rounded:** knob  
**rubble:** scree, talus  
**saddle:** col  
**sea:** seamount  
**shadow illusion:** specter of the brocken  
**side:** flank  
**snow collapse:** avalanche  
**steep, weathered rock:** crag  
**study:** orography  
**vestigial nubbin:** inselberg

**mountaineer** *n.* highlander, uplander, Sherpa, mountain climber, rock climber, adventurer.  
**mountaineering** *n.* mountain climbing, ascending, surmounting, scaling, rock climbing.

**WORD FIND**

**climbing without mechanical aids:** freeclimbing

**dangerous overhang of ice and snow:** cornice

**descend by rope:** rappel

**diagonal ascent:** slab

**makeshift shelter:** bivouac

**narrow, vertical passageway:** chimney

**oxygen deprivation:** mountain sickness

**ring that connects ropes to pitons:** carabiner

**securing or playing out rope:** belaying

**short rope ladder:** etrier

**sideways movement across slope:** traverse

**sideways rope traverse:** pendulum

**spike, wedge, or peg used to secure climber:** piton

**staff:** alpenstock

**toothed, metal traction attachment:** crampon

**zigzag to counter steep slopes:** switchback

**mountainous** *a.* alpestrine, alpine. *ANT.* flat, level.

**WORD FIND**

**descriptive:** rugged, towering, lofty, vertiginous, cloud-capped, supernal, washboard

**ranges:** cordillera, sierra

**mountebank** *n.* charlatan, swindler, quack, \*rip-off artist, \*con man, \*grifter, cheat, imposter, \*huckster, \*snake oil salesman.

**mounted** *a.* 1. SEATED astride, in the saddle. 2. FITTED attached, seated, backed. *ANT.* 1. *dis-mounted.* 2. *unattached, loose.* SEE MOUNTING

**mounting** *n.* frame, backing, support, seating.

**mounting** *v.* growing, piling up, expanding, accruing, burgeoning, mushrooming, proliferating, accumulating, multiplying, snowballing. *ANT.* *diminishing, shrinking.*

**mourn** *v.* grieve, lament, bemoan, pine, bewail, rue, despair, miss, deplore, languish, agonize, yearn, ache, suffer, anguish.

**mourner** *n.* the bereaved, griever, survivor.

**mournful** *a.* sorrowful, bereft, desolate, woeful, heavyhearted, downhearted, forlorn, grief-stricken, anguished, heartsick, inconsolable, aching with nostalgia, disheartened, prostrate. *ANT.* *cheerful, sunny, joyous.*

**mourning** *n.* grieving, sorrowing, lamentation, lamenting, bereavement, grief, anguish. *ANT.* *rejoicing, celebrating.* SEE DEATH, FUNERAL

**WORD FIND**

**dress of:** black, veil, sackcloth, mourning band, widow's weeds.

**mouse** *n.* 1. RODENT vermin, field mouse, pocket mouse, vole. 2. SISSY coward, milquetoast, shrinking violet, weakling, \*wimp, \*wuss.

**mousy** *a.* timid, quiet, shy, timorous. *ANT.* *bold, aggressive.*

**mouth** *n.* 1. ORAL CAVITY lips, maw, orifice, muzzle chops, \*choppers, \*kisser. SEE LIPS, SMILE, TEETH 2. END OF A RIVER outlet, estuary, delta, drain. SEE RIVER 3. OPENING entrance, aperture.

**mouthful** *n.* bite, spoonful, morsel.

**mouth off** *v.* spout off, vociferate, vituperate, harangue, taunt, rant, rave, sass, \*wise off.

**mouthpiece** *n.* spokesman, spokeswoman, PR person, attorney.

**mouthwash** *n.* mouth rinse, breath freshener, gargle.

**mouth-watering** *a.* salivary, appetizing, savory, succulent. *ANT.* *unappetizing, distasteful.*

**mouthy** *a.* loudmouthed, vociferous, ranting, obnoxious, sassy. *ANT.* *mEEK, quiet, mute.*

**movable** *a.* portable, transportable, fluid. SEE MOBILE

**move** *v.* 1. SET OR BE IN MOTION transport, change places, impel, propel, advance, lug, haul, budge, relocate, push, pull, go, come, travel, proceed, walk, run, fly. 2. CHANGE RESIDENCES relocate, transfer, pull up roots, vacate, emigrate, migrate, fly the coop. 3. AFFECT THE EMOTIONS touch, stir, arouse, play on one's sympathies, pluck or tug at the heartstrings, strike a nerve, melt the heart, stimulate, disturb. 4. PROPOSE put forth, recommend, urge, offer, submit.

**movement** *n.* 1. MOTION action, stirring, activity, advancement, propulsion, ascension, descension, retraction, flight. 2. CAMPAIGN grassroots movement, crusade, undertaking, drive popular front, fundraiser, push. 3. MUSICAL PASSAGE section, part, sequence, division, piece.

**mover** *n.* shipper, trucker, moving company.

**mover and shaker** *n.* doer, producer, \*player, \*heavy hitter, instigator, catalyst, generator, \*whip, \*wheeler and dealer, \*spark plug, \*lightning rod, \*go-getter, enterpriser, entrepreneur, \*biggest toad in the puddle, \*big cheese, \*chairman of the board, \*kingpin, pathfinder, bellwether.

**movie** *n.* motion picture, moving picture, film, picture, show, screenplay, cinema, photograph, silver screen, video, \*talkie, \*flick, documentary, docudrama, melodrama, epic, \*spaghetti western, horse opera, B movie, blue movie, stag film, \*skin flick. "Life with the dull parts cut out."—Alfred Hitchcock.

**WORD FIND**

**actor/small role:** bit player, cameo appearance, extra  
**actor who is partially created by computer make-up effects:** synthespian  
**advertising/promotional clip:** trailer  
**aerial shot:** crane shot  
**animation created with clay characters and stop-action photography:** claymation  
**award:** Academy Award, Oscar  
**black-and-white to color process:** colorization  
**box office smash:** \*boffo  
**captioned drawings of planned camera shots:** storyboard  
**clapper:** slate  
**closeup, extreme:** detail shot  
**colored lens or gelatin:** filter  
**combination of two or more images on film:** composite shot; superimposition  
**computer program breathing life into digitally created characters:** Massive  
**computer-generated imagery:** CGI  
**daytime run movie:** matinee  
**digital special effect that metamorphoses person or thing:** morphing  
**digitally recorded body movements of actors placed in digital landscape:** motion capture  
**directs actors and technicians:** director  
**double scene effect:** split screen  
**dream sequence waviness effect:** ripple dissolve  
**dummy taking hit for actor about to be killed, shot with:** substitution shot  
**electrician assistant:** best boy  
**electrician in charge of lights:** gaffer  
**end of shooting for the day:** wrap  
**fade out effect:** dissolve  
**fade:** dissolve; fade in, fade out; washout  
**fast frame nearly too quick to see:** flash frame  
**fast motion, run camera at slower speed to create:** undercrank  
**ghost effect achieved through reflected image, superimposed:** ghosting  
**gunshot wound effect:** squib  
**handheld camera with anti-shake mechanism:** Steadycam  
**head of financing and hiring:** producer  
**joining of two pieces of film:** splice  
**journals of the industry:** trades, *Variety*, *Hollywood Reporter*  
**keyhole or binoculars, shield placed over lens to create illusion of looking through:** mask

**library film:** stock footage  
**lip synchronization on short loops of film:** looping  
**location finder:** location scout  
**moving shot:** dolly shot, trucking shot  
**music of:** score  
**night scenes shot in daylight with darkening lenses:** day-for-night photography  
**object:** prop  
**one frame at a time to give illusion of movement, object or thing moved and shot:** stop-action photography  
**past, scene from character's:** flashback  
**photographer, motion picture:** cinematographer  
**prints from day's shooting:** dailies, rushes  
**proposal of movie to financiers:** pitch  
**publicity:** publicist  
**puppets of animals, humans, monsters, electronically controlled:** animatronics  
**real-time compression shot:** time-lapse photography  
**record dialogue and sound effects:** dub, Foley  
**rolling credits at end of movie:** crawl, closing credits  
**scene pushes another out of the way, effect when:** pushover; wipe  
**scene-combining special effect, illusionary:** blue screen; matte shot; superimposition  
**scenery painted on glass, shot through:** glass shot  
**script continuity:** script supervisor  
**set or prop assistant:** grip  
**sets and costumes head:** art director  
**shadow casting screen:** gobo; scrim  
**slow motion, run camera at fast speed to create:** overcrank  
**sound effects room:** Foley studio  
**sound recorder:** sound technician, Foley artist  
**stop-action combined with live-action using split screen techniques:** dynamation  
**stop-action photography:** pixillation  
**stuck in pre-production limbo and sold to another studio, movie:** in turnaround  
**studio and outside shooting area:** lot, backlot  
**superimposition effect:** blue screen, matte shot  
**test audience, screen a movie for a:** test screen  
**wardrobe assistant:** dresser  
**wide side-to-side shot:** pan  
**widening shot:** pull-back  
**wide-screen film process:** Cinemascope

**writer:** screenwriter, script doctor

**writer's outline:** treatment

**zooming in effect:** zoom shot

**moving** *a.* 1. IN MOTION going, coming, motioning, transporting, proceeding, advancing, ascending, descending, retracting, reversing. 2. RELOCATING transferring, vacating, pulling up roots, emigrating, migrating, flying the coop. 3. EFFECTING THE EMOTIONS touching, stirring, rousing, stimulating, striking a nerve, plucking at the heartstrings, heart-wrenching, gut-wrenching. *ANT.* 1. *stationary.* 2. *settled, fixed.* 3. *blunt, soporific, unemotional.*

**mow** *v.* cut, trim, shear, clip, scythe, hack, reap. SEE HARVEST

**moxie** *n.* *Sl.* courage, pluck, guts, mettle, chutzpah, \*balls.

**much** *n.* great quantity, a lot, abundance, profusion, plethora, myriad, deluge, scores, wealth, bonanza, tons, \*oodles, \*all the tea in China. *ANT.* *nothing, zero, pittance.*

**much** *a.* 1. TO A GREAT DEGREE OR EXTENT important, remarkable, considerable, significant, paramount, impressive, critical, of consequence. 2. IN GREAT QUANTITY abundant, plentiful, ample, sufficient, profuse, lavish, generous, considerable, copious, liberal, sizable.

**muck** *n.* 1. MANURE dung, compost, fertilizer, \*crap, ooze. 2. SCANDALOUS INFORMATION lowdown, \*skinny, slander, gossip, \*dirt, \*goods. SEE MUCKRAKING

**muck-a-muck** *n.* *Sl.* big shot, \*big gun, \*big cheese, \*high muckety-muck, \*pooh-bah, \*VIP, \*bigwig, \*biggest toad in the puddle.

**MUCKRAKER** *n.* [MUCK raker] one who investigates and reports corruption. *News-papers train their best reporters to be muck-rakers.* *SYN.* \*whistle-blower, investigative journalist, \*keyhole journalist, exposé, gossipmonger, scandalmonger, mudslinger, debunker.

**MUCKRAKING** *n.* [MUCK raking] investigating and reporting corruption. *Muckraking can sometimes be a journalist's most dangerous job.* *SYN.* whistle-blowing, investigating, exposing, \*digging for dirt, gossipmongering, scandalmongering, \*dragging through the mud, defaming, character assassinating.

**mud** *n.* mire, muck, ooze, sludge, slime, clay, slush, silt, dirt, wallow, organic matter.

**muddle** *v.* mix up, stir up, jumble, disorder, fumble, blunder, puzzle, scramble, ensnarl,

confuse, turn upside-down, mess up, foul. *ANT.* *order, organize, neatén, clarify*

**muddled** *a.* confused, befuddled, incoherent, addled, bewildered, disoriented. *ANT.* *lucid, clear-headed.*

**muddy** *a.* mucky, miry, sloppy, silty, slimey, slushy, gooey, dirty, oozy, soggy, swampy, boggy, soiled, filthy, grubby, organic, sedimentary. *ANT.* *clean, pristine, spotless.*

**mudslinging** *n.* smear campaign, slander, defamation, scandalizing, libeling, name-calling, dragging one's name through the mud, \*political parry and jab. *ANT.* *compliment, praise, tribute.*

**muff** *v.* bungle, botch, fumble, drop the ball, \*blow it, stumble, \*choke, fail, miscalculate, slip, trip up, \*screw up. *ANT.* *succeed, accomplish.*

**muffin** *n.* bread, roll, biscuit, scone, bran muffin, corn muffin.

**muffle** *v.* stifle, deaden, dampen, mute, tone down, silence, soften.

**muffler** *n.* 1. CLOTHING scarf, neckerchief, ascot. 2. NOISE-ABSORBING DEVICE baffle, mute, silencer.

**mug** *n.* 1. DRINKING VESSEL stein, tankard, flagon, cup, toby, goblet. 2. FACE countenance, puss, grimace, mug shot. SEE FACE

**mug** *v.* hold up, assault, rob, purse-snatch, strong-arm, \*jump, \*stick up.

**mugging** *n.* holdup, assault, robbery, purse-snatching, \*stick-up.

**muggy** *a.* humid, damp, moist, sticky, close, clammy, steamy, sultry, dank, sweltering, oppressive. *ANT.* *dry, arid.*

**mulatto** *n.* mixed breed, half-breed, hybrid, creole, octoroon, quadroon.

**mule** *n.* hinny, jackass, donkey, burro, jenny.

**mulish** *a.* obstinate, headstrong. SEE STUBBORN

**mull** *v.* ponder, reflect, think, consider, meditate, weigh, ruminate, deliberate, contemplate, marshal one's thoughts, chew, brood, muse, cogitate.

**multicolored** *a.* polychromatic, parti-colored, spectral, variegated, kaleidoscopic, mottled, dappled, striped, streaked. *ANT.* *monochromatic.* SEE COLORED

**multifaceted** *a.* 1. MANY-SIDED many-faced, manifold. 2. INTRICATE complex, complicated. *ANT.* 1. *one-sided.* 2. *simple.*

**multifarious** *a.* manifold, diverse, multitudinous, various, multifaceted, heterogeneous, multiplex. *ANT.* *limited.*

**multinational** *a.* international, global, continental, worldwide, multicultural. *ANT.* *local.*

**multiple** *a.* many, manifold, numerous, multitudinous, several, plural, various, duplex, triplex, sundry, myriad. *ANT.* *single, lone.*

**multiply** *v.* 1. TO ADD increase, compound, duplicate, triple, quadruple, burgeon, proliferate, grow, spread, mushroom. 2. PRODUCE OFFSPRING propagate, procreate, generate, breed. SEE REPRODUCE

**multitude** *n.* mass, throng, bunch, horde, legion, flock, mob, crowd, swarm.

**mum** *a.* silent, mute, tight-lipped, speechless. *ANT.* *effusive, talkative.*

**mumble** *v.* mutter, mander, murmur, speak indistinctly, whisper, talk to oneself, \*talk into one's chin/beard, drone. *ANT.* *project, articulate, shout, roar.*

**mummify** *v.* dry, shrivel, preserve, desiccate, embalm, swaddle.

**mummy** *n.* corpse, cadaver, the embalmed, the entombed, \*stiff.

**munch** *v.* chew, bite, crunch, snack, nosh, chomp, nibble, gnaw. SEE CHEW, EAT

**munchies** *n.* *Sl.* 1. SEE SNACK 2. SEE APPETITE, HUNGER

**mundane** *a.* 1. ORDINARY everyday, common, banal, trite, humdrum, routine, prosaic, stale, pedestrian. 2. EARTHLY worldly, terrestrial, material, physical, human. *ANT.* 1. *extraordinary, rare, exceptional.* 2. *spiritual, divine, out of this world.*

**municipal** *a.* civic, civil, metropolitan, city, urban, local, community, town; self-governing. SEE CITY, TOWN

**municipality** *n.* city, town, village, metropolis, district, borough, suburb, bedroom community, precinct, parish, hamlet. SEE CITY

**munificent** *a.* generous, lavish, extravagant, bountiful, openhanded, philanthropic, liberal. *ANT.* *cheap, niggardly, tightfisted.*

**munitions** *n.* ammunition, weapons, bombs, ordnance, arsenal.

**mural** *n.* wall painting, panorama.

**murder** *n.* homicide, manslaughter, slaying, killing, assassination, shooting, execution, knifing, lynching. "One murder makes a villain, millions a hero."—Beilby Porteus.

**WORD FIND**

**accidental or unintentional:** involuntary manslaughter

**automobile, from:** drive-by shooting

**brother:** fratricide

**ethnic group or race, of:** genocide

**father:** patricide

**gang-related:** gangland killing, drive-by shooting, contract killing, \*hit

**hired:** contract killing

**infant:** infanticide

**(in the) heat of passion without malice aforethought:** manslaughter, crime of passion

**mass slaughter:** massacre

**mother:** matricide

**planned:** premeditated, first-degree murder

**rage, motivated by sudden:** crime of passion, manslaughter

**random act:** \*wilding

**self:** suicide

**serial:** serial killing

**sister:** sororicide

**surprise, politically motivated:** assassination

**suspected:** foul play

**unplanned with malice aforethought:** second-degree murder

**murder** *v.* kill, slay, slaughter, assassinate, shoot, gun down, knife, run through, lynch, strangle, suffocate, decapitate, butcher, hack to death, bludgeon to death, asphyxiate, poison, dismember, disembowel, dispatch, silence, \*waste, \*finish off, \*rub out, \*wax, \*hit, \*ice, \*smoke, \*exterminate, \*grease, \*eighty-six, \*blow away, \*pump full of lead, \*take out, \*put out of misery, \*bump off.

**murderer** *n.* killer, assassin, slayer, strangler, psychopath, sociopath, sniper, lunatic, serial killer, madman, thug, executioner, \*ripper, \*trigger man, \*gun, \*hired gun, \*liquidator, \*hit man, terrorist.

**murderous** *a.* homicidal, bloodthirsty, deranged, frenzied, maniacal, savage, sociopathic, psychopathic, cannibalistic, violent, \*rabid, \*in a spitting rage. *ANT.* *tranquil, at peace.*

**murk** *n.* darkness, gloom, shadow, haze, fog, mist, brume. SEE FOG

**murky** *a.* 1. GLOOMY dark, dismal, dusky, dreary, gauzy, funereal, somber, hazy, misty, foggy, brumous. 2. OBSCURE unclear, vague, nebulous, esoteric, veiled, hidden, obfuscated, occult, mysterious, arcane, impenetrable. *ANT.* 1. *sunny, bright, clear.* 2. *clear, distinct, in plain view.*

**murmur** *n.* mutter, whisper, sigh, coo, purr, mumble, sough, purl.

**murmur** *v.* mutter, whisper, sigh, coo, speak softly, purr, mumble.

**muscle** *n.* abductor, adductor, flexor, constrictor, extensor, tendon, sinew, fiber, tissue, thew, brawn. 2. STRENGTH power, force, weight, brawn, heft, might, leverage, \*elbow grease, \*oomph. *ANT.* 2. *weakness, flaccidity, impotence.*

**WORD FIND**

**abdominal support:** abdominal obliques, rectus abdominus, transversus abdominus  
**ankle bender:** plantaris  
**anus:** sphincter ani  
**arm extension, rotation, flexion:** lattissimus dorsi, pectoral, supinator  
**back/body bender:** rectus abdominus  
**back straightener:** longissimus  
**breathing:** diaphragm, serratus  
**chewing, clenching:** masseter  
**disease of muscle wasting:** muscular dystrophy  
**elbow straightener:** triceps  
**eye focusing:** ciliary  
**finger benders:** flexor digitorum  
**finger straighteners:** extensor digitorum  
**forehead/brow:** corrugator, epicranial  
**frowning mouth:** depressor, risorius  
**goosebumps:** erector pili  
**head bender:** longus capitus, rectus capitus  
**head rotator:** head oblique  
**jaw:** buccinator  
**kissing (puckered) lips:** orbicularis oris  
**knee flexor:** hamstring  
**lack of muscle coordination:** ataxia  
**leg muscle aiding balance:** soleus  
**leg/thigh extender:** quadriceps  
**muscle pain:** myalgia  
**penis erector:** erector penis  
**rump:** gluteus maximus, medius, and minimus  
**shoulder:** deltoid, trapezius  
**swallowing:** constrictor of pharynx  
**testicle elevator:** cremaster  
**tongue extender:** genioglossus  
**upper arm:** biceps, triceps  
**vocal cords:** cricothyroid  
**withering muscles from lack of use:** atrophy  
**wrist benders:** flexor carpi radialis, flexor carpi ulnaris  
**wrist straighteners:** extensor carpi radialis, extensor carpi ulnaris

**muscle** *v.* *Sl.* jostle, \*bull, ram, shoulder, shove, cow, buffalo, plow through, bulldoze, elbow one's way, strong-arm.

**muscular** *a.* brawny, sinewy, husky, thewy, strapping, rippling, slabbed, muscle-bound, chiseled, Herculean, sculpted, corded, \*cut, \*pumped, \*bull-necked, Olympian, \*washboardlike stomach, \*hamlike biceps. *ANT.* *skinny, flabby, frail, undeveloped.*

**muse** *n.* inspiration, genius, creativity, talent.

**muse** *v.* ponder, meditate, reflect, ruminate, consider, mull over, brood, cogitate, chew,

weigh, study, think about, turn over in one's mind, deliberate, speculate.

**museum** *n.* gallery, institute, archives, treasury, exhibit, collection, repository, depository, library, storehouse, \*gallery of the Muses, \*nation's attic, \*history's attic. "Cemeteries of the arts."—Alphonse de Lamartine.

**mush** *n.* 1. BOILED MEAL corn meal, hasty pudding, porridge, cereal, gruel, mash. 2. EXCESSIVE SENTIMENT treacle, pap, schmaltz, melodrama, bathos, \*corn.

**mushroom** *n.* fungus, toadstool, meadow mushroom, truffle, champignon, chantedelle, death cup, shiitake, morel.

**mushroom** *v.* burgeon, spread, sprout up, grow, proliferate, thrive, pop up, boom, swell, snowball, multiply.

**mushy** *a.* sentimental, maudlin, gushy, \*lovey-dovey, saccharine. *ANT.* *unfeeling, cold.*

**music** *n.* melodies, rhythms, vocals, instrumentals, harmonies, singing, orchestrations, arrangements, tunes, sounds, tones, compositions, \*canned, Muzak, longhair, rock, funk, rhythm and blues (R&B), rap, hip hop, punk, acid rock, heavy metal, top forty, boogie woogie, jazz, bebop, Dixieland, ragtime, folk, country and western, bluegrass, zydeco, swing, soul, reggae, pop, easy listening, salsa, bossa nova, classical, opera, ethnic, polka, march, baroque, primitive, new age, gangsta rap. "The speech of angels."—Thomas Carlyle. "A fluid architecture of sound."—Roy Harris. "The universal language of mankind."—Longfellow. *SEE* MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, OPERA, SING, SONG, RAP

**WORD FIND****GENERAL MUSIC TERMS**

**above correct pitch:** sharp

**arrangement:** composition

**bar:** measure

**beats per measure:** meter

**below correct pitch:** flat

**changing key of composition:** transposing chord with notes played individually in

**quick succession:** arpeggio, broken chord

**closing passage:** coda

**connection between two musical passages:** bridge

**dual melody:** counterpoint

**emphasis on a particular note:** accent

**highly skilled musician:** virtuoso

**horizontal lines on which notes are written:** staff

**informal rock or jazz session:** jam

**in-tune, pleasant-sounding:** consonance

**key and meter signs:** signature  
**lowest notes or voice:** bass  
**multiple notes played simultaneously:** chord  
**multiple rhythms played simultaneously:** polyrhythmic  
**out of tune, harsh-sounding:** dissonance, discord  
**pause or silence:** rest  
**performance of multiple song portions:** medley  
**performing music on sight:** sight reading  
**performing rights society:** BMI  
**performing without notes:** by ear  
**return to the original theme:** reprise  
**school of music:** conservatory  
**science of sound properties:** acoustics  
**second or third highest voice class:** alto  
**section or verse repeated:** refrain  
**short composition:** bagatelle  
**short melodic phrase on jazz or rock guitar:** riff, lick  
**study of music:** musicology  
**teaching of pitch and rhythm recognition:** ear training  
**trumpeting intro:** fanfare  
**words of song:** lyrics  
**written music for movie or play:** score  
**SYMPHONIC TERMS**  
**composition of arias, duets, choruses in several movements:** cantata  
**final movement:** finale  
**instrumental composition preceding opera, oratorio, or play:** overture  
**instrumental composition with movements in varied keys, tempos:** sonata  
**instrumental composition with several movements of dance music:** suite  
**one section of a composition:** movement  
**orchestra or musical society:** philharmonic  
**polyphonic composition sung sequentially by two or more vocalists:** fugue  
**work or composition of a composer:** opus  
**MUSIC DIRECTIVES**  
**boldly:** fiero  
**comically:** burlesco  
**decrease in volume:** decrescendo  
**delicately:** delicato  
**fast tempo:** allegro, presto  
**loudly, very:** fortissimo  
**moderate tempo:** andante  
**mournfully:** funerale  
**slow:** adagio  
**slow, extremely:** adagissimo  
**softly:** sotto voce  
**softly, sweetly:** dolce

**softly, very:** pianissimo  
**spoken:** parlato  
**volume, half the singer's normal:** mezza voce  
**volume, increase in:** crescendo  
**wildly:** furioso

**musical** *n.* revue, musical comedy, burlesque, Broadway production, show.  
**musical** *a.* melodic, rhythmic, harmonious, lyrical, soulful, choral, spiritual, mellifluous, symphonic, sonorous, euphonic. *ANT. dissonant, cacophonous, discordant, noisy.*  
**musical instrument** *n.* woodwind, stringed instrument, percussive instrument, keyboard instrument, brass, \*noisemaker.

**WORD FIND**

**KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS**

**accordion with button keyboard:** concertina  
**automatic piano:** player piano  
**bell-like soundmaker in "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy":** celesta  
**electronic sound recreator:** synthesizer  
**organ, steam whistle:** calliope  
**piano, full-sized:** grand piano  
**piano, largest:** concert piano  
**piano, predecessor:** clavichord, harpsichord  
**piano, slang:** \*eighty-eights, \*ivories  
**piano, small grand:** baby grand  
**piano, space-saving:** upright  
**plucked instead of struck by hammers:** harpsichord  
**squeezebox, handheld:** accordion, \*squeezebox

**wind or electric-generated keyboard:** organ

**PERCUSSION INSTRUMENTS**

**bell:** campanella  
**block, wooden:** wood block, clog box  
**Caribbean tinkling drum:** steel drum  
**clackers, wooden stick:** claves  
**clappers clicked rhythmically:** castanets  
**cow's bell:** cowbell  
**crash, sizzlemaker:** cymbal  
**Cuban drums played with fingers, hands:** bongos  
**drum for rolls, flourishes, fills:** tom-tom  
**hanging cymbal struck with mallet:** gong  
**kettle drum:** timpani  
**largest, booming drum:** bass drum, \*kick drum  
**rasping gourd:** guiro  
**rat tat tat beatkeeper:** snare drum  
**rattling skeleton-soundmaker:** xylophone  
**seed-filled gourd:** maraca

**xylophonelike with resonant tubes:** marimba

**xylophonelike with steel bars:** glockenspiel, bell lyre

#### STRINGED INSTRUMENTS

**Appalachian lap instrument:** dulcimer, zither

**barrel organ:** hurdy gurdy

**bowed, quivering four-string:** violin

**country twanger:** banjo

**dulcimer struck with small hammers:** hammered dulcimer

**electric guitar, slang:** \*axe

**guitar, hollow-bodied:** acoustic

**guitar, low-voiced four-string:** bass

**guitar, very small:** ukelele

**harplike:** lyre

**Hawaiian guitar with nasal tone:** Hawaiian guitar

**heavenly sounding 46-string:** harp

**Japanese national instrument:** koto

**lute, East Indian long-necked:** sitar

**lute, small four string:** mandolin

**middle ages guitar:** lute

**rasper, husky:** cello

**violin, large, velvety or husky-sounding:** viola

**zither:** dulcimer

#### WIND INSTRUMENTS

**Alps horn:** alpenhorn

**alto clarinet with upcurving bell:** basset horn

**bass tuba:** helicon, sousaphone

**brass instrument with three keys, flaring bell:** trumpet

**clarinet nickname:** \*licorice stick

**clarion blasters:** brass

**cornet with wider bore:** flugelhorn

**double-reeded woodwind:** oboe

**elephant tusk horn:** oliphant

**English flute:** recorder

**flute, small:** fife, piccolo

**flute, whistlelike:** recorder, flageolet, fipple flute

**jazz woodwind:** saxophone

\***licorice stick, reeded:** clarinet

**military horn:** bugle, cornet

**pan pipes:** pan flute

**potatolike whistle:** ocarina

**sad, comedic soundmaker:** bassoon

**Scottish skirling and droning windbag:** bagpipes

**slide horn:** trombone

**trumpet with high pitch:** Bach trumpet

**tuba, tenor:** euphonium

**wooden:** woodwind

**music hall** *n.* auditorium, concert hall, amphitheater, dance hall.

**musician** *n.* performer, player, artist, singer, vocalist, instrumentalist, minstrel, session artist, studio musician, longhair, bard, drummer, guitarist, bassist, flutist, violinist, troubador. SEE SINGER

**musings** *a.* meditative, thoughtful, reflective. *ANT.* *oblivious.*

**musket** *n.* breechloader, flintlock, blunderbuss. SEE GUN

**muss** *v.* mess up, tousele, tangle, disarrange, ruffle, rumple, crumple, wrinkle, dishevel, scramble, disorder, throw into disarray. *ANT.* *neaten, order, organize, smooth.*

**must** *n.* 1. REQUIREMENT imperative, necessity, need, prerequisite, obligation, essential, exigency, fundamental. 2. MUSTINESS mold, mildew, fungus, dry rot.

**must** *v.* have to, obligated to, required to, should, have no choice, compelled, forced, have no alternative, doomed to, bound. SEE NECESSARY

**mustache** *n.* moustache, moustachio, whiskers, \*soupstrainer, \*tickler, \*cookie duster.

#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** wings of a B-52, twitchy, rat's nest

**dual crescents:** mistletoe

**long and drooping over chin:** horseshoe, Fu Manchu

**long and thick with turned-up ends:** Hindenburg

**M-shaped:** regent

**neat, thin line:** pencil line, Clark Gable

**rectangular with squared ends:** boxcar, toothbrush, Charlie Chaplin, Hitler

**T, forms with chin tuft:** Roman T

**thick and overgrown over lip:** walrus, soup-strainer

**turned-up:** handlebar, Hindenburg, Kaiser, waxed, waxed and twiddled

**V-shaped:** chevron

**mustang** *n.* range horse, wild horse, bronco, bronc, cayuse.

**muster** *n.* assembly, gathering, congregation, turnout, review, line up, group, bunch, troupe, company.

**muster** *v.* assemble, gather, summon, call the roll, mobilize, convoke, marshal, convene, rally, collect, congregate, huddle, line up. *ANT.* *disperse, fallout, scatter, disband.*

**muster, pass** *v.* \*make the grade, \*come up to snuff, pass inspection, \*measure up, \*come through with flying colors, \*stand the test, \*come up to scratch.

**musty** *a.* 1. MOULDY fusty, dusty, stale, decaying, crumbling, tainted, rancid, spoiled. 2. WORN OUT, ANTIQUATED stale, old, aged, moss-grown, obsolete, old-fashioned, moth-eaten, passé. *ANT.* 1. *fresh, unspoiled, vibrant.* 2. *new, modern, fresh.*

**mutant** *n.* deviation, mutation, alteration, miscreation, freak of nature.

**mutation** *n.* deviation, mutant, alteration, variation, modification, miscreation, metamorphosis, transformation, accident of nature.

**mute** *v.* muffle, deaden, dampen, silence, stifle, tone down, still, quiet. *ANT. amplify.*

**mute** *a.* speechless, silent, aphonic, wordless, mum, voiceless, tongue-tied, uncommunicative, closedmouthed, still. *ANT. talkative, loquacious, communicative.*

**mutilate** *v.* tear apart, dismember, disfigure, maim, deform, rip to shreds, amputate, cut up, hack, butcher, castrate, tear limb from limb.

**mutilated** *a.* dismembered, amputated, torn limb from limb, castrated, disfigured, maimed, deformed.

**mutinous** *a.* rebellious, subversive, riotous, insurrectionary, insurgent, revolutionary, seditious, traitorous, insubordinate, malcontent. *ANT. dutiful, subservient, compliant, cooperative.*

**mutiny** *n.* rebellion, revolt, riot, uprising, insurrection, overthrow, takeover, coup, strike.

**mutiny** *v.* rebel, revolt, rise up, riot, subvert, overthrow.

**mutt** *n.* 1. MONGREL *CU.* 2. FOOL dull-witted person, muttonhead. *SEE DOG*

**mutter** *v.* murmur, mumble, grumble, whisper, grunt, maunder, \*talk into one's beard/chin, talk under one's breath, grouse, complain.

**mutual** *a.* reciprocal, give-and-take, interchangeable, common, joint, related, shared, communal. *ANT. singular, sole.*

**mutual fund** *n.* stock fund, bond fund, growth fund, investment fund. *SEE MONEY*

**muzzle** *n.* 1. SNOOT jaws, nose, mouth, chops. 2. RESTRAINT bind, bit, bridle, strap.

**muzzle** *v.* restrain, restrict, stifle, silence, censor, shut up, mute, suppress, still, inhibit, squelch, harness.

**myopic** *a.* *SEE NEARSIGHTED*

**myriad** *n.* ten thousand, a thousand and one, infinity, host, profusion, multitude, abundance, \*truckload, \*slew, \*passel, \*lots, \*galaxy.

**mysterious** *a.* unknowable, unexplainable, inexplicable, enigmatic, inscrutable, cryptic, unfathomable, secret, mystical, weird, ar-

cane, esoteric, puzzling, dark. *ANT. knowable, obvious, clear, explainable.*

**mystery** *n.* 1. AN UNKNOWN puzzle, enigma, perplexity, conundrum, secret, closed book, question mark. 2. INSCRUTABILITY obscurity, imperceptibility, secret, inexplicability, insolubility. 3. NOVEL/PLAY police procedural, detective story, \*whodunit, \*cat and mouse, \*cloak and dagger, \*cozy. *ANT.* 1. *open book, answer, explanation, clarification.*

**mystic** *n.* seer, soothsayer, palm reader, prophet, astrologer, sorcerer, witch, astral projectionist, new age follower, \*past-lifer.

**mystic** *a.* occult, esoteric, mystical, oracular, magical, arcane. *ANT. out in the open, scientific.*

**mystical** *a.* inscrutable, inexplicable, intuitive, spiritual, ethereal, metaphysical, transcendental, incorporeal, extramundane, otherworldly, supernatural. *ANT. corporeal, earthly, scientific.*

**mysticism** *n.* occultism, supernaturalism, cabalism.

**mystify** *v.* bewilder, perplex, puzzle, confuse, baffle, confound, hoodwink, \*bamboozle, \*buffalo. *ANT. clarify, explain, clear up.*

**mystique** *n.* aura, air, charisma, character, glamour, ambience, persona, charm, attraction, fascination, appeal, magnetism.

**myth** *n.* 1. STORY legend, tale, fable, allegory, fiction, parable. 2. UNTRUTH foolishness, fiction, nonsense, old wife's tale, misconception, fallacy, superstition, falsehood.

**mythical** *a.* mythological, fabled, fictitious, fabulous, imaginary, fanciful, fantastical, storybook. *ANT. actual, true, real, factual.* *SEE MONSTER*

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**WORD FIND**

**Argonauts leader who retrieved Golden Fleece:** Jason

**arts, nine goddesses of the:** Muses

**beautiful man:** Adonis

**bisexual:** Hermaphroditus

**dawn, goddess of:** Aurora, Eos

**dog with three heads guarding underworld:** Cerberus

**dreams, god of:** Morpheus

**earth, goddess of:** Gaea

**earth on his shoulders:** Atlas

**ecstasy, god of:** Dionysus

**eyed beast, hundred:** Argus

**fire, god of:** Vulcan

**fire, stole from gods:** Prometheus

**fish and man combined, controlled waves:** Triton

**flowers, goddess of:** Flora  
**flying horse created from Medusa's blood:**  
Pegasus  
**forbidden box of human misery, opened  
by:** Pandora  
**forever reaching for fruit and water:** Tan-  
talus  
**giants, race of:** Titans  
**giant with one eye:** Cyclops  
**god ruler:** Zeus  
**gold, touch turned things to:** Midas  
**gorgon, most famous:** Medusa  
**heel, hero with vulnerable:** Achilles  
**horse and human combined:** centaur  
**laurel tree, turned into:** Daphne  
**loved his own reflection and was changed  
to a flower:** Narcissus  
**love, goddess of:** Venus  
**love, god of:** Cupid, Eros  
**marriage, god of:** Hymen  
**Medusa, slew:** Perseus  
**messenger of gods:** Mercury  
**minotaur, slew:** Theseus  
**moon and forest goddess:** Diana  
**moon, goddess of:** Luna, Diana, Selene

**mother, married his:** Oedipus  
**oracle of Apollo:** Delphic oracle  
**prophetess who was never believed:** Cas-  
sandra  
**punishment, goddess of:** Nemesis  
**Rome, founder of:** Romulus  
**sea, god of:** Poseidon  
**sisters of hideous form who turned on-  
lookers to stone:** Gorgons  
**sisters three who control human destiny:**  
the Fates  
**sleep, god of:** Hypnus, Somnus  
**stone, rolled incessantly up hill:** Sisyphus  
**strongman:** Hercules  
**sun, flew too near and melted wings:** Icarus  
**sun, god of:** Helios  
**twin protectors of seagoers:** Castor and Pollux  
**unavenged crimes, three snake-haired fe-  
males who punish guilty:** Furies  
**underworld, god of:** Hades, Pluto  
**victory, goddess of:** Nike  
**war, god of:** Mars  
**whirlpool, turned into:** Charybdis  
**wisdom, goddess of:** Minerva  
**Zeus, beautiful daughters of:** Graces

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**nab** *v.* grab, snatch, seize, catch, grasp, snare, steal, snag, arrest, collar, apprehend, trap, \*nail. *ANT.* *release.*

**nadir** *n.* low point, base, depth, floor, bottom.

**nag** *n.* 1. COMPLAINER \*battle-ax, whiner, needler, kvetch, faultfinder, \*pain, fishwife, witch. 2. OLD HORSE plug, swayback, \*bag of bones, dobbin, \*crowbait, \*dogfood.

**nag** *v.* 1. COMPLAIN scold, needle, badger, whine, carp, harass, grouse, henpeck, heckle, berate, irritate, find fault. 2. TROUBLE distress, worry, prey on, torment, bother, disturb.

**nail** *n.* 1. FINGERNAIL claw, talon. 2. FASTENER spike, brad, pin, rivet, tack, staple, hobnail, tenpenny, box nail, finishing nail, roofing nail.

**nail** *v.* 1. DRIVE pound, anchor, fix, bolt. 2. CATCH catch red-handed, nab, apprehend, seize, \*pinch.

**naive** *a.* unsophisticated, innocent, unsuspecting, uneducated, simple, ingenuous, childlike, inexperienced, unseasoned, unworldly, unschooled, trusting, gullible, immature, \*wet behind the ears. *ANT.* *sophisticated, experienced, wise, worldly.*

**NAIVETÉ** *n.* [ni eev TAY] or [ni EEV uh TAY] childlike innocence or unsophistication, lack of insight and experience. *The con man took advantage of her obvious naiveté.* *SYN.* inexperience, childishness, innocence, simplicity, ingenuousness, artlessness, simple-mindedness, credulity, gullibility. *ANT.* *sophistication, worldliness, experience.*

**naked** *a.* nude, unclothed, bare, undressed, exposed, stripped, disrobed, uncovered, \*in the buff, \*in the raw, \*without a stitch, \*in one's birthday suit, \*wearing nothing but goosebumps, defenseless, vulnerable.

**namby-pamby** *n.* sissy, pansy, mama's boy, weakling, milquetoast, \*wimp, \*wuss.

**name** *n.* 1. APPELLATION nickname, given name, surname, Christian name, epithet, designation, title, sobriquet, \*moniker, \*handle, \*pet name, diminutive, pseudonym, pen name, non de plume. 2. REPUTATION character, repute.

**name** *v.* 1. CHRISTEN dub, call, title, nickname, denominate, style, self-style. 2. DESIGNATE delegate, appoint, nominate, pick.

**namedropper** *n.* status seeker.

**nameless** *a.* anonymous, untitled, unknown. *ANT.* *named, known.*

**namely** *adv.* specifically, to wit, that is, i.e.

**nanny** *n.* nursemaid, nurse, wet nurse, mammy, babysitter, governess.

**nap** *n.* 1. SNOOZE doze, siesta, catnap. *SEE SLEEP* 2. FIBER FUZZ, weave, fluff.

**nap** *v.* SNOOZE, doze, catnap, \*catch forty winks, \*catch some shuteye, \*drop off. *SEE SLEEP*

**napalm** *n.* incendiary, explosive, flammable gel, \*Zippo.

**nape** *n.* scruff.

**napkin** *n.* linen, wipe, serviette, moist towelette.

**nappy** *a.* hairy, downy, shaggy, fuzzy, kinky, woolly, fleecy.

**narcissist** *n.* egotist, braggart, peacock.

**NARCISSISTIC** *a.* [nar sis SIS tic] vain, excessively interested in one's self. *An egotistical, narcissistic man won't make a good husband.* *SYN.* vain, self-centered, egotistical, egocentric, conceited, self-worshipping, self-infatuated, egomaniacal, self-absorbed, \*wrapped up in oneself.

**narcotic** *n.* drug, opiate, soporific, sedative, tranquilizer, anesthetic, pain reliever, hypnotic, depressant, \*downer, morphine, heroin, codeine, opium, hashish. *SEE DRUG, MARIJUANA*

**narrate** *v.* recount, tell, describe, recite, chronicle, report, portray, relate, detail.

**narration** *n.* recounting, telling, description, chronicling, portrayal, detailing, account, summary.

**narrative** *n.* account, description, tale. *SEE STORY*

**narrator** *n.* storyteller, chronicler, reporter, author, relater, recounter, raconteur, \*voice-over.

**narrow** *v.* attenuate, hone, diminish, thin, lessen, contract, constrict, compress, squeeze.

**narrow** *a.* 1. SLIM slender, thin, lean, spare, slight, attenuated. 2. CONFINED cramped, tight, scant, sparse, meager, incapacious,

- close, incommensurable, pinched. 3. **NARROW-MINDED** prejudiced, bigoted, intolerant, small-minded. *ANT.* 1. *fat, broad, wide.* 2. *capacious, roomy, spacious.* 3. *liberal, open-minded, tolerant.*
- narrow-minded** *a.* small-minded, closed-minded, bigoted, prejudiced, blind, myopic, shortsighted, tunnel-visioned, one-sided, intolerant, pigheaded, biased, deaf to reason. *ANT.* *broad-minded, liberal, tolerant.*
- nasty** *a.* 1. **DIRTY** filthy, foul, soiled, unclean, revolting, gross, offensive. 2. **INDECENT** obscene, immoral, slutty, sleazy, lewd, licentious, offensive, vulgar, coarse, crude, raunchy, \*morals of an alley cat. 3. **MEAN** ill-tempered, disagreeable, ugly, surly, malicious, spiteful, hateful, vicious. *ANT.* 1. *clean, unsoiled, washed.* 2. *decent, wholesome, pure, chaste.* 3. *good-humored, good-natured, kind-hearted, friendly, amiable.*
- nation** *n.* 1. **COUNTRY** state, federation, republic, commonwealth, union, empire, sovereignty. 2. **PEOPLE** race, populace, natives, tribe, ethnic group. *SEE* **POLITICS**
- national** *a.* federal, nationwide, interstate, coast-to-coast. *ANT.* *local, regional.*
- nationalism** *n.* provincialism, isolationism, independence. "A silly cock crowing on its own dunghill."—Richard Aldington.
- nationality** *n.* nativity, citizenship, tribe, clan, race, extraction, native home, lineage, bloodline, ancestry.
- native** *a.* aboriginal, innate, indigenous, domestic, native-born, local, \*homegrown. *ANT.* *foreign, distant.*
- native land** *n.* homeland, motherland, mother country, fatherland, the old country, birthplace.
- natty** *a.* dapper, neat, trim, smart, spruce, chic, sharp, \*spiffy, \*snazzy, \*dressed to the teeth, \*dressed to the nines. *ANT.* *sloppy, unfashionable.* *SEE* **FASHION**
- natural** *a.* 1. **MADE BY NATURE** organic, wild, pure, untouched, untamed, unspoiled, uncultivated, unrefined, primitive, primordial. 2. **REAL** genuine, authentic, true. 3. **INHERENT** instinctive, innate, genetic, inherited, natural-born. 4. **UNAFFECTED** unstudied, unpretentious, spontaneous, real, sincere, earthy, down to earth, ingenuous. "A very difficult pose to maintain."—Oscar Wilde. 5. **NORMAL** typical, usual, characteristic. *ANT.* 1. *unnatural, refined, processed, man-made, synthetic.* 2. *phony, unreal, unnatural.* 3. *learned, extrinsic.* 4. *affected, studied, pretentious, phony.*
- naturalist** *n.* zoologist, botanist, field observer, environmentalist.
- naturally** *adv.* 1. **BY NATURE** innately, instinctively. 2. **OF COURSE** as one would expect, characteristically, normally.
- natural selection** *n.* survival of the fittest, evolution, Darwinian law.
- nature** *n.* 1. **CHARACTER** makeup, constitution, personality, essence, identity. 2. **DISPOSITION** temperament, temper, spirit, personality. 3. **PHYSICAL WORLD** cosmos, universe, creation, environment, ecology, evolution, chaos, regeneration, natural forces, the wild, the great outdoors, Mother Nature. "The never idle workshop."—Mathew Arnold. "The art of God eternal."—Dante. "The living, visible garment of God."—Johann W. Goethe "God under a disguise."—A.E. Taylor. 4. **KIND** class, type, sort, species, stripe, category, brand.
- naughty** *a.* 1. **BAD** mischievous, disobedient, prankish, impish, full of the devil, wayward, unruly, unmanageable, disrespectful. 2. **INDECENT** nasty, lewd, obscene, improper, offensive, immoral. *ANT.* 1. *good, well-mannered, angelic.* 2. *decent, moral.*
- nausea** *n.* queasiness, qualm, indigestion, sickness, upset stomach, bellyache, motion sickness. *SEE* **VOMIT**
- nauseate** *v.* sicken, disgust, \*gross out, turn one's stomach, revolt, disgust, \*make one want to vomit.
- nauseating** *a.* *SEE* **NAUSEOUS**
- nauseous** *a.* nauseating, unsettling, sickening, revolting, repulsive, loathsome, disgusting.
- nautical** *a.* maritime, marine, naval, oceangoing, seagoing. *SEE* **NAVIGATION, NAVY, OCEAN, SAIL, SHIP**
- navel** *n.* umbilical, \*belly button, \*innie, \*outie.
- navigable** *a.* passable, boatable. *SEE* **NAVIGATE**
- navigate** *v.* steer, direct, plot, con, pilot, skipper, guide.
- navigation** *n.* course plotting, course charting, guiding, piloting, steering, conning, manning the helm, taking bearings, seamanship, celestial navigation, dead reckoning.
- navigator** *n.* course plotter, pilot, chartsman, helmsman, seaman, aviator, explorer. *SEE* **SAILOR**
- navy** *n.* fleet, armada, flotilla, sea force, argosy, convoy, marine defense, squadron, task force, merchant marine. *SEE* **SHIP, SUBMARINE**

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**WORD FIND**
**aircraft carrier runway:** flight deck

**aircraft carrier, slang:** \*flattop, \*floating city

**antimine vessel:** minesweeper  
**antitorpedo defense:** torpedo defense net  
**battleship nickname:** floating fortress  
**boundary marker for mineswept area:** dan buoy  
**disguised as merchant ship:** Q ship  
**fuel ship:** oiler, tanker  
**group of ships:** convoy, squadron  
**guns/weapons of the same size or caliber:** battery  
**heavily armed vessel:** battleship  
**high-speed warship:** destroyer  
**hostile shore position:** beachhead  
**medical ship:** hospital ship  
**mine clearing:** mine sweeping  
**mining ship:** mine  
**missile-armed:** guided missile cruiser, guided missile destroyer  
**multipurpose vessel:** ocean station ship  
**nuclear-powered submarine:** Trident  
**officer:** chief warrant officer, ensign, lieutenant, lieutenant commander, commander, captain, rear admiral, vice admiral, admiral, fleet admiral  
**patrol torpedo boat:** PT boat  
**readiness condition:** general quarters  
**simultaneous gunfire on target:** salvo  
**sonic locator device:** sonar  
**submarine detector:** sonobuoy  
**two or more ship divisions:** squadron  
**underwater vessel:** submarine, U-boat  
**vessel that lays dan buoys:** dan runner  
**warship capable of acting independently:** frigate

**naysayer** *n.* pessimist, oppositionist, dissenter, opponent, critic, prophet of doom, defeatist.  
**Nazi** *n.* fascist, nationalist.  
**Neanderthal** *n.* barbarian, savage, brute, \*animal, troglodyte, caveman.  
**near** *v.* approach, close in, advance, move toward.  
**near** *adv.* close, nearby, close at hand, nigh, at close range, within shouting distance, proximate, neighboring, \*cheek by jowl. *ANT.* *distant, far.*  
**nearing** *a.* approaching, coming toward, closing in on, converging, impending. *ANT.* *receding, leaving.*  
**nearly** *adv.* almost, not quite, just about, all but, virtually, well-nigh, roughly, about.  
**near miss** *n.* near hit, close call, narrow escape.  
**nearsighted** *a.* myopic, shortsighted, \*blind as a mole, \*blind as a post, \*blind as a bat. *SEE* VISION

**neat** *a.* 1. ORDERLY tidy, trim, shipshape, spotless, spruce, immaculate, spic-and-span. 2. FASTIDIOUS meticulous, exacting, natty, spiffy. 3. GREAT *Sl.* \*cool, \*neato, good, excellent. *ANT.* 1. *disorderly, untidy, sloppy, messy.* 2. *sloppy, unkempt.* 3. *bad, awful.* *SEE* CLEAN  
**neaten** *v.* tidy, arrange, order, fix up, clean up, smooth out, spruce up.  
**neatly** *adv.* orderly, tidily, in good order, uniformly, smoothly, cleanly.  
**NEBULOUS** *a.* [NEB u luss] cloudy, vague, or unclear. *The paper was filled with nebulous guidelines.* *SYN.* cloudy, misty, hazy, obscure, unclear, shrouded, veiled, vague, indistinct. *ANT.* *clear, distinct.*  
**necessarily** *adv.* inevitably, of necessity, as a matter of course, perforce, like it or not, unavoidably, inescapably.  
**necessary** *a.* essential, vital, needed, required, called for, requisite, prerequisite, mandatory, imperative, compulsory, fundamental, obligatory. *ANT.* *unnecessary, unneeded, unessential.*  
**necessity** *n.* must, essential, vital component, requirement, obligation, requisite, prerequisite, need, want, basic, fundamental, dire necessity, exigency. *ANT.* *extra, luxury, inessential.*  
**necking** *n.* *Sl.* kissing, \*making love, \*making out, cuddling, \*smooching, \*sucking face, \*parking.  
**necklace** *n.* chain, strand, choker, beads, pearls, locket, pendant, lavalier, torque, collar. *SEE* JEWELRY  
**necktie** *n.* tie, ascot, cravat, bow tie, string tie, jabot, four-in-hand, Windsor, half-Windsor.  
**necromancy** *n.* sorcery, communing with the dead, black magic, conjuring, mysticism, Satan worshipping.  
**necropolis** *n.* graveyard. *SEE* CEMETERY  
**need** *n.* 1. POVERTY destitution, indigence, penury, privation. 2. REQUIREMENT requisite, prerequisite, necessity, essential, obligation. 3. LACK want, dearth, paucity, insufficiency, shortage.  
**need** *v.* require, must have, want, call for, lack, have use for, hunger for, desire, covet, got to have, can't live without.  
**needle** *v.* pester, annoy, goad, heckle, provoke, nag, badger, \*rag on, \*bug.  
**needless** *a.* unnecessary, pointless, uncalled for, unwanted, nonessential.  
**needlework** *n.* needlepoint, embroidery, sewing, stitching, darning, knitting, crocheting, tatting, quilting, point lace, gros point, petit point, cross-stitch, weaving.

**needy** *a.* 1. POOR impoverished, destitute, indigent, penniless, lacking, \*hard up, \*broke, \*down and out, \*in dire straits. 2. EMOTIONALLY INSECURE \*clingly, clinging, desperate.

**ne'er do well** *n.* \*loser, wastrel, failure, good-for-nothing, \*do-nothing, \*bum, \*slug, loafer.

**NEFARIOUS** *a.* [ni FAIR ee us] evil, wicked. *They committed murders and other nefarious acts.* SYN. evil, wicked, villainous, heinous, iniquitous, detestable, vicious, infamous, sinister, bad, abominable, shameful. ANT. good, moral, decent.

**negate** *v.* invalidate, nullify, cancel out, counteract, neutralize, void, annul, repeal.

**negation** *n.* contradiction, denial, repudiation, refutation, cancellation.

**negative** *n.* no, nay, not.

**negative** *a.* denying, nullifying, voiding, invalidating, opposing, vetoing, contradictory, contrary, conflicting, inverse.

**negative attitude** *n.* pessimism, cynicism, \*chip on one's shoulder, doubt, prophecy of doom, lack of confidence.

**neglect** *n.* laxness, disregard, thoughtlessness, inattentiveness, carelessness, slackness, oversight, negligence, dereliction, indifference. ANT. care, regard, conscientiousness.

**neglect** *v.* disregard, ignore, overlook, slight, shirk, omit, pass over, discount, make light of, be remiss, \*lie down on the job, forget, let slip, let slide, brush aside, \*blow off. ANT. regard, consider, care for.

**neglectful** *a.* careless, remiss, derelict, negligent, inattentive, slack, lax, inconsiderate, delinquent, sloppy. ANT. careful, conscientious, mindful.

**negligee** *n.* nightgown, nightie, chemise, robe, peignoir, deshabelle.

**negligence** *n.* disregard, carelessness, dereliction, laxness. SEE NEGLECT

**negligent** *a.* careless, derelict, inattentive, delinquent, lax, slack, remiss, disregardful, thoughtless, inconsiderate, forgetful, casual, nonchalant, devil-may-care. ANT. caring, responsible, fostering, conscientious, attentive.

**negligible** *a.* minute, minimal, insignificant, inconsequential, trifling, nominal, piddling, paltry, imperceptible, unimportant, minor, trivial, microscopic. ANT. sizable, significant, considerable.

**negotiate** *v.* 1. BARGAIN deal, dicker, haggle, arbitrate, mediate, settle, arrange, transact, conciliate, compromise, come to terms, finagle, work out, \*give one's shirt but keep one's pants, \*hash out a deal. 2. PASS THROUGH OR OVER surmount, get around, cross, clear,

forge through, ford, maneuver, step nimbly around.

**negotiation** *n.* mediation, arbitration, bargaining, give and take, dickering, compromise, haggling, counteroffering.

**negotiator** *n.* mediator, arbitrator, diplomat, haggler, middleman, go-between, intermediary, \*wheeler-dealer.

**Negro** *n.* black, colored person, negroid, negress, African American, Afro-American.

**neigh** *n.* whinny, nicker, whicker.

**neighborhood** *n.* community, vicinage, suburb, block, district, borough, \*housing complex, \*development, street, \*hood, \*projects, \*home turf, \*neck of the woods.

**neighborly** *a.* friendly, sociable, hospitable, personable, harmonious, helpful, convivial. ANT. inhospitable. SEE FRIENDLY

**neither here nor there** *adj.* irrelevant, beside the point, impertinent, not germane, immaterial.

**nemesis** *n.* 1. JUST PUNISHMENT retribution, comeuppance, just deserts, vindication, revenge, vengeance, ruin, downfall, Waterloo. 2. AVENGER bane, adversary, opponent, rival.

**neologism** *n.* new word, new term, new expression, \*buzz word, new meaning, new interpretation.

**neophyte** *n.* beginner, novice, tyro, amateur, debutant, \*rookie, \*greenhorn, \*tenderfoot, \*new kid on the block, freshman, intern, trainee, apprentice. ANT. veteran, \*old hand, expert, master.

**NEPOTISM** *n.* [NEP uh tizm] favoritism shown to relatives in work, politics. *Joe got work through his father's nepotism.* SYN. favoritism, partiality, bias, discrimination. "A \$10 word meaning to stow your relatives in a soft berth."—Ilka Chase.

**nerd** *n.* *Sl.* \*dork, \*goofball, \*geek, \*jerk, \*dweeb, \*goober, \*goon, \*nebbish, \*schlepper, \*wimp, \*trekkie.

**nerve** *n.* 1. COURAGE bravery, strength, spirit, spunk, spine, mettle, pluck, \*grit, \*guts, \*gumption, \*balls, \*chutzpah. 2. IMPUDENCE effrontery, insolence, gall, brazenness, \*balls. 3. SENSORY PATHWAY sensor, impulse pathway, neuron. ANT. 1. cowardice, timidity, spinelessness. 2. shyness, reserve, reticence

**nerve center** *n.* control center, headquarters, HQ, command post, plexus.

**nerveless** *a.* 1. WEAK impotent, powerless, helpless. 2. MEEK spineless, cowardly, timid, reticent. 3. COOL nonchalant, collected, unruffled, imperturbable, undisturbed, self-possessed, self-controlled. ANT. 1. potent, pow-

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erful. 2. bold, brash, cheeky. 3. ruffled, upset, a nervous wreck.

**nerve-racking** *a.* distressing, stressful, disturbing, trying, grating on the nerves, aggravating, frazzling, jarring, irritating, disquieting. *ANT.* soothing, calming, relaxing.

**nerves** *n.* tension, stress. SEE ANXIETY

**nervous** *a.* anxious, tense, stressed, uneasy, \*up-tight, \*antsy, \*jittery, jumpy, excited, \*keyed up, \*wound up, \*on edge, high-strung, flustered, ruffled, \*wired, \*hyper, \*butterflies in the stomach, shaky. *ANT.* calm, relaxed, composed, cool. SEE ANXIOUS, FEARFUL

**nervous breakdown** *n.* nervous prostration, emotional collapse, \*burnout, nervous exhaustion, clinical depression, hysteria.

**nervous Nellie** *n. Sl.* \*Caspar Milquetoast, \*chicken, \*fraidy cat, \*pantywaist, \*wuss, \*wimp.

**nervousness** *n.* anxiety, tension, stress, excitement, fluster, jitters, \*butterflies, apprehension, uneasiness, angst, stage fright, \*the shakes. *ANT.* relaxation, calm, serenity, tranquility.

**WORD FIND**

**descriptive/symptoms:** throat-clearing, gulping, teeth-grinding, hand-wringing, pacing, nail-biting, stomach-knotting, hyperventilation, nervous tics and twitches, sweating.

**nerve** *a.* 1. INSOLENT rude, bold, brash, forward, cocky, brassy, \*cheeky, impudent, fresh, flip, flippanant. 2. BRAVE courageous, daring, plucky, valiant, \*ballsy, \*gutsy, intrepid. *ANT.* 1. reticent, shy, polite. 2. cowardly, spineless, \*chicken.

**nest** *n.* aerie, roost, \*wattle and daub construction. SEE BIRD

**nest egg** *n.* savings, investment, \*something for a rainy day, piggy bank, \*the oink in one's piggy bank, \*stash, \*mad money, \*stake.

**nestle** *v.* curl up against, snuggle, cuddle, huddle, nuzzle, \*spoon together.

**net** *n.* 1. MESH webbing, seine, screen, trawl, network, lacework, dragnet, purse net, butterfly net, snare. 2. PROFIT earnings, gain, take-in, take-home, remainder. 3. INTERNET \*information superhighway, \*infobahn.

**net** *a.* take-home, after taxes, ultimate, final, remaining.

**nettle** *v.* irritate, annoy, vex, needle, irk, aggravate, \*get on one's nerves, \*bug, \*get under one's skin, hassle, \*ride, rile, \*drive up a wall, \*rattle one's cage, \*pull one's chain, pester, pick on.

**nettlesome** *a.* irritating, annoying, aggravating, vexatious, vexing, disturbing, perturbing, irksome, rankling, thorny. *ANT.* pleasing, delightful, relieving.

**network** *n.* 1. INTERLACING netting, mesh, webbing, lacework, latticework, reticulum. 2. ORGANIZATION affiliations, chain, system, order, interconnection, relationship. 3. CHANNELS labyrinth, circuitry, plexus, terminal system.

**network** *v.* associate, make connections, hobnob, connect, fraternize, \*rub elbows, \*drum up leads, interconnect, affiliate, consort with, enterprise.

**neurosis** *n.* nervous disorder, personality disorder, emotional disorder, mental illness, disordered thinking, maladjustment, dysfunction, anxiety. "The result of a conflict between the ego and the id; the person is at war with himself."—Sigmund Freud. SEE FEAR, INSANITY, MANIA, NEUROTIC, PHOBIA, PSYCHOTHERAPY

**WORD FIND**

**accidental nature:** accident-prone

**aversion to people:** misanthropy

**aversion to women:** misogyny

**avoid people, places, things, tendency to:** avoidant personality disorder

**body is deformed or defective, false belief that one's:** body dysmorphic disorder

**collapse, nervous:** nervous breakdown

**combat neurosis:** shell shock, Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome

**daughter's sexual attraction to father:** Electra complex

**death, excessive fear of:** necrophobia

**depression, seasonal:** SAD, seasonal affective disorder

**dieting to the point of emaciation:** anorexia nervosa

**dieting with bingeing and forced vomiting:** bulimia

**emotional disorder, any:** affective disorder

**fantasizing to escape reality:** escapism

**fault-finding, passively hostile character:** passive-aggressive personality

**fear, irrational:** phobia

**fire-setting, fascination with:** pyromania

**genitals, compulsion to expose:** exhibitionism

**health and symptoms, dwelling excessively on:** hypochondria

**heart attack, excessive fear of: cardioneurosis infant or childlike behavior, return to: infantilism**

**inferiority, feelings of:** inferiority complex, low self-esteem

**isolation from others:** withdrawal

**nervous unease, apprehension:** anxiety

**obsession or crazed desire:** mania

**panic, prone to:** panic disorder, panic attack

**passive acceptance of another's vices and abuse:** codependency

**past, dwelling excessively on the:** alethia

**penis will retract into abdomen and cause death, irrational fear seen in China that:** koro

**poor-me personality:** martyrdom

**pregnancy, imagined:** pseudocyesis

**presence even though nobody is there, sensing a:** anwesenheit

**psychological disturbances converted to physical symptoms:** conversion disorder  
**rapid breathing due to anxiety:** hyperventilation

**reality, denial of:** denial, defense mechanism

**repeated thoughts, rituals:** obsessive-compulsive disorder

**ritual that must be carried out:** compulsion

**self-love, excessive:** narcissism

**steal, compulsion to:** kleptomania

**neurotic** *a.* emotionally disturbed, mentally ill, irrational, unstable, paranoid, anxious, obsessive, compulsive, phobic, maladjusted, hypochondriacal, manic, accident-prone, dysfunctional, \*screw loose, \*splinters in the windmills of one's mind, \*loopy, \*twisted, \*warped, \*off kilter. *ANT.* *stable, rational, of sound mind.*

**neuter** *n.* eunuch, gelding.

**neuter** *v.* castrate, emasculate, geld, \*fix, \*cut, spay.

**neutral** *a.* 1. **IMPARTIAL** uninvolved, nonpartisan, unbiased, nonaligned, uncommitted, indifferent, \*riding the fence, dispassionate, disinterested, unaffiliated, detached. 2. **NON-COMBATIVE** uninvolved, peaceful, pacifistic. 3. **COLORLESS** uncolored, drab, achromatic, pale, vague, white, black, gray. *ANT.* 1. *partial, biased, involved.* 2. *combative, taking sides.* 3. *colorful.*

**neutralize** *v.* counteract, offset, negate, cancel, dilute, counterbalance, nullify, disarm, deactivate.

**never-ending** *a.* perpetual, infinite, timeless, everlasting, forever, eternal, endless, relentless, persistent, continual. *ANT.* *finite, ending.*

**nevertheless** *adv.* nonetheless, notwithstanding, in any event, still, yet, be that as it may.

**new** *a.* 1. **CURRENT** recent, fresh, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, contemporary, novel, mod-

ern, latest, \*cutting edge, \*hot. 2. **PRISTINE** fresh, virginal, green, maiden, newborn. 3. **UNFAMILIAR** unheard of, unknown, strange, peculiar, untried, untested, unexplored, experimental. 4. **RENEWED** restored, revised, remodeled, revived. 5. **ADDITIONAL** further, more, supplementary. *ANT.* 1. *out-of-date, old, dated.* 2. *old, used, stale.* 3. *familiar, known, tried-and-true.*

**newborn** *n.* infant, neonate, weanling, suckling, nursing, babe, baby, \*bambino.

**newfangled** *a.* modern, new, novel, state of the art, \*cutting edge. *ANT.* *obsolete, passé.*

**news** *n.* reportage, report, bulletin, information, message, account, announcement, communication, communique, dispatch, flash, press release, publication, broadcast, \*scoop, lowdown, \*skinny, \*dope, \*straight poop. "News is almost by definition bad news."—Marquis W. Childs. "When a dog bites a man that is not news, but when a man bites a dog that is news."—Charles A. Dana. "The first rough draft of history."—Philip Graham. *SEE* **NEWSPAPER**

**newscast** *n.* broadcast, telecast, dispatch, bulletin.

**newscaster** *n.* broadcaster, reporter, news anchor, announcer. *SEE* **NEWSMAN**

**newsletter** *n.* bulletin, report, journal, publication.

**newsman/newswoman** *n.* reporter, journalist, investigative reporter, anchor, stringer, correspondent, photojournalist, muckraker, \*newshound.

**newspaper** *n.* journal, publication, chronicle, daily, weekly, tabloid, scandal sheet, \*rag, special edition, press, Gazette, Tribune, Herald, Examiner, Express, Telegram, extra. "A circulating library with blood pressure."—Arthur Baer. "A device for amusing one half of the world with the other half's troubles."—Leonard Levinson.

#### WORD FIND

**beat the competition to a story:** scoop

**cancel a story:** kill, spike

**checks for errors:** copy editor

**city news supervisor:** city editor

**correction of an inaccuracy:** retraction

**early edition:** bulldog, bullpup

**hawking of:** bootjacking

**large print headline:** screamer, second coming type

**large story:** feature

**light, human interest story:** bright

**London press:** Fleet Street

**material to be printed:** copy

**nonstaff reporter:** freelancer

**number of copies sold each day:** circulation  
**personal opinion piece:** editorial  
**prepare for printing:** put to bed  
**reporter's name line:** byline  
**reference room/files:** morgue  
**short news item:** squib  
**short stock item:** filler  
**story in pictures:** photojournalism  
**story's point of origin:** dateline  
**story's point of view:** slant  
**syndicated pieces, press releases, prewritten material:** canned copy  
**trite publicity piece:** puff piece  
**trivial news period:** silly season  
**wire services:** Associated Press, Reuters

**newsworthy** *a.* notable, important, remarkable, momentous, significant, consequential, weighty. *ANT.* *insignificant, trivial.*

**New York City** *n.* the Big Apple, Manhattan, Gotham, metropolis, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Queens, Harlem, Staten Island. "A city where everyone mutinies but no one deserts."—Harry Hershfield. "A beautiful catastrophe."—Charles Jeanneret.

**next** *adv.* following, succeeding, successively, ensuing, later, upcoming, coming up, \*on the horizon.

**nibble** *v.* chew, munch, snack, nosh, bite, pick at, peck at, gnaw.

**nice** *a.* 1. **APPEALING** pleasing, attractive, agreeable, pleasant, satisfactory, desirable, enjoyable. 2. **LIKABLE** charming, kind, considerate, gracious, amiable, sweet, well-mannered, genial, cordial, kind, thoughtful, good-hearted. 3. **UPRIGHT** virtuous, moral, chaste, genteel, seemly. 4. **REFINED** delicate, proper, correct, seemly, appropriate. *ANT.* 1. *unpleasant, unattractive, undesirable.* 2. *unlikable, rude, mean, nasty.* 3. *immoral, unseemly.* 4. *unrefined, indelicate.*

**niche** *n.* notch, corner, cranny, nook, pigeonhole, cubbyhole, recess, hollow.

**nick** *n.* notch, slit, gouge, indentation, scratch, cut, score, slit, gash, scrape.

**nickname** *n.* pet name, moniker, \*handle, diminutive, cognomen, appellation.

**niggardly** *a.* cheap, miserly, stingy, pennypinching, tightfisted, parsimonious, \*nickel-squeezing, penurious, small, grudging. *ANT.* *generous, giving.*

**night** *n.* evening, after dusk, midnight, twilight, sundown, moonrise, bedtime, \*wee hours, witching hour. "A stealthy evil raven."—Thomas Bailey Aldrich. "Vast sin-concealing chaos."—Shakespeare.

**nightclub** *n.* night spot, club, lounge, disco, discotheque, dance club, cabaret, supper club, comedy club, roadhouse, music hall, singles bar, honky-tonk, speakeasy, casino, \*juke joint, \*watering hole. "A place where the tables are reserved and the guests aren't."—Fred Casper.

**nightmare** *n.* 1. **BAD DREAM** incubus, succubus, phantasmagoria, hallucination, hypnagogic imagery, night terrors, night sweats, \*night frights. 2. **ORDEAL** hell, horror, calamity, trial, tribulation, \*horror show. *SEE DREAM*

**nightmarish** *a.* surreal, terrifying, ethereal, horrific, creepy, ghastly, otherworldly, unreal, weird, hallucinatory, Kafkaesque, hellish. *ANT.* *comforting, soothing.*

**night stick** *n.* \*billy club, \*billy, \*hickory, \*shill, cudgel.

**nihilism** *n.* 1. **DENIAL AND REJECTION** renunciation, disbelief, atheism. 2. **ANARCHY** lawlessness, subversion. 3. **NOTHINGNESS** nonexistence, void.

**nil** *n.* nothing, zero, null, \*nada, \*zip, \*zilch, \*didly.

**nimble** *a.* 1. **AGILE** spry, sprightly, deft, quick, lithe, light-footed, surefooted, swift, facile. 2. **QUICK-WITTED** alert, quick, sharp, quick-thinking. *ANT.* 1. *clumsy, plodding, slow.* 2. *dull, slow, \*dense.*

**nip** *n.* drink, dram, sip, jiggerful, \*taste, \*swallow, shot, swig, \*snort.

**nip** *v.* bite, nibble, pinch, cut, snip, squeeze.

**NIRVANA** *n.* [nur VAHN uh] a state of absolute bliss or spiritual enlightenment. *Achievement of nirvana was the mystic's goal.* *SYN.* enlightenment, awakening, bliss, oneness, perfection, tranquility, heaven, blessedness, paradise, ecstasy. *SEE HEAVEN*

**nit-pick** *v.* split hairs, quibble, pettifog, niggle, \*make a federal case out of nothing.

**nitty-gritty** *n.* *Sl.* heart of the matter, crux, core, the facts, gist, kernel, root, \*brass tacks, \*bottom line.

**nitwit** *n.* dimwit, idiot, simpleton. *SEE MORON*

**nobility** *n.* 1. **EMINENCE** prominence, fame, rank, aristocracy, pedigree, peerage, upper class, noblesse, blue blood, elite, ruling class, First Family, king, queen, emperor, empress, prince, princess, marquis, earl, duke, lord, viscount, baron, baroness, knight, chevalier, squire, count, countess. 2. **INTEGRITY** gentility, honor, morality, virtue, chivalry, character, moral fiber. *SEE ANCESTRY, ARISTOCRACY, ROYALTY*

**noble** *a.* 1. **EMINENT** renowned, famous, illustrious, distinguished, preeminent, esteemed,

- acclaimed, celebrated. 2. OF HIGH MORAL CHARACTER moral, virtuous, chivalrous, idealistic, magnanimous, lofty, heroic, honorable, principled, decent, forthright, gallant, exemplary, ethical, scrupulous, humane, benevolent, valorous. "All nobility in its beginnings was somebody's natural superiority."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 3. BELONGING TO NOBILITY aristocratic, highborn, princely, royal, blue-blooded, pedigreed, to the manor born, regal, titled, patrician. 4. HAVING EXCELLENT QUALITIES superior, grand, stately, splendid, majestic, regal, august, superb. *ANT.* 1. *unknown, obscure.* 2. *immoral, low, dishonorable, ignoble.* 3. *plebian, common, lower class, working class.* 4. *inferior, poor, shoddy.*
- nobody** *n.* nothing, zero, nonentity, flunky, \*lightweight, \*small fry, \*bush-leaguer, \*neb-bish, \*nobody to write home about, \*bench-warmer, \*second stringer, \*just another brick in the wall. *ANT.* *somebody, \*bigwig, bigshot.*
- nocturnal** *a.* night, nighttime, nightly, night-prowling, night-roaming, night-loving.
- nod** *n.* greeting, acknowledgement, gesture, signal, consenting nod. *SEE* GREETING
- nod** *v.* 1. GREET OR ACKNOWLEDGE recognize, salute, incline the head, bow. 2. CONSENT agree, *CONCUR.* 3. FALL ASLEEP doze off, drop off, nap.
- noise** *n.* clamor, din, uproar, racket, cacophony, ruckus, disturbance, blare, babel, ballyhoo, hullabaloo, outcry, tumult, crack, boom, bang, thud, crash, thump, blast, thunder, roar, bellow, rip, eruption, rumble, explosion, shot, detonation, reverberation, pop, clang, clank, clunk, twang, jingle, jangle, ring, tone, plop, kerplow, plunk, trill, peep, tinkle, whistle, ululation, warble, chirp, rattle, screech, scream, wail, shriek, squeal, shout, snap, crackle, crunch, sizzle, buzz, hiss, fizzle, honk, bleat, trumpeting, whirl, clatter, scrape, grate, rasp, tick, grind, drone, hum, murmur, purr, sigh, ripple, swish, splash, whoosh, honk, echo, static, white noise, feedback, distortion. *ANT.* *silence, peacefulness, stillness, hush.* *SEE* LOUD, SOUND
- noiseless** *a.* silent, still, soundless, hushed, noiseless as the vacuum of space, noiseless as a tomb. *ANT.* *loud, boisterous.* *SEE* QUIET, SILENCE
- noiseproof** *a.* soundproof, insulated.
- noisome** *a.* 1. HARMFUL injurious, hurtful. 2. MALODOROUS foul-smelling, stinky, smelly, fetid, reeking, rank, rancid, putrid. *ANT.* 1. *beneficial, benign.* 2. *fragrant.*
- noisy** *a.* clamorous, cacophonous, blaring, strident, shrill, uproarious, riotous, turbulent, deafening, ear-shattering, nerve-racking. *ANT.* *peaceful, silent.* *SEE* LOUD
- nomad** *n.* Bedouin, wanderer, gypsy, itinerant, rover, roamer, Rambler, vagabond, transient. *SEE* TRAVELER
- nomadic** *a.* wandering, roving, rambling, migratory, vagrant, drifting.
- nom de plume** *n.* pseudonym, pen name, assumed name, nom de guerre.
- nomenclature** *n.* terminology, classification, naming, vocabulary, taxonomy.
- nominal** *a.* 1. IN NAME ONLY titular, so-called, professed, self-styled, purported, supposed. 2. SLIGHT minor, small, trivial, minimal, inconsequential, trifling, insignificant. *ANT.* 1. *actual, real, genuine.* 2. *considerable, large, exorbitant.*
- nominate** *v.* choose, select, appoint, propose, suggest for election, submit for approval, delegate, name, designate.
- nomination** *n.* selection, choice, proposal, naming, designation. *SEE* APPOINTMENT
- nominee** *n.* candidate, appointee, aspirant, office-seeker, runner, party favorite.
- nonaggression** *n.* pacifism, nonviolence, passivity, irenicism, \*dovishness.
- NONCHALANT** *a.* [non shuh LAUNT] having a cool or casual attitude, lacking concern. *Fred's nonchalant manner proved he wasn't nervous at all.* *SYN.* blasé, casual, cool, devil-may-care, lackadaisical, composed, detached, apathetic, insouciant, self-possessed, poised, carefree, disinterested, unconcerned. *ANT.* *earnest, anxious, concerned, wary.*
- noncommittal** *a.* undecided, guarded, cautious, \*on the fence, equivocal, playing it safe, \*playing it close to the vest, indecisive, wary. *ANT.* *committed, decisive, definite.*
- noncompliant** *a.* incompliant, disobedient, rebellious, insubordinate, unruly, rejecting, dissenting. *ANT.* *compliant, assenting, agreeable.*
- nonconforming** *a.* independent, \*straying from the herd, individualistic, \*marching to the beat of a different drummer, unorthodox, radical, disobedient, nonadhering, deviant. *ANT.* *conforming, \*falling in step, obedient.*
- nonconformist** *n.* maverick, rebel, insubordinate, Bohemian, dissenter, heretic, individual, free spirit, eccentric, deviant, renegade, hippie, yuppie, beatnik, \*skinhead, \*square peg in a round hole. *ANT.* *conformist, \*sheep, lamb, follower.*

**nondescript** *a.* 1. INDESCRIBABLE undistinguished, unclassifiable, amorphous, undistinctive, hard to describe, plain, vague, \*blending into the woodwork, \*as distinctive as a plain, brown wrapper. 2. DRAB unremarkable, colorless, common, dull, bland, \*blah, prosaic. *ANT.* 1. *distinctive, distinguished, eye-catching.* 2. *remarkable, colorful, eye-catching.*

**nonessential** *a.* unnecessary, extraneous, unimportant, unneeded, uncalled for, unrequired, superfluous, expendable, dispensable, extra. *ANT.* *essential, required, basic, indispensable.*

**nonexistent** *a.* inexistent, fictitious, null, void, made-up, make-believe, imaginary, mythical, groundless, extinct, dead, defunct, hypothetical, immaterial. *ANT.* *real, tangible.*

**nonpartisan** *a.* independent, unbiased, neutral, impartial, nonaligned, unaffiliated, objective, unprejudiced, \*on the fence, open-minded, individualistic. *ANT.* *partisan, aligned, left wing, right wing, conservative, liberal.*

**nonplus** *v.* perplex, bewilder, flummox, confound, baffle, \*put at a loss, dumbfound, disorient, fluster, rattle, daze, disconcert, discompose, take aback.

**nonprofit** *a.* not for profit, funded, underwritten, supported, sponsored, public service, subsidized, charitable, philanthropic, benevolent. *ANT.* *profitable, lucrative.*

**nonsense** *n.* 1. SILLINESS foolishness, absurdity, poppycock, folly, balderdash, rot, twaddle, drivel, blather, prattle, moonshine, \*monkeyshines, \*hoovey, \*baloney, \*bunk, \*applesauce, \*crook, \*crap, \*malarkey, \*hogwash. 2. TRIVIALITY garbage, trash, junk, gimcrackery, trifle. *ANT.* 1. *sense, logic, wisdom, sound thinking.*

**nonsensical** *a.* 1. UNINTELLIGIBLE meaningless, incomprehensible, senseless. 2. ABSURD silly, foolish, scatterbrained, ridiculous, preposterous. *ANT.* 1. *comprehensible.* 2. *meaningful, intelligent.*

**nonstop** *a.* endless, relentless, ceaseless, never-ending, perpetual, everlasting, around the clock, continuous, ongoing, interminable, incessant. *ANT.* *finite.*

**nonviolence** *n.* peace, peacefulness, pacifism, passiveness, nonaggression, dovishness, passive resistance.

**nook** *n.* niche, recess, cranny, corner, inglenook, retreat, alcove, cubbyhole.

**noon** *n.* midday, twelve o'clock, high noon, meridian. *SEE* TIME

**noose** *n.* loop, snare, hangman's loop.

WORD FIND

**cowboy rope:** lariat, lasso

**norm** *n.* standard, rule, accepted practice, criterion, the usual, benchmark, yardstick, average, mean.

**normal** *a.* 1. STANDARD usual, typical, conventional, universal, traditional, regular, customary, accepted, average, \*par for the course, orthodox, established. 2. MENTALLY HEALTHY well-adjusted, sane, stable, \*having all one's marbles, \*all there, \*together. "The only normal people are the ones you don't know very well"—Joe Ancis. *ANT.* 1. *abnormal, unusual, atypical.* 2. *abnormal, sick, \*twisted.*

**normally** *adv.* usually, typically, conventionally, traditionally, regularly, customarily, generally, as a rule, under normal circumstances.

**Northern Lights** *n.* aurora borealis, solar wind.

**North Star** *n.* Polaris, polestar, lodestar.

**nose** *n.* snout, olfactory organ, proboscis, \*beak, \*honk, \*hooter, \*snoot, \*bazoo, \*schnozzle, \*schnozzola, \*bugle. "The bone and gristle penthouse."—Stewart Robertson. *SEE* SMELL

WORD FIND

**blocked nasal passage disorder:** deviated septum

**descriptive:** skewed, gumdrop, potato-like  
**flattened, somewhat turned-up:** pug, snub  
**hairs:** vibrissae

**hooked like an eagle:** aquiline

**inflammation:** rhinitis

**large:** bulbous

**mucus from back of nose that flows down throat:** post nasal drip

**nosebleed:** epistaxis

**plastic surgery on:** nosejob, rhinoplasty

**red and grossly enlarged:** rum nose, whiskey nose, toper's nose, rhinophyma

**redness:** rosacea

**runny nose:** rhinorrhea

**study of:** rhinology

**turned-up:** retrouse

**nose job** *n.* rhinoplasty, plastic surgery, cosmetic surgery.

**nosh** *v.* snack, nibble, taste, pick at, munch. *SEE* EAT

**NOSTALGIA** *a.* [nuh STAL juh] a longing for the past or for one's home, homesickness. *We drove through our childhood neighborhood and ached with nostalgia.* *SYN.* longing, yearning, sentimentality, reminiscence, pining, remembering, mourning, aching,

- wistfulness. "A seductive liar."—George Ball. "Yesterdaze."—Leonard Bossard.
- nostalgic** *a.* reminiscent, homesick, wistful, sentimental, longing, yearning, pining, romantic. *ANT.* *forward-looking.*
- nostrum** *n.* medicine, quack medicine, cure-all, panacea, \*snake oil.
- nosy** *a.* snooping, prying, eavesdropping, curious, inquisitive, sniffing around, meddlesome, \*goggle-eyed, \*fence-peeping. *ANT.* *indifferent, unconcerned, oblivious, \*minding one's own business.*
- notable** *a.* noteworthy, of note, special, important, remarkable, outstanding, of distinction, exceptional, momentous, of consequence. *ANT.* *inconsequential, unimportant, insignificant.*
- notarize** *v.* certify, attest, authenticate, endorse, witness, validate, register, sign and seal.
- notary (public)** *n.* registrar, certifier, signatory, witness, scrivener, recorder, clerk, public official.
- notation** *n.* 1. NOTE memo, reminder, annotation, footnote, transcription, shorthand, entry, log note. 2. MUSIC score, musical symbols.
- not born yesterday** *a.* *Sl.* wise, experienced, \*been around the block, savvy, seasoned, battle-scarred, \*been through the mill, worldly, been around, sophisticated.
- notch** *n.* nick, gouge, groove, cleft, slice, scratch, crenel. *SEE CUT*
- notched** *a.* crenelated, serrated, saw-toothed, grooved, serriform. *ANT.* *smooth, inlined.* *SEE CUT*
- note** *n.* 1. MEMO reminder, letter, jotting, acknowledgement, RSVP, transcription, entry, footnote, \*Post-it. 2. MUSIC tone, sharp, flat, whole note, half note. *SEE MUSIC*
- note** *v.* take note, record, regard, pay heed to, observe, notice, give thought to, consider, pay attention to.
- notebook** *n.* writing tablet, binder, chronicle, diary, memo book, blotter, scratch pad, journal, log, daybook, ledger.
- notes** *n.* shorthand, transcription, scribbles, outline, rough draft, briefs, thumbnail sketch, jottings.
- noteworthy** *a.* notable, of note, important, significant, of distinction, remarkable, outstanding, prominent, newsworthy. *ANT.* *unimportant, insignificant.*
- not for profit** *a.* nonprofit, charitable, philanthropic, publicly funded. *ANT.* *lucrative, money-making.*
- nothing** *n.* 1. ZERO naught, none, nil, \*nix, \*zip, \*zilch, \*nada, \*diddly, \*squat, \*goose egg, \*scratch. "A good thing to say, and always a clever thing to say."—Will Durant. 2. NON-EXISTENCE void, vacuum, oblivion, nothingness, inexistence, emptiness, nonentity, nullity. *ANT.* 1. *infinity, \*scads, a lot.* 2. *existence, being.*
- nothingness** *n.* nonexistence, nihilism, emptiness, void, vacuum, vacancy. *SEE NOTHING*
- nothing to it** *a.* *Sl.* effortless, easy, piece of cake, \*easy as pie, \*easy as ABC, \*no-brainer, \*cinchy, \*a snap, \*a breeze, \*duck soup.
- notice** *n.* announcement, notification, bulletin, communicate, warning, caution, pronouncement, mention, information, \*tip, advisory.
- notice** *v.* observe, heed, take note of, regard, pay attention to, recognize, perceive, look at, behold, discern.
- noticeable** *a.* perceivable, conspicuous, observable, discernible, distinct, in plain view, palpable, obvious, \*standing out like a sore thumb, \*plain as the nose on one's face. *ANT.* *imperceptible, inconspicuous, out of sight, camouflaged.*
- notification** *n.* announcement, communiqué, warning, message, notice, statement, advisory.
- notify** *v.* inform, give notice, advise, warn, caution, let one know, apprise, serve notice, \*tip off. *SEE COMMUNICATE, TELL*
- notion** *n.* 1. THOUGHT idea, concept, conception, opinion, view, belief, feeling. 2. DESIRE inclination, whim, intention, fancy, caprice.
- notional** *a.* 1. IMAGINARY abstract, conceptual, visionary, dreamed, fanciful. 2. WHIMSICAL fanciful, capricious, frivolous. *ANT.* 1. *real, proven, tangible, sensory.* 2. *practical, down to earth.*
- notoriety** *n.* infamy, ill repute, renown, stardom, eminence, prominence.
- NOTORIOUS** *a.* [no TOR ee us] infamous, known for something bad. *The notorious criminal was released, much to the dismay of the community.* *SYN.* infamous, disreputable, of ill repute, scandalous, ignominious, opprobrious, discredited, stigmatized, gossiped about, prominent, famous, celebrated, touted, eminent. *ANT.* *reputable, respectable, uncorrupt.* *SEE FAMOUS*
- nourish** *v.* feed, nurture, fortify, sustain, foster, promote, suckle, support.
- nourishing** *a.* nutritious, fulfilling, filling, fortifying, sustaining, alimentary. *ANT.* *inedible, unhealthy.*

**nourishment** *n.* nutriment, food, sustenance, subsistence, vitamins and minerals, aliment, viands, daily bread, feed.

**nouveau riche** *n.* new rich, parvenu, upstart, \*yuppie, status seeker, arriviste.

**novel** *n.* narrative, story, fiction, saga, tale, yarn, chronicle, dime novel, best-seller, paperback, novelette, novella. "A short story padded."—Ambrose Bierce. SEE BOOK

WORD FIND

**characters are real persons under fictitious names:** roman à clé

**cheap novel of yesteryear:** dime novel, penny dreadful

**highbrow:** literary novel

**historical romance:** gothic, bodice ripper, Regency romance

**imaginative:** sword and sorcery, fantasy, sci-fi, space opera

**lengthy chronicle of a family or society:** roman-fleuve

**mystery:** whodunit, police procedural

**rags to riches:** Horatio Alger story

**real events, based on:** docudrama

**ridiculing life:** satire

**young person's maturation:** Bildungsroman, come-of-age story

**novel** *a.* new, first of its kind, unusual, newfangled, fresh, original, unfamiliar, innovative, offbeat, unique, unprecedented, unheard of. *ANT.* *old hat, old-fashioned, trite.*

**novelist** *n.* storyteller, fiction writer, creative writer, freelance writer, wordsmith, teller of tales, \*hack. SEE AUTHOR, WRITER

**novelty** *n.* 1. SOMETHING NEW innovation, departure, original. 2. FAD craze, \*all the rage, \*the "in" thing, \*the latest thing. 3. GADGET \*doodad, \*whim-wham, trifle, knickknack, trinket, \*gimcrack.

**November** *n.* autumn, fall, month, hunting season. "The gloomy month ... when the people of England hang and drown themselves."—Joseph Addison.

**novena** *n.* prayers, devotions, recitations.

**novice** *n.* beginner, neophyte, tyro, apprentice, trainee, rookie, \*greenhorn, \*tenderfoot, \*virgin. *ANT.* *veteran, expert, \*old hand.* SEE AMATEUR

**novitiate** *n.* 1. TRIAL PERIOD training period, probation, initiation, apprenticeship, indoctrination. 2. NOVICE beginner, amateur, neophyte.

**now** *adv.* 1. THE PRESENT at this moment, today, this instant. 2. IMMEDIATELY at once, this

minute, this instant, straightaway, without delay, \*chop chop.

**now and then** *adv.* once in awhile, occasionally, now and again, from time to time, \*once every blue moon, intermittently, sometimes.

**nowhere** *a.* no place, \*nowheresville, \*boonies, \*sticks, \*East Jesus, \*podunk, \*North Over-shoe, outback, \*noplacerville.

**NOXIOUS** *a.* [NOK shus] harmful, injurious. *The car emitted noxious exhaust fumes.* *SYN.* harmful, toxic, poisonous, injurious, hurtful, obnoxious, pernicious, deleterious, unhealthful. *ANT.* *innocuous, benign, harmless.*

**nozzle** *n.* spout, valve, conduit, snout, sprinkler head.

**NUANCE** *n.* [NOO ahns] a subtle difference, variation, or gradation. *The color nuances in the painting became more apparent the closer we looked.* *SYN.* subtlety, gradation, shade, shading, variation, distinction, refinement.

**nub** *n.* knob, protuberance, lump, bump, bulge.

**nubby** *a.* lumpy, knotted, studded, knobbed, textured. *ANT.* *smooth, slick.*

**nubile** *a.* 1. MARRIAGEABLE of age, ripe. 2. SEXUALLY ATTRACTIVE sexy, sexual, captivating, tempting, seductive, foxy, shapely, curvy. *ANT.* 1. *underage, prepubescent, \*jailbait.* 2. *unattractive.*

**nuclear** *a.* atomic, subatomic, thermonuclear.

**nuclear bomb** *n.* atomic bomb, A-bomb, hydrogen bomb, H-bomb, thermonuclear bomb, fission bomb, nuclear warhead, neutron bomb, megaton weapon, kiloton weapon, \*nuke, \*the big one, \*physics package, \*peacekeeper. SEE EXPLOSION, MISSILE, NUCLEAR FISSION, NUCLEAR FUSION

WORD FIND

**absorption of radioactive material after blast:** contamination

**billowing cloud after blast:** mushroom cloud  
**blast effect that causes damaging electrical surges:** electromagnetic pulse

**bomb portion of missile:** warhead

**bomb with blast yield equivalent of millions of tons of TNT:** megaton weapon

**bomb with blast yield equivalent of thousands of tons of TNT:** kiloton weapon

**fiery side effect of blast:** firestorm

**illness from fallout:** radiation sickness

**kills people, leaves buildings intact:** neutron bomb

**location of detonation at, below, or above ground:** ground zero

**minimum fissionable material necessary for chain reaction:** critical mass

**penetrate deep underground, able to:** earth penetrator

**precipitation of radioactive material:** fallout, rainout

**splitting of atom:** fission

**spreads radiation only, low-cost, low-tech bomb that:** dirty bomb

**unit of radiation:** rem

**weapon with augmented radiation properties:** salted weapon

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**nuclear energy** *n.* atomic power, fission power.

**nuclear fission** *n.* atom-splitting, atom smashing, atomic reaction.

**nuclear fusion** *n.* atomic fusion.

**nuclear physics** *n.* particle physics, quantum physics, atomic science, quantum mechanics.

**nuclear reactor** *n.* atomic reactor, core reactor, breeder reactor.

**nuclear weapons** *n.* weapons of mass destruction, atomic weapons. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB

**nucleus** *n.* core, kernel, center, heart, pith, nut, deuteron, proton.

**nude** *a.* naked, unclothed, bare, stripped, \*au naturel, disrobed, \*in the buff, \*in the raw, \*without a stitch, \*in one's birthday suit, \*wearing nothing but goosebumps.

**nudge** *v.* push, poke, prod, shove, jerk, elbow, tap. SEE TOUCH

**nudist** *n.* naturist, Adamite, gymnosophist, \*free spirit.

**nudity** *n.* nakedness, \*the buff, \*the altogether, \*undress.

**nugget** *n.* lump, chunk, hunk, piece, bit, clump. SEE GOLD, ROCK

**nuisance** *n.* 1. ANNOYANCE irritation, plague, vexation, trouble, inconvenience, bother, pain, thorn in one's side. 2. PEST \*pain in the neck, \*nudnik, bane, bore. *ANT.* 1. *pleasure, joy.*

**nuke** *n.* *Sl.* nuclear bomb, nuclear reactor, nuclear power plant. SEE NUCLEAR BOMB

**nuke** *v.* *Sl.* 1. BOMB destroy, wipe out, obliterate, \*blow back to the stone age, incinerate, \*fry, \*grease, \*wax, \*smoke. 2. *Sl.* MICROWAVE cook, heat, warm.

**null** *a.* invalid, not binding, inconsequential, ineffectual, worthless, valueless, insignificant. *ANT.* *valid, effectual, valuable.* SEE VOID

**nullify** *v.* cancel, annul, negate, invalidate, repeal, revoke, veto, kill, neutralize, counteract.

**numb** *a.* 1. BENUMBED unfeeling, deadened, dead, insensate, anesthetized, insensitive, paralyzed, stunned, narcotized, stupefied. 2. INSENSITIVE apathetic, unfeeling, indifferent,

uncaring. *ANT.* 1. *feeling, sensitive, responsive.* 2. *empathetic, feeling, receptive.*

**number** *n.* 1. DIGIT numeral, integer, cipher, round number, whole number, fraction. 2. AMOUNT sum, total, count, aggregate, tally, quantity, score.

**number** *v.* count, tally, enumerate, add up, paginate, reckon, tick off, compute, figure up, calculate, account, audit. SEE ADD

**number cruncher** *n.* *Sl.* statistician, \*bean counter, accountant, tabulator, calculator, computer, adding machine, \*stat basher.

**numberless** *a.* innumerable, countless, infinite, incalculable, myriad, endless, many, \*umpteen, measureless, copious. *ANT.* *numbered, finite, limited.*

**numerous** *a.* many, myriad, copious, plentiful, innumerable, a lot, profuse, numberless, plenty, \*scads, several, manifold, \*umpteen, considerable, rife. *ANT.* *few, little, sparse.*

**numskull** *n.* dolt, idiot, \*blockhead. SEE MORON

**nun** *n.* sister, prioress, ecclesiast, abbess, virgin, contemplative, mother superior, reverend mother.

**nunnery** *n.* convent, abbey, cloister, sisterhood, priory.

**nuptial** *a.* matrimonial, marital, bridal, conjugal, connubial.

**nuptials** *n.* marriage ceremony, marriage, wedding, matrimony, espousal.

**nurse** *n.* medical technician, medical assistant, caregiver, attendant, registered nurse (R.N.), licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.), certified nurse's aid (C.N.A.), nurse practitioner, charge nurse, scrub nurse, orderly, therapist, \*candystriper.

**nurse** *v.* 1. CARE FOR tend, attend, treat, aid, minister to, medicate, cater to, provide therapy, medicate, \*provide TLC. 2. BREASTFEED suckle, wet-nurse.

**nursemaid** *n.* nanny, wet nurse, babysitter, governess.

**nursery** *n.* 1. CHILD CARE CENTER day care center, nursery school, preschool. 2. MATERNITY WARD 3. GREENHOUSE hothouse, cold frame, hot bed.

**nursing home** *n.* convalescent home, \*old folks home, rest home, retirement facility.

**nurture** *n.* raising, fostering, guidance, care, rearing, training, education.

**nurture** *v.* nourish, care for, sustain, cultivate, foster, raise, bring up, rear, mother, educate. SEE FEED

**nut** *n.* 1. SEED kernel, fruit, peanut, \*goober, acorn, chestnut, hazelnut, walnut, pinon, Brazil nut, almond, beechnut, pecan, filbert,

cashew, pistachio, butternut, coconut, hickory nut. 2. **FANATIC** buff, \*freak, enthusiast, fan, aficionado, devotee, zealot. 3. **ECCENTRIC** \*kook, \*flake, \*butterfly case, \*weirdo, \*foul ball, \*loon, \*nutter, \*crackpot, mental case, \*screwball, \*ding-a-ling. **SEE ECCENTRIC**

**nut house** *n.* *Sl.* insane asylum, \*booby hatch, \*loony bin, \*bughouse, \*funny farm, \*laughing academy, \*nut college, \*nut hatch, \*rubber room.

**nutrient** *n.* vitamin, mineral, nutriment, food, protein, carbohydrate.

**nutrition** *n.* nourishment, sustenance, balanced diet, alimentation.

**nutritionist** *n.* dietician, diet consultant.

**nutritious** *a.* nourishing, sustaining, nutritive, body-building, alimentary, fortifying, healthy, wholesome, \*good for you. *ANT. unwholesome, unhealthy.*

**nuts** *a.* *Sl.* crazy, insane, \*wacko, \*bonkers, \*crackers, demented, deranged, \*gone 'round the bend, cracked, \*loony, \*bananas, \*cuckoo, \*food for squirrels, \*gaga, \*goo-goo, \*haywire, \*loco, \*mental, \*not tightly wrapped, \*off one's nut, \*off one's trolley, \*out of one's gourd, \*potty, \*psycho, \*schizo, \*spacey, non compos mentis, \*off in the twilight zone. *ANT. sane, rational, normal.*

**nuzzle** *v.* snuggle, cuddle, nestle, lie close, hug, embrace.

**nylons** *n.* stockings, hosiery, hose.

**nymph** *n.* spirit, sprite, goddess, maiden, dryad, oread, naiad, mermaid. **SEE FAIRY**

**nymphomania** *n.* lustfulness, goatishness, erotomania, carnal desire, prurience, concupiscence, libidinousness, satyriasis.



- oaf** *n.* lummox, dolt, dunce, lout, simpleton, rustic, ignoramus, clod, clohopper, ninny, \*klutz, \*boob. *ANT.* *intellectual, sophisticated, genius.*
- oafish** *a.* clumsy, awkward, \*klutzy, stupid, ignorant, simple, rustic. *ANT.* *sophisticated, intelligent, \*smooth.*
- oak** *n.* acorn tree, shade tree, hardwood. *SEE* FOREST, TREE
- oar** *n.* paddle, scull, pole, blade, rudder pole.
- oasis** *n.* 1. SPRING watering hole, wadi, fertile area, desert arbor, \*island Eden. 2. REFUGE sanctuary, retreat, haven, sanctum, asylum.
- oath** *n.* 1. PLEDGE promise, vow, declaration, swearing, word of honor, guarantee, affirmation. 2. SWEAR WORD curse, profanity, expletive.
- obdurate** *a.* hardened, hard, hard-hearted, callous, heartless, unsympathetic, unmovable, stubborn, obstinate, unyielding, intractable, inflexible, dogged. *ANT.* *feeling, tractable, flexible.*
- obedience** *n.* compliance, acquiescence, submission, deference, subservience.
- obedient** *a.* obeying, submissive, compliant, acquiescent, tractable, obsequious, amenable, dutiful, nonresistant, servile, subservient, scraping, prostrate, docile, \*at one's beck and call, \*wrapped around one's little finger, \*under one's thumb, \*whipped, conforming. *ANT.* *disobedient, insubordinate, rebellious.*
- obeisance** *n.* 1. GESTURE OF RESPECT bow, curtsy, genuflection, salaam, kneeling, salute. 2. DEFERENCE homage, worship, respect, reverence, subservience, servility, obsequiousness, fawning, sychophancy. *ANT.* 1. \*thumbing one's nose. 2. *disrespect, irreverence, insolence.*
- obeisant** *a.* deferential, respecting, reverent, servile, worshipping, obsequious. *ANT.* *disrespectful, irreverent, insolent.*
- obelisk** *n.* monolith, shaft, column, monument, pillar, pylon, needle, tower.
- obese** *a.* fat, overweight, corpulent, plump, rotund, stout, chubby, roly-poly, blubbery, paunchy, pleasingly plump, full-figured, elephantine, \*sleek as a walrus. *ANT.* *slim, lithe, skinny.* *SEE* FAT
- obesity** *n.* corpulence, plumpness, rotundness, stoutness, paunchiness, portliness, chubbiness, overweight, fatness. *SEE* FAT
- obey** *v.* comply, follow orders, acquiesce, submit, yield, mind, heed, abide, relent, concur, serve, do one's bidding, carry out one's wishes, toe the line, \*bend over backwards, knuckle under. *ANT.* *disobey, defy, rebel.*
- OBFUSCATE** *v.* [ob FUS kate] to darken, obscure or make unclear, confuse. *His irrelevant arguments served only to obfuscate the issue.* *SYN.* obscure, confuse, muddle, darken, cloud, conceal, confound, bewilder, cover up, hide, camouflage. *ANT.* *clear up, clarify, elucidate.*
- obituary** *n.* obit, death notice, necrology. *SEE* DEATH, EULOGY
- object** *n.* 1. THING item, subject, article, entity. 2. PURPOSE aim, intent, goal, objective, target, end.
- object** *v.* disapprove, protest, oppose, demur, inveigh, except, remonstrate. *ANT.* *approve, assent, agree, support.*
- objection** *n.* disapproval, protest, remonstrance, disagreement, exception, complaint, criticism, admonition, dispute, opposition, grievance, dissatisfaction, gripe, \*kick. *ANT.* *acceptance, agreement, approval.*
- objectionable** *a.* offensive, revolting, disagreeable, unbefitting, undesirable, unpleasant, inappropriate, uncalled for, unsatisfactory, out of line, unacceptable. *ANT.* *acceptable, agreeable.*
- objective** *n.* purpose, goal, intent, end, aim, target, object, quarry, point.
- objective** *a.* unbiased, fair, unprejudiced, unemotional, disinterested, detached, indifferent, impersonal. *ANT.* *biased, partial.* *SEE* FAIR
- objectivity** *n.* disinterest, neutrality, detachment, indifference, distance, fairness, evenhandedness, dispassion.
- objector** *n.* resister, protester, dissenter, naysayer, detractor, challenger, rebel, critic, opponent, dissident.

**objet d'art** *n.* object of art, figurine, vase, curio.  
SEE KNICKKNACK

**obliterate** *v.* scold, rebuke, berate, chastise, chide, upbraid, reproach.

**oblige** *v.* bind, pledge, compel, force, constrain, commit, require, necessitate, behold, indebt, contract. *ANT.* *free, release.*

**obligated** *a.* bound, beholden, indebted, required, constrained, committed, obliged, pledged, contracted. *ANT.* *released, freed, unbound.*

**obligation** *n.* duty, promise, pledge, contract, responsibility, requirement, charge, commitment, bond, liability, burden.

**obligatory** *a.* required, necessary, binding, requisite, mandatory, imperative, essential, compulsory, peremptory. *ANT.* *unrequired, optional, unnecessary.*

**oblige** *v.* 1. ACCOMMODATE serve, help out, favor, aid, lend a hand, cater to, gratify. 2. NECESSITATE compel, force, bind.

**obliged** *a.* 1. REQUIRED compelled, bound, forced. 2. INDEBTED.

**oblique** *a.* 1. SLANTING sloping, inclined, tilting, leaning, angled, deviating, askew, canted, crooked, diagonal, listing. 2. INDIRECT evasive, devious, sly, underhanded, disingenuous, surreptitious, deceptive. *ANT.* 1. *straight, level, horizontal.* 2. *straightforward, honest, open.*

**obliterate** *v.* 1. ERASE expunge, wipe out, rub out, deface, scratch out, delete, blot out, remove. 2. DESTROY annihilate, eliminate, eradicate, exterminate, do away with, incinerate, wipe out, decimate. *ANT.* 1. *put in, enter, put in bold print, insert.* 2. *build up, fortify, create.*

**OBLIVION** *n.* [uh BLIV ee un] the state of being totally lost and forgotten. *Most people fear that their names will be lost to oblivion after death.* *SYN.* the forgotten, nothingness, void, \*never-never land, nihility, non-existence, space, obscurity, inexistence, extinction, unconsciousness. "The swallowing gulf."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *prominence, fame, notoriety.* SEE EMPTINESS

**oblivious** *a.* unconscious, unaware, forgetful, absentminded, abstracted, absorbed, mindless, amnesic, preoccupied, thoughtless, \*out to lunch, \*off in space, \*out of it. *ANT.* *conscious, aware, focused.*

**oblong** *a.* elliptical, oval, egg-shaped, elongated, rectangular.

**obloquy** *n.* censure, vituperation, verbal abuse, defamation, insult, discredit, dressing-down, belittlement. *ANT.* *compliment, praise, adulation.*

**obnoxious** *a.* offensive, objectionable, loathsome, odious, unpleasant, disagreeable, disgusting, revolting, hateful, insulting, repugnant, deplorable. *ANT.* *pleasant, agreeable, pleasing.*

**obscene** *a.* 1. OFFENSIVE repulsive, foul, gross, indecent, unsavory, lewd, shameless, vulgar, revolting, distasteful, indelicate, lurid. 2. INCITING LUST libidinous, pornographic, salacious, lewd, lascivious, nasty, smutty, \*raunchy, prurient, licentious, naughty. *ANT.* 1. *respectable, inoffensive, decent.* 2. *pure, chaste, prudish, puritanical.*

**obscenity** *n.* 1. INDECENCY vulgarity, smut, lewdness, indelicacy, vileness, \*raunch, filth, ribaldry. 2. SWEAR WORD four-letter word, oath, cuss word, curse, expletive. *ANT.* 1. *delicacy, decency, propriety.* 2. *euphemism, polite word.*

**obscure** *v.* 1. MAKE INDISTINCT conceal, obstruct, hide, camouflage, muddy, obfuscate, cloud, confuse. 2. DARKEN dim, cloud, shadow. *ANT.* 1. *make distinct, define, make clear, spotlight, expose.* 2. *lighten, brighten.*

**obscure** *a.* 1. INDISTINCT vague, faint, ambiguous, inconspicuous, unclear, indiscernible, imperceptible, hazy, nebulous, undistinguished, hard to make out. 2. DARK gloomy, dusky, murky, dim, hazy, shadowy. 3. LITTLE KNOWN unknown, unseen, elusive, inconspicuous, unheard of, remote, unsung, insignificant. *ANT.* 1. *distinct, clear, defined.* 2. *bright, sunny, light.* 3. *famous, well-known, notorious.*

**OBSEQUIOUS** *a.* [ub SEE kwee us] servile, fawning, or overly compliant. *The bully and his obsequious underlings started a brawl.* *SYN.* servile, fawning, abject, abasing, submissive, sycophantic, deferential, compliant, \*brownnosing, \*apple-polishing, \*kissing up, \*bootlicking, \*ring-kissing, toadying, \*falling all over oneself to please, ingratiating. *ANT.* *domineering, lordly, disrespectful.*

**obsequy** *n.* funeral rite, ceremony, service. SEE EULOGY, FUNERAL

**observable** *a.* perceptible, perceivable, palpable, noticeable, obvious, evident, in plain view, distinct. *ANT.* *hidden, obscure, camouflaged.*

**observance** *n.* 1. CUSTOM rite, ritual, ceremony, celebration, commemoration, remembrance, memorial. 2. OBSERVATION watching, notice, attention, scrutiny, lookout, inspection, examination. 3. ABIDING BY adherence, compliance, heeding, obeying, regarding. *ANT.* 3. *disregard, breach, noncompliance.*

**observant** *a.* watchful, attentive, noticing, perceptive, keen-eyed, aware, sharp-eyed, alert,

- mindful. *ANT. overlooking, daydreaming, ignoring.*
- observation** *n.* 1. OBSERVING noticing, seeing, perception, observance, examination, attention, viewing. 2. REMARK comment, assertion, sentiment, opinion, observance, account, declaration, thought, judgment. 3. NOTING recording, sizing up, measuring, scrutiny, assessment.
- observatory** *n.* observation post, lookout, watchtower. SEE ASTRONOMY
- observe** *v.* 1. WATCH see, look at, notice, view, eye, examine, study, behold, \*get a load of, \*take a gander at. 2. ABIDE BY adhere, respect, recognize, follow, obey, heed, honor, maintain, regard, acknowledge, comply. *ANT. 1. ignore, neglect, overlook. 2. disregard, disrespect, ignore.*
- observer** *n.* lookout, watcher, eyewitness, spectator, onlooker, bystander, examiner.
- obsess** *v.* preoccupy, haunt, beset, possess, hound, harass, torment, plague, occupy, dominate, \*prey on one's mind. *ANT. ignore, forget, exorcise.*
- obsessed** *a.* preoccupied, haunted, beset, possessed, fixated, dominated, \*hung up, troubled, immersed in, \*gaga over, gripped, crazed.
- obsession** *n.* preoccupation, fixation, compulsion, fascination, mania, delusion, fetish, infatuation, possession, passion. SEE INSANITY, MANIA, NEUROSIS, PHOBIA
- obsolete** *a.* 1. DISCARDED useless, abandoned, cast off, defunct, extinct, retired, forgotten. 2. OLD-FASHIONED outmoded, antiquated, dated, passé, out of date, primitive, \*old hat, ancient, worn out, Victorian. *ANT. fresh, new, modern, \*cutting edge.*
- obstacle** *n.* impediment, hindrance, block, obstruction, barrier, snag, check, deterrent, impasse, bar, hurdle, restriction, stumbling block.
- obstetrics** *n.* tocology, midwifery, childbirth, labor and delivery. SEE BIRTH, PREGNANCY
- obstinate** *a.* stubborn, firm, inflexible, adamant, unyielding, resistant, tenacious, headstrong, unwavering, bullheaded, mulish, pigheaded, hardnosed, dogged, unbending, stiff-necked, cussed, \*stubborn as a bobtail mule, \*stubborn as crabgrass. *ANT. flexible, tractable, yielding.*
- obstreperous** *a.* noisy, boisterous, vociferous, unruly, rowdy, unmanageable, uproarious, riotous, clamorous. *ANT. peaceful, quiet.*
- obstruct** *v.* 1. BLOCK impede, stop up, clog, check, retard, hinder, bar, preclude. 2. HIDE block, camouflage, screen, curtain, cover up, obscure. *ANT. 1. open up, release, unstop, broach, clear. 2. reveal, expose, spotlight, unveil.*
- obstruction** *n.* impediment, obstacle, bar, barricade, block, check, stumbling block, hindrance, restriction, bottleneck, stop. *ANT. opening, gap, hole, passage.*
- obtain** *v.* get, acquire, procure, gain possession, seize, attain, net, capture, \*get one's hands on, pick up, harvest. *ANT. lose, forfeit, give up.*
- obtainable** *a.* available, acquirable, attainable, winnable. *ANT. unobtainable, \*out of reach.*
- obtrude** *v.* 1. INTRUDE impose, \*barge in, meddle, interrupt, \*butt in, \*stick one's nose in, \*pry, \*horn in. 2. EXTRUDE stick out, protrude, push out, eject, thrust forward.
- obtrusive** *a.* 1. PROJECTING protruding, prominent, protuberant, jutting out, sticking out. 2. INTRUSIVE forward, brash, pushing, meddlesome, interfering, bold, invasive, interruptive. 3. CONSPICUOUS glaring, overt, blatant, flagrant, striking, obvious, bald-faced, outrageous. *ANT. 1. flattened, smoothed, planed. 2. retiring, reticent, shy, unobtrusive. 3. inconspicuous, subtle, hidden.*
- obtuse** *a.* 1. BLUNT dull, rounded. 2. STUPID dull, slow, thick, dense, vapid, vacuous, pea-brained, insensitive. *ANT. 1. sharp, pointed. 2. sharp, intelligent, quick.* SEE MORONIC, STUPID
- obverse** *a.* 1. FACE front, top, head. 2. COUNTERPART opposite, reverse.
- obviate** *v.* preclude, prevent, forestall, avert, avoid, evade, circumvent.
- obvious** *a.* apparent, evident, visible, plain to see, clear, conspicuous, manifest, overt, noticeable, perceivable, glaring, palpable, patent, prominent, unambiguous, \*sticking out like a sore thumb, \*goes without saying. *ANT. imperceptible, mysterious, vague, inconspicuous.*
- obviously** *adv.* unmistakably, apparently, evidently, certainly, overtly, clearly.
- occasion** *n.* 1. EVENT happening, affair, function, happening, incident. 2. OPPORTUNITY chance, opening, golden opportunity, \*shot, \*crack. 3. CELEBRATION holiday, festival, gala, carnival. 4. TIME juncture, instance, point, case.
- occasion** *v.* cause, give occasion to, produce, bring about, prompt, induce, effect, create, bring to pass. *ANT. stop, end, quit.*
- occasional** *a.* irregular, once in awhile, sporadic, infrequent, every now and then, periodic, casual, odd, from time to time. *ANT. frequent, regular, continuous.*
- occasionally** *adv.* now and then, once in awhile, from time to time, periodically, sometimes, infrequently, irregularly, once in a blue

moon, sporadically. *ANT.* regularly, frequently, constantly.

**occlude** *v.* obstruct, close off, shut off, seal, plug, stop, clog, choke, block, fill. *ANT.* open, clear, unstop.

**occlusion** *n.* blockage, obstruction, seal, plug, stop, clog, block. *ANT.* opening, hole, clearance.

**occult** *n.* mystical arts, cabalism, mysticism, occultism, channeling, astrology, voodoo, alchemy, tarot, Ouija board, psychic powers, clairvoyance, exorcism, satanism, devil worshipping, sorcery, witchcraft, telekinesis, telepathy, reincarnation, possession. *SEE* MAGIC

**occult** *a.* supernatural, secret, hidden, magical, unexplainable, unfathomable, arcane, mystical, cryptic, esoteric, orphic. *ANT.* earthly, tangible, explainable, known. *SEE* MYSTERIOUS, DIVINATION.

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**WORD FIND**

**affected or demented by unseen forces:** touched

**assembly headed by a medium who summons spirits:** seance

**ball of glass hung in window to ward off evil spirits:** witch ball

**beetle talisman of Egypt:** scarab

**black magic:** black arts, sorcery, witchcraft, wizardry

**black magic, one who practices:** sorcerer, sorceress, witch, wizard

**board game used to summon the spiritual world and answer questions:** Ouija board

**cards, fortune-telling:** tarot cards

**castle mirage:** fata morgana

**celestial bodies, divining one's fate by position of:** astrology

**celestial bodies used to predict one's fate, a chart of:** horoscope

**celestial pathway divided into 12 astrological signs:** zodiac

**celestial bodies at a precise time to predict one's fate, the plotting of:** horoscope

**Celtic order of priests who acted as prophet or sorcerer, member of a:** druid

**charm to ward off evil:** amulet, talisman

**coincidence, hidden meaning and interconnectedness of:** synchronicity

**communications, acting as a medium to receive spiritual:** channeling

**corpse brought back to life:** zombie

**crystal ball, read the future by gazing into a:** scry

**curse or spell:** hex, whammy

**dead, returns from:** revenant

**demon through prayers and incantations, casting out of:** exorcism

**evil, magic used for:** black magic

**evil spirit, occupied by an:** possessed

**feeling that one has experienced or visited a place before in a past life, eerie: deja vu**

**formula or incantation causing trance state or other prescribed behavior:** spell

**future by various means, reading the:** divination

**future, knowledge of what will transpire in the:** prescience

**future, one who has the ability to predict the:** prophet, psychic, seer

**future, prediction of what will occur in the:** prophesy

**future will bring, one who tells what the:** soothsayer

**future, seeing the:** precognition

**ghost, noisy:** poltergeist

**ghost who haunts its living twin:** doppelganger

**ghostly visitations or appearances:** haunting

**glass ball used to peer into the future:** crystal ball

**Haitian religion employing charms and fetishes:** voodoo

**healing through prayer alone:** faith healing

**hear the spirit world, ability to:** clairaudience

**intuition, understanding the spiritual world through:** gnosis

**intuition, pre-Christians who believed spiritual world could be understood through:** Gnostics

**language without studying, acquiring of foreign:** xenoglossia

**letters and characters, mystical:** runes

**love potion:** philter

**luck, bad:** hoodoo

**luck, one who brings bad:** hoodoo

**luck, thing that brings bad:** jinx

**magic used for good:** white magic

**meaning, having a hidden:** cabalistic

**memory of experiences before one's existence:** past life memories

**metal into gold, stone or substance once believed could turn:** philosopher's stone

**mind reader:** psychic

**misfortune, invocation of:** curse

**move objects with one's mind, ability to:** psychokinesis, telekinesis

**Native American mysticism and magic:** shamanism

**numbers to determine one's fate, study of:** numerology

object, such as rabbit's foot, thought to have magical power: charm, fetish  
 omens and signs, study of: augury  
 otherworldly: ethereal  
 palm reader: chiromancer  
 perceive what cannot be physically seen, ability to: clairvoyance  
 perceive what cannot be physically seen, one who can: clairvoyant  
 perception, all things beyond explanation or human: paranormal; the supernatural  
 psychic ability: ESP, extra sensory perception, sixth sense, third eye  
 psychic powers, referring to: psi  
 psychic or other powers, study of: parapsychology  
 quartz or other transparent mineral used in healing: crystal  
 radiance surrounding some people or objects, mystical: aura  
 reader of omens and signs, ancient Roman: augur  
 receives spiritual messages, person or thing that: medium, channeler, oracle  
 release of one's soul from physical body, temporary: out-of-body experience  
 Satan worship: diabolism, Satanism  
 Satan worshippers, group of: Satan cult  
 science, phony: pseudoscience  
 sign, magical: sigil  
 sign of things to come: omen, portent  
 sorcery and witchcraft: black arts  
 soul, belief that nature has a: animism  
 spellbinding: hypnotism, mesmerism  
 spell utterance: incantation  
 spiritual world, belief in: mysticism  
 summon a spirit, to: conjure  
 thought transference to another: telepathy  
 time and space eddy through which one may travel to another dimension: vortex  
 trance, put someone in a: spellbind  
 travel, spiritual, out-of-body: astral projection  
 voodoo, form of Brazilian: macumba  
 voodoo priestess, Haitian: mambo  
 water by forked divining rod, searching for underground: dowsing  
 water by forked divining rod, one who searches for: dowser  
 werewolf, ability to change oneself into a: lycanthropy  
 witchcraft practiced for the good of the earth and the environment: Wicca  
 witches, group of 13: coven  
 witch, male: warlock

written word, spirit communication through medium through: spirit writing

**occupant** *n.* residence, residency, occupation, living, tenancy, inhabitation, inhabitation, stay, tenure, lodging, possession. *ANT.* *leave, vacancy, absence.* SEE HOUSE

**occupant** *n.* resident, inhabitant, tenant, leaseholder, renter, lodger, dweller, homeowner, owner, lessee.

**occupation** *n.* 1. VOCATION job, work, career, trade, profession, business, livelihood, calling, pursuit, employment. SEE JOB, WORK 2. OCCUPANCY tenancy, possession, inhabitation. 3. CONQUEST seizure, takeover, overthrow, subjugation, defeat, possession, rule.

**occupied** *a.* 1. ENGAGED busy, preoccupied, engrossed, absorbed, employed, diverted. 2. INHABITED lived in, settled, taken. 3. CONQUERED seized, overthrown, possessed, defeated, taken, over, subjugated. *ANT.* 1. *idle, inactive, unoccupied, at leisure.* 2. *uninhabited, vacant, empty.* 3. *sovereign, independent, self-ruled.*

**occupy** *v.* 1. ENGAGE busy, preoccupy, engross, absorb, employ, divert, entertain. 2. INHABIT live in, settle, take, reside in, take up residence. 3. CONQUER seize, overthrow, possess, defeat, take over, subjugate, rule. *ANT.* 1. *disengage, make idle, bore.* 2. *vacate, "fly the coop, leave, relinquish.* 3. *retreat, relinquish, evacuate.*

**occurrence** *n.* happening, incident, event, episode, transaction, circumstance, matter, action, experience, affair.

**ocean** *n.* sea, the deep, the abyss, deep blue sea, brine, \*the drink, \*Davy Jones locker, high seas, the seven seas, \*bounding main, Neptune, Poseidon, expanse, \*unbridgeable horizon, Arctic, Antarctic, Atlantic, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Pacific, North Pacific, South Pacific, Indian. "The wavy waste."—Thomas Hood. "A highway between the doorways of the nations."—Franklin Lane. SEE BEACH

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**WORD FIND**

**bottom and its creatures:** benthic realm, benthos

**bottom, one region of:** province

**circular currents:** gyres

**current of Atlantic:** Gulf Stream

**current of Pacific that disrupts weather patterns:** El Niño

**depression in floor:** cauldron

**depth between one hundred and one thousand meters:** bathyal zone

**depth between one thousand and six thousand meters:** abyssal zone

**depth from six thousand meters down:** hadal zone

**depth, greatest trench:** Marianas Trench

**depth measurement of six feet:** fathom

**eddy that breaks off from main current:** meander, ring

**flat calm, no wind region:** doldrums

**foam:** spume

**glow of sea creatures:** bioluminescence

**god:** Neptune

**graveyards of ships:** Bermuda Triangle, graveyard of the Atlantic

**hills:** abyssal hills

**measurement of depth:** bathymetry, sounding

**mile, nautical:** 6,082.2 feet

**mountain chain in Atlantic:** mid-Atlantic ridge

**mountain chain in Pacific:** Emperor Seamounts

**mountain:** seamount

**seaweed region in North Atlantic:** Sargasso Sea

**sediment deposit, large offshore:** submarine fan

**shallow area, navigational hazard:** shoal

**spray:** spindrift

**study of:** oceanography

**tide, maximal low and high:** spring tide

**tide, minimal low and high:** neap tide

**turbulence involving bottom mud:** benthic storm

**waves, crash and crest of opposing:** cross seas

**waves:** plunger, spiller, graybeard, swell, eagre (tidal bore), tsunami

**wave, tidal:** tsunami

**wind distance and relationship to wave height:** fetch

**oceanic** *a.* marine, maritime, deep-sea, aquatic, pelagic, abyssal, nautical. *ANT.* *terrestrial.*

**ocean liner** *n.* cruise ship, luxury liner.

**oceanographer** *n.* marine scientist, oceanologist, hydrographer.

**October** *n.* month, harvest time, autumn, fall, Indian summer.

**odd** *a.* 1. STRANGE unusual, weird, unconventional, out of the ordinary, offbeat, unnatural, bizarre, atypical, peculiar, singular, irregular, queer, unique. 2. UNMATCHED lone,

single, unpaired, mateless. *ANT.* 1. *usual, typical, ordinary, regular.* 2. *matched, paired.*

**oddball** *n. Sl.* \*weirdo, eccentric, misfit, \*crackpot, \*freak, \*nut, \*screwball, \*character, \*queer duck, nonconformist. *ANT.* \**regular Joe, \*average Joe, conformist.*

**oddy** *n.* curiosity, rarity, quirk, peculiarity, eccentricity, anomaly, freak.

**odds** *n.* 1. PROBABILITY chances, likelihood, expectation, prospect. 2. ADVANTAGE handicap, edge. 3. AT ODDS at sixes and sevens, at loggerheads, in disagreement, misunderstanding, difference of opinion.

**odds and ends** *n.* bits and pieces, oddments, miscellany, mishmash, hodgepodge, mélange, mixed bag, assortment, patchwork, remnants.

**odds maker** *n.* statistician, gambler, bettor, tout.

**odds-on-favorite** *n.* front-runner, best bet, chalk horse.

**ode** *n.* poem, lyric, hymn, song. SEE POEM, SONG

**odious** *a.* offensive, abhorrent, repugnant, disgusting, hateful, repulsive, detestable, revolting, loathsome. *ANT.* *pleasing, delightful, nice.*

**odium** *n.* 1. HATRED ill will, loathing, disgust, repugnance. 2. DISGRACE opprobrium. *ANT.* 1. *love, goodwill, benevolence.* 2. *grace, honor.*

**odometer** *n.* distance indicator, instrument, mileage meter, gauge.

**odor** *n.* scent, smell, aroma, fragrance, essence, effluvium, redolence, fume, emanation, whiff, stench, stink, bouquet, perfume. SEE PERFUME, SMELL

#### WORD FIND

**types:** foul, fetid, rank, goaty, musty, spring-fresh, herbal, floral, pungent, spicy, chemical, organic, fruity, sweet, sour, rancid, incense, civet, musk, potpourri, frankincense, sandalwood, myrrh, balsam, antiseptic, dank, stale, honeysuckle, lilac, putrid, carbolic, spindrift, ozone, fishy, diesel, ambrosial.

**odorless** *a.* nonfragrant, neutral, unscented, deodorized. *ANT.* *scented, fragrant, odorous.*

**odorous** *a.* fragrant, smelly, stinky, distinct-smelling, redolent, odoriferous, aromatic, scented. *ANT.* *unscented, odorless.*

**odyssey** *n.* wandering, trek, journey, quest, sojourn, voyage, travels. SEE TRAVEL

**off** *a.* 1. AWAY OR DETACHED removed, above, below, aside, behind, distant, not touching, separated. 2. SHUT OFF, INOPERABLE stopped, malfunctioning, disconnected, shut down,

- defunct, unpowered, down. 3. MISTAKEN incorrect, in error, wrong, inaccurate, erroneous, miscalculated. 4. OFF DUTY on holiday, not working, on liberty, on leave. *ANT.* 1. *on, attached, touching, astride.* 2. *on, functioning, running.* 3. *correct, accurate, right.* 4. *on duty, working.*
- offal** *n.* entrails, guts, refuse, rubbish, waste. SEE GARBAGE
- off and on** *adv.* intermittent, alternately, variably, fluctuating, vacillating, starting and stopping, sporadically, irregularly.
- off-balance** *a.* 1. OFF-CENTER uncentered, unbalanced. 2. UNSTEADY \*tippy, tipping, uncoordinated, leaning, toppling, inclining. *ANT.* 1. *centered, balanced.* 2. *steady, balanced, stable, counterpoised.*
- offbeat** *a.* unconventional, unorthodox, unusual, \*off-center, strange, novel, \*kinky, \*freaky, \*oddball, different, weird, atypical, \*far out. *ANT.* *conventional, orthodox, traditional, normal.*
- off-center** *a.* misaligned, off-balanced, askew, eccentric. *ANT.* *aligned, centered.*
- off-color** *a.* risqué, improper, tasteless, indecent, inappropriate, suggestive, lewd, racy, \*raunchy, dirty, offensive, indelicate, gross. *ANT.* *tasteful, prudish, respectable, clean.*
- off course** *a.* strayed, drifted, lost, lost one's bearings. SEE LOST
- offend** *v.* 1. INSULT affront, annoy, slight, spite, disgust, outrage, mortify, vex, \*ruffle one's feathers, \*pull one's chain, \*rattle one's cage, \*rub one the wrong way. 2. DO A MISDEED break the law, violate, transgress, sin. *ANT.* 1. *please, honor, compliment, praise.*
- offender** *n.* perpetrator, culprit, lawbreaker, sinner, violator, malefactor. SEE CRIMINAL
- offense** *n.* 1. INSULT affront, slight, injury. 2. UMBRAGE resentment, pique, displeasure. 3. MISDEED transgression, violation, infraction, misdemeanor, felony, wrongdoing, peccadillo, sin, charge. 4. ATTACK, ATTACKERS assault, siege, invasion, charge, raid, offensive, blitzkrieg, blitz, run, attackers, aggressors, invaders, opposing side. *ANT.* 1. *courtesy, compliment.* 2. *delight, honor.* 3. *good deed, benevolence.* 4. *defense, retreat, submission.* SEE CRIME, LAW
- offensive** *n.* attack, invasion, raid, assault, siege, charge, counteroffensive, bombing run, flanking maneuver, blitzkrieg, enfilade.
- offensive** *a.* 1. INSULTING rude, obnoxious, revolting, disgusting, hateful, repugnant, outrageous, discourteous, distasteful, sickening, disagreeable, affronting, abominable, objectionable. SEE MEAN, OBSCENE, VULGAR. 2. AGGRESSIVE warlike, invading, pugnacious, hostile, attacking, belligerent. *ANT.* 1. *pleasing, honoring, respectful, nice.* 2. *peaceful, pacific, passive, appeasing.*
- offer** *n.* proffer, proposal, proposition, overture, bid, tender, offering, submission.
- offer** *v.* proffer, present, tender, bid, propose, submit, put forward, advance, lay at one's feet, suggest, counteroffer. *ANT.* *withdraw, renege, take back.* SEE PROPOSE
- offering** *n.* contribution, donation, oblation, tithe, sacrifice, grant. SEE GIFT
- off-guard** *a.* unprepared, unalert, asleep, napping, \*flat-footed, unwary, daydreaming, lost in thought, \*zoned out, \*spaced out. *ANT.* *alert.*
- offhand** *a.* 1. IMPROMPTU unprepared, casual, \*at the spur of the moment, unplanned, extemporaneous, unrehearsed, unpremeditated, ad-lib. 2. BRUSQUE curt, blunt, abrupt, informal, terse, casual. *ANT.* 1. *rehearsed, prepared, studied.* 2. *tactful, mannered, polite.*
- office** *n.* 1. PLACE OF BUSINESS OR WORK AREA department, headquarters, precinct, bureau, command center, practice, suite, \*nerve center, \*boiler room, base, room, work station, cubicle, compartment, niche, cubbyhole, pigeonhole, closet. 2. POST position, service, role, function, charge, appointment.
- officer** *n.* 1. POLICEMAN constable, magistrate, deputy, sheriff, peace officer, patrolman, \*cop, \*fuzz, \*John Law. SEE POLICE. 2. OFFICIAL functionary, officeholder, bureaucrat, commissioner, director, minister, civil servant, secretary, commissar, corporate officer. 3. MILITARY OFFICER MP, commissioned officer, noncommissioned officer, NCO. SEE AIR FORCE, ARMY, NAVY
- office worker** *n.* \*desk jockey, \*pencil driver, \*bean counter, \*number cruncher, \*hacker, secretary, receptionist, accountant, computer programmer, controller, comptroller, clerk, payroll clerk, VP, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), file clerk, typist, word processor, billing clerk, data processor.
- official** *n.* 1. OFFICER functionary, dignitary, administrator, public official, bureaucrat. 2. REFEREE judge.
- official** *a.* authorized, sanctioned, certified, endorsed, approved, vested, accredited. *ANT.* *unofficial, unauthorized, not recognized.* SEE LEGAL
- officialese** *n.* doublespeak, \*gobblydegook, \*federalesse, jargon, \*bloated English, \*gassy prose,

- \*verbosity, \*mush, \*tapioca, \*departmental murk.
- officiate** *v.* oversee, preside over, chair, supervise, direct, emcee, referee, judge. SEE *MEDIATE*.
- OFFICIOUS** *a.* [uh FISH us] offering help or advice when it is not wanted, meddlesome, especially in a domineering way. *His mother-in-law is particularly officious.* SYN. meddlesome, obtrusive, intrusive, pushy, interfering, forward, prying, domineering, bossy, overbearing, high-handed, pragmatic. *ANT. reserved, unobtrusive, knowing one's place.*
- offing** *n.* 1. horizon, far distance. SEE *FUTURE*
- off-key** *a.* flat, sharp, out of tune, discordant, dissonant. *ANT. in tune.*
- off-limits** *a.* restricted, prohibited, forbidden, barred, out of bounds, banned, taboo, unlawful, illegal. *ANT. unrestricted, open, free.*
- off-line** *a.* disconnected, logged off, detached, separated. *ANT. on-line.*
- offset** *v.* counter, counteract, compensate, balance, neutralize, equalize, even out, cancel out, level out.
- offshoot** *n.* branch, stem, tendril, sprout, descendant, offspring, heir, \*spinoff.
- offshore** *a.* seaward, the offing, \*the high seas, out to sea.
- offspring** *n.* children, progeny, descendants, brood, heirs, clutch, litter, spawn, seed, young.
- offstage** *n.* wings, backstage, green room, dressing room.
- off the cuff** *a.* impromptu, offhand, unrehearsed, extemporaneous, ad-lib, improvised. *ANT. rehearsed.*
- off the record** *a.* confidential, not for publication, on the QT, unofficial, \*between you, me, and the bedpost. *ANT. quotable, public.*
- off-white** *a.* antique white, ivory, blond.
- often** *adv.* frequently, repeatedly, quite a bit, oft, time and again, regularly, habitually, generally. *ANT. seldom, rarely.*
- ogle** *v.* stare, leer, goggle, gawk, gaze, \*stare bug-eyed, \*stare saucer-eyed, \*eye salaciously, gape at.
- ogre** *n.* giant, brute, man-eater, boogiemán. SEE *MONSTER*
- oil** *n.* crude oil, petroleum, lubricant, motor oil, machine oil, \*black gold, \*Texas tea, sludge, grease, ooze, lard, oleo, fat, vegetable oil, corn oil, olive oil, linseed oil, cod-liver oil, mineral oil.
- oily** *a.* 1. *VISCOUS* greasy, slippery, unctious, oleaginous, fatty, lardy, tallowy, slick. 2. *EXCESSIVELY SUAVE* slick, smooth, unctuous, honey-tongued, flattering. *ANT. 2. sincere, artless, unpolished.*
- ointment** *n.* emollient, salve, unguent, medicinal, balm.
- okay** *a.* all right, correct, fine, \*okey dokey, copacetic.
- okay** *interj.* yes, sure, \*okey dokey, \*righto, \*sure thing, \*no problem.
- old** *a.* 1. *AGED* elderly, venerable, advanced in years, matured, past one's prime, patriarchal, vintage, seasoned, \*at a ripe old age, senior, retirement age. SEE *OLD AGE* 2. *WORN OUT* decrepit, dilapidated, crumbling, decayed, deteriorated, shabby, enfeebled, senile. 3. *FORMER* previous, early, past, bygone, once. 4. *LONG-STANDING* age-old, of the past, from time immemorial. *ANT. 1. young, newborn, immature, unseasoned. 2. new, fresh, 3. later, future. 4. recent, new.*
- old age** *n.* retirement age, senescence, declining years, \*winter of one's life, enfeeblement, dotage, senility. "To take in sail."—Emerson. "To be left alone at a banquet—the lights dead and the flowers faded."—Gilbert Chesterton. "Whenever a man's friends begin to compliment him about looking young."—Washington Irving. "The road's last turn."—Henry Van Dyke.
- old country** *n.* motherland, native land, mother country, Europe.
- old days** *n.* olden times, \*yesteryear, horse and buggy days, days gone by, \*good old days, days of yore.
- old-faced** *a.* cadaverous, careworn, timeworn, rawboned, craggy, crow's-feet, fleshy wattle under the chin, gap-toothed, goat-skinned, haggard, hollowed cheekbones, hollowed eye sockets, jaundiced, leathery, liver-spotted, mirthful crinkles about the eyes, skin like scalded milk, mottled, prune-faced, rheumy-eyed, weathered. *ANT. youthful, fresh-faced.*
- old-fashioned** *a.* outdated, outmoded, dated, obsolete, out of style, moss-grown, passé, fusty, antiquated, behind the times, Victorian, \*horse and buggy, oldfangled, prehistoric, traditional, conservative, stodgy. *ANT. modern, fresh, fashionable, \*cutting edge, new, chic.*
- old maid** *n.* spinster, maiden, single woman, virgin.
- old man** *n.* SEE *OLD-TIMER*
- old school** *a.* traditional, conservative, old-fashioned, old line, ingrained. *ANT. innovative, nontraditional.*
- old-timer** *n.* veteran, old hand, senior, mossback, \*antique, \*fossil, Methuselah, graybeard, centenarian, nonagenarian, octogenarian, sexa-

- genarian, golden-ager, \*codger, \*geezer, \*old fart, \*duffer, \*old buzzard, \*gramps, \*grandma, \*old girl, \*old hen.
- old wives' tale** *n.* superstition, lore, folklore, belief, myth, fallacy.
- Olympian** *n.* athlete, world-class athlete, medalist, competitor, champion.
- Olympics** *n.* Olympic Games, world championships, tournament, contest, challenge, international competition, Olympiad.
- omen** *n.* augury, portent, sign, precursor, warning, harbinger, forewarning, token, handwriting on the wall, foreboding, premonition, \*storm cloud on the horizon.
- OMINOUS** *a.* [OM un us] pertaining to omens, portentous, foreboding. *A dark cloud on the horizon is particularly ominous to one on a sailboat.* SYN. portentous, foreboding, dreadful, prophetic, menacing, boding evil, inauspicious, threatening, sinister, cautionary. ANT. *boding well, encouraging, heartening, reassuring.*
- omission** *n.* exclusion, oversight, exception, deletion, neglected item. ANT. *inclusion, admission.*
- omit** *v.* leave out, exclude, delete, cut, overlook, erase, edit out, forget, preclude, skip, pass over, expunge, neglect, strike out, ignore. ANT. *include, put in, add to.*
- omitted** *a.* excluded, left out, deleted, overlooked, erased, precluded, forgotten, passed over, expunged. ANT. *included, put in, added.*
- omnibus** *n.* anthology, compilation, collection, collected works, volume, edition. SEE BOOK
- OMNIPOTENT** *a.* [om NIP uh tent] having unlimited or infinite power. *Many dictators strive to be as omnipotent as God.* SYN. all-powerful, almighty, supreme, unlimited, godlike. ANT. *ineffectual, powerless, weak.* SEE GOD, OMNISCIENT
- omnipresent** *a.* all-present, pervasive, ubiquitous. SEE GOD
- omniscient** *a.* all-knowing, all-seeing, god-like. ANT. *ignorant, unseeing, blind, unknowing.* SEE GOD, OMNIPOTENT
- on** *prep.* 1. UPON above, touching, in contact with, atop, covering, attached to. 2. NEAR by, around, beside. ANT. 1. *off, away from, detached from.* 2. *away from, distant from.*
- on** *adv.* 1. UPWARD forward, ahead. 2. OPERATING running, going, engaged, working, functioning, powered. ANT. 1. *stop, backward, behind.* 2. *off, stopped, unpowered.*
- on and off** *adv.* now and then, intermittently, start and stop. ANT. *constant, uninterrupted.*
- on and on** *adv.* constantly, continuously, never-ending, relentless, forever, unremitting. ANT. *finitely.*
- onanism** *n.* masturbation, self-gratification.
- on a roll** *a.* \*hot, \*on one's game, \*in a groove, \*cooking, \*on fire, \*in a zone, \*hot-handed, \*smoking, \*rolling. ANT. *cold, ice cold, in a rut, in a slump.*
- on call** *a.* standing by, on alert, accessible, at hand, at one's beck and call, at one's disposal, at the ready.
- once** *adv.* one time, one time only, never again. ANT. *repeatedly.*
- once** *a.* formerly, previously, in the past, at one time, long ago. ANT. *currently.*
- once and for all** *adv.* finally, decisively, conclusively, positively, at long last.
- once, at** *adv.* immediately, now, this instant, \*pronto, straightaway, forthwith, posthaste, \*before you can say Jack Robinson/Bob's your uncle, \*lickety-split.
- once in awhile** *adv.* every now and then, every so often, occasionally, periodically, sometimes, \*once every blue moon.
- once-over** *n.* sizing up, inspection, examination, appraising glance, scrutiny, probe, \*the eye, \*critical eye, \*piercing look.
- oncoming** *a.* approaching, nearing, looming, impending, onrushing, emerging, bearing down. ANT. *leaving, receding, retreating.*
- on duty** *a.* on, working, \*clocked in, \*punched in. ANT. \**off the clock, off duty.*
- one** *a.* 1. SINGLE individual, solitary. SEE NUMBER 2. UNITED undivided, complete, whole. ANT. 1. *multiple.* 2. *divided, incomplete.*
- one by one** *adv.* in succession, one at a time, individually.
- on edge** *a.* jittery, anxious, wired, \*hyper. ANT. *relaxed, calm.* SEE NERVOUS
- one-horse** *a.* insignificant, small, \*tinhorn, \*two-bit, limited, \*bush, inferior, \*small-townish, \*piddling. ANT. *significant, of consequence, \*big-time.*
- one-horse town** *n.* whistlestop, one stoplight town, \*a U-turn and a mayor, tank town, \*podunk, \*filling station, \*jerk town, \*wide place in the road.
- one-liner** *n.* joke, crack, wisecrack, bon mot, witty remark. SEE JOKE
- oneness** *n.* unity, singleness, togetherness, coalescence.
- one-night stand** *n.* 1. ONE-NIGHT SEXUAL AFFAIR tryst, \*quickie, liaison. 2. ENTERTAINMENT BOOKING engagement, one-nighter, \*road gig.

**ONEROUS** *a.* [OHN ur us] burdensome, laborious, or oppressive. *We were given the onerous task of mowing all thirty acres.* SYN. burdensome, laborious, oppressive, troublesome, difficult, arduous, formidable, demanding, wearisome. ANT. *easy, effortless, painless, trouble-free.*

**one-sided** *a.* biased, partial, prejudiced, unfair, narrow-minded, partisan. ANT. *fair-minded, democratic.*

**one-track mind** *n.* obsession, fixation, passion, preoccupation, fascination, single-mindedness.

**one-upmanship** *n.* rivaling, bettering, outsmarting, outfoxing, outwitting, outgaming, cut-throat, domination, gamesmanship, resourcefulness, artfulness, finesse, cunning, cageyness, outmaneuvering. ANT. *submission, concession, quitting.*

**on guard** *a.* defensive, guarded, alert, on one's toes, vigilant, watchful, cautious. ANT. *asleep, oblivious, nonchalant, carefree.*

**onion** *n.* shallot, scallion, leek, bulb.

**on-line** *a.* connected, wired, networked, linked, auxiliary, peripheral, plugged in, engaged. ANT. *off-line, disconnected, independent.* SEE INTERNET

**onlooker** *n.* spectator, eyewitness, bystander, observer.

**only** *a.* sole, single, lone, solitary.

**only** *adv.* singly, solely, alone, solitarily.

**on paper** *adv.* theoretically, hypothetically, in theory, in the abstract.

**on purpose** *adv.* deliberately, knowingly, intentionally, purposefully, wittingly, consciously, by intent, by design. ANT. *accidentally, unwittingly, unintentionally.*

**onrush** *n.* rush, stampede, \*blitz, storm, headlong dash, tidal wave, deluge, flood, avalanche.

**onset** *n.* 1. START beginning, outset. 2. ATTACK assault.

**onslaught** *n.* attack, rush, charge, assault, invasion, \*blitz, offensive, strike, incursion, storming.

**on tap** *a.* *Sl.* handy, at hand, in stock, available, at one's fingertips.

**on the ball** *a.* *Sl.* \*on the stick, \*with it, sharp, quick, \*on one's toes, ready, alert, \*plugged in. ANT. *slow, unprepared, asleep.*

**on the blink** *a.* *Sl.* broken, \*out of whack, \*out of kilter, \*on the fritz, \*out of commission, in disrepair. ANT. *functioning, in good repair, working.*

**on the brink** *a.* *Sl.* on the verge, on the edge, at the threshold, at the limit.

**on the double** *a.* *Sl.* \*double quick, \*pronto, \*lickety-split, \*chop chop.

**on the fence** *a.* *Sl.* undecided, neutral, nonpartisan, noncommitted, half-and-half, \*torn, divided, \*in the middle of the road, impartial. ANT. *one-sided, biased, partial, liberal, conservative, left, right.*

**on the house** *a.* *Sl.* gratis, free, \*on one, no charge, \*freebie, compliments of the house.

**on the level** *a.* *Sl.* \*on the up-and-up, \*for real, legitimate, square, fair, straight, aboveboard, authentic. ANT. *dishonest, illegitimate, \*BS, on the make, \*on the prowl, out for.*

**on the nose** *a.* *Sl.* bulls-eye, precisely, exactly, \*on the money.

**on the wagon** *a.* *Sl.* sworn off, sober, \*dry, abstinent, abstemious.

**on the whole** *a.* *Sl.* for the most part, mostly.

**on trial** *adv.* under examination, in litigation, before the court, up for investigation.

**onus** *n.* burden, responsibility, load, weight, duty, task, obligation.

**onward** *adv.* ahead, forward, forth, on beyond, frontward, advancing, along.

**oodles** *n.* slews, lots, piles, \*scads, \*zillions. SEE MANY

**oomph** *n.* *Sl.* 1. ENERGY vigor, muscle, power, \*elbow grease, exertion. 2. SEX APPEAL \*it.

**ooze** *n.* mud, sludge, muck, mire, slime, \*goo, \*crap.

**ooze** *v.* exude, flow, seep, percolate, squeeze out, discharge, bleed.

**opalescent** *a.* iridescent, rainbowlike.

**OPAQUE** *a.* [o PAKE] impossible to see through or impossible to understand. *The windows in the limo were opaque; nobody could see through them.* SYN. impervious, clouded, murky, misty, blurred, nebulous, filmy, hazy, foggy, nontransparent, obscure, vague, abstruse, unclear. ANT. *transparent, clear, translucent, lucid.*

**open** *v.* 1. TO MAKE AN OPENING unlock, unlatch, undo, unseal, unscrew, uncork, loosen, free, untie, breach, broach, tear down, puncture, slit, pierce, rupture. 2. SPREAD unfold, unfurl, unroll, lay out. 3. BEGIN commence, start, inaugurate, initiate, launch, \*get the ball rolling. ANT. 1. *close, shut, cover, stop up, seal. 2. fold, roll up, ball up. 3. end, close, finalize.*

**open** *a.* 1. UNCLOSED unsealed, accessible, agape, unlocked, unobstructed, ajar, clear, yawning. 2. EXPOSED uncovered, unprotected, open to view, unenclosed, unconcealed. 3. SPREAD OUT unfolded, unfurled, unrolled, laid out. 4. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC accessible, open for business, in operation, ready

to serve. 5. FAIR-MINDED receptive, open-minded, unbiased, unprejudiced. 6. HONEST OR CANDID frank, sincere, blunt, communicative, revealing, disclosing, intimate, \*real. *ANT.* 1. *closed, shut, sealed, unaccessible.* 2. *covered, hidden, enclosed, concealed.* 3. *folded, bunched up.* 4. *closed.* 5. *close-minded, narrow-minded, biased.* 6. *reserved, uncommunicative, secretive.*

**open-air** *a.* outdoors, outside, alfresco.

**open-and-shut** *a.* simple, easy, obvious, incontrovertible, cut and dried, guaranteed, clear-cut, beyond argument, indisputable, \*in the bag, \*sewn up, cinched. *ANT.* *arguable, moot, disputable, complex, convoluted, difficult.*

**open-ended** *a.* unlimited, undetermined, unrestricted.

**opener** *n.* 1. MECHANICAL OPENER key, skeleton key, can opener, corkscrew, drill, punch, gouge, awl, borer, reamer, trepan, jimmy, crowbar, glasscutter, \*jaws of life. 2. OPENING ACT warmup act, supporting act.

**open-eyed** *a.* 1. WATCHFUL vigilant, hawk-eyed, eagle-eyed, awake, alert, wary. 2. WIDE-EYED saucer-eyed, pop-eyed, goggle-eyed, spellbound, enthralled, wonderstruck, thunderstruck, bug-eyed. *ANT.* 1. *inattentive, lax, sleepy-eyed, unguarded.* 2. *sleepy-eyed, droopy-eyed.*

**openhanded** *a.* generous, charitable, giving, unselfish, munificent, altruistic, beneficent, magnanimous. *ANT.* *stingy, tightfisted, pennypinching, cheap.*

**openhearted** *a.* 1. CANDID frank, sincere, open, straightforward, honest, ingenuous, genuine, \*from the heart, \*real. 2. KINDHEARTED good-hearted, softhearted, benevolent, compassionate, warm, humane, \*Christian. *ANT.* 1. *aloof, insincere, dishonest.* 2. *mean, cruel, cold, brutal.*

**opening** *n.* 1. HOLE gap, orifice, slot, aperture, chasm, crack, rift, hollow, lacuna, gateway, doorway. 2. BEGINNING start, commencement, initiation, introduction, inauguration, launch, \*kickoff. 3. VACANCY position, chance, availability. *ANT.* 1. *closure, occlusion, blockage, seal.* 2. *ending, closing, finale.*

**opening** *a.* beginning, starting, commencing, initiating, introducing, inaugurating, launching, \*kicking off. *ANT.* *closing, ending, finalizing.*

**open-minded** *a.* receptive, amenable, unbiased, impartial, broad-minded, tolerant, understanding, liberal-minded, sympathetic, reasonable. *ANT.* *close-minded, narrow-minded, intolerant, dogmatic, bigoted.*

**opera** *n.* musical, melodrama, libretto, drame lyrique. "When a guy gets stabbed in the back and instead of bleeding, he sings."—Edward Gardner. "A magic scene contrived to please the eyes and the ears at the expense of the understanding."—Lord Chatterfield. SEE MUSIC, SINGING, SONG, VOICE

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**WORD FIND**

**bass voice, sweet and light:** basso cantante  
**booming bass voice:** basso profundo  
**brilliant and pure vocal tone:** bel canto  
**comical opera:** buffa  
**composition with several arias, duets, choruses:** cantata  
**false high pitch of male:** falsetto  
**highest range of male voice:** tenor  
**highest singing voice:** soprano  
**lead female singer:** prima donna, diva  
**lead male singer:** prima uomo  
**light opera:** operetta  
**long composition of religious theme presented without scenery, costumes:** oratorio  
**long vocal solo piece:** aria  
**low, comical voice:** basso buffo  
**lowest female voice:** contralto  
**lowest male voice:** bass  
**male castrated in seventeenth, eighteenth centuries to retain high singing voice:** castrato  
**manager or director of opera company:** impresario  
**midrange male voice:** baritone  
**repetition of theme sung in succession by two or more:** call and answer  
**short vocal solo:** cavatina

**operable** *a.* viable, serviceable, workable, feasible. *ANT.* *inoperable.*

**operate** *v.* 1. FUNCTION work, perform, act, conduct, manage, carry on, do, run. 2. PERFORM SURGERY amputate, incise, excise, transplant, cauterize, cut open, explore, bypass, suture, stitch up. SEE OPERATION

**operation** *n.* 1. EXERCISE project, action, campaign, maneuver, organization, venture. 2. RUNNING performance, working, discharge, functioning. 3. SURGICAL PROCEDURE surgery, incision, excision.

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**WORD FIND**

**anesthetic used in localized area:** local anesthetic  
**appendix removal:** appendectomy  
**birth delivery through abdomen:** caesarian section, C-section

**blood vessel graft to improve blood flow:** bypass

**boring hole in skull:** trepanning

**brain, removal of front portion:** lobotomy

**brain, spinal cord or nerve surgery:** neurosurgery

**breast removal:** mastectomy

**burning away of abnormal tissue:** cauterization

**bypass:** shunt

**cornea incisions to improve vision:** radial keratotomy

**cutting nerve to relieve pain:** denervation

**cutting surgically:** incising

**cyst removal:** cystectomy

**esophagus removal:** esophagectomy

**exploratory:** exploratory surgery

**exposure of brain:** craniotomy

**extreme cold used to destroy abnormal tissue:** cryosurgery

**fallopian tube closure to prevent pregnancy:** tubal ligation

**gallbladder removal:** cholecystectomy

**general pain blocker, unconsciousness inducer:** general anesthesia

**gum surgery:** gingivectomy

**inhaled anesthetic agent:** ether

**joint exploration:** arthroscopy

**kidney removal:** nephrectomy

**large intestine removal:** colectomy

**local anesthetic agent:** lidocaine, procaine

**lung removal:** pneumorectomy

**nose enhancement:** rhinoplasty

**pancreas removal:** pancreatectomy

**passage of tube into body part:** intubation

**prostate gland removal:** prostatectomy

**removal of tissue or organ:** excision

**replacement of organ:** transplant

**restoring blood vessel flow:** angioplasty

**scraping of tissue:** curettage

**sex change:** transsex surgery

**sperm-blocking surgery:** vasectomy

**spleen removal:** splenectomy

**stitching of wound:** suturing

**tissue sampling:** biopsy

**tonsil removal:** tonsillectomy

**transplant from one body part to another:** graft

**tumor or mass removal:** lumpectomy

**uterus removal:** hysterectomy

**violent reaction to transplanted foreign organ:** rejection reaction

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**operational** *a.* functional, fit, viable, workable, in working order, operative, usable. *ANT.* *out of service, dysfunctional.*

**operative** *a.* functioning, operating, running, working. *ANT.* *broken.*

**operator** *n.* 1. TECHNICIAN worker, engineer, driver, handler, processor, keypunch operator, switchboard operator, PBX operator. 2. SWINDLER \*con artist, fraud, \*ripoff artist, \*flim-flam man, \*shark, \*hot shot, \*snake.

**opiate** *n.* soporific, narcotic, tranquilizer, sedative, hypnotic, \*downer. *SEE* DRUG, NARCOTIC, OPIUM

**opine** *v.* think, reckon, of the opinion, believe, imagine, maintain, suppose, assume, guess.

**opinion** *n.* conviction, belief, notion, thought, conclusion, view, idea, judgment, inference, sentiment, feeling, theory, point of view, impression, conception, finding, estimation. "Truth filtered through the moods, the blood, the disposition of the spectator."—Wendell Phillips.

**opinionated** *a.* biased, prejudiced, dogmatic, headstrong, obstinate, pigheaded, convinced, close-minded, narrow-minded, one-sided. *ANT.* *open-minded, broad-minded, tractable, neutral.*

**opium** *n.* narcotic, opiate, soporific, laudanum, \*dope, \*downer, \*hop, \*black snake, \*leaf, \*tar, \*mud, \*poppy hops. *SEE* DRUG, OPIATE

**opponent** *n.* adversary, enemy, rival, competitor, antagonist, foe, contender, nemesis, \*sparing partner. *SEE* ENEMY

**opportune** *a.* timely, favorable, advantageous, fortuitous, felicitous, expedient, auspicious, suitable, appropriate, fitting, apropos, apt, seasonable, correct, right. *ANT.* *inopportune, unfavorable, untimely, unseasonable.*

**opportunism** *n.* exploitation, expediency, \*go-getting, \*making hay while the sun shines, \*striking while the iron is hot.

**opportunist** *n.* \*gold digger, operator, \*go-getter, adventurer, enterpriser.

**opportunity** *n.* opening, chance, occasion, \*window of opportunity, possibility, contingency, \*shot, golden opportunity.

**oppose** *v.* resist, conflict, repulse, confront, repel, counter, contest, refute, dispute, contradict, disapprove, reject, contravene, go up against. *ANT.* *support, embrace, advance, advocate, concur.*

**opposite** *n.* reverse, contrary, inverse, antithesis, counterpart, \*other side of the coin, \*flip-side. *ANT.* *twin, mirror image, duplicate.*

**opposite** *a.* facing, face to face, vis à vis, inverse, obverse, contrary, contradictory, antithetical, reverse. *ANT.* *corresponding.*

**opposition** *n.* 1. OPPOSING INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP adversary, opponent, rival, antago-

- nist, competitor. 2. RESISTANCE repulsion, antagonism, conflict. 3. OBSTRUCTION hindrance, impediment, restriction, check. *ANT.* 1. *proponent, advocate, partnership, collaboration.* 2. *attraction, acceptance.* 3. *opening, clearance, help, aid.*
- OPPRESS** *v.* [uh PRESS] to force or keep down, especially by abuse of power, to tyrannize. *The dictator tries to oppress the populace through threats of violence.* *SYN.* subjugate, suppress, persecute, tyrannize, \*step on, depress, harass, crush, stifle, burden, saddle, weigh down, dominate, subdue, squelch, \*rule by yoke and whip, \*rule with an iron fist, \*straitjacket into conformity, \*jackboot. *ANT.* *liberate, free, emancipate.*
- oppressed** *a.* downtrodden, harassed, tormented, persecuted, tyrannized, enslaved, misused, subdued, dominated, saddled, weighed down, burdened, abused. *ANT.* *liberated, honored, respected.*
- OPPRESSION** *n.* [uh PRESH un] the keeping or forcing down, especially by abuse of power; tyranny. *The inferior leader rules by oppression.* *SYN.* tyranny, subjugation, persecution, suppression, enslavement, domination, coercion, torment, martial law, heavy-handedness, \*bullied obeisance. *ANT.* *freedom, liberty, justice.*
- oppressive** *a.* tyrannical, despotic, domineering, heavy-handed, iron-fisted, severe, harsh, burdensome, ruthless, brutal, abusive. *ANT.* *liberating, just, fair.*
- oppressor** *n.* tyrant, despot, dictator, persecutor, master, slavedriver, martinet, disciplinarian, authoritarian, bully, tormentor, puppet-master. *ANT.* *emancipator.*
- opprobrious** *a.* 1. DISGRACEFUL shameful, infamous, despicable, dishonorable, hateful. 2. ABUSIVE offending, insulting, contemptuous, reproachful. *ANT.* 1. *honorable, commendable.* 2. *complimentary, flattering.*
- opprobrium** *n.* disgrace, infamy, shame, dishonor, discredit, reproach, stigma. *ANT.* *honor, regard, esteem.*
- oppugn** *v.* criticize, attack, oppose, controvert, \*shoot down, \*blast, \*light into, \*rake over the coals. *ANT.* *concur, compliment, agree.*
- opt** *v.* choose, elect, decide, pick, elect.
- optical** *a.* visual, ocular.
- optician** *n.* optometrist, oculist.
- optimal** *a.* best, optimum, favorable, greatest, superlative. *ANT.* *worst, terrible.*
- optimism** *n.* hopefulness, rosy outlook, positive attitude, great expectations, enthusiasm, cheerfulness, anticipation, bullishness, buoyancy, confidence, encouragement. *ANT.* *pessimism, negative outlook, gloomy outlook, cynicism.*
- optimist** *n.* idealist, dreamer, Pollyanna, hoper, \*ray of sunshine, positive thinker. "Someone who tells you to cheer up when things are going his way."—Edward R. Murrow. *ANT.* *pessimist, defeatist, killjoy, \*gloomy Gus.*
- optimistic** *a.* hopeful, forward-looking, sanguine, cheerful, upbeat, expectant, assured, sunny, bullish, confident, anticipating, positive, \*up, Pollyannish. *ANT.* *pessimistic, gloomy, cynical, negative.*
- optimum** *a.* optimal, greatest, foremost, most, highest, ideal, utmost, champion, consummate, prime, select, superior, tiptop. *ANT.* *worst, lowest, poorest.*
- option** *n.* 1. CHOICE selection, alternative, decision, substitute, preference, election, predilection. 2. THE RIGHT TO BUY OR SELL claim, grant, privilege, prerogative, franchise.
- optional** *a.* elective, discretionary, voluntary, free, open, volitional. *ANT.* *obligatory, compulsory, mandatory.*
- optometrist** *n.* optician, eye specialist, oculist.
- OPULENCE** *n.* [OP yuh lence] wealth or luxury. *The opulence of Beverly Hills is evident in the homes, stores, and people one observes.* *SYN.* wealth, affluence, riches, prosperity, fortune, luxury, abundance, money, capital, excess, \*easy street. *ANT.* *poverty, squalor, indigence, privation.*
- opulent** *a.* rich, wealthy, affluent, prosperous, moneyed, well-to-do, well-off, \*loaded, \*rolling in dough, \*on easy street, \*in clover, \*high on the hog, abundant. *ANT.* *poor, penniless, indigent, destitute.*
- opus** *n.* composition, score, creation, work, piece, production, volume, title. *SEE BOOK*
- or** *conj.* else, otherwise, alternatively.
- oracle** *n.* prophet, seer, soothsayer, augur, diviner, fortune-teller, prognosticator, sage, priest, authority, judge.
- oracular** *a.* prophetic, prognostic, Delphic, augural, authoritative, wise, knowing.
- oral** *a.* spoken, verbal, said, voiced, verbalized, articulated, vocalized, uttered. *ANT.* *written, mental, telepathic.*
- orange** *a.* reddish-yellow, flaming, salmon, fox, tangerine, peach, pumpkin, tarnished sunset, ocher, tiger, apricot, burnt orange, burnt sienna, mandarin, marigold, yellow carmine, Titian, old gold, carrot.
- orangutan** *n.* ape, great ape, primate, \*man of the forest.

**orate** *v.* speak, speechify, lecture, preach, sermonize, pontificate, \*get up on one's soapbox, \*get up on one's moral soapbox, hold forth, declaim, rhapsodize, moralize, vociferate, bluster, talk, \*grandstand.

**oration** *n.* speech, address, lecture, talk, discourse, recitation, declamation, recital, disquisition, monologue.

**orator** *n.* speaker, lecturer, preacher, reciter, disclaimer, sermonizer, pontificator, rhetorician, elocutionist. "One who can make men see with their ears."—Arabian proverb.

**oratorical** *a.* rhetorical, eloquent, declamatory, grandiloquent, bombastic, fustian, blustering, \*rabble rousing, blatherous, silver-tongued.

**oratory** *n.* rhetoric, platform rhetoric, public speaking, declamation, eloquence, grandiloquence, speechifying, preaching, sermonizing, elocution, articulation.

**orb** *n.* sphere, spheroid, globe, ball, heavenly body, celestial body, moon.

**orbit** *n.* circuit, revolution, cycle, circle, course, path, ellipse, ring, flight path, gravitational path, \*gravitational tether.

**orbit** *v.* circle, round, circuit, revolve around, gravitate around, cycle around.

**orc** *n.* killer whale, grampus, cetacean, whale.

**orchard** *n.* plantation, grove, stand, vineyard, garden.

**orchestra** *n.* symphony, ensemble, band, philharmonic, quintet, quartet, combo, group. SEE MUSIC

**orchestrate** *v.* arrange, organize, conduct, lead, coordinate, direct, manage, guide, marshal, command, \*hold the reins, oversee.

**orchestrator** *n.* conductor, director, manager, arranger, organizer, leader, coordinator, commander, overseer, stage manager.

**orchid** *n.* epiphyte, flower, \*moccasin, \*lady's slipper, \*puttyroot, \*Adam and Eve. SEE FLOWER

**ordain** *v.* 1. TO INVEST WITH AUTHORITY install, pronounce, appoint, frock, induct, in-state, swear in, consecrate. 2. ARRANGE prepare, put in order. 3. TO DETERMINE pre-determine, preordain, predestine, prearrange, fate, doom.

**ordeal** *n.* trial, tribulation, trying experience, difficulty, hardship, nightmare, trial by fire, torture, hell, test, strain, trouble, torment, misery, fiasco. *ANT.* *treat, \*walk on the beach, joy, pleasure.*

**order** *n.* 1. A COMMAND direction, directive, dictate, demand, mandate, prescription, assignment, bid, enjoiner, fiat, charge. 2. AR-

RANGEMENT organization, system, sequence, progression, succession, alignment, grouping, classification. 3. CONDITION state, disposition, shape, repair. 4. RESERVATION TO PURCHASE requisition, request, booking, layaway. 5. SOCIETY OR CLUB guild, fraternity, sorority, fellowship, lodge, council, Masons, Knights of Columbus. *ANT.* 2. *disorder, jumble, mess.*

**order** *v.* 1. GIVE A COMMAND direct, dictate, demand, mandate, prescribe, remand, enjoin, assign, bid, charge, instruct, \*bark out an order. 2. RESERVE FOR PURCHASE request, tender, bid, secure, buy, requisition, layaway. 3. TO ARRANGE organize, systemize, put in sequence, align, group, classify, alphabetize, index, codify. *ANT.* 1. *request, ask for nicely, beg, supplicate.* 3. *disorganize, disarrange, mess, jumble, mix up, scramble.*

**order about** *v.* dominate, badger, nag, command, \*ride, lord over, henpeck, control, dictate, master, bully, \*put under one's thumb. *ANT.* *supplicate, \*cave in, defer.*

**ordered** *a.* orderly, arranged, well-ordered, systematic, in good form, organized, methodical, shipshape, tidy, neat. *ANT.* *disordered, in disarray, disorganized, messy.*

**orderly** *n.* hospital attendant, staff, assistant, nurse's aid.

**orderly** *a.* 1. ORGANIZED systematic, arranged, well-ordered, in good form, in apple pie order, methodical, shipshape, neat, tidy, trim, uncluttered. 2. PEACEFUL behaved, law-abiding, well-mannered, civil. *ANT.* 1. *disorderly, in disarray, disorganized, messy.* 2. *rowdy, ill-mannered, riotous, uncivil.*

**order, out of** *a.* 1. INOPERATIVE broken, out of commission, busted, in disrepair, \*on the fritz, \*shot, \*out of whack. 2. INAPPROPRIATE out of place, out of turn, indecorous, improper. *ANT.* 1. *functioning, \*running like a Swiss watch, \*humming.* 2. *appropriate, proper.*

**ordinance** *n.* order, command, decree, law, rule, edict, injunction, regulation, fiat, sanction, prescription.

**ordinarily** *adv.* usually, normally, as a rule, most of the time, customarily, generally, by and large, regularly, routinely. *ANT.* *rarely, seldom, infrequently.*

**ordinary** *a.* 1. COMMON everyday, usual, commonplace, conventional, typical, average, normal, medial, routine, customary, general. 2. MEDIOCRE run of the mill, so-so, nothing to write home about, banal, humdrum, pedestrian, plain, household, prosaic, bour-

- geois, undistinguished, garden-variety. *ANT.* 1. *uncommon, unconventional, unusual, out of the ordinary.* 2. *distinguished, exceptional, extraordinary, significant.*
- ordinary, out of the** *a.* unusual, uncommon, strange, bizarre, odd, exceptional, off the beaten track, unheard of, incredible, wonderful, unique, one of a kind. *ANT.* *ordinary, normal, typical, \*par for the course.*
- ordination** *n.* ordainment, holy orders. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION
- ordnance** *n.* artillery, weapons, armor, guns, bombs. SEE ARMS, MUNITIONS
- ordure** *n.* excrement, dung, feces, manure, muck, droppings, guano, cow flop, filth, \*crap.
- ore** *n.* unrefined earth, rock, metal, iron ore, bauxite, lodestone, magnetite, pyrite, tin-stone, zincite.
- oread** *n.* nymph, fairy, mountain nymph.
- organ** *n.* 1. MUSICAL INSTRUMENT keyboard, synthesizer, pipe organ, melodeon, reed organ, calliope, harmonium, barrel organ, hurdy-gurdy, accordion. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT 2. PUBLICATION journal, newsletter, newspaper, periodical, communicate, vehicle, mouthpiece, bulletin. 3. LIVING COMPONENT part, member, element, heart, lungs, brain, liver, kidneys, bladder, gallbladder, pancreas, large intestine, small intestine, appendix, stomach, uterus.
- organic** *a.* 1. LIVING alive, animate, biological. 2. NATURAL nonchemical, untouched by man. 3. INHERENT intrinsic, innate, native, natural. *ANT.* 1. *inanimate, inorganic, mineral.* 2. *unnatural, man-made, synthetic.*
- organism** *n.* life-form, being, creature, animal, plant, cell.
- organization** *n.* 1. A UNITED GROUP association, corporation, federation, syndication, union, alliance, company, league, institute, club, guild, corps, confederation, sorority, fraternity, cartel, brotherhood, sisterhood, coalition, affiliation, network, consortium, team. 2. ARRANGEMENT order, systemization, classification, coordination, ordering, construction, assembling, institution, disposition, standardization. SEE ORDER
- organization man** *n.* \*corporate clone, \*another brick in the wall, \*sheep, follower, \*corporate disciple, \*company man.
- organize** *v.* 1. ORDER arrange, systematize, coordinate, methodize, align, collate, \*get it together, \*get one's ducks in a row, \*get one's act together. SEE ORDER 2. FORM formulate, develop, create, bring together, give rise to, found, originate, establish. *ANT.* 1. *disorder,*
- jumble, scramble, disorganize.* 2. *disband, dissolve, break up, disorganize, fold.*
- organized** *a.* 1. ORDERED arranged, systematized, coordinated, methodized, aligned, collated, classified, categorized, \*ducks in a row, \*got one's act together. SEE ORDERED 2. FORMED developed, created, brought together, founded, originated, established. *ANT.* 1. *disordered, jumbled, scrambled, disorganized.* 2. *disbanded, dissolved, broken up, disorganized, folded.*
- organized crime** *n.* Mafia, Cosa Nostra, mob, underworld, the syndicate, gang, Black Hand.
- organized movement** *n.* campaign, drive, crusade, popular front, grassroots movement, lobby, ground swell.
- organizer** *n.* coordinator, arranger, developer, creator, originator.
- orgasm** *n.* ejaculation, climax, spasm, convulsion, throes, paroxysm, peak, consummation, frenzy, shudder, shiver, quiver, \*unfurling waves of pleasure. SEE LOVE, PASSION, SEX
- orgasmic** *a.* frenzied, abandoned, exhilarated, rapturous, elated, breathless, overcome, blissful, \*on cloud nine, \*in seventh heaven, flying, \*in orbit. *ANT.* *unstimulating, frigid.*
- orgiastic** *a.* bacchanalian, Dionysian, debauched, wild, abandoned, wanton, saturnalian, unrestrained, out of control. *ANT.* *reserved, peaceful, chaste.*
- Orient** *n.* Far East, Asia, mysterious east, East Indies, Eastern Hemisphere.
- orient** *v.* 1. TAKE ONE'S BEARINGS orientate, situate, align, locate, position, fix, face, turn, get the lay of the land. 2. FAMILIARIZE adjust, acquaint, adapt, acclimate, accustom, reconcile, conform, get used to, habituate, condition.
- Oriental** *a.* Eastern, Asian, Far Eastern, Asiatic, Chinese, Japanese, Tai, Korean, Indian.
- orientation** *n.* 1. BEARINGS placement, fixing, locating, position, coordination. 2. FAMILIARIZATION adjusting, adapting, conforming, acclimating, accommodation, acculturation. 3. INTRODUCTION initiation, breaking in, indoctrination, reception, \*showing the ropes, welcoming.
- orifice** *n.* mouth, aperture, vent, opening, hole, lacuna, pore, cavity, slot, crack, gap, hollow.
- origin** *n.* 1. INCEPTION source, root, birth, beginning, genesis, commencement, start, fountain. 2. PARENTAGE ancestry, lineage, pedigree, extraction, descent, line. *ANT.* 1. *end, death, closing.*
- original** *n.* 1. PROTOTYPE archetype, model, exemplar, standard, mold, first draft, template.

2. CHARACTER eccentric, oddball, nonconformist.
- original** *a.* 1. FIRST initial, primary, earliest, fundamental, rudimentary, beginning, starting, opening, introductory. 2. CREATIVE visionary, imaginative, resourceful, inventive, ingenious. 3. FRESH OR UNIQUE new, groundbreaking, visionary, unusual, unconventional, novel, \*cutting edge, \*new wave, \*new school, \*new age, extraordinary, unorthodox, singular. *ANT.* 1. *last, final, ending, ultimate.* 2. *banal, unoriginal, pedestrian, imitative, trite.* 3. *old, old hat, tired, dull, banal, hackneyed.*
- originality** *n.* ingenuity, inventiveness, vision, creativity, freshness, creative spark, imagination, novelty, newness, ingeniousness, genius, \*blowing fresh wind through a stale art. "Simply a fresh pair of eyes."—Thomas W. Higginson. *ANT.* *imitation, plagiarism, orthodoxy, unoriginality.*
- originally** *adv.* initially, first, in the beginning, at the start, \*from the word go.
- original sin** *n.* disobedience, fall from grace, eating the apple.
- originate** *v.* start, begin, emerge, spring forth, initiate, commence, inaugurate, generate, arise.
- origination** *n.* origin, source, birthplace. SEE ORIGIN
- originator** *n.* creator, inventor, father, mother, innovator, instigator, \*spark, catalyst, architect.
- ornament** *n.* decoration, embellishment, adornment, beautification, dressing, accessory, trimming, garnish, garnishment, festoon, bauble, gewgaw, torsade, tassel, trinket, spangle, knickknack, gimcrack, frill, flounce, filigree, tracery, filet, gilding, fleur-de-lis, fretwork, storiation, fluting, tooling, finial, beading, acanthus, palmette, embossing, molding, inlay, relief work, scroll work, checker-work, diamond work, floriation, astragal, swag, mosaic, wainscotting. SEE DECORATION
- ornament** *v.* decorate, adorn, dress, garnish, festoon, trim, finish, embellish, beautify.
- ornamental** *a.* decorative, garnishing, enhancing, adorning, beautifying.
- ornate** *a.* elaborate, showy, flamboyant, florid, aureate, flowery, busy, fussy, fancy, flashy, gaudy, baroque, rococo, arabesque, rich, lush. *ANT.* *stark, plain, simple.*
- ornery** *a.* mean, nasty, ugly, irritable, feisty, surly, cranky, crabby, short-tempered, \*short-fused, testy, cantankerous, grouchy, obstinate, stubborn, cussed, mulish, \*ornery as an underfed grizzly. *ANT.* *sweet, good-natured, nice, pleasant.*
- orotund** *a.* 1. RESOUNDING sonorous, booming, resonant, projecting, stentorian, reverberating, thundering, powerful, mighty, rich. 2. GRANDIOSE IN SPEECH pompous, bombastic, fustian, bloated, grandiloquent. SEE ORATION, VOICE *ANT.* 1. *quiet, feeble.* 2. *simple, understated.*
- orphan** *n.* waif, foundling, stray, motherless child, fatherless child, castaway.
- orphanage** *n.* foster home, group home, institution, asylum, refuge.
- orphaned** *a.* left motherless, left fatherless, deprived, abandoned, forsaken.
- ORTHODOX** *a.* [ORTH uh DOKS] adhering to a particular standard, convention, or doctrine, as in religion or politics; approved, recognized. *Their religious practices are orthodox; they are not at all unusual.* *SYN.* 1. ACCEPTED traditional, approved, customary, conventional, sound, standard, established, proper, correct, official, right, recognized. 2. ULTRACONSERVATIVE OR DOGMATIC strict, straitlaced, purist, puritanical, devout, faithful, fundamental. *ANT.* 1. *unorthodox, radical, unconventional.* 2. *liberal, flexible, open-to-change, radical, unconventional.*
- orthodoxy** *n.* 1. BELIEF faith, creed, credo. 2. CONFORMITY compliance, obedience. 3. CONSERVATISM ultraconservatism, fundamentalism, puritanism, strictness, inflexibility, rigidity. *ANT.* 2. *nonconformity, disobedience, noncompliance.* 3. *liberalism, flexibility, open-mindedness, tolerance.*
- Oscar** *n.* Academy award, statuette.
- oscillate** *v.* 1. MOVE BACK AND FORTH swing, alternate, vibrate, pulsate, librate. 2. BE INDECISIVE vacillate, fluctuate, waver, hem and haw, change one's mind, do an about-face, equivocate, be on the fence, blow hot and cold, shilly-shally. *ANT.* 2. *decide, resolve, choose.*
- oscillation** *n.* 1. MOVING BACK AND FORTH swinging, alternating, vibrating, vibration, pulsating, pulsation, librating. 2. INDECISION vacillation, wavering, hemming and hawing, changing one's mind, equivocating, blowing hot and cold, shilly-shallying, fickleness, fence-sitting. *ANT.* 2. *decisiveness, settling, resolving.*
- osmose** *v.* diffuse, dissolve, mix, undergo osmosis.
- osmosis** *n.* diffusion, absorption, mixing, co-mixing, blending, comingling, dissolving.
- ossified** *a.* hardened, hard, rigid, stiffened, bony.
- ossuary** *n.* urn, receptacle, vault.
- OSTENSIBLE** *a.* [uh STEN suh bul] seeming or outwardly apparent but possibly mis-

- leading. *The Peeping Tom's ostensible motivation was to make money washing windows.* SYN. seeming, apparent, professed, outward, evident, manifest, pretended, external, assumed, implied, inferred.
- ostentation** *n.* showiness, pretentiousness, exhibitionism, pomp, display, gloss, affectation, flashiness, flamboyance, swank, putting on airs, immodesty, \*glitz, foppery, flaunting. ANT. *modesty, plainness, inconspicuous, humbleness, restraint, understatement, blending into the woodwork.*
- OSTENTATIOUS** *a.* [AWS ten TAY shus] showiness, pretentiousness, overly ornate. *Her ostentatious finery drew stares as she entered the room.* SYN. showy, pretentious, pompous, affected, flashy, flamboyant, swank, immodest, grandiose, ornate, gaudy, glittery, \*glitzy, foppish, garish, spotlight-seeking, \*showboating. ANT. *understated, subtle, modest.*
- ostracism** *n.* banishment, exclusion, exile, excommunication, ejection, rejection, expulsion, shunning, blackballing, relegation, disgrace. ANT. *inclusion, acceptance, welcoming, embracing.*
- OSTRACIZE** *v.* [AWS truh SIZE] to banish, bar, or shun. *Society tends to ostracize non-conformists.* SYN. banish, bar, shun, exclude, eject, isolate, excommunicate, blackball, relegate, shut out, oust, \*give the cold shoulder, cast out, \*freeze out, blacklist. ANT. *include, embrace, welcome, accept.*
- other** *a.* 1. DIFFERENT dissimilar, distinct, separate, unrelated, disparate, variant. 2. ADDITIONAL extra, further, supplementary, more, another. ANT. 1. *same, alike, similar.* 2. *fewer, less.*
- otherwise** *adv.* 1. IN ANOTHER WAY differently. 2. UNDER DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES otherwise, if not, on the other hand.
- otherworldly** *a.* alien, extraterrestrial, unearthly, unworldly, ethereal, mystical, transcendent, spiritual, supernatural, out of this world, heavenly.
- otiose** *a.* 1. LAZY idle, indolent, slothful, \*do-nothing. 2. USELESS ineffective, futile, worthless, impotent, powerless. ANT. 1. *ambitious, active, busy, \*go-getting.* 2. *effective, powerful, useful.*
- ottoman** *n.* footstool, hassock, divan.
- ought** *v.* should, is fitting, is natural, behoove.
- oust** *v.* eject, remove, throw out, expel, banish, depose, dismiss, overthrow, unseat, evict, discharge, \*send packing, \*show the door, \*give the boot, \*bounce. ANT. *install, induct, admit.*
- ouster** *n.* ejection, removal, expulsion, eviction, banishment, dismissal, discharge, overthrow. ANT. *installment, admittance, induction.*
- out** *a.* 1. ABSENT away, elsewhere, gone, not here. 2. EXTINGUISHED extinct, dead, expired, inoperable, finished, over, done. 3. OUTMODED obsolete, old-fashioned, passé, out-of-date. 4. UNCONSCIOUS out cold, \*out like a light, \*down for the count, comatose, anesthetized. ANT. 1. *in, here, present.* 2. *alive, functioning, living and breathing.* 3. *in, \*cutting edge, newfangled, modern.* 4. *conscious, alert, awake.*
- out** *n.* alibi, escape, excuse, explanation, loophole, dodge.
- out** *v.* *Sl.* unmask, reveal, \*bring out of the closet, disclose, bring out into the open, tip off, publicize, announce, unburden oneself, \*blow the whistle on, blab, tattle, expose. ANT. *keep secret, keep hush-hush, keep in the closet.*
- outage** *n.* blackout, brownout, power failure.
- out-and-out** *a.* outright, complete, thorough, total, utter, absolute, arrant, unmitigated, flagrant, blatant, dyed-in-the-wool, downright.
- outback** *n.* back country, hinterland, wilderness, wilds, \*boonies, \*sticks, howling wilderness, desert, barrens, wasteland. SEE DESERT
- outbreak** *n.* 1. DISEASE SPREAD epidemic, pandemic, manifestation, contagion. 2. OUTBURST eruption, flare up, upheaval, uproar. 3. CIVIL DISCONTENT riot, insurrection, revolt, uprising, mutiny.
- outbound** *a.* outward bound, outgoing, outflowing, departing, leaving. ANT. *inbound, coming in, incoming, arriving.*
- outbuilding** *n.* auxiliary building, shed, shack, barn, outhouse.
- outburst** *n.* eruption, explosion, outbreak, outpouring, flare-up, outcry.
- outcast** *n.* pariah, exile, castaway, outsider, derelict, untouchable, vagabond, outlaw, orphan, refugee, runaway, \*reject.
- outcast** *a.* driven out, banned, shunned, cast out, rejected, exiled, ostracized.
- outclass** *v.* surpass, outperform, outshine, outdo, outdistance, better, eclipse, overshadow, outmuscle, dwarf, dominate, \*leave in the dust, beat, defeat, rise above, \*smoke the competition, outthrust, \*leave others swirling in one's wake. SEE OUTDO
- out of the closet** *a.* out, exposed, revealed, disclosed, out into the open, divulged, brought to light, uncovered, unveiled.
- out cold** *a.* unconscious, \*down for the count, anesthetized. SEE OUT

**outcome** *n.* result, consequence, aftermath, end, upshot, \*payoff, effect, aftermath, wake, repercussion.

**outcrop** *n.* rock shelf, mantel, protrusion, obstruction, bedrock, \*knuckle of rock.

**outcry** *n.* clamor, uproar, protest, outburst, exclamation, shout, scream, cry, hue and cry, howl, holler, hullabaloo.

**outdated** *a.* obsolete, old, antiquated. SEE OLD-FASHIONED

**outdistance** *v.* outrun, outmuscle, outdo, outclass, surpass, overtake, leave behind, \*leave in the dust, \*smoke the competition. SEE OUTDO

**outdo** *v.* outperform, outshine, outdistance, outmuscle, excel, eclipse, dwarf the competition, \*leave others swirling in one's wake, dominate, beat, defeat, run circles around, do one better, out-Herod Herod.

**outdoor** *a.* out-of-doors, outside, open-air, out in the open, al fresco.

**outdoorsman** *n.* sportsman, woodsman, naturalist, environmentalist, camper, hunter, fisherman, trapper, adventurer.

**outer** *a.* outside, external, exterior, outlying, peripheral, outward, remote, fringe, extrinsic. *ANT.* *inner, intrinsic, proximal.*

**outermost** *a.* outer, outlying, peripheral, outmost, furthest out, remote, fringe. *ANT.* *innermost.*

**outer space** *n.* universe, cosmos, space, infinity, heavens, interstellar space, intergalactic space, void, vacuum, firmament, \*great beyond, \*wild blue yonder, all creation, macrococosm, nebulous void, galactic realm, solar system. SEE COMET, GALAXY, MILKY WAY, MOON, PLANET, STAR, SUN, UNIVERSE

**outfield** *n.* playing field, left field, right field, center field, warning track, \*deep, \*shallow left, \*shallow right. SEE BASEBALL

**outfit** *n.* rig, gear, kit, trappings, equipment, accoutrements, trousseau, getup, turnout, garb, attire, \*togs, duds. SEE CLOTHING, SUIT 2. GROUP company, unit, crew, business, enterprise, battalion, troop, corps, detachment.

**outfit** *v.* rig, fit out, turn out, equip, provision, furnish, supply, appoint.

**outflank** *v.* outmaneuver, outfox, outwit, thwart.

**outflow** *n.* efflux, flow, effluence, effusion, outpouring, outwelling, emanation, gush, stream, spring.

**out-front** *a.* straight, \*on the level, \*on the square, honest, up front.

**outfox** *v.* outwit, outsmart, outguess, \*run circles around, outdistance.

**outgo** *n.* 1. EXPENDITURE expenses, bills, outlay, disbursement, cost. *ANT.* *income, profit, earnings.*

**outgo** *v.* outdistance, out hustle, outrun. SEE OUTDO

**outgoing** *a.* 1. GREGARIOUS sociable, extroverted, friendly, amiable, congenial, affable, convivial, companionable, unreserved. SEE FRIENDLY 2. OUTBOUND departing, leaving. *ANT.* 1. *introverted, reserved, solitary, aloof.* 2. *incoming, inbound.*

**outgrowth** *n.* product, byproduct, offshoot, \*spinoff, offspring, result, consequence, upshot, aftermath.

**outhouse** *n.* privy, toilet, latrine, backhouse, outbuilding, \*necessary, \*crapper.

**outing** *n.* excursion, trip, expedition, \*spin, jaunt, junket, ride, drive, walk, hike, stroll.

**outlandish** *a.* bizarre, weird, strange, odd, queer, freakish, out of the ordinary, alien, quaint, exotic, wild, peculiar, \*far-out. *ANT.* *ordinary, everyday, usual.*

**outlast** *v.* outlive, prevail, hold out, endure, stand the test of time, survive, outdistance. SEE OUTDO

**outlaw** *n.* criminal, felon, \*bad guy, desperado, fugitive, brigand, highwayman, crook, robber, bandit, killer, gunman.

**outlaw** *v.* ban, stop, prohibit, bar, proscribe, forbid, make illegal, disallow, restrict, limit. *ANT.* *legalize, allow.*

**outlay** *n.* expenditure, expense, disbursement, cost, outgo, charge, payment, price, fee. *ANT.* *income, gain, profit.*

**outlet** *n.* exit, opening, passage, port, vent, mouth, spout, egress, release, channel, race, conduit. *ANT.* *entrance, ingress, intake.*

**outline** *n.* 1. PROFILE form, configuration, shape, contour, silhouette, figure. 2. SYNOPSIS breakdown, \*rundown, plan, draft, framework, rough draft, sketch, \*thumbnail sketch.

**outline** *v.* rough out, sketch, delineate, summarize, draft, abstract, synopsis, frame.

**outlive** *v.* SEE OUTLAST

**outlook** *n.* 1. LOOKOUT observation post, observation tower. 2. VIEW vista, panorama, sweep, perspective. 3. ATTITUDE point of view, \*mind-set, viewpoint, standpoint, perspective, frame of mind, interpretation. 4. PROSPECT expectation, hope, anticipation, forecast, future, horizon, probability.

**outlying** *a.* remote, distant, peripheral, frontier, rural, suburban, out-of-the-way, secluded, isolated, outer, backcountry, God-forsaken. *ANT.* *nearby, neighboring, next-door.*

- outmoded** *a.* antiquated, obsolete, outdated, old-fashioned, displaced, dated, passé, horse and buggy, old school. *ANT.* *new, newfangled, \*cutting edge.*
- output** *n.* production, productivity, yield, harvest, quantity, work, efficiency, turnout, product, amount.
- outrage** *n.* 1. ATROCITY vicious act, violent act, crime, act of savagery, evil, abomination, monstrosity, disgrace, horror, barbarity, wrong. 2. INSULT offense, affront, blow, \*slap in the face, indignity, \*put down, injury, abuse. 3. ANGER fury, indignation, wrath, rage, \*spitting rage. *SEE* ANGER
- outrage** *v.* enrage, anger, incense, infuriate, fill with wrath, madden, \*make one's blood boil, provoke, gall, affront, insult, offend. *ANT.* *pacify, tickle, delight.*
- outrageous** *a.* 1. ATROCIOUS monstrous, vicious, savage, criminal, evil, abominable, disgraceful, inhuman, barbaric, wrong, unspeakable, heinous, wicked. 2. UNREASONABLE excessive, ridiculous, preposterous, exorbitant, unconscionable, immoderate, uncalled for, unrestrained. *ANT.* 1. *normal, standard.* 2. *reasonable, within reason, fair, moderate.*
- outright** *a.* out-and-out, downright, complete, total, whole, entire, wholesale, unqualified, unmitigated. *ANT.* *partial.*
- outside** *n.* outdoors, exterior, face, facade, front, surface, veneer, shell, covering.
- outside** *a.* 1. EXTERIOR outer, external, surface, extrinsic, superficial. 2. SLIGHT marginal, slim, remote, unlikely, faint, small. *ANT.* 1. *inside, internal, intrinsic.* 2. *probable, certain.*
- outsider** *n.* stranger, alien, foreigner, interloper, \*fifth wheel.
- outsoken** *a.* vocal, unreserved, frank, blunt, straightforward, candid, plainspoken, uninhibited, unrestrained, \*not backwards about coming forward. *ANT.* *shy, reticent, reserved, tactful.*
- outstanding** *a.* 1. EXCEPTIONAL extraordinary, superior, distinguished, superb, excellent, standout, great, phenomenal, remarkable, impressive, marvelous, prominent, renowned, noteworthy, sensational, \*out of this world. 2. UNRESOLVED overdue, unpaid, unsettled, due, owing, in arrears. *ANT.* 1. *ordinary, mediocre, so-so, fair, poor.* 2. *paid, settled.*
- outward** *a.* outer, outside, external, exterior, surface, superficial, visible, apparent, evident. *ANT.* *inward, internal.*
- outwardly** *adv.* apparently, evidently, superficially, visibly, ostensibly, to the eye. *ANT.* *inwardly, secretly.*
- outweigh** *v.* surpass, transcend, exceed, dominate, take precedence, overshadow, eclipse, overrule, \*tip the scales, overrule.
- outwit** *v.* outsmart, outfox, outthink, beat, \*put one over on, \*get the better of, outdo, outshine, fool, trick, euchre.
- oval** *a.* elliptical, ovoid, oviform, egg-shaped.
- ovation** *n.* applause, cheers, clapping, \*hand, outburst, acclamation, laudation, tribute, curtain call, encore. *ANT.* *boos, \*Bronx cheer.*
- over** *a.* finished, done, completed, closed, terminated, concluded, ended. *ANT.* *beginning, opening, commencing.*
- over** *adv.* above, overhead, aloft, high. *ANT.* *below, earthward.*
- overabundance** *a.* excess, glut, surplus, overflow, overkill, plethora, overage, spate, flood, too much, superfluity. *ANT.* *shortage, dearth.*
- overall** *a.* general, complete, from end to end, blanket, sweeping, comprehensive, long-range.
- overbearing** *a.* arrogant, domineering, dictatorial, high and mighty, supercilious, lordly, high-handed, tyrannical, disdainful, pompous, bossy, imperious. *ANT.* *shy, humble, modest, deferential.*
- overblown** *a.* excessive, exaggerated, inflated, puffed up, overdone, overworked, immoderate, disproportionate. *ANT.* *modest, moderate.*
- overcast** *a.* cloudy, foggy, murky, \*smoggy, hazy, gray, dreary, gloomy, sunless, leaden. *SEE* CLOUD, CLOUDY
- overcome** *v.* defeat, beat, vanquish, conquer, subdue, \*get the better of, triumph over, rise above, win, outlast, survive, weather, prevail over, surmount.
- overconfident** *a.* arrogant, cocky, cocksure, swaggering, strutting, boastful, egotistical, pompous, headed for a fall, complacent, smug, \*full of oneself. *ANT.* *insecure, unsure, self-doubting.*
- overflow** *v.* spill over, slop over, flood, run over, deluge, drown, swamp, brim, gush, cascade, inundate, engulf.
- overhaul** *v.* restore, repair, service, fix, recondition, revamp, rebuild, check, inspect.
- overhead** *n.* expenses, costs, outlay, upkeep, disbursement.
- overjoyed** *a.* ecstatic, joyous, jubilant, thrilled, happy, elated, euphoric, delirious, \*tickled, rapturous. *ANT.* *depressed, miserable, \*bummed out.*
- overlook** *v.* 1. DISREGARD neglect, pass over, ignore, fail to notice, miss, slight, omit, forget. 2. EXCUSE \*look the other way, disregard,

- \*wink at, let go, let ride, make allowances for, condone, ignore. 3. LOOK DOWN UPON front on, tower above, have a view of.
- overly** *adv.* excessively, too, exceedingly, unduly, inordinately, immoderately. *ANT.* *insufficiently, inadequately.*
- overpower** *v.* overcome, beat, crush, overwhelm, subdue, get the upper hand, get the better of, conquer, vanquish, master, \*outmuscle, immobilize, dominate. *ANT.* \*give in, \*say *uncle, surrender.*
- overrated** *a.* overvalued, overesteemed, overestimated, \*blown out of proportion, overpraised, exaggerated, oversold, puffed up, \*hyped.
- override** *v.* surpass, prevail over, take precedence, overrule, predominate, outweigh, supersede, cancel.
- overrule** *v.* rule against, disallow, override, overturn, annul, reverse, countermand, nullify, invalidate.
- overrun** *v.* infest, swarm over, invade, spread over, permeate, cover, saturate, inundate, engulf, choke.
- oversee** *v.* supervise, manage, watch over, run, look after, direct, operate, boss, govern, rule, regulate, administer.
- overshadow** *v.* eclipse, dwarf, tower over, outshine, outclass, outdo, dominate, \*stand head and shoulders above, \*leave in one's wake, \*steal the spotlight/limelight.
- oversight** *n.* omission, mistake, negligence, carelessness, inattention, lapse, slip, blunder, slight, slackness.
- overstate** *v.* exaggerate, inflate, \*blow out of proportion, magnify, embroider, hyperbolize, \*hype, embellish, play up. *ANT.* *downplay, understate.*
- overt** *a.* open, unconcealed, undisguised, obvious, patent, manifest, plain to see, bald, naked, explicit. *ANT.* *covert, undercover, concealed.*
- overtake** *v.* pass, \*leave swirling in one's wake, catch up to, outdistance, leave in the dust, reach, gain on, \*blow one's doors off. *ANT.* *fall behind, lag behind, drop back.*
- overthrow** *v.* defeat, vanquish, conquer, remove from power, unseat, unhorse, dethrone, depose, overcome, topple, bring down, overpower.
- overture** *n.* proposal, offer, introduction, opening, bid, tender, presentation, suggestion, approach.
- overturn** *v.* 1. CAPSIZE turn over, knock over, flip, upset, tip, topple, upend. 2. DEFEAT conquer, vanquish, overthrow, overpower.
- overview** *n.* SURVEY. SEE REVIEW
- overweening** *a.* arrogant, proud, cocky, cocksure, overconfident, presumptuous, haughty, disdainful, overbearing, imperious. *ANT.* *modest, quiet, timid.*
- overweight** *a.* fat, obese, roly-poly, heavy, corpulent, stout, plump, rotund, blubbery, hefty. *ANT.* *anorexic, skeletal, emaciated.*
- overwhelm** *v.* 1. BURY flood, drown, inundate, swamp, engulf, crush, smother, overpower, overflow. 2. OVERCOME crush, devastate, overpower, \*blow away, stun, \*bowl over, floor, paralyze, stagger, \*knock off one's feet, dumbfound.
- overwhelming** *a.* overpowering, staggering, crushing, devastating, stunning, paralyzing, dumbfounding, irresistible, awe-inspiring.
- overwrought** *a.* nervous, excited, agitated, overexcited, \*wired, \*strung out, \*hyper, worked up, in a dither, wound up, riled. *ANT.* *relaxed, calm, tranquil.*
- owe** *v.* be in debt, be bound, be under obligation, be in arrears, have a debt to pay.
- own** *v.* 1. POSSESS have, hold, keep, retain, have the rights to. 2. ADMIT acknowledge, allow, concede, confess, grant, recognize, come clean.
- owner** *n.* proprietor, possessor, landlord, holder, titleholder, keeper, deed holder.

# P

**pace** *n.* 1. STEP gait, walk, run, stride, carriage. 2. SPEED velocity, clip, rate, momentum, progress.

**pace** *v.* walk back and forth, \*wear a rut in the carpet. SEE WALK

**pacesetter** *n.* pacemaker, leader, bellwether, pacer.

**pacific** *a.* peaceful, appeasing, peace-making, peace-loving, dove-like, gentle, tranquil, serene. *ANT.* hawk-like, pugacious, belligerent.

**PACIFIST** *n.* [PAS uh fist] one who refuses to use force or violence; a peace lover. *She was a dyed-in-the-wool pacifist who believed in peaceful resistance.* *SYN.* peace-lover, dove, peacemaker, appeaser, \*bridge-builder, conciliator, \*peacenik, \*lover not a fighter, anti-war demonstrator, passive resistor. *ANT.* hawk, fighter, warmonger.

**pacify** *v.* appease, mollify, quiet, lull, soothe, calm, tranquilize, placate, assuage, cool, soften. *ANT.* enrage, agitate, infuriate.

**pack** *n.* 1. PACKAGE parcel, load, bundle, packet, load, knapsack, bale. 2. BUNCH group, mass, collection, crowd, throng, number, mob, flock, herd.

**pack** *v.* load, fill, stuff, cram, jam, stow, insert, pile, crowd, compress, ram.

**package** *n.* pack, parcel, box, carton, container, bundle, bale, receptacle.

**packed** *a.* full, stuffed, crammed, jammed, compressed, chock-full, chock-a-block, filled, overflowing, \*bursting at the seams, wall-to-wall, standing room only. *ANT.* empty, vacant.

**packet** *n.* parcel, package, bundle, bale, envelope, sheaf.

**pact** *n.* agreement, compact, covenant, treaty, contract, understanding, alliance, league, arrangement, deal.

**pad** *n.* 1. CUSHION pillow, mat, padding, bolster. 2. WRITING TABLET notepad, notebook, scratch pad, memo pad.

**pad** *v.* 1. STROLL saunter. SEE WALK 2. FILL OUT stretch, expand, protract, elaborate.

**paddle** *n.* oar, blade, scull, pole.

**paddle** *v.* row, scull, oar, pole.

**padre** *n.* father, priest, chaplain, parson, minister, cleric.

**pagan** *n.* heathen, nonbeliever, infidel, atheist, idolater. SEE RELIGION

**page** *n.* attendant, servant, errand-runner, messenger, \*gopher.

**pageant** *n.* exhibition, parade, spectacle, show, extravaganza, display, procession, gala, presentation.

**pageantry** *n.* exhibition, parade, spectacle, show, extravaganza, display, procession, gala, grandeur, splendor, festivity, glitter, ostentation, pomp.

**pager** *n.* \*beeper, receiver, communication device.

**pagoda** *n.* Buddhist tower, memorial, shrine, temple.

**pain** *n.* 1. PHYSICAL HURT ache, suffering, agony, discomfort, sensation, irritation, torture, torment, soreness, tenderness, smarting, twinge, pang, spasm, throbbing, stabbing, burning, sharp pain, chafing, clamping, cramping, searing pain, stitch. 2. MENTAL ANGUISH distress, anguish, misery, torment, anxiety, worry, grief, woe, heartache, travail. 3. *Sl.* PAIN IN THE NECK pest, bother, headache, annoyance, trouble, nuisance. *ANT.* ease, comfort, relief.

## WORD FIND

### PHYSICAL PAIN

**facial expressions:** wince, grimace, teeth-gritting, teeth-clamping, snarl of agony, cringe, clamp eyes shut, pout, wounded look in the eyes, face drawn and pinched, pale, blanched, twisted/contorted in pain, brows furrowed deeply

**body language:** writhing, thrashing, stiffening, convulsing, throes, doubling over, squirming, cringing, balling fists, gulping, recoiling, rocking in fetal position

**pain** *v.* hurt, smart, sting, bother, irritate, harm, excruciate, distress, wound, torture, torment, afflict, annoy.

**painful** *a.* hurtful, agonizing, excruciating, torturous, sore, smarting, distressing, tender,

- aching, stinging, biting, searing, sharp, uncomfortable, unpleasant, disagreeable, difficult, grievous, trying. *ANT.* *comfortable, delightful, enjoyable.*
- painkiller** *n.* analgesic, anesthetic, palliative, anodyne, morphine, opiate. *SEE* MEDICINE
- painstaking** *a.* thorough, demanding, exacting, meticulous, careful, precise, fussy, strict, \*persnickety, assiduous, conscientious, \*going the extra mile. *ANT.* *slack, negligent, lazy.*
- paint** *n.* pigment, dye, coloring, tint, oil paint, latex paint, acrylic, enamel, stain, varnish, primer.
- paint** *v.* coat, color, tint, daub, dye, brush on, stipple, wash, stain, varnish, prime.
- painter** *n.* artist, portrait artist, watercolorist, old master.
- painting** *n.* picture, portrait, landscape, depiction, illustration, work of art, composition, masterpiece, watercolor, still life, fresco, mural, canvas, oil. "Silent poetry."—Simonedes. "A poem without words."—Confucius. "The art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic."—Ambrose Bierce. *SEE* ART
- pair** *n.* couple, twosome, duo, couplet, matched set, twins, combo, two of a kind.
- pair** *v.* match, mate, couple, yoke, marry, team.
- pajamas** *n.* PJs, \*jammies, bedclothes, \*nightie.
- pal** *n.* buddy, chum, friend, \*bro, alter ego, sidekick, crony, comrade, companion, amigo, \*partner in crime.
- palace** *n.* king's residence, castle, mansion, royal home, manor, alcazar, chateau. *SEE* CASTLE
- palatable** *a.* edible, agreeable, acceptable, potable. *ANT.* *distasteful.*
- palatial** *a.* magnificent, luxurious, rich, ornate, majestic, grand, sumptuous, stately, huge, monumental, imposing, noble. *ANT.* *humble, mean, plain, poor.*
- pale** *v.* whiten, blanch, turn white. *ANT.* *flush, bloom, blush.*
- pale** *a.* colorless, blanched, white, bloodless, pallid, wan, cadaverous, ashen, sallow, sickly, lackluster. *ANT.* *ruddy, rosy, deeply hued.*
- pall** *n.* cloud, smoke, covering, cloak, gloom, shadow, darkness, shroud, black cloth, spirit of depression, spirit of desolation.
- pall** *v.* bore, cloy, become tiresome, become dull, satiate, tire, weary, jade.
- pallid** *a.* pale, faint, wan, sallow, ashen, anemic, white, colorless, sickly, pasty. *ANT.* *glowing, flushed, rosy, ruddy.*
- pallor** *n.* paleness, whiteness, colorlessness, wanness, sallowness, pastiness, lack of color. *ANT.* *glow, ruddiness.*
- PALPABLE** *a.* [PAL puh bul] that which can be physically touched or felt, tangible, perceivable. *She had no palpable evidence of conspiracy, only her own suspicions.* *SYN.* perceivable, tangible, touchable, physical, solid, real, obvious, evident, visible, conspicuous, discernible, plain. *ANT.* *imperceptible, spiritual, abstract, invisible.*
- palpitate** *v.* flutter, throb, beat, pound, pulsate, quiver, quaver, shake, twitter, pump, hammer.
- paltry** *a.* trifling, worthless, measly, insignificant, petty, cheap, slight, piddling, meager, inconsequential, pitiful. *ANT.* *considerable, significant.*
- pamper** *v.* indulge, overindulge, coddle, mollycoddle, spoil, baby, cater to, \*wait on hand and foot, \*make things cushy for.
- pamphlet** *n.* booklet, brochure, circular, leaflet, bill, \*flier, book, tract.
- PANACEA** *n.* [PAN us SEE uh] cure-all. *Scientists are still looking for a panacea to stop aging.* *SYN.* cure-all, catholicon, remedy, \*fix-all, \*magic bullet, elixir, nostrum, magic potion.
- PANACHE** *n.* [puh NASH] a dashing or flamboyant style. *The dancer had great panache.* *SYN.* dashing manner, flamboyance, style, self-confidence, razzle-dazzle, flair, jauntiness, spirit, élan, je ne sais quoi.
- pancake** *n.* flapjack, batter cake, griddle cake, crepe, blintz, fritter.
- pandemonium** *n.* disorder, chaos, uproar, turmoil, confusion, bedlam, anarchy, \*hullabaloo, tumult, ruckus. *ANT.* *peace, calm, order.*
- pander** *v.* cater to, satisfy, \*suck up to, indulge, gratify, attend, \*play up to, serve, humor.
- panel** *n.* 1. BOARD sheet, plywood, plank, wall, partition, section, divider. 2. COMMITTEE council, jury, review board, group, round table, conference, tribunal.
- pang** *n.* pain, spasm, twinge, ache, stab, throe, twitch, distress, discomfort, misgiving, anguish.
- panhandle** *v.* \*bum, cadge, \*hit up, scrounge. *SEE* BEG
- panic** *n.* terror, fear, alarm, fright, hysteria, loss of composure, \*shakes, frenzy, consternation, \*cold sweat, \*sweating bullets, \*rush of adrenalin. *SEE* FEAR, FEARFUL
- panic** *v.* be overcome with fear, \*break out in a cold sweat, become hysterical, become paralyzed with fear, freeze up, become unnerved, \*sweat bullets, soil one's drawers, become ad-

renalized, lose control, \*lose it, be filled with a sense of impending doom. *ANT. relax, calm, breathe easy.* SEE FEAR

**panic disorder** *n.* panic attack, anxiety attack, hyperventilation, psychological disorder.

**panorama** *n.* scene, view, picture, landscape, sweep, perspective, vista, range, stretch, spectacle.

**panoramic** *a.* sweeping, far-ranging, far-reaching, extensive, bird's-eye, broad, all-encompassing. *ANT. limited, short-sighted, focused.*

**pant** *v.* gasp, breathe, puff, blow, wheeze, huff, huff and puff.

**pantheon** *n.* temple.

**panther** *n.* leopard, mountain lion, cougar, puma, cat.

**panties** *n.* underwear, undies, underpants, briefs.

**pantomime** *v.* mime, act out, gesture, communicate nonverbally, use body language.

**pantry** *n.* larder, room, closet, store room, butternut, cupboard.

**pants** *n.* trousers, breeches, pantaloons, jeans, dungarees, slacks, \*britches, overalls, \*cords, corduroys, \*Levis.

#### WORD FIND

**1960s favorites:** bell-bottoms, hip huggers

**army field pants:** fatigues; camouflage pants

**army work pants:** fatigues

**athletic:** sweat pants, \*sweats

**bullfighter's:** toreador pants

**calf-length, slitted, tight-fitting:** capri pants

**cinched with drawstring:** drawstring

**cowboy leggings:** chaps

**cowboy, South American:** gaucho

**culottes with gathered waistline:** dirndl

**Harlow, wide and straight and worn by actress Jean:** Harlow pants

**Hawaiian calf-length prints:** luau pants

**Indian loincloth-like with broad legs tapering to ankles:** dhoti

**jockey:** jodhpurs

**khaki-colored sport pants:** chinos

**knee-lengths:** surfers, \*clamdiggers

**leather:** buckskins

**low around waist, worn very:** hip huggers, lowriders

**paintbrushes, having loops for holding:** painter's pants

**pocketed, multi:** cargo pants

**puffy pants gathered at waist and ankles:** harem pants

**shorts:** Bermuda shorts, \*cutoffs, \*hot pants, lederhosen

**skirtlike pants of various lengths:** culottes

**straight-cut and tight:** stovepipe pants

**straight-cut, cuffed, bike-riding pants of the 1940s and 1950s:** pedal pushers

**stretch pants:** spandex pants

**tight-thighed and rumpled below knees, popular in 60s and in 80s:** choori-dars

**pantywaist** *n.* sissy, \*wimp, \*wuss, \*wussy, crybaby.

**paparazzi** *n.* photographers, photojournalists, freelance photographers, celebrity stalkers.

**paper** *n.* 1. SHEET piece, stationery, letterhead, parchment, note paper, vellum, bond, onion skin, construction paper. 2. DOCUMENT certificate, instrument, title, credentials, affidavit, deed, contract, charter, license, warrant. 3. SEE NEWSPAPER 4. ESSAY dissertation, thesis, composition, article, treatise, report, monograph, study.

**par** *n.* average, standard, norm, usual, equal footing, mean, parity, equality.

**parable** *n.* story, allegory, morality play, fable, tale.

**parade** *n.* procession, march, train, cavalcade, promenade, column, pageant, spectacle, autocade, motorcade, exhibition.

**PARADIGM** *n.* [PAIR uh dime] a model or example serving as a base for instruction. *The real estate magnate's investment strategy serves as a paradigm of successful wealth-building.* SYN. model, example, pattern, standard, archetype, ideal, original, prototype, exemplar, standard, classic example.

**paradise** *n.* heaven on earth, heaven, utopia, Shangri-la, \*cloud nine, \*Eden, bliss, rapture, joy, euphoria.

**PARADOX** *n.* [PAR uh DAWKS] a contradictory statement that is nevertheless true. *It was a paradox, the more money he made, the less happy he grew.* SYN. contradiction, self-contradiction, incongruity, inconsistency, anomaly, enigma, reverse, puzzle.

**PARAGON** *n.* [PAR uh gawn] a model of excellence. *Stephen King is a paragon of the horror fiction genre.* SYN. model, exemplar, standard, ideal, paradigm, archetype, prototype, pattern, role model, cream of the crop, crème de la crème.

**parallel** *n.* analogy, correspondence, match, twin, mirror image, counterpart, equal, equivalent, duplicate, kin.

**parallel** *v.* mirror, match, equal, equate, agree, correspond, double, imitate, approximate.

**parallel** *a.* 1. SIDE-BY-SIDE aligned, abreast, alongside. 2. SIMILAR correspondent, matching, alike, akin, analogous. *ANT.* 1. *perpendicular*. 2. *dissimilar*.

**paralysis** *n.* immobility, incapacitation, palsy, disability, prostration, loss of sensation, spinal cord damage, insensitivity.

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**WORD FIND**

**complete from neck down:** quadriplegia

**lower half of body:** paraplegia

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**paralyze** *v.* immobilize, incapacitate, disable, cripple, freeze, prostrate, debilitate, numb, anesthetize, \*put out of commission.

**paramedic** *n.* emergency medical technician, EMT, ambulance attendant, medical assistant. *SEE* HOSPITAL, MEDICINE

**paramount** *a.* dominant, supreme, main, foremost, chief, leading, outstanding, principal, prime, highest ranking. *ANT.* *minor, secondary, least*.

**paramour** *n.* lover, mistress, concubine, courtesan, kept woman, suitor, swain, \*stud, Don Juan, Casanova, beau, boyfriend, gigolo.

**paranoia** *n.* psychosis, delusions, mental disorder, psychiatric disorder, mental illness, delusions of persecution, delusions of grandeur, distrust, suspicion, wariness.

**paranoid** *a.* psychotic, mentally ill, delusional, feeling persecuted, suffering from delusions of grandeur, psychopathic, suspicious, distrusting, wary. *ANT.* *trusting*.

**paranormal** *a.* supernatural, metaphysical, occult, beyond explanation, mysterious. *ANT.* *mundane*.

**parapet** *n.* barricade, barrier, breastwork. *SEE* CASTLE

**paraphernalia** *n.* equipment, gear, accoutrements, tackle, stuff, things, apparatus, instruments, rigging, belongings, effects.

**paraphrase** *v.* reword, restate, transcribe, translate, rephrase, interpret, rehash, repeat roughly, summarize, abridge.

**parasite** *n.* leech, bloodsucker, \*freeloader, \*sponge, dependant, \*moocher.

**parcel** *n.* 1. PACKAGE packet, pack, bundle, box, carton, bale. 2. PLOT OF LAND tract, acreage, lot, division.

**parcel** *v.* apportion, dole, divide, mete, allot, distribute, \*divvy up.

**parched** *a.* arid, dry, dried up, \*dry as a bone, \*dry as a fossil, roasted, dehydrated, withered, wilted, scorched, evaporated, desic-

cated, baked. *ANT.* *wet, watery, waterlogged, saturated*.

**pardon** *n.* forgiveness, clemency, amnesty, reprieve, release, grace, excusal, acquittal, lenience, mercy, forbearance, exemption. *ANT.* *condemnation, damnation, punishment*.

**pardon** *v.* forgive, condone, excuse, indulge, \*look the other way, \*wink at, absolve, overlook, tolerate, acquit, let off, exonerate, exculpate. *ANT.* *punish, condemn, damn*.

**pare** *v.* trim, peel, skin, clip, crop, cut down, cut back, decrease, slash, curtail. *ANT.* *increase*.

**parent** *n.* mother, father, nurturer, sire, creator, folks, progenitor, \*old man, \*old lady, genitor, procreator, forerunner, predecessor, ancestor, begetter, author, inventor, architect. "The bones on which children cut their teeth."—Peter Ustinov. *SEE* FATHER, MOTHER

**pariah** *n.* outcast, \*reject, castaway, exile, refugee, Ishmael, expatriate, undesirable, leper, untouchable.

**parish** *n.* parishioners, congregation, churchgoers, fold, assembly, flock, brethren, archdiocese, diocese, church, district.

**parity** *n.* equality, equivalence, balance, sameness, evenness, par, likeness, symmetry, uniformity, affinity. *ANT.* *inequality, disparity*.

**park** *n.* common, green, village green, promenade, garden, square, playground, grounds, quad, plaza.

**parlance** *n.* language, idiom, lingo, speech, tongue, vernacular, talk, wording, idelect.

**parlay** *v.* bet, wager, invent.

**parliament** *n.* legislature, congress, assembly, House of Lords, House of Commons. *SEE* GOVERNMENT

**parlor** *n.* living room, sitting room, front room, drawing room, salon.

**PAROCHIAL** *a.* [puh ROH kee ul] limited in scope, narrow, provincial. *She had a parochial perspective and cared little about the larger view.* *SYN.* limited, narrow, provincial, restricted, local, regional, small-town, insular, myopic, prejudiced. *ANT.* *worldly, national, international, broad*.

**PARODY** *n.* [PAR uh dee] a satirical or humorous imitation of a literary or musical work. *The canine sex magazine, Playdog, was a parody of Playboy.* *SYN.* imitation, lampoon, takeoff, mockery, satire, spoof, \*send-up, burlesque, mimicry, travesty.

**parody** *v.* imitate, mock, mimic, ape, lampoon, caricature, satirize, ridicule, \*take off on, send up, burlesque.

**parole** *n.* release, early release, trial release.

**paroxysm** *n.* convulsion, spasm, outburst, seizure, attack, flareup, fit, eruption, throes, spell.

**parrot** *v.* echo, repeat, mimic, imitate, copy, ape.

**parry** *v.* ward off, deflect, turn aside, fend off, defend against, avert, sidestep, dodge, elude.

**PARSIMONIOUS** *a.* [PAR suh MOH nee us] miserly, stingy. *The parsimonious old fool recycled everything.* SYN. miserly, stingy, cheap, thrifty, penny-pinching, nickel-squeezing, close, \*tightfisted, sparing, economical, frugal. ANT. generous, giving, charitable, free-spending.

**parson** *n.* cleric, rector, clergyman, minister, preacher, pastor, man of the cloth.

**part** *n.* 1. PIECE component, portion, unit, ingredient, constituent, element, section, division, segment, fraction, department. 2. ROLE function, job, duty, responsibility, involvement. 3. ACTING ROLE character, bit part, lead, supporting role. ANT. 1. whole, total, aggregate.

**part** *v.* 1. DIVIDE separate, disunite, split, sever, cleave, dissect, break, splay, branch out. 2. LEAVE go, depart, withdraw, break away, go separate ways, take one's leave, \*split.

**partake** *v.* take part, participate, join in, share in, eat, \*have a taste, consume.

**partial** *a.* 1. INCOMPLETE limited, fragmentary, deficient, unfinished, halfway. 2. BIASED prejudiced, one-sided, partisan, discriminatory, unbalanced, unfair, unjust. ANT. 1. complete, whole. 2. fair, impartial, neutral, objective.

**partiality** *n.* bias, prejudice, favoritism, preference, one-sidedness, unfairness, leaning, partisanship, predilection, predisposition, weakness, affinity, fondness, liking. ANT. impartiality, objectivity, fairness.

**partially** *adv.* partly, incompletely, somewhat, halfway.

**participant** *n.* member, contributor, accessory, player, actor, partaker, a party to.

**participate** *v.* take part, join in, partake, be a party to, contribute, engage in, play, have a hand in. ANT. forego, beg off.

**particle** *n.* bit, speck, piece, grain, fleck, atom, molecule, whit, mote, fragment, dot, trace, iota.

**particular** *a.* 1. SPECIFIC exact, precise, single, special, distinct, definite, peculiar, lone, express. 2. FUSSY demanding, exacting, critical, finicky, picky, \*persnickety, hard to please, overparticular. ANT. 1. general, unspecified. 2. unparticular, easy to please, careless.

**particularly** *adv.* specifically, especially, notably, distinctly, markedly, exceptionally, explicitly, expressly.

**partisan** *n.* adherent, party member, supporter, devotee, follower, backer, disciple, champion, stalwart, upholder. ANT. opponent, independent, nonconformist.

**partisan** *a.* partial, biased, prejudiced, one-sided, factional, sectarian, limited, bigoted, myopic, close-minded. ANT. nonpartisan, unbiased, open-minded, bipartisan.

**partition** *n.* divider, wall, barrier, panel, screen, division, separation, demarcation, segregation.

**partition** *v.* separate, divide, wall off, segregate, screen, subdivide, section, apportion.

**partly** *adv.* partially, incompletely, somewhat, halfway.

**partner** *n.* ally, collaborator, colleague, associate, counterpart, accomplice, cohort, confederate, teammate, sidekick, compatriot. SEE FRIEND

**partnership** *n.* alliance, collaboration, cooperative, association, union, confederacy, marriage, team, affiliation, company.

**party** *n.* 1. CELEBRATION \*bash, revelry, gala, festivity, \*blowout, get-together, \*beer bash, social gathering, soiree, \*do, reception, \*wingding, fun and games, orgy, shindig, stag party, bachelor party. 2. GROUP band, bunch, assemblage, assembly, company, crew, troupe. 3. INDIVIDUAL person, participant, man, woman, human being. 4. SECT faction, group, side, wing, denomination, alliance, set, bloc, league, confederacy, camp.

**pass** *n.* 1. PASSAGE opening, defile, gap, canyon, gorge, trail. 2. TICKET admission, permit, license, furlough, \*free ride. 3. PROPOSITION advance, flirtation, overture.

**pass** *v.* 1. GO BY, MOVE THROUGH go past, proceed, cross, progress, move, leave, depart, advance, flow, course, fly. 2. OVERTAKE outdistance, leave behind, \*leave in one's wake, \*blow by, outrun, exceed, surpass, beat. 3. ELAPSE flow, drag, slip by, race, proceed. 4. DIE pass on, expire, run out, terminate, \*peter out, run its course, fade, dissolve, wane, succumb. 5. SATISFY meet requirements, pass muster, make the grade, qualify, graduate. 6. ENACT legislate, endorse, certify, authorize, legalize, ratify, adopt, sanction. 7. DELIVER hand over, throw, give, transfer, convey. 8. DECLINE refuse, skip, pass up, overlook, omit. ANT. 1. stop, hold up. 2.

- lag, fall behind, trail.* 5. *fail, flunk, \*blow it.* 6. *veto, vote down, defeat.* 8. *accept, take.*
- passable** *a.* 1. TRAVERSABLE crossable, clear, free, unobstructed, navigable, unimpeded, accessible, penetrable. 2. ACCEPTABLE okay, fair, mediocre, adequate, good enough, satisfactory, tolerable, so-so. *ANT.* 1. *impassable, blocked, impenetrable.* 2. *unacceptable, intolerable, unsatisfactory.*
- passage** *n.* 1. ACCESS path, course, corridor, hall, thoroughfare, way, door, exit, entrance, passageway, route, channel. 2. EXCERPT section, extract, quotation, portion, selection, sentence, paragraph, verse, page, chapter. 3. PROGRESSION passing, movement, advance, transit, trip. 4. ENACTMENT acceptance, adoption, legislation, legalization, ratification. *ANT.* 3. *obstruction, stoppage, blockage.* 4. *veto, defeat.*
- passageway** *n.* hall, corridor, alley, aisle, passage, gallery, path, walkway, gangway.
- PASSÉ** *a.* [pa SAY] old-fashioned, out-of-date. *This year's fashions will soon be passé.* *SYN.* old-fashioned, out-of-date, outdated, outmoded, démodé, antiquated, obsolete, stale, old, dated, discredited, unfashionable. *ANT.* *fashionable, stylish, \*chic, \*hip, in vogue, fresh.*
- passenger** *n.* rider, commuter, \*fare, traveler.
- passion** *n.* 1. INTENSE EMOTION fervor, ardor, intensity, zeal, fire, heat, frenzy, vehemence, enthusiasm, devotion. "The winds necessary to put everything in motion, though they often cause storms."—Bernard de Fontenelle. 2. ANGER rage, fury, towering rage, \*lather, wrath, \*dither, hot blood. 3. LOVE adoration, fondness, affection, amour, infatuation, ardor, lust, desire, sex drive, eroticism, appetite, aching. 4. INTENSE INTEREST obsession, mania, fixation, fancy, infatuation, liking, craze.
- passionate** *a.* 1. IMPASSIONED ardent, fervid, fervent, excited, burning, hot, fiery, heartfelt, eager, emotional, enthusiastic, vehement, vigorous. 2. LUSTFUL aroused, \*turned on, desirous, \*hot, \*horny, erotic, amorous, libidinous, romantic, sensual. *ANT.* 1. *apathetic, indifferent.* 2. *turned off.*
- passive** *a.* inactive, unresponsive, dispassionate, lifeless, apathetic, impassive, unemotional, uninterested, spiritless, submissive, yielding, docile, meek, unassertive. *ANT.* *active, passionate, responsive.*
- passport** *n.* identification, I.D., proof of citizenship, travel permit, official document, authorization, credentials, visa.
- password** *n.* code word, secret word, key phrase, countersign, watchword.
- past** *n.* yesterday, \*yesteryear, history, olden days, antiquity, days of old, \*good old days, yore, horse and buggy days, dark ages. "The best prophet of the future."—Lord Byron. "The misty black and bottomless pit of time."—Thomas Duffett. "A funeral gone by."—Edmund Gorse. "What's past is prologue."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *future, tomorrow, days to come.*
- past** *a.* gone, bygone, over, forgotten, finished, old, historical, ancient, former, passed, never to return, extinct, dead and buried. *ANT.* *future, upcoming.*
- pastime** *n.* hobby, diversion, amusement, recreation, avocation, leisure time activity, sport, fun.
- pastor** *n.* minister, priest, clergyman, reverend, rector, chaplain, preacher, ecclesiastic.
- PASTORAL** *a.* [PAS tuh rul] referring to the peace and simplicity of rural life. *Many New Englanders still live a pastoral life.* *SYN.* rural, country, countrified, peaceful, simple, rustic, bucolic, agrarian, natural, arcadian, idyllic. *ANT.* *urban, metropolitan, citified, sophisticated.*
- pastry** *n.* baked good, sweet roll, cake, pie, tart, cream puff, Danish, turnover, croissant, éclair, doughnut.
- pasture** *n.* field, meadow, grazing land, grass, grassland, vegetation, pasturage.
- pat** *n.* tap, stroke, slap, touch, rap, caress, poke.
- pat** *v.* tap, stroke, fondle, slap, touch, rap, caress, poke.
- pat** *a.* glib, easy, facile.
- patch** *n.* spot, piece, plot, tract, ground, lot, strip.
- patch** *v.* repair, fix, mend, cover, recondition, sew up, stitch.
- patchwork** *n.* jumble, hodgepodge, mixture, miscellany, mishmash, conglomeration, mélange, potpourri, pastiche.
- PATENT** *a.* [PATE unt] evident, obvious. *We all recognized his statement as a patent lie.* *SYN.* evident, obvious, plain, conspicuous, apparent, clear, open, blatant, glaring, manifest, overt, flagrant, unconcealed, transparent. *ANT.* *covert, concealed, subtle.*
- patent** *n.* grant, right, protection, title, registration, license, certificate of origination.

**WORD FIND**

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**paternal** *a.* fatherly, fatherlike, patriarchal, protective, solicitous. *ANT.* *maternal.*

**path** *n.* 1. TRAIL walkway, footpath, walk, way, course, track, shortcut, rut, passage. 2. TRAJECTORY.

**pathetic** *a.* pitiful, piteous, sorrowful, moving, wretched, grievous, deplorable, lamentable, heartbreaking, poignant, miserable, woeful. *ANT.* *worthy, deserving, meritous.*

**pathological** *a.* 1. MORBID unhealthy, diseased, disease-borne, infected, contaminated. 2. HABITUAL unhealthy, sick, compulsive.

**pathology** *n.* infection, growth, contamination, immune response, immune breakdown, disease, manifestation, malignancy, contagiousness, spread.

**pathos** *n.* pity, sadness, poignancy, suffering, heartache, sentiment, bathos.

**patience** *n.* endurance, perseverance, \*staying power, stamina, stick-to-itiveness, tenacity, diligence, forbearance, tolerance, understanding, \*long fuse, \*type B behavior, even temper, composure. "Passion tamed."—Lyman Abbott. "The life-long martyrdom."—Longfellow.

**patient** *n.* sick person, case, outpatient, victim, convalescent, invalid, client.

**patient** *a.* steady, enduring, persistent, perseverant, tenacious, diligent, long-suffering, tolerant, imperturbable, easygoing, even-tempered, calm, long-fused, composed, resigned, stoical. *ANT.* *impatient, restless, irritable, exasperated, \*intolerant.*

**patio** *n.* courtyard, barbecue area, deck.

**PATRIARCH** *n.* [PAY tree AHRK] the male head of a family or group. *The tribesmen consulted their patriarch for guidance.* *SYN.* head of household, chief, father, grandfather, elder, senior, ruler, sage, graybeard, wise man, master.

**patrician** *n.* aristocrat, nobleman, \*blue blood, lord, \*silk stocking.

**patrician** *a.* aristocratic, highborn, noble, blue-blooded, upper-class, genteel, royal. *ANT.* *plebian, common, lower-class.*

**patriot** *n.* loyalist, \*flag waver, nationalist, statesman, jingoist, chauvinist. "The seed of freedom's tree."—Thomas Campbell. "The dupe of statesmen and the tool of conquerors."—Ambrose Bierce. *ANT.* *traitor, subversive, \*turncoat, \*Benedict Arnold.*

**patriotism** *n.* nationalism, \*flag-waving, \*flag-kissing, allegiance, loyalty, jingoism, chauvinism. "A lively sense of collective responsibility."—Richard Aldington. "The

passion of fools and the most foolish of passions."—George Santayana. "That pernicious sentiment, 'Our country right or wrong.'"—James Russell Lowell. *ANT.* *treason, subversion, \*flag-burning, disloyalty.*

**patrol** *v.* police, secure, observe, reconnoiter, \*walk a beat, safeguard, eyeball, keep watch, make the rounds, inspect, \*scope out, guard.

**patron** *n.* 1. CUSTOMER shopper, client, buyer, subscriber, regular. 2. SUPPORTER backer, sponsor, booster, benefactor, financier, champion, advocate, \*angel.

**patronage** *n.* 1. SUPPORT backing, sponsorship, benefaction, financing, aid, subsidy, advocacy, promotion. 2. BUSINESS trade, purchasing, buying, shopping, commerce, clients, customers, clientele.

**patronize** *v.* do business with, buy at, deal with, trade at, frequent, shop at.

**PATRONIZE** *v.* [PAY truh nize] to talk down to as an inferior; to condescend. *He always patronizes those without college degrees.* *SYN.* \*talk down to, talk to as an inferior, indulge, condescend, regard loftily, \*look down one's nose at, regard superciliously, humor, suffer, endure. *ANT.* *look up to, flatter, \*kiss up to, \*brownnose.*

**patsy** *n.* sucker, scapegoat, \*whipping boy, \*fall guy, dupe, \*easy mark, \*pushover.

**patter** *n.* \*spiel, pitch, \*line, chatter, talk, monologue, recitation.

**pattern** *n.* 1. DESIGN motif, theme, arrangement, composition, figure, scheme, device, decoration, form. 2. MODEL guide, sample, example, exemplar, standard, prototype, mold, archetype, template.

**PAUCITY** *n.* [PAW si tee] scarcity, lack. *A paucity of funds motivated him to find work.* *SYN.* scarcity, lack, dearth, shortage, deficiency, insufficiency, absence, sparsity, rarity. *ANT.* *wealth, surplus, excess, glut.*

**paunch** *n.* potbelly, \*beer belly, \*beer gut, \*spare tire, \*middle-aged spread, \*bay window, stomach, \*blubbergut, bulge. *ANT.* *washboard stomach.*

**pauper** *n.* poor person, \*down-and-outer, homeless person, indigent, beggar, hobo, tramp, \*bum, debtor, \*panhandler, \*street person. *ANT.* *millionaire.*

**pause** *n.* break, stop, rest, time out, beat, delay, wait, gap, suspension, respite, halt, cessation. *ANT.* *continuation.*

**pause** *v.* break, stop, rest, take time out, delay, wait, suspend, halt, cease, take a breather. *ANT.* *continue, carry on, proceed.*

**pave** *v.* surface, blacktop, resurface, tar, overlay, lay asphalt, macadamize, level, cobble.

**pavement** *n.* blacktop, asphalt, concrete, surface, road, tar, cobble, paving stones, macadam.

**pavilion** *n.* tent, shelter, gazebo, summerhouse, belvedere.

**pawn** *n.* tool, instrument, hostage, puppet, dupe, \*stooge, patsy, medium, cat's paw.

**pawn** *v.* pledge, give as security, \*hock, deposit, mortgage, borrow on, venture, gamble.

**pay** *n.* wages, salary, earnings, income, \*take-home, profit, remuneration, fee, compensation, commission, cut, percentage. SEE MONEY

**pay** *v.* 1. REMIT compensate, disburse, settle, \*cough up, \*foot the bill, spend, expend, \*shell out, \*fork over, \*pick up the tab, contribute, bankroll, finance, remunerate, recompense. 2. BE WORTHWHILE be profitable, benefit, profit, serve, be advantageous. 3. SUFFER FOR \*pay the piper, answer, atone, be punished. 4. GIVE offer, extend.

**payback** *n.* return, payment due, benefit, rebate.

**payment** *n.* remittance, installment, fee, expenditure, payout, outlay, remuneration, settlement, defrayal, recompense, sum, restitution.

**peace** *n.* 1. HARMONY accord, friendship, concord, friendliness, armistice, truce, treaty, detente, brotherhood, amity, goodwill. "Liberty in tranquility."—Cicero. "War in masquerade."—John Dryden. "A short pause between wars for enemy identification."—Clemens Kirchner. "The white space between the chapters in the history books."—Leonard Levinson. 2. QUIET stillness, silence, hush. 3. TRANQUILITY serenity, peacefulness, quiet, placidity, relaxation, contentment. *ANT.* 1. war, hostilities, conflict. 2. noise, clamor. 3. discontent, agitation, disturbance.

**peaceable** *a.* peaceful, friendly, gentle, nonviolent, amicable, conciliatory, peace-loving, irenic, mild, pacific, accommodating, dovish, lamblike, easygoing, agreeable. *ANT.* hostile, belligerent, contentious, aggressive.

**peaceful** *a.* 1. HARMONIOUS friendly, pacific, agreeable, peaceable, nonviolent, nonaggressive, conciliatory, accommodating, dovish, easygoing, irenic. 2. QUIET still, silent, hushed, noiseless, tranquil, serene, placid, undisturbed. *ANT.* 1. warring, hostile, contentious, belligerent. 2. noisy, clamorous, cacophonous.

**peacemaker** *n.* diplomat, pacifist, dove, make-peace, conscientious objector, conciliator, negotiator, mediator, intermediary. *ANT.* hawk, warmonger.

**peacock** *n.* pea fowl, peahen.

#### WORD FIND

**eyelike spot:** ocellus

**walk:** strut

**peak** *n.* top, pinnacle, summit, mountaintop, crest, height, roof, tip, ridge, head, climax, zenith, limit, apex, maximum, acme, high point, crown. *ANT.* low point, depression, foot.

**peak** *v.* crest, climax, \*come to a head, culminate, top, reach the zenith, crown. *ANT.* \*bottom out.

**peaked** *a.* thin, wan, pale, sickly, gaunt, haggard, emaciated, wizened. *ANT.* healthy, robust, hearty.

**peal** *n.* ringing, reverberation, thunder, boom, rumble, roar, crack, blast, chime, clang, tinnabulation, clangor, toll.

**peal** *v.* resound, ring, reverberate, resonate, sound, clang, chime, toll, knell, bong, tinnabulate, rumble, thunder.

**peasant** *n.* farmer, laborer, farmhand, serf, vassal, rustic, provincial, commoner, \*hick, \*hayseed. *ANT.* aristocrat, nobleman.

**pebble** *n.* stone, gravel. SEE ROCK

**PECCADILLO** *n.* [PEK uh DIL oh] a minor fault, sin, or offense. *The media has a way of flushing out a politician's every peccadillo.* *SYN.* minor fault, petty offense, infraction, slip, lapse, misdemeanor, indiscretion, transgression, false step, shortcoming, sin, faux pas. *ANT.* capital offense.

**peck** *v.* pick, bite, poke, nibble, dig, prick, jab, rap, flick.

**pecking order** *n.* hierarchy, line of dominance, natural order, chain of command, corporate ladder.

**peculiar** *a.* 1. UNIQUE distinctive, singular, characteristic, individual, exclusive, special, personal, particular, limited. 2. ODD queer, strange, weird, offbeat, different, curious, unusual, bizarre, outlandish, quaint, \*off-the-wall. *ANT.* 1. common. 2. normal, predictable, unsurprising.

**peculiarity** *n.* characteristic, singularity, trait, feature, oddity, mark, idiosyncrasy, distinction, quirk.

**pecuniary** *a.* financial, monetary, fiscal, money.

**pedagogic** *a.* educational, academic, professorial, teaching, scholastic, instructional, tutorial, pedantic.

**PEDANTIC** *a.* [puh DAN tik] overly precise or scholarly, nit-picking with facts and rules. *She was meticulously accurate with facts but*

- had little common sense; she was pedantic.*  
 SYN. scholarly, didactic, academic, learned, overprecise, pretentious, pompous, professorial, meticulous, bookish, nit-picking, \*hairsplitting.
- peddler** *n.* salesman, hawker, vendor, costermonger.
- PEDESTRIAN** *a.* [puh DES tree un] unimaginative, dull, ordinary. *The story was trite and pedestrian.* SYN. unimaginative, dull, prosaic, ordinary, trite, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, flat, banal, uninspired, uninteresting, mundane, inane. ANT. *imaginative, original, profound, interesting.*
- pedigree** *n.* family tree, ancestral record, genealogy, descent, lineage, line, bloodline, parentage, stock, roots, dynasty.
- peek** *v.* peep, spy, glimpse, eye surreptitiously, glance, peer, \*have a gander.
- peel** *v.* pare, skin, husk, strip, scale, exfoliate, decorticate, shuck, shell.
- peep** *v.* 1. SEE PEEK 2. CHEEP chirp, tweet, pip, twit, chirrup. SEE BIRD
- peeping Tom** *n.* SEE VOYEUR
- peer** *n.* equal, fellow, compatriot, compeer, counterpart, equivalent, \*bird of a feather.
- peer** *v.* look closely, squint, focus in on, \*eyeball, scrutinize, inspect, peep, stare, gaze, gawk.
- peerless** *a.* unequaled, unmatched, second to none, incomparable, superior, unparalleled, supreme, best, preeminent, greatest. ANT. *inferior, second-rate, mediocre.*
- peeve** *v.* irk, annoy, irritate, \*bug, bother, aggravate, \*rub the wrong way, nettle, vex, gall, \*burn one up.
- peevish** *a.* irritable, touchy, cross, cranky, grouchy, snappish, moody, impatient, cantankerous, waspish, ugly, petulant. ANT. *good-humored, cheerful, easygoing.*
- PEJORATIVE** *a.* [pi JOR uh tiv] disparaging, negative. *His pejorative remarks upset the teacher.* SYN. disparaging, negative, derogatory, deprecatory, belittling, depreciatory, uncomplimentary, demeaning, degrading. ANT. *complimentary, flattering, favorable.*
- pell-mell** *adv.* helter-skelter, hastily, carelessly, recklessly, heedlessly, slapdash, hurriedly, abruptly, impetuously, wildly. ANT. *methodically, orderly, thoughtfully.*
- pellucid** *a.* transparent, limpid, crystal. SEE CLEAR
- pelt** *n.* skin, hide, coat, fur.
- pelt** *v.* throw things at, bombard, hurl at, shower, pepper, stone, beat, pound, wallop, belt, pummel, punch, sock, whack, thrash.
- pen** *n.* 1. WRITING INSTRUMENT ballpoint, quill, style, fountain pen. "That mighty instrument of little men."—Lord Byron. "Wit's plough."—John Clarke. 2. ENCLOSURE cage, pound, confine, corral, sty, coop, jail, prison.
- penalize** *v.* punish, discipline, correct, fine, impose a penalty on, \*throw the book at, sentence, amerce, castigate, handicap, put at a disadvantage, disable, hamstring. ANT. *reward.*
- penalty** *n.* punishment, discipline, correction, fine, retribution, sentence, imprisonment, forfeit, damages, handicap, disadvantage.
- penance** *n.* repentance, reparation, self-punishment, confession, remorse, retribution, penalty, absolution, atonement, mea culpa.
- PENCHANT** *n.* [PEN chunt] a strong fondness for something. *She had a penchant for cream cheese and bagels.* SYN. fondness, liking, taste, inclination, partiality, weakness, leaning, affinity, propensity, attraction, bent, predisposition.
- pendent** *a.* hanging, suspended, dangling.
- pending** *a.* upcoming, impending, about to happen, imminent, in the offing, forthcoming, on the horizon, coming, approaching, unsettled, unresolved, \*up in the air. ANT. *past, former.*
- pendulous** *a.* hanging, suspended, drooping, pendent, dangling.
- penetrate** *v.* 1. GO THROUGH pierce, pass into, puncture, prick, bore through, break through, encroach, breach. 2. SPREAD THROUGH permeate, pervade, diffuse, infiltrate, saturate, fill, infuse, suffuse.
- penetrating** *a.* 1. PIERCING sharp, intrusive, cutting, biting, mordant, strong, earsplitting. 2. DISCERNING acute, sharp, perceptive, keen, astute, sensitive, aware, intelligent, deep. ANT. 1. *dull, blunt, muted.* 2. *imperceptive, shallow, superficial.*
- penis** *n.* sexual organ, male organ, genitalia, genitals, member, organ of copulation.
- penitence** *n.* repentance, sorrow, contrition, remorse, regret, penance, compunction, shame, self-reproach, regret.
- PENITENT** *a.* [PEN i tunt] sorry, contrite, regretful. *The truly penitent shall be forgiven their misdeeds.* SYN. sorry, sorrowful, contrite, regretful, repentant, remorseful, conscience-stricken, ashamed, compunctious, atoning. ANT. *unrepentant, impenitent, conscienceless.*
- penitentiary** *n.* jail, federal prison, penal institution, \*slammer. SEE PRISON
- pen name** *n.* pseudonym, nom de plume, alias.

**pennant** *n.* banner, flag, pennon, streamer, banderole, bunting, colors.

**penniless** *a.* impoverished, destitute, poor, \*broke, poverty-stricken, bankrupt, indigent, homeless. *ANT.* *rich, wealthy.*

**pension** *n.* annuity, retirement benefits, payment, social security, disability income. *SEE* MONEY

**PENSIVE** *a.* [PEN siv] in deep thought, especially about sad things. *We remained pensive long after the funeral.* *SYN.* deep in thought, meditative, contemplative, melancholy, withdrawn, ruminative, troubled, wistful, brooding. *ANT.* *carefree, untroubled.*

**penthouse** *n.* apartment, dwelling, residence.

**pent-up** *a.* confined, restrained, curbed, held in check, repressed, suppressed, held-in, bottled-up. *ANT.* *released, relieved, vented.*

**penurious** *a.* miserly, stingy, hoarding, frugal, thrifty, penny-pinching, cheap, parsimonious, tightfisted, mean. *ANT.* *extravagant, wasteful, generous.*

**peon** *n.* laborer, drudge, farmhand, peasant, worker, menial, toiler, serf, slave.

**people** *n.* 1. HUMANS human beings, folks, humankind, human race, mankind, man, persons, populace, individuals, Homo sapiens, mortals. 2. MASSES community, electorate, rank and file, working class, society, citizens. "A many-headed beast."—Alexander Pope. "The vulgar popular cattle."—Robert Buchanan. "A wild beast."—Niccolo Machiavelli.

**pep** *n.* energy, vim, vitality, life, zip, vigor, get-up-and-go.

**pepper** *v.* shower, rain on, pelt, bombard, sprinkle.

**peppy** *a.* lively, energetic, \*zippy, snappy, vigorous, spirited, perky. *ANT.* *sluggish, lethargic, slothful.*

**perceive** *v.* 1. *SEE* notice, discern, make out, observe, spot, detect, recognize, apprehend, sense, distinguish. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, read, see, grasp, appreciate, conclude, decipher, judge. *ANT.* 1. *miss, overlook.*

**percentage** *n.* portion, part, fraction, share, section, cut.

**perceptible** *a.* discernible, noticeable, apparent, visible, observable, detectable, distinguishable, obvious, conspicuous, palpable. *ANT.* *imperceptible, unapparent, impalpable.*

**perception** *n.* awareness, sense, feeling, discernment, apprehension, impression, insight, understanding, comprehension, recognition, cognition.

**perceptive** *a.* sensitive, sharp, alert, acute, cognizant, conscious, intelligent, insightful, wise, penetrating, intuitive, \*tuned in, \*on the ball. *ANT.* *obtuse, thick, dense, dull.*

**perch** *n.* roost, stand, seat, post.

**perch** *v.* light, alight, roost, rest, settle, sit, squat, nest.

**percolate** *v.* filtrate, filter, seep, strain, leach, drip, exude, ooze.

**perdition** *n.* damnation, hell, fire and brimstone, destruction, punishment, ruination, loss of the soul.

**PEREMPTORY** *a.* [per EMP tuh ree] final, as of the last word, with no further argument or action. *He made a peremptory order and the meeting was concluded.* *SYN.* final, absolute, ultimate, decisive, imperative, dictatorial, commanding, irrevocable, incontrovertible, unquestionable, authoritative, obligatory, autocratic. *ANT.* *wishy-washy, tentative, inconclusive, indecisive.*

**PERENNIAL** *a.* [puh REN ee ul] continuous, perpetual, returning again and again. *The Wizard of Oz is a perennial favorite with children.* *SYN.* continuous, continual, perpetual, everlasting, recurrent, returning, enduring, unyielding, eternal, undying, immortal. *ANT.* *dying, short-lived, temporary.*

**perfect** *v.* finish, polish, smooth, \*get the bugs out of, \*put finishing touches on, refine, accomplish, achieve, realize, complete, consummate, fulfill, effect, culminate.

**perfect** *a.* 1. FLAWLESS faultless, immaculate, spotless, unblemished, untarnished, superlative, extraordinary, supreme, ideal, exemplary, pure, impeccable, consummate. 2. COMPLETE whole, intact, finished, realized, utter. 3. ACCURATE precise, exact, correct, true, right, unerring, letter-perfect, \*on target, \*dead on. *ANT.* 1. *faulty, flawed, imperfect.* 2. *deficient.* 3. *inaccurate, imprecise, wrong.*

**perfection** *n.* 1. FLAWLESSNESS excellence, ne plus ultra, precision, idealism, faultlessness, highest form, exacting standard. 2. DEVELOPMENT achievement, accomplishment, consummation, completion, realization, fulfillment, honing, maturing.

**perfectionist** *n.* stickler, nitpicker, fussbudget, quibbler, pedant.

**perfidious** *a.* treacherous, traitorous, faithless, unfaithful, disloyal, two-faced, backstabbing, treasonous, double-dealing, dishonorable. *ANT.* *loyal, faithful.*

**perforate** *v.* pierce, puncture, prick, penetrate, punch, slit, bore, cut, make a hole in.

**perform** *v.* 1. DO execute, carry out, fulfill, accomplish, act, complete, satisfy, meet, \*pull off, discharge. 2. ACT put on, take on a role, enact, present, exhibit, \*ham it up, depict, portray.

**performance** *n.* 1. EXECUTION carrying out, fulfillment, accomplishment, completion, doing, discharge, realization. 2. SHOW entertainment, presentation, production, exhibition, spectacle, portrayal, depiction, rendition, characterization.

**perfume** *n.* fragrance, essence, scent, cologne, bouquet, emanation, aroma. "Any smell that is used to drown out a worse one."—Elbert Hubbard. SEE ODOR

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**WORD FIND**

**bag of:** sachet

**case:** pomander

**East Indian:** patchouli

**smoking:** incense

**sprayer:** atomizer

**substance used in:** musk, ambergris, myrrh, attar, civet, bergamot, castor, orris

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**PERFUNCTORY** *a.* [pur FUNK tuh ree] performed superficially and unenthusiastically, often as part of a routine. *The bank clerk gave me a perfunctory smile.* SYN. routine, unenthusiastic, superficial, disinterested, automatic, blasé, unthinking, apathetic, mechanical, cursory. ANT. *enthusiastic, intense, careful.*

**perhaps** *adv.* maybe, possibly, conceivably, perchance.

**peril** *n.* danger, hazard, risk, jeopardy, threat, vulnerability, insecurity, endangerment, pitfall, \*sword of Damocles. ANT. *security, safety.*

**perilous** *a.* dangerous, hazardous, risky, \*putting one in jeopardy, threatening, \*playing with fire, \*playing Russian roulette, \*playing with a hair trigger, \*treading on thin ice, ticklish, precarious, life-threatening, chancy, \*dicey, menacing. ANT. *safe, secure, harmless.*

**perimeter** *n.* border, periphery, circumference, boundary, limit, outline, skirt, rim, edge. ANT. *center, middle.*

**period** *n.* time, interval, span, epoch, age, eon, era, days, season, course.

**periodic** *a.* recurrent, repeating, at intervals, sporadic, every so often, intermittent, regular, cyclical, daily, seasonal, weekly, monthly, annually.

**peripatetic** *a.* traveling, roving, itinerant, walking, moving, migrant, wandering, nomadic, roaming. ANT. *stable, static, stationary.*

**peripheral** *a.* outside, side, sideline, external, surrounding, neighboring; secondary, minor, incidental. ANT. *primary, main.*

**peripheral** *n.* auxiliary device, component, module, adjunct; modem, printer, monitor.

**periphery** *n.* perimeter, outskirts, border, circumference, boundary, limit, outline, skirt, rim, edge. ANT. *center, middle, core.*

**perish** *v.* die, expire, pass away, pass on, \*croak, \*bite the dust, \*buy the farm, \*kick the bucket, be destroyed, be killed, meet death, vanish, disappear. ANT. *survive, thrive.* SEE DIE

**perishable** *a.* liable to spoil, liable to rot, short-lived. ANT. *nonperishable, inorganic.*

**PERJURY** *n.* [PUR jur ee] lying while under oath in a court of law. *He committed perjury on the witness stand.* SYN. lying, dishonesty, false testimony, deception, falsification, bearing false witness, untruthfulness, prevarication. SEE LAW, COURT

**perky** *a.* lively, jaunty, spirited, energetic, vigorous, vivacious, animated, dynamic, cheerful, lighthearted. ANT. *dispirited, plodding, sedate.*

**permanent** *a.* fixed, lasting, eternal, everlasting, endless, long-lived, perennial, immortal, perpetual, constant, stable, unchangeable, immutable, durable. ANT. *temporary, impermanent, short-lived.*

**PERMEATE** *v.* [PUR mee ATE] to penetrate and spread throughout. *Her perfume permeated the room.* SYN. penetrate, pervade, spread throughout, saturate, imbue, diffuse, overrun, fill, osmose, suffuse, choke. ANT. *dissipate.*

**permissible** *a.* permitted, allowed, okay, legal, lawful, authorized, acceptable, approved, sanctioned, proper, \*kosher. ANT. *forbidden, taboo, off limits, wrong.*

**permission** *n.* authorization, okay, say-so, consent, nod, go-ahead, license, permit, allowance, approval, sanction, endorsement, liberty. ANT. *prohibition, denial, refusal, prescription.*

**permissive** *a.* lenient, indulgent, soft, easy, lax, liberal, accommodating, agreeable, obliging. ANT. *strict, restrictive.*

**permit** *n.* license, permission slip. SEE PERMISSION

**permit** *v.* allow, authorize, license, consent, sanction, let, endorse, tolerate, entitle, grant,

give the go-ahead, \*okay. *ANT.* *prohibit, refuse, deny, ban.*

**PERNICIOUS** *a.* [pur NISH us] destructive, deadly, very harmful. *The pernicious disease affected half the community.* *SYN.* *destructive, lethal, deadly, fatal, harmful, ruinous, injurious, hurtful, devastating, mortal, noxious, malignant.* *ANT.* *harmless, benign, innocuous.*

**perpetrate** *v.* do, perform, carry out, commit, transact, \*pull off, execute.

**perpetual** *a.* neverending, everlasting, unending, eternal, continuous, permanent, immortal, nonstop, incessant, ceaseless, ongoing, infinite. *ANT.* *temporary, short-lived, finite.*

**perplex** *v.* confuse, puzzle, mix up, \*discombobulate, confound, muddle, befuddle, mystify, baffle, bewilder, dumbfound. *ANT.* *clarify, enlighten, \*show the light.*

**PERQUISITE** *n.* [PUR kwi zit] a special privilege or fringe benefit that comes with a job. *Having unlimited use of the company car was a nice perquisite.* *SYN.* \*perk, fringe benefit, privilege, right, extra, bonus, reward, employee benefit.

**persecute** *v.* harass, oppress, torment, afflict, victimize, plague, ill treat, crucify, torture, mistreat, abuse, bully, trouble. *ANT.* \*put on a pedestal, honor, \*kiss up to, serve.

**perseverance** *n.* \*stick-to-itiveness, persistence, tenacity, steadfastness, grit, resolve, doggedness, diligence, dedication, stamina, drive, backbone. "The mother of good luck."—Ben Franklin. "Patience concentrated."—Thomas Carlyle. "The greatest of all teachers."—Arabian proverb. *ANT.* *lack of resolve.*

**persevere** *v.* persist, be steadfast, continue, \*keep chipping away, \*never say die, \*never say never, carry on, stick to it, \*hang in there, be resolved, \*keep plugging, \*tough it out, \*stay the course, be tenacious, \*hammer away. *ANT.* *give up, quit, admit defeat.*

**persist** *v.* persevere, continue, carry on, endure, \*stick to it, keep up, be steadfast, \*hang in there, survive. *ANT.* *quit, give up, die.*

**persistent** *a.* persevering, determined, dogged, tenacious, unrelenting, steadfast, resolute, diligent, untiring, stalwart, stubborn, sustained, incessant. *ANT.* *quitting, irresolute.*

**personable** *a.* friendly, nice, pleasant, warm, charming, people-pleasing, winning, agreeable, amiable, congenial, good-humored, attractive, magnetic. *ANT.* *unfriendly, aloof.*

**personage** *n.* VIP, notable, \*big shot, somebody, celebrity, dignitary, public figure, star, luminary, \*bigwig. *ANT.* *nobody, \*zero, unknown.*

**personal** *a.* private, individual, own, intimate, familiar, inner, secret, confidential. *ANT.* *public, outer.*

**personal computer** *n.* PC, microcomputer. *SEE* COMPUTER

**personality** *n.* 1. CHARACTER temperament, disposition, traits, makeup, identity, individuality, self, ego, psyche. 2. CHARISMA charm, magnetism, attractiveness, \*star quality.

**personify** *v.* embody, symbolize, incarnate, represent, exemplify, anthropomorphize, humanize, illustrate.

**personnel** *n.* staff, employees, crew, workers, members, faculty, work force, labor force.

**perspective** *n.* 1. VISTA panorama, outlook, lookout, prospect, view, aspect. 2. POINT OF VIEW viewpoint, standpoint, position, angle, outlook, frame of reference, turn of mind, \*mind-set.

**perspire** *v.* sweat, \*break a sweat, glow, secrete, drip, lather, swelter, \*sweat bullets.

**persuade** *v.* talk into, prevail upon, influence, motivate, induce, cajole, sell on, wear down, urge, \*twist one's arm, coax, sway, prompt, brainwash. *ANT.* *dissuade, talk out of, discourage.*

**persuasive** *a.* influential, convincing, compelling, effective, powerful, inducing, enticing, seductive, winning, forceful, swaying. *ANT.* *ineffective, unconvincing.*

**pert** *a.* impudent, forward, bold, insolent, saucy, fresh, brazen, cheeky, nervy. *ANT.* *polite, shy, deferential.*

**pertain** *v.* regard, apply, relate, connect, refer, bear upon.

**PERTINENT** *a.* [PUR tuh nunt] relevant. *Stick to the subject at hand; your side comments aren't pertinent.* *SYN.* *relevant, germane, material, applicable, fitting, pertaining, connected, related, apt.* *ANT.* *irrelevant, impertinent, immaterial.*

**PERTURB** *v.* [pur TURB] to disturb or trouble, to upset greatly. *The student would perturb the teacher with his rebellious attitude.* *SYN.* *disturb, trouble, upset, agitate, distress, disconcert, discompose, unsettle, \*rattle one's cage, bother.* *ANT.* *calm, pacify, quiet.*

**PERUSE** *v.* [puh ROOZ] to read or study carefully, to scrutinize. Also, to read through casually. *She made it a habit to peruse the classifieds each morning.* *SYN.* *scrutinize, study,*

- read, examine, pore over, scan, inspect, review, skim, \*flip through.
- PERVADE** *v.* [pur VADE] to spread throughout, permeate. *The odor of cooking fish will pervade an entire household.* SYN. spread throughout, permeate, diffuse, saturate, fill up, penetrate, imbue, osmose, disseminate. ANT. *dissipate, dispel.*
- PERVASIVE** *a.* [pur VAY siv] spreading throughout, widespread. *The weak economy gave rise to a pervasive disillusionment among the American people.* SYN. spreading, widespread, permeating, extensive, far-reaching, broad, general, rampant, epidemic, prevalent.
- perverse** *a.* 1. DEVIANT wrong, aberrant, abnormal, odd, strange, weird, warped, backward, corrupt, wicked, depraved, perverted, immoral, degenerate, evil, bad, nasty. 2. CONTRARY AND STUBBORN obstinate, intractable, difficult, disobedient, mulish, ornery, cantankerous, wrongheaded, unruly. ANT. 1. *normal, proper, correct, moral.* 2. *accommodating, yielding, tractable.*
- perversion** *n.* sexual deviation, \*kink, fetish, depravity, twist, sickness, abomination.
- pervert** *n.* sexual deviant, \*sex freak, sex fiend, sadist, masochist, fetishist, pedophile, voyeur, \*flasher, exhibitionist, \*weirdo.
- pervert** *v.* corrupt, debase, subvert, warp, downgrade, debauch, lead astray; distort, twist, butcher, slant, misconstrue, misuse, misapply.
- perverted** *a.* abnormal, deviant, depraved, warped, twisted, distorted, corrupt, immoral, debauched, sick, unnatural. ANT. *normal, healthy, proper.*
- pesky** *a.* annoying, irritating, bothersome, troublesome, aggravating, irksome, disturbing, nettlesome, tormenting, obnoxious. ANT. *agreeable, welcome, pleasing.*
- pessimism** *n.* negative thinking, negative attitude, gloom, gloom and doom, hopelessness, doubt, cynicism, skepticism, belief in Murphy's Law, \*black outlook, despair. "The name that men of weak nerves give to wisdom."—Bernard De Voto. ANT. *optimism, hopefulness, positive outlook.*
- pessimist** *n.* prophet of doom, gloomy Gus, defeatist, naysayer, doubter, doubting Thomas, cynic, \*killjoy, \*worrywart, \*wet blanket. "One who builds dungeons in the air."—Walter Winchell. "[One who] burns his bridges before he gets to them."—Sidney Ascher. ANT. *optimist, \*Pollyanna.*
- pest** *n.* annoyance, \*pain, \*pain in the neck, nuisance, irritant, \*headache, bother, gadfly, bore, \*thorn in one's side.
- pester** *v.* annoy, bother, irritate, plague, \*bug, hassle, harass, torment, hound, \*drive nuts, \*drive up the wall, bedevil, nag, get on one's nerves.
- pestilence** *n.* epidemic, pandemic, virus, plague, disease, contagion, infection, visitation, scourge. SEE DISEASE
- pet** *v.* pat, stroke, caress, fondle.
- pet** *a.* favorite, beloved, preferred, special, dear.
- petite** *a.* small, little, slight, tiny, diminutive, wee, dainty, trim, pint-sized. ANT. *huge, extra large, big.*
- petition** *n.* appeal, request, application, solicitation, entreaty, invocation, supplication, prayer.
- petition** *v.* appeal, request, ask for, apply for, solicit, entreat, pray for, supplicate.
- petrified** *a.* 1. HARDENED solidified, calcified, mineralized, turned to stone, fossilized. 2. PARALYZED WITH FEAR terrified, stunned, \*scared stiff, transfixed, immobilized, frightened, shocked, stupefied. ANT. 1. *softened, dissolved.* 2. *emboldened, driven to action.*
- petrol** *n.* gasoline, gas, fuel, petroleum.
- petroleum** *n.* oil, gas, natural gas, fuel, hydrocarbon, diesel, butane, propane, kerosene.
- petty** *a.* 1. UNIMPORTANT trivial, insignificant, minor, piddling, frivolous, inconsequential, \*two-bit, picayune, trifling. 2. SMALL-MINDED mean, unreasonable, ungenerous, grudging. ANT. 1. *important, weighty, consequential.* 2. *\*big, broad-minded.*
- PETULANT** *a.* [PECH uh lunt] irritable, moody. *The hot weather made her petulant.* SYN. irritable, moody, cranky, ill-tempered, grouchy, crabby, \*bitchy, peevis, touchy, snappish, waspish. ANT. *good-humored, good-natured, lighthearted.*
- phantom** *n.* apparition, spirit, vision, phantasm, presence, specter. SEE GHOST
- pharmacist** *n.* druggist, apothecary, \*chemist.
- pharmacy** *n.* drug store, apothecary, chemist, dispensary.
- phase** *n.* 1. PERIOD stage, time, point. 2. ASPECT side, level, angle.
- phenomenal** *a.* extraordinary, remarkable, outstanding, unusual, exceptional, rare, wondrous, uncommon, astonishing, unbelievable, miraculous, out of this world. ANT. *ordinary, everyday, \*ho-hum.*
- phenomenon** *n.* wonder, rarity, miracle, spectacle, marvel, sight, sensation, \*one in a

million, \*one for the books, prodigy, hap-  
pening.

**philanderer** *n.* adulterer, \*swinger, flirt, \*make-  
out artist, \*wolf, Don Juan.

**philanthropic** *a.* charitable, benevolent, giv-  
ing, humane, humanitarian, altruistic, kind,  
generous, beneficent, magnanimous. *ANT.*  
*selfish, miserly, misanthropic.*

**philanthropist** *n.* humanitarian, giver, bene-  
factor, Good Samaritan, donor, contributor,  
sponsor, booster, financier. "A rich ... old  
gentleman who has trained himself to grin  
while his conscience is picking his pocket."—  
Ambrose Bierce. *ANT.* *miser, \*tightwad, mis-  
anthrope.*

**PHILANTHROPY** *n.* [fi LAN thruh pee] the  
giving to charity or doing of good deeds for  
society. *She will long be remembered for her  
philanthropy.* *SYN.* humanitarianism, chari-  
ty, benefaction, altruism, munificence, gen-  
erosity, public service, assistance, donation.  
"The wish to scatter joy and not pain around  
us."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. *ANT.* *selfish-  
ness, miserliness, misanthropy.*

**philharmonic** *a.* symphonic, orchestral.

**philistine** *n.* ignoramus, boor, \*yahoo, \*low-  
brow, barbarian. *ANT.* *highbrow.*

**philosopher** *n.* deep thinker, logician, Aristo-  
tle, Plato, savant, sage, wise man/woman,  
theorist. "One who aspires to explain away  
all mysteries, to dissolve them into light."—  
Henry Amiel. "A blind man in a dark room  
looking for a black cat which isn't there."—  
Lord Bowen.

**philosophical** *a.* 1. DEEPLY THOUGHTFUL medi-  
tative, logical, cogitative, pensive, reflective,  
contemplative, deep, profound, learned, ab-  
stract, metaphysical. 2. CALM AND RATIONAL  
composed, reasonable, tranquil, unruffled,  
impassive. *ANT.* 1. *shallow-minded, thought-  
less.* 2. *irrational, ruffled.*

**philosophy** *n.* knowledge, logic, pursuit of  
truth, wisdom, deep thought, reason, meta-  
physics, theory. "Unintelligible answers  
to insoluble problems."—Franklin Adams.  
"The purple bullfinch in the lilac tree."—T.S.  
Eliot. "Common sense in a dress suit."—Ol-  
iver Braston. "A route of many roads lead-  
ing from nowhere to nothing."—Ambrose  
Bierce.

**phlegm** *n.* mucous, secretion, \*loogie, \*lunger.

**PHLEGMATIC** *a.* [fleg MAT ik] dull, hard to  
excite, lethargic. *Tired old Fred couldn't be  
moved to action; he was hopelessly phlegmat-  
ic.* *SYN.* unexcitable, dull, apathetic, indiffer-

ent, disinterested, dormant, unemotional, flat,  
unresponsive, impassive, lifeless, passive. *ANT.*  
*excitable, passionate, fervid, responsive.*

**phobia** *n.* irrational fear, obsessive fear, anxiety,  
dread, \*hang-up, aversion, \*thing, neurosis,  
maladjustment, horror. *SEE* NEUROSIS, FEAR,  
INSANITY, MANIA

WORD FIND

- alone, being:** eremiphobia
- animal skin or fur:** doraphobia
- animals:** zoophobia
- blood:** hemophobia
- blushing:** erythrophobia
- bridges:** geophyrophobia
- burial alive:** taphophobia
- cancer:** cancerphobia
- cats:** ailurophobia
- children:** pedophobia
- cold:** psychrophobia
- confinement in enclosed space:** claustropho-  
bia
- crowds:** demophobia, agoraphobia
- dark:** nyctophobia
- dead bodies, death:** necrophobia
- death:** thanatophobia, necrophobia
- defecation:** rhyphobia
- depths:** bathophobia
- dirt:** mysophobia
- disease:** pathophobia
- dogs:** cynophobia
- eating:** phagophobia
- fire:** pyrophobia
- flood:** antlophobia
- foreigners, strangers:** xenophobia
- germs:** microphobia
- ghosts:** phasmophobia
- heights:** acrophobia
- homosexuals:** homophobia
- horses:** hippophobia
- insects:** entomophobia
- knives:** aichmophobia
- lice:** pediculophobia
- marriage:** gamophobia
- medicine:** pharmacophobia
- men:** androphobia
- mice:** musophobia
- missiles:** ballistophobia
- money:** chrematophobia
- monsters:** teratophobia
- night:** nyctophobia
- noise:** phonophobia, acousticophobia
- number 13:** triskaidekaphobia

**ocean:** thalassophobia  
**old age:** gerontophobia  
**open spaces:** agoraphobia  
**pain:** alophobia  
**poison:** toxicophobia  
**precipices:** cremnophobia  
**responsibility:** hypenygophobia  
**ridicule:** catagelophobia  
**robbers:** harpaxophobia  
**sex:** coitophobia, genophobia  
**sharp objects:** aichmophobia  
**sin, committing:** peccatiphobia  
**sleep:** hypnophobia  
**snakes:** ophidiophobia  
**snow:** chionophobia  
**solitude:** autophobia  
**speaking:** lalophobia  
**spiders:** arachneophobia  
**stars:** astrophobia  
**strangers:** xenophobia  
**sunlight:** heliophobia  
**thunderstorms:** astraphobia, brontophobia  
**touched, being:** haptophobia  
**water:** hydrophobia  
**women:** gynophobia  
**work:** ergophobia

**phobic** *a.* anxious, fearful, afraid, irrational, apprehensive, neurotic, conditioned to fear, disturbed, disordered, terrified, scared. *ANT.* *feardless, at ease.*

**phony** *n.* fake, fraud, counterfeit, sham, forgery, imposter, hoax.

**phony** *a.* fake, counterfeit, sham, fraudulent, bogus, imitation, spurious, specious. *ANT.* *real, genuine, authentic.*

**photocopy** *v.* copy, run off, reproduce, duplicate, replicate, reprint, Xerox.

**photograph** *n.* photo, picture, print, still, snapshot, close-up, portrait, blowup, shot, \*pix, negative, slide, \*Polaroid, glossy, composite, photocopy.

**photograph** *v.* shoot, take, capture on film, snap, film, tape.

**photographer** *n.* \*shutterbug, paparazzo, cinematographer, photojournalist.

**photography** *n.* picture-taking, still photography, portraiture, cinematography. "Instantaneous art."—M.F. Agha. "A form of voyeurism."—Joseph Strick.

**WORD FIND**

**altering photos with dye:** airbrushing, retouching

**border for photo:** matte  
**borderless or faded border photo:** vignette  
**brushup work in lab:** airbrush, retouch  
**chemical solution used in developing:** fixer, stop bath  
**converts light to electricity in scanners, copiers, camcorders:** charged coupled device (CCD)  
**dawn and dusk hours:** magic hour  
**details, bringing out:** computer enhancement  
**dual-image photo:** double exposure  
**electronic:** digital photography  
**electronic memory chip for storing images:** card  
**enlargement for photo:** blowup  
**enlarges photos:** enlarger  
**exposure, long:** time exposure  
**focus range of image:** depth of field  
**glaring photo imperfection:** overexposure  
**illuminate subject from behind:** backlight  
**lab:** darkroom  
**lens aperture setting:** F-stop  
**lens, effects:** filter, anamorphic lens, fisheye, long-focus lens, portrait lens, telephoto lens, wide angle lens, zoom lens  
**lens for photographing tiny objects:** macro lens  
**light facing camera technique:** contre jour  
**light-measuring device:** light meter, photometer, exposure meter  
**microscopic photography:** photomicrography  
**opening in camera lens:** aperture  
**photographers, freelance celebrity:** paparazzo, paparazzi  
**photographs well, subject that:** photogenic  
**room:** studio, darkroom  
**points, individual electronic image:** pixels  
**sensitivity of film to light:** film speed  
**stand, camera:** tripod, high hat  
**three-dimensional photography:** holography  
**three-dimensional photo:** hologram, anaglyph

**phrase** *n.* expression, figure of speech, clause, idiom, saying, catchphrase, wording, saying, motto, slogan.

**physical** *n.* medical examination, checkup, workup.

**physical** *a.* material, tangible, solid, concrete, substantial, palpable, corporeal, corporal, bodily, somatic, fleshly, mortal. *ANT.* *spiritual, mental.*

**physician** *n.* doctor, M.D., general practitioner, GP, health care provider, D.O., \*sawbones, specialist, resident, intern, surgeon, \*bones, medic, specialist, surgeon. SEE DOCTOR, MEDICINE

**physique** *n.* build, anatomy, body, shape, physiognomy, frame, makeup, configuration, musculature.

**piano** *n.* \*ivories, keyboard. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**picayune** *a.* trivial, trifling. SEE PETTY

**pick** *n.* choice, selection, preference, favorite, prize, elite, cream.

**pick** *v.* 1. CHOOSE select, opt for, take, settle on, single out, cull, favor, prefer. 2. PLUCK harvest, collect, reap. *ANT.* 1. *reject, spurn.*

**picket** *n.* 1. STAKE pale, paling, post, palisade, upright. 2. GUARD lookout, sentinel, sentry, patrol, watch.

**picket** *v.* demonstrate, strike, boycott, protest, sit in, march, rally, \*make a stink.

**pickle** *n.* bind, jam, \*between a rock and a hard place, predicament, \*hot water, \*sticky situation, fix, scrape.

**picky** *a.* fussy, choosy, discriminating, finicky, hard to please, particular, fastidious, meticulous. *ANT.* *easy to please, indiscriminating.*

**picnic** *n.* outing, cookout, barbecue, clambake.

**picture** *n.* 1. REPRESENTATION illustration, painting, drawing, likeness, sketch, draft, image, portrait, photo, photograph. 2. SEE MOVIE 3. EPITOME perfect example, embodiment, model, essence.

**picture** *v.* imagine, envision, see, call to mind, conceive of.

**picturesque** *a.* scenic, idyllic, vivid, striking, quaint, unique, charming, breathtaking, arresting, colorful, photographic, photogenic. *ANT.* *dull, ordinary, \*as interesting as a brown paper bag, nondescript.*

**piece** *n.* part, portion, component, bit, fragment, segment, fraction, chunk, hunk, slice, parcel

**pièce de résistance** *n.* 1. MAIN COURSE main dish. 2. MASTER WORK accomplishment, masterpiece, feat, great performance, achievement, master stroke, tour de force, consummation.

**pier** *n.* wharf, dock, landing, quay, anchorage, slip, mooring.

**pierce** *v.* puncture, penetrate, perforate, stick, cut, bore, stab, slit, incise, run through, prick.

**piercing** *a.* 1. SHRILL loud, earsplitting, deafening, high, blaring, screeching, strident, intense, penetrating. 2. SHARP, AS A GLANCE penetrating, intense, scorching, glaring,

acute, boring, mesmerizing, withering. *ANT.* 1. *quiet, low.* 2. *cool, inexpressive.*

**piercing** *n.* body jewelry, body art, belly ring, nose ring. SEE EARRINGS

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**WORD FIND**

**bottom lip, dual piercing resembling fangs under:** snake bite

**labia of female genitals, piercing with bead or ball through:** Christina

**lip, ring, ball or gem worn in the:** labret

**Monroe's mole, mimicking Marilyn:** Monroe; Crawford; Madonna

**neck, stud or gem worn in the bottom of the:** Madison piercing

**nipple, in the:** nipple ring

**nose, studs or jewels worn on bridge of:** bridge piercing

**nostril, stone or pearl attached to:** nose stud

**philtrum above lip, piercing worn in:** Medusa

**ring with tiny opening for insertion of bead:** captive bead ring

**tongue, shaft through:** tongue barbell

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**piety** *n.* religious devotion, faith, devoutness, religion, belief, loyalty, godliness, holiness, zeal, reverence. *ANT.* *irreverence, ungodliness, unholiness.*

**piffle** *n.* foolishness, nonsense, futile talk, useless words.

**pig** *n.* hog, swine, porker, piglet, shoat, sow, boar.

**pigeonhole** *n.* compartment, niche, hole, recess, nook, cranny, opening, cubbyhole, cell, slot.

**pigheaded** *a.* stubborn, obstinate, headstrong, bullheaded, mulish, unyielding, intractable. *ANT.* *tractable, yielding.*

**pigment** *n.* coloring, dye, tint, shade, paint, stain.

**pigpen** *n.* pigsty, dump, mess, \*disgraceland, cesspool, refuse heap, hovel, hole, swamp, rathole, hazardous waste dump, wallow.

**pile** *n.* 1. HEAP mass, load, mound, stack, collection, accumulation, stockpile, quantity, bulk, bank. 2. SEE POST

**pile** *v.* heap, mass, load, stack, stockpile, amass, bunch, mound, pyramid, hoard.

**pilfer** *v.* filch, steal, thief, lift, pocket, appropriate, \*walk off with, \*palm, \*rip off.

**pilgrimage** *n.* journey, expedition, sojourn, mission, trip, excursion, \*hadj, trek.

**pill** *n.* capsule, tablet, lozenge, drop, pellet, dose.

**pillage** *n.* plundering, plunder, booty, loot, spoils, looting, stealing, robbery, rapine.

**pillage** *v.* plunder, loot, rob, sack, despoil, steal, thief, maraud, desecrate.

**pillar** *n.* 1. COLUMN post, upright, support, pier, piling, shaft, colonnade, pylon. 2. LEADER supporter, backbone, mainstay, upholder, \*tower of strength.

**pillow** *n.* cushion, pad, bolster, head support.

**pilot** *n.* navigator, flyer, aviator, helmsman, coxswain, captain, wheelman.

**pilot** *v.* navigate, fly, steer, direct, guide, \*man the helm, drive control.

**pimp** *n.* whoremonger, agent, procurer, panderer, \*flesh peddler, madam, \*hustler.

**pimple** *n.* papule, pustule, \*zit, eruption, inflammation, boil, blemish, blackhead, acne.

**pin** *n.* 1. FASTENER safety pin, straight pin, bobby pin, hat pin, catch, needle. 2. JEWELRY brooch, clasp, breast pin, stud, badge

**pin** *v.* 1. FASTEN fix, affix, secure, bind, attach. 2. HOLD DOWN OR BACK restrain, hold fast, immobilize.

**pinch** *n.* 1. TWEAK squeeze, nip, grasp, clamp, cramp, twinge. 2. TINY AMOUNT \*smidgen, \*tad, touch, bit. 3. EMERGENCY crisis, plight, predicament, exigency, jam, pickle.

**pinch** *v.* 1. SQUEEZE compress, clamp, crush, tweak, nip, grasp, cramp, crimp. 2. *Sl.* ARREST nab, \*collar, catch, apprehend, \*bust.

**pine** *v.* long for, desire, yearn, want, hunger, thirst, crave, ache for, \*carry a torch for.

**pinnacle** *n.* peak, summit, top, zenith, crown, apex, crest, height, high point, acme, eminence.

**pinpoint** *v.* locate, spot, \*get a fix on, \*home in on, \*zero in on, triangulate, identify.

**pioneer** *n.* 1. FRONTIER PERSON colonist, immigrant, settler, homesteader, squatter, trailblazer, explorer, forerunner, founder. 2. DEVELOPER innovator, inventor, father, founder, trailblazer, groundbreaker, trendsetter. "A nail, driven wherever the country demands."—Vladimir Jabotinsky.

**pioneer** *v.* found, trailblaze, invent, father, lead, innovate, break new ground.

**PIOUS** *a.* [PYE us] devoutly religious, sometimes hypocritically so. *He was always looking down his holier-than-thou nose; he was annoyingly pious.* SYN. devout, devoted, religious, holy, zealous, faithful, reverent, spiritual, righteous, self-righteous, holier-than-thou, sanctimonious, hypocritical, unctuous. ANT. *impious, irreverent, blasphemous.*

**pipe** *n.* 1. CONDUIT tube, pipeline, main, duct, line, conveyor, cylinder, passage, drain. 2. SMOKING INSTRUMENT corncob pipe,

meerscham, calumet, hookah, water pipe, \*bong.

**pipe dream** *n.* fantasy, \*castle in the sky, \*castle in Spain, daydream, flight of fancy, \*fool's paradise, chimera, delusion, \*pie in the sky, wishful thinking.

**pipeline** *n.* conduit, tube, passageway, sewer line.

**PIQUANT** *a.* [PEE kunt] sharp or stimulating, especially to the taste buds. Also, stimulating to the mind. *The sauce and the conversation were delightfully piquant.* SYN. sharp, stimulating, pungent, biting, flavorful, zesty, spicy, lively, heavily seasoned, peppery, hot, \*having a kick, provocative, exciting, racy, interesting, titillating. ANT. *bland, mild, dull, uninteresting, tasteless.*

**pique** *v.* 1. IRRITATE resent, affront, offend, wound, hurt one's feelings, gall, irk, nettle, displease. 2. AROUSE excite, whet, stimulate, provoke, \*turn on.

**piracy** *n.* robbery, hijacking, thievery, stealing, banditry, marauding, commandeering, looting, raiding, swashbuckling.

**pirate** *n.* buccaneer, privateer, corsair, freebooter, hijacker, sea robber, sea wolf, algerine.

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**WORD FIND**

**famous:** Long John Silver, Blackbeard, Captain Kidd  
**flag:** Jolly Roger, skull and crossbones  
**ship:** privateer, brigantine, picaroon

**pistol** *n.* revolver, six-shooter, firearm, \*rod, \*Saturday night special. SEE GUN

**pit** *n.* excavation, hole, abyss, chasm, mine, burrow, cavity, hollow, tomb, grave.

**pit** *v.* 1. GOUGE nick, dent, scratch, pock. 2. PLAY OFF match, vie, oppose, counter.

**pitch** *n.* 1. INCLINE slope, slant, grade, steepness, cant, tilt. 2. TONE timbre, key. 3. SALES PITCH spiel, patter. 4. THROW delivery, toss, fling, sling, fastball, curve ball, knuckleball, spitball.

**pitch** *v.* 1. THROW deliver, hurl, fling, sling, lob, cast, \*smoke one by, \*throw smoke, \*gun. 2. PLUNGE HEADLONG dive, dip, fall, drop, toss, topple, lurch, tumble. 3. ERECT put up, raise.

**pitcher** *n.* 1. JUG container, vessel, cruet, pot, ewer, bottle. 2. BASEBALL PITCHER hurler, \*fireballer, reliever, \*closer, ace, \*lefty, \*southpaw. SEE BASEBALL

**pitch in** *v.* help, \*chip in, participate, lend a hand, contribute, work.

**piteous** *a.* pitiful, pitiable, pathetic, heartbreaking, miserable, sad, wretched, deplorable,

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grievous, poignant. *ANT. honorable, proud, jubilant.*

**pitfall** *n.* trap, snare, booby trap, danger, peril, drawback, stumbling block, hazard, risk, \*catch.

**pitthy** *a.* concise, to the point, brief, succinct, meaningful, pointed, \*meaty, tight, focused. *ANT. rambling, wordy, digressive.*

**pitiful** *a.* pathetic, piteous, pitiable, miserable, wretched, sad, heartrending, heartbreaking, sorry, low, deplorable, grievous, lamentable. *ANT. happy, joyful, bright, humorous.*

**pitiless** *a.* hard, cruel, cold, unfeeling, merciless, uncompassionate, sociopathic, inhumane, inhuman, ruthless, barbarous, savage. *ANT. compassionate, merciful, caring.*

**pittance** *n.* \*chicken feed, \*drop in the bucket, \*slave wages, insufficiency, modicum, small change, \*peanuts. *ANT. wealth, \*miser's hoard, bounty.*

**pity** *n.* 1. COMPASSION mercy, feeling, sympathy, humanity, brotherly love, understanding, commiseration, tenderness, heart, ruth, softheartedness. "The scavenger of misery."—George Bernard Shaw. 2. \*CRYING SHAME shame, misfortune, crime, sorry situation, \*bummer. *ANT. 1. mercilessness, coldness, cruelty, ruthlessness. 2. good fortune, congratulation.*

**pity** *v.* feel sorry for, sympathize, feel compassion for, \*bleed for, ache for, commiserate, grieve for, condole, have mercy on.

**pivot** *n.* hub, turning point, axis, axle, center, fulcrum, swivel.

**pivot** *v.* turn, twirl, wheel, revolve, swing, rotate, spin, twist, circle.

**pivotal** *a.* critical, crucial, vital, focal, important, determining, decisive, paramount. *ANT. unimportant, insignificant, trivial.*

**pixie** *n.* imp, elf, sprite. *SEE FAIRY*

**placard** *n.* sign, notice, poster, posting, bill, announcement, advertisement.

**PLACATE** *v.* [PLAY kate] to pacify or soothe one's anger, appease. *To placate the screaming baby, we gave him a bottle.* *SYN.* pacify, soothe, appease, quiet, mollify, assuage, propitiate, moderate, conciliate. *ANT. aggravate, exacerbate, intensify, infuriate.*

**place** *n.* 1. LOCATION locale, locality, spot, site, point, whereabouts, space, position, \*corner of the world, station. 2. REGION territory, zone, district, neighborhood, area, city, town, village. 3. RESIDENCE house, dwelling, abode, \*pad, home, domicile, apartment, room, habitation. 4. POSITION standing, rank, pecking

order, station, grade, footing. 5. ROLE function, job, responsibility, affair, duty.

**place** *v.* 1. PUT locate, position, situate, lay, plant, fix, set, install, stand. 2. IDENTIFY recognize, remember, recall, \*put one's finger on.

**placebo** *n.* sugar pill, inert pill, fake, inactive medicine, preparation, control substance, test substance. *SEE MEDICINE*

**placenta** *n.* organ, afterbirth, fetal life support system.

**placid** *a.* peaceful, tranquil, calm, relaxed, serene, composed, imperturbable, self-possessed, quiet, gentle. *ANT. agitated, high-strung, fiery, turbulent.*

**plagiarism** *n.* copying, stealing, imitation, lifting, cribbing, borrowing, cheating. "Stealing a ride on someone else's train of thought."—Russel Curran.

**plague** *n.* 1. AFFLICTION scourge, epidemic, pandemic, outbreak, pestilence, contagion, bubonic plague, Black Death, calamity. 2. ANNOYANCE nuisance, irritant, \*thorn in one's side, aggravation, bother, \*pain, headache. *SEE DISEASE*

**plague** *v.* annoy, irritate, trouble, bother, harass, torment, hound, vex, irk, disturb.

**plaid** *a.* tartan, check patterned, checkered, crossbarred.

**plain** *n.* level land, expanse, grassland, field, meadow, prairie, steppe, tundra, savannah, \*land as flat and featureless as a Euclidian plane.

**plain** *a.* 1. CLEAR evident, obvious, apparent, visible, transparent, open, unmistakable, distinct. 2. UNDERSTANDABLE simple, straightforward, clear. 3. STRAIGHTFORWARD honest, frank, blunt, undisguised, unvarnished, outspoken, forthright, direct. 4. UNEMBELLISHED unadorned, undecorated, austere, stark, colorless, severe, simple, \*no frills, bare, restrained, understated. 5. HOMELY ugly, unattractive, \*not much to look at, \*short on looks. *ANT. 1. unapparent, unclear, ambiguous. 2. indecipherable, incomprehensible. 3. disguised, indirect. 4. ostentatious, showy, colorful. 5. beautiful, attractive, pretty.*

**PLAINTIVE** *a.* [PLANE tiv] expressing sadness. *The lost fawn gave a plaintive cry.* *SYN.* sad, sorrowful, melancholy, mournful, pathetic, piteous, pitiful, heartrending, wistful, doleful, heartsick. *ANT. happy, cheery, perky.*

**plan** *n.* scheme, strategy, design, outline, idea, plot, course, agenda, schedule, program, proposal, blueprint, scenario, intention.

**plan** *v.* 1. SCHEME design, outline, plot, set agenda, work out, schedule, program, propose, blueprint, organize, draft, project, map out, ready. 2. INTEND aim, mean, count on, propose.

**plane** *n.* aircraft, jet. SEE AIRCRAFT

**planet** *n.* world, celestial body, heavenly body, planetoid, sphere, globe, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Earth, Saturn, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, Pluto SEE ASTRONOMY, MOON, SPACE

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**WORD FIND**

**first planet visibly photographed outside our solar system:** Formalhaut-B

**forming body:** planetesimal

**forming, in process of:** protoplanet

**pathway:** orbit

**ring of dust around sun from which planet will form:** protoplanetary debris

**shadow of:** umbra

**study of:** planetology

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**plank** *n.* board, stud, two-by-four, beam.

**plant** *n.* 1. VEGETABLE herb, flower, weed, grass, greenery, perennial, annual, shrub, tree, seedling, shoot, cutting. 2. FACTORY manufactory, mill, works, yard, foundry, assembly line.

**plant** *v.* sow, seed, set, scatter, implant, start, root, transplant, embed, install.

**plantation** *n.* farm, cropland, orchard, agricultural site, estate, hacienda.

**plastic** *a.* flexible, malleable, pliable, pliant, supple, moldable, yielding, resilient. *ANT.* *hard, unyielding, rigid.*

**plastic surgery** *n.* cosmetic surgery, reconstructive surgery, facelift, \*nose job, rhinoplasty, tummy tuck, eye tuck, chemical peel, liposuction, dermabrasion. SEE MEDICINE

**plate** *n.* dish, platter, china, saucer.

**plateau** *n.* mesa, tableland, highland, upland. SEE MOUNTAIN

**platform** *n.* 1. STAGE dais, rostrum, podium, stand, scaffold, soapbox. 2. PROGRAM policies, beliefs, plan, party line, stance, manifesto.

**PLATITUDE** *n.* [PLAT i tood] a trite or clichéd remark, often given as original. *Politicians spewed platitudes to a jaded audience.* *SYN.* trite remark, cliché, banality, bromide, \*chestnut, \*saw, \*familiar tune, \*twice-told tale, \*spent horse, \*same old same old, \*corn, truism.

**PLATONIC** *a.* [pluh TAWN ik] referring to a love relationship based only on emotion,

not sex. *They had a strictly platonic relationship.* *SYN.* nonphysical, nonsexual, emotional, spiritual, idealistic, celibate. *ANT.* *physical, sexual, lustful.*

**platoon** *n.* unit, two squads, group, detachment. SEE ARMY

**plaudits** *n.* applause, praise, approval, cheers, kudos, acclaim, raves, standing ovation.

**plausible** *a.* believable, credible, reasonable, likely, probable, tenable, sound, possible, feasible. *ANT.* *implausible, unlikely, impossible.*

**play** *n.* 1. SHOW drama, stage play, production, performance, entertainment, melodrama, musical, comedy, farce, tragedy. 2. FUN amusement, recreation, entertainment, sport, relaxation, game-playing, diversion, frolic, romping, pastime.

**play** *v.* 1. HAVE FUN recreate, romp, amuse oneself, engage in sport, \*cut loose, \*let down one's hair, clown around, kid around, frolic, cavort. 2. COMPETE vie, go up against, contend, pit oneself against. 3. PERFORM portray, take the part of.

**playboy** *n.* pleasure seeker, \*swinger, stud, partyer, \*pick up artist, flirt, philanderer, smooth operator, womanizer, hedonist, debaucher, libertine, rake, Lothario, Don Juan, Casanova, \*skirt-chaser, ladies' man, \*make-out artist.

**player** *n.* 1. COMPETITOR team member, athlete, \*jock, contestant, opponent, participant. 2. ACTOR actress, performer, thespian, trouper, \*ham.

**playful** *a.* frisky, frolicsome, fun, coltish, childish, spirited, lively, jaunty, impish, prankish, mirthful. *ANT.* *sober, serious, grave.*

**playgirl** *n.* pleasure seeker, party girl, \*Cosmo girl, lover girl, hedonist, debauchee, flirt, swinger, seductress.

**playground** *n.* recreation area, field, yard, park.

**playwright** *n.* author, writer, dramatist, screenwriter.

**plaza** *n.* square, open area, court, quadrangle, piazza, green, marketplace, mall.

**plea** *n.* 1. EXCUSE defense, explanation, justification, alibi, apology, argument. 2. REQUEST appeal, entreaty, begging, petition, solicitation, prayer, supplication.

**plead** *v.* beg, appeal, implore, beseech, entreat, solicit, pray, supplicate, petition.

**pleasant** *a.* pleasing, pleasurable, enjoyable, gratifying, agreeable, nice, delightful, good, welcome, likable, friendly, sweet, charming, kindly, amicable, cheering, warm, gracious,

good-natured. *ANT. unpleasant, painful, miserable, disagreeable.*

**pleasantry** *n.* quip, kidding, jest, joke, banter, repartee, crack, bon mot, witticism, polite remark, small talk.

**please** *v.* 1. MAKE HAPPY gratify, satisfy, gladden, \*tickle, suit, delight, cheer, warm. 2. CHOOSE want, like, desire, be inclined.

**pleasing** *a.* pleasurable, gratifying, pleasant, delightful, agreeable, enjoyable, winning, charming, likable, cheering, friendly, sweet, kindly, amiable, warm, gracious, goodnatured. *ANT. displeasing, disagreeable, unpleasant.*

**pleasure** *n.* enjoyment, delight, happiness, contentment, elation, euphoria, amusement, joy, bliss, gratification, good feeling. *ANT. displeasure, pain, misery.*

**plebian, plebeian** *n.* commoner, proletarian, peasant, \*plebe, man on the street, woman on the street, \*John Q. Public, \*Joe Blow.

**PLEBIAN, PLEBEIAN** *a.* [pluh BEE un] common, lower-class, vulgar. *He objected to her plebeian lifestyle.* *SYN.* common, low, ignoble, humble, working-class, proletarian, pedestrian, mean, uncultivated, coarse, vulgar. *ANT. aristocratic, noble, highborn.*

**pledge** *n.* 1. PROMISE vow, word of honor, oath, guarantee, contract, assurance, agreement. 2. SECURITY bond, collateral, guaranty, surety, stake, earnest money.

**pledge** *v.* promise, vow, give one's word, guarantee, swear, contract, pawn.

**plentiful** *a.* abundant, bountiful, overflowing, full, \*chock-full, profuse, ample, teeming, fat, great, thick, bumper, prolific, swarming, copious, replete. *ANT. scant, scarce, sparse.*

**plenty** *n.* abundance, \*loads, wealth, profusion, lots, bunch, quantity, volume, scores, mountains, overabundance, surplus, plethora, glut, \*oodles, whole slew, \*miser's hoard. *ANT. shortage, scarcity, dearth.*

**PLETHORA** *n.* [PLETH ur uh] an overabundance. *The politician made a plethora of promises.* *SYN.* overabundance, excess, profusion, flood, overflow, deluge, surfeit, overkill, \*too much of a good thing, glut. *ANT. shortage, scarcity.*

**pliable** *a.* pliant, flexible, bendable, malleable, supple, yielding, plastic, elastic, moldable, impressionable. *ANT. rigid, unyielding, hard.*

**plight** *n.* predicament, situation, state of affairs, circumstances, trouble, tribulation, dilemma, \*fix, \*scrape, \*pickle.

**plod** *v.* 1. TRUDGE walk heavily, tramp, slog, drag one's feet, stamp, stomp, move laboriously, lumber. 2. WORK STEADILY drudge, plug away, grind away, slave, sweat, toil.

**plot** *n.* 1. AREA OF LAND lot, tract, parcel, subdivision, piece, patch, acreage. 2. SCHEME conspiracy, plan, machination, design, intrigue. 3. STORY theme, narrative, design, action, story line.

**plot** *v.* 1. SCHEME conspire, plan, design, machinate, intrigue, collude, maneuver, \*make backdoor arrangements. 2. MAP OUT chart, draft, lay out, outline.

**plow** *v.* break ground, turn over, till, harrow, furrow, cultivate, hoe, dig up, \*rototill.

**ploy** *n.* maneuver, device, action, trick, move, play, tactic, gambit, stratagem, subterfuge, goal, complication.

**pluck** *n.* courage, fortitude, guts, mettle, spunk, backbone, spine, boldness, \*balls, nerve.

**pluck** *v.* pick, pull out, yank, jerk, harvest, gather.

**plucky** *a.* courageous, brave, \*gutsy, \*ballsy, \*nervy, spunky, bold, tough, determined, tenacious. *ANT. meek, cowardly.*

**plug** *n.* 1. STOPPER cork, bung. 2. GOOD WORD blurb, advertisement, mention.

**plumb** *v.* fathom, probe, explore, sound, \*get to the bottom of, delve, penetrate, investigate.

**plumb** *a.* vertical, straight down, upright, perpendicular. *ANT. horizontal.*

**plummet** *v.* plunge, fall, dive, drop, nose-dive, descend, crash, tumble, \*rocket earthward. *ANT. ascend, rise, go up.*

**plump** *a.* fat, chubby, endomorphic, corpulent, \*chunky, rotund, full-figured, stout, obese, zaftig, obese, tubby, moon-faced. *ANT. anorexic, thin, slender.* SEE FAT

**plunder** *n.* pillage, robbery, loot, booty, spoils, prize.

**plunder** *v.* rob, take, loot, pillage, ransack, appropriate, raid, despoil, sack, rape.

**plunge** *n.* drop, fall, dive, descent, nosedive, jump.

**plunge** *v.* 1. DIVE rush, descend, fall, drop, nose-dive, plummet, hustle, pitch, swoop. 2. THROW ONESELF INTO charge, lunge, dash, leap, shoot, surge, pounce, spring, jump headlong. *ANT. 1. ascend, rise, go up. 2. proceed slowly, move with caution.*

**plunk** *v.* throw down, plop.

**plural** *a.* more than one, multiple, numerous, many. *ANT. single, singular.*

**plus** *n.* extra, bonus, asset, advantage, benefit. *ANT. liability, negative.*

**plus** *a.* additional, added, extra, supplementary. *ANT. minus, negative.*

**plush** *a.* luxurious, rich, lush, opulent, sumptuous, posh, deluxe, elegant. *ANT.* stark, austere, plain.

**ply** *v.* work at, practice, engage in, carry on, pursue, follow, employ, use, wield.

**pneumonia** *n.* lung inflammation, acute infection, viral infection, disease, pulmonary disease, bacterial infection, illness, sickness. SEE DISEASE, MEDICINE

**poach** *v.* trespass, encroach, take game illegally, steal.

**poacher** *n.* thief, pilferer, scofflaw, intruder, trespasser, hunter.

**pocket** *n.* 1. POUCH fob, sack, bag. 2. HOLLOW opening, hole, cavity.

**pocket** *v.* take, filch, steal, nab, lift, pilfer, shop-lift, appropriate, \*walk off with.

**pocketbook** *n.* purse, handbag, wallet, billfold, clutch.

**pockmark** *n.* pit, gouge, crater.

**podium** *n.* platform, dais, rostrum, stage.

**poem** *n.* verse, rhyme, composition, ode, sonnet, lyric, limerick. SEE POETRY

**WORD FIND**

**fifteen-line, three stanza with only two rhymes:** rondeau

**four line:** quatrain

**heroic narrative:** epic

**Japanese:** haiku

**love:** madrigal

**pastoral or rural theme:** idyll

**rhyme and meter, without:** free verse

**rhythm:** meter

**satirical, witty and short:** epigram

**study of:** prosody

**talentless poet:** poetaster

**two line:** couplet

**poet** *n.* versifier, rhymer, lyricist, bard, poetaster, author. "The painter of the soul."—Isaac D'Israeli. "A nightingale who sits in darkness and sings to cheer its own solitude with sweet sounds."—Percy Bysshe Shelley.

**poetic** *a.* romantic, flowery, idyllic, symbolic, metaphoric, musical, melodic, songlike, lyrical, singsong. *ANT.* prosaic.

**poetry** *n.* verse, rhyme, poems, song, composition, balladry. "Vocal painting."—Simonides. "The impish attempt to paint the color of the wind."—Maxwell Bodenheim. "Talking on tiptoe."—George Meredith. "Life distilled."—Gwendolyn Brooks. "The best words in their best order."—Samuel Taylor Coleridge. SEE POEM

**POIGNANT** *a.* [POIN yunt] moving or touching, especially in a painful way. The poignant final scene moved the audience to tears. *SYN.* moving, touching, painful, emotional, heartrending, heartbreaking, soul-stirring, sad, pitiful, pathetic, agonizing. *ANT.* insipid, vapid, flat, emotionless.

**point** *n.* 1. MARK dot, spot, period. 2. LOCATION spot, place, position, site. 3. TIME instant, moment, juncture, stage. 4. TIP end, top, nib, head, prick, spike. 5. FOCUS thrust, meaning, idea, core, heart, essence, theme, issue, gist, object. 6. PURPOSE aim, object, goal, end, use, sense, value. 7. ARGUMENT fact, idea.

**point** *v.* direct, aim, train, level, guide, draw a bead on.

**pointed** *a.* sharp, to the point, piercing, penetrating, incisive, cutting, insinuating, trenchant. *ANT.* vague, meaningless, wishy-washy.

**pointless** *a.* meaningless, senseless, irrelevant, inconsequential, vain, stupid, nonsensical, purposeless, worthless, inane. *ANT.* meaningful, useful, purposeful.

**poise** *n.* 1. BALANCE stability, equilibrium, equipoise. 2. DIGNITY self-assurance, aplomb, coolness, confidence, sangfroid, serenity, composure, savoir faire, equanimity, presence of mind. "The ability to be ill at ease inconspicuously."—Earl Wilson. "The art of raising your eyebrows instead of the roof."—Howard Newton. *ANT.* 1. imbalance, instability. 2. insecurity, \*loss of cool, panic.

**poison** *n.* toxin, deadly chemical, venom, germ, miasma, toxic substance, carcinogen, strychnine, cyanide, arsenic, hemlock, lead, carbon monoxide, caustic soda, mustard gas, nerve gas, nightshade. *ANT.* antidote.

**poison** *v.* contaminate, infect, taint, envenom, make ill, kill, \*slip a mickey, adulterate, pervert, defile.

**poisonous** *a.* toxic, venomous, virulent, carcinogenic, noxious, deadly, lethal, malignant, pernicious, vitriolic, caustic. *ANT.* healthy, beneficial, benign.

**poke** *v.* 1. HIT nudge, prod, push, jab, punch, shove, butt, finger. 2. DAWDLER loiter, putter, lag, mosey along, drag one's feet.

**poker** *n.* card game, draw poker, stud poker, strip poker.

**WORD FIND**

**facial expression:** deadpan, poker-faced, wooden, stony

**sequence, five cards in:** straight

**show hands:** call

**stake:** pot, ante, chips, kitty  
**suit, five cards of same:** flush, royal flush  
**suit, four cards of same:** four flush  
**three of a kind and a pair:** full house  
**withdraw:** fold

**POLARIZE** *v.* [POH luh RIZE] to take opposing sides. *Certain issues have the tendency to polarize Americans.* SYN. split, oppose, counter, contradict, take side, conflict, \*be on the opposite ends of the spectrum, differ, diverge. ANT. *join forces, ally, confederate, merge, unite.*

**pole** *n.* post, shaft, staff, rod, standard, stick, mast.  
**police/policeman/woman** *n.* law enforcement, \*arm of the law, force, law, \*heat, \*cops, bobby, \*John Law, \*fuzz, constable, officer, keeper of the peace, patrolman, highway patrol, state trooper, \*badge, sheriff, marshal, deputy. SEE COURT, DETECTIVE, INTERROGATE, LAW

**WORD FIND**

**altering of crime scene to mislead police:** crime scene staging  
**arrest:** \*collar, \*bust, apprehend  
**baton:** billy club, nightstick  
**blood spatter patterns, reading of:** blood-stain pattern analysis  
**blood-revealing chemical:** Luminol; orthotolidine solution  
**bloodstain is human or animal, test to determine if:** ouchteriony test  
**bone analysis, department of human:** forensic anthropology  
**book of recorded arrests:** blotter  
**British:** bobby  
**bullet and firearm identification, study of:** ballistics  
**bulletin or criminal alert:** APB, all points bulletin  
**bullets and shells from crime scenes, archive of:** Integrated Ballistics Identification System  
**characteristic technique or style of serial criminal:** signature  
**computer files and data, analysis of suspect's:** computer forensics  
**confession forced under suspect's duress and exhaustion:** false confession  
**consumer fraud, fraudulent checks, counterfeit money, forgeries, dept. handling:** bunco-forgery  
**criminal running free:** at large  
**cruiser's rotating roof light:** cherry, beacon

**CSU:** crime scene unit  
**defensive spray:** pepper spray, Mace  
**DNA identification technique:** DNA fingerprinting  
**dog police:** K-9 division  
**drugs and prostitution squad:** vice squad  
**evidence and facts in a case, all:** corpus delicti  
**false name used by criminal:** alias  
**fingerprinting system:** Bertillon system  
**fingerprints formed by perspiration or body oils which cannot be readily seen:** latent fingerprints  
**fingerprints on adhesive tape, powder and glass cleaner used to enhance:** black powder method  
**fingerprints on bomb fragments and bullet casings, technique revealing:** corrosive fingerprint technique  
**fingerprints, study of:** dactylography  
**fire-starting liquids, any:** accelerants  
**fly most often laying eggs on corpse within hours of death and used to determine time of death:** blowfly  
**French:** gendarme  
**getaway car around and stopping it, technique of spinning:** pit maneuver  
**gun barrel's spiraling grooves used to identify fired bullets:** rifling  
**gun of choice for many patrolmen:** .357 Magnum  
**hand and finger wounds on murder victim:** defensive wounds  
**holding of criminal:** detention  
**hunts criminals for reward:** bounty hunter  
**informer:** \*snitch, \*fink, \*rat, \*canary, \*stool pigeon  
**insect science:** forensic entomology  
**interrogation of criminal:** third degree  
**investigates crime-related deaths:** coroner  
**investigates police wrongdoing:** Internal Affairs Division  
**laboratory analyzing specimens, explosives, toxins, blood samples, hairs, etc.:** crime lab; trace analysis division  
**laboratory tech or specialist:** criminalist  
**lie detector:** polygraph  
**lineup in which true suspect is not included:** blank lineup  
**London police:** Scotland Yard  
**luring one into an illegal act:** entrapment  
**massive convergence of police at a particular site to make a group arrest:** swoop

**massive, organized crackdown of crime in one area:** sweep  
**method of operation, criminal's:** MO, *modus operandi*  
**microphone, carrying a concealed:** \*wired  
**military:** MP  
**murder dept.:** homicide division  
**nails used to puncture getaway car's tires, mat of:** spike strip  
**narcotics officer:** \*narc  
**navy ship officer:** master-at-arms  
**networking search for criminal:** dragnet, manhunt  
**overseer of police:** commissioner  
**paramilitary squad:** S.W.A.T., Special Weapons and Tactics  
**photo of criminal:** mug shot  
**pin-like hemorrhages under eyelid of victim, indicative of strangulation or asphyxiation:** petechial hemorrhages  
**plaster cast taken of object for evidence:** moulage  
**pollens, study and identification of:** paly-nology  
**reading of rights, rule:** Miranda rule  
**record of criminal's arrests, convictions:** rap sheet  
**register criminal at jail:** book  
**reward for capture:** bounty  
**search criminal's body:** frisk  
**search, permission to:** search warrant  
**section of city covered by one station:** precinct  
**shocking gun:** stun gun; Taser  
**soil and stone analysis:** forensic geology  
**stolen cars are stripped of parts, garage where:** chop shop  
**substances and drugs, device that identifies:** gas-chromatography mass spectrometer  
**surveillance:** stakeout  
**take law into their own hands:** vigilantes  
**teeth as identification, study of:** odontology  
**vehicle:** cruiser, squad car, prowler car, \*paddy wagon, Black Maria

**policy** *n.* custom, code, course, procedure, \*the book, rule, guideline, method, line of action, way, system.

**polish** *n.* 1. SHINE sheen, brilliance, gloss, finish, luster, buff, glaze, varnish. 2. REFINEMENT cultivation, finish, grace, elegance, poise, savoir faire, suavity. *ANT.* 1. *tarnish, grime.* 2. *imperfection, awkwardness, coarseness.*

**polite** *a.* well-mannered, courteous, gracious, civil, considerate, thoughtful, courtly, behaved, gentlemanly, ladylike, refined, nice, diplomatic. *ANT.* *rude, discourteous, boorish, ill-mannered.*

**politeness** *a.* "One half good nature and the other half good lying."—Mary Little. "Consists in being easy about oneself, and in making everyone about one as easy as one can."—Alexander Pope.

**politic** *a.* diplomatic, prudent, tactful, discreet, delicate, shrewd, smooth, judicious. *ANT.* *tactless, rude, cloddish.*

**political** *a.* governmental, civic, civil, bureaucratic, administrative, legislative, executive.

**political action committee** *n.* PAC, special interest group, lobby, lobbyist, power brokers, influence peddlers, backers, bankrollers. *SEE* POLITICS, GOVERNMENT

**politically correct** *a.* socially acceptable, inoffensive, sensitive, sanitized, multiculturally sensitive, oversensitive, emphatic, considerate, diplomatic, tactful, politic, self-censoring, mealy mouthed. *ANT.* *politically incorrect, offensive.*

**politician** *n.* public servant, office holder, politico, civil servant, statesman, legislator, lawmaker, democrat, republican, congressman, senator, representative, bureaucrat, \*baby kisser. "Trustees of the people."—Grover Cleveland. "A dealer in promises."—Gabriel Chevallier. *SEE* CONGRESS, ELECTION, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

## WORD FIND

**appeals to prejudices of people to win them over:** demagogue

**attacks opponents, associate who:** hatchetman

**candidate who already holds office:** incumbent

**candidate who is unlikely to win:** dark horse

**conservative party member:** Republican

**conservator of the past:** conservative, mossback

**extremist:** radical

**liberal:** democratic

**middle-of-the-roader:** moderate

**older, respected politician:** elder statesman

**outsider who is resented:** carpetbagger

**party leader:** whip

**party, member of neither:** independent

**progress and reform, advocates:** liberal

**serves party interests over his/her own:** good soldier

**skilled, respected politician:** statesman  
**sob story suckers:** bleeding heart liberals  
**southern conservative democrats:** boll weevils  
**veterans:** old guard  
**weakened politician after loss of election:** lame duck

**politics** *n.* government, political science, legislature, civics, affairs of state, statesmanship. "War without bloodshed."—Mao Tse-tung. "The diplomatic name for the law of the jungle."—Ely Culbertson. "The moral man's compromise, the swindler's method, and the fool's hope."—John Ciardi. SEE ELECTION, CONGRESS, GOVERNMENT

**WORD FIND**

**ambiguous language used by politicians:** doublespeak, weasel words  
**analyst, observer, political:** pundit  
**appointment, cushy political:** political plum  
**backscratching, reciprocal political:** log-rolling  
**breaking the law to make a point, protest:** civil disobedience  
**cause, one who works for a:** activist  
**corruption, profit from:** graft  
**demand of the people to carry out some action:** mandate  
**dissenting group within larger body:** faction, splinter group  
**engage in:** politick  
**expert investigative panel:** blue-ribbon panel  
**group with common cause or goal:** bloc  
**hands-off economic policy:** laissez-faire  
**heartland of America, how issue is received in:** play in Peoria  
**hedge or be wishy-washy on issue:** waffle  
**hysterical investigation, finger-pointing:** McCarthyism, witch hunt  
**influence group or attempt to influence vote:** lobby  
**influences politician's vote on issue:** lobbyist, pressure group  
**insults, trading of between politicians:** mudslinging, smear campaign  
**issue used to distract public from more important issue:** red herring  
**local projects that are sometimes wasteful, treasury for:** pork barrel  
**member, supporter of organization, referring to serious:** card carrying, dyed-in-the-wool

**minding one's own business international-ly:** isolationism  
**multiculturally sensitive:** politically correct  
**negotiating concession:** bargaining chip  
**neutral:** nonpartisan  
**nonmilitary hostility between nations:** cold war  
**opponents, bad guys:** black hats  
**party, dual:** bipartisan  
**party ideology:** party line  
**party line, following:** singing from the party hymnal  
**passing responsibility, burden or blame to someone else:** buck passing  
**pocketbooks, issue that affects voters':** bread and butter issue  
**popular issue jumped on to make politician look good or to help party:** bandwagon, political football  
**popular support for an issue:** ground swell, grassroots support  
**powerless nation that makes threats:** paper tiger  
**project that wastes taxpayers' money:** boondoggle  
**research trip taken by politician:** junket, fact-finding trip  
**speech, argument, persuasion:** rhetoric  
**speech, crowd-rousing:** stemwinder  
**speech, long-winded:** filibuster  
**tactfulness, negotiation, art of:** diplomacy  
**threat of military action:** saber-rattling  
**uproar, controversy:** brouhaha  
**warming of relations between two formerly hostile nations:** detente

**poll** *n.* survey, sampling, census, canvass, tally.  
**poll** *v.* survey, sample, take a census, canvass, question, tally.  
**pollster** *n.* survey taker, surveyor, poll-taker, public opinion gatherer.  
**pollutant** *n.* contaminant, toxin, toxic waste, hazardous waste, scum, filth, runoff, pollution.  
**pollute** *v.* contaminate, poison, dirty, taint, adulterate, foul, sully, spoil, corrupt, defile.  
**pollution** *n.* contamination, toxic waste, hazardous waste, poison, taint, adulteration, fouling, defilement, sewage, runoff, smog. "The reek that shall inherit the earth."—Anon.  
**Pollyanna** *n.* optimist, blind optimist, idealist, Dr. Pangloss, \*one who wears rose-colored glasses.  
**poltergeist** *n.* ghost, \*thing that goes bump in the night, \*spook, doppelganger. SEE GHOST

**polygamy** *n.* bigamy, group marriage, polygyny.

SEE MARRIAGE

**pomp** *n.* splendor, show, display, grandeur, spectacle, pageantry, ceremony, ostentation, pomposity. *ANT.* *simplicity.*

**pompous** *a.* pretentious, egotistic, self-important, arrogant, haughty, supercilious, overbearing, condescending, patronizing, inflated, overblown, ostentatious. *ANT.* *modest, humble, down to earth.*

**poncho** *n.* cloak, raincoat, garment.

**pond** *n.* marsh, bog, lagoon, pool, fish pond. SEE LAKE

**ponder** *v.* think about, weigh, consider, deliberate, contemplate, meditate, ruminate, reflect, cogitate, evaluate.

**ponderous** *a.* heavy, bulky, unwieldy, massive, prodigious, awkward, cumbersome, clumsy, laborious. *ANT.* *handy, lightweight, pocket-sized.*

**PONTIFICATE** *v.* [pawN TIF i KATE] to preach or lecture, especially in a dogmatic way; sermonize. *He liked to pontificate on the dangers of beer.* *SYN.* preach, lecture, sermonize, harangue, hold forth, moralize, \*get up on one's moral soapbox, admonish, declaim.

**pool** *n.* 1. PUDDLE pond, lagoon, spring, swimming hole, reservoir. SEE LAKE 2. COMBINATION association, collective, trust, consortium, union, collation. 3. FUNDS \*pot, \*kitty, bank, reserves.

**pool** *v.* combine, share, consolidate, merge, ally, join together.

**pooped** *adv.* exhausted, tired, drained, sapped, worn out, fatigued, \*out of gas, \*beat, weary, tuckered out. *ANT.* *energized, invigorated.*

**poor** *a.* 1. DESTITUTE poverty-stricken, impoverished, indigent, \*strapped, \*broke, bankrupt, \*down and out, \*hard up, needy, homeless. 2. INADEQUATE lacking, deficient, unsatisfactory, subpar, second-rate, inferior, insufficient, sorry, low grade, substandard, cheap, pitiable, wanting, shoddy, shabby. 3. UNFORTUNATE pitiful, pitiable, pathetic, hapless, miserable, unlucky, wretched. *ANT.* 1. *rich, wealthy, well-off.* 2. *superior, first-rate, superb.* 3. *lucky, fortunate, blessed.*

**pop** *v.* bust, explode, blow up, bang, crack, report, blow, go off.

**pope** *n.* pontiff, bishop of Rome, patriarch, vicar of Christ. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION

#### WORD FIND

**ambassador:** nuncio

**answer to question of doctrine:** rescript

**cape:** fanon; mozetta

**court:** Curia

**court office:** datary

**crown:** tiara

**decree:** decretal

**electing group:** Sacred College of Cardinals

**envoy:** legate

**head piece:** miter

**letter to bishops:** encyclical

**meeting to elect new pope:** conclave

**office or jurisdiction of:** papacy

**residence:** Vatican

**succession of popes:** papacy

**poppycock** *n.* \*bull, rot, baloney, hogwash, rubbish, bunk, nonsense, balderdash, \*horsefeathers, malarkey.

**popular** *a.* 1. WELL-LIKED favorite, in demand, sought after, crowd-pleasing, in style, in vogue, \*all the rage, beloved, \*boffo, celebrated, renowned. 2. COMMON general, public, standard, conventional, universal, prevailing. *ANT.* 1. *unwanted, outmoded, disliked.* 2. *uncommon, limited.*

**popularity** *n.* approval, esteem, regard, acclaim, favor, adoration, acceptance, appeal, idolization, demand, fame.

**population** *n.* inhabitants, residents, populace, census, citizenry, people.

**populous** *a.* crowded, dense, overpopulated, \*crawling with people, mobbed, \*wall to wall, \*elbow to elbow, swarming. *ANT.* *vacant, unpopulated.*

**porch** *n.* veranda, stoop, steps, portico, gallery, deck.

**pore** *v.* read, study, peruse, look over, examine, review, scrutinize.

**pornographic** *a.* obscene, sexually explicit, X-rated, indecent, dirty, filthy, lewd, titillating, salacious, erotic, blue, sexy, lascivious. *ANT.* *wholesome, G-rated, \*clean.*

**pornography** *n.* smut, obscene materials, X-rated materials, erotica, adult material, sexually explicit material, filth, dirt magazines, blue movie, \*skin flick.

**port** *n.* harbor, dock, pier, wharf, berth, anchorage, landing, mooring, quay, haven.

**portable** *a.* transportable, movable, transferable, conveyable, light, compact, pocket-sized, handy. *ANT.* *immovable, fixed, unwieldy.*

**portal** *n.* entrance, doorway, gate, ingress, passageway, threshold.

- portend** *v.* bode, foretell, predict, presage, forewarn, foreshadow, augur, herald, harbinger, point to, bespeak.
- PORTENT** *n.* [POR tent] a sign of things to come, a forewarning. *A storm cloud on the horizon is one portent sailors should take seriously.* SYN. sign of things to come, forewarning, omen, harbinger, herald, augury, indication, threat, presage, \*handwriting on the wall.
- portentious** *a.* ominous, foreboding, threatening, menacing, doomed, prophetic, inauspicious, unpromising. ANT. *reassuring, encouraging.*
- portion** *n.* part, share, cut, section, division, ration, measure, segment, parcel, hunk, chunk, serving, allotment.
- portion** *v.* divide, apportion, segment, allocate, section, ration, dispense, dole out, mete out.
- portly** *a.* stout, large, heavy, corpulent, fat, rotund, plump, spherical, obese, pudgy. ANT. *thin, anorexic, skinny.*
- portray** *v.* depict, represent, characterize, limn, caricature, profile, mimic, delineate, simulate.
- pose** *n.* position, posture, stance, attitude, air, mien, guise, pretense, facade.
- pose** *v.* 1. STRIKE A POSE position, posture, stand, model, sit for, assume an attitude. 2. AFFECT pretend, put on, feign, posture, put on an act, show off, \*put on airs, \*peacock. 3. PUT FORTH ask, offer, assert, posit, propound.
- posh** *a.* luxurious, elegant, grand, \*ritzy, deluxe, sumptuous, rich, opulent, \*swanky, fancy. ANT. *humble, modest, low-class.*
- position** *n.* 1. LOCATION site, placement, place, locality, situation, \*whereabouts, spot, point, bearings. 2. ATTITUDE stand, point of view, viewpoint, outlook, opinion. 3. POSTURE pose, stance, attitude. 4. JOB post, office, function, duty, responsibility, appointment. 5. STATUS standing, class, eminence, station, stature, prestige.
- positive** *a.* 1. CERTAIN absolute, express, explicit, definite, unqualified, categorical, sure, emphatic, precise, specific, firm. 2. BENEFICIAL useful, good, constructive, helpful, practical. ANT. *1. uncertain, qualified, equivocal. 2. negative, deleterious.*
- positively** *adv.* absolutely, certainly, surely, definitely, undeniably, categorically, doubtlessly, unquestionably, emphatically.
- possess** *v.* have, own, hold, enjoy, control, retain, occupy, be blessed with, keep, maintain.
- possessed** *a.* bedeviled, bewitched, haunted, cursed, crazed, entranced, under a spell, enthralled, demonized.
- possession** *n.* 1. OWNERSHIP custody, control, hold, proprietorship, title, occupancy. 2. PROPERTY belonging, effect, holding, \*things, \*stuff, worldly good.
- possessive** *a.* greedy, grasping, acquisitive, proprietary, controlling, dominating. ANT. *generous.*
- possibility** *n.* chance, likelihood, odds, feasibility, prospect, probability, plausibility, eventuality, hazard.
- possible** *a.* feasible, doable, conceivable, attainable, imaginable, obtainable, viable, potential, probable, likely. ANT. *impossible, unlikely, unthinkable.*
- post** *n.* 1. UPRIGHT shaft, pile, column, stake, support, prop, stud. 2. JOB position, office, duty, appointment, situation, role, assignment. 3. STATION lookout, beat.
- post** *v.* put up, display, affix, publicize, announce, notify, report, circulate.
- poster** *n.* placard, bill, advertisement, picture, artistic work, print, lithograph, illustration, reproduction.
- posterior** *n.* backside, rump, rear, buttock, \*butt, bottom, tail, \*tush. ANT. *anterior, fore.*
- posterior** *a.* rear, back, hind, after, last.
- posterity** *n.* descendants, following generations, successors, heirs, offspring, progeny. ANT. *ancestors.*
- postman** *n.* mailman, mailwoman, letter carrier.
- postpone** *v.* delay, defer, suspend, put off, put on hold, shelve, \*issue a rain check, cancel.
- postscript** *n.* P.S., P.P.S., epilogue, appendix, addendum, conclusion, closing thought, afterthought.
- postulate** *n.* assumption, supposition, presumption, theory, hypothesis, guess, speculation, fundamental.
- POSTULATE** *v.* [POS chuh LATE] to assume without proof. *Astronomers postulate that extraterrestrial life exists in the universe.* SYN. assume, suppose, guess, theorize, hypothesize, figure, posit, surmise, take for granted, speculate.
- posture** *n.* 1. STANCE position, pose, carriage, bearing, aspect, attitude, deportment. 2. OPINION attitude, frame of mind, point of view, outlook. 3. CIRCUMSTANCES condition, situation, state of affairs.
- pot** *n.* 1. KETTLE saucepan, cauldron, boiler, vessel, pressure cooker. 2. MARIJUANA \*dope, \*weed, \*grass. SEE MARIJUANA

**potable** *n.* drink, beverage.

**potable** *a.* drinkable, fit to drink, palatable, pure, non-toxic, clean. *ANT.* *toxic*

**potato** *n.* tuber, \*spud, yam.

**potent** *a.* effective, powerful, strong, fertile, vital, dynamic, cogent, vigorous, compelling, forceful, \*packing a punch, virile, influential, moving, weighty, efficacious. *ANT.* *impotent, weak, powerless, helpless, ineffectual.*

**potentate** *n.* ruler, monarch, sovereign, emperor, king, prince, crowned head, president, chieftain, dictator.

**potential** *n.* capability, untapped ability, capacity, \*makings, possibility, promise, prospect, \*sleeping giant.

**potential** *a.* possible, latent, unrealized, \*sleeping, dormant, promising, budding, future, lurking, developing.

**pothole** *n.* rut, chuckhole, frost heave, pit, crater, pocket, cavity, fracture, chasm.

**potion** *n.* elixir, concoction, brew, drink, dose, medicine, \*love potion, tonic, remedy, mixture.

**potpourri** *n.* mixture, hodgepodge, medley, miscellany, assortment, \*mixed bag, mélange, \*combo, mishmash, hash.

**pouch** *n.* bag, sack, pocket, holder, receptacle, poke.

**pounce** *v.* spring, leap, swoop, jump, assault, descend upon, surprise.

**pound** *n.* enclosure, pen, holding pen, kennel.

**pound** *v.* 1. BANG beat, strike, batter, drub, wallop, hammer, hit, pelt, thump. 2. PULSATE palpitate, beat, throb, hammer, flutter.

**pour** *v.* 1. LET FLOW spill, decant, slosh, drop, drip, trickle, dribble, spew, splash, funnel, stream, gush, flow, cascade. 2. RAIN HARD \*rain cats and dogs, drench, flood, \*come down in buckets, \*come down in sheets, soak, splatter.

**pout** *v.* sulk, mope, put on a long face, roll out one's lip, brood, \*feel sorry for oneself, snifle. *ANT.* *smile, grin, laugh.* SEE CRY

**poverty** *n.* poorness, want, need, destitution, indigence, pennilessness, privation, penury, financial distress, \*wolf at the door, \*Dickensian poverty, \*hand-to-mouth existence, homelessness, lack, scarcity, paucity, insufficiency. "The parent of revolution and crime."—Aristotle. "The reward of honest fools."—Colley Cibber. "Life near the bone, where it is sweetest."—Henry Thoreau. *ANT.* *wealth, riches, affluence, plenty, abundance.*

**poverty-stricken** *a.* impoverished, strapped, broke. SEE POOR

**power** *n.* 1. PHYSICAL FORCE energy, strength, might, brawn, muscle, horsepower, potency, \*punch, virility, vigor, \*oomph. 2. ABILITY capacity, capability, aptitude, \*what it takes, faculty, skill, endowment. 3. CONTROLLING FORCE mastery, authority, domination, sway, clout, weight, command, might, influence, \*pull, importance, \*friends in high places. "The application of intelligence to force."—Arthur Corey. "A drug, the desire for which increases with the habit."—Bertrand Russell. *ANT.* *weakness, impotency, powerlessness, helplessness.*

**powerful** *a.* 1. PHYSICALLY STRONG mighty, potent, energetic, brawny, muscular, \*built, \*strapping, robust, vigorous, hulking, massive, \*built like an ox. 2. AUTHORITATIVE, EFFECTIVE commanding, dominant, in control, influential, controlling, potent, capable, forceful, preeminent, important, \*carrying a lot of weight, \*having a lot of clout, puissant. *ANT.* 1. *weak, feeble, \*wimpy, emasculated.* 2. *powerless, unimportant, submissive, helpless.*

**powerless** *a.* weak, impotent, helpless, prostrate, incapacitated, emasculated, debilitated, ineffectual, incapable, paralyzed. *ANT.* *powerful, potent, effective.*

**powwow** *n.* meeting, council, conference.

**practical** *a.* useful, realistic, utilitarian, sensible, down-to-earth, sane, workable, practicable, functional, serviceable, pragmatic. *ANT.* *impractical, unworkable, unrealistic.*

**practically** *adv.* just about, nearly, almost, virtually.

**practice** *n.* 1. TRAINING repetition, drilling, rehearsal, discipline, preparation, conditioning. 2. HABIT routine, way, custom, fashion, manner, method, system, procedure, mode, wont, convention. 3. PROFESSION occupation, firm, business, work, trade, clientele.

**practice** *v.* 1. TRAIN drill, rehearse, prepare, condition, discipline, perfect, exercise, polish, refine. 2. CARRY OUT do, perform, observe, follow, employ. 3. WORK AT be employed with, pursue, ply, specialize.

**practitioner** *n.* professional, expert, specialist, master, pro, agent, artist, novice, hobbyist, doctor, nurse, scientist.

**PRAGMATIC** *a.* [prag MAT ik] actual, practical, real-world, as opposed to the theoretical or speculative. *He looked for pragmatic solutions, not daydreamed ideals.* SYN. actual, practical, real-world, down-to-earth, utilitarian, workable, sensible, sober, hard, hard-nosed. *ANT.* *theoretical, idealistic, unrealistic.*

**prairie** *n.* grassland, plain, meadow, veldt, pasture, tundra. SEE FIELD

**praise** *n.* compliments, commendation, applause, acclaim, good words, approval, tribute, recognition, laudation, extolment, cheers. "That which makes good men better and bad men worse."—Thomas Fuller. "The sweetest of all sounds."—Zenophon. *ANT.* *condemnation, disapproval.*

**praise** *v.* commend, compliment, flatter, applaud, acclaim, approve, pay tribute, laud, extol, hail, boost, put in a good word for. *ANT.* *condemn, criticize, disparage.*

**praiseworthy** *a.* commendable, admirable, laudable, meritorious, worthy, fine, honorable, sterling, excellent. *ANT.* *contemptible, despicable, awful.*

**prank** *n.* practical joke, trick, antic, mischief, \*cheap trick, gag, caper, sport, shenanigans.

**prattle** *n.* chatter, babble, blather, twaddle, drivel, jabber, blabbing.

**pray** *v.* plead, petition, bow one's head, appeal, supplicate, implore, solicit, entreat, say grace, ask forgiveness, give thanks.

**prayer** *n.* pleading, petition, appeal, supplication, imploring, entreaty, request, thanksgiving, grace, benediction, worship, litany, communion with God. "A window to heaven."—Israel Baal Shem Tob. "A ladder on which thoughts mount to God."—Abraham Heschel. "A direct approach to the throbbing heart of the universe."—Israel Bettan. SEE CHURCH, CLERGY, RELIGION

**WORD FIND**

**beads:** rosary

**enemy, prayer calling for a calamity to befall one's:** imprecation

**evening:** vesper

**Islam call to adhan:** azan

**Islam prayer mat:** seggadah

**Jewish mourning prayer:** kaddish

**Jewish "standing" prayer:** amidah

**knee, get down on one:** genuflect

**meal:** grace

**mosque's prayer leader:** imam

**nine day:** novena

**saint's prayer made on behalf of others:** intercession

**shawl, Jewish:** tallith

**sung or spoken supplications with congregational replies:** litany

**synagogue's prayer leader:** cantor

**trust, to:** amen

**preach** *v.* deliver a sermon, sermonize, spread the gospel, moralize, teach, lecture, pontificate, evangelize, minister, exhort, get up on one's moral soapbox, counsel, admonish.

**preacher** *n.* clergyman, minister, evangelist, pastor, reverend, man of the cloth, parson, ecclesiastic, rabbi, cleric. "God's ambassador."—William Cowper. "A messenger, not an actor."—Ralph Sockman. Precarious

**precarious** *a.* insecure, risky, dangerous, chancy, unsafe, slippery, perilous, unstable, shaky, \*out on a limb, \*hanging by a thread, treacherous, unpredictable. *ANT.* *secure, safe, stable.*

**precaution** *n.* caution, case, safety measure, safeguard, insurance, provision, foresight, preparation, wariness, heedfulness, circum-spection.

**precede** *v.* go before, antedate, antecede, usher in, preface, lead, predate, forerun, head up. *ANT.* *follow, succeed, ensue.*

**PRECEDENCE** *n.* [PRES uh duns] priority. *The baby's welfare took precedence over all other matters.* *SYN.* priority, preeminence, importance, preference, supremacy, rank, superiority, right, \*front seat, \*front burner. *ANT.* \*back seat, \*back burner, second place.

**PRECEDENT** *n.* [PRES uh dunt] a prior instance that serves as an example, model, or guideline, especially an earlier case in a law matter. *The lawyer found numerous precedents to help support his case.* *SYN.* example, model, guideline, standard, prior instance, classic example, pattern, paradigm, exemplar.

**preceding** *a.* previous, prior, earlier, foregoing, antecedent, former, aforementioned, preliminary, erstwhile. *ANT.* *following, upcoming, succeeding.*

**PRECEPT** *n.* [PREE sept] a rule to live by; maxim. *He lived by the precept, "Live and let live."* *SYN.* rule to live by, maxim, principle, direction, commandment, rule, axiom, canon, tenet, motto, guideline.

**precinct** *n.* division, subdivision, district, neighborhood, section, quarter, zone, ward, \*neck of the woods.

**precious** *a.* 1. COSTLY valuable, priceless, inestimable, expensive, high-priced, rich. 2. BELOVED dear, loved, adored, treasured, cherished, worshipped, idolized, darling, esteemed, favorite. 3. FASTIDIOUS overrefined, particular, finicky, overnice, fussy, affected, unnatural, pretentious, flowery, dainty. *ANT.* 1. *cheap, worthless.* 2. *despised, hated.* 3. *sloppy, careless, cloddish.*

**precipice** *n.* drop-off, cliff, ledge, height, brink, \*vertiginous overlook, bluff, escarpment.

**PRECIPITATE** *v.* [pri SIP i TATE] to cause to happen sooner than desired or expected. *The embargo precipitated the rise of oil prices.* **SYN.** hasten, quicken, speed, expedite, accelerate, advance, trigger, instigate, drive, impel.

**precipitate** *a.* hasty, rash, headlong, rushed, hurried, sudden, abrupt, impetuous, reckless, impatient. **ANT.** *considered, planned, expected.*

**precipitous** *a.* sheer, high, vertiginous. **SEE** STEEP

**precise** *a.* 1. **EXACT** accurate, specific, pinpoint, correct, \*on the button, \*on the nose, right, \*on the mark, definite, faithful, literal, flawless. 2. **FASTIDIOUS** finicky, fussy, scrupulous, particular, meticulous, exacting, punctilious. **ANT.** 1. *imprecise, inexact, approximate, rough, loose.* 2. *careless, casual.*

**precision** *n.* exactness, accuracy, perfection, correctness, fidelity, faithfulness, rectitude, \*Swiss watch accuracy, attention to detail. **ANT.** *inaccuracy, approximation.*

**PRECLUDE** *v.* [pree KLOOD] to prevent something from happening. *A felony conviction precludes any chance for running for public office.* **SYN.** prevent, stop, make impossible, foil, avert, thwart, check, rule out, forestall, hinder, inhibit. **ANT.** *facilitate, allow.*

**PRECOCIOUS** *a.* [pre KO shus] advanced or mature for one's years. *The precocious child composed a symphony by the time he was ten-years-old.* **SYN.** advanced, mature, premature, ahead of one's peers, progressive, bright, early-blooming, intelligent, gifted, developed. **ANT.** *immature, behind, slow to develop, late-blooming.*

**precognition** *n.* clairvoyance, vision, ESP, extra sensory perception, premonition, sixth sense, intuition, fortunetelling, divination, prophecy, prediction.

**preconception** *n.* preconceived notion, prejudice, assumption, presumption, prejudice, predisposition.

**PRECURSOR** *n.* [pree KUR sur] something that comes before, forerunner. *A rainy April is the precursor of May flowers.* **SYN.** forerunner, harbinger, herald, predecessor, usher, vanguard, antecedent, groundbreaker, trail-blazer.

**predator** *n.* hunter, carnivore, meat-eater, stalker, victimizer, killer, beast, prowler, raptor, bird of prey.

**predatory** *a.* eating, attacking, hunting, carnivorous, bloodthirsty, predacious, bestial, vo-

racious, rapacious, omnivorous. **ANT.** *pacifistic, peaceful.*

**predecessor** *n.* forerunner, precursor, antecedent, ancestor, forebear, forefather. **ANT.** *descendant, successor.*

**predestination** *n.* predetermination, fate, God's plan, God's design, God's will, destiny, karma, kismet, doom.

**predetermined** *a.* preplanned, fixed, arranged, fated, destined, doomed, preordained, preset, settled, decided. **ANT.** *uncertain, \*up for grabs.*

**predicament** *n.* difficulty, scrape, bind, mess, plight, trouble, jam, pickle, hole, strait, \*hot water, pinch, corner.

**predict** *v.* prophecy, forecast, foresee, foretell, divine, prognosticate, augur, envision, read the signs, guess.

**prediction** *n.* prophecy, forecast, prognostication, prognosis, guess, augury, divination, expectation, intuition.

**PREDILECTION** *n.* [PRED uh LEK shun] a natural liking or preference. *She had a predilection for ginger snaps.* **SYN.** liking, fondness, preference, partiality, predisposition, inclination, propensity, penchant, leaning, bias, prejudice. **ANT.** *aversion, dislike.*

**predispose** *v.* make susceptible, influence, bias, sway, prejudice, impress, prime, affect, bend. **Predominant**

**predominant** *a.* dominant, superior, leading, ruling, controlling, paramount, top, preeminent, ranking, supreme, chief. **ANT.** *subordinate, secondary, minor, inferior.*

**preeminent** *a.* dominant, superior, surpassing, unsurpassed, unrivaled, foremost, major, supreme, peerless, incomparable, unparalleled, number one, top. **ANT.** *inferior, secondary, minor.*

**PREEMPT** *v.* [pree EMPT] to take the place of another beforehand by rights. *The World Series will preempt normal TV programming.* **SYN.** appropriate, take away, usurp, claim, bump, assume, seize, commander.

**prefabricate** *v.* preconstruct, preassemble.

**preface** *n.* foreword, prologue, introduction, prelude, preamble, overture, opening. **ANT.** *epilogue, postscript.*

**preface** *v.* introduce, begin, start, open, initiate. **ANT.** *close, end.*

**prefer** *v.* favor, choose, select, pick, opt for, be partial to, lean toward, desire, single out. **ANT.** *reject, pass on, dislike.*

**preference** *n.* 1. **FIRST CHOICE** favorite, choice, selection, desire, inclination, pick, leaning,

partiality. 2. **PRIORITY** advantage, precedence, edge, \*leg up.

**pregnancy** *n.* gestation, fertilization, incubation, \*the family way, parturient. SEE **BABY, BIRTH**

**WORD FIND**

**abortion, spontaneous:** miscarriage

**before labor:** antepartum

**blood discharge before labor:** bloody show

**brown patches on pregnant woman's skin:**

\*mask of pregnancy, chloasma

**dark line on pregnant woman's belly:** linea nigra

**embryo, earliest form of:** blastocyst

**false pregnancy:** pseudocyesis

**fetal movement, mother's first perception of:** quickening

**fluid:** amniotic fluid

**fluid secreted from breast prior to birth:** colostrum

**fluid withdrawal from uterus, test:** amniocentesis

**genetic test sampling of placenta:** chorionic villus sampling

**implantation of fertilized eggs, mechanical:** in vitro fertilization

**nausea:** morning sickness

**optical examination of fetus through scope:** fetoscopy

**organ providing nutrients and oxygen to fetus from mother:** placenta

**premature birth, abnormality leading to:** incompetent cervix

**semen, artificial deposit of:** artificial insemination

**sympathetic pregnancy symptoms of father:** couvade

**three-month division:** trimester

**ultrasound picture of fetus:** sonogram

**uterus, development of egg outside of:** ectopic pregnancy

**pregnant** *a.* 1. **EXPECTING** \*in a family way, gravid, \*with child, parturient, gestating, carrying. 2. **MEANINGFUL** important, weighty, significant, telling.

**prehistoric** *a.* early, primitive, primeval, antediluvian, ancient, antiquated, pleistocene, pliocene, miocene, oligocene, eocene, paleocene, cretaceous, jurassic, triassic, permian, paleozoic, cambrian, pre-cambrian. *ANT. future, modern.*

**prejudice** *n.* bias, preconceived idea, preconception, predisposition, jaundiced eye, foregone conclusion, bigotry, racism, sexism, chauvinism, homophobia, intolerance, partiality, discrimination, narrow-mindedness. "An opinion without judgment."—Voltaire. "Weighing the facts with your thumb on the scales."—Leon Aikman. "The child of ignorance."—William Hazlitt. *ANT. open-mindedness, objectivity, fairness, tolerance.*

**prejudicial** *a.* encouraging preconceptions, damaging, misleading, delusive, misguiding, presumed, biased, predetermined. *ANT. unbiased.*

**preliminary** *a.* introductory, preparatory, initial, first, preceding, antecedent, opening, precursory. *ANT. ending, final.*

**prelude** *n.* introduction, preface, preamble, beginning, opening, overture, warmup, prologue.

**premature** *a.* early, too soon, unready, green, immature, undeveloped, unripe, precipitate, hurried, \*half-baked, \*jumping the gun, untimely. *ANT. late, overdue, behind.*

**premeditated** *a.* planned, prearranged, calculated, mapped out, studied, conscious, thought-out, intentional, deliberate, willful. *ANT. spur-of-the-moment, in the heat of the moment, spontaneous, impulsive, unplanned.*

**premiere** *n.* debut, opening night, first showing.

**premise** *n.* hypothesis, argument, postulate, proposition, foundation, theory, supposition, basis, assertion.

**premium** *n.* reward, bonus, prize, gift, incentive, \*carrot, extra, \*gravy, fringe benefit, \*perk.

**premonition** *n.* foreboding, presentiment, forewarning, feeling, \*gut feeling, hunch, apprehension, intuition, \*bad vibes, omen, portent.

**preoccupied** *a.* busy, occupied, engaged, involved, immersed, absorbed, \*wrapped up, engrossed, removed, \*lost in thought, \*deep in thought.

**preparation** *n.* 1. **MAKING READY** arrangement, development, priming, establishment, groundwork, anticipation, \*prep work, provision, framework, setting up, grooming, training. 2. **CONCOCTION** compound, mixture, composition, drug, prescription.

**prepare** *v.* ready, prime, groom, arrange, do groundwork, \*prep, set up, anticipate, plan, develop, smooth the way, train.

**preponderance** *n.* dominance, supremacy, bulk, weight, predominance, \*lion's share, biggest

- part, majority, prevalence. *ANT.* lesser part, minority.
- preposterous** *a.* absurd, ridiculous, outrageous, ludicrous, asinine, foolish, silly, nonsensical, crazy, insane, impossible, unbelievable, unthinkable. *ANT.* logical, reasonable, sensible.
- PREREQUISITE** *a.* [pree REK wuh zit] required, necessary. *Math may always be a prerequisite course.* *SYN.* required, necessary, demanded, essential, imperative, called for, obligatory, mandatory, needed. *ANT.* elective, unnecessary.
- PREROGATIVE** *n.* [pree ROG uh tiv] a right or privilege. *It was her prerogative to close the store whenever she wished.* *SYN.* right, privilege, choice, authority, liberty, freedom, advantage, license, exemption.
- preschool** *n.* nursery school, day care center, kindergarten.
- prescribe** *v.* direct, order, ordain, set down, recommend, dictate, assign, select, advocate, exact, rule.
- prescription** *n.* order, direction, recommendation, directive, instruction, requirement, preparation, concoction, medicine, drug, dose.
- presence** *n.* 1. ATTENDANCE existence, occupancy, being, residence, proximity. 2. POISE confidence, bearing, air, demeanor, charisma, personality, carriage, self-assurance, aura.
- presence of mind** *n.* calm, coolness, coolheadedness, clearheadedness.
- present** *n.* 1. HERE AND NOW today, now, this instant. 2. GIFT offering, favor, benefaction, donation, premium, gratuity, give-away, bonus.
- present** *v.* 1. INTRODUCE have one meet, acquaint. 2. EXHIBIT display, show, demonstrate. 3. PUT FORWARD advance, pose, submit, proffer, \*trot out for inspection, offer, profess, declare. 4. GIVE hand over, confer, bestow, award, entrust, donate, submit.
- present** *a.* 1. CURRENT contemporary, existing, immediate, at hand, present-day, modern, at this moment. 2. HERE at hand, in attendance, nearby, on hand, within reach. *ANT.* 1. past, bygone, previous. 2. absent, away.
- presentable** *a.* groomed, dressed, neat and clean, fit to be seen, acceptable, respectable, suitable, \*decent, passable. *ANT.* sloppy, disreputable, unsuitable.
- presentation** *n.* performance, exhibition, show, production, demonstration, display, offering, gift, bestowal, award, pitch.
- presentiment** *n.* foreboding, feeling, \*bad vibes, premonition, apprehension, \*gut feeling, intuition, hunch, presage.
- presently** *adv.* shortly, soon, directly, now, immediately, forthwith.
- preservation** *n.* conservation, maintenance, protection, conservancy, safekeeping, saving, sustenance, upkeep, perpetuation.
- preserve** *n.* reserve, game reserve, sanctuary, zoo, refuge, haven, park, conservation area.
- preserve** *v.* 1. PROTECT save, conserve, maintain, sustain, keep up, safeguard, perpetuate. 2. TO KEEP FRESH can, pickle, salt, cure, smoke, dry, corn, refrigerate, freeze. *ANT.* 1. ruin, neglect. 2. let spoil, let rot.
- preside** *v.* chair, oversee, direct, control, supervise, run, officiate, \*be in the driver's seat, \*hold the reins, conduct, head.
- president** *n.* chief executive, head of state, commander-in-chief, first citizen, chief executive officer, CEO, chairman. "Chief servant."—Mohandas Gandhi. "A link in the long chain of his country's destiny, past and future."—Herbert Hoover. *SEE* CONGRESS, ELECTION, GOVERNMENT, POLITICS
- press** *n.* 1. MEDIA reporters, newsmen, newswomen, fourth estate, TV, radio, journalists, photojournalists. *SEE* NEWSPAPER 2. CROWD throng, mob, pack, swarm, horde, crush.
- press** *v.* 1. PUSH squeeze, depress, crush, clamp, compress, bear down, flatten, squash, put weight on, cramp, compact, hug, embrace. 2. IRON smooth, steam. 3. FORCE compel, impel, constrain, move. 4. REQUEST entreat, plead, petition, importune, solicit.
- pressing** *a.* urgent, importunate, high-priority, crucial, exigent, critical, vital, imperative, important, compelling, momentous. *ANT.* unimportant, inconsequential, trivial.
- pressure** *n.* 1. COMPRESSION squeezing, tension, load, heaviness, weight, force, gravity. 2. STRAIN stress, duress, demand, tension, burden, load, cross, millstone. 3. INFLUENCE force, power, coercion, persuasion, pull, sway, compulsion, obligation, necessity, arm-twisting.
- pressure** *v.* compel, influence, force, push, persuade, coerce, press, drive, arm-twist, constrain, \*lean on, \*railroad, \*put the screws to, \*put the squeeze on.
- prestige** *n.* status, reputation, repute, stature, standing, fame, prominence, esteem, distinction, notoriety, rank, influence, power.
- prestigious** *a.* esteemed, distinguished, renowned, reputable, notable, eminent, great,

- famous, illustrious, impressive, influential.  
*ANT. unknown, disrespected.*
- presumably** *adv.* probably, ostensibly, likely, in all probability.
- presume** *v.* 1. ASSUME take for granted, think, guess, surmise, suppose, believe, take it, postulate, consider. 2. DARE venture, take liberties, have the audacity, overstep, go too far.
- presumption** *n.* 1. ASSUMPTION thinking, supposition, guess, belief, suspicion, conjecture, hypothesis, premise. 2. FORWARDNESS effrontery, audacity, gall, boldness, daring, \*cheek, nerve, insolence.
- PRESUMPTUOUS** *a.* [pre ZUMP choo us] overly bold or confident and taking too much for granted. *It was quite presumptuous of her to take the blue ribbon before the winner was even announced.* SYN. bold, nervy, confident, audacious, forward, \*ballsy, rude, cocksure, brazen, lordly, arrogant, egotistical, insolent, pompous. *ANT. unassuming, modest, humble.*
- pretend** *v.* 1. MAKE BELIEVE play act, imagine, put on, suppose. 2. FEIGN fake, bluff, simulate, \*put on, dissemble, fool, deceive, act, sham, counterfeit, affect.
- PRETENSE** *n.* [PREE tens] a falsification, put-on, show or affectation. *His claim of being rich was only a pretense to impress women.* SYN. falsification, put-on, show, affectation, imposture, fake, display, act, charade, showing off, facade, simulation, masquerade, posing, ruse, trick. *ANT. truth, reality, honest.*
- PRETENTIOUS** *a.* [pree TEN shus] putting on airs, especially of importance or grandness, ostentatious. *They were a bunch of pretentious snobs.* SYN. affected, self-important, bragging, showy, ostentatious, boastful, pompous, assuming, conceited, \*la-di-da, vainglorious, snobbish, \*highfalutin. *ANT. down-to-earth, unassuming, natural, modest, humble.*
- pretext** *n.* excuse, front, \*story, alibi, cover, alleged reason, \*song and dance, subterfuge, guise.
- pretty** *a.* attractive, comely, beautiful, lovely, nice-looking, cute, appealing, eye-catching, foxy, becoming, ravishing, fair, handsome. *ANT. ugly, plain, homely.*
- pretty** *adv.* fairly, moderately, reasonably, passably, adequately.
- prevail** *v.* 1. WIN OVER overcome, dominate, best, succeed, triumph, conquer, master, \*come out on top. 2. PREDOMINATE be wide-spread, be prevalent, abound, preponderate. *ANT. 1. lose, fail, give up. 2. be rare.*
- prevailing** *a.* superior, dominant, affective, prevalent, widespread, general, preponderant, predominant, universal, popular, current, principal, reigning, in style. *ANT. outmoded, disappearing, failing.*
- prevalent** *a.* prevailing, common, widespread, abundant, extensive, general, popular, pervasive, rampant. *ANT. rare, uncommon, infrequent.*
- prevaricate** *v.* equivocate, evade the truth. SEE LIE
- prevent** *v.* stop, prohibit, preclude, avert, stave off, arrest, \*nip in the bud, thwart, bar, check, restrict, block. *ANT. allow, facilitate, cause.*
- prevention** *n.* stoppage, prohibition, preclusion, arrest, restriction, blockage, deterrence, obstruction, forestalling, interception.
- previous** *a.* prior, earlier, preceding, past, antecedent, anterior, erstwhile, aforementioned. *ANT. future, succeeding, upcoming, ensuing.*
- previously** *adv.* earlier, in the past, before, hitherto, formerly, once, at one time, a while ago.
- prey** *n.* victim, the hunted, mark, quarry, kill, spoil, \*sitting duck.
- prey** *v.* hunt, kill, victimize, eat, devour, feed on, attack, pounce, consume, exploit, use.
- price** *n.* cost, asking price, sticker price, charge, retail, wholesale, bill, expense, value, rate, assessment, appraisal, outlay, \*damage.
- priceless** *a.* invaluable, precious, valuable, dear, expensive, \*worth its weight in gold, \*worth all the oil in Arabia, costly, prized, treasured. *ANT. cheap, \*dime a dozen, worthless.*
- prick** *v.* pierce, stick, puncture, impale, jab, stab, cut, perforate, lance.
- pride** *n.* 1. SELF-ESTEEM self-respect, self-worth, dignity, satisfaction, self-confidence, healthy ego, \*amour propre. 2. ARROGANCE conceit, hauteur, haughtiness, egotism, self-importance, vainglory, overconfidence, smugness, presumption, cockiness. "Cap and bells for a fool."—Alfred Lord Tennyson. "Pampered vanity."—Joanna Baillie.
- priest** *n.* father, minister, clergyman, man of the cloth, ecclesiastic, vicar, padre, chaplain, pastor, deacon. "Crutches for the crippled life of the soul."—Franz Kafka. SEE CLERGYMAN, PREACHER
- priesthood** *n.* ministry, clergy, the cloth. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION
- prim** *a.* formal, proper, demure, correct, Victorian, straitlaced, prissy, prudish, upright,

stiff, decorous. *ANT.* loose, wild, unrefined, informal, casual.

**PRIMA DONNA** *n.* [PREE muh DONN uh] a moody, complaining, and egotistical person. Also, the lead female vocalist in an opera. *Her success made her an unappealing prima donna.* *SYN.* 1. SPOILED BRAT crybaby, \*snot, witch, grouch, loudmouth, temperamental whiner, princess, egotist, \*hell on wheels, \*jerk. 2. STAR headliner, soloist, lead vocalist.

**primal** *a.* primeval, original, prehistoric, primitive, aboriginal.

**primarily** *adv.* mainly, in the first place, fundamentally, first and foremost, principally, chiefly, largely.

**primary** *a.* 1. FIRST original, earliest, primal, primordial, introductory, initial, beginning. 2. MAIN principal, chief, basic, essential, fundamental, first, capital, major. *ANT.* 1. secondary, succeeding. 2. minor, secondary.

**primate** *n.* simian, hominid, ape, monkey, prosimian, chimpanzee, gorilla.

**prime** *n.* best days, youth, springtime of life, heyday, peak, height, spring, summer.

**prime** *v.* prepare, \*prep, ready, groom, train, break in, coach.

**prime** *a.* SEE PRIMARY

**prime minister** *n.* premier, cabinet head, head, leader, chief executive, office holder, chief minister. SEE GOVERNMENT

**primer** *n.* textbook, how-to, reference, introductory volume, reader. SEE BOOK

**primeval** *a.* primal, primordial, prehistoric, primitive, ancient, earliest, antediluvian, pristine. *ANT.* later, recent, modern.

**primitive** *a.* 1. ANCIENT original, earliest, primal, primordial, primeval, primary, elemental, rudimentary. 2. CRUDE rough, undeveloped, simple, uncivilized, unsophisticated, wild, natural, barbaric. *ANT.* 1. modern, contemporary, late. 2. refined, sophisticated, civilized.

**primordial** *a.* SEE PRIMITIVE

**primp** *v.* groom, preen, beautify, dress up, \*gussy up, \*doll up, \*spruce up.

**principal** *n.* 1. CHIEF head, actor, performer, player, star, combatant. 2. HEADMASTER dean.

**principal** *a.* main, major, chief, leading, primary, dominant, foremost, supreme, star, key, most important. *ANT.* secondary, supporting, minor.

**principle** *n.* 1. TRUTH law, doctrine, fundamental, standard, rule, foundation, basis, criterion, precept, theory, canon. 2. PRINCIPLES/

MORALS ethics, code, policies, guiding principle, belief, tenet, dogma, standards, credo, scruples, conscience.

**print** *v.* compose, write, imprint, run off, type, stamp, hand-letter.

**printer** *n.* typesetter, publisher, photocopier.

**prior** *a.* previous, earlier, former, antecedent, anterior, preceding, preexisting, erstwhile, aforementioned. *ANT.* following, upcoming, subsequent.

**priority** *n.* precedence, leading concern, rank, urgency, preference, weight, preeminence, seniority.

**prison** *n.* penitentiary, penal institution, jail, house of detention, house of correction, lockup, cell, \*cooler, \*clink, \*poky, \*can, \*hoosegow, \*slammer, \*big house. "Stones of law."—William Blake.

#### WORD FIND

**beating someone who is covered by a blanket:** blanket party

**castle:** dungeon

**cell search by guards:** shakedown

**convicts chained together for work detail:** chain gang

**death penalty:** capital punishment

**delivered or smuggled in, item:** drop

**division:** ward

**drunks, overnight cell for:** drunk tank

**early release for good behavior:** parole

**eavesdropping alert:** bird on the line

**excrement and blood thrower:** gasser

**famous:** Alcatraz, Sing Sing, Newgate

**forbidden items:** contraband

**head:** warden

**homosexual or weakling:** bitch

**illegal goods trading:** black market

**informer:** \*rat, fink

**inmates:** convicts, \*cons

**isolation cell:** solitary confinement

**jailer:** turnkey

**legal expert, prisoner who becomes:** jail-house lawyer

**life sentence:** all day

**life term, prisoner serving:** \*lifer

**medical facility:** infirmary

**military:** stockade

**money or property held to allow suspect to avoid jail until a trial:** bail

**note passed between prisoners:** kite

**one year sentence:** bullet

**opening in cell allowing passage of meal tray, narrow:** bean slot

**reforming of prisoner:** rehabilitation  
**return to life of crime after prison:** recidivism  
**section holding those sentenced to death:** death row  
**ship:** brig  
**smuggler of contraband:** \*mule  
**solitary confinement cell, slang for:** the hole  
**spousal relations visit:** conjugal visit  
**store inside:** commissary  
**ten year sentence:** dime  
**transfer of prisoner to other jurisdiction:** extradition  
**trouble-making prisoner:** agitator  
**war camp:** concentration camp  
**youth:** reformatory, reform school

**prisoner** *n.* SEE PRISON

**prissy** *a.* \*goody-goody, straitlaced, prudish, prim, \*goody two shoes, overnice, fussy, fastidious, particular, puritanical. *ANT.* *wanton, unruly, loose.*

**PRISTINE** *a.* [pris TEEN] unspoiled or pure, as something in its original state. *The pristine mountains of Alaska should be left forever wild.* *SYN.* unspoiled, pure, untouched, virginal, natural, primitive, primordial, unsullied, uncorrupted, clean. *ANT.* *spoiled, ruined, sullied.*

**privacy** *n.* solitude, separation, concealment, secrecy, isolation, sequestration, seclusion.

**private** *a.* 1. PERSONAL secret, internal, confidential, intimate, individual, nonpublic, own. 2. SECLUDED isolated, sequestered, exclusive, secret, concealed, cloistered, hermitic, remote, solitary. 3. UNDISCLOSED secret, \*under wraps, quiet, confidential, \*hush-hush. 4. RESTRICTED off-limits, closed to the public, exclusive. *ANT.* 1. *public.* 3. *public, announced, out in the open.* 4. *public, unrestricted, open.*

**privation** *n.* deprivation, need, want, scarcity, lack, poverty, hardship, destitution, indigence. *ANT.* *wealth, affluence.*

**privilege** *n.* right, advantage, due, favor, entitlement, perquisite, liberty, prerogative, benefit, birthright.

**privileged** *a.* entitled, favored, empowered, exempt, immune, sanctioned, authorized, accommodated, given preferential treatment. *ANT.* *disadvantaged, underprivileged.*

**privy** *n.* latrine, toilet. SEE OUTHOUSE

**prize** *n.* award, winnings, reward, title, blue ribbon, medal, trophy, loving cup, decoration,

laurel, honors, jackpot, haul, stake, spoils, booty prize.

**prize** *v.* value, regard highly, esteem, appreciate, hold dear, cherish, treasure.

**prize** *a.* award-winning, winning, choice. SEE BEST

**probability** *n.* likelihood, chance, prospect, possibility, odds, expectation, outlook.

**probable** *a.* likely, \*odds-on, reasonable, expected, anticipated, possible, presumed, plausible, \*in the cards, foreseeable. *ANT.* *unlikely, improbable, implausible.*

**probation** *n.* trial period, test period, suspension of sentence.

**probe** *n.* investigation, examination, inquiry, inquisition, exploration, study, scrutiny, feeler.

**probe** *v.* investigate, examine, inquire, look into, explore, study, scrutinize, analyze, check out, poke about, interrogate.

**problem** *n.* 1. DIFFICULTY complication, knot, trouble, dilemma, quandary, mess, \*pickle, predicament, \*can of worms, \*headache, \*pain in the neck, \*hassle. 2. PUZZLE brainteaser, question, riddle, conundrum, \*stumper, \*head-scratcher, \*hard nut to crack.

**problematic** *a.* 1. DIFFICULT hard, tricky. 2. QUESTIONABLE doubtful, debatable, uncertain, unsettled, dubious, disputable, moot, suspect, hard to believe, \*full of holes, undetermined. *ANT.* 1. *easy, simple.* 2. *certain, settled.*

**procedure** *n.* method, manner, process, course, sequence, steps, mode, practice, formula, way.

**proceed** *v.* go, go ahead, go on, continue, progress, move on, carry on, get on with. *ANT.* *stop, halt, suspend.*

**proceedings** *n.* business, matters, \*doings, activities, affairs, transactions, agenda, minutes.

**proceeds** *n.* take, earnings, income, profit, receipts, gain, revenue, gross, net, gate, box office. SEE MONEY

**process** *n.* method, workings, operation, modus operandi, procedure, course, sequence, technique, formula, way, steps, stages, mechanism.

**process** *v.* work, refine, handle, prepare, treat, convert, cook, cure, deal with.

**procession** *n.* parade, train, column, caravan, cavalcade, file, march, cortege, motorcade.

**proclaim** *v.* announce, declare, state, make known, profess, voice, broadcast, herald, advertise. *ANT.* *hush up, cover up.*

**proclamation** *n.* announcement, declaration, pronouncement, notice, statement, profession, manifesto, decree, edict.

**proclivity** *n.* inclination, tendency, propensity, disposition, predilection, penchant, weakness, leaning, bias. *ANT.* *aversion, dislike.*

**procrastinate** *v.* put off, stall, delay, \*drag one's feet, \*shilly-shally, postpone, dawdle, temporize, prolong, protract, play for time. *ANT.* \**get cracking, \*get a move on, expedite.* "The art of keeping up with yesterday."—Don Marquis.

**procreate** *v.* produce, beget, reproduce, breed, parent, propagate, spawn, mother, father, engender, bear.

**procure** *v.* get, obtain, acquire, secure, come by, get one's hands on, get hold of, pick up, appropriate, buy, purchase, score.

**prod** *v.* poke, jab, shove, elbow, finger, punch, \*goose, nudge, shove, goad, urge, rouse, motivate, spur, provoke, incite, move.

**PRODIGAL** *a.* [PROD uh gul] extremely wasteful or extravagant. *Joe's prodigal grandson spent his entire inheritance within a week.* *SYN.* wasteful, extravagant, excessive, squandering, spendthrift, lavish, immoderate, improvident, reckless. *ANT.* *thrifty, frugal, penny-pinching.*

**PRODIGIOUS** *a.* [pruh DIJ us] huge, powerful, spectacular, or astounding. *Climbing Mt. Everest is a prodigious undertaking.* *SYN.* huge, massive, enormous, colossal, stupendous, Herculean, immense, monumental, tremendous, powerful, extraordinary, astounding, spectacular, phenomenal, impressive, amazing. *ANT.* *tiny, trivial, pint-sized, common, ordinary.*

**PRODIGY** *n.* [PROD i jee] a child of rare and exceptional talent or intelligence, a young genius. *The young prodigy attended college at the age of twelve.* *SYN.* wonder, genius, \*whiz kid, wunderkind, sensation, marvel, \*freak, phenomenon, gifted student. "A child who plays the piano when he ought to be in bed."—John Morton.

**produce** *v.* 1. MAKE manufacture, create, bear, generate, form, fabricate, construct, invent, devise, fashion, frame, turn out. 2. CAUSE effect, bring about, generate, result in, breed. 3. SHOW FOR INSPECTION display, present, offer, exhibit, show, disclose.

**product** *n.* good, commodity, creation, work, handiwork, production, turnout, merchandise, result, end, yield, outcome, issue.

**production** *n.* manufacture, creation, fabrication, generation, formation, assembly, construction, invention, outpost.

**productive** *a.* fertile, rich, fecund, fruitful, prolific, profitable, gainful, creative, reward-

ing, worthwhile. *ANT.* *unproductive, barren, worthless.*

**productivity** *n.* output, turnout, capacity, yield, production.

**PROFANE** *a.* [pro FANE] irreverent and disrespectful, especially toward religion. Also, that which is outside of religion. *His profane sense of humor got him in trouble with the church.* *SYN.* irreverent, disrespectful, blasphemous, impious, sacrilegious, irreligious, ungodly, sinful, crude, nasty. *ANT.* *religious, pious, devout, Christian.*

**profane** *v.* desecrate, defile, debase, disrespect, violate, blaspheme, corrupt, taint, abuse. *ANT.* *revere, respect, worship.*

**profanity** *n.* swear word, swearing, cuss word, cussing, bad word, \*four-letter word, dirty word, oath, expletive, obscenity, blasphemy, irreverence. *ANT.* *polite word, euphemism, reverence.*

**profess** *v.* 1. AFFIRM declare, assert, admit, proclaim, tell, state, acknowledge, confess, avow, announce. 2. TO CLAIM INSINCERELY purport, allege, pretend, feign, fake, simulate, \*swear up and down.

**profession** *n.* 1. OCCUPATION line of work, trade, vocation, calling, work, career, business, employment, specialty, job, field, métier. 2. AFFIRMATION announcement, declaration, assertion, admission, proclamation, statement, confession, claim, pretense.

**professional** *n.* expert, master, pro, \*old hand, veteran, specialist, virtuoso, mavin, journeyman, \*crackerjack. *ANT.* *amateur, dabbler, hobbyist.*

**professional** *a.* expert, schooled, experienced, trained, masterly, learned, proficient, accomplished, pro, practiced, big league, au fait, accredited. *ANT.* *amateur, inexperienced, unschooled, incompetent.*

**professor** *n.* teacher, academic, instructor, educator, \*prof, faculty member, doctor, lecturer, fellow, sage, \*brain. SEE COLLEGE

**professional** *a.* pedantic, pedagogic, scholarly. SEE ACADEMIC, COLLEGE

**PROFICIENT** *a.* [pro FISH unt] highly competent, skillful, able. *He was a proficient craftsman.* *SYN.* competent, skilled, able, talented, masterful, adept, expert, \*crack, \*crackerjack, capable, accomplished. *ANT.* *incompetent, incapable, inept.*

**profile** *n.* 1. OUTLINE side view, figure, contour, form, silhouette, delineation. 2. BIOGRAPHY review, sketch, thumbnail sketch, characterization, portrait.

**profit** *n.* gain, income, proceeds, net, revenue, return, yield, benefit, \*take, earnings, \*bottom line, \*take-home. *ANT.* loss, red ink. SEE MONEY

**profit** *v.* gain, benefit, yield, take, earn, make money, clear, \*clean up, \*make a killing, reap, \*make a bundle, advance, better, learn. *ANT.* lose, suffer, go bankrupt.

**profitable** *a.* lucrative, money-making, paying, cost-effective, worthwhile, rewarding, productive, gainful, fruitful, remunerative. *ANT.* unprofitable, costly, unproductive.

**PROFLIGATE** *a.* [PROF luh git] shamelessly immoral. Also, extravagant and wasteful. *His profligate lifestyle left him penniless and miserable.* *SYN.* immoral, shameless, debauched, wild, wanton, degenerate, promiscuous, fast, loose, abandoned, unbridled, extravagant, wasteful, excessive, prodigal, lavish, immoderate. *ANT.* moral, virtuous, principled, thrifty, economical.

**PROFOUND** *a.* [pro FOUND] deep or intense, either physically, intellectually, or emotionally. *Her theory of galactic formation was quite profound. She remembered the profound sadness of the day.* *SYN.* 1. INTELLECTUAL deep, intelligent, thoughtful, wise, insightful, abstruse, heavy, penetrating, esoteric, enlightened, scholarly, difficult, complex. 2. EMOTIONAL heartfelt, deep, intense, acute, sincere, keen, heartrending, soul-stirring, moving. 3. THOROUGH comprehensive, complete, utter, far-reaching, total, absolute. 4. BOTTOMLESS sunken, fathomless, abysmal. *ANT.* 1. superficial, shallow, mindless. 2. insincere, unfeeling. 3. partial, slight. 4. shallow.

**PROFUSE** *a.* [pro FYOOS] pouring out freely or excessively. *Her profuse apologies fell on deaf ears.* *SYN.* pouring forth freely, abundant, excessive, free-flowing, overflowing, generous, copious, plentiful, extravagant, lavish, immoderate, prodigal. *ANT.* sparse, thin, limited, meager, moderate.

**PROFUSION** *n.* [pro FYOO zhun] a great pouring forth, or a great amount. *A profusion of daisies colored the meadow.* *SYN.* outpouring, overflow, great amount, abundance, lavish amount, extravagant supply, bounty, quantity, cornucopia, multitude, excess, flood, plethora. *ANT.* dearth, lack, scarcity.

**progeny** *n.* children, offspring, young, issue, descendants, successors, lineage, stock, posterity. *ANT.* parents, ancestors, forebears.

**prognosis** *n.* forecast, prognostication, projection. SEE PREDICTION

**prognosticator** *n.* seer, diviner, forecaster. SEE PROPHET

**program** *n.* 1. AGENDA schedule, order of business, card, bill, slate, lineup, plan, docket, calendar, timetable. 2. BROADCAST show, production, presentation, performance, telecast, drama, sitcom, musical. SEE TELEVISION 3. PROCEDURE plan, course, scheme, way, approach. 4. COMPUTER PROGRAM software, instructions. SEE COMPUTER

**progress** *n.* advance, development, improvement, furtherance, headway, strides forward, progression, march of progress, evolution, breakthrough, gain, growth. *ANT.* regression, retreat, recession. "*The law of life.*"—Robert Browning. "*Man's ability to complicate simplicity.*"—Thor Heyerdahl.

**progress** *v.* move forward, develop, grow, gain, improve, make headway, evolve, advance, upgrade, improve, perfect. *ANT.* regress, decline, recede, retreat.

**progression** *n.* progress, succession, sequence, cycle, forward march, headway, continuance. *ANT.* regression, recession.

**progressive** *a.* forward-looking, modern-minded, prodevelopment, cutting edge, twenty-first century, advancing, liberal, visionary, revolutionary, evolutionary, reformist, dynamic. *ANT.* conservative, unchanging, static, abiding, regressive.

**prohibit** *v.* forbid, disallow, proscribe, interdict, ban, outlaw, restrict, prevent, stop, preclude, constrain, block, restrain, deny, put a stop to, \*put a lid on. *ANT.* allow, authorize, sanction, permit.

**prohibition** *n.* ban, interdiction, proscription, nix, embargo, restriction, outlawing, disallowance, blockage, taboo. *ANT.* permission, allowance, authorization.

**project** *n.* venture, undertaking, enterprise, job, work, campaign, occupation, assignment, task, plan, scheme, proposal.

**project** *v.* 1. PLAN propose, calculate, predict, estimate, forecast, scheme, envision, conceive, draft, outline. 2. JUT bulge, stick out, overhang, protrude. 3. THROW hurl, cast, shoot, propel, fling, launch.

**projection** *n.* 1. ESTIMATE calculation, prediction, forecast, guess, approximation, figure. 2. JUT protrusion, overhang, prominence, bump, bulge, extension, shelf.

**PROLETARIAT** *n.* [PROH li TAIR ee ut] the industrial working class or working class. *The proletariat are speaking out against higher taxes.* *SYN.* industrial working class, work-

- ing class, laborers, blue-collar workers, commoners, lower class, rank and file, plebians, bourgeoisie, the masses, hoi polloi. *ANT.* *upper class, ruling class, nobility, royalty, aristocrats.*
- PROLIFERATE** *v.* [proh LIF uh RATE] to multiply, increase, or spread at a fast rate. *Mushrooms proliferate on moist ground.* *SYN.* multiply, increase, spread, reproduce, breed, \*mushroom, grow rampant, \*run riot, burgeon, escalate, teem, \*snowball, metastasize. *ANT.* *decrease, die out.*
- PROLIFIC** *a.* [proh LIF ik] richly productive, fertile. *A prolific author, he once wrote three books in one year.* *SYN.* productive, fertile, fruitful, generative, creative, fecund, bountiful. *ANT.* *sterile, unproductive, barren.*
- PROLOGUE** *n.* preface, introduction, foreword, opening.
- PROLONG** *v.* extend, draw out, drag out, protract, stretch, lengthen, expand, sustain, perpetuate. *ANT.* *shorten, curtail, cut short.*
- PROMENADE** *n.* walk, walkway, avenue, footpath, course, mall, stroll.
- PROMINENCE** *n.* 1. **RENOWN** fame, distinction, eminence, reputation, notability, standing, importance, greatness, celebrity. 2. **JUTTING** bump, projection, bulge, extrusion, eminence, peak, swelling, protrusion, protuberance, hump, lump. *ANT.* 1. *obscurity, anonymity.* 2. *depression, indentation, hole.*
- PROMINENT** *a.* 1. **RENOWNED** famous, eminent, distinguished, notable, celebrated, well-known, important, great, acclaimed. 2. **STICKING OUT** jutting, projecting, conspicuous, standing out, outstanding, glaring, obvious, striking, bulging. *ANT.* 1. *obscure, unknown, anonymous.* 2. *inconspicuous, indented.*
- PROMISCUOUS** *a.* sexually active, sexually indiscriminate, oversexed, fast, loose, easy, wild, whorish, of easy virtue, wanton, lustful. *ANT.* *celibate, chaste, virginal.*
- PROMISE** *n.* 1. **WORD OF HONOR** word, vow, pledge, oath, commitment, assurance, warranty, guarantee, contract, swearing. 2. **POTENTIAL** hope, prospect, expectation.
- PROMISE** *v.* 1. **GIVE ONE'S WORD** pledge, vow, swear, commit, assure, \*cross one's heart and hope to die, take an oath, warrant, guarantee. 2. **GIVE HOPE** of suggest, indicate, portend, bode, bespeak, show signs of.
- PROMISING** *a.* encouraging, hopeful, full of promise, favorable, bright, up-and-coming, auspicious, rosy, \*shaping up, heartening. *ANT.* *discouraging, disheartening, black.*
- PROMONTORY** *n.* headland, head, point, cape, projection, bluff, hill, height.
- PROMOTE** *v.* 1. **PUBLICIZE** sell, advertize, \*talk up, plug, tout, back, \*hype, push, ballyhoo, trumpet, sing praises. 2. **FURTHER** advance, foster, boost, support, cultivate, lift. 3. **UPGRADE ONE'S RANK** advance, raise, \*kick upstairs, move up, graduate. *ANT.* 1. *criticize, condemn, censor, \*bad-mouth.* 2. *retard, inhibit, discourage.* 3. *demote, downgrade.*
- PROMOTER** *n.* supporter, backer, advocate, organizer, publicist, booster, champion, sponsor, proponent.
- PROMOTION** *n.* 1. **PUBLICITY** selling, advertisement, plugging, touting, backing, \*hype, ballyhoo, hoopla. 2. **UPGRADE IN RANK** graduation, \*kick upstairs, move up, advance, raise. *ANT.* 1. *condemnation, criticism, \*bad-mouthing, censoring.* 2. *demotion, downgrade.*
- PROMPT** *v.* urge, provoke, incite, goad, evoke, cue, stimulate, induce, spur, initiate, prod, arouse, push.
- PROMPT** *a.* quick, punctual, timely, swift, rapid, immediate, expeditious, meteoric. *ANT.* *late, slow, leisurely.*
- PROMPTLY** *adv.* at once, immediately, quickly, swiftly, in timely fashion, punctually, pronto, expeditiously, directly, \*PDQ. *ANT.* *eventually, sooner or later, slowly.*
- PROMULGATE** *v.* [PROM ul gate] to proclaim or state publicly, publish. *The company will promulgate its new policies soon.* *SYN.* proclaim, announce, make known, publish, broadcast, declare, communicate, spread the word, present, herald.
- PROME** *a.* 1. **LYING FLAT** prostrate, recumbent, supine, horizontal, face-down. 2. **INCLINED** disposed, given, bent, likely, of a mind to, liable, apt. *ANT.* 1. *erect, upright, vertical.* 2. *disinclined.*
- PRONOUNCE** *v.* 1. **DECLARE** announce, say, assert, decree, proclaim, report, state. 2. **ARTICULATE** enunciate, say, vocalize, utter, sound, express, frame a word.
- PRONOUNCED** *a.* distinct, unmistakable, conspicuous, clear, striking, outstanding, prominent, bold, plain, obvious. *ANT.* *inconspicuous, subtle, concealed, hidden.*
- PRONOUNCEMENT** *n.* declaration, statement, announcement, assertion, proclamation, decree, notification, manifesto.

**proof** *n.* evidence, verification, confirmation, authentication, corroboration, validation, certification, substantiation, testimony, facts.

**proofread** *v.* copyedit, blue pencil, edit, read, check for errors.

**prop** *n.* support, brace, buttress, pillar, stanchion, upright, beam, post, column, joist.

**prop** *v.* hold up, carry, support, shoulder, brace, gird, buttress, shore, stand, lean against.

**propaganda** *n.* disinformation, brainwashing, indoctrination, lies, distortion, deception, dissemination, psychological manipulation, subversive PR. "Polished lying"—Lin Yutang. "A polite euphemism for deception."—Walte.

**propagate** *v.* 1. BREED reproduce, multiply, generate, beget, engender, raise, mother, father, proliferate. 2. SPREAD disseminate, promulgate, broadcast, publish, circulate, dispense.

**propel** *v.* drive, impel, push, shoot, move, launch, throw, thrust, force, send, actuate, hurl.

**propellor** *n.* prop, screw, blade, rotor, driver.

**PROPENSITY** *n.* [pruh PEN si tee] a natural inclination. *She had a propensity for Swedish meatballs.* SYN. tendency, leaning, bent, partiality, taste, liking, weakness, penchant, predilection, disposition, proclivity. ANT. aversion, dislike.

**proper** *a.* 1. SUITABLE appropriate, suited, befitting, apt, right, fit, apropos, correct, sensible. 2. SEEMLY decent, genteel, polite, correct, \*politically correct, mannerly, nice, decorous, acceptable, fitting, comme il faut, refined. 3. PECULIAR distinctive, distinguishing, own, individual, specific, personal. ANT. 1. *unsuitable, ill-fitting, wrong.* 2. *unseemly, rude, impolite.*

**property** *n.* 1. POSSESSIONS belongings, \*things, \*stuff, holdings, effects, goods, assets, wealth. 2. REAL ESTATE land, acreage, estate, plot, lot, house. 3. CHARACTERISTIC quality, feature, attribute, trait, distinction, mark, trademark.

**prophecy** *n.* prediction, foretelling, forecast, augury, divination, soothsaying, presage, prognostication, presentiment, second sight, revelation. "Dreaming on things to come."—Shakespeare. SEE DIVINATION

**prophecy** *v.* predict, foretell, forecast, augur, divine, presage, prognosticate, soothsay, foresee, portend.

**prophet** *n.* predictor, fortuneteller, forecaster, augur, diviner, prognosticator, soothsayer, seer, astrologer, oracle, prophet of doom, Cassandra. "He who conjectures well."—Euripides.

**prophetic** *a.* predictive, oracular, foretelling, mantic, premonitory, augural, prognostic, prescient, portentous, ominous.

**PROPTITIOUS** *a.* [pro PISH us] favorable, auspicious. *Some claim that a full moon is a propitious time to plant.* SYN. favorable, auspicious, promising, opportune, timely, good, advantageous, fortunate, conducive, providential. ANT. *adverse, inopportune, unfortunate, bad.*

**PROPONENT** *n.* [pro PO nunt] a supporter, backer, or advocate. *The politician is a vocal proponent of environmental protection.* SYN. supporter, backer, advocate, exponent, champion, upholder, endorser, defender, friend, booster. ANT. *opponent, detractor, critic.*

**proportion** *n.* 1. RATIO amount, size, dimension, portion, scale, volume, fraction, measure, degree, division, percentage, quota, relationship. 2. BALANCE symmetry.

**proportions** *n.* measurements, size, area. SEE DIMENSIONS

**proposal** *n.* suggestion, recommendation, presentation, idea, proposition, pitch, tender, plan, scheme, offer, bid.

**propose** *v.* 1. SUGGEST recommend, present, pitch, tender, submit, proffer, advance, offer, proposition, make a bid, put forth for consideration. 2. ASK FOR HAND IN MARRIAGE \*pop the question, affiance.

**proposition** *n.* 1. OFFER proposal, suggestion, submission, presentation, deal, proffer. 2. FLIRTATION sexual overture, \*come-on, \*move.

**proprietor** *n.* owner, landlord, landlady, deed holder, master, lord of the manor.

**PROPRIETY** *n.* [pro PRYE i tee] proper behavior, decorum, good manners. *The children conducted themselves with unexpected propriety.* SYN. properness, proper behavior, decorum, good manners, conformity, seemliness, appropriateness, politeness, good form, gentility, etiquette. ANT. *impropriety, rudeness, bad manners.*

**propulsion** *n.* force, driving force, energy, power, thrust, accelerating force, push.

**pro rata** *adv.* proportionately, in proportion.

**PROSAIC** *a.* [proh ZAY ik] dull, ordinary, flat. *His was a prosaic story, the normal details of a quiet life.* SYN. dull, ordinary, flat, unimaginative, \*ho-hum, blah, colorless, stale, humdrum, monotonous, trite, tedious. ANT. *interesting, colorful, imaginative.*

**PROSCRIBE** *v.* [proh SCRIBE] to outlaw, ban, condemn. *The church proscribes pornography.* SYN. outlaw, ban, prohibit, condemn, denounce, forbid, reject, exile, boycott, embargo, banish. ANT. *accept, allow, permit.*

**prosecute** *v.* file legal proceedings against, try, bring suit, sue, bring to trial, litigate, take to court, seek redress, arraign, indict. SEE COURT, LAW, LAWYERS.

**proselytize** *v.* espouse, persuade, talk into, convert, convince

**prospect** *n.* 1. OUTLOOK expectancy, possibility, likelihood, anticipation, chance, speculation, probability, hope. 2. VIEW panorama, scene, vista, outlook, aspect, lookout, perspective.

**prospect** *v.* search, explore, look for, seek, probe, pan.

**prospective** *a.* future, expected, likely, forthcoming, anticipated, possible, potential, coming, on the horizon, destined, probable. ANT. *unlikely, far-fetched.*

**prospector** *n.* mineral hunter, rock hunter, rockhound, miner, gold panner, sourdough, wildcat driller, wildcatter, forty-niner.

**prospectus** *n.* financial statement, investment summary, program, plan.

**prosper** *v.* succeed, grow, thrive, make a fortune, do well, get ahead, get rich, bear fruit, arrive, \*make a killing, \*hit the jackpot. ANT. *fail, go bankrupt, \*go belly up.*

**prosperity** *n.* success, growth, fortune, wealth, riches, affluence, boom times, \*life of luxury, \*easy street, plenty. "An instrument to be used, not a deity to be worshipped."—Calvin Coolidge. ANT. *poverty, failure, bankruptcy.*

**prosperous** *a.* successful, flourishing, thriving, growing, booming, fortunate, well-off, fat, wealthy, rich, affluent, \*in the money, \*on easy street. ANT. *failing, \*going bankrupt, \*going belly up, \*drowning in red ink.*

**prostitute** *n.* whore, hooker, call girl, street walker, woman of ill repute, lady of the evening, working girl, harlot, slut, \*hustler, fille de joie, strumpet, trollop, demimondaine, tart, tramp, \*ho.

#### WORD FIND

**act, one sexual:** \*trick

**agent:** pimp

**bought off, willingness to be:** venality

**customer:** \*john, \*trick

**district:** red-light district

**euphemism:** adventuress, escort

**group:** demimonde

**group of concubines:** harem

**homosexual:** \*chicken

**homosexual's old male customer:** \*chicken hawk

**hostess mistakenly thought to be, Japanese:** geisha

**house:** brothel, \*cathouse, house of ill repute, \*joy house, \*sporting house, bordello, bawdy house, massage parlor

**male, upper class:** gigolo

**mistress:** concubine

**mistress of rich man:** courtesan

**proprietor of brothel:** madam

**ring of prostitution featuring kidnapped girls:** white slavery

**solicit customers:** pander

**undercover:** escort service, massage parlor

**prostitute** *v.* sell one's body, sell oneself out, lower oneself, demean oneself, debase, downgrade, cheapen, misuse, abuse.

**prostrate** *a.* 1. LYING FACE DOWN prone, recumbent, horizontal, flat, supine, in a position of humility, lying in submission, laid out. 2. OVERCOME helpless, overwhelmed, overpowered, crushed, paralyzed, humbled, powerless, exhausted, weak, spent, fatigued, worn out, tired. ANT. 1. *standing, upright, erect.* 2. *powerful, emboldened, invigorated.*

**protagonist** *n.* principal, lead, central figure, hero, heroine, star, exponent, champion.

**protect** *v.* shield, defend, take care of, safeguard, fend, cover, stick up for, escort, screen, shelter, mother, father. ANT. *expose, leave vulnerable.*

**protection** *n.* shielding, defense, care, safeguarding, cover, escort, screen, shelter, security, preservation, safety, refuge. ANT. *exposure, vulnerability.*

**protective** *a.* protecting, shielding, defensive, safeguarding, covering, sheltering, securing, preserving, maternal, paternal. ANT. *unprotective, unsafe, insecure, damaging.*

**protégé** *n.* student, star pupil, dependent, charge, understudy, protégée, ward, apprentice.

**protest** *n.* objection, remonstrance, complaint, grievance, march, demonstration, strike, riot, boycott, rally, sit-in, \*stink, fuss, picketing, challenge.

**protest** *v.* object, remonstrate, complain, file a grievance, march, picket, demonstrate, strike, riot, rally, sit in, boycott, \*put up a stink, fuss, challenge, squawk.

**protocol** *n.* code of conduct, rules of conduct, formalities, conventions, custom, propriety,

- good form, etiquette, decorum, diplomatic code, manners.
- prototype** *n.* model, pattern, original, archetype, standard, exemplar, paradigm, first, forerunner, antecedent, \*mockup.
- PROTRACT** *v.* [proh TRACT] to prolong, stretch out, lengthen. *They expect another protracted war in the Middle East.* SYN. prolong, stretch out, draw out, lengthen, extend, \*drag out, elongate, sustain, keep going, pad.
- protrude** *v.* stick out, jut out, project, extrude, stand out, obtrude, bulge, swell, pop, overhang.
- protuberance** *n.* bump, projection, prominence, jut, protrusion, outgrowth, bulge, swelling, node, lump, excrescence.
- proud** *a.* 1. PLEASED WITH ONESELF self-satisfied, self-respecting, \*swollen with pride, honored, dignified, great, big, puffed up, \*standing tall, winning. 2. ARROGANT \*full of oneself, \*cocky, egotistical, pretentious, vainglorious, lordly, pompous, conceited, haughty, \*bigheaded, strutting. ANT. *humble, modest, ashamed, low, humiliated.*
- prove** *v.* confirm, verify, evince, demonstrate, corroborate, affirm, validate, substantiate, establish, show, bear out, document, authenticate. ANT. *disprove, discredit, invalidate.*
- proverb** *n.* adage, maxim, aphorism, saying, epigram, axiom, truism, bromide, saw, cliché. "The wisdom of the streets."—William Benham. "A short sentence based on long experience."—Miguel de Cervantes.
- provide** *v.* supply, furnish, contribute, cater, provision, outfit, equip, stock, offer, bring, produce, accommodate, take care of, give, lend, render, donate.
- provident** *a.* prepared, farsighted, ready, precautionous, foresighted, prudent, shrewd, economical, frugal. ANT. *unprepared, shortsighted.*
- province** *n.* 1. TERRITORY division, district, region. 2. RESPONSIBILITY duties, functions, bailiwick, sphere, concern, jurisdiction, department.
- PROVINCIAL** *a.* [pruh VIN shul] having a narrow outlook, as one from a small town or province, rustic. *Their provincial concerns excluded the needs of outsiders.* SYN. narrow, limited, small-town, unsophisticated, rustic, rural, countrified, insular, parochial, local. ANT. *worldly, universal, metropolitan, cosmopolitan.*
- provision** *n.* 1. SUPPLY furnishing, accoutrement, outfitting, providing, giving, stock, stores, food. 2. PREPARATION rearrange-
- ment, readiness, forearming. 3. PROVISIO clause, stipulation, specification, term, requirement, restriction, obligation, \*fine print.
- proviso** *n.* condition, stipulation, clause, article, specification, term, requirement, restriction, obligation, rider, provision.
- provocation** *n.* provoking, incitement, cause, instigation, stimulus, motivation, induce-ment, grounds, offense, irritation, agitation.
- PROVOCATIVE** *a.* [pro VAWK uh tiv] provoking, stimulating, exciting. *The show was so provocative, it incited a riot.* SYN. provoking, stimulating, exciting, disturbing, aggravating, inciting, prodding, goading, offensive, instigating, angering, infuriating, arousing, erotic, sexy, seductive, titillating. ANT. *inane, insipid, dull.*
- provoke** *v.* 1. STIMULATE excite, arouse, incite, stir up, instigate, goad, prod, generate, start, bring about, produce, evoke, kindle. 2. ANGER infuriate, irritate, annoy, enrage, \*piss off, offend, insult, \*get on one's nerves, perturb, incense. ANT. 1. *throw cold water on, inhibit, smooth over.* 2. *mollify, appease, pacify.*
- prowess** *n.* 1. BRAVERY courage, valor, fearlessness, daring, gallantry, spunk, \*guts, mettle, heroism. 2. ABILITY skill, expertise, talent, mastery, facility, know-how, proficiency, knack, command. ANT. 1. *cowardice, weakness, timidity.* 2. *incompetence, inability.*
- prowl** *v.* lurk, skulk, hunt, move with stealth, stalk, lie in wait, sneak, slink, steal, tiptoe.
- prowler** *n.* predator, lurker, hunter, stalker, \*sneak, thief, burglar, \*peeping Tom.
- proximity** *n.* nearness, closeness, immediacy, vicinity, propinquity, adjacency.
- proxy** *n.* agent, substitute, surrogate, fill-in, deputy, alternate, second.
- prude** *n.* \*goody two shoes, \*goody-goody, Victorian, Mrs. Grundy, puritan, prig.
- PRUDENT** *a.* [PROOD unt] using good judgment, wise, cautious. *The prudent thing to do is buckle your seatbelts.* SYN. wise, sensible, cautious, judicious, thoughtful, discreet, sound, reasonable, careful, sage, practical. ANT. *irrational, reckless, thoughtless, mindless.*
- prudish** *a.* \*goody-goody, prissy, squeamish, Victorian, puritanical, strict, overnice, \*uptight, straitlaced, prim, starchy, priggish. ANT. *wild, loose, wanton, abandoned.*
- prune** *v.* trim, clip, thin, reduce, dock, lop, snip, cut, crop, shorten.

**prurient** *a.* lustful, lewd, libidinous, salacious, lascivious, sexual, lecherous, \*horny, carnal. *ANT.* *prudish, puritanical, prim.*

**pry** *v.* 1. \*STICK ONE'S NOSE IN interfere, meddle, intrude, snoop, be nosy, \*butt in, interlope. 2. OPEN wrest, force open, pull apart, lift off, raise, lever, prize, jimmy.

**psalm** *n.* hymn, song.

**pseudonym** *n.* assumed name, alias, pen name, nom de plume, a.k.a., stage name, professional name.

**psyche** *n.* soul, intellect, mind, self, ego, spirit, subconscious, anima.

**psyched** *a.* *Sl.* excited, \*pumped, aroused, \*rarin' to go, inspired, charger, eager, \*fired up, \*wired, roused, \*on fire, stimulated. *ANT.* *discouraged, demoralized.*

**psychiatrist** *n.* doctor, psychoanalyst, psychotherapist, psychologist, \*head doctor, therapist, \*shrink, \*headshrinker, mental health practitioner. "Someone who will listen to you as long as you don't make sense."—Maxwell Hyman.

**psychic** *n.* intuitive, mind-reader, sensitive, clairvoyant, medium, telepath, supersensory, prophet, mystic, ESP practitioner, channeler. SEE DIVINATION, OCCULT

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#### WORD FIND

**burning of images into a subject's mind by psychic power:** thoughtography

**cards pictured with geometric shapes, used to test for ESP:** Zenner cards

**crime-solver:** psychic detective

**disease, cures:** intuitive healer; faith healer

**dishonest "reading" of someone's mind by previously eavesdropping or fact-gathering:** hot reading

**divination method through which object owned by subject is touched by medium to form a connection:** psychometry

**divining future through crystal ball or other reflective surface:** scry

**hear things nobody else can, ability to:** clairaudience

**moving objects by mind power alone:** psychokinesis

**natural but heightened ability to read people's expressions and body language, without ESP:** hypersensory perception

**outlandish pseudosciences believed uncritically by masses, process through which:** communal reinforcement

**past, travel in one's mind to the distant:** past life regression

**reading of someone's mind and background, with no previous information:** cold reading

**perceive what others cannot, ability to:** clairvoyance

**psychic powers, referring to:** psi

**seeing or knowing what will occur in future:** precognition; prescience; second sight; sixth sense; having a third eye; prophecy

**spirits, acting as a medium to communicate with:** channeling

**skeptic's term for acceptance of psychic's reading by eager-to-believe subjects:** subjective validation

**skeptic's term for the broad scattering of interpretations and impressions psychics give to land upon something meaningful with a subject:** shotgunning

**skeptic's term for taking credit for predicting an event—with overly broad statements—after the fact:** shoehorning

**travel to distant locations through mind power:** astral projection

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**psychobabble** *n.* jargon, lingo, vernacular, vocabulary, phraseology, \*gobbledegook, mumbo jumbo.

**psychological** *a.* mental, of the mind, conscious, subconscious, unconscious, psychic, cognitive, intellectual, emotional, cerebral.

**psychology** *n.* study of the mind, study of the soul, mental life, human behavior. SEE DELUSION, INSANITY, NEUROSIS, PSYCHOTHERAPY

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#### WORD FIND

**bias blinding one to a faulty belief:** belief-bias effect

**criminal defendants, evaluation of:** forensic psychology

**conditioned or learned response:** Pavlovian response

**mismatch of internal beliefs or emotion and one's behavior:** cognitive dissonance

**primitive behavior, reverting to:** atavism

**school characterized by the importance of data-gathering through observation and experimentation:** behaviorism

**experimenter bias that through unconscious manipulation brings about desired test results:** Rosenthal effect

**sham pill causing negative effect:** nocebo

**sham pill causing positive effect:** placebo

**study of same subjects over many years:**  
longitudinal study  
**study of past studies to arrive at a consensus:** meta analysis  
**weather as it affects human behavior, study of:** biometeorology

**psychopath** *n.* sociopath, antisocial person, lunatic, \*loony, \*nut case, \*psycho, deranged person, psychotic, madman, madwoman, mentally ill person.

**psychopathic** *a.* psychotic. SEE INSANE, PSYCHOTIC

**psych out** *v.* *Sl.* intimidate, trouble, \*play with one's head, confuse, unnerve, demoralize.

**psychotherapy** *n.* counseling, therapy, psychoanalysis, talk therapy, life coaching, treatment, rehabilitation, rehab, psychiatric treatment. SEE DELUSION, INSANITY, MANIA, NEUROSIS, PHOBIA, PSYCHIATRY

#### WORD FIND

**acting without thinking:** impulsiveness  
**alleviation of anxiety through harmless frightening of client:** implosive therapy  
**aloofness, due to apathy, denial, or intellectualization:** detachment  
**animal instincts and urges of the self:** the id  
**anxiety, condition of chronic free-floating:** generalized anxiety disorder (GAD)  
**attributing one's own faults to someone else:** projecting  
**behavioral expression of an internal conflict:** acting out  
**belief, near-delusional:** overvalued idea  
**bland presentation of self, due to depression:** blunted affect, flat affect  
**blocking out of unpleasant thoughts:** repression  
**body positioning, distance, and orientation as a give-away to inner feelings; body language; proxemics**  
**brain damage marked by short attention span, insensitivity, rudeness:** frontal lobe syndrome  
**breathing, rapid, anxious:** hyperventilation  
**change of thinking and perception, therapeutic and positive:** cognitive therapy  
**changing of thoughts, perceptions, and behaviors to treat depression:** cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)  
**childlike belief in wishful thinking and meaningful coincidences:** magical thinking  
**cleansing, psychological:** catharsis

**combat, psychological fallout from:** post traumatic stress disorder; shell shock  
**conscience, one having little or no:** sociopath, antisocial personality  
**confusion between dreams, fantasy, and reality:** paramnesia  
**conversational tangents, going off into irrelevant:** derailment  
**cutting or burning of self as expression of anxiety, rage:** self-mutilation  
**deference, approval-seeking:** submissiveness  
**depression after childbirth:** postpartum depression  
**depression, mania, disorder cycling between:** bipolar disorder  
**depression manifesting in winter:** seasonal affective disorder (SAD)  
**deterioration due to long-term stress:** decompensation  
**defiance, abuse, and criminal behavior starting in adolescence:** conduct disorder  
**defiant hostility in children, severe:** oppositional defiant disorder  
**diagnostic, classification tool used by mental health professionals:** Diagnostic Statistical Manual  
**dreams, hidden meaning of:** latent content  
**egocentric drama queen or king:** histrionic personality  
**ego-protecting thought process:** defense mechanism; denial  
**emotional mastery:** emotional intelligence; emotional quotient; EQ  
**ending of distress due to counseling or acceptance:** closure  
**euphoria or mild mania with impaired judgement:** hypomania  
**exposure therapy for phobias, incremental:** desensitization  
**exhaustion, stress, disillusionment with work:** burnout  
**extinguishing of a phobia or phobic thought process:** extinction  
**eye movement, therapy involving rapid:** Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)  
**facial expressions that give someone away, fleeting:** microexpressions  
**facial features, determining personality through:** physiognomy  
**false or insane belief about oneself or the world:** delusion

**fantasy sometimes mixed with fact that becomes memory of an event:** confabulation

**faulty or irrational belief shared by two:** folie a deux

**gambling, out-of-control:** pathological gambling

**grief and emptiness from kids leaving home:** empty nest syndrome

**fears, condition of out-of-control and irrational:** panic disorder

**Freudian school of the unconscious mind and childhood conflict resolution:** psychoanalysis

**helplessness and dependence, condition characterized by:** dependent personality disorder

**hidden motives, therapy that reveals client's:** insight therapy

**hostage sympathizes and aids kidnapers, syndrome in which:** Stockholm syndrome

**hostility, subtle acting out of inner:** passive-aggressiveness

**hypnosis, therapy employing:** hypnotherapy

**illness, fakes:** malingering

**immature or primitive behavior, returning to:** regression

**inept personality:** inadequate personality

**influence of statements made by respected or charismatic person:** power of suggestion

**inkblot figures used to reveal unconscious:** Rorschach test

**instability, impulsiveness, and unpredictability, disorder marked by:** borderline personality

**instinctual impulses modified to socially acceptable behavior:** sublimation

**inward-focused personality:** introvert

**isolation and reserve, extreme:** withdrawal

**jargon and terminology:** psychobabble

**jealousy and suspicion of infidelity, neurosis characterized by extreme and irrational:** Othello syndrome

**losing train of thought or speech due to anxiety:** blanking out; blocking

**love of oneself, excessive:** narcissism

**maladjusted behavior:** dysfunction

**manic speech leaping from topic to topic:** flight of ideas, pressured speech

**measuring tool for depression severity:** Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression

**memory erasure of painful past events:** psychogenic amnesia; retrograde amnesia

**memory that hides a true one, false:** screen memory

**mistrust of others, extreme or irrational:** paranoid personality disorder

**monitoring of environment for signs of danger, extreme and habitual:** hypervigilance

**mood instability:** lability

**multiple clients simultaneously, with:** group therapy

**multiple mental problems:** comorbidity

**muscle spasm indicating possible anxiety:** nervous tic

**negative reputation or branding, due to mental illness:** stigma

**nervousness or fear without an apparent cause:** free-floating anxiety

**neurotransmitter critical for feelings of well being:** serotonin

**outward or outgoing personality:** extrovert

**overblown feelings of self-worth:** grandiosity

**overeating, pathological:** hyperphagia

**overexposing a phobic person to the feared object to cure them:** flooding

**pain originating from psychological distress:** somatization

**pain that is chronic or severe and has no identified cause, condition marked by:** psychogenic pain disorder; psychosomatic; psychophysiological disorder

**past, dwelling excessively on the:** *alethia*

**people, disorder characterized by magical thinking and extreme fear of:** schizotypal personality disorder

**people-hater:** misanthropist

**perception of reality matches that of therapist, when:** consensual validation

**persecution ideation, not quite delusional but extreme:** paranoid ideation

**personality tends to be maladaptive, condition in which:** personality disorder

**personalities, having more than one:** multiple personality

**personality trait test:** Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory; Myers-Briggs Type Indicator

**physical causes, science of behaviors brought on by:** organic psychiatry

**pleasure from pain inflicted on oneself, derives:** masochist

**point of view of others, inability to see:** ego-centrism  
**poor me sacrificer who seeks constant sympathy:** martyr  
**potential despite flaws and difficulties, living to one's full:** self actualization  
**punishments and unpleasant associations to change behavior, therapy utilizing:** aversion therapy  
**reverse psychology:** paradoxical psychology  
**rage, condition of adolescent, uncontrolled:** intermittent explosive disorder  
**rationalization of disturbing thoughts through mental gymnastics:** intellectualization  
**recall of a past trauma, abnormally powerful:** hypermnesia  
**relationships, condition in which one has no interest in:** schizoid personality disorder  
**relaxation training through blood pressure, heart, and brain monitoring:** bio-feedback training  
**reward system, changing behavior through:** positive reinforcement  
**rigid and exacting personality, overly:** compulsive personality  
**ritualistic disorder of repeated hand-washing or other repetitive behaviors:** obsessive-compulsive disorder  
**role-playing group therapy:** Gestalt therapy; psychodrama  
**screaming, therapy involving intense:** primal scream therapy  
**self in psychoanalytic theory, the rational component of the:** ego  
**self-worth dependant on one's significant other:** relationship-contingent self-esteem  
**sex, condition in which one is sickened by:** sexual aversion disorder  
**shock therapy for severely depressed patients:** electroconvulsive therapy  
**shutting down emotional reactions to contain stress:** numbing  
**stress converted to physical or emotional symptom:** conversion  
**stress converted to physical or emotional outburst or paralysis:** conversion reaction  
**stress that is chronic and intense after traumatic experiences:** post traumatic stress disorder  
**suggestion, vulnerability to power of:** suggestibility

**therapy based on cultivating optimism and gratitude:** positive psychology  
**unacceptable thoughts to unconscious, moving:** suppression  
**unhealthy relationship in which one is manipulated by the other's neurosis or substance abuse:** codependency  
**utterance revealing speaker's true feelings, inadvertent:** Freudian slip  
**woman-hater:** misogynist  
**word association game used to reveal the unconscious:** free association

**psychotic** *a.* psychopathic, mentally ill, deranged, demented, disturbed, \*nuts, delusional, unstable. *ANT.* clear-headed, sane, healthy. SEE INSANE

**pub** *n.* tavern, bar, public house, saloon, alehouse.

**puberty** *n.* adolescence, teen years, sexual maturation, development, awkward years, pubescence.

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#### WORD FIND

**boy's change of voice:** ponticello

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**public** *n.* community, people, society, citizens, populace, masses, nation, \*man/woman in the street, everyone.

**public** *a.* 1. COMMON community, communal, popular, mutual, general, universal, open, unrestricted, accessible. 2. KNOWN not private, open, plain as day, visible, overt, undisguised, disclosed, publicized. *ANT.* 1. private, restricted, exclusive. 2. private, confidential, secret.

**publication** *n.* book, magazine, newspaper, newsletter, periodical, journal, bulletin, printing, pamphlet, report, dissemination.

**publicity** *n.* attention, promotion, notice, ballyhoo, advertisement, puffery, spotlight, hype, \*plug, \*blurb, \*hoopla.

**publicize** *v.* promote, hype, get attention, announce, tout, advertise, sell, trumpet, promulgate, \*plug, air, spotlight. *ANT.* hush up, conceal, censor.

**publish** *v.* issue, print, circulate, put out, distribute, promulgate, report, broadcast.

**pucker** *v.* purse, crease, wrinkle, contract, fold, crinkle.

**puddle** *n.* pool, wallow, drink, run-off, splash.

**pudgy** *a.* fat, dumpy, podgy, tubby, stout, roly-poly, chubby, squat, overweight, chunky. *ANT.* thin, skinny, anorexic.

**puerile** *a.* childish, immature, young, juvenile, infantile, babyish, callow, silly, sophomoric, foolish. *ANT.* *mature, adult, serious.*

**puff** *n.* breath, whiff, huff, wind, gust, draft, waft, blow, expulsion, cloud, smoke, vapor.

**puff** *v.* blow, breathe, inhale, exhale, huff, pant, wheeze, gust, draw, suck.

**puffy** *a.* swollen, baggy, inflated, bulging, puffed up, distended, bloated, billowy. *ANT.* *deflated, flat.*

**PUGNACIOUS** *a.* [pug NA shus] given to fighting, combative. *The pugnacious bully was the terror of the school.* *SYN.* combative, quarrelsome, belligerent, given to fighting, aggressive, contentious, bellicose, antagonistic, militant. *ANT.* *peaceful, passive, pacifist, meek.*

**pulchritude** *n.* prettiness, attractiveness, loveliness. *SEE* BEAUTY

**pull** *n.* 1. TUG yank, tow, jerk. 2. INFLUENCE clout, power, weight, sway, authority.

**pull** *v.* tug, yank, tow, wrench, drag, haul, jerk, pluck, remove, withdraw, extract, rip out.

**pulpit** *n.* lecturn, platform, podium, dais.

**puke** *v.* vomit, throw up, upchuck, \*toss one's cookies, \*blow lunch, \*hurl, \*ralph, \*barf, heave, retch.

**pulsate** *v.* vibrate, quiver, beat, throb, pulse, palpitate, oscillate, flutter, thrum, ebb and flow.

**pulse** *n.* vibration, beat, rhythm, throb, pulsation, palpitation, oscillation, flutter, thrum, ebb and flow, contraction, cadence.

**pulverize** *v.* grind, smash, crush, crumble, powder, break up, granulate, fragment, pound, shatter, atomize.

**pummel** *v.* pommel, beat, pound, punch, hit, strike, drub, whale on, thrash, use as a punching bag.

**pump** *v.* 1. DRAIN remove, suction, suck out, siphon, draw. 2. INFLATE blow up, expand, fill. 3. QUESTION interrogate, \*grill, cross-examine, quiz, \*give the third degree, probe.

**pun** *n.* play on words, witticism. "A low species of wit."—Noah Webster.

**punch** *n.* 1. HIT belt, blow, uppercut, jab, \*one-two, \*Sunday punch, cuff, \*clip, thump, \*clout, \*smack, \*sockdolager. 2. FORCE wallop, impact, bite, \*oomph.

**punch** *v.* hit, belt, jab, cuff, \*clip, thump, pummel, \*clout, \*smack, \*one-two, uppercut.

**punctilious** *a.* careful, exact, fussy, finicky, strict, detail-oriented, meticulous, precise, scrupulous. *ANT.* *slack, careless, slipshod.*

**punctual** *a.* on time, prompt, on schedule, \*on the dot, timely, dependable, reliable. *ANT.* *late, tardy.*

**punctuate** *v.* emphasize, accentuate, stress, underscore, underline, accent, mark.

**puncture** *n.* hole, opening, cut, slit, perforation, rupture, leak, \*flat, \*blowout.

**puncture** *v.* pierce, prick, cut, open, rupture, slit, perforate, put a hole in.

**PUNDIT** *n.* [PUN dit] one who is an authority, a learned man or woman. *The political pundit gave a witty and insightful lecture to a delighted audience.* *SYN.* authority, expert, learned man/woman, sage, scholar, know-it-all, professional observer, master, savant.

**PUNGENT** *a.* [PUN junt] sharply flavorful or sharp-smelling. Also, sharp or biting in language or speech. *Both the meal and the conversation were pungent.* *SYN.* 1. SPICY sharp, biting, acrid, harsh, bitter, acid, stinging, strong, acerbic, piquant, flavorful, peppery. 2. BITING acid, penetrating, piercing, pointed, salty, spicy, hot, peppery, scathing, caustic, sharp-tongued. *ANT.* *bland, mild, dull.*

**punish** *v.* penalize, discipline, correct, chasten, chastise, teach a lesson, castigate, reprove, \*come down hard on, \*lower the boom on, fine, sentence, whip, flog, beat, thrash, torture, \*slap one's wrist. *ANT.* *reward, praise, commend.* *SEE* TORTURE

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**WORD FIND**

**cross, nailed to:** crucifixion

**court of law meting out unusual punishments in the Middle Ages, secret:** star chamber

**ignoring and purposefully avoiding someone:** shunning

**running through rows of men who strike:** run the gauntlet

**substitution for punishment of Prince, English court:** whipping boy

**whip, multi-thonged:** scourge

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**punishment** *n.* penalty, discipline, disciplinary action, chastening, chastisement, retribution, \*one's due, comeuppance, \*just deserts, castigation, penance, \*the rod, reparation, fine, sentencing, whipping, beating, torture, \*slap on the wrist. "A sort of medicine."—Aristotle. "Justice for the unjust."—Saint Augustine. "Sin is a suppurating wound; punishment is the surgeon's knife."—Saint John Chrysostom. *ANT.* *reward, praise, commendation.* *SEE* PRISON, TORTURE

**WORD FIND**

**beheader:** guillotine

**board with head and hand holes to lock in and humiliate offender in public:** pillory

**eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth:** talion

**frame with ankle, wrist holes to lock in of-fender:** stocks

**hanging, instrument of:** gallows, gibbet

**illegal:** cruel and unusual

**isolation from others:** solitary confinement

**neck, iron collar tightened around:** garrote

**ruler or stick to punish children:** ferule

**soles of feet, beating with stick:** bastinado

**stretching device:** rack

**tar and feather:** tar and feather

**vigilantes, execution by:** lynching

**yoke fastened around neck, Chinese:** cangue

**punitive** *a.* penalizing, disciplinary, correctional, punishing, penal, harsh, hard, severe, strict. *ANT.* lenient, merciful.

**punk** *n.* hoodlum, \*hood, hooligan, juvenile, delinquent, troublemaker, brat, \*snot-nosed kid.

**puny** *a.* tiny, small, slight, pint-sized, little, undersized, inconsequential, trifling, runty, weak, underdeveloped, insignificant. *ANT.* massive, huge, gigantic.

**pupil** *n.* student, schoolboy, schoolgirl, first-grader, junior, sophomore, undergraduate, senior, scholar, disciple, apprentice.

**puppet** *n.* marionette, \*muppet, doll, dummy, pawn, \*stooge, \*patsy, instrument, tool, figurehead.

**purchase** *n.* buy, acquisition, acquirement, procurement, bargain.

**purchase** *v.* buy, pay for, acquire, obtain, invest in, procure, bargain for, order, pick up.

**pure** *a.* 1. UNMIXED clean, untainted, unadulterated, clear, unalloyed, undiluted, natural, genuine, real, clean, immaculate, un-sullied, unpolluted, pristine. 2. UTTER absolute, stark, out and out, sheer, downright, thorough. 3. SINLESS, CHASTE virgin, virtuous, clean, \*squeaky-clean, \*pure as the driven snow, immaculate, celibate, decent, good, wholesome, moral, blameless, innocent, guiltless. *ANT.* 1. impure, tainted, mixed, diluted, dirty. 2. rather, somewhat, a little. 3. sinful, wicked, impure, unchaste.

**purgatory** *n.* limbo, punishment, torment, hell, atonement, living hell, penance, suffering, retribution, expiation.

**purge** *v.* cleanse, remove, clean out, eliminate, clear, purify, excrete, expel, banish, \*dump, eradicate, get rid of, exorcise.

**purify** *v.* clean, cleanse, sanitize, sterilize, clarify, purge, decontaminate, wash, filter, refine, distill.

**puritanical** *a.* straitlaced, strict, severe, austere, rigid, stiff, stuffy, prim, narrow. *ANT.* wild, loose, fast, permissive.

**purloin** *v.* filch, thief, pilfer. SEE STEAL

**purple** *a.* violet, plum, lavender, lilac, amethyst, mauve, orchid, dahlia, fuchsia, royal, raisin, magenta, hyacinth, heliotrope.

**purport** *v.* mean, claim, profess, allege, hold, maintain, pretend.

**purpose** *n.* 1. INTENTION aim, intent, object, objective, motivation, motive, goal, design, reason, plan, driving, force, point. 2. DETERMINATION resolve, will, single-mindedness, drive, persistence, tenacity.

**purposeful** *a.* resolved, determined, deliberate, intent, committed, decided, resolute, fixed, persistent, tenacious. *ANT.* unintentional, purposeless.

**purposely** *adv.* on purpose, deliberately, intentionally, consciously, by design, knowingly, willingly, calculatedly. *ANT.* unintentionally, unknowingly, accidentally.

**purse** *n.* 1. POCKETBOOK handbag, clutch, wallet, pouch. 2. PRIZE award, sum, winnings, jackpot, stake.

**purse** *v.* close, press, pucker, contract.

**pur-sue** *v.* 1. CHASE go after, run down, \*tail, follow, give chase to, track, trail, hunt down, \*bird dog, stalk, \*shadow. 2. STRIVE FOR seek, work for, go after, contend for, aspire to, aim for, try for.

**push** *n.* 1. SHOVE thrust, propulsion, nudge, prod, poke, advance, drive, force. 2. AMBITION drive, aggressiveness, determination, \*oomph, vigor, energy.

**push** *v.* 1. SHOVE thrust, propel, nudge, prod, poke, advance, drive, force, butt, press, ram, muscle, shoulder. 2. URGE impel, goad, incite, prod, egg on, spur, pressure, motivate, compel, provoke. *ANT.* 1. pull, yank, tow.

**pushover** *n.* weakling, \*wimp, \*wussy, mouse, invertebrate, \*lightweight.

**pushy** *a.* aggressive, bumptious, obnoxious, domineering, bossy, controlling, officious, overbearing. *ANT.* passive, submissive, deferential.

**put** *v.* 1. SET place, position, deposit, stick, rest, lay, plunk, plop, drop, insert, park, situate,

center. 2. EXPRESS phrase, word, present, state, say, articulate, pose.

**putrefy** *v.* rot, decompose, spoil, decay, \*go bad, deteriorate, taint, mold, \*die.

**putrid** *a.* rotten, decomposing, spoiled, decayed, \*gone bad, deteriorated, tainted, rancid, moldy, stinking, rank. *ANT.* *fresh, sweet, preserved.*

**putter** *v.* tinker, fiddle, \*poke about, \*mess about, trifle, \*monkey with, toy, dawdle, fritter.

**puzzle** *n.* mystery, conundrum, problem, poser, riddle, enigma, maze, labyrinth.

**puzzle** *v.* perplex, confuse, bewilder, stump, baffle, mystify, confound, befog, \*bamboozle.

**puzzling** *a.* perplexing, confusing, bewildering, stumping, baffling, mystifying, confounding, mysterious, enigmatic. *ANT.* *decipherable, understandable.*

**pygmy** *n.* Negrillo, nomad, Akka, Batwa, Mbuti.

**pygmy** *a.* miniature, dwarf, midget, tiny, small, undersized, toy, stunted, Lilliputian.

**pyramid** *n.* monument, memorial, landmark, architectural wonder, mausoleum, burial shrine, heap, construction, ziggurat.

**quack** *n.* charlatan, fraud, fake, pretender, masquerader, humbug, \*phony, imposter, mountebank, \*con artist.

**quagmire** *n.* 1. BOG mire, morass, slough, fen, swamp, marsh, quicksand, ooze. 2. DIFFICULT OR INEXTRICABLE SITUATION hole, predicament, quandary, plight, corner, impasse, pinch, strait, mess, entanglement.

**quail** *v.* cower, draw back, flinch, cringe, recoil, wince, shrink.

**quaint** *a.* unusual, curious, strange, peculiar, charming, old-fashioned, antique, picturesque, whimsical, eccentric. *ANT.* *modern, usual.*

**quake** *v.* tremble, shudder, shiver. *SEE* SHAKE

**qualification** *n.* 1. MODIFICATION restriction, limitation, stipulation, condition, requirement, proviso, caveat. 2. ABILITY capability, skill, \*the right stuff, attribute, competence, aptitude, eligibility, requisite.

**qualified** *a.* 1. ABLE capable, skilled, \*having the right stuff, competent, well-grounded, eligible, adequate, proficient, fit, certified, trained. 2. MODIFIED limited, conditional, provisional, contingent, dependent, confined, circumscribed. *ANT.* 1. *unqualified, incompetent, inadequate, ineligible.* 2. *unconditional, unqualified.*

**qualify** *v.* ready, measure up, certify, make fit, entitle, make eligible, prepare, \*make the cut, suit, ground, endow, enable, license.

**QUALIFY** *v.* [KWOL uh FYE] to modify or restrict. *She qualified her answer.* *SYN.* modify, restrict, limit, soften, confine, tone down, temper, mitigate.

**quality** *n.* 1. ATTRIBUTE feature, characteristic, mark, trait, element, nature, property, peculiarity, quirk. 2. EXCELLENCE value, superiority, distinction, worth, merit, perfection, eminence, caliber, stature, standing, class, virtue.

**qualm** *n.* uneasiness, misgiving, doubt, twinge, anxiety, sick feeling, uncertainty, pang, apprehension, compunction, scruple.

**quandary** *n.* predicament, dilemma, plight, fix, bind, strait, \*pickle, corner, \*Catch-22, jam.

**quantify** *v.* gauge, count, measure, put a number on, determine, calculate.

**quantity** *n.* amount, number, measure, volume, sum, mass, bulk, portion, lot, magnitude, dose, extent, total.

**quarantine** *v.* isolate, sequester, confine, seclude, restrict.

**quantum** *n.* quantity, portion, amount, mass, percentage, fraction.

**QUANTUM LEAP** *n.* [KWAN tum LEEP] a radical change, departure or new direction. *The discovery took us a quantum leap forward.* *SYN.* radical change, sea change, departure, new direction, advance, jump, progress, reverse, flip flop, shift.

**quarrel** *n.* dispute, disagreement, argument, fight, difference of opinion, spat, contention, row, altercation, squabble, controversy, tiff, debate, bickering, run-in, falling-out. *ANT.* *agreement, accord.*

**quarrel** *v.* dispute, disagree, argue, fight, differ, clash, \*lock horns, bicker, squabble, debate, battle, wrangle, feud, contend. *ANT.* *agree, \*see eye-to-eye, accommodate.*

**quarrelsome** *a.* argumentative, contentious, belligerent, combative, controversial, fiery, peppery, pugnacious, contrary, disagreeable. *ANT.* *peaceful, agreeable, accommodating.*

**quarry** *n.* 1. PREY target, victim, prize, game, the hunted. 2. PIT mine, excavation, rock quarry.

**quarter** *n.* 1. DISTRICT neighborhood, barrio, precinct, section, region, zone. 2. MERCY compassion, clemency, lenience, pity, forgiveness.

**quarters** *n.* lodging, accommodations, abode, shelter, housing, dwelling, domicile, room, place, residence, barracks.

**quash** *v.* quell, suppress, crush, put down, subdue, squelch, stamp out, squash, defeat.

**queasy** *a.* nauseated, qualmish, sickly, seasick, \*green around the gills, \*under the weather, out of sorts.

**queer** *a.* 1. ODD strange, weird, bizarre, unusual, abnormal, out of the ordinary, singular, funny,

- \*off the wall, quaint, extraordinary. 2. HOMOSEXUAL gay, lesbian. *ANT.* 1. *normal, ordinary, usual.* 2. *heterosexual.* SEE HOMOSEXUAL
- quell** *v.* subdue, crush, put down, defeat, stamp out, conquer, suppress, quash, vanquish, end, silence.
- quench** *v.* 1. EXTINGUISH put out, douse, smother, snuff out, subdue, suppress, quash, quell. 2. SATISFY ONE'S THIRST slake, satiate, \*hit the spot, sate, refresh, cool.
- querulous** *a.* fault-finding, complaining, critical, hard to please, caviling, grumbling, whining, fretful, petulant. *ANT.* *easy to please, content, easygoing.*
- query** *n.* question, inquiry, enquiry, interrogatory.
- query** *v.* ask, question, inquire, look into, interrogate, enquire, quiz, probe, pump, investigate, cross-examine.
- quest** *n.* search, seeking, hunt, pursuit, enterprise, adventure, exploration, expedition, mission, crusade.
- question** *n.* 1. INQUIRY enquiry, query, interrogatory, examination, investigation, poser. 2. UNCERTAINTY doubt, controversy, misgiving, hesitation, debate, confusion. 3. ISSUE matter, subject, problem. *ANT.* 1. *answer, reply.* 2. *certainty, confidence.*
- question** *v.* 1. ASK inquire, enquire, query, seek an answer, interrogate, examine, quiz, probe, investigate, grill, cross-examine, pump. 2. DOUBT challenge, mistrust, suspect, disbelieve, wonder about, call into question. *ANT.* 1. *answer, reply.* 2. *trust, have confidence in.*
- questionable** *a.* 1. DOUBTFUL debatable, in question, controversial, unsettled, indeterminate, controvertible, ambiguous, moot, unsure. 2. SUSPECT fishy, shady, suspicious. *ANT.* 1. *certain, settled.* 2. *believable, legitimate, unimpeachable.*
- quibble** *v.* \*split hairs, \*nit-pick, cavil, evade, bicker, equivocate, carp, haggle, prevaricate.
- quick** *a.* 1. FAST swift, rapid, speedy, fleet, expeditious, prompt, mercurial, \*breakneck, \*on the double, hasty, immediate, sudden. 2. INTELLIGENT smart, quick to catch on, sharp, astute, bright, \*on the ball, acute, savvy, alert, receptive, keen. *ANT.* 1. *slow, slothful, sluggish.* 2. *slow, dense, stupid.*
- quicken** *v.* 1. SPEED up accelerate, expedite, hurry, speed, hasten, hustle. 2. ENLIVEN stimulate, invigorate, stir, arouse, revive, animate, awaken, strengthen. *ANT.* 1. *slow down, mire, bog down.* 2. *kill, deaden.*
- quickly** *adv.* speedily, fast, expeditiously, swiftly, hastily, rapidly, hurriedly, briskly, full-
- tilt, pronto, \*quicker than greased lightning. *ANT.* *slowly, slothfully.*
- quick-tempered** *a.* irritable, touchy, \*short-fused, grouchy, cantankerous, volatile, temperamental, hot-blooded, testy, waspish, fiery. *ANT.* *easygoing, placid, long-fused.*
- quick-witted** *a.* alert, \*on the ball, nimble, sharp, smart, acute, shrewd, savvy, bright, intelligent, quick on the uptake, clever. *ANT.* *dull, stupid, dense.*
- quiet** *n.* silence, peace, hush, stillness, calm, soundlessness, noiselessness, tranquility, serenity, lull. "Noise you don't mind."—Leonard Levinson. *ANT.* *noise, racket, uproar, din.*
- quiet** *v.* hush, shush, silence, shut up, muffle, tone down, soften, squelch, muzzle, \*put a lid on, \*keep down to a low roar.
- quiet** *a.* 1. SOUNDLESS silent, still, peaceful, hushed, soft, quiescent, inaudible, low, muted, noiseless, \*as silent as the vacuum of space, \*as silent as a crypt, \*quiet enough to hear a pin drop. 2. NOT TALKATIVE close-mouthed, silent, taciturn, reserved, mute, tightlipped, not big on small talk. 3. CALM tranquil, peaceful, motionless, undisturbed, still, serene, placid, halcyon. *ANT.* 1. *noisy, loud, deafening.* 2. *loquacious, talkative, \*motor-mouthed.* 3. *turbulent, wild.*
- quintessence** *n.* 1. ESSENCE heart, pith, soul, distillation. 2. PARAGON model, exemplar, cream, \*crème de la crème.
- quip** *n.* witty remark, witticism, jest, gibe, crack, bon mot, wisecrack, joke, retort, repartee. SEE JOKE
- quirk** *n.* peculiarity, oddity, characteristic, trait, mannerism, idiosyncrasy, eccentricity, twist, kink.
- quit** *v.* 1. STOP give up, discontinue, break off, end, \*call it a day, cease, desist, \*knock off, \*halt, \*pack in, \*hang it up, give notice. 2. LEAVE depart, abandon, withdraw, \*cut out, take off, relinquish, surrender, bow out, walk out on, drop, leave flat, forsake, resign from. *ANT.* 1. *start, begin, commence.* 2. *take up, remain, maintain, sustain.*
- quite** *adv.* completely, entirely, totally, fully, wholly, very, really, truly, surely.
- quiver** *n.* tremor, tremble, shake, vibration, twitch, shudder, shiver, quaver, flutter, throb, palpitation.
- quiver** *v.* shake, tremble, vibrate, shudder, shiver, twitch, quaver, flutter, throb, palpitate.
- QUIXOTIC** *a.* [kwik SOT ik] idealistic or romantic in a foolish or impractical way, like the fictional character Don Quixote. *He had*

long entertained the quixotic notion of giving children the vote. SYN. idealistic, romantic, foolish, impractical, unrealistic, dreamy, utopian, fanciful, chimerical, \*starry-eyed, visionary, chivalrous. ANT. practical, down-to-earth, realistic.

**quiz** *n.* test, exam, examination, pop quiz, questioning, multiple choice, Q&A, catechism.

**quiz** *v.* test, examine, question, grill, ask, query, pump, inquire, interrogate, cross-examine.

**quizzical** *a.* 1. QUESTIONING perplexed, inquisitive, confused, puzzled, inquiring, curious, searching, unbelieving, bewildered, lost. 2. TEASING ridiculing, mocking, derisive, impudent, insolent, joking.

**quota** *n.* portion, share, cut, ration, allowance, percentage, lot, part, piece, dole, measure.

**quotation** *n.* quote, passage, citation, excerpt, saying, selection, extract, reference.

**quote** *v.* cite, parrot, recite, paraphrase, repeat, excerpt, refer to, extract, reference.

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**rabbi** *n.* master, teacher, clergyman, clergywoman. SEE RELIGION

## WORD FIND

**school:** yeshiva

**rabbit** *n.* bunny, jackrabbit, hare, doe, buck.

**rabble** *n.* crowd, mob, the masses, commoners, common people, lower classes, proletariat, rank and file, hoi polloi, horde. "The dregs of the people."—Cicero. "The venal herd."—Juvenal. *ANT.* *upper class, ruling class, aristocracy.*

**rabid** *a.* raging, berserk, maniacal, crazed, deranged, mad, zealous, extreme, \*nuts, violent, fanatical, \*foaming at the mouth. *ANT.* *sane, reasonable, moderate.*

**race** *n.* 1. PEOPLE ethnic group, nationality, line, tribe, breed, stock, clan, folk, strain. 2. SPRINT dash, run, marathon, footrace, heat, relay, contest, meet, steeplechase, derby.

## WORD FIND

### AUTO RACING

**aerodynamic wing or wedge that improves car handling:** spoiler

**broadside crash into competitor's car or wall:** T-bone

**bumper-to-bumper pressure tactic:** dogging  
**coveted front inside position at start:** pole position

**curve or tight turn:** ess-turn, hairpin turn, chicane

**custom-built, nonstock race car:** formula car, Indy car

**drag race, beat competitor in:** shut down

**drag racing car:** dragster, rail, funny car

**driving directly behind lead car to create fuel-conserving vacuum:** drafting, slipstreaming

**flag alerting hazardous car to leave the track:** black flag

**flag, end of race:** checkered flag

**flag, final lap:** white flag

**flag, go:** green flag

**flag, hazard:** yellow flag

**flag, stop:** red flag

**flag warning of competitor on one's tail:** blue flag

**formula car race:** Grand Prix

**long-distance competition:** rally

**low edge of track:** apron

**NASCAR:** National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing

**noncompeting pacesetter at start of race:** pace car

**parachute, release at end of drag race:** \*hang out the laundry

**passing method creating vacuum on lead car:** slingshot

**pass one track-length ahead of competitor:** lap

**pit crew's head mechanic:** crew chief

**production car:** stock car

**racing tires:** \*shoes, \*slicks

**running start:** flying start

**service area:** pit

**service mechanics:** pit crew

**steel support network protecting inside of car:** roll cage

**steel support tube protecting inside of car:** roll bar

**straightaway in front of grandstand:** chute

**straightaway race:** drag race

### THOROUGHbred HORserACING

**barrier:** starting gate, post

**betting away from the track:** offtrack betting

**betting system:** pari-mutuals

**bugle call:** Boots and Saddles

**castrated male horse:** gelding

**close finish:** photo finish, blanket finish

**costumes, riders':** colors, silks

**crouching riding posture:** monkey crouch

**drug horse illegally:** hop

**escorts horses to post:** outrider

**exercise or practice run:** airing

**favored to win:** chalk horse

**first two finishers, bet on:** quinella

**hold back horse to keep it from winning:** stiff

**horse that does well on muddy track:** mud-der

**info sheet:** dope sheet

**insider with "inside" information on horse:** tout

**length:** eight to nine feet

**mile, one-eighth of a:** furlong

**money, horse that fails to finish in the:** also-ran

**money-losing horse:** hayburner

**observation ring:** walking ring

**odds board:** tote board

**officials:** clerk of the scales, stewards

**pasture or saddling enclosure:** paddock

**peripheral visions blockers, horse's:** blinkers

**rider:** jockey

**saddle and other horse equipment, collective term:** tack

**short race:** sprint

**stable assistant:** groom

**straightaway, farside:** backstretch

**straightaway in front of grandstand:** home-stretch

**surrounded position:** pocket

**three-year-old horse:** sophomore

**three-year-olds, race for:** derby

**track condition, broken into clods and hoofprints:** cuppy

**track condition, freshly harrowed:** deep

**track condition, hard and fast:** pasteboard track

**two-year-old horse:** juvenile

**underrated horse:** sleeper, dark horse

**weight, adding to equalize competition:** handicap

**weight assigned to horse in handicap race:** impost

**weighing of jockeys with tack:** weigh-in, weigh-out

**whip:** gad, leather

**winners of two races, correctly picking:** daily double

**winning Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes:** Triple Crown

**winning of three races by same jockey on one program:** hat trick

**win one's first race:** break maiden, graduate

**win without prodding or whipping the horse:** armchair ride

**withdrawal of entrant:** scratch

**racism** *n.* prejudice, discrimination, bigotry, bias, segregation, apartheid, intolerance, white supremacy.

**racist** *n.* bigot, white supremacist, black supremacist, xenophobe, Ku Klux Klan member, klansman.

**racist** *a.* bigoted, prejudiced, white supremacist, anti-Semitic, xenophobic, intolerant.

**rack** *n.* frame, framework, stand, holder, scaffolding, grating, hack, flake.

**racket** *n.* 1. NOISE din, clamor, uproar, commotion, clatter, disturbance, pandemonium, hubbub, babel, cacophony. 2. CRIMINAL ACTIVITY bootlegging, fraud, swindling, loan-sharking, graft, extortion, corruption, bribery, blackmail.

**raconteur** *n.* storyteller, teller of tales, spinner of yarns. SEE AUTHOR, NOVELIST

**racy** *a.* 1. SUGGESTIVE risqué, spicy, bawdy, immodest, off-color, dirty, indecent, pornographic, ribald. 2. LIVELY spirited, energetic, vigorous, zesty, exciting, peppy, vivacious. *ANT.* 1. *modest, wholesome, G-rated.* 2. *dull sluggish, \*dead.*

**RADAR** *n.* Radio Detecting and Ranging System, tracking device, scanning system. SEE AIR FORCE, AIRPLANE, AIRPORT, AUTOMOBILE

WORD FIND

**air surveillance, early warnings system:** AWACS, Airborne Warning and Control System

**image:** blip

**police radar detection device:** \*fuzzbuster

**sound:** beep, racon

**radiant** *a.* 1. SHINING bright, glowing, beaming, gleaming, luminous, refulgent, resplendent, brilliant, incandescent. 2. HAPPY bright, beaming, glowing, joyous, joyful, cheerful, sunny. *ANT.* 1. *dull, dim, dark.* 2. *gloomy, black.*

**radiate** *v.* shine, illuminate, glow, beam, pour out, send out, shoot out, spread out, diffuse, throw off.

**radiation** *n.* emission, energy, particle stream, nuclear decay, fallout, nuclear energy.

**radical** *n.* extremist, fanatic, zealot, revolutionist, leftist, left-winger, iconoclast, nonconformist. "A man with both feet firmly planted in the air."—Franklin Delano Roosevelt. *ANT.* *conservative, moderate.*

**radical** *a.* 1. FUNDAMENTAL basic, rudimentary, elemental, foundational. 2. EXTREME thorough, extremist, severe, progressive, fanati-

cal, drastic, revolutionary, complete, whole, sweeping, far left. *ANT.* 1. *peripheral, unimportant.* 2. *modest, partial, moderate.*

**radio** *n.* receiver, \*boom box, \*ghetto blaster, Marconi, CB, crystal set, ham radio, walkie-talkie. "Television without eyestrain."—Max Galnik.

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**WORD FIND**

**AM:** amplitude modulation

**amateur two-way radio enthusiast:** ham

**brief quote from someone in the news:** soundbite

**broadcast sent from other station or network:** feed

**DJ:** disc jockey

**FM:** frequency modulation

**identification letters:** call letters

**morning and evening time when commuters listen:** drive time

**obnoxious radio show:** shock radio

**overseas political radio of United States:** Voice of America

**range of radio frequencies:** band

**station that only rebroadcasts other stations' shows:** translator

**switch used by DJ to block cough or sneeze from going over the air:** cough button

**type of programming:** format

**unlicensed station:** pirate station

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**radius** *n.* extent, range, scope, sphere, compass.

**raffish** *a.* careless, unconventional, casual, wild, bohemian, rakish, vulgar, low, tawdry. *ANT.* *prim, conventional, \*straight-laced.*

**ragamuffin** *n.* tramp, \*bum, \*street person,urchin, derelict, guttersnipe, waif, tatterdemalion.

**rage** *n.* 1. FURY anger, wrath, tantrum, fit, ferocity, high dudgeon, hysterics, rampage, furor, \*piss hemorrhage, uproar, hot blood. SEE ANGER 2. FAD craze, \*in thing, fashion, \*latest thing, \*latest wrinkle, vogue, dernier cri. *ANT.* 1. *delight, calm, passivity.*

**rage** *v.* \*blow up, \*explode, \*go ballistic, be furious, fume, rant and rave, \*fly off the handle, \*blow a fuse, boil, \*blow one's top, become livid, \*turn purple, \*spit tacks, \*see red, \*blow a gasket, \*flip out, \*get into a lather, \*get one's Irish up, \*go apeshit, \*have a conniption fit, storm.

**ragged** *a.* tattered, frayed, in shreds, worn, threadbare, shaggy, moth-eaten, torn, full of holes, seedy, shabby, jagged. *ANT.* *smooth, whole, new.*

**raid** *n.* attack, invasion, onslaught, incursion, offensive, foray, assault, charge, \*bust.

**raid** *v.* attack, invade, storm, strike, launch an offensive, charge, sweep, maraud, assail, loot, plunder, \*bust.

**rail** *v.* complain, criticize, \*tongue-lash, assail, denounce, condemn, censure, castigate, chastise, \*chew out. *ANT.* *praise, compliment, approve.*

**railing** *n.* baluster, balustrade, banister, handhold, fence, parapet.

**railroad** *n.* rail line, tracks, railway, subway, monorail, \*el. "Only a device for making the world smaller."—John Ruskin.

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**WORD FIND**

**barrier or stop at end of track:** bumper

**bed in a sleeping car:** berth

**brake operator:** brakeman

**bridge:** trestle

**cars owned by one company:** rolling stock

**crew's tail car:** caboose, \*doghouse, \*shanty, \*buggy, \*van, \*penthouse, \*doodlebug

**driver:** engineman, engineer

**driving compartment of locomotive:** cab elevated: \*el

**engine employed to clear cars in yard:** trimmer, \*yard goat

**engine:** locomotive

**fast train:** bullet train, express train

**freight car:** boxcar, flatcar, gondola, hopper, livestock car, platform car, refrigerator car (\*reefer), tank car, \*wagon

**hitching clamp:** coupler

**holding area for train, cars:** yard

**locomotive's front bumper:** cowcatcher

**lover of railroads:** ferrophiliac

**magnetically levitated train:** Maglev

**meal car:** dining car

**mountain track employing cogs to increase traction:** cog railway

**passenger car:** coach, dining car, Pullman sleeper, lounge car, observation car, smoking car

**porter at station:** redcap

**rail layers:** \*steel gang, \*spikers

**rotating platform used to turn locomotives:** turntable

**second engine used in steep areas:** booster, \*rammer

**shunting mechanism:** switch

**sidetrack dead-end:** spur

**signaling apparatus:** semaphore

**signaling framework over tracks:** gantry

**single rail track:** monorail  
**sleeper, luxury:** palace car  
**slip off tracks:** derail  
**sorting cars in freight yard:** marshaling  
**steam whistle's peep:** crew  
**supervisor, fare collector:** conductor  
**supervisor of yard:** yardmaster  
**switching tracks:** shunting  
**tie:** sleeper, crosstie  
**turntable facility for switching locomotives:** roundhouse  
**weighted trucks that support cars:** bogies  
**width of track:** gauge  
**worker's hand-pumped transport:** handcar  
**X-like railroad crossing sign:** crossbuck

**railroad** *v.* push through, force through, rush through, expedite.

**rain** *n.* precipitation, rainfall, mist, drizzle, mizzle, sprinkle, spit, shower, cloudburst, downpour, squall, thundershower, \*gully washer, deluge, drencher, \*cats and dogs, torrent, \*rain of biblical proportion, sleet, hail. SEE CLOUD, FOG, SNOW

**WORD FIND**

**moisture content of air:** humidity  
**precipitation, all types of:** hydrometeors  
**rain and evaporation cycle:** hydrologic cycle  
**rain driven by wind:** scud  
**study of:** hyetography  
**sudden heavy rain:** spate  
**temperature at which moisture condenses into rain:** dewpoint

**rain** *v.* precipitate, fall, pour, drop, sprinkle, shower, spit, mist, \*come down in buckets, drizzle, weep, \*rain pitchforks.

**rainbow** *n.* spectrum, arc, band.

**WORD FIND**

**bull's-eye-like rainbow caused by diffraction of sunlight through cloud around the shadow of an airplane:** glory; corona

**raise** *n.* increase, advance, pay hike, boost, promotion, jump.

**raise** *v.* 1. LIFT elevate, hoist, erect, run up, jack up, heighten, heave, loft. 2. INCREASE escalate, inflate, enlarge, heighten, magnify, amplify, boost, \*jack up, double, triple, quadruple. 3. AROUSE stir up, rouse, start, activate, awaken, whip up, provoke, spur, incite. 4. REAR bring up, parent, cultivate, nurture,

foster, breed. *ANT.* 1. lower. 2. decrease, devalue, lower. 3. dampen, inhibit. 4. abandon.

**RAISON D'ÊTRE** *n.* [ray ZON DET ruh] reason for being. *Protection of the company's proprietary interests was given as the security's system raison d'être.* *SYN.* reason for being, justification for being.

**rake** *n.* roué, playboy, lecher, swinger, \*make-out artist, womanizer, Casanova, Don Juan, Lothario, wolf, philanderer.

**RAKISH** *a.* [RAKE ish] dashing, jaunty. Also, highly sexual or debauched. *A rakish gentleman entered the room, and all the women stared at him.* *SYN.* dashing, jaunty, sporty, stylish, debonair, dapper, chic, sharp, debauched, oversexed, wanton, lecherous, flirtatious. *ANT.* *frumpy, out of style, unkempt, upright, gentlemanly, chaste, virginal.*

**rally** *n.* 1. GATHERING meeting, pep rally, assembly, meet, convention, revival, session, celebration. 2. COMEBACK resurgence, revival, recovery, renewal, road to recovery, renaissance, rebound. *ANT.* 2. *collapse, decline, loss, death, turn for the worse.*

**rally** *v.* 1. GATHER meet, convene, assemble, reassemble, mobilize, summon together, collect, get together, unite, call to arms. 2. RECOVER come back, surge, resurge, rise again, revive, renew, rebound, bounce back, turn around, come around, rejuvenate, \*get a second wind. *ANT.* 1. *disperse, break up.* 2. *decline, lose, die, take a turn for the worse.*

**ram** *v.* drive, hammer, slam, bang, smash, butt, crash into, hit head-on, beat, tramp.

**ramble** *v.* roam, wander aimlessly, drift, rove, range, stroll, traipse, meander, stray, walk, saunter, hike.

**rambling** *a.* digressive, discursive, circuitous, wordy, verbose, prolix, circumlocutory, roundabout, desultory. *ANT.* *concise, to the point.*

**RAMBUNCTIOUS** *a.* [ram BUNK shus] unruly, disorderly, raucous, noisy. *Most two-year-olds are rambunctious.* *SYN.* unruly, disorderly, raucous, noisy, unrestrained, wild, unmanageable, boisterous, \*hyper, hyperactive. *ANT.* *docile, well-behaved, quiet.*

**RAMIFICATION** *n.* [RAM uh fuh KA shun] a consequence, effect, or result. *One ramification of unbridled terrorism is outright war.* *SYN.* consequence, effect, result, outgrowth, offshoot, product, end, upshot, complication.

**ramp** *n.* slope, incline, rise, grade.

**rampage** *n.* outbreak, fury, uproar, blowup, rage, tempest, storm, running amuck, \*warpath, furor. *ANT.* calm, peace, contentment.

**rampant** *a.* growing, spreading, uncontrolled, rife, widespread, out of hand, unchecked, out of control, unbridled, epidemic. *ANT.* contained, limited, under control.

**rampart** *n.* fortification, bulwark, defense, barrier, embankment, earthwork, wall, breastwork. *SEE* CASTLE

**ramshackle** *a.* rickety, falling apart, shaky, broken down, tumble-down, dilapidated, crumbling, derelict, decrepit. *ANT.* sound, solid, rock-solid.

**ranch** *n.* cattle farm, range land, grange, plantation, \*spread.

**rancid** *a.* spoiled, rotten, stale, rank, reeking, bad, fetid, stinking, sour, foul, disgusting, putrid. *ANT.* sweet, fresh, mouth-watering.

**RANCOR** *n.* [RANG kur] long-lasting hatred and ill will. *The two parties were divided by rancor.* *SYN.* hatred, ill will, malice, spite, bitterness, animosity, enmity, malevolence, resentment, vindictiveness. *ANT.* goodwill, friendliness, affection, love.

**random** *a.* haphazard, casual, chance, accidental, unplanned, arbitrary, fortuitous, desultory, blind, hit-or-miss, aimless. *ANT.* planned, designed, premeditated.

**range** *n.* scope, extent, reach, limit, sphere, sweep, parameters, boundary, area, radius, expanse, territory. *SEE* MOUNTAIN

**range** *v.* roam, travel, wander, meander, rove, traverse, drift, cross, ramble.

**rangy** *a.* gangling, lank, lanky, slender, long-legged, \*split high, leggy, thin, skinny. *ANT.* squat, stout, fat.

**rank** *v.* classify, align, group, station, grade, arrange, order, rate, position, sort.

**rank** *a.* 1. OFFENSIVE stinking, strong, rancid, foul, bad, fetid, reeking, nauseating, revolting, rotten. 2. LUXURIANT luxurious, lush, rich, vigorous, overgrown, flourishing, dense, proliferating, coarse. *ANT.* 1. sweet-smelling, sweet-tasting, mild, pleasant, fresh. 2. sparse, barren.

**rackle** *v.* anger, inflame, infuriate, gall, embitter, irritate, \*rub the wrong way, irk, \*piss off, \*fill with venom, \*make blood boil, fill with resentment. *ANT.* delight, pacify, mollify.

**ransack** *v.* search, \*tear place apart, \*turn inside out, rummage, look over, rifle, \*leave no stone unturned, overhaul, scour, plunder, pillage, rob.

**rant** *v.* rave, \*sound off, shout, yell, roar, holler, \*spout off, fume, vociferate, bluster, de-

claim. *ANT.* whisper, murmur, \*talk under one's breath.

**rap** *n.* 1. KNOCK tap, hit, blow, stroke, slap, cuff, punch, belt. 2. MUSIC \*hip hop, urban black music, street music, inner city music. 3. *SL.* CONVERSATION dialogue, spoken word, talk. 4. *SL.* BLAME punishment, flak, responsibility. *SEE* PUNISHMENT

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## WORD FIND

### STREET, RAP, AND HIP HOP SLANG

**ad libbed rap lyrics:** freestyle

**agree or be friends with:** down on, down with

**attractive:** fly

**bigot, white:** cracker

**breakdancer:** b-boy, b-girl

**bullet:** cap

**crazy:** wack

**crimes as part of a gang, commit:** gang-bang

**dance:** breakdancing, hip hop, popping, and locking

**disrespect:** dis

**fight or kill, to:** bang

**friend from the neighborhood:** homeboy, homegirl, homey

**good:** def, fresh

**group one hangs out with:** crew, homeboys, homeys, posse

**home:** crib

**lowrider:** car that rides low due to altered suspension

**neighborhood:** hood

**playboy:** player

**prostitute:** ho

**qualities, having several great:** all that

**rear:** booty

**relax:** chill

**rich, excellent:** phat

**rob someone:** jack

**music with violent or ganster-related lyrics:** gangsta rap

**sexually, a woman who is promiscuous or aggressive:** freak

**sexual relations, have:** freak

**up, what's:** word up

**rap** *v.* 1. KNOCK tap, hit, deliver a blow, slap, cuff, punch, belt. 2. CONVERSE talk, chat, have a dialogue, confabulate.

**RAPACIOUS** *a.* [ruh PAY shus] plundering, predatory. *The rapacious pirates stole everything of value.* *SYN.* plundering, predatory,

- thieving, marauding, pillaging, greedy, grasping, ravenous, voracious, savage. *ANT. generous, kind-hearted, kindly.*
- rape** *n.* sexual assault, molestation, forcible intercourse, ravishment, overpowering, violation, \*date rape, deflowering, plundering, pillage, sacking.
- rape** *v.* molest, sexually assault, ravish, \*force oneself on, attack, overpower, violate, deflower, defile, \*have one's way with, plunder, pillage, sack.
- rapid** *a.* fast, swift, quick, fleet, speedy, expeditious, mercurial, hasty, winged, \*quicker than greased lightning. *ANT. slow, slothful, leisurely.*
- rapport** *n.* harmony, agreement, \*seeing eye-to-eye, \*common ground, closeness, understanding, affinity, compatibility, \*simpatico, \*good vibes. *ANT. hostility, alienation, \*bad vibes, disagreement.*
- rapt** *a.* 1. ENRAPTURED carried away, transported, rapturous, ecstatic, euphoric, emotional, joyous. 2. ENGROSSED absorbed, captivated, preoccupied, deep, \*wrapped up, spellbound, enthralled, oblivious, fascinated. *ANT. 1. depressed, dejected, downhearted. 2. distracted, bored, disinterested.*
- rapture** *n.* ecstasy, euphoria, elation, joy, happiness, bliss, transport, heaven, exultation. *ANT. depression, misery, melancholy.*
- rare** *a.* 1. UNCOMMON infrequent, scarce, unusual, unique, exceptional, \*few and far between, extraordinary, singular, \*once in a blue moon, at a premium, \*scarce as hens' teeth, seldom found. 2. EXCELLENT superlative, superior, fine, exquisite, select, choice, first-class, priceless, precious. 3. UNDERCOOKED half-cooked, bloody, red, raw, underdone. *ANT. 1. common, frequent, abundant, usual. 2. poor, inferior, bad. 3. well-done, burned.*
- rarely** *adv.* seldom, hardly ever, almost never, \*once in a blue moon, once in awhile, infrequently, scarcely. *ANT. often, frequently.*
- rascal** *n.* scoundrel, scamp, rogue, knave, imp, rapsallion, devil, cad, cur, \*bastard, \*SOB.
- rash** *a.* incautious, reckless, impulsive, thoughtless, careless, hasty, injudicious, devil-may-care, unwary, foolhardy. *ANT. cautious, careful, judicious.*
- rasp** *v.* scrape, grate, scratch, rub, file, grind, scour, abrade.
- raspy** *a.* scratchy, rough, whiskey-voiced, hoarse, harsh, gritty, grating, gravelly. *ANT. smooth, soothing, pleasant.*
- rat** *n.* 1. RODENT vermin, pest, mammal, scavenger. 2. INFORMER squealer, fink, stool pigeon, backstabber.
- rate** *n.* 1. AMOUNT degree, proportion, ratio. 2. PRICE fee, charge, cost, value, expense, levy, duty. 3. SPEED tempo, pace, velocity, progress, flow.
- rate** *v.* appraise, estimate, evaluate, assess, rank, score, grade, weigh, value, deem, classify.
- rather** *adv.* moderately, pretty, somewhat, fairly, relatively, kind of, more or less.
- RATIFY** *v.* [RAT uh fi] to approve or pass officially. *They plan to ratify the amendment today.* *SYN.* approve, pass, sanction, support, affirm, endorse, authorize, back, warrant, \*rubber stamp. *ANT. disapprove, veto, invalidate.* *SEE POLITICS*
- rating** *n.* rank, score, grade, mark, class, classification, evaluation, assessment.
- ratio** *n.* proportion, relationship, percentage, quota, distribution.
- ration** *v.* apportion, allot, allocate, mete out, dole out, divide, \*divvy up, split up.
- rational** *a.* sane, reasonable, of sound mind, clear-thinking, sensible, levelheaded, sober, \*with it, lucid, logical. *ANT. irrational, unreasonable, nonsensical, insane.*
- rationale** *n.* basis, reason, grounds, excuse, rationalization, motive, justification, logic, explanation.
- rationalize** *v.* justify, explain away, account for, make excuses for, intellectualize.
- rattle** *v.* clatter, vibrate, jangle, clink, clang, clank, knock, jiggle, bang.
- raucous** *a.* loud, noisy, rowdy, boisterous, riotous, strident, vociferous, blaring, uproarious, clamorous. *ANT. quiet, still, silent.*
- raunchy** *a.* sexual, pornographic, lustful, dirty, X-rated. *ANT. chaste, wholesome, pure.* *SEE LEWD*
- ravage** *v.* destroy, ruin, devastate, wreck, demolish, lay waste, plunder, pillage, ransack, despoil.
- rave** *v.* 1. TALK WILDLY rant, carry on, \*run off at the mouth, speak deliriously, rattle on, speak incoherently. 2. PRAISE gush, speak highly of, enthuse, carry on, rhapsodize, go on about. 3. RAGE roar, thunder, explode, storm, fume, sputter, \*holler, \*flip out. *ANT. 1. rationalize, explain, intone. 2. criticize, disparage. 3. please, pacify, placate.*
- ravenous** *a.* hungry, famished, voracious, starved, starving, \*could eat a horse, gluttonous, insatiable, greedy, predatory. *ANT. satiated, full, sated.*

**ravine** *n.* gully, gorge, gulch, arroyo, valley, ditch, wash, chasm, coulee.

**ravishing** *a.* attractive, enchanting, alluring, entrancing, gorgeous, bewitching, beautiful, captivating. *ANT.* *repulsive, ugly, disgusting.*

**raw** *a.* 1. UNCOOKED rare, bloody, underdone. 2. NATURAL unrefined, unprocessed, virgin, crude, rough, undressed, unfinished. 3. INEXPERIENCED untrained, green, unseasoned, immature, callow, unfledged, new, ignorant, unschooled. 4. SORE inflamed, tender, sensitive, abraded, exposed, open, bare, chafed. 5. COLD chilly, bitter, damp, bleak, freezing, nippy, biting. *ANT.* 1. *cooked, well-done.* 2. *refined, processed, milled.* 3. *experienced, trained, seasoned.* 4. *healthy, calloused, numb.* 5. *warm, pleasant, balmy.*

**rawboned** *a.* lean, gaunt, wasted, hollow-cheeked. *ANT.* *corpulent, obese.* SEE THIN

**raze** *v.* tear down, level, flatten, destroy, topple, demolish, wreck, knock down, fell, \*total.

**reach** *n.* distance, extent, range, grasp, span, stretch, sweep, compass, play.

**reach** *v.* 1. ARRIVE AT come to, enter, \*hit town, get in, get to, land. 2. EXTEND THE HAND thrust out, stretch out, outstretch, strain. 3. TOUCH grasp, get hold of, clutch, grab, seize, make contact, secure. 4. AMOUNT TO extend, attain, arrive at.

**react** *v.* respond, act, counter, recoil, reciprocate, answer, return, acknowledge, reply.

**reaction** *n.* response, comeback, answer, feedback, counteraction, return, reflex, reciprocation, acknowledgement, recoil, backlash, fallout, repercussion.

**reactionary** *a.* retrogressive, right wing. SEE CONSERVATIVE

**read** *v.* 1. TO INTERPRET THE PRINTED WORD comprehend, understand, construe, interpret, decipher, translate, peruse, scan, skim, pore over, flip through. 2. UTTER recite, deliver.

**readable** *a.* legible, decipherable, intelligible, understandable, clear, plain. *ANT.* *illegible, incomprehensible.*

**readily** *adv.* quickly, without delay, unhesitatingly, immediately, promptly, \*at the drop of a hat, willingly, cheerfully, freely, \*on the spur of the moment. *ANT.* *hesitantly, slowly, reluctantly.*

**ready** *v.* prepare, set up, prime, equip, prep, fit, gear up, warm up.

**ready** *a.* 1. PREPARED in place, primed, set, equipped, \*all systems go, \*on one's toes, on call, expectant. 2. UNHESITANT willing, ea-

ger, prompt, enthusiastic, cheerful, inclined, game. 3. CLEVER sharp, keen, intelligent, bright, smart, astute, quick. *ANT.* 1. *unprepared, \*flat-footed, ill-equipped.* 2. *hesitant, unwilling, slow.* 3. *slow, dull.*

**real** *a.* actual, genuine, authentic, true, factual, valid, legitimate, bona fide, honest-to-goodness, tangible, physical, material, sincere. *ANT.* *unreal, fictitious, counterfeit, phony, insincere.*

**realistic** *a.* 1. PRACTICAL down-to-earth, pragmatic, reasonable, \*having both feet on the ground, unromantic, sober, sane. 2. REPRESENTATIONAL lifelike, true-to-life, faithful, photographic, graphic, exact. *ANT.* 1. *impractical, idealistic, unrealistic.* 2. *fake, rough.*

**realize** *v.* 1. UNDERSTAND apprehend, comprehend, get, recognize, be cognizant of, grasp, appreciate, perceive, conceive, discern, see. 2. ACHIEVE fulfill, accomplish, effectuate, complete, actualize, \*pull off, attain, carry out.

**really** *adv.* truly, honestly, in fact, certainly, surely, literally, indeed, verily.

**realm** *n.* area, domain, sphere, region, empire, kingdom, dominion, territory, zone, field, reach, world, arena, orbit.

**reap** *v.* gather, harvest, collect, bring in, pick, pluck, cut, gain, obtain.

**rear** *v.* raise, bring up, grow, nurture, foster, breed, parent, train, groom.

**rear** *a.* back, posterior, hind, tail, aft, last. *ANT.* *front, fore, first.*

**reason** *n.* 1. EXPLANATION justification, grounds, motive, rationale, cause, why, occasion, excuse, basis. 2. THINKING ABILITY analysis, intellect, intelligence, wisdom, sense, smarts, logic, judgment, deduction, wit, brains. "The only oracle of man."—Ethan Allen. "A harmony among irrational impulses."—George Santayana.

**reason** *v.* think, deduce, analyze, apply logic, judge, cogitate, draw conclusions, use one's head, deliberate, rationalize.

**reasonable** *a.* 1. SENSIBLE rational, sane, logical, intelligent, sound, thoughtful, levelheaded, judicious, commonsensical, well-advised. 2. MODERATE fair, within reason, conservative, judicious, equitable, evenhanded, right, unextreme, temperate. *ANT.* 1. *unreasonable, irrational, nonsensical.* 2. *extreme, immoderate.*

**reasoning** *n.* analysis, deduction, induction, thinking, thought, logic, inference, rationale, deliberation, cogitation, ratiocination.

**reassure** *v.* assure, fill with confidence, encourage, bolster, hearten, buck up, embolden, put

- one's mind at ease, comfort. *ANT.* *unnerve, frighten, discourage, shake one's confidence.*
- rebate** *n.* reimbursement, bonus, discount. SEE REFUND
- rebel** *n.* revolutionary, insurrectionist, malcontent, nonconformist, dissenter, insurgent, mutineer, iconoclast, anarchist, independent, opponent, traitor, young Turk. *ANT.* *conformist, follower, \*sheep.*
- rebel** *v.* revolt, defy, disobey, resist, fight, dissent, rise up, oppose, mutiny, riot, overthrow.
- rebellion** *n.* revolt, revolution, defiance, insurrection, disobedience, insurgency, resistance, dissent, opposition, uprising, mutiny. "A medicine necessary for the sound health of government."—Thomas Jefferson.
- rebellious** *a.* revolutionary, defiant, disobedient, resistant, iconoclastic, nonconforming, insurgent, insurrectionary, mutinous, recalcitrant, seditious, riotous, ungovernable. *ANT.* *conforming, passive, \*following the herd, docile, obedient.*
- rebound** *v.* bounce back, spring back, recover, return, recoil, ricochet, boomerang.
- rebuff** *v.* refuse, snub, brush off, reject, spurn, slight, repel, check, repulse, \*give the cold shoulder, \*cut. *ANT.* *embrace, accept, welcome.*
- REBUKE** *v.* [ri BYOOK] to reprimand or criticize harshly. *He was rebuked for losing the documents.* *SYN.* criticize, reprimand, admonish, \*chew out, berate, reprove, reproach, censure, scold, \*call on the carpet, \*jump down one's throat, \*rake over the coals. *ANT.* *praise, laud, honor, \*pat on the back.*
- rebut** *v.* contradict, argue, controvert, refute, disprove, invalidate, discredit, \*shoot down, retort. *ANT.* *support, prove, validate.*
- rebuttal** *n.* counterargument, contradiction, refutation, invalidation, discrediting, retort, riposte, \*comeback, disproof.
- RECALCITRANT** *a.* [ri KAL si trunt] defiant, disobedient. *The recalcitrant mule had to be gently coaxed.* *SYN.* defiant, disobedient, subordinate, rebellious, resistant, refractory, intractable, fractious, contrary, stubborn. *ANT.* *obedient, tractable, submissive.*
- recall** *n.* recollection, memory, remembrance, reminiscence. *ANT.* *forgetfulness, mental block, amnesia.*
- recall** *v.* 1. REMEMBER recollect, reminisce, call to mind, think back, evoke, look back on, review, summon. 2. CALL BACK withdraw, repeal, rescind, revoke, retract, take back. *ANT.* 1. *forget, suffer amnesia, \*have a mental block.* 2. *support, \*allow to stand, \*stand behind.*
- RECAUNT** *v.* [ri KANT] to take back statements formerly made. *He recanted his story in view of the overwhelming evidence against him.* *SYN.* take back, withdraw, disavow, retract, back down, disclaim, recall, \*eat one's words, reverse, revoke. *ANT.* *acknowledge, confirm, \*own up, admit.*
- recap** *n.* recapitulation, summary, rehash.
- recap** *v.* SEE RECAPITULATE
- recapitulate** *v.* repeat, summarize, recount, review, restate, rehash, recap, go over again.
- recede** *v.* withdraw, back away, go down, diminish, dwindle, decline, retreat, wane, shrink, fade, ebb, regress, drain. *ANT.* *rise, advance, increase.*
- receipt** *n.* 1. SALES SLIP proof of purchase, voucher, stub. 2. RECEIVING reception, arrival, delivery, acquisition, acceptance.
- receive** *v.* 1. GET take possession, acquire, collect, be given, obtain, pocket, gain, come by, inherit. 2. EXPERIENCE undergo, encounter, suffer, endure, bear, sustain, meet with. 3. TAKE IN VISITORS accommodate, greet, admit, accept, welcome, host, entertain.
- recent** *a.* late, now, current, fresh, modern, today, present-day, hot, new, up-to-date. *ANT.* *past, old, bygone, ancient.*
- receptacle** *n.* holder, container, vessel, repository, box, basket, bin, bag.
- reception** *n.* 1. RECEIVING acknowledgement, welcome, greeting. 2. PARTY function, gathering, levee, soiree.
- receptionist** *n.* receiver, greeter, secretary, office worker.
- receptive** *a.* open, accepting, open-minded, accessible, favorable, amenable, inclined, hospitable. *ANT.* *closed, close-minded, unreceptive, cold.*
- recess** *n.* 1. BREAK rest, intermission, halt, respite, breathing spell, \*breather, hiatus, interlude. 2. HOLLOW niche, indentation, nook, slot, cranny, hole, bay, alcove.
- recession** *n.* receding, withdrawal, retreat, reversal, regression, decline, downturn, slump, \*hard times, economic slowdown, depression. *ANT.* *progression, advance, growth, \*boom times.*
- recharge** *v.* reenergize, revive, renew, revitalize, rejuvenate, regenerate, bring back to life, resurrect.
- recipe** *n.* formula, prescription, directions, compound, ingredients, list, blueprints, specifications.

- reciprocal** *a.* mutual, interchangeable, exchanged, alternate, interdependent, \*give-and-take, corresponding, shared. *ANT. independent, autonomous.*
- reciprocate** *v.* give and take, interchange, exchange, return in kind, trade, repay, share, swap, retaliate, \*scratch each other's back.
- recital** *n.* narration, account, report, reading, telling, performance, solo performance.
- recite** *v.* repeat, read, deliver, narrate, speak, tell, perform, report, relate.
- reckless** *a.* incautious, careless, devil-may-care, heedless, headlong, breakneck, wild, daring, foolhardy, rash, negligent. *ANT. cautious, careful, responsible.*
- reckon** *v.* 1. **FIGURE UP** add up, count, compute, total, tally, calculate, estimate. 2. **SUPPOSE** think, surmise, imagine, gather, guess, presume, figure, fancy.
- reckoning** *n.* count, computation, figuring-up, totaling, tally, calculation, estimate, bill, account, statement, charge.
- recline** *v.* lean back, lie back, lounge, stretch out, lie down, repose, sprawl.
- recluse** *n.* hermit, loner, \*lone wolf, solitary, anchorite, monk, misanthrope, troglodyte. *ANT. socializer, \*social animal, \*people person.*
- reclusive** *a.* solitary, secluded, isolated, lone, hermitic, cloistered, unsocial, withdrawn, misanthropic. *ANT. social, gregarious, outgoing, friendly.*
- recognition** *n.* 1. **IDENTIFICATION** realization, detection, discovery, placing, recall, perception, notice, acknowledgement. 2. **APPRECIATION** acknowledgement, approval, gratitude, esteem, notice, \*pat on the back.
- recognize** *v.* 1. **IDENTIFY** know, place, \*peg, distinguish, detect, realize, recall, discover. 2. **APPRECIATE** acknowledge, show gratitude, honor, salute, approve.
- recoil** *v.* draw back, shrink back, pull back, jump, withdraw, cringe, flinch, wince, start, reel.
- recollect** *v.* remember, recall, call to mind, reminisce, summon, place, evoke. *ANT. forget, draw a blank.*
- recommend** *v.* suggest, advise, back, endorse, approve, favor, prescribe, tout, \*put in a good word for, advocate, sanction, counsel. *ANT. disapprove, reject, advise against.*
- recommendation** *n.* suggestion, advice, endorsement, approval, prescription, \*good word, counsel, testimonial, reference, plug, \*word to the wise.
- recompense** *n.* payment, repayment, compensation, remuneration, restitution, reward, reparation, return.
- recompense** *v.* repay, compensate, pay back, remunerate, make restitution, reimburse, reward, return.
- reconcile** *v.* 1. **HARMONIZE** settle, resolve differences, make up, make peace, conciliate, win over, appease, compromise, accord, \*bury the hatchet, mediate. 2. **RESIGN ONESELF TO** accept, let go, adjust to, take in stride, make the best of it, \*roll with the punches. 3. **MAKE AGREE** square, harmonize, equalize, rectify, straighten out. *ANT. 1. war, aggravate, antagonize, offend.*
- RECONDITE** *a.* [REK un DITE] beyond the average person's understanding, difficult. *Her theories of creation were recondite.* *SYN. difficult, abstruse, hard, deep, erudite, pedantic, complex, complicated, \*over one's head, arcane, incomprehensible. ANT. easy, simple, \*child's play.*
- reconnaissance** *n.* survey, \*look-see, scouting mission, observation, reconnoitering.
- reconsider** *v.* rethink, reevaluate, reexamine, \*look at in a different light, change one's mind, think twice, review, amend.
- record** *n.* 1. **HISTORY** register, account, chronicle, transcription, log, journal, minutes, archives, documentation, diary. 2. **PERFORMANCE HISTORY** track record, book, résumé, \*stats. 3. **RECORDING** disc, album, \*45, \*hot wax, single, LP, CD. *SEE MUSIC*
- record** *v.* register, chronicle, transcribe, take down, write down, log, take minutes, document, enter, set down, keep an account of. *ANT. erase, delete.*
- recording** *n.* tape, CD, audio tape, record, LP, cassette.
- recount** *v.* tell, narrate, repeat, describe, \*recap, detail, run down, relate, review.
- recoup** *v.* recover, get back, regain, make up for, compensate, reimburse, replace.
- recover** *v.* 1. **GET BACK** reclaim, retrieve, win back, retake, recoup, resume. 2. **GET BETTER** get well, restore one's health, regain one's strength, convalesce, heal, recuperate, come around, rally, \*pull through. *ANT. 1. lose. 2. take a turn for the worse, relapse, fail.*
- recreation** *n.* amusement, leisure, activity, relaxation, \*R&R, play, fun, games, exercise, sport, diversion, hobby.
- recruit** *v.* enlist, enroll, draft, induct, round up, muster, hire, sign up.

**rectify** *v.* correct, adjust, right, amend, fix, remedy, revise, straighten out, square, calibrate.

**recumbent** *a.* lying down, reclining, prone, flat, supine, prostrate, stretched out, sprawled. *ANT.* *erect, standing, upright.*

**recuperate** *v.* get better, get well, recover, convalesce, heal, come around, mend, rally, \*pull through, get back on one's feet. *ANT.* \*take a turn for the worse, *relapse, fail, \*circle the drain.*

**recur** *v.* repeat, happen again, reappear, reoccur, return, come back, persist.

**recurrent** *a.* repeating, repetitive, reappearing, returning, persistent, frequent, regular, periodic, cyclical, chronic. *ANT.* *infrequent, erratic, \*out-of-the-ordinary.*

**red** *a.* crimson, blood, cherry, brick, ruby, vermillion, wine, blush, coral, ruddy, scarlet, rose, salmon, fuchsia, maroon, carmine.

**redeem** *v.* 1. CASH IN recover, collect on, trade in, exchange, claim, turn in, convert. 2. DELIVER FROM SIN atone, reform, rehabilitate, absolve, save, make up for, make amends.

**RED HERRING** *n.* something that diverts attention away from another issue; an object of deliberate distraction. *The threat of communism was a red herring employed to make the voters forget about the president's misconduct.* *SYN.* *distractor, distraction, smoke-screen, show-stealer, diversion, diversionary tactic, dodge, false trail, attention-grabber.*

**redneck** *n. Sl.* \*good old boy, ignoramus, bigot, \*yahoo, Neanderthal, hick, farmer, cave-man, \*Archie Bunker, peckerwood, \*white trash, \*cracker, conservative, southern blue collar worker.

**REDOLENT** *a.* [RED uh lunt] fragrant. *We closed our eyes and inhaled the smells of the redolent sea shore.* *SYN.* *fragrant, aromatic, scented, sweet-smelling, odoriferous, smelling, evocative, reminiscent.* *ANT.* *reeking, putrid, fetid.*

**REDRESS** *n.* [REE dress] a setting right, compensation for a wrong. *They will seek redress for the damages done.* *SYN.* *compensation, reparation, amends, recompense, satisfaction, righting, restitution, correction, payment.*

**redress** *v.* rectify, set right, correct, remedy, compensate, make reparations, make restitution, satisfy, put right, square.

**red tape** *n.* bureaucracy, \*bureaucrap, \*paper shuffling, delay, \*jumping through hoops, \*aligning ducks in a row, documentation, officialese, inefficiency, paper channels.

**reduce** *v.* 1. LOWER lessen, decrease, cut, diminish, scale down, shorten, lighten, subtract, contract, trim, deflate. 2. DEMOTE downgrade, lower in rank. 3. SOFTEN temper, ease, moderate, dilute, mitigate, mellow, modify. 4. SUBDUE conquer, vanquish, crush, overpower, put down, break. *ANT.* 1. *increase, heighten.* 2. *promote, upgrade.* 3. *intensify, strengthen.* 4. *surrender, retreat.*

**REDUNDANT** *a.* [ri DUN dunt] more than what is needed, repetitive, wordy. *His speech was long-winded and redundant.* *SYN.* *excessive, unnecessary, superfluous, repetitious, more than enough, inessential, long-winded, \*de trop, wordy, verbose.* *ANT.* *necessary, indispensable, concise.*

**reef** *n.* bank, bar, sand bar, ridge, shoal, atoll shelf, ledge, coral reef.

**reek** *n.* smell, stench, odor, stink, fetor.

**reek** *v.* stink, smell, \*smell to high heaven, steam, vaporize, permeate.

**reel** *v.* stagger, sway, lurch, spin, pitch, waver, teeter, whirl, rock, fall back.

**refer** *v.* 1. MAKE REFERENCE cite, allude, point to, touch on, mention, quote, speak of, bring up. 2. SEND direct, point, assign, recommend. 3. REGARD relate, deal with, involve, concern, apply, pertain, cover.

**referee** *n.* \*ref, umpire, judge, arbitrator, mediator, intermediary, go-between, moderator.

**reference** *n.* 1. MENTION citation, allusion, quotation, notice, implication, intimation. 2. RECOMMENDATION testimonial, endorsement, good word, certification.

**refined** *a.* 1. CULTIVATED cultured, polished, perfected, finished, civilized, genteel, gentlemanly, courtly, ladylike, polite, well-bred, elegant. 2. CLEANED purified, washed, filtered, strained, processed, clarified, distilled. *ANT.* 1. *unrefined, coarse, crude.* 2. *unrefined, un-pure, rough, raw.*

**refinement** *n.* cultivation, culture, polish, perfection, finish, elegance, civility, gentility, graciousness, good breeding, urbanity, delicacy. *ANT.* *roughness, coarseness, crudeness, vulgarity.*

**reflect** *v.* 1. THROW BACK mirror, echo, reverberate, rebound, resonate, re-percuss, resound, return. 2. CONSIDER think, contemplate, ponder, ruminate, deliberate, weigh, meditate, cogitate, muse.

**reflection** *n.* 1. MIRROR IMAGE image, counterpart, impression. 2. CONSIDERATION contemplation, meditation, deliberation, rumi-

- nation, thought, cogitation, pondering, musing. "Wisdom's best nurse."—John Milton.
- reform** *n.* correction, change for the better, improvement, advancement, betterment, renovation, progress, rectification.
- reformatory** *n.* penal institution, correctional facility, reform school, training center. SEE PRISON
- refrain** *v.* do without, forgo, forbear, abstain, eschew, stop, resist, pass on, \*swear off, desist. *ANT.* *indulge, take up.*
- refresh** *v.* 1. RENEW freshen, rejuvenate, invigorate, revitalize, restore, revive, breathe new life into, vivify. 2. STIMULATE jog, activate, arouse, awaken, prompt, remind, cue. *ANT.* 1. *wear out, drain, tire, sap.* 2. *dull, inhibit.*
- refreshing** *a.* 1. RENEWING freshening, rejuvenating, invigorating, revitalizing, restoring, reviving, bracing, energizing. 2. NEW fresh, different, original, novel. *ANT.* 1. *tiring, draining, sapping.* 2. *old, unoriginal.*
- refreshment** *n.* fortification, \*pick-me-up, nourishment, sustenance, food, drink, bite, snack.
- refrigerate** *v.* chill, cool, ice, freeze, air-condition.
- refuge** *n.* shelter, retreat, safe haven, hiding place, hideout, asylum, sanctuary, cover, security, protection.
- refugee** *n.* emigrant, expatriate, defector, emigré, runaway, evacuee, outcast, alien, fugitive.
- refund** *n.* reimbursement, rebate, return, repayment.
- refund** *v.* pay back, reimburse, rebate, return, repay, settle, recompense, satisfy.
- refurbish** *v.* renovate, fix up, freshen up, brighten up, clean up, recondition, restore, renew, rejuvenate, revamp.
- refusal** *n.* no, rejection, \*thumbs down, nix, veto, nonacceptance, denial, turndown.
- refuse** *n.* waste, trash, rubbish, litter. SEE GARBAGE
- refuse** *v.* say no, reject, \*give thumbs down, nix, veto, deny, turn down, decline, demur, disapprove, spurn. *ANT.* *okay, accept, agree.*
- REFUTE** *v.* [ri FYOOT] to prove or argue to be wrong. *They refuted his theories.* SYN. disprove, prove false, confute, controvert, contradict, rebut, discredit, \*shoot full of holes, counter. *ANT.* *support, corroborate, prove.*
- regal** *a.* royal, stately, kingly, majestic, noble, princely, august, queenly, lordly. *ANT.* *lowly, plebian.*
- REGALE** *v.* [ri GALE] to delight, amuse, or entertain. *He regaled us with his adventures during the war.* SYN. delight, amuse, entertain, enthrall, enchant, divert, captivate, humor, charm.
- regalia** *n.* finery, attire, outfit, dress, livery.
- regard** *n.* 1. LOOK gaze, attention, heed, stare, mind, glance. 2. CONSIDERATION thought, concern, care, attention, heed, awareness. 3. ESTEEM respect, affection, liking, fondness, approval, admiration, appreciation. 4. MATTER aspect, point, detail. *ANT.* 2. *thoughtlessness.* 3. *disregard, disrespect, dislike.*
- regard** *v.* 1. LOOK AT heed, watch, see, behold, eye, observe, take in, notice, pay attention to. 2. CONSIDER take into account, think of, look upon, deem, view, judge.
- regardless** *adv.* in any event, anyway, anyhow, at any rate, nevertheless, nonetheless.
- regime** *n.* administration, government, leadership, rule, command, party, management, power.
- regiment** *v.* organize, systematize, coordinate, standardize.
- region** *n.* area, territory, zone, locality, location, district, place, ward, quarter, province, vicinity, spot, realm.
- register** *n.* record, list, book, entry, ledger, roll, daybook, registry, roster, diary.
- REGRESS** *v.* [ree GRESS] to go back, reverse, progress backwards. *His behavior began to regress to that of a child.* SYN. retrogress, go back, revert, retreat, degenerate, backslide, retrograde, ebb. *ANT.* *progress, advance.*
- regret** *n.* self-reproach, remorse, penitence, sorrow, self-condemnation, contrition, pangs of guilt, conscience, second thought, qualm. "The beginning of a new life."—George Eliot.
- regret** *v.* be sorry for, \*look back and kick oneself for, lament, bemoan, rue the day, have pangs of conscience, have second thoughts, never forgive oneself, repent, hate oneself for.
- regretful** *a.* sorry, contrite, ashamed, apologetic, conscience-stricken, guilty, penitent, self-reproachful, \*sadder but wiser. *ANT.* *unrepentant, \*having no qualms, brazen.*
- regrettable** *a.* lamentable, unfortunate, shameful, grievous, deplorable
- regular** *a.* 1. NORMAL usual, customary, conventional, typical, routine, everyday, traditional, average, stock, ordinary, standard. 2. ORDERLY symmetrical, balanced, ordered, harmonious, even, aligned, straight, uniform. 3. CONSISTENT habitual, fixed, undeviating, recurrent, set, established, daily. *ANT.* 1. *irregular, abnormal, unconventional.* 2. *disorderly,*

- asymmetrical, uneven. 3. sporadic, irregular, infrequent.*
- regulate** *v.* 1. GOVERN control, manage, direct, administer, run, maintain, oversee. 2. BALANCE equalize, adjust, time, moderate.
- regulation** *n.* 1. CONTROL government, management, adjustment, supervision, direction, moderation, tuning, timing. 2. RULE law, ordinance, statute, code, requirement, order, commandment, instruction, canon.
- regurgitate** *v.* throw up, heave, puke. SEE VOMIT
- rehabilitate** *v.* restore, reclaim, \*rehab, straighten out, improve, reform, change, transform, save, redeem, change one's ways.
- rehearse** *v.* practice, go over, run through, prepare, perfect, drill, train, \*have a dry run, tune up, \*jam.
- reign** *n.* rule, power, dominance, dominion, sovereignty, sway, dynasty, governance, leadership, tenure, control, regime.
- reign** *v.* rule, hold power, be in power, govern, command, manage, administer, hold sway, lead, control, dominate, run the show.
- reimburse** *v.* pay back, repay, recompense, compensate, refund, make restitution, make good, settle, indemnify.
- rein** *n.* harness, bridle, control, restraint, guide.
- rein** *v.* stop, slow, restrain, control, guide, bridle, curb, check.
- reinforce** *v.* strengthen, fortify, \*beef up, harden, stiffen, bolster, buttress, prop, toughen, support. *ANT. weaken, soften, undermine, cripple.*
- REITERATE** *v.* [ree IT uh RATE] to go over again, repeat. *Some students nodded off when the professor reiterated for the second time.* SYN. go over again, repeat, \*recap, recapitulate, restate, rehash, belabor, retell.
- reject** *n.* castoff, outcast, discard, second, irregular, pariah, loser.
- reject** *v.* \*nix, refuse, repulse, pass on, turn down, \*give thumbs down, brush off, \*give the cold shoulder, \*turn one's nose up at, spurn, shun, repudiate, veto, rebuff, \*spit upon, \*kiss off, jilt. *ANT. accept, embrace, approve, \*give thumbs up.*
- rejoice** *v.* be full of joy, be happy, be glad, celebrate, revel, be elated, exult, jump for joy, glory, delight. *ANT. grieve, lament.*
- rejoinder** *n.* answer, reply, comeback, response, retort, repartee, rebuttal, countering.
- rejuvenate** *v.* renew, restore, revive, invigorate, \*breathe new life into, regenerate, revitalize, refresh, reanimate. *ANT. tire, sap, drain.*
- relapse** *n.* recurrence, reappearance, \*turn for the worse, setback, decline, regression, fall, deterioration. *ANT. remission, improvement, progress.*
- relate** *v.* 1. RECOUNT tell, narrate, detail, state, report, communicate, describe, give an account of, repeat. 2. CONNECT correspond, correlate, associate, link, pertain, apply, have to do with, concern, bear upon. 3. IDENTIFY WITH empathize, understand, \*stand in another's shoes.
- related** *a.* associated, connected, correlated, linked, allied, affiliated, akin, kindred, cognate. *ANT. independent, unrelated, unlike.*
- relation** *n.* association, connection, affiliation, link, relationship, kinship, alliance.
- relationship** *n.* association, friendship, alliance, kinship, affiliation, marriage, liaison, connection, rapport.
- relative** *n.* relation, kin, family member, kinsman, sibling, blood relative, cognate, mother, father, brother, sister, \*kissing cousin, niece, nephew, aunt, uncle, in-law. *ANT. stranger.*
- relative** *a.* 1. COMPARATIVE proportional, comparable, relating to, respective. 2. PERTAINING pertinent, relative, germane. *ANT. 1. dissimilar, unlike. 2. unrelated, \*like apples and oranges.*
- relax** *v.* 1. LOOSEN UP be at ease, \*take it easy, rest, unwind, let oneself go, calm down, \*let one's hair down, take a break, laze. 2. SLACKEN soften, let up, lessen, ease off, loosen, diminish, relieve, lighten, moderate. *ANT. 1. get wound up, tense, labor, \*drive oneself into the grave. 2. tighten, tense up, wind up.*
- relaxation** *n.* 1. REST recreation, \*R&R, fun, unwinding, \*cutting loose, leisure, quiet time, holiday, lounging, repose, \*decompression. 2. LOOSENING slackening, easing. *ANT. 1. work, labor, toil, stress. 2. tightening, intensification.*
- release** *n.* liberation, emancipation, liberty, freeing, deliverance, discharge, loosing, dismissal, acquittal, letting go. *ANT. imprisonment, incarceration, capture.*
- release** *v.* let go, discharge, free, liberate, emancipate, deliver, loose, dismiss, acquit, untie, unshackle.
- relegate** *v.* consign, assign, delegate, entrust, commission.
- relent** *v.* soften, let up, yield, give up, slow, ease off, mitigate, relax, slacken, drop, come around, bend, reduce.
- RELENTLESS** *a.* [ri LENT liss] unremitting, incessant, pitiless. *The enemy bunkers took a relentless pounding.* SYN. unremitting, incessant, persistent, sustained, pitiless, merciless,

unrelenting, hard, cruel, unflagging. *ANT. relenting, brief, mercifully short, sparing.*

**relevant** *a.* relating, pertinent, applicable, germane, to the point, material, relative, apropos, connected, apt. *ANT. irrelevant, beside the point, unrelated.*

**reliable** *a.* dependable, trustworthy, responsible, conscientious, faithful, unailing, constant, steady, trusty. *ANT. unreliable, undependable, irresponsible.*

**reliance** *n.* confidence, dependence, trust, belief, credit, certainty, security. *ANT. distrust, insecurity.*

**relic** *n.* ruin, antique, antiquity, artifact, remnant, remains, vestige, keepsake, souvenir.

**relief** *n.* release, alleviation, easing, relaxation, mitigation, soothing, amelioration, succor, letup, respite, palliation, balm, help. *ANT. intensification, aggravation, worsening.*

**relieve** *v.* 1. EASE alleviate, release, comfort, free, relax, mitigate, soothe, palliate, assuage, diminish, quell. 2. SET FREE unburden, take over, stand in for, substitute for, replace, release, spell.

**religion** *n.* belief in God, faith, spirituality, devotion, godliness, worship, piety, theology, persuasion, devoutness. "The life of God in the soul of man."—Lyman Abbott. "The opium of the people."—Karl Marx. "The elder sister of philosophy."—Walter Savage Landor. "A universal obsessional neurosis."—Sigmund Freud. "The soul of civilization."—Will Durant. SEE BIBLE, CHURCH, CLERGY-MAN, GOD, PRAYER

**WORD FIND**

**CHRISTIANITY**

**abandonment of one's faith:** apostasy

**Adam and Eve's sin of eating from tree of knowledge:** Original Sin

**admitting sins to priest in Roman Catholic Church:** confession

**amending sacrament:** penance

**amends for sins:** atonement

**amen:** to trust

**angel, high:** archangel

**angel, second order:** cherubim

**ascend to heaven, Christ's:** Ascension

**battle, location of final:** Armageddon (mountain of Megiddo)

**biblical texts questioned by some denominations:** apocrypha

**birth of Christ or Second Coming:** Advent

**blessed with gift of tongues, healing, or prophecy:** charismatic

**blessing at end of service:** benediction

**bread and wine, body and blood of Christ, sacrament of:** Eucharist, Communion, Holy Communion, Mass

**bread wafers:** host

**casting out of church due to transgressions:** excommunication

**container or chest holding Ten Commandments:** Ark of the Covenant

**crucifixion of Christ, commemoration:** Good Friday

**cursing of God:** blasphemy

**declaration by Pope that deceased person is blessed and worthy to pray to:** beatification

**declaration by Pope that deceased person is saint following beatification:** canonization

**dissenter:** heretic

**enemy of Christ:** Antichrist, the beast

**faith, statement of:** Apostle's Creed

**fellowship:** communion

**forgiveness of sins:** absolution

**forty-day period before Easter:** Lent

**funeral mass, Roman Catholic:** requiem

**God, seeing:** beatific vision

**gospel, one of twelve who spread:** apostle

**guardian or protector of specific group:** patron saint

**healing illness through prayer:** faith healing, laying on of hands

**Hebrew Bible:** Old Testament

**Holy Land:** Israel, Palestine

**kneel in worship:** genuflect

**laws, ecclesiastical:** canon

**Lamb of God icon:** Agnus Dei

**Last Supper, day of:** Maundy Thursday

**Lent, first day of:** Ash Wednesday

**literal interpretation of Bible, believing in:** fundamentalism

**nonbeliever:** atheist

**non-Christian:** infidel

**offense to God:** abomination

**oil, apply:** anoint

**oil used in Catholic confirmation:** chrism

**Old Testament scrolls:** Dead Sea Scrolls

**overlooking of transgressions in Roman Catholic Church:** dispensation

**prayer:** Angelus

**prayer beads:** rosary

**presiding priest at Holy Communion:** celebrant

**questioner or doubter:** agnostic

**R**

**repentance for sins:** contrition  
**revelation of future in Bible:** Apocalypse  
**rising of soul after death:** resurrection  
**rites:** sacraments  
**sacred, make:** consecrate  
**Second Coming will arrive soon, denomination believing:** Seventh Day Adventist, Second Adventists  
**sect:** denomination  
**sex, priest's vow to abstain from:** vow of celibacy  
**song from biblical text:** canticle  
**spread of word throughout the world:** evangelism  
**study of religion:** theology  
**tongues, denomination known for some members who speak in:** Pentecostal Church  
**tongues, speaking in:** glossolalia  
**Virgin Mary:** Madonna  
**washing before ceremonies:** ablutions  
**water immersion ceremony:** baptism  
**wise men's visit to Christ's birth, commemoration of:** Epiphany  
**JUDAISM**  
**candelabra used to mark Chanukah:** menorah  
**discrimination against Jews:** antisemitism  
**eight-day festival commemorating exodus of Jews from Egypt:** Passover  
**festival of lights commemorating victory of Maccabees over the Syrians:** Chanukah  
**food fit to be eaten:** kosher  
**God, name of:** Jehovah, Elohim, Yahweh, YHWH, Adonai  
**holy day devoted to prayer, fasting:** Yom Kippur  
**Jewish New Year:** Rosh Hashanah  
**minister:** rabbi  
**morning and evening prayer:** Shema  
**non-Jew:** gentile  
**Old Testament of Bible:** Hebrew Bible, Torah  
**prayer leader in synagogue:** cantor  
**rabbinical writings, interpretations, and the Torah collectively:** Talmud  
**skullcap worn by Jewish men:** yarmulka  
**strict, orthodox Jews known for earlocks, black coats:** Chasidim, Hasidim  
**thirteen-year-old's rite of adulthood:** bar mitzvah  
**twelve- or thirteen-year-old girl's rite of adulthood:** bat mitzvah

## ISLAM

**adherent:** Moslem, Muslim  
**authority on Muslim law:** ayatollah  
**call to prayer from minaret of mosque:** azan  
**daily call to prayers:** adhan  
**fit to eat, according to dietary laws:** halal  
**God:** Allah  
**holy war, fighting for Islam:** jihad  
**month of fasting:** Ramadan  
**Muhammad's birthplace:** Mecca  
**night of forgiveness:** Lailat-ul-Bara'h  
**non-Moslem:** infidel  
**"Peace be upon you":** Salam Alaikum  
**pilgrimage to Mecca:** hajj  
**prayer leader in mosque:** imam  
**prayers required five times per day:** Salat  
**prophet of God and founder of Islam:** Muhammad  
**requirements of Islamic religion:** five pillars of Islam  
**rule that women must keep covered in public:** purdah  
**sacred stone at Mecca:** Black Stone  
**sacred text:** Koran  
**HINDUISM**  
**black god, avatar of Vishnu:** Krishna  
**communal house:** ashram  
**elephant-headed god, symbol of luck:** Ganesha  
**incarnation of a god:** avatar  
**god of creation:** Brahma  
**god of life and death:** Shiva  
**god of love and desire:** Kamadeva  
**god of rain and war:** Indra  
**god who will come to destroy the world:** Kalki  
**guidance book, "The Song of the Lord":** Bhagavad Gita  
**meditation word or phrase repeated to clear head:** mantra  
**mental, physical exercises to achieve well-being:** yoga  
**merchant caste:** Vaisyas  
**nonviolence doctrine:** ahimsa  
**peasant, servant caste:** Sudras  
**peasants outside of caste system:** Untouchables  
**priestly caste:** Brahmin  
**release from endless reincarnation:** moksha  
**spiritual teacher:** guru  
**supreme being:** Vishnu

**yoga adherent:** yogi  
**warrior caste:** Kshatriyas  
**what goes around comes around, doctrine of:** karma  
**worship:** puja  
**BUDDHISM**  
**Chinese Buddhism, enlightenment through meditation:** Zen  
**domed Buddhist shrine:** stupa  
**enlightenment, path to:** dharma  
**enlightenment, sudden achievement of:** satori  
**festival:** Wesak  
**moral rules:** five precepts  
**nonviolence doctrine:** ahimsa  
**one devoted to seeking enlightenment:** bodhisattva  
**spiritual awakening, bliss:** enlightenment, bodhi, nirvana  
**spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism:** Dalai Lama  
**suffering, belief that everything leads to:** dukkha  
**word or phrase repeated during meditation:** mantra

**religious** *a.* 1. **PIOUS** devout, godly, spiritual, faithful, churchgoing, theological, righteous, God-fearing, reverent, saintly. 2. **CAREFUL** scrupulous, exact, conscientious, rigorous, meticulous. *ANT.* 1. *atheistic, nonbelieving, impious.* 2. *careless, slack.*

**RELINQUISH** *v.* [ri LING kwish] to give up, let go, or renounce. *He will relinquish his office in thirty days.* *SYN.* give up, let go, renounce, abandon, quit, drop, surrender, forswear, leave, forsake, surrender, abdicate, resign. *ANT.* *hold, keep, maintain.*

**relish** *n.* pleasure, enjoyment, appreciation, liking, love, fondness, fancy, zest, satisfaction, gusto.

**relish** *v.* enjoy, take pleasure in, like, love, be fond of, appreciate, savor, adore, revel in, luxuriate in, \*dig. *ANT.* *hate, find distasteful, detest.*

**reluctant** *a.* hesitant, unwilling, disinclined, slow, unenthusiastic, hanging back, leery, wary, cautious, averse, loath. *ANT.* *eager, willing, enthusiastic.*

**rely** *v.* depend, count on, bank on, have confidence in, trust, entrust, put faith in, bet on, swear by. *ANT.* *doubt, mistrust.*

**remain** *v.* stay, wait, sit tight, stay put, hold, endure, continue, abide, keep on, persist. *ANT.* *go, leave, change.*

**remainder** *n.* the rest, leftover, remnant, remains, balance, surplus, residue, overage.

**remark** *n.* comment, commentary, word, observation, statement, note, thought, mention, utterance, reflection.

**remarkable** *a.* outstanding, extraordinary, noteworthy, noticeable, unusual, exceptional, phenomenal, unique, striking, impressive, rare. *ANT.* *usual, ordinary, common, everyday.*

**remedial** *a.* healing, corrective, restorative, curing, therapeutic, curative. *ANT.* *harmful, detrimental.*

**remedy** *n.* cure, treatment, medicine, restorative, cure-all, panacea, corrective, therapy, relief, antidote, elixir, prescription, drug.

**remedy** *v.* cure, treat, medicate, fix, restore, correct, relieve, revive, counteract, neutralize, alleviate, help, doctor. *ANT.* *aggravate, exacerbate, poison, infect.*

**remember** *v.* 1. **RECALL** recollect, call to mind, reminisce, think back, retrospect, conjure up, summon, memorize, commit to memory, retain, learn. 2. **KEEP IN MIND** bear in mind, don't forget. *ANT.* 1. *forget, draw a blank, have amnesia.*

**remind** *v.* bring back, bring to mind, spur one's memory, refresh memory, make remember, \*ring a bell, awaken memories.

**reminisce** *v.* think back, retrospect, recollect, remember, \*ache with nostalgia, live in the past.

**REMISS** *a.* [ri MISS] lax or negligent in performing one's responsibilities. *He has long been remiss in his duties.* *SYN.* negligent, careless, lax, slack, neglectful, sloppy, lazy, inattentive, delinquent, irresponsible, derelict. *ANT.* *responsible, careful, dutiful.*

**remission** *n.* abatement, arrestment, lessening, subsiding, reduction, reprieve, letup, diminution, waning, quelling, stoppage, alleviation.

**remit** *v.* send, forward, transmit, mail, discharge.

**remnant** *n.* remainder, leftover, remains, excess, extra, surplus, leaving, residue, scrap, odds and ends, relic, vestige.

**remodel** *v.* make over, redesign, rebuild, refurbish, redo, renovate, overhaul, retrofit.

**REMONSTRATE** *v.* [ri MON strate] to object to or protest against. *The demonstrators continued to remonstrate outside the mayor's door.* *SYN.* object, protest, argue against, challenge, criticize, take issue, expostulate, take exception, oppose, denounce. *ANT.* *go along with, assent, agree.*

**remorse** *n.* guilt, penitence, self-reproach, compunction, contrition, regret, sorrow, repentance, shame, rue. "The pain of sin."—Theodore Parker. "The echo of a lost virtue."—Edward Bulwer Lytton. "The fatal egg by pleasure laid."—William Cowper. *ANT.* *indifference, hard-heartedness, glee, pride.*

**remote** *a.* 1. DISTANT far-off, far-flung, isolated, secluded, God-forsaken, outlying, lonely, removed, out-of-the-way, inaccessible. 2. UNLIKELY slight, faint, slim, small, improbable, outside. 3. ALOOF distant, removed, cold, detached, faraway, withdrawn, uninterested. *ANT.* 1. *close, at hand, nearby.* 2. *likely, significant, probable.* 3. *intimate, warm, close.*

**remove** *v.* 1. TAKE OFF eject, expel, extract, throw off, cut off, move, transfer, get rid of, oust, withdraw, uproot, disconnect, erase, expunge. 2. DO AWAY WITH kill, assassinate, take out, eliminate, execute, dismiss, depose, oust, discharge, unseat, unhorse, eject, fire, \*can. *ANT.* 1. *keep, maintain, retain.* 2. *hire, install.*

**remunerate** *v.* pay, compensate, repay, reward, recompense, reimburse, indemnify.

**RENAISSANCE** *n.* [REN i SAHNS] a rebirth, resurgence, or revival. *The agency is hoping for a renaissance in space exploration.* *SYN.* rebirth, resurgence, revival, reawakening, resurgence, new day, renewal, rejuvenation, regeneration.

**rend** *v.* rip, split, cleave. *SEE* TEAR

**render** *v.* 1. PRESENT deliver, give, hand over, furnish, submit, tender, provide, impart. 2. CAUSE TO BE make. 3. PERFORM recite, represent, interpret, portray, play, treat, depict.

**rendezvous** *n.* meeting place, gathering place, appointment, engagement, date, meeting, tryst.

**rendition** *n.* rendering, version, interpretation, performance, presentation, arrangement, depiction, portrayal.

**renegade** *n.* rebel, turncoat, traitor, apostate, betrayer, double-crosser, defector, deserter, revolutionist, Benedict Arnold.

**RENEGE** *v.* [ri NIG] to go back on one's word, to fail to follow through on an agreement. *If they renege on the deal, we will sue for breach of contract.* *SYN.* go back on one's word, break promise, default, back out, \*weasel out, \*change one's tune, \*cop out, backpedal. *ANT.* *fulfill, make good, satisfy.*

**renew** *v.* begin again, resume, make a fresh start, restore, rejuvenate, refresh, recondition, re-

vitalize, replenish, regenerate, reinvigorate, \*breathe new life into.

**RENOUNCE** *v.* [ri NOUNCE] to give up, repudiate, wash one's hands of. *She renounced her belief in astrology.* *SYN.* give up, abandon, reject, \*swear off, relinquish, quit, desert, disavow, forswear, disown, repudiate, \*turn one's back on, \*divorce oneself from. *ANT.* *embrace, hold dear, claim.*

**renovate** *v.* renew, revive, clean up, fix up, recondition, restore, remodel, refurbish, redecorate, \*give a face-lift, modernize, update.

**renown** *n.* celebrity, fame, reputation, prominence, notoriety, stardom, eminence, popularity, illustriousness. *ANT.* *obscurity, anonymity.*

**renowned** *a.* celebrated, famous, prominent, noted, eminent, popular, acclaimed, illustrious, distinguished, notorious, outstanding. *ANT.* *obscure, unknown.*

**rent** *n.* opening, split, rip, tear, hole, slit, fissure, rift.

**rent** *v.* lease, let, sublet, hire, charter, contract for.

**renunciation** *n.* renouncement, rejection, abandonment, relinquishment, repudiation, disavowal, spurning, forswearing. *ANT.* *acceptance, embracement.*

**repair** *n.* fixing, mending, restoration, service, reconditioning, patching, alignment, overhaul, correction, tune-up.

**repair** *v.* 1. FIX mend, restore, recondition, patch, rebuild, reconstruct, align, overhaul, adjust, tinker with. 2. GO move, head for, proceed, retire.

**REPARTEE** *n.* [REP ar TAY] witty comebacks, a series of quick and witty replies, clever conversational exchange. *He was famous for his brilliant repartee.* *SYN.* witty comebacks, snappy comebacks, witty replies, witty rejoinders, banter, quip, sally, lively exchange, badinage, give-and-take, jesting, riposte, mot. "A duel fought with the points of jokes"—Max Eastman. "Something we think of 24 hours too late."—Mark Twain.

**repast** *n.* meal, food and drink, feast, banquet, eats, \*feed, spread, \*bite.

**repay** *v.* pay back, reimburse, return, make up for, compensate, square, requite, refund, rebate, settle, even the score, reciprocate.

**repeal** *n.* revocation, abrogation, rescission, annulment, nullification, voiding, invalidation, withdrawal, cancellation.

**repeal** *v.* withdraw, revoke, cancel, declare null and void, rescind, abrogate, invalidate, annul, abolish.

**repeat** *n.* repetition, replay, rebroadcast, rerun, rehash.

**repeat** *v.* 1. REITERATE restate, say again, recap, recapitulate, parrot. 2. DO AGAIN duplicate, remake, reproduce, redo, echo. 3. TELL recount, relate.

**repeal** *v.* 1. REPULSE push back, force back, ward off, resist, drive away, fend off, check, refuse, spurn, reject, snub, \*give cold shoulder. 2. DISGUST \*turn off, sicken, revolt, appall, \*turn one's stomach, \*gross out, \*make one's flesh crawl. *ANT.* 1. *welcome, embrace, accept.* 2. *attract, delight, please.*

**repellent** *a.* repulsive, disgusting, revolting, appalling, sickening, nauseating, offensive, repugnant, obnoxious.

**repent** *v.* feel sorry, be remorseful, be contrite, be conscious-stricken, rue the day, apologize, ask forgiveness, lament, deplore, be penitent.

**repentance** *n.* penitence, sorrow, remorse, contrition, guilt, compunction, sorrow, regret, pangs of conscience. "The voice of God."—Israel Baal Shem Tob. *ANT.* *pride, self-satisfaction.*

**REPERCUSSION** *n.* [REE pur KUSH un] an effect or consequence of some action. *Opening the borders to free trade will create serious repercussions.* *SYN.* effect, consequence, result, reaction, fallout, outcome, aftermath, impact, backlash, echo.

**repetition** *n.* duplication, repeat, rerun, replay, reiteration, recapitulation, recurrence, \*broken record, rote, reprise.

**repetitious** *a.* repetitive, redundant, tautological, wordy, long-winded, verbose, boring, tedious, recurring. *ANT.* *concise, to the point, spare.*

**replace** *v.* 1. TAKE THE PLACE OF succeed, follow, supersede, supplant, stand in, \*step into one's shoes, fill in for. 2. RETURN put back.

**replenish** *v.* fill, supply, refill, stock, restore, replace, provision, top off, reload.

**REPLETE** *a.* [ri PLEET] filled, full, plentiful. *The cellar was replete with wine bottles.* *SYN.* full, filled, plentiful, abundant, crammed, stuffed, packed, glutted, \*chock-full, loaded. *ANT.* *empty, vacant, bare.*

**replica** *n.* reproduction, copy, imitation, look-alike, \*knockoff, duplicate, facsimile, clone, photocopy.

**reply** *n.* answer, response, reaction, acknowledgment, comeback, return, rejoinder, retort.

**reply** *v.* answer, respond, react, acknowledge, come back, return, rejoin, \*shoot back, retort.

**report** *n.* 1. ACCOUNT statement, news, exposition, message, detailing, \*blow by blow, communication, story, \*word, rundown, summary, communiqué, bulletin, announcement. 2. RUMOR gossip, talk, \*word, \*grapevine, \*buzz, \*scuttlebutt, hearsay. 3. LOUD NOISE boom, explosion, bang, blast, detonation, crash, shot, crack, reverberation.

**report** *v.* 1. COMMUNICATE give an account, state, give news, give message, detail, \*give blow by blow, bring word, give rundown, summarize, announce, describe, tell, recount, relate. 2. TURN IN tell on, \*rat on.

**reporter** *n.* newsman, newswoman, journalist, member of the press, member of the media, correspondent, newscaster, feature writer, snoop, scribe. *SEE* NEWS

**repose** *n.* rest, sleep, ease, relaxation, quiet, respite, peace, tranquility, leisure, break.

**repository** *n.* depository, warehouse, vault, storehouse, store room, archives, museum, depot, magazine, library, safe, safe deposit box.

**repossess** *v.* reclaim, take back, recover, regain, retrieve.

**REPREHENSIBLE** *a.* [REP ri HEN suh bul] that which deserves criticism or rebuke. *The criminals' actions were reprehensible.* *SYN.* blameworthy, reproachable, sinful, shameful, felonious, villainous, criminal, heinous, wicked, unforgivable, disgraceful, ignoble, despicable. *ANT.* *praiseworthy, honorable, virtuous, noble.*

**represent** *v.* 1. STAND FOR symbolize, denote, express, exemplify, typify, embody, personify, betoken, act as, serve as. 2. DEPICT portray, render, picture, evoke, describe, mirror, illustrate. 3. SERVE AS AN AGENT act on behalf of, speak for, stand for, be proxy for, \*go to bat for.

**representative** *n.* agent, proxy, stand-in, spokesperson, \*mouthpiece, advocate, delegate, envoy, emissary, surrogate, congressman, councilman.

**representative** *a.* characteristic, typical, illustrative, model, symbolic, exemplary, indicative. *ANT.* *atypical, unusual, different.*

**repress** *v.* keep down, hold down, control, hold in, check, restrain, contain, crush, curb, suppress, stifle, subdue, shut up.

**reprieve** *n.* postponement, suspension, escape, relief, stay, stay of execution, remission, delay, abeyance.

**reprimand** *n.* rebuke, scolding, admonishment, reproach, \*bawlingout, censure, chastisement,

- \*tongue-lashing, upbraiding, castigation. *ANT.* approval, praise.
- reprimand** *v.* rebuke, scold, admonish, reproach, \*bawl out, censure, chastise, \*give a tongue-lashing, upbraid, castigate, \*rake over the coals. *ANT.* approve, praise, commend.
- reprisal** *n.* retaliation, \*eye for an eye, revenge, vengeance, retribution, redress, vindication, counterattack.
- REPROACH** *n.* [ri PROACH] blame, criticism. *She was above reproach.* *SYN.* blame, criticism, shame, discredit, rebuke, scolding, condemnation, reprimand, censure, disapproval, disgrace. *ANT.* approval, credit, praise.
- reproach** *v.* accuse, blame, rebuke, criticize, shame, discredit, scold, condemn, reprimand, censure, disapprove, find fault. *ANT.* approve, credit, praise.
- reprobate** *n.* sinner, criminal, villain, \*bad guy, lost soul, profligate, miscreant, degenerate, scoundrel, evildoer, lowlife. *ANT.* angel, saint.
- reprobate** *a.* bad, immoral, corrupt, unprincipled, wicked, depraved, degenerate, evil, miscreant, foul. *ANT.* good, virtuous, moral.
- reproduce** *v.* 1. COPY duplicate, replicate, redo, photocopy, reprint, clone, imitate, counterfeit. 2. PROPAGATE breed, spawn, multiply, engender, procreate, proliferate.
- reproduction** *n.* 1. COPY duplicate, replication, photocopy, reprint, clone, imitation, counterfeit, \*mirror image, twin. 2. PROPAGATION procreation, breeding, proliferation. *ANT.* 1. original, model, master.
- reproof** *n.* rebuke, censure. *SEE* REPROACH
- REPROVE** *v.* [ri PROOV] to give or show one's disapproval. *She reproved the workers for making too much noise.* *SYN.* disapprove, rebuke, reproach, scold, admonish, censure, reprimand, condemn. *ANT.* approve, praise, credit.
- REPUDIATE** *v.* [ri PYOO dee ATE] to reject, have nothing to do with. *She repudiated his views.* *SYN.* reject, renounce, have nothing to do with, disown, cast off, disapprove, spurn, refuse, disavow, disclaim, deny. *ANT.* embrace, accept, support.
- repugnant** *a.* offensive, distasteful, obnoxious, repulsive, repellent, revolting, disgusting, foul, sickening, nauseating. *ANT.* delightful, pleasing, appealing.
- repulse** *v.* 1. REPEL drive back, hold off, resist, check, defend, defeat. 2. DISGUST offend, repel, revolt, sicken. 3. REJECT rebuff, refuse, spurn, snub, \*give cold shoulder. *ANT.*
1. embrace, welcome, pull in, draw. 2. delight, please, appeal. 3. invite.
- repulsive** *a.* repellent, offensive, revolting, disgusting, foul, distasteful, \*sickening, nauseating, \*gross, repugnant. *ANT.* appealing, delightful, attractive.
- reputable** *a.* respectable, in good repute, esteemed, well thought of, acclaimed, honorable, honest, legitimate, principled, \*on the up and up, reliable. *ANT.* disreputable, questionable, shady.
- reputation** *n.* repute, character, name, regard, stature, renown, \*word of mouth, standing, \*approval rating, estimation, \*credit rating. "A bubble which a man bursts when he tries to blow it for himself"—Emma Carleton. "What people gossip behind your back."—Henry Banks.
- repute** *n.* *SEE* REPUTATION
- reputed** *a.* supposed, regarded, believed, assumed, presumed, alleged, thought, rumored. *ANT.* proven, actual.
- request** *n.* petition, solicitation, question, application, want, desire, behest, plea, demand.
- request** *v.* ask, petition, solicit, apply, appeal for, seek, \*put in for, beg, demand.
- requiem** *n.* mass, service, memorial, eulogy, elegy, dirge, hymn, composition.
- require** *v.* 1. NEED want, lack, miss, be short of, be deficient in, desire. 2. DEMAND order, command, obligate, call for, insist on, compel, direct, dictate.
- requirement** *n.* necessity, must, essential, need, imperative, requisite, prerequisite, condition, term, provision, dictate.
- requisite** *n.* *SEE* REQUIREMENT
- requisite** *a.* required, essential, prerequisite, needed, necessary, imperative, obligatory, called for. *ANT.* optional, elective, voluntary.
- RESCIND** *v.* [ri SIND] to repeal or abolish. *They rescinded the order.* *SYN.* repeal, abolish, revoke, cancel, reverse, invalidate, declare null and void, annul, recall. *ANT.* uphold, confirm, defend, shore up.
- rescue** *n.* saving, recovery, delivery, extrication, relief, release, liberation, salvation, heroics.
- rescue** *v.* save, recover, deliver, extricate, relieve, release, liberate, free, bail out, retrieve, \*save one's bacon.
- research** *n.* fact-finding, investigation, inquiry, \*digging, legwork, study, probing, sifting, \*detective work, delving, \*R&D. "The process of going up alleys to see if they are blind."—Marston Bates. "If you steal from

- one, it's plagiarism, if you steal from many, it's research."—Wilson Mizner.
- researcher** *n.* prober, investigator, data specialist, analyst, scientist, experimenter, medical detective, scientific detective, medical sleuth, tester, clinician, scholar.
- resemblance** *n.* likeness, similarity, sameness, correspondence, closeness, semblance, parallel, uniformity, affinity, analogy. *ANT. difference, dissimilarity, contrast.*
- resemble** *v.* look alike, mirror, double, be similar to, match, bear a resemblance to, approximate, mimic, echo. *ANT. contrast.*
- resent** *v.* take offense, be offended, be indignant over, take exception to, dislike, bristle, harbor resentment, \*get one's nose out of joint, seethe over. *ANT. appreciate, like, delight in.*
- resentment** *n.* offense, indignation, displeasure, annoyance, outrage, disgust, umbrage, rancor, bitterness, pique, hard feelings.
- reservation** *n.* 1. RESERVE preserve, sanctuary, territory, enclave, tract, habitation, settlement. 2. BOOKING retaining, place, \*lock. 3. QUALIFICATION condition, limitation, stipulation, reluctance, qualm, second thoughts, hesitancy.
- reserve** *n.* 1. STORE cache, savings, \*nest egg, stockpile, backlog, reservoir, \*ace in the hole, \*something for a rainy day. 2. QUIETNESS silence, self-restraint, aloofness, reticence, shyness, inhibition, guardedness, distance, coolness.
- reserve** *v.* 1. SAVE hold, hoard, store, stockpile, lay up, stash, \*keep for a rainy day, conserve, \*squirrel away. 2. BOOK retain, secure, engage.
- reserved** *a.* self-restrained, quiet, silent, aloof, taciturn, reticent, shy, bashful, inhibited, guarded, distant, cool. *ANT. loud, demonstrative, loquacious.*
- reside** *v.* 1. LIVE dwell, stay, inhabit, lodge, abide, domicile, occupy, take up residence, \*hang one's hat. 2. EXIST IN be inherent, be present, lie in, dwell.
- residence** *n.* home, inhabitation, house, abode, domicile, place, living quarters, address, dwelling, lodging, apartment, condo. SEE HOUSE
- resident** *n.* inhabitant, occupant, lodger, tenant, citizen, denizen, inmate.
- residue** *n.* remainder, rest, remnant, leftovers, dregs, scum, refuse, leavings.
- resign** *v.* 1. QUIT step down, leave, abdicate, give notice, drop out, bail out, walk out, \*hang it up, renounce. 2. RESIGN ONESELF TO accept, live with, submit, endure, comply, \*grin and bear it, tolerate.
- resignation** *n.* 1. QUITTING retirement, termination, withdrawal, leaving, notice, abdication. 2. ACCEPTANCE submission, acquiescence, tolerance, endurance, reconciliation, passivity.
- resigned** *a.* accepting, submissive, acquiescent, tolerant, enduring, reconciled, passive, unresisting, stoical, long-suffering. *ANT. unaccepting, rebellious, resisting.*
- resilient** *a.* elastic, flexible, rebounding, springy, pliable, rubbery, bouncy, supple, recovering quickly. *ANT. rigid, inflexible, stiff.*
- resist** *v.* fight, oppose, withstand, defy, repel, repulse, hold off, stand up against, thwart, check, weather. *ANT. surrender to, yield, give in, \*cave in to.*
- resistance** *n.* fight, opposition, defiance, repulsion, withstanding, repellence, rebuff, refusal, blocking.
- RESOLUTE** *a.* [REZ uh LOOT] determined, resolved. *When it came to quitting smoking, Frank was resolute.* SYN. determined, resolved, fixed, firm, intent on, steady, tenacious, decided, purposeful, strong-willed, \*dead set on, earnest, persevering. *ANT. weak-minded, irresolute, \*wishy-washy.*
- resolution** *n.* 1. DETERMINATION decidedness, purpose, resolve, tenacity, perseverance, dedication, willpower, earnestness. 2. RESOLVING solution, sorting out, working out, outcome, end, upshot, settlement, finding. 3. PLAN proposition, proposal, motion, objective.
- resolve** *n.* determination, resolution, purpose, decidedness, intention, earnestness, firmness, steadfastness, will, stick-to-itiveness.
- resolve** *v.* 1. DETERMINE decide, make up one's mind, fix, intend, settle, will, \*stick to one's guns. 2. SETTLE solve, straighten out, clear up, harmonize, work out, \*iron out, answer.
- resonant** *a.* resounding, reverberant, vibrant, echoing, loud, ringing, booming, full, rich, sonorous. *ANT. tinny, tinkling, muted.*
- resonate** *v.* echo, reverberate, resound, ring, vibrate, boom, have far-reaching effects, impact, have deep consequences.
- resort** *n.* vacation spot, hotel, motel, \*tourist trap, mineral springs, park, club, retreat.
- resort** *v.* turn to, use, utilize, take up, employ, have recourse to.
- resound** *v.* echo, reverberate, ring, repeat, clang, resonate, peal, vibrate, thunder.

**resourceful** *a.* inventive, clever, creative, ingenious, handy, quick, imaginative, capable, versatile, adaptable. *ANT.* *unimaginative, incapable, helpless, inefficient.*

**respect** *n.* 1. REGARD HONOR, esteem, deference, admiration, reverence, consideration, fear, veneration, awe, appreciation. 2. POINT detail, sense, aspect, way, regard. 3. REFERENCE relation. *ANT.* 1. *disrespect, disregard, contempt.*

**respect** *v.* 1. REGARD HIGHLY honor, esteem, defer to, idolize, admire, revere, look up to, fear, venerate, view with awe, appreciate. 2. OBEY comply. *ANT.* 1. *disrespect, \*dis.*

**respectable** *a.* 1. WORTHY OF RESPECT admirable, estimable, worthy, reputable, honorable, dignified, good, esteemed, strong, decent, principled, correct, proper. 2. FAIRLY LARGE appreciable, substantial, decent, sizable, tolerable, goodly. *ANT.* 1. *disrespectable, despicable, bad.* 2. *tiny, small, paltry.*

**respectful** *a.* deferential, regardful, courteous, reverential, submissive, obsequious, polite, well-mannered, obliging, obedient. *ANT.* *disrespectful, irreverent, disobedient.*

**RESPITE** *n.* [RES pit] a rest or break from something. *The rain provided respite from the heat.* *SYN.* rest, break, relief, lull, breather, letup, time-out, recess, reprieve, remission.

**respond** *v.* act, react, answer, come back, reply, acknowledge, feedback, retort.

**response** *n.* reaction, answer, comeback, reply, acknowledgement, feedback, retort.

**responsibility** *n.* 1. DUTY charge, obligation, burden, onus. 2. ACCOUNTABILITY liability, culpability, answerability. 3. CONSCIENTIOUSNESS dependability, reliability, maturity, trustworthiness. "The price of greatness."—Winston Churchill. "A detachable burden easily shifted to the shoulders of God, Fate, Fortune, Luck, or one's neighbor."—Ambrose Bierce.

**responsible** *a.* 1. ACCOUNTABLE liable, culpable, answerable, at fault, to blame, incumbent, duty-bound, beholden, bound. 2. CONSCIENTIOUS dependable, reliable, mature, dutiful, trustworthy, adult, grown up, sensible, rational. *ANT.* 1. *\*off the hook, unaccountable, irresponsible.* 2. *immature, unreliable, undependable.*

**responsive** *a.* reactive, reacting, active, respondent, reflexive, reciprocal, receptive, answering. *ANT.* *unresponsive, inactive.*

**rest** *n.* 1. RELAXATION inactivity, break, ease, respite, recess, sleep, slumber, nap, repose,

breather, time-out, lull, pause, \*downtime. "The end and reward of toil."—James Beattie. 2. REMAINDER balance, remains, excess, surplus. 3. BASE stand, holder, seat, bed, cradle.

**rest** *v.* 1. RELAX take a break, recess, sleep, slumber, nap, repose, take a breather, take a time-out, lounge, stop, hold up, pause, \*put feet up, retire, \*crash, catch one's breath, \*recharge one's batteries. 2. LIE lay, sit, stand, set, lean, prop. 3. DEPEND rely, hinge, hang. *ANT.* 1. *hustle, bustle, \*do double-time, work, \*break a sweat.*

**restful** *a.* quiet, peaceful, relaxing, tranquil, recharging, restorative, serene, calming. *ANT.* *restless, stressful, tiring, exhausting.*

**restitution** *n.* reparation, compensation, recompense, redress, amends, reimbursement, remuneration, indemnity.

**restaurant** *n.* eatery, dining establishment, steakhouse, cafe, \*greasy spoon, luncheonette, diner, cafeteria, drive-in, hamburger stand, commissary, \*fast-food joint, nightclub, supper club, bistro.

**restless** *a.* troubled, disturbed, uneasy, stressed, \*wired, unsettled, edgy, restive, fidgety, ill at ease, \*uptight, anxious, agitated, uncomfortable, \*ants in the pants, \*hyper. *ANT.* *restful, quiet, content, relaxed.*

**restore** *v.* renew, bring back, fix, recondition, rejuvenate, rehabilitate, revive, refresh, put in good repair, regenerate, overhaul.

**restrain** *v.* hold, limit, check, arrest, contain, restrict, muzzle, suppress, bridle, hamper.

**restrict** *v.* limit, confine, check, restrain, curb, impede, inhibit, constrain, hamper, circumscribe, bind, hem in.

**restriction** *n.* limit, limitation, circumscription, proscription, check, curb, control, confinement, restraint, \*no-no, rule, regulation, provision, condition.

**result** *n.* outcome, effect, consequence, upshot, product, byproduct, end, aftereffect, fruit, outgrowth, fallout, denouement.

**result** *v.* issue, arise, happen, develop, ensue, eventuate, stem, occur, come about.

**resumé** *n.* employment history, vita, curriculum vita, work history, biographical outline, \*bio.

**resume** *v.* continue, proceed, go on, begin again, carry on, return, pick up where one left off, restart.

**resurgence** *n.* revival, rise, return, rebirth, renewal, resurrection, renaissance. *ANT.* *death, petering out, decline.*

**resurrection** *n.* rising from the dead, return to life, rebirth, revival, regeneration, restoration, \*Lazarus effect.

**resuscitate** *v.* revive, bring back, revitalize, breathe life into, perform artificial respiration, perform CPR, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, bring around.

**retain** *v.* keep, hold, maintain, possess, save, own, hang on to, secure, grasp.

**retainer** *n.* fee, allowance, charge, stipend.

**retaliate** *v.* strike back, get even, pay back, avenge, revenge, \*even the score, reciprocate, \*give tit for tat, pay back in kind, give measure for measure, \*take an eye for an eye. *ANT.* \*turn the other cheek, overlook.

**retard** *v.* hinder, slow, delay, obstruct, block, impede, check, detain, hamper, restrict, handicap.

**retch** *v.* gag, vomit, heave, \*barf, \*puke, \*hurl, \*ralph, have dry heaves, \*upchuck.

**RETICENT** *a.* [RET i sunt] reserved, quiet, restrained. *He tended to be reticent and barely spoke more than three words at a time.* *SYN.* reserved, quiet, restrained, taciturn, close-mouthed, shy, bashful, silent, uncommunicative, \*clammed up, retiring. *ANT.* loquacious, \*motor-mouthed, talkative.

**retinue** *n.* entourage, train of attendants, cortege, court, personnel, escort, following.

**retire** *v.* leave, retreat, withdraw, depart, exit, part, run along, turn in, go to bed, \*call it a day, \*hit the sack, quit, resign.

**retiring** *a.* shy, bashful, backward, withdrawn, unsociable, shrinking, quiet, reserved, reclusive, keeping to oneself, private, solitary, preferring one's own company. *ANT.* outgoing, gregarious, sociable.

**retort** *n.* reply, answer, comeback, snappy comeback, counter, rejoinder, repartee, rebuttal, riposte.

**retort** *v.* reply, answer, come back, respond, counter, rebut, rejoin, fire back, \*return fire.

**retract** *v.* take back, recant, withdraw, backtrack, disavow, recall, \*eat one's words, disclaim, back down, forswear, reverse, repeal.

**retreat** *n.* 1. WITHDRAWAL flight, departure, pull-out, evacuation, escape, volte-face, \*backpedaling, getaway, retirement. 2. SAFE, QUIET PLACE sanctuary, asylum, haven, refuge, hideaway, shelter, cloister.

**retreat** *v.* withdraw, flee, depart, pull out, evacuate, escape, \*head for the hills, do an about-face, backpedal, get away, escape, \*beat a hasty retreat. *ANT.* charge, advance, progress.

**retribution** *n.* requital, \*payback, revenge, retaliation, punishment, vengeance, comeuppance, reprisal, \*just deserts, \*tit for tat, talion.

**retrieve** *v.* get, get back, fetch, recover, regain, reclaim, recoup, reacquire.

**retrospect** *n.* looking back, reminiscence, review, remembering, reexamination, hindsight, reflection, afterthought, \*Monday morning quarterbacking.

**return** *n.* 1. REAPPEARANCE rebound, comeback, homecoming, recurrence, rebirth, revival, renaissance, resurrection, reinstatement. 2. PROFIT yield, interest, proceeds, net, income, gain, revenue. 3. RESPONSE comeback, answer, rebuttal, retort, reply, rejoinder, riposte, repartee.

**return** *v.* 1. COME BACK go back, put back, reappear, rebound, recoil, boomerang, reverse, retreat, backtrack, recur, revive, resurrect, reinstate, restore, replace, double back, retrace one's steps. 2. PAY BACK reciprocate, requite, retaliate, replace, reimburse, recompense. 3. GAIN show a profit, yield, earn, gain, net. 4. RESPOND answer, come back, rebut, retort, reply, rejoin.

**reunion** *n.* reuniting, homecoming.

**revamp** *v.* renovate, revise, fix up, repair, make over, refurbish.

**reveal** *v.* disclose, expose, show, divulge, uncover, bring to light, make known, lay bare, bring out into the open, tell, confess, \*let the cat out of the bag, \*spill the beans, declare, announce, \*blab. *ANT.* conceal, cover up, keep secret.

**revel** *v.* celebrate, delight in, \*party, \*party hearty, take pleasure, \*cut loose, rejoice, make merry, \*whoop it up, enjoy, \*get a kick out of, be festive, carouse, \*have a ball, bask.

**revelation** *n.* disclosure, eye-opener, exposé, exposition, news, divulgement, announcement, broadcast, bombshell, \*bolt from the blue, flash, shock.

**revelry** *n.* merry-making, partying, celebration, rejoicing, festivity, gaiety, carousal, romping, carrying on, \*good times.

**revenge** *n.* vengeance, retaliation, retribution, talion, \*eye for an eye, reprisal, vindication, requital, \*payback, \*tit for tat, avenging, \*getting even, countering, measure for measure. "That recoil of Nature."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "Nothing which we don't invite."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**revenge** *v.* retaliate, take vengeance, avenge, \*even the score, \*take an eye for an eye, give

- measure for measure, repay, reciprocate, vindicate, settle accounts, get back at.
- revenue** *n.* return, income, gain, yield, proceeds, net, gross, earnings, receipts, profit, cash flow, wages, salary. SEE MONEY
- reverberate** *v.* echo, reecho, resound, resonate, ring, vibrate, have repercussions, have an aftereffect, recoil, rebound, bounce back.
- REVERE** *v.* [ri VEER] to look up to, respect, and honor highly. *The mayor was greatly revered in the community.* SYN. respect, honor, look up to, esteem, worship, venerate, idolize, \*put on a pedestal, admire, exalt, think highly of, \*kiss up to. ANT. *disrespect, despise, look down on.*
- reverence** *n.* respect, honor, esteem, worship, veneration, idolization, admiration, exaltation, awe, homage, regard. ANT. *irreverence, disrespect, contempt.*
- reverent** *a.* respectful, deferential, honoring, admiring, awed, reverential, venerating, adoring, worshipping. ANT. *disrespectful, irreverent, impertinent.*
- REVERIE** *n.* [REV ur ee] daydreaming, fantasizing. *I called her name twice, but she was deep in reverie.* SYN. daydreaming, fantasizing, musing, contemplation, deep thought, woolgathering, flight of fancy, trance, abstraction.
- reversal** *n.* repeal, overturning, upset, withdrawal, retraction, about-face, turnaround, switch.
- reverse** *n.* 1. OPPOSITE inverse, converse, counterpart, antithesis, other side of the coin, mirror image, back, rear, \*flip side. 2. SET-BACK defeat, check, reversal, turnaround, misfortune, misadventure, mishap, disaster, catastrophe, contretemps. ANT. 1. *front, obverse.* 2. *promotion, help, boon.*
- reverse** *v.* 1. GO OR TURN BACKWARDS back, \*flip-flop, revert, upend, turn over, overturn, invert, transpose, \*turn inside out, backtrack, backpedal, \*do an about-face. 2. CHANGE revoke, annul, repeal, withdraw, counter, overturn, rescind, recant, \*change one's tune.
- reverse** *a.* backward, opposite, inverse, converse, contrasting, contrary.
- revert** *v.* go back, return, regress, backslide, degenerate, retrogress, relapse, deteriorate, hark back.
- review** *n.* 1. EXAMINATION reexamination, reassessment, second look, another look, run-down, survey, inspection, reevaluation, retrospection. 2. CRITIQUE evaluation, commentary, appraisal, report, \*write-up, criticism, blurb, notice, rave, \*pan. 3. FORMAL INSPECTION exhibition, parade, procession, exposition, demonstration.
- review** *v.* 1. EXAMINE reexamine, reassess, have a second look, have another look, run down, survey, inspect, reevaluate, go over again, retrospect. 2. CRITIQUE evaluate, comment on, appraise, report on, \*write up, criticize, rave, \*pan, \*trash, \*slam.
- reviewer** *n.* critic, analyst, commentator, judge, evaluator, appraiser, connoisseur, summarizer, faultfinder, reporter, scrutinizer, nit-picker.
- revile** *v.* scold, abuse, tongue-lash, curse, \*jump down one's throat, \*rip up one side and down the other, lambaste, upbraid, vilify, disparage. ANT. *commend, praise, compliment.*
- revise** *v.* correct, improve, change, amend, edit, \*blue pencil, tighten, rewrite, polish, rectify, redraft, modify.
- revision** *n.* second draft, corrected version, amended version, editing, tightening, cutting, rewriting, polishing, modification.
- revival** *n.* rebirth, return, restoration, renaissance, rejuvenation, revitalization, resurrection, new dawn, new day, reawakening.
- revive** *v.* breathe life into, resuscitate, bring back to life, rescue from the brink of extinction, \*bring around, wake up, reawaken, rejuvenate, renew, recharge, refresh, vivify, rally, recover.
- revoke** *v.* abolish, repeal, withdraw, rescind, annul, cancel, abrogate, nullify, void, declare null and void, recall. ANT. *maintain, uphold, \*beef up.*
- revolt** *n.* rebellion, refusal, revolution, insurrection, uprising, mutiny, resistance, protest. SEE REVOLUTION
- revolt** *v.* 1. REBEL refuse to cooperate, rise up against, resist, protest, mutiny, riot, oppose, defy, insurrect, boycott. 2. DISGUST sicken, turn one's stomach, appall, nauseate, \*make one's flesh crawl, repulse. ANT. 1. *comply, obey, accept.* 2. *delight, please.*
- revolting** *a.* disgusting, repulsive, sickening, repugnant, gross, offensive, abhorrent, \*stomach-turning, foul, obnoxious. ANT. *delightful, pleasing, appetizing.*
- revolution** *n.* 1. REBELLION uprising, mutiny, revolt, insubordination, insurrection, outbreak, uproar, riot, anarchy, coup, coup d'état, takeover, overthrow, unrest, turmoil. "A phoenix rising like a flame from the bodies of the wretched."—Luis Cernuda. "An abrupt change in the form of misgovernment."—

- Ambrose Bierce. "A thought in one man's mind."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2. ROTATION circle, orbit, lap, circuit, cycle, spin.
- revolutionary** *a.* 1. REBELLIOUS mutinous, insubordinate, riotous, resistant, insurrectionary, subversive. 2. NEW progressive, radical, innovative, \*cutting edge, novel, advanced.
- revolve** *v.* circle, orbit, go around, rotate, spin, wheel, gyrate, twirl, whirl.
- revulsion** *n.* disgust, repugnance, aversion, loathing, nausea, detestation, distaste, abhorrence, hatred. *ANT.* liking, attraction.
- reward** *n.* prize, payment, award, winnings, return, compensation, recompense, dividend, honor, bonus, requital, remuneration. *ANT.* punishment, penalty.
- reward** *v.* pay, award, compensate, recompense, honor, remunerate, reimburse, tip. *ANT.* penalize, punish.
- rewarding** *a.* compensating, worthwhile, enriching, fulfilling, satisfying, paying dividends, productive. *ANT.* unrewarding, unfulfilling.
- rhapsodize** *v.* gush, rave, speak with passion, wax poetic, dramatize, deliver breathlessly, get carried away, play up, ham it up, enthuse.
- RHETORIC** *n.* [RET ur ik] words and their artful employment in speech or writing. Also, high-blown language that says nothing. *The crowd listened to the usual political rhetoric.* *SYN.* expressiveness, eloquence, command of language, articulateness, fluency, elocution, \*way with words, grandiloquence, magniloquence, bombast, \*hot air, fustian, verbosity, \*BS.
- rhetorical** *a.* 1. EXPRESSIVE articulate, eloquent, fluent, persuasive, well-said, \*silver-tongued. 2. GRANDILOQUENT magniloquent, bombastic, fustian, verbose, pretentious, high-sounding, oratorical, inflated. *ANT.* 1. inarticulate, awkward, stumbling. 2. understated, simple, subtle.
- rhyme** *n.* poem, verse, lyric, limerick, ode, alliteration.
- rhythm** *n.* beat, meter, cadence, swing, tempo, pulse, downbeat, backbeat, throb, flow.
- RIBALD** *a.* [RIB uld] vulgar, earthy or coarse, especially with sexual humor. *The men sat around the bar and told ribald jokes.* *SYN.* vulgar, earthy, lewd, dirty, obscene, risqué, off-color, indecent, pornographic, X-rated, gross. *ANT.* wholesome, decent, G-rated, \*clean
- rich** *a.* 1. WEALTHY affluent, \*well-off, \*well-to-do, \*well-heeled, \*on easy street, \*rolling in dough, opulent, flush, comfortable, moneyed, \*filthy rich. 2. ABUNDANT abounding, replete, well-supplied, well-stocked, overflowing, copious, plentiful, prodigal. 3. LUXURIOUS elegant, costly, lavish, sumptuous, elaborate. 4. FILLING heavy, sweet, \*fatty, fattening. 5. DEEP intense, full, vivid, striking, vibrant. 6. FUNNY comical, amusing, absurd, \*wacky, ludicrous, ridiculous, laughable. *ANT.* 1. poor, indigent, penniless. 2. scarce, scant, meager. 3. plain, poor. 4. light. 5. light, subtle, slight. 6. grave, grim, serious.
- riches** *n.* wealth, money, affluence, opulence, possessions, fortune, \*big bucks, treasure, property, abundance, resources. "A great slavery."—Seneca. "A contented mind."—Mohammed. "Not the end, but a change of worries."—Epicurus. *ANT.* poverty, indigence, want. SEE MONEY
- rickety** *a.* shaky, wobbly, unstable, unsteady, teetering, tottering, fragile, \*jerry-built, \*tumble-down. *ANT.* stable, sturdy, rock-solid, sound.
- ricochet** *v.* rebound, bounce off, recoil, glance, deflect.
- rid** *v.* free, do away with, get rid of, purge, throw out, clear, clean, evict, disencumber, relieve, remove.
- riddle** *n.* puzzle, question, poser, \*brainteaser, \*stumper, mind-boggler, complexity, conundrum, knot, rebus, enigma, mystery.
- ride** *n.* drive, cruise, trip, excursion, spin, jaunt, outing.
- ride** *v.* 1. TRAVEL cruise, tour, motor, commute, tool, move, float, journey, be carried along. 2. TEASE torment, harass, \*give a hard time, pester, make fun of, plague, ridicule, \*kid.
- riders** *n.* addition, amendment, supplement, clause, attachment, appendix, codicil.
- ridge** *n.* 1. CREST hill, spine, hogback, pinnacle, rise. 2. RAISED AREA line, wale, rib, seam, cord, corrugation, seam, wrinkle, fold.
- ridicule** *n.* mocking, joking, taunting, teasing, making fun of, derision, poking fun at, laughter, needling, caricature, sarcasm. "The fume of little hearts."—Alfred Lord Tennyson. "These paper bullets of the brain."—Shakespeare. "The weapon of those who have no other."—Hubert Pierlot. *ANT.* honor, veneration, respect, homage. SEE JOKE
- ridicule** *v.* make fun of, laugh at, poke fun at, mock, make the butt of a joke, taunt, tease, deride, needle, caricature, belittle, lampoon, roast. *ANT.* honor, venerate, respect, pay homage to.

**ridiculous** *a.* preposterous, absurd, ludicrous, laughable, stupid, foolish, nonsensical, senseless, idiotic, mindless, moronic, insane, crazy, \*nuts, \*wacky, farcical, outrageous. *ANT.* *sensible, rational, sober, sound.*

**RIFE** *a.* [RIFE] abounding, widespread, commonly occurring. *The show was rife with black humor.* *SYN.* widespread, abounding, abundant, plentiful, copious, profuse, numerous, bursting, overflowing, prevalent, teeming, rampant, thick. *ANT.* *scarce, scant, rare.*

**riffraff** *n.* rabble, \*dregs of society, peasantry, commoners, hoi polloi, rank and file, lower class, \*scum of the earth.

**rifle** *n.* carbine, shotgun, musket, firearm. *SEE GUN*

**rifle** *v.* search, rummage, turn inside out, ransack, steal, strip, loot, thieve.

**rift** *n.* 1. OPENING fissure, cleft, crack, rent, split, crevice, fracture, breach, fault, split, tear. 2. FALLING-OUT BETWEEN FRIENDS parting of the ways, split, separation, schism, break, disagreement, estrangement, breakup.

**rig** *n.* equipment, outfit, gear, tackle, apparatus, rigging.

**rig** *v.* 1. EQUIP fit out, gear up, furnish, outfit, supply, set up, accoutre, clothe, appoint, array, slap together. 2. MANIPULATE fix, tamper with, falsify, finagle, arrange, machinate, contrive.

**right** *n.* 1. PRIVILEGE authority, prerogative, power, claim, license, title, birthright, say, favor, freedom, due. 2. GOOD virtue, morality, morals, righteousness, justness, justice, integrity, uprightness, honor, correctness. "The greatest good to the greatest number"—Jeremy Bentham. 3. CONSERVATISM rightism, orthodoxy. *ANT.* 2. *wrong, immorality, incorrectness.* 3. *left, liberalism.*

**right** *v.* 1. CORRECT fix, straighten out, amend, make right, mend, repair, doctor, rectify, adjust, remedy, redress, balance. 2. PUT BACK IN UPRIGHT POSITION turn over, flip over. *ANT.* 1. *\*mess up, \*screw up, ruin.* 2. *capsize, upend, upset.*

**right** *a.* 1. VIRTUOUS upright, moral, good, righteous, honorable, scrupulous, just, honest, ethical, fair, proper, \*politically correct, socially acceptable. 2. CORRECT accurate, precise, \*on the money, \*on the mark, \*on target, \*on the nose, exact, true, perfect, valid, sound, faithful, flawless, unerring, factual. 3. FITTING suitable, appropriate, befitting, correct, seemly, favorable, desirable, preferable, opportune. 4. NORMAL sound, rational, sen-

sible, sane, competent, lucid, sober. 5. CONSERVATIVE right-wing, rightist, traditional, reactionary, orthodox, \*old-line. *ANT.* 1. *immoral, bad, unethical, wicked.* 2. *incorrect, inaccurate, wrong.* 3. *unsuitable, inappropriate.* 4. *irrational, insane, not of sound mind.* 5. *liberal, left, leftist.*

**right** *adv.* 1. VIRTUOUSLY morally, righteously, honorably, justly, honestly ethically, fairly, properly. 2. CORRECTLY accurately, precisely, \*on the money, \*on the mark, \*on target, exactly, truly, perfectly, faithfully, flawlessly, unerringly. *ANT.* 1. *immorally, dishonorably, unjustly.* 2. *incorrectly, inaccurately, imperfectly.*

**righteous** *a.* good, right, virtuous, moral, ethical, honest, honorable, just, fair, upright, noble, saintly, innocent, angelic. *ANT.* *bad, wicked, immoral, wrong.*

**rightful** *a.* right, just, fair, moral, ethical, proper, fitting, appropriate, legitimate, authorized, lawful. *ANT.* *wrong, illegitimate.*

**right stuff** *n.* qualifications, credentials, experience, courage, \*guts, bravery, drive, talent, abilities, skills.

**rigid** *a.* 1. UNYIELDING inflexible, hard, stiff, unbending, firm, nonpliant, unmalleable. 2. STRICT severe, exacting, harsh, uncompromising, inflexible, unaccommodating, stern, stringent, \*bullheaded. *ANT.* 1. *yielding, flexible, pliable.* 2. *\*easy, compromising, accommodating, flexible.*

**rigmarole** *n.* babble, blather, gobbledygook, drivel, \*bunk, \*rot, claptrap, \*bilge, hogwash, bull, twaddle. *SEE NONSENSE*

**rigor** *n.* harshness, severity, hardness, hardship, rigidity, roughness, toughness, difficulty, trial, strictness, inflexibility.

**RIGOROUS** *a.* [RIG ur us] harsh, severe, strict. *Life in the Arctic is rigorous.* *SYN.* harsh, severe, strict, hard, tough, rough, brutal, stringent, trying, austere. *ANT.* *easy, undemanding, soft.*

**rile** *v.* anger, annoy, irritate, peeve, \*rub the wrong way, irk, aggravate, nettle, \*get under one's skin, \*get one's dander up, \*get one's Irish up. *ANT.* *pacify, mollify, appease.*

**rim** *n.* edge, border, margin, perimeter, brink, fringe, verge, ring, hem, lip, brim, skirt.

**rind** *n.* peel, peeling, skin, husk, hull, outer layer.

**ring** *n.* 1. CIRCLE band, loop, hoop, orbit. 2. FINGER JEWELRY band, wedding band. *SEE DIAMOND, JEWELRY* 3. ARENA rink, circus ring, bowl, coliseum. 4. GROUP OR GANG mob,

band, circle, party, bloc, association, bunch, syndicate, outfit, coterie, clan. 5. CLANG ding, chime, reverberation, knell, peal, tinnabulation, tinkle, toll, jingle.

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**WORD FIND**

**broad band:** cigar band

**central stone surrounded by smaller ones, ring with:** cluster ring

**engraved with loving verse, popular in 15th, 16th, 17th centuries:** posy ring

**graduation from school, marking:** class ring

**hands clasped together, characterized by two:** fede ring

**insignia, monogram or coat of arms, inscribed with:** signet ring

**Irish ring symbolizing friendship, engagement, or marriage, traditional:** Claddagh ring

**large and showy set with various stones:** cocktail ring

**matching engagement and wedding ring:** bridal set

**second ring worn in front of more valuable ring to protect it from loss:** guard ring

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**ring** *v.* 1. CLANG ding, dong, bong, chime, reverberate, knell, peal, tinnabulate, tinkle, toll, jingle, sound, vibrate, resonate. 2. ANNOUNCE herald, signal, trumpet, broadcast. 3. CIRCLE loop, orbit, encircle, circumscribe, encompass, surround, go around, gird.

**ringleader** *n.* leader, chief, boss, \*head honcho, \*big cheese, instigator, orchestrator.

**rinse** *v.* wash, wet, cleanse, clean, soak, flush, irrigate, drench, splash, immerse.

**riot** *n.* 1. UPRISING disorder, outburst, demonstration, anarchy, uproar, protest, melee, commotion, turbulence, ruckus, rebellion, revolt, insurgence, donnybrook, free-for-all, distemper, civil unrest. 2. SOMETHING HILARIOUS \*scream, \*laugh-a-minute, panic, howl. *ANT.* 1. *peace, order.*

**riot** *v.* rise up, erupt, demonstrate, protest, raise a ruckus, \*rumble, rebel, revolt, engage in a free-for-all, go on the rampage, engage in civil disobedience.

**riotous** *a.* disorderly, run amuck, boisterous, loud, out of control, wild, chaotic, rebellious, rambunctious, rowdy, anarchic. *ANT.* *peaceful, orderly, placid.*

**rip** *n.* tear, split, rend, slash, slit, cut, rift, rent, gash, hole.

**rip** *v.* tear, split, rend, slash, slit, cut, sever, hack, divide, cleave, shred.

**ripe** *a.* 1. MATURE fully developed, ready, full-grown, seasoned, aged, soft, prime, mellow. 2. READY timely, favorable, primed, set, prepared, opportune. *ANT.* 1. *green.* 2. *untimely.*

**ripen** *v.* mature, develop, grow, season, age, soften, mellow.

**rip-off** *n.* *Sl.* \*gyp, thievery, theft, stealing, cheat, larceny, fraud, robbery, gouging, swindle, \*con.

**ripoff** *v.* *Sl.* \*gyp, thief, steal, cheat, commit larceny, commit fraud, rob, gouge, swindle, \*con, \*stiff, \*take one to the cleaners, \*screw.

**RIPOSTE** *n.* [ri POST] a quick retort; after the quick thrust made in fencing. *His unexpected riposte took the mayor by surprise.* *SYN.* quick retort, snappy comeback, rejoinder, repartee, return, sally, reply, response, zinger, \*returned fire, rebuttal.

**ripple** *n.* wave, wavelet, ruffle, undulation, lap, purl, ridge, wrinkle.

**ripple** *v.* wave, ruffle, undulate, lap, purl, swish, splash, wash.

**riptide** *n.* undertow.

**rise** *n.* 1. ASCENT ascension, climb, lift, advancement, progression. 2. HILL elevation, ridge, humpback, mound, knoll. 3. INCREASE growth, jump, gain, upswing, hike, enlargement, expansion, upsurge, raise. *ANT.* 1. *descend, plunge.* 2. *depression, hole.* 3. *drop, dip, loss.*

**rise** *v.* 1. ASCEND go up, climb, lift, elevate, levitate, mount, scale, soar, go skyward, stand, get up. 2. INCREASE grow, jump, gain, enlarge, expand, surge, raise, inflate, swell, intensify, heighten, double, triple, multiply. 3. ADVANCE \*climb the corporate ladder, \*step up, progress, be promoted, get ahead, arrive. *ANT.* 1. *descend, plunge.* 2. *decrease, shrink, dip.* 3. *recede, get demoted.*

**risk** *n.* danger, hazard, threat, peril, jeopardy, uncertainty, \*thin ice, vulnerability, exposure, gamble, chance, insecurity. *ANT.* *safety, assurance, security.*

**risk** *v.* endanger, hazard, face a threat, imperil, put oneself in jeopardy, face uncertainty, expose oneself, leave oneself vulnerable, gamble, chance it, \*take a shot in the dark, \*roll the dice.

**risky** *a.* dangerous, hazardous, threatening, perilous, uncertain, chancy, a gamble, dicey, \*treading on thin ice, \*hairy, \*out on a limb, ticklish, \*playing with fire, insecure, venturesome. *ANT.* *safe, risk-free, secure, guaranteed.*

**risqué** *a.* suggestive, racy, daring, dirty, improper, ribald, off-color, indecent, vulgar, bawdy, \*spicy, \*blue, crude, provocative, lewd. *ANT.* *clean, G-rated.*

**rite** *n.* ceremony, ritual, exercise, observance, solemn act, procedure, practice, custom, formality, liturgy.

**ritual** *n.* ceremony, rite, exercise, observance, solemn act, procedure, practice, custom, formality, tradition.

**ritzy** *a.* *Sl.* elegant, luxurious, posh, sumptuous, \*classy, high-class, deluxe, \*swank, \*snazzy, fancy. *ANT.* *low-class, shabby, poor.*

**rival** *n.* competitor, opponent, combatant, adversary, contestant, contender, challenger, match, equal, enemy. *ANT.* *colleague, partner, confederate, friend, ally.*

**rival** *v.* compete with, equal, match, \*go head to head against, \*come up to, oppose, vie, contend, contest, challenge, emulate.

**rival** *a.* competing, combating, contesting, contending, opposing, vying. *ANT.* *allied, supporting.*

**rivalry** *n.* competition, contest, vying, opposition, match, equaling, struggle, clash, contention, one-on-one, \*fight for supremacy, emulation.

**river** *n.* waterway, tributary, branch, estuary, stream, brook, creek, feeder, torrent, rapids, freshet, rill. "A wet highway."—Leonard Levinson. *SEE* LAKE, WATERFALL

**WORD FIND**

**artificial channel:** sluice

**brook, tiny:** rill, runnel

**cross a:** ford

**dam:** weir

**deposits of silt left behind by:** alluvium

**eddy that is foaming and violent:** souse hole

**embankment protecting against flooding:** levee

**fear of water:** hydrophobia

**flooding, area nearby that is susceptible to:** floodplain

**intertwined with several branches:** braided river

**island in:** holm

**loop of water sometimes separated from main river:** oxbow

**mill wheel, turns:** millrace

**ocean between high banks:** fiord

**passage of smooth water between rocks:** tongue

**rate of descent:** gradient

**referring to riverbank area:** riparian

**referring to rivers:** fluvial

**ridge of sand or silt:** bar

**rotating current:** eddy

**science of water in motion:** hydraulics

**sediment left in triangular mound at mouth of:** delta

**shallow area surrounded by deeper water:** shoal

**shallow stream with ripples made by cobbles or rocks:** riffle

**slow-moving deep water:** pool

**standing wave among rapids:** \*rooster, \*haystack

**steep, narrow stretch of descending water:** chute

**surrounding area contributing water:** watershed

**tidal:** estuary

**underground:** aquifer, groundwater

**upwelling or mounding water current:** boil

**waterfall:** cataract

**winding section:** meander, bend

**rivet** *v.* 1. FASTEN bolt, pin, tack, secure, link, couple. 2. FIX ONE'S ATTENTION fascinate, enthral, grip, engross, occupy.

**riveting** *a.* gripping, fascinating, enthralling, engrossing, occupying, spellbinding, mesmerizing, keeping one's attention, entrancing. *ANT.* *boring, dull, bland.*

**road** *n.* street, avenue, lane, thoroughfare, track, boulevard, highway, freeway, parkway, causeway, expressway, turnpike, interstate, route, \*main drag, artery, alley, pavement. *SEE* AUTOMOBILE

**WORD FIND**

**bump to check speed:** speedbump

**circle:** rotary, cloverleaf, roundabout, circus

**cliff edge road:** cornice

**concrete highway divider:** jersey barrier

**curve:** ess, hairpin

**dead-end:** cul-de-sac, blind alley, impasse

**descriptive:** ribbon

**dividing area of highway:** median strip, island

**edge:** shoulder

**elevated:** skyway

**French:** rue

**German expressway with no speed limit:** autobahn

**German:** strasse

**hole:** chuckhole, pothole

**overhead crossover:** overpass  
**paving material:** macadam, cobblestone, gravel, blacktop, asphalt  
**ringing a city:** beltway  
**shoulder:** berm  
**smoothing vehicle:** grader, steamroller  
**Spanish:** via  
**traffic jam:** gridlock  
**zigzagging mountain road:** switchback

**roam** *v.* wander, travel, wander aimlessly, ramble, rove, range, meander, stray, drift, gad about.  
**roar** *n.* howl, bellow, yowl, growl, shriek, bay, cry, yell, bawl, thunder, rumble, explosion, boom, detonation, report.  
**roar** *v.* howl, bellow, yowl, growl, shriek, bay, cry, yell, bawl, thunder, rumble, explode, boom, detonate, blast.  
**roast** *v.* 1. BAKE cook, brown, broil, barbecue, sear. 2. RIDICULE make fun of, make sport of, put down, \*rib, \*kid, insult, slam, tease, taunt.  
**rob** *v.* 1. STEAL burglarize, burgle, hold up, stick up, \*mug, \*heist, thief, filch, \*swipe, loot, purloin, pilfer. 2. DEPRIVE withhold, do out of.  
**robber** *n.* crook, thief, \*mugger, bandit, criminal, petty thief, \*second-story man, house-breaker, hijacker.  
**robbery** *n.* stealing, thievery, burglary, mugging, armed robbery, theft, \*holdup, \*stick-up, \*heist, looting, break-in, piracy.  
**robe** *n.* bathrobe, gown, cassock, garment, vestment, kimono, caftan, toga, frock.  
**robot** *n.* automaton, mechanical man, android, automated machine, golem, cyborg.  
**robust** *a.* hale, hardy, strong, vigorous, healthy, sturdy, fit, hearty, tough, potent, strapping, muscular, virile. *ANT.* weak, sickly, fragile.  
**rock** *n.* 1. STONE boulder, pebble, rubble, cobblestone, gravel, bedrock, crag, granite, ore. 2. ROCK AND ROLL rhythm and blues (R&B), metal, heavy metal, disco, rockabilly, acid rock, punk rock, boogie, doo-wop, funk, fusion, hip-hop, rap, new wave, Motown, pop, psychedelic, reggae, surf music. SEE MUSIC

**WORD FIND**

**altered or metamorphosed by heat and pressure:** metamorphic  
**arrow heads and knife blades, used for Native American:** chert  
**bedrock, material lying over:** overburden

**bend in rock strata, a:** fold; anticline, syncline  
**break or large crack in continuous rock formation:** fault  
**broken pieces cemented with other types of rock:** breccia  
**broken rock layer used as breakwater or bank:** riprap  
**building material made of quartz, feldspar, and mica:** granite  
**cliff base or steep slope, accumulation of stones at:** scree, talus  
**cluster of particles, pebbles, and gravel held together by clay:** conglomerate  
**conglomeration:** breccia, conglomerate  
**continuous layer of rock at or near surface of ground:** bedrock  
**cup-shaped upfold of rock:** dome  
**cuts and polishes, one who:** lapidary  
**deformed quartz from massive pressure of nuclear blast or meteorite impact:** shocked quartz  
**desert area of eroded ridges, peaks, mesas:** badland  
**digestion aid for animal:** gastrolith  
**digestion, swallowed to aid in animal:** gastrolith  
**drawing or carving on:** petroglyph  
**earth material from which useful commodities can be extracted:** ore  
**eroded rocks rising 6 or more meters, formed by one mass over time:** tor  
**erosion of an embankment, pile or layer of broken stones used to help control:** riprap  
**erosion of large rocks into little ones over time:** weathering  
**fool's gold:** pyrite  
**formation, process of:** lithification  
**fossilization process:** mineralization  
**fossilized tree resin:** amber  
**fossilized wood turned to stone:** petrified wood  
**fracture filled with minerals:** vein  
**glacial "roadway" marked by telltale scars, scrapes, gouges:** glacial pavement  
**glacial deposit of rocks and gravel:** drift, drumlin; esker  
**glacier, scratch or gouge caused by:** striation  
**glacier-deposited rock:** till, drift, boulder train  
**ground layer:** bedrock  
**inselbergs, piles of boulders formed by the weathering out of:** koppies

**jutting out of bedrock:** outcrop  
**layering of sedimentary rock:** stratification  
**layers of:** strata  
**layers or beds of:** strata  
**limestone topography full of sinkholes and caverns:** karst  
**limestone, metamorphosed:** marble  
**line of boulders following historical path of glacier:** boulder train  
**long formation of igneous rock intruded into fissure of another rock:** dike  
**magma or lava, formed by:** igneous  
**mass containing gems or fossils:** matrix  
**mass of sedimentary nature, often egg-like in shape, with fossil inside:** concretion  
**massive igneous formation stretching for miles under mountain range:** batholith; pluton  
**metamorphic rock similar to granite:** gneiss  
**metamorphosed by heat, pressure:** metamorphic rock  
**mineral-lined:** geode  
**molten:** lava, magma  
**molten:** magma, lava  
**mountain reduced to rocky nubbin over time:** inselberg  
**nano-plankton, rock comprised of:** diatomite  
**non-native rocks or boulders transported over long distances by glacier:** erratics  
**oldest known rocks made from organic matter:** stromatolites  
**organic matter, sedimentary rock containing:** carbonaceous  
**pertaining to:** petrous  
**plant matter, sedimentary rock comprised of compressed and aged:** coal  
**poop, petrified animal or dinosaur:** coprolite  
**projecting:** outcrop, ledge, knuckle, shelf  
**quartz crystals lining inside of rock, layer of:** druse  
**quartz crystals, cavity that may become lined with:** vug  
**quartz crystals, rock lined with:** geode  
**river, material deposited by a:** alluvium  
**sand, bonded:** sandstone  
**sand, silt, organic material, made from:** sedimentary rock  
**seashells, formed from deposits of:** limestone, chalk; calcium carbonate  
**settled mud, silt, sand, pebbles, and organic matter, rock made of:** sedimentary

**sheets, layered and transparent, characterized by:** mica  
**space, from:** meteorite  
**spark producer when struck with steel:** flint  
**study of:** petrology  
**turn into stone:** petrify  
**volcanic ash, made from compressed:** tuff  
**volcanic floater:** pumice  
**volcanic fragments, containing:** pyroclastic  
**volcanic glass:** obsidian  
**volcanic origin, porous rock of:** scoria  
**volcanic rock:** igneous, pumice, obsidian, basalt  
**windblown materials, rock that is polished or shaped by:** ventifact  
**windblown sand, shaped by:** ventifact

**rock** *v.* roll, pitch, swing, wobble, sway, seesaw, jiggle, lurch, teeter, totter, undulate.  
**rocket** *n.* missile, projectile, spaceship, spacecraft, space capsule. SEE MISSILE, SPACECRAFT  
**rocket** *v.* soar, shoot up, fly skyward, skyrocket, climb, \*take off like a shot, whiz, zoom.  
**rock the boat** *v. Sl.* \*make waves, disturb, protest, \*make a stink, complain, stir things up, challenge the status quo, \*upset the apple cart, agitate, rebel.  
**rocky** *a.* 1. STONY flinty, craggy, rugged, jagged, petrous, gravelly, pebbly, bouldered, cobbled. 2. \*TIPPY shaky, teetering, wobbly, tottering, unsteady, unstable. *ANT.* 2. *stable, steady.*  
**rococo** *a.* ornate, ornamented, florid, \*busy, profuse, involved, elegant, baroque, overdone, tasteless. *ANT.* *simple, plain, unadorned.*  
**rod** *n.* stick, pole, staff, shaft, cane, baton, bar, switch, mace, scepter.  
**rogue** *n.* scoundrel, rascal, cad, knave, bastard, creep, scamp, villain, rascalion, \*SOB, ne'er-do-well, cur, \*cheat. *ANT.* \*goody-two-shoes, \*choirboy, \*Dudley Do-Right.  
**roguish** *a.* unscrupulous, cheating, dishonest, unprincipled, knavish, villainous, two-timing, crooked, mischievous, impish, devilish, prankish, fun-loving. *ANT.* *scrupulous, up-standing, honest, principled.*  
**roil** *v.* cloud, muddy, agitate, stir up, disturb, churn up.  
**role** *n.* function, office, character, characterization, impersonation, part.  
**role model** *n.* hero, heroine, good example, mentor, god, goddess, idol, star, superstar, one to look up to.  
**roll** *n.* bread, bun, brioche, scone, bagel, biscuit.

**roll** *v.* 1. SPIN revolve, rotate, twirl, gyrate, circle, wheel, twist, spiral, reel, pivot, trundle. 2. THUNDER reverberate, rumble, roar, resound, resonate, boom. 3. WIND coil, ball, furl, twine.

**rollicking** *a.* lively, frisky, playful, jolly, carefree, mirthful, jovial, spirited, rip-roaring, romping, boisterous. *ANT.* *subdued, sad, depressed.*

**roly-poly** *a.* plump, pudgy, dumpy. *SEE* FAT

**Roman** *a.* Latin, Italian.

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**WORD FIND**

**amphitheater, large:** coliseum

**arena:** hippodrome

**assembly:** forum

**commander:** centurion

**commoner:** plebeian

**fighter:** gladiator

**garment:** toga, tunic

**hall or court:** atrium

**highway:** via, Appian Way

**hospital:** valetudinarium

**jar:** amphora

**merchandise house:** emporium

**sidewalk:** crepido

**stadium:** circus

**temple dedicated to the gods:** pantheon

**vehicle:** chariot

**wine room:** apotheca

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**romance** *n.* 1. LOVE AFFAIR relationship, \*fling, liaison, amour, pair bonding, \*affaire d'amour, courtship. 2. LOVE STORY novel, melodrama, \*bodice-ripper, story, fantasy, fairy tale, fiction, epic. 3. ADVENTURE love, excitement, glamour, fantasy, exoticism, mystery.

**romantic** *a.* 1. LOVING amorous, passionate, sentimental, demonstrative, affectionate, tender, ardent, \*hot, lustful, overemotional, \*cow-eyed, \*mushy, saccharine. 2. ADVENTUROUS exotic, exciting, fabulous. 3. NOT PRACTICAL quixotic, fanciful, unrealistic, idealistic, dreamy, farfetched, starry-eyed, visionary, fantastic. *ANT.* 1. *antagonistic, warring, hateful.* 2. *humdrum, boring.* 3. *practical, realistic, down-to-earth.*

**romp** *v.* play, frolic, cavort, frisk, rollick, gambol, prance, fool around, revel.

**roof** *n.* ceiling, top. *SEE* HOUSE

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**WORD FIND**

**lookout:** belvedere

**types:** mansard, gambrel, shed, \*catslide, dome, cupola, shingle, slate, thatch

**walkway:** widow's walk

**window:** skylight, dormer

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**rookie** *n.* *Sl.* fresh recruit, \*greenhorn, \*tenderfoot, beginner, newcomer, freshman, \*frosh, raw recruit, \*Johnny-come-lately, \*boot, \*snotnose.

**room** *n.* 1. COMPARTMENT chamber, cubicle, living space, cell. 2. SPACE clearing, clearance, expanse, play, elbowroom, opening, range, leeway, latitude.

**roomy** *a.* spacious, large, capacious, commodious, voluminous, extensive, sizable, broad, wide, long, open. *ANT.* *cramped, tiny, confined.*

**roost** *n.* perch. *SEE* NEST

**root** *n.* 1. TAPROOT rootstock, radix, tuber. 2. SOURCE basis, seat, germ, heart, soul, nub, essence, nucleus, foundation, mainspring, origin, fountain.

**root** *v.* 1. DIG UP unearth, forage, nose about, sniff out, uncover, pry out, grub. 2. CHEER support, back, boost, applaud, hail, \*egg on.

**roots** *n.* ancestry, lineage, background, heritage, birthplace, genealogy, family tree.

**rope** *n.* cord, cordage, line, strand, hemp rope, cable, painter, hawser, lanyard, shroud, ratline, guy, bungee cord, lariat, lasso, bola, tether, jump rope, hangman's noose.

**roster** *n.* list, roll, inventory, register, index, muster, schedule, agenda.

**rostrum** *n.* platform, stage, dais, podium, pulpit, lecturn, \*stump, soapbox.

**rosy** *a.* 1. PINK ruddy, reddish, blushing, blooming, glowing, flushed, roseate, rubicund, sunburned, \*apple-cheeked. 2. OPTIMISTIC encouraging, positive, promising, hopeful, favorable, auspicious, bright, sunny. *ANT.* 1. *pale, sallow, wan, pallid, ashen.* 2. *pessimistic, bleak, black, gloomy.*

**rot** *n.* 1. DECAY spoilage, putrefaction, putrescence, decomposition, corrosion, deterioration, mold, blight. 2. *Sl.* NONSENSE rubbish, \*crap, \*baloney, \*twaddle, \*hogwash. *SEE* NONSENSE

**rot** *v.* spoil, decay, putrefy, decompose, \*go bad, corrode, deteriorate, mold, \*stink, rust, crumble.

**rotary** *a.* revolving, turning, spinning, twirling, gyrating, rolling. *ANT.* *stationary.*

**rotate** *v.* 1. GO ROUND revolve, spin, twirl, gyrate, wheel, turn, pivot, roll, circle, twist. 2. ALTERNATE switch, replace, exchange places.

**rote (by)** *adv.* from memory, by heart, mechanically, by routine.

**rotten** *a.* 1. DECAYED spoiled, putrefied, putrid, decomposed, \*gone bad, rancid, sour, tainted, foul, rank, stale, stinking, corroded. 2. IMMORAL nasty, corrupt, dishonest, evil, disgraceful, vicious, unscrupulous, bad, despicable, dirty, mean. *ANT.* 1. *fresh, good.* 2. *good, honest, nice.*

**rotund** *a.* 1. PLUMP stout, round, fat, obese, big, spherical, roly-poly, corpulent, \*tubby, pudgy, full-figured, burly. 2. SONOROUS full-toned, booming, stentorian, rich, resonant. *ANT.* 1. *skinny, thin.* 2. *weak, unsupported, thin.*

**roué** *n.* rake, debauchee, womanizer, \*swinger, \*wolf, \*skirt-chaser, profligate, playboy, Casanova, Don Juan, Lothario, philanderer.

**rough** *a.* 1. IRREGULAR bumpy, uneven, coarse, jagged, scaly, craggy, lumpy, wrinkled, corrugated, broken, shaggy, fuzzy, bristly. 2. VIOLENT stormy, tempestuous, fierce, riotous, ferocious, intense, wild, furious, bumpy, rocky, choppy. 3. RUDE coarse, unrefined, crude, impolite, uncouth, vulgar, boorish, indelicate, bad-mannered, ungentlemanly, unladylike, gruff. 4. UNFINISHED unrefined, raw, basic, crude, imperfect, unprocessed, rough-hewn, inexact, preliminary. 5. APPROXIMATE imprecise, inexact, \*ballpark, \*thumbnail, sketchy, quick. *ANT.* 1. *regular, smooth, level.* 2. *smooth, mild, easy, gentle.* 3. *polite, refined, cultured, genteel.* 4. *finished, refined, perfected.* 5. *exact, precise.*

**roughhouse** *n.* rowdiness, horseplay, frolic, sport, \*bull in a china shop, misbehavior, wildness, unruliness, \*hell-raising, scuffle.

**roughly** *adv.* about, approximately, more or less.

**round** *n.* 1. BOUT OR CYCLE course, series, circuit, sequence, turn, cycle, tour. 2. GUNFIRE load, burst, salvo, barrage, enfilade, volley, fusillade.

**round** *v.* circle, encircle, go around, circumnavigate, make a circuit, gird, flank, encompass.

**round** *a.* 1. CIRCULAR spherical, cylindrical, globular, hooplike, ringlike, ball-like, oval, ovoid, elliptical. 2. ROTUND roly-poly, spherical, fat, plump, \*chubby, stout, obese. 3. RESONANT full, sonorous, rich. 4. COMPLETE full, whole, unbroken, entire. *ANT.* 1. *square, straight.* 2. *angular, thin, slender.* 3. *thin.* 4. *incomplete, broken.*

**roundabout** *a.* 1. INDIRECT wandering, rambling, winding, circuitous, meandering, straying, deviating, circumlocutory, long. 2. NOT STRAIGHTFORWARD indirect, evasive, oblique, digressive, devious, ambiguous,

hinting. *ANT.* 1. *direct, straight, short.* 2. *direct, blunt, straightforward.*

**round up** *v.* gather, assemble, corral, muster, herd, amass.

**rouse** *v.* stir, arouse, stimulate, wake, awaken, get going, \*fire, rally, move, motivate, spur, prod, excite, goad, electrify. *ANT.* *tranquilize, put to sleep.*

**rousing** *a.* stirring, lively, brisk, spirited, energized, electrifying, enthusiastic, vigorous, stimulating. *ANT.* *sleepy, tired, dead.*

**roust** *n.* defeat, humiliating loss, beating, conquest, \*drubbing, whipping, thrashing, shut-out, debacle, retreat, flight, \*turning-tail.

**roust** *v.* defeat overwhelmingly, overwhelm, conquer, humiliate, beat, whip, thrash, shut out, vanquish, \*skunk, \*wipe the floor with, \*shellac.

**route** *n.* way, course, passage, road, street, highway, path, trail, beat, round, itinerary, short-cut.

**route** *v.* direct, steer, dispatch, guide, channel, conduct.

**routine** *n.* custom, habit, pattern, treadmill, matter of course, convention, \*beaten path, rut, \*grind, method.

**routine** *a.* usual, daily, everyday, regular, habitual, customary, accustomed, normal, typical, standard, predictable. *ANT.* *unusual, irregular, abnormal.*

**rove** *v.* ramble, wander, roam, range, drift, stray, meander, gad about, travel aimlessly, hike.

**row** *n.* 1. LINE chain, file, column, series, sequence, succession, course, rank, queue. 2. QUARREL argument, fight, altercation, disagreement, dispute, \*run-in, controversy, \*falling-out, wrangle, conflict, \*set-to, tiff.

**row** *v.* 1. QUARREL argue, fight, disagree, dispute, \*have a run-in, \*have a falling-out, wrangle, conflict, \*have a tiff. 2. PADDLE scull, oar, stroke. SEE BOAT

**rowdy** *n.* hoodlum, tough, punk, \*loudmouth, ruffian, \*roughneck, \*bad actor, \*rabblouser, thug, hellion, troublemaker, bully, \*yahoo. *ANT.* *gentleman, lady, choirboy.*

**rowdy** *a.* rough, quarrelsome, loud, noisy, boisterous, unruly, coarse, raucous, wild, roughhouse, rambunctious, trouble-making. *ANT.* *mild, quiet, gentle.*

**royal** *a.* regal, kingly, queenly, princely, noble, lordly, majestic, aristocratic, imperial, monarchical, stately, sovereign. *ANT.* *plebian, common.*

**royalty** *n.* sovereignty, kingship, queenship, regality, majesty, aristocracy, nobility, stateliness.

**rub** *n.* 1. MESSAGE rubdown, stroke, kneading, caress, patting, petting, friction. 2. OBSTACLE hindrance, check, barrier, obstruction, difficulty, catch, snag.

**rub** *v.* massage, rubdown, stroke, knead, caress, pat, pet, apply friction, brush, buff, wipe, burnish, abrade, scour, scrub.

**rubber-stamp** *v.* approve, okay, endorse.

**rubbish** *n.* 1. TRASH refuse, garbage, waste, junk, litter, debris, rubble, sweepings, scraps, dregs. 2. NONSENSE foolishness, \*poppycock, \*hogwash, \*baloney, \*hokey, \*rot, \*bunk, \*horsefeathers, \*crap, \*bilge, \*balderdash, humbug.

**rubdown** *n.* kneading. SEE MESSAGE

**RUBE GOLDBERG DEVICE** *n.* any overly elaborate contraption, especially that employed for a very simple procedure, named after the cartoonist who drew such devices. *The young inventor constructed an elaborate Rube Goldberg device to make lemonade automatically.* SYN. contraption, contrivance, rig, apparatus, mechanism, appliance, gadget, \*whatchamacallit, \*thingamabob, \*thingamajig.

**rub the wrong way** *v.* annoy, \*bug, \*ruffle one's feathers. SEE IRRITATE

**ruckus** *n.* disturbance, uproar, commotion, hubbub, rumpus, upheaval, turbulence, racket, outburst.

**ruddy** *a.* red, reddish, healthy, glowing, pinkish, \*apple-cheeked, blooming, flushed, rosy, rubicund, rosy-cheeked, sunburned. ANT. *pale, pallid, wan, ashen.*

**rude** *a.* 1. DISCOURTEOUS bad-mannered, unmannerly, impolite, ungracious, inconsiderate, coarse, insulting, ungentlemanly, unladylike, crude, vulgar, tactless, fresh, indelicate, brutal, brusque, rough. 2. CRUDE, ROUGHLY FASHIONED rough-hewn, primitive, unfinished, unrefined, raw, simple, ill-formed, makeshift. 3. BARBAROUS ignorant, savage, unrefined, uncivilized, uncultured, uncouth, wild, brutish. 4. VIOLENT harsh, abrupt, rough, fierce, uproarious, savage. ANT. 1. *courteous, polite, mannerly, gracious, tactful.* 2. *finished, refined, fully developed.* 3. *civilized, cultured.* 4. *gentle, mild, soft.*

**rudeness** *n.* discourtesy, bad manners, impoliteness, inconsideration, coarseness, lack of grace, conduct unbecoming a gentleman/lady, crudeness, vulgarity, tactlessness, freshness,

brutality, impudence, insolence. "The weak man's imitation of strength."—Eric Hoffer. ANT. *courtesy, politeness, good manners, consideration.*

**rudimentary** *a.* elementary, basic, fundamental, primary, beginning, initial, original, embryonic, early, undeveloped, incomplete. ANT. *advanced, developed.*

**rudiments** *n.* fundamentals, first principles, elements, basics, essentials, ABCs, beginnings.

**rue** *v.* regret, be remorseful, lament, \*be sick about, deplore, repent, bemoan, fret over, be sorry for, grieve.

**rueful** *a.* mournful, regretful, sorry, grieving, contrite, remorseful, \*sick at heart over, heartsick, doleful, lugubrious, woeful. ANT. *happy, proud, joyous.*

**ruffian** *n.* hoodlum, \*hood, tough, rowdy, punk, criminal, \*roughneck, thug, goon, bully, \*bad actor, troublemaker, \*animal

**ruffle** *n.* frill, trim, edging, flounce, pleat, border, ruff.

**ruffle** *v.* 1. WRINKLE mess up, rumple, crinkle, crease, ripple, tousle, dishevel, disturb. 2. IRRITATE annoy, disturb, \*rattle one's cage, \*rub the wrong way, \*get on one's nerves, \*get under one's skin, \*pull one's chain, upset, aggravate, unsettle, nettle, chafe. ANT. 1. *smooth, arrange.*

**rug** *n.* carpet, mat, runner, floor covering, broadloom, area rug, throw rug, braided rug, shag carpeting.

**rugged** *a.* 1. UNEVEN, ROUGH irregular, bumpy, jagged, wrinkled, broken, craggy, unlevel, rocky, weathered. 2. ROUGH-FACED weathered, wrinkled, lined, stony, strong, leathery, hard. 3. STORMY tempestuous, violent, rough, harsh, severe, inclement. 4. STRONG powerful, robust, brawny, stout, hearty, big, tough, muscular, burly. ANT. 1. *smooth, flat, level.* 2. *baby-faced.* 3. *calm, balmy, mild.* 4. *weak, \*wimpy, skinny.*

**ruin** *n.* 1. REMAINS OF A COLLAPSED OR DECAYED BUILDING OR CITY remnants, wreckage, vestige, relics, debris, rubble. "Time's slow finger written in the dust."—Anna Barbauld. 2. DESTRUCTION downfall, collapse, ruination, undoing, failure, decay, devastation, doom, fall, desolation, skids, extinction, Waterloo.

**ruin** *v.* destroy, wreck, devastate, wipe out, demolish, decimate, desolate, smash, crush, lay waste, bankrupt, defeat.

**ruinous** *a.* destructive, devastating, decimating, desolating, crushing, catastrophic, cataclysmic,

disastrous, fatal, deadly, bankrupting. *ANT. prosperous, fruitful.*

**ruins** *n.* SEE RUIN

**rule** *n.* 1. REGULATION law, statute, bylaw, ordinance, guideline, practice, policy, code, order, edict, tenet, principle, doctrine, precept, maxim. 2. CUSTOM habit, routine, practice. 3. REIGN control, authority, command, leadership, sovereignty, dominion, domination, government, power, administration.

**rule** *v.* 1. GOVERN reign, control, assert authority, command, lead, hold power, administer, \*lay down the law, \*run the show, \*hold the reins, \*be in the driver's seat, \*call the shots, supervise, dominate. 2. DETERMINE judge, adjudicate, settle, find, deem, hand down a decision.

**rule out** *v.* exclude. SEE ELIMINATE

**ruler** *n.* leader, governor, administrator, sovereign, king, queen, prince, monarch, dictator, chief, tyrant, autocrat. SEE GOVERNMENT

**ruling** *n.* judgment, determination, decision, settlement, verdict, adjudication, finding.

**rumble** *n.* 1. ROLL thunder, reverberation, roar, peal, grumble. 2. GANG FIGHT fight, donnybrook, street fight, free-for-all, riot, melee.

**RUMINATE** *v.* [ROO muh NATE] to think over or meditate on. *He went to his room to ruminate.* SYN. think over, meditate, turn over in one's mind, deliberate, \*chew over, weigh, ponder, contemplate, cogitate, reflect on, muse.

**rummage** *v.* search through, fish for, go through, ransack, turn over, hunt, \*turn inside out, root, comb.

**rummy** *n.* *Sl.* drunkard, drunk, lush. SEE ALCOHOLIC

**rumor** *n.* talk, \*word on the street, gossip, hearsay, \*grapevine talk, \*scuttlebutt, report, tattle, \*scoop, \*lowdown. "A pipe blown by surmises, jealousies, conjectures."—Shakespeare.

**rumor** *v.* gossip, tell, tattle, \*buzz, whisper, \*pass on, leak.

**rump** *n.* rear, bottom, backside, hindquarters, posterior, butt, buttocks, seat, derriere, haunches, \*tush, \*bum, ass, \*duff.

**rumple** *v.* wrinkle, mess up, muss up, crinkle, crumple, crease, ripple, fold, furrow, bedraggle, dislevel.

**rumpus** *n.* disturbance, commotion, uproar, ruckus, tumult, stir, upheaval, noise, ado, storm.

**run** *n.* 1. SPRINT race, footrace, jog, dash, rush, clip, burst of speed, flight, bound, trot, gal-

lop. 2. TRIP, ESPECIALLY ONE TAKEN REGULARLY journey, route, tour, round, spin, excursion, circuit. 3. PERIOD course, spell, span, interval, stretch, term. 4. COURSE progression, passage, flow.

**run** *v.* 1. SPRINT race, jog, dash, rush, bound, \*beat feet, \*clip, bolt, \*hotfoot it, scurry, scramble, hustle, trot, gallop. 2. FLEE \*skeddaddle, \*make tracks, escape, \*beat it, \*blow, take flight. 3. ASSOCIATE WITH consort, \*hang out with. 4. GO, MOVE FREELY flow, roll, spill, discharge, gush, stream, surge, cascade. 5. OPERATE drive, control, work, maneuver, propel, direct, pilot. 6. CAMPAIGN FOR OFFICE \*throw one's hat in the ring. 7. SUPERVISE direct, manage, administer, control, head, boss, oversee, regulate, conduct, operate, \*be in the driver's seat. 8. LAST continue, elapse.

**runaround** *n.* evasion, delay, \*buck-passing, excuses, \*migraine merry-go-round.

**runaway** *n.* fugitive, escapee, deserter, refugee, truant.

**rundown** *n.* summary, outline, recap, synopsis, sketch, briefing, abstract, short version.

**run-down** *a.* 1. TIRED fatigued, weary, exhausted, \*dead, drained, enervated, sickly, \*pooped, peaked, out of shape. 2. IN DISREPAIR dilapidated, broken down, tumble-down, ramshackle. *ANT. 1. energized, energetic, strong, fit. 2. intact, sound, solid.*

**run-in** *n.* fight, quarrel. SEE ARGUMENT

**run-of-the-mill** *a.* average, ordinary, common, mediocre, fair, everyday, routine, so-so, regular, \*comme ci, comme ça. *ANT. extraordinary, superlative, unique.*

**run out** *v.* deplete, expire, exhaust, finish, end, close, stop, dry up.

**runt** *n.* dwarf, pygmy, midget, \*shrimp, \*half-pint, Lilliputian, pipsqueak, peewee.

**runway** *n.* airstrip, landing strip, taxiway. SEE AIRPORT

**rupture** *n.* break, crack, burst, split, fracture, tear, rift, rip, cleavage, fissure, rent.

**rupture** *v.* break, crack, burst, split, fracture, tear, rip, cleave, rend, \*bust, breach.

**rural** *a.* country, rustic, backwoods, countrified, pastoral, farm, agricultural, undeveloped, sylvan, idyllic, bucolic. *ANT. urban, metropolitan, civified.*

**ruse** *n.* trick, artifice, stratagem, deception, deceit, subterfuge, feint, \*sham, maneuver, wile, contrivance.

**rush** *n.* 1. HURRY speed, swiftness, haste, race, expedition, bustle, dispatch, flurry, hus-

- tle, quickness. 2. RUN dash, charge, sprint, storm, stampede, scramble, race. *ANT.* 1. *crawl*, \**snail's pace*, \**glacial pace*.
- rush** *v.* 1. HURRY race, hustle, bustle, dash, make haste, \*step on it, \*get the lead out, \*zoom, fly, sprint, scurry, scamper, \*hotfoot it, tear. 2. ATTACK assault, blitz, storm. 3. PRESSURE push, hurry. *ANT.* 1. *crawl*, \**go at a snail's pace*, \**move slower than a glacier*.
- rust** *n.* oxidation. SEE CORROSION
- rust** *v.* oxidize, decay, crumble. SEE CORRODE
- rustic** *n.* country person, country cousin, farmer, \*hick, yokel, bumpkin, hillbilly, \*hayseed.
- RUSTIC** *a.* [RUS tik] rural, simple, plain. *They lived a rustic lifestyle.* *SYN.* rural, backwoods, country, agrarian, pastoral, bucolic, Arcadian, simple, plain, unrefined, unsophisticated, natural. *ANT.* *urban*, *sophisticated*, *citified*.
- rustle** *v.* shuffle, swish, crackle, crinkle, crepitate, sigh, brush, whisper, flutter.
- rusty** *a.* 1. CORRODED oxidized, decayed. 2. OUT OF PRACTICE stiff, impaired, out of shape, below par, unfit. *ANT.* 2. *practiced*, *trained*, *skilled*.
- rut** *n.* 1. FURROW track, groove, trench, cut, trough, score, channel, ditch. 2. ROUTINE same-old same-old, pattern, treadmill, grind.
- ruthless** *a.* cruel, pitiless, merciless, heartless, brutal, vicious, mean, cold, unfeeling, savage, hard, callous, barbarous, ferocious. *ANT.* *compassionate*, *caring*, *merciful*, *soft*.

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**Sabbath** *n.* Saturday, Sunday, day of rest. “The attuning of the heart to the comprehension of God.”—Moses Maimonides. “A sponge to wipe out all the sins of the week.”—Henry Ward Beecher. SEE RELIGION

**sabbatical** *n.* leave, rest, vacation, holiday, break. SEE VACATION

**sabre** *n.* fencing weapon, cutlass, blade. SEE SWORD

**sable** *a.* black, dark brown, ebony, jet, raven, dark.

**sabotage** *n.* destruction, demolition, treachery, obstruction, wrecking, impairment, undermining.

**sabotage** *v.* destroy, demolish, wreck, \*blow up, obstruct, impair, undermine, cripple, \*gum up the works, \*put out of commission, \*put out of action, subvert.

**saboteur** *n.* agent provocateur, terrorist, bomber, subversive, demolition expert, revolutionist, anarchist, fifth columnist.

**SACCHARINE** *a.* [SAK uh rin] excessively or sickeningly sweet. *The happy ending was too saccharine for me.* SYN. sweet, excessively sweet, sickeningly sweet, sugary, syrupy, honeyed, nauseating, cloying, maudlin, \*mushy. ANT. bitter, sour, acid.

**sack** *n.* bag, pouch, satchel, knapsack.

**sack** *v.* 1. FIRE discharge, \*ax, \*give pink slip, dismiss, \*send packing, \*give walking papers, lay off. 2. *Sl.* TACKLE down, bring down. 3. PLUNDER loot, pillage, ransack, despoil, rob.

**sacrament** *n.* rite, ceremony, ritual, vow, pledge, oath, baptism, confirmation, the Eucharist, penance, holy orders, matrimony.

**sacred** *a.* 1. HOLY consecrated, sanctified, blessed, divine, godly, hallowed, venerated, religious. 2. INVIOLEABLE protected, guarded, defended, immune, sacrosanct. ANT. 1. profane, un sanctified. 2. violable, unprotected.

**SACRED COW** *n.* something granted immunity from attack or disparagement. *Social Security is the politician's sacred cow.* SYN. idol, sensitive issue, juggernaut, object of wor-

ship, hero, god, goddess, protected interest, protected institution, taboo object.

**sacrifice** *n.* offering, concession, loss, relinquishment, surrendering.

**sacrifice** *v.* give up, trade off, forfeit, let go, offer, surrender, relinquish, dispose of, cede, forgo.

**SACRILEGE** *n.* [SAK ruh lij] violation of something held sacred. *Taking the Lord's name in vain is a sacrilege.* SYN. violation, desecration, profanation, blasphemy, disrespect, mockery, impiety, irreverence, sin.

**sacrilegious** *a.* in violation, profane, impious, blasphemous, disrespectful, irreverent, godless, unholy, sinful. ANT. holy, reverent, pious.

**SACROSANCT** *a.* [SAK roh SANGKT] holy, sacred. *The teachings of Jesus are sacrosanct.* SYN. sacred, holy, divine, godly, consecrated, hallowed, venerated, sanctified, religious, untouchable, inviolable, inviolate. ANT. profane, impious, sacrilegious.

**sad** *a.* 1. DOWNHEARTED \*blue, depressed, dejected, unhappy, sorrowful, mournful, \*bummed out, despondent, \*down in the dumps, woebegone, melancholy, heartsick, forlorn, \*out of sorts, dispirited, brokenhearted, glum. 2. HEARTBREAKING woeful, pitiful, tearful, poignant, moving, touching, depressing, tragic, joyless, miserable. ANT. 1. happy, joyful, euphoric, elated. 2. joyful, happy, uplifting.

**sadden** *v.* depress, \*bring down, grieve, dispirit, deject, dampen one's spirits, \*break one's heart, \*make blue, distress, \*bum out, \*make one's heart heavy. ANT. cheer, uplift, gladden.

**saddle** *n.* seat, western saddle, English saddle, mount, pad, perch. SEE HORSE

## WORD FIND

**part:** pommel, cinch, cantle, girth, stirrup, latigo

**SADISTIC** *a.* [suh DIS tik] enjoying or being sexually aroused from dominating or inflicting pain on others. *The sadistic dicta-*

- tor liked to torture his detractors.* SYN. cruel, domineering, bossy, strict, harsh, dictatorial, aggressive, commanding, disciplinary, severe, nasty, dirty, perverse, \*raunchy, sado-masochistic. ANT. *masochistic*.
- sadness** *n.* downheartedness, sorrow, depression, melancholy, misery, unhappiness, cheerlessness, woefulness, gloom, despondency, broken heart, heavy heart, \*the blues. ANT. *happiness, joy, euphoria, elation*.
- safari** *n.* hunting expedition, hunt, journey, trek, caravan, shoot, campaign.
- safe** *n.* strongbox, safety-deposit box, money box, vault.
- safe** *a.* 1. SECURE \*out of harm's way, out of danger, \*out of the woods, safe and sound, sheltered, protected, guarded, invulnerable, \*home free, \*in the clear, impregnable. 2. HARMLESS innocent, innocuous, tame, risk-free, okay, secure, sure. 3. CAUTIOUS careful, conservative, wary, prudent, reliable, dependable, circumspect, guarded. ANT. 1. *in danger, in peril, \*on thin ice, vulnerable*. 2. *harmful, dangerous, risky*. 3. *imprudent, out of control*.
- safeguard** *n.* protection, shield, security, defense, precaution, guard, screen, safety measure.
- safeguard** *v.* protect, shield, secure, defend, take a precaution, guard, screen, take a safety measure, assure, insure.
- safekeeping** *n.* protection, security, preservation, care, custody, guardianship.
- safety** *n.* security, protection, shelter, invulnerability, sanctuary, refuge, safe haven, safe harbor, immunity. ANT. *danger, hazard, peril*.
- sag** *v.* droop, sink, hang, wilt, slump, bow, dip, settle, bend.
- saga** *n.* story, narrative, adventure, tale, legend, myth, epic, chronicle, history, romance, roman-fleuve.
- SAGACIOUS** *a.* [suh GAY shus] shrewd, sharp, having a keen power of judgment. *The sagacious police officer sized up the situation quickly.* SYN. shrewd, sharp, judicious, intelligent, acute, keen, discerning, wise, sage, smart, quick, perceptive, savvy, insightful. ANT. *stupid, undiscerning, slow*.
- sagacity** *n.* intelligence, good judgement, sharpness, astuteness, judiciousness, wisdom, perceptiveness, insight. ANT. *stupidity, dullness, dull-wittedness*.
- sage** *n.* wise man, \*brain, learned man, scholar, intellectual, authority, savant, philosopher, guru, Solomon. ANT. *moron, imbecile, \*retard, idiot*.
- sage** *a.* wise, intelligent, smart, savvy, learned, astute, sagacious, sensible, judicious, sapient, discerning. ANT. *stupid, imbecilic, dense*.
- sail** *v.* ply the seas, cruise, ride the bounding main, pilot, navigate, skipper, tack, float, drift, shove off, cast off. SEE BOAT, NAVY, SAILBOAT, SHIP

## WORD FIND

change tack: come about

close to the wind: luffing, close-hauled

come about: hard alee

crew member: hand

dead calm area of sea: doldrums

fin used in place of keel: centerboard, daggerboard

lean of vessel while sailing: heel

line fitting on deck: chock

line fixture with prongs: cleat

lines and wires: rigging

line used to hoist sail: lanyard

mast, aft-most: mizzenmast

mast, angle of: rake

mast housing on deck: tabernacle

mooring bow line: painter, bowline

overhead: aloft

pennant, yacht club: burgee

race: regatta

rigging, mast: forestay

roll up sail: furl

rope stairway to aloft: ratlines

sail, adjust angle of: trim

sail, aftermast, rigged fore-and-aft: spanker

sail, forward, triangular: foresail, jib

sail, large forward: Genoa

sail, largest: mainsail

sail, large, three-cornered: spinnaker

sail, lower a: strike, take in

sail, L-shaped: blooper

sail, raise a: hoist, set

sail, reduce main: reef

sail set forward of mast, any: headsail

sail, square, set abeam: square-rigged

sail, triangular, fore-and-aft-rigged: Bermuda-rigged, Marconi-rigged

sail used in weak winds: drifter

seat used for worker aloft: bosun's chair

shallow water, sailing in: gunkholing

sideways, moving: crabbing, making leeway

spar, large vertical sail: mast

spar on bow to which headsail is attached: bowsprit

**spar on which bottom of sail is attached:**  
boom  
**steers, crew member who:** helmsman  
**tack downwind:** jibe  
**tack upwind:** beat  
**vessel, tri-hulled:** trimaran  
**vessel, twin-hulled:** catamaran  
**wind indicators made of yarn tied to shrouds:** telltales  
**wind-protected side of vessel:** lee, leeward  
**wind, run before the:** scud  
**wind, sail with the:** run  
**wind, side of boat taking:** windward  
**wires that stabilize mast:** shrouds  
**world, sail around the:** circumnavigate  
**zigzagging course to counter wind:** tacking

**sailboat** *n.* boat, vessel, craft, pleasure craft, yacht, windjammer. SEE BOAT, NAVY, SAIL, SHIP

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**WORD FIND**
**TYPES**

**fast nineteenth century freight and transport:** clipper  
**fifteenth–sixteenth century Spanish:** caravel  
**fishing vessel:** smack  
**fore-and-aft-rigged vessel with two or three masts:** schooner  
**Oriental:** sampan, junk  
**single-masted:** sloop, cutter  
**small, two-masted vessel:** ketch  
**Spanish square-rigger of fifteenth–eighteenth century:** galleon  
**square-rigged warship of eighteenth–nineteenth century:** frigate  
**square-rigger with three or four masts:** bark  
**tri-hulled:** trimaran  
**twin-hulled:** catamaran  
**two-masted:** brigantine  
**warship, fast, small:** corvette

**sailor** *n.* mariner, seafarer, seaman, navy man, sea dog, navigator, salt, shellback, skipper, helmsman, hand, first mate, midshipman, quartermaster, petty officer, bosun. SEE NAVY

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**WORD FIND**

**bag:** ditty bag  
**dance:** hornpipe  
**hat:** sou'wester, watchcap  
**inexperienced:** lubber  
**kidnap:** shanghai

**living quarters:** forecastle  
**one who brings bad luck:** Jonah  
**rebellion:** mutiny  
**song:** shanty, chantey  
**yes:** aye-aye

**saint** *n.* holy person, Christian, angel, martyr. "A dead sinner, revised and edited."—Ambrose Bierce. *ANT.* sinner, devil, evil-doer. SEE RELIGION, CHURCH, GOD

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**WORD FIND**

**declare a:** canonize  
**image:** icon  
**patron saint of children:** Nicholas  
**patron saint of sailors:** Elmo  
**patron saint of the handicapped:** Giles  
**qualify one for sainthood:** beatify  
**study of:** hagiography  
**tomb:** shrine  
**worship:** hagiolatry

**saintly** *a.* Christian, good, faithful, godly, pious, holy, angelic, spiritual, religious, devout, moral, pure, righteous, virtuous. *ANT.* unholly, immoral, sinful, wicked.

**sake** *n.* 1. BEHALF welfare, good, gain, interest, advantage, regard. 2. PURPOSE reason, object, end, goal, aim.

**salacious** *a.* lustful, \*horny, lecherous, libidinous, lewd, prurient, obscene. *ANT.* chaste, virginal, celibate, abstinent.

**salad** *n.* greens, vegetarian fare, lettuce and tomato, cress salad, endive salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, fruit salad, potato salad.

**salary** *n.* pay, wages, earnings, income, compensation, remuneration, \*take-home, stipend.

**sale** *n.* 1. SELLING trade, exchange, transfer, vending, marketing, transaction. 2. REDUCTION IN PRICES discount, cut, clearance sale, bargain pricing.

**salesman/woman** *n.* merchandiser, peddler, pitchman, solicitor, vendor, drummer, clerk.

**SALIENT** *a.* [SAYL yunt] standing out, prominent, outstanding. *He wrote down the most salient points of the lecture.* SYN. prominent, outstanding, conspicuous, striking, important, weighty, noticeable, primary, significant, glaring. *ANT.* inconspicuous, unimportant, insignificant.

**saliva** *n.* spit, spittle, drool, sputum, salivation, slobber, slaver.

**sallow** *a.* pale yellow, yellowish, sickly, jaundiced, pale, pallid, wan. *ANT.* rosy, glowing, ruddy.

**sally** *n.* 1. RUSH charge, attack, assault, blitz, foray, sortie, raid, offensive, onslaught, thrust. 2. QUICK REMARK witticism, quip, \*come-back, banter, repartee, mot.

**sally** *v.* rush out, charge, storm, raid, assault, attack, blitz, drive.

**salon** *n.* 1. SOCIAL ROOM front room, reception area, saloon, drawing room, hall, living room. 2. HAIR-DRESSING ESTABLISHMENT parlor, beauty shop, spa, hairdresser's.

**salon** *n.* bar, pub, drinking establishment, \*beer joint, taproom, alehouse, beer garden, tavern, \*watering hole, \*speakeasy, \*honky-tonk, \*ginmill, grogshop, rathskeller.

**salty** *a.* 1. SALINE brackish, briny, heavily seasoned. 2. SHARP piquant, pungent, biting. 3. EARTHY coarse, ribald, off-color, risqué, dirty, racy. *ANT.* 1. *fresh, clean, potable.* 2. *bland, mild.* 3. *decent, G-rated, proper.*

**salubrious** *a.* healthful, wholesome, salutary, beneficial, good for. *ANT.* *unhealthy, harmful.*

**salutary** *a.* healthy, healthful, wholesome, salubrious, beneficial, good for one. *ANT.* *unhealthy, harmful.*

**salutation** *n.* greeting, hail, hello, salute, \*howdy, address.

**salute** *n.* recognition, respects, greeting, obeisance.

**salute** *v.* 1. RECOGNIZE show one's respect, greet, \*snap to attention, show one's obeisance. 2. PAY TRIBUTE honor, praise, commend, applaud, recognize.

**salvage** *v.* save, rescue, recover, retrieve, reclaim, recondition, redeem, recycle. *ANT.* *dump, waste, squander.*

**salvation** *n.* saving, rescue, deliverance, redemption, release, liberation, emancipation, conversion.

**salve** *n.* ointment, balm, emollient, unguent, cream, lotion, liniment.

**salve** *v.* soothe, ease, assuage, smooth over, relieve, alleviate, heal.

**salvo** *n.* discharge, firing, gunfire, broadside, fusillade, volley, cannonade, bombardment, hail, shower.

**same** *a.* 1. IDENTICAL alike, ditto, equal, matching, twin, duplicate, comparable, equivalent, similar, corresponding. 2. UNCHANGED changeless, constant, steady, unvarying. *ANT.* 1. *contrasting, different, unlike.* 2. *changed, varied.*

**sample** *n.* part, piece, bit, example, fragment, segment, cross section, portion, \*swatch, \*demo, bite, taste.

**sample** *v.* try, experience, partake, test, taste, \*take a cross section.

**sanctify** *v.* make holy, consecrate, bless, anoint, hallow, glorify, exalt, beatify, canonize, dedicate. *ANT.* *desecrate, profane.*

**SANCTIMONIOUS** *a.* [SANGK tuh MOH nee us] pretending to be holy and righteous. *We were sick of his sanctimonious preaching and left.* *SYN.* self-righteous, holier-than-thou, hypocritical, \*up on one's moral soapbox, affected, overpious, unctuous, preachy, \*goody-goody, false.

**sanctimony** *n.* self-righteousness, hypocrisy, sanctimoniousness, pietism, \*goody-goodyness, pretense, affectation, \*lip service.

**sanction** *n.* authorization, approval, permission, confirmation, endorsement, \*okay, accreditation, warrant, license, consent. *ANT.* *veto, \*no, disapproval.*

**sanction** *v.* authorize, approve, permit, confirm, endorse, \*give the okay, accredit, warrant, license, consent. *ANT.* *veto, disapprove, prohibit.*

**sanctioned** *a.* authorized, approved, permitted, confirmed, \*okayed, accredited, warranted, licensed, consented. *ANT.* *prohibited, rejected, vetoed.*

**sanctity** *n.* holiness, sacredness, saintliness, godliness, inviolability, spirituality, righteousness, piety, purity. *ANT.* *wickedness, godlessness.*

**sanctuary** *n.* 1. HOLY PLACE church, temple, chapel, sanctum, altar, shrine. 2. REFUGE asylum, haven, retreat, safe harbor, hide-away, shelter. 3. ANIMAL CONSERVATION AREA reserve, reservation, preserve, game preserve, wild animal park.

**sandwich** *n.* club, grinder, hero, Italian, BLT, hoagie, poor boy, Reuben, \*Dagwood, submarine, canapé, PB&J, open-faced sandwich, doubledecker, \*fluffernutter, grilled cheese sandwich.

**sane** *a.* of sound mind, rational, lucid, clear-thinking, right-minded, compos mentis, possessing all of one's faculties, \*having all one's marbles, \*playing with a full deck, stable, \*in one's right mind, \*all there, sober, sensible, reasonable. *ANT.* *insane, crazy, \*out of one's mind, deranged.*

**SANG-FROID** *n.* [sahn FRWAH] composure, cool blood, coolness. *Even in a crisis, she had a certain sang-froid that people respected.* *SYN.* composure, coolness, cool-headedness, cool, cool blood, equanimity, calmness, presence

- of mind, equilibrium, poise, grace under pressure. *ANT.* *anxiety, tenseness, hysteria.*
- sanguinary** *a.* 1. BLOODY bloodied, blood-stained, gory. 2. BLOODTHIRSTY murderous, savage, predatory, homicidal, out for blood, brutal, slaughterous.
- SANGUINE** *a.* [SAN gwin] cheerful, upbeat, optimistic. Also, reddish or ruddy, as a complexion. *She appeared sanguine most of the day.* *SYN.* 1. cheerful, upbeat, optimistic, buoyant, happy, positive, spirited, hopeful, lighthearted, confident. 2. reddish, ruddy, rubicund, glowing, blooming, scarlet, florid. *ANT.* 1. *miserable, depressed, pessimistic, hopeless.* 2. *pale, pallid.*
- sanitarium** *n.* sanatorium, resort, health spa, hospital, institution, baths, asylum.
- sanitary** *a.* clean, hygienic, healthy, uncontaminated, antiseptic, disinfected, germ-free, sterile, sterilized, wholesome. *ANT.* *dirty, germ-ridden, unsanitary, unhealthy.*
- sanitize** *v.* clean, sterilize, disinfect, make antiseptic.
- sanity** *n.* saneness, sound mind, rightmindedness, mental stability, mental health, \*all one's marbles, rationality, sense, levelheadedness, good judgment, lucidity, \*both oars in the water. *ANT.* *insanity, psychosis, craziness, instability.*
- Santa Claus** *n.* Saint Nicholas, Saint Nick, Kriss Kringle, Father Christmas.
- sap** *v.* weaken, exhaust, undermine, drain, wear out, enervate, enfeeble, deplete, impair, bleed dry, suck dry, debilitate. *ANT.* *invigorate, energize, strengthen.*
- sapient** *a.* sagacious, sage, discerning, intelligent, smart. *ANT.* *dim-witted, stupid, unwise.* SEE WISE
- sappy** *a.* *Sl.* silly, foolish, corny, fatuous, sentimental, \*mushy, maudlin. *ANT.* *unfeeling, cold-hearted.*
- sarcasm** *n.* mockery, jeering, snideness, ridicule, scorn, irony, satire, contempt, \*cut, \*dig, wisecrack, put-down. *ANT.* *compliment, praise, approval.*
- sarcastic** *a.* mocking, snide, ridiculing, scornful, ironic, satiric, contemptuous, \*cutting, \*digging, \*wise, \*smart-alecky, sardonic, nasty, caustic, sneering, jeering. *ANT.* *complimentary, approving, positive.*
- SARDONIC** *a.* [sar DON ik] mocking or sarcastic, bitter. *She has had enough of his sardonic observations.* *SYN.* mocking, sarcastic, bitter, nasty, disdainful, contemptuous, \*cutting, cynical, jeering, \*smart-mouthed, \*smart-alecky, \*wise, \*wise-ass, acid, biting. *ANT.* *complimentary, positive, sweet.*
- sash** *n.* band, ribbon, belt, tie, scarf, cummerbund.
- sashay** *v.* strut, swagger, parade, glide, roll one's hips, wiggle pertly, slink, sway, bounce. SEE WALK
- sass** *n.* impudence, insolence, \*mouth, \*lip, back talk, effrontery, disrespect, cheek, \*sauce. *ANT.* *respect, silence.*
- sass** *v.* talk back, \*mouth off, \*give lip, be impudent, be insolent, be disrespectful, \*get smart, \*wise off. *ANT.* *respect, \*button one's lip, defer.*
- sassy** *a.* saucy, flippant, \*mouthy. SEE IMPUDENT
- Satan** *n.* the Devil, Lucifer, Prince of Darkness, Beelzebub, Mephistopheles, fiend, demon, Lord of the Flies, Old Harry, Apollyon. SEE DEVIL
- satanic** *a.* demonic, devilish, evil, wicked, hellish, infernal, diabolical, fiendish, black-hearted, malevolent, vicious. *ANT.* *godly, angelic, saintly.*
- satchel** *n.* bag, valise, sack, suitcase.
- sate** *v.* satisfy, fill. SEE SATIATE
- satellite** *n.* moon, planetoid, orbiter, space station, weather satellite, spacecraft, \*Sputnik, \*Skylab.
- satiating** *v.* fill, satisfy, sate, slake, stuff, gorge, gratify, quench, glut, overload, \*pig out, cloy.
- satire** *n.* caricature, ridicule, mockery, lampoon, \*takeoff, parody, burlesque, \*spoof, irony, sarcasm. "Moral outrage transformed into comic art."—Philip Roth.
- satirical** *a.* ridiculing, mocking, lampooning, sarcastic, ironic, \*kidding, smart-alecky, tongue-in-cheek, farcical, burlesque, cynical. *ANT.* *earnest, solemn, sincere.*
- satirize** *v.* ridicule, mock, lampoon, parody, caricaturize, \*kid, burlesque, \*take off on, make fun of, make sport of.
- satisfaction** *n.* 1. FULFILLMENT gratification, pleasure, contentment, enjoyment, delight, happiness, reward. 2. SETTLEMENT compensation, restitution, reparation, recompense, reimbursement, redress, indemnity. *ANT.* 1. *dissatisfaction, discontent.*
- satisfactory** *a.* okay, acceptable, good enough, all right, sufficient, adequate, pleasing, fulfilling, suitable, up to scratch. *ANT.* *unsatisfactory, insufficient, unacceptable.*
- satisfy** *v.* 1. FULFILL gratify, please, content, delight, make happy, reward, \*fill the bill, quench, appease. 2. MEET fulfill, answer,

- equal, match, comply. 3. ASSURE convince, persuade. 4. SETTLE discharge, make up for, compensate, make restitution, clear, pay off. *ANT.* 1. *dissatisfy, discontent*. 2. *come up short, \*miss the mark*.
- satisfying** *a.* fulfilling, gratifying, pleasing, contenting, delightful, rewarding, quenching, satiating, \*filling the bill, \*hitting the spot. *ANT.* *unfulfilling, lacking, unsatisfying*.
- saturate** *v.* soak, imbue, fill, drench, souse, wet through, permeate, impregnate, suffuse, pervade, drown. *ANT.* *drain, dehydrate, dry*.
- saturnine** *a.* gloomy, morose, depressed, sorrowful, glum, sullen, sulky, downhearted, hopeless, dour, moody. *ANT.* *happy, cheerful, sunny*.
- satyr** *n.* lech, debaucher, playboy, \*horny little devil, profligate, rake, wolf, womanizer, Don Juan, Casanova. *ANT.* \**choir boy, celibate*.
- sauce** *n.* gravy, dressing, relish, condiment, soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce, Mornay sauce, white sauce, soubise.
- saucy** *a.* rude, impudent, \*smart-mouthed, \*mouthy, \*wise, impertinent, flippant, disrespectful, insolent, \*sassy, bold, fresh. *ANT.* *respectful, shy, courteous, diplomatic*.
- saunter** *v.* stroll, walk leisurely, \*mosey along, amble, pad, shuffle, promenade, dawdle, stray, meander. *SEE* WALK
- sauté** *v.* quick fry.
- savage** *n.* primitive, aborigine, brute, barbarian, beast, monster, animal, cave man, Neanderthal, wild man, killer. "Animals in human shape."—Bernard de Fontenelle.
- savage** *v.* attack, brutalize, tear apart, maul, rip apart, \*beat to a pulp, kill, murder, torture.
- savage** *a.* wild, fierce, ferocious, untamed, beastly, vicious, brutal, inhuman, barbaric, bloodthirsty, predatory, animalistic, brutish, cruel. *ANT.* *tame, gentle, civilized, broken*.
- savagery** *n.* barbarity, brutality, brutishness, beastliness, monstrosity, wildness, cruelty, viciousness.
- savannah** *n.* plain, grassland, pampas, steppe. *SEE* FIELD
- savant** *n.* scholar, \*brain, intellectual, learned person, sage, \*walking encyclopedia, wise man, expert, authority. *ANT.* *moron, imbecile, idiot*.
- save** *v.* 1. RESCUE liberate, deliver, bail out, \*save one's bacon, \*save one's neck, recover, free, emancipate. 2. SQUIRREL AWAY hoard, lay aside, stash, \*sock away, \*put away for a rainy day, salt away. 3. CONSERVE preserve, be thrifty, be frugal, \*pinch pennies, scrimp, economize, \*tighten one's belt. *ANT.* 1. *put at risk, imperil*. 3. *spend, expend, squander, \*blow*.
- savings** *n.* security, reserve, \*something for a rainy day, hoard, investment, \*nest egg, bank account, pile, treasure, amassed wealth.
- savior** *n.* liberator, deliverer, lifesaver, emancipator, messiah, Jesus Christ.
- SAVOIR FAIRE** *n.* [SAV wahr FEHR] social know-how. *He always knew what to say; he had great savoir faire.* *SYN.* social know-how, sophistication, cultivation, worldliness, graciousness, suavity, smoothness, social grace, poise, urbanity, tactfulness, diplomacy. *ANT.* *tactlessness, clumsiness, awkwardness*.
- savor** *n.* taste, flavor, tang, scent, odor, aroma, smell.
- savor** *v.* taste, smell, enjoy, relish, \*smack one's lips over, luxuriate in, appreciate.
- savory** *a.* 1. TASTY appetizing, delicious, mouth-watering, delectable, toothsome, ambrosial, luscious, flavorful, agreeable. 2. RESPECTABLE reputable, decent, moral, upright, virtuous. *ANT.* 1. *unsavory, \*gross, disgusting, unappetizing*. 2. *unsavory, disreputable*.
- savvy** *n.* *Sl.* know-how, \*smarts, understanding, shrewdness, intelligence, knowledge, experience, proficiency, grasp, awareness. *ANT.* *stupidity, ignorance*.
- savvy** *a.* *Sl.* in the know, knowledgeable, shrewd, astute, sharp, \*on the ball, educated, experienced, intelligent, \*hip, proficient. *ANT.* *ignorant, uneducated, stupid*.
- saw** *n.* 1. CUTTING TOOL cutting instrument, blade, handsaw, circular saw, crosscut saw, bucksaw, hacksaw, coping saw. 2. SAYING maxim, proverb, truism, adage, aphorism, epigram, cliché.
- saw** *v.* rend, rip. *SEE* CUT
- saw-toothed** *a.* jagged, serrated, serrate, notched. *ANT.* *smooth*.
- say** *v.* utter, speak, tell, assert, give voice, mouth, pronounce, vocalize, remark, phrase, state, articulate.
- saying** *n.* maxim, proverb, truism, adage, aphorism, epigram, cliché, slogan, saw, motto.
- scab** *n.* crust, incrustation, scale.
- scaffold** *n.* framework, platform, staging, gallows, gantry.
- scald** *v.* heat, injure. *SEE* BURN
- scale** *n.* 1. SKIN layer, covering, crust, plate, scurf. 2. GAUGE progression, order, gradation, succession, degrees, measure, calibration, ratio.

**scale** *v.* climb, ascend, mount, clamber up. *ANT.* *descend.*

**scalp** *v.* cheat, rob, \*rip off.

**scamp** *n.* rascal, mischief-maker, troublemaker, imp, rogue, scoundrel, scalawag, knave, prankster, \*little devil.

**scamper** *v.* run, hurry, scurry, scramble, dash, rush, sprint, dart, scuttle, scoot. *ANT.* *saunter, \*mosey along, creep.*

**scan** *v.* look at, scrutinize, study, survey, examine, inspect, search, scour, peruse, check, glance at, skim, \*flip through, \*thumb through, browse, \*give the once-over.

**scandal** *n.* disgrace, shocker, sin, atrocity, transgression, vice, outrage, wrongdoing, crime, infamy, \*skeleton in the closet, impropriety, misconduct. "Vice enjoyed vicariously."—Elbert Hubbard.

**scandalous** *a.* disgraceful, shocking, sinful, atrocious, outrageous, wrong, criminal, infamous, improper, shameful, odious.

**scant** *a.* meager, inadequate, lacking, sparse, insufficient, deficient, tight, wanting, poor, spare, limited. *ANT.* *plentiful, bountiful, overflowing.*

**scapegoat** *n.* \*fall guy, whipping boy, \*goat, \*patsy, victim, butt, dupe.

**scar** *n.* 1. DISFIGUREMENT scab, pockmark, scar tissue, scratch, line, cut, gash, cicatrix, mark. 2. EMOTIONAL DAMAGE psychological wound, trauma, reminder, stigma, flashbacks.

**scar** *v.* 1. DISFIGURE scratch, cut, gash, blemish, mar, wound, lacerate. 2. EMOTIONALLY DAMAGE wound psychologically, traumatize, stigmatize, brand, hurt.

**scarce** *a.* rare, uncommon, scanty, scant, insufficient, in short supply, \*scarce as hens' teeth, not enough, meager, inadequate, at a premium, tight. *ANT.* *plentiful, abundant, bountiful.*

**scarcely** *adv.* barely, merely, only, just, hardly.

**scantiness** *n.* rareness, insufficiency, shortage, short supply, meagerness, inadequacy, dearth, paucity, need, poverty, sparsity.

**scare** *n.* fright, shock, turn, panic, terror.

**scare** *v.* frighten, unnerve, terrify, alarm, panic, daunt, shock, appall, \*put the fear of God into, petrify, paralyze, \*send chills down one's spine, \*make one's hair stand on end, spook, \*scare the bejeesus out of, \*curl one's hair, \*make one's blood run cold, \*adrenalize, intimidate, horrify, fill with dread. *ANT.* *reassure, encourage, embolden.*

**scarecrow** *n.* malkin, straw man.

**scarf** *n.* muffler, neckpiece, bandanna, ascot, boa, tippet.

**scary** *a.* frightening, unnerving, terrifying, alarming, panic-inducing, daunting, shocking, appalling, petrifying, paralyzing, \*bone-chilling, \*bloodcurdling, \*spine-tingling, \*hair-curling, \*hair-raising, \*adrenalizing, intimidating, horrifying, creepy. *ANT.* *reassuring, encouraging, emboldening.*

**scathing** *a.* harsh, searing, caustic, biting, acid, bitter, severe, vitriolic, cutting, sharp, nasty, pointed, brutal. *ANT.* *mild, bland, gentle.*

**scatter** *v.* 1. STREW sprinkle, litter, spread, broadcast, distribute. 2. SEPARATE rout, disperse, diffuse, dispel. *ANT.* *gather, assemble, amass.*

**scatterbrained** *a.* flighty, giddy, brainless, frivolous, \*bubbleheaded, \*airheaded, \*dizzy, \*a space case, \*off in the ozone, harebrained, \*ditzy, \*like duh. *ANT.* *\*on the ball, \*with it, \*savvy, sharp.*

**scenario** *n.* outline, synopsis, script, sketch, concept, plot, story, plan.

**scene** *n.* 1. SETTING place, location, locale, backdrop, site, spot. 2. VIEW scenery, panorama, vista, landscape, prospect. 3. SEGMENT act, bit, episode, part. 4. DISPLAY OF EMOTION tantrum, fit, \*spectacle, \*blowup, outburst.

**scenic** *a.* picturesque, beautiful, panoramic, breathtaking, grand, spectacular, awe-inspiring, quaint. *ANT.* *nondescript, ugly, unsightly.*

**scent** *n.* odor, smell, fragrance, aroma, essence, bouquet, stink, whiff, trace, redolence, incense.

**scented** *a.* odorous, smelling, aromatic. SEE FRAGRANT

**schedule** *n.* agenda, program, timetable, calendar, roster, docket, plan, lineup, itinerary, slate.

**scheme** *n.* 1. PLAN plot, stratagem, ploy, machination, intrigue, conspiracy, maneuver. 2. SYSTEM arrangement, organization, order.

**scheming** *a.* crafty, underhanded, sneaky, artful, tricky, conniving, calculating, sly, foxy, slippery. *ANT.* *artless, innocent.*

**SCHISM** *n.* [SIZ um] a separation within a group, due to disagreement over a particular issue. *A schism has formed in the church over the abortion issue.* SYN. separation, split, division, rift, splintering, break, faction, disjunction, fragmentation. *ANT.* *unification, union, harmony.*

**schlemiel** *n.* *Sl.* loser, bungler, \*schlimazel, \*Charlie Brown, \*zero, dupe, victim, \*sap, \*patsy, \*stooge, \*sucker, fool.

**schlep** *v.* *Sl.* drag oneself, drag, lug, carry.

**schlock** *n.* *Sl.* \*crap, garbage, trash, \*cheap stuff, junk, \*dreck.

**scholar** *n.* learned person, educated person, intellectual, \*brain, man of letters, \*egghead, highbrow, professor, teacher, student, pupil, \*walking encyclopedia, \*know-it-all, authority, expert, pundit, savant, polymath. "A man long on advice but short on action."—Elbert Hubbard. *ANT.* *ignoramus, idiot, \*air-head, imbecile.*

**scholarly** *a.* learned, knowledgeable, educated, studious, erudite, literate, well-read, intellectual, academic, bookish, pedantic, \*brainy. *ANT.* *ignorant, uneducated, stupid, empty-headed.*

**scholarship** *n.* 1. KNOWLEDGE education, erudition, learning, schooling, edification, enlightenment, pedantry. 2. GRANT student aid, gift, endowment, fellowship.

**school** *n.* 1. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE academy, high school, elementary school, university, college, institution of higher learning, alma mater, seminary. 2. SYSTEM method, style, mode, belief system, doctrine.

**school** *v.* educate, teach, instruct, train, enlighten, edify, indoctrinate, tutor.

**science** *n.* hard facts, physical laws, truths, body of knowledge, discipline. "Trained and organized common sense."—Thomas Huxley. "A knowledge of matter."—Fulton Sheen. "Pearls strung on a cord of faith."—Joshua Steinberg. "Only the tools in a box."—Frank Lloyd Wright.

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#### WORD FIND

**agriculture:** geponics, agrology

**air, moving objects through:** aerodynamics

**air:** pneumatics

**animal, prebirth development:** embryology

**animals:** zoology

**aviation:** aeronautics

**birds:** ornithology

**building design:** architecture

**caves:** speleology

**cells:** cytology

**chemicals, applied:** chemical engineering

**chemistry of life processes:** biochemistry

**civilization, uncovering facts about early:** archeology

**classification, plant and animal:** taxonomy

**climate:** climatology

**color:** chromatology

**crime:** criminology

**cycles, natural:** chronobiology

**earth:** geology

**earthquakes:** seismology

**earth's moving plates:** tectonics

**energy and heat:** thermodynamics

**energy and matter:** physics

**epidemics:** epidemiology

**fish:** ichthyology

**fluids:** hydraulics

**fossils, animal:** paleontology

**heredity and genes:** genetics

**human beings:** anthropology

**human beings, extinct:** paleoanthropology

**gene manipulation:** genetic engineering, eugenics

**life processes:** biology

**lines, angles, planes, etc.:** geometry

**machinery:** mechanics

**mapping of terrain:** topography, cartography

**metals:** metallurgy

**monsters:** teratology

**motion:** kinetics, dynamics

**plants:** botany

**plants, ornamental:** horticulture

**population studies:** demography

**primitive societies:** ethnography

**societies and social behavior:** sociology

**sound:** acoustics

**space, study of:** astronomy, astrophysics, cosmography, cosmology

**time:** chronometry, horology

**water:** hydrography

**weather:** meteorology

**scientific** *a.* systematic, provable, exact, empirical, physical, material, observable, mathematical, technical, technological. *ANT.* *unscientific, spiritual.*

**scientist** *n.* researcher, expert, authority, investigator, analyst, scientific detective, prober, scholar, inquirer, examiner, tester, scientific sleuth, experimenter, lab technician. *SEE SCIENCE*

**scintilla** *n.* particle, trace, iota, hint, bit, speck, atom, whit, drop, spark.

**SCINTILLATING** *a.* [SIN tuh late ing] sparkling, flashing. Also, brilliant, as of wit. *The scintillating conversation made the party a success.* *SYN.* 1. SPARKLING glittering,

- brilliant, glinting, glimmering, twinkling, gleaming, shimmering, flashing. 2. WITTY clever, brilliant, effervescent, lively. *ANT. dull, lackluster.*
- scion** *n.* offspring, descendant, child, heir, successor, offshoot, shoot.
- scoff** *v.* jeer, mock, ridicule, deride, snicker at, laugh at, gibe, dismiss, belittle, \*pooh-pooh, discount, knock. *ANT. respect, accept, praise.*
- scold** *v.* berate, rebuke, upbraid, reprimand, reproach, \*blast, \*jump down one's throat, find fault, vituperate, \*chew out, \*give hell, \*take to task, castigate, \*rake over the coals, \*rip into, \*let have it with both barrels, \*bawl out. *ANT. commend, praise, give a pat on the back.*
- scoop** *n.* 1. SHOVEL spade, spoon, bail, trowel, ladle. 2. HOT NEWS \*inside information, \*skinny, \*poop, exclusive, \*lowdown.
- scoot** *v.* dart, scurry, skedaddle, hurry, \*move it.
- scope** *n.* area, range, extent, span, reach, compass, radius, breadth, sphere.
- scorch** *v.* burn, blacken, char, singe, parch, sear, shrivel, brown, toast, blister.
- score** *n.* 1. TALLY count, points, sum, total. 2. GRADE mark. 3. MUSICAL COMPOSITION arrangement, chart. 4. GROOVE nick, notch, cut, gash.
- score** *v.* 1. SUCCEED triumph, achieve, win, \*rack up, \*chalk up, \*nail it, \*hit it. 2. CUT cross-hatch, gouge, nick, notch, gash, slit.
- scores** *n.* many, multitude, lots, throng, mass, myriad, crowd, legion. *ANT. few, hardly any.*
- scorn** *n.* contempt, disdain, hatred, loathing, disgust, distaste, derision, sneering, arrogance, scoffing, mocking. *ANT. admiration, respect, esteem.*
- scorn** *v.* regard with contempt, disdain, despise, detest, hate, loathe, look down on, reject, spurn, revile, mock, ridicule. *ANT. admire, look up to, respect, like.*
- scoundrel** *n.* rascal, villain, rogue, \*SOB, \*bastard, cad, dog, knave, \*creep, \*rat, dastard, wretch, \*bad egg, \*bad actor.
- scour** *v.* 1. SCRUB clean, wash, rub, abrade, brush, wipe. 2. SEARCH OUT comb, rummage, range over, pass over, \*turn upside-down, \*leave no stone unturned, look high and low.
- scourge** *n.* punishment, torture, torment, affliction, plague, misery, tribulation, curse.
- scourge** *v.* punish, torture, torment, afflict, plague, chastise, curse, beat, whip, flog, thrash.
- scout** *n.* spy, patrol, outrider, advance man, reconnoiterer, picket, lookout.
- scout** *v.* spy, reconnoiter, \*have a look-see, survey, investigate, explore, observe, patrol, \*check out.
- scow** *n.* barge, flatboat.
- scowl** *n.* angry look, irritated look, frown, glower, \*black look, \*dirty look, glare, knitted brow, nasty look, lower. *SEE ANGRY*
- scowl** *v.* frown, glower, glare, shoot an angry look, shoot an irritated look, \*give a dirty look, \*shoot daggers. *SEE ANGRY*
- scraggly** *a.* scrubby, ragged, uneven, irregular, straggly, rough, \*like a rat's nest, unroomed. *ANT. neat, trim.*
- scraggy** *a.* skinny, lean, scrawny, bony, thin, slender, gaunt. *ANT. \*hefty, husky.*
- scramble** *n.* run, dash, struggle, climb, race, scuffle, competition.
- scramble** *v.* 1. CLAMBER climb, crawl, struggle, rush, dash, run, race, scuffle, compete for, strive for. 2. MIX jumble, stir up, disorder, mingle, tangle, confuse.
- scrap** *n.* 1. BIT fragment, piece, shred, chip, speck, slice, hunk, chunk, particle, end. 2. SALVAGE junk. 3. FIGHT argument, quarrel, \*tiff, conflict, tussle, altercation, disagreement, squabble, brawl.
- scrap** *v.* throw out, drop, ditch, get rid of, discard, junk, \*deep-six, jettison.
- scrape** *n.* 1. SCRATCH scuff, abrasion, graze, scar. 2. DIFFICULT SITUATION predicament, trouble, dilemma, quandary, fix, pickle, \*mess, \*hole.
- scrape** *v.* scratch, scuff, abrade, graze, scar, scour, rasp, shave, skin.
- scrappy** *a.* game, aggressive, pugnacious, plucky, gritty, contentious. *ANT. \*wimpy, meek.*
- scratch** *n.* cut, laceration, incision, scar, abrasion, scrape, gash, line, score.
- scratch** *v.* 1. CUT lacerate, incise, scar, abrade, scrape, gash, score, graze. 2. ELIMINATE cancel, drop, delete, erase, withdraw, strike.
- scrawl** *v.* scribble, scratch, \*hen-scratch, doodle.
- scrawny** *a.* skinny, thin, lean, slender, \*skin and bones, emaciated, anorexic, bony, gaunt, malnourished, spare, rawboned, \*could slip through a flute and not sound a note. *ANT. brawny, big, beefy, fat.*
- scream** *n.* cry, shriek, yelp, yell, hysterical cry, strangled cry for help, wail, squeal, squall.
- scream** *v.* cry, shriek, yelp, cry out hysterically, wail, screech, ululate, let out a strangled cry, sing out, bawl, howl, squeal, squall.

**screech** *v.* SEE SCREAM

**screen** *n.* 1. PARTITION divider, shield, covering, wall, fence, curtain, veil. 2. MESH net, strainer, grating, lattice.

**screen** *v.* 1. PARTITION divide, shield, cover, block, wall off, fence off, veil. 2. SORT OUT cull, \*weed out, sift, sieve, filter, strain, eliminate, winnow.

**screw** *v.* 1. TWIST wind, turn, wrench, corkscrew, crank. 2. *Sl.* CHEAT \*rip off, take advantage of, defraud, \*give the shaft, swindle, extort, chisel. 3. *Sl.* HAVE SEXUAL INTERCOURSE mate, \*make love, copulate.

**screw up** *v.* mess up, bungle, blow it, muff, botch, \*flub up, goof up, mismanage, mishandle, \*drop the ball, \*choke.

**screwy** *a.* *Sl.* odd, queer, peculiar, eccentric, \*nuts. SEE CRAZY

**scribble** *v.* scrawl, scratch, \*hen-scratch, doodle, dash.

**scribe** *n.* scrivener, transcriber, calligrapher, writer, clerk.

**scrimp** *v.* be frugal, economize, save, be cheap, \*pinch pennies, \*squeeze nickels, skimp, be stingy, stint. *ANT.* squander, \*blow, spend.

**script** *n.* 1. HANDWRITING writing, longhand, cursive, calligraphy, penmanship. 2. STORY dialogue, text, screenplay, manuscript.

**Scrooge** *n.* misanthrope, \*tightwad, cheapskate, \*penny-pincher, skinflint, miser, hoarder, \*miserable cuss, curmudgeon. *ANT.* philanthropist, giver, altruist.

**scrounge** *v.* dig for, hunt for, beg, scare up, forage for, bum, track down, \*scrape up, panhandle.

**scrub** *n.* shrubs, bushes, trees, brush, thicket, bush.

**scrub** *v.* scour, wash, clean, rub, swab, brush, \*clean with elbow grease, wipe, mop.

**scruffy** *a.* shabby, grubby, straggly, unkempt, ungroomed, untrimmed, unwashed, mangy, ragged, bedraggled, \*like a rat's nest. *ANT.* neat, tidy, trim, groomed.

**scrumptious** *a.* tasty, mouth-watering, pleasing. SEE DELICIOUS

**scruple** *n.* hesitancy, doubt, qualm, misgiving, second thought, pang, apprehension, caution, reluctance, \*little voice.

**SCRUPULOUS** *a.* [SKROO pyuh lus] proper and highly principled, careful to do the right thing, meticulous. *He was a scrupulous businessman.* *SYN.* proper, principled, moral, upright, ethical, honest, upstanding, careful, meticulous, punctilious, painstaking, exact-

ing, particular, fussy. *ANT.* unscrupulous, unprincipled, dishonest, sloppy.

**SCRUTINIZE** *v.* [SKROOT uh NIZE] to look at very closely. *She scrutinized the will for her name.* *SYN.* look at, examine, inspect, study, pore over, \*eyeball, peruse, explore, probe, \*scorch with one's eyes. *ANT.* overlook, pass over, disregard.

**scrutiny** *n.* inspection, close look, examination, treatment, surveillance, study, probing, perusal, investigation, \*eyeballing, search, exploration. *ANT.* quick glance, quick glimpse.

**scuba diving** *n.* skin diving, snorkeling.

**scuff** *v.* SEE SCRAPE

**scuffle** *n.* struggle, fight, tussle, scrap, \*set-to, commotion, \*ruckus, fray, \*rumble, brawl.

**scuffle** *v.* struggle, fight, tussle, scrap, \*rumble, brawl, \*mix it up.

**sculpture** *n.* 1. STATUE statuary, bust, figure, figurine, bronze, carving, abstract. 2. CARVING chiseling, molding, stonecutting. "An art that takes away superfluous material."—Michelangelo. "Mud pies which endure."—Cyril Connolly.

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#### WORD FIND

**bizarre human or animal figure:** grotesque

**chip off stone:** stun

**frame, framework:** armature, butterfly

**Greek statue of marble:** acrolith

**larger than life-size sculpture:** heroic, colossal

**low relief:** bas-relief

**medium:** marble, clay, bronze

**projection:** relief

**smaller than life-size sculpture:** statuette

**tool:** bushhammer, calipers, mallet, rasp

**trim:** fettle

**scum** *n.* 1. DROSS refuse, film, layer, froth, residue. 2. LOWLIFE \*sleazebag, riffraff, \*dregs of society.

**scurrilous** *a.* vulgar, indecent, abusive, offensive, insulting, obscene, gross, foulmouthed, dirty, raunchy, \*gutter-mouthed, nasty.

**scurry** *v.* scamper, run, race, hurry, scuttle, dash, scoot, sprint, dart, hasten, bolt, fly.

**scurvy** *a.* mean, contemptible, despicable, low. *ANT.* admirable.

**scuttle** *v.* 1. RUN scurry, scamper, race, hurry, dash, scoot, sprint, dart, hasten, bolt, \*beat feet. 2. ABANDON scrap, scrub, scratch, quit, desert.

**scuttlebutt** *n.* *Sl.* rumor, gossip, word, grapevine news, talk.

**sea** *n.* ocean, the deep, \*briny deep, \*bounding main, \*Davy Jones's locker, high seas, surf, rolling sea. SEE BEACH, OCEAN

**seafarer** *n.* seaman, mariner. SEE SAILOR

**seal** *n.* 1. STAMP symbol, emblem, imprint, impression, logo, authentication, insignia, imprimatur. 2. FASTENING adhesive, sealant.

**seal** *v.* 1. FASTEN secure, shut tight, lock in, watertight, make airtight, plug. 2. SETTLE assure, determine, decide, ensure, clinch, make certain, confirm.

**seam** *n.* closure, connection, juncture, junction, stitches, suture.

**seaman** *n.* seafarer, mariner. SEE SAILOR

**seamy** *a.* sordid, unpleasant, squalid, disagreeable, rough, unwholesome, unsavory, objectionable, revolting, dirty. *ANT.* pleasant, decent, good.

**seance** *n.* communion with the dead, spiritual contact, session, sitting, conjuring.

**sear** *v.* scorch, burn, brown, singe, toast, char, sizzle, wither, dry up, parch, shrivel, wilt.

**search** *n.* hunt, exploration, quest, probe, inquisition, \*shakedown, \*frisking, scrutiny, investigation, study, rummaging, foraging, research.

**search** *v.* seek, look, hunt, explore, quest, probe, \*shake down, \*frisk, scrutinize, investigate, study, rummage, forage, \*sniff out, \*go over with a fine-tooth comb, \*leave no stone unturned, \*turn inside out, research, ferret, delve, ransack.

**searching** *a.* penetrating, piercing, probing, sharp, intent, deep, inquisitive, curious, quizzical. *ANT.* cursory, uninterested.

**sea serpent** *n.* giant squid, oarfish, kraken, Loch Ness monster. SEE MONSTER

**seashore** *n.* coast, strand. SEE BEACH

**seasickness** *n.* motion sickness, queasiness. SEE NAUSEA

**season** *n.* period, term, spell, interval, quarter, month, summer, spring, fall, winter, Indian summer.

**season** *v.* 1. FLAVOR spice, salt, pepper, lace, marinade, smoke, cure, corn, devil. 2. HARDEN OR SOFTEN toughen, weather, temper, acclimate, accustom.

**seasonable** *a.* opportune, fitting, suitable, right. *ANT.* inopportune. SEE TIMELY

**seasoned** *a.* hardened, softened, toughened, weathered, experienced, tempered, accli-

ated, accustomed, inured. *ANT.* green, immature, inexperienced.

**seasoning** *n.* flavoring, spice, salt, pepper, marinade, dressing, condiment, sauce, gravy, relish, hot sauce, mustard, garlic, onion powder, herbs.

**seat** *n.* 1. CHAIR bench, couch, sofa, recliner, lounge, loveseat, stool, settee, throne, perch. 2. CENTER core, location, capital, heart, hub, headquarters, place. 3. BUTTOCKS rear, behind, rump, derriere, posterior, \*tush, \*duff.

**seaweed** *n.* kelp, sargasso, wrack, dulse.

**SECEDE** *v.* [si SEED] to formally withdraw or break off from a group, organization, government, etc. *The islands seceded from the mainland government.* *SYN.* withdraw, break off, defect, quit, renounce, separate from, split from, expatriate, pull out, disaffiliate, \*wash one's hands of. *ANT.* join, merge, confederate.

**secession** *n.* withdrawal, breakup, defection, renunciation, separation, split, expatriation, pullout, disaffiliation. *ANT.* union, joining, merger, confederation.

**seclude** *v.* isolate, sequester, hide, segregate, insulate, go into retreat, withdraw, quarantine.

**secluded** *a.* isolated, sequestered, segregated, insulated, cloistered, reclusive, private, hidden, sheltered, lonesome, remote, deserted, solitary, quarantined. *ANT.* public, open, frequented.

**seclusion** *n.* isolation, sequestration, segregation, privacy, hiding, shelter, solitude, sanctuary, retreat, quarantine.

**second** *n.* instant, tick of the clock, wink, \*heartbeat, moment, flash, twinkling, jiffy, \*nothing flat.

**second** *v.* support, back, root for, side with, abet, advocate, further. *ANT.* oppose, contradict, dispute.

**secondary** *a.* lesser, inferior, subordinate, minor, ancillary, subsidiary. *ANT.* main, first, primary.

**second-hand** *a.* previously owned, used, handed down, old, broken-in, pre-owned. *ANT.* new.

**second-rate** *a.* inferior, cheap, \*crappy, poor, shabby, \*two-bit, low-grade, middling, fair, so-so, second class. *ANT.* first-rate, superior, \*top drawer.

**secrecy** *n.* concealment, covertness, confidentiality, privacy, surreptitiousness, stealth, hiding, underhandedness, sneakiness, silence. *ANT.* overtness, publicity, openness.

**secret** *n.* confidence, classified information, privileged information, \*skeleton in the closet, mystery, enigma.

- secret** *a.* concealed, hidden, covert, confidential, private, surreptitious, furtive, stealthy, underhanded, sneaky, quiet, silent, hush-hush, under wraps, classified, undisclosed, clandestine, mysterious, cryptic, secluded, sequestered, out-of-the-way, undercover. *ANT.* *overt, public, open.*
- secretary** *n.* office worker, typist, word processor, receptionist, filer, stenographer, bookkeeper, \*guy/gal Friday, \*desk jockey. *SEE* OFFICE WORKER
- secrete** *v.* 1. HIDE conceal, stow away, closet, seclude, shroud, veil, bury, harbor, stash. 2. RELEASE discharge, emit, excrete, ooze, exude.
- secretive** *a.* private, tight-lipped, closemouthed, silent, evasive, surreptitious, furtive, covert, clandestine, sneaky, backdoor, stealthy, cryptic, mysterious. *ANT.* *open, overt, public.*
- sect** *n.* faction, party, group, denomination, body, order, cult, division, clique, splinter group.
- sectarian** *a.* partisan, party-minded, factional, denominational, cultish, cliquish, parochial, provincial, narrow-minded. *ANT.* *broad-minded, nonpartisan.*
- section** *n.* part, segment, piece, component, slice, hunk, chunk, parcel, quarter, division, fragment, fraction, unit, share, district, region, neighborhood, community, ward, precinct, borough.
- sector** *n.* section, segment, division, group, class, district, area, zone, region.
- SECULAR** *a.* [SEK yuh lur] unrelated to religion or the church, worldly. *The church organist sometimes played secular music.* *SYN.* worldly, nonreligious, laic, lay, profane, earthly, temporal, mundane. *ANT.* *religious, ecclesiastical, spiritual.*
- secure** *v.* 1. GET obtain, procure, acquire, pick up, attain. 2. BIND tighten, tie down, lock up, fasten, fix, attach, set, anchor, stabilize. 3. SAFEGUARD defend, shield, shelter, protect.
- secure** *a.* 1. SAFE sheltered, protected, defended, immune, out of harm's way, unasailable, invulnerable, in the clear, in safekeeping. 2. CONFIDENT self-assured, care-free, untroubled, certain, definite, settled. 3. FIRM stable, strong, fast, locked, set, tight, fastened, bound, anchored, tied down. *ANT.* 1. *unsafe, insecure, unprotected, vulnerable.* 2. *insecure, troubled, doubting.* 3. *loose, unsecured, unlocked.*
- security** *n.* 1. CONFIDENCE fearlessness, assurance, peace of mind, certainty, freedom from worry. 2. PROTECTION defense, shield, shelter, safeguard, safety, immunity, refuge, invulnerability. 3. GUARANTEE pledge, assurance, collateral, bond, surety, escrow.
- sedate** *a.* calm, quiet, staid, serious, serene, impassive, sober, dignified, tranquil, placid, grave. *ANT.* *\*a nervous wreck, excited, agitated.*
- sedative** *n.* tranquilizer, hypnotic, sleeping pill, soporific, depressant, opiate, Demerol, Nembutal.
- sedative** *a.* tranquilizing, calming, relaxing, sleep-inducing, tension-relieving, sedating. *ANT.* *stimulating, exciting.*
- SEDENTARY** *a.* [SED un tair ee] inactive, sitting around. *She lives a sedentary lifestyle.* *SYN.* inactive, \*couch-potato-like, \*couch-bound, \*chair-bound, sitting, stationary, unmoving, vegetative. *ANT.* *active, busy, \*on the move.*
- sediment** *n.* dregs, grounds, deposit, settleings, lees, precipitate.
- sedition** *n.* rebellion, treason, incitement, rabble-rousing, mutiny, insurrection, revolt, subversion.
- seditious** *a.* rebellious, rabble-rousing, inciting, mutinous, insurrectionary, revolutionary, subversive. *ANT.* *loyal, subservient.*
- seduce** *v.* lure, tempt, persuade, lead astray, entice, trap, snare, beguile, \*lead on, tease, debauch.
- seduction** *n.* persuasion, enticement, temptation, allurement, tantalizing, trap, beguilement, tease.
- seductive** *a.* persuasive, enticing, tempting, alluring, tantalizing, beguiling, attractive, flirtatious, sexy, bewitching. *ANT.* *repellent, repulsive.*
- sedulous** *a.* diligent, hard-working, busy, industrious, assiduous, tireless, constant, persistent, plodding, dogged, intense. *ANT.* *lazy, lagging, lax.*
- see** *v.* 1. BEHOLD discern, eye, \*eyeball, perceive, regard, spot, \*lay eyes on, notice, detect, look, view, peer, watch, glimpse, distinguish, \*get a load of, peep, stare, make out. 2. UNDERSTAND comprehend, get it, appreciate, catch on, \*catch one's drift, fathom, recognize, perceive, grasp. 3. IMAGINE visualize, picture, conceive, think, envisage, envision. 4. LOOK INTO find out, discover, ascertain. 5. MEET encounter, run into, come face to face, speak with, visit.
- seed** *n.* source, wellspring, beginning, start, nucleus, grain, kernel, nut, sperm, egg, germ.
- seedy** *a.* shabby, run-down, broken-down, dilapidated, neglected, squalid, scruffy, unkempt,

- mangy, bedraggled, poor. *ANT.* *luxurious, well-kept, groomed, sparkling.*
- seek** *v.* 1. LOOK FOR search for, hunt, \*look high and low, cast about for, quest, \*fish for, \*sniff out, \*ferret out, \*leave no stone unturned. 2. INQUIRE request, question, ask for. 3. PURSUE aim, set one's sights for, aspire to.
- seem** *v.* appear, have the appearance of, look like, give the impression.
- seeming** *a.* ostensible, apparent, outward, external, assumed, presumable, professed, illusory, quasi. *ANT.* *actual, real.*
- seemly** *a.* proper, fitting, suitable, appropriate, right, correct, becoming, decorous, prudent, in good taste. *ANT.* *improper, unsuitable, rude.*
- seep** *v.* leak, ooze, exude, percolate, bleed, drip, dribble, issue, sweat, weep, permeate.
- seer** *n.* prophet, prognosticator, predictor, psychic, oracle, fortuneteller, forecaster, diviner, medium, soothsayer.
- seesaw** *n.* teeter-totter.
- seethe** *v.* 1. BOIL bubble, froth, roll, surge. 2. RAGE \*see red, \*get steamed, \*do a slow burn, \*boil over, \*blow one's top, fume, be livid, \*storm, \*foam at the mouth.
- segment** *n.* section, piece, part, portion, fragment, fraction, division, parcel, bit, element, component, quarter.
- segregate** *v.* separate, set apart, isolate, divide, insulate, split up, dissociate, quarantine. *ANT.* *unite, join, integrate, desegregate.*
- segregation** *n.* separation, apartheid, isolation, division, insulation, splitting up, setting apart, exclusion, quarantine.
- seize** *v.* 1. GRAB take, snatch, grasp, grip, clasp, pluck, catch, embrace, \*jump on. 2. CONFISCATE capture, apprehend, arrest, \*nail, \*col-lar, \*nab, commandeering, impound, take by force, appropriate, usurp, kidnap, hijack.
- seizure** *n.* 1. APPREHENSION arrest, capture, confiscation, commandeering, impounding, appropriation, kidnapping, hijacking. 2. CONVULSION fit, attack, throe, paroxysm, epileptic episode, stroke.
- seldom** *adv.* rarely, infrequently, hardly ever, \*once in a blue moon. *ANT.* *often, frequently.*
- select** *v.* pick, choose, elect, opt for, single out, prefer, vote for, favor, cull, weed out. *ANT.* *reject, \*turn one's nose up at, shun.*
- select** *a.* choice, preferred, best, top-notch, A-1, prime, finest, handpicked, cream, crème de la crème. *ANT.* *second-rate, mediocre, run-of-the-mill.*
- selection** *n.* pick, choice, preference, election, favorite, choosing, culling, weeding out, vote. *ANT.* *reject.*
- selective** *a.* choosy, picky, discriminating, particular, fussy, finicky, \*persnickety, discerning. *ANT.* *undiscriminating, \*easy.*
- self** *n.* ego, individuality, entity, soul, mind, personality, being, character.
- self-assured** *a.* confident, self-confident, sure of oneself, cocky, \*full of oneself, secure, self-possessed, cool. *ANT.* *insecure, lacking self-esteem.*
- self-centered** *a.* selfish, self-absorbed, narcissistic, \*thinks the world revolves around one's self, conceited, self-serving, egocentric, egotistical. *ANT.* *other-directed, giving, generous.*
- self-confidence** *n.* self-assurance, inner strength, positive self-image, coolness, aplomb. "The first requisite to great undertakings."—Samuel Johnson. *SEE* CONFIDENCE
- self-conscious** *a.* shy, bashful, ill at ease, awkward, self-aware, \*redfaced, blushing, embarrassed, anxious, sheepish. *ANT.* *self-confident, self-assured.*
- self-control** *n.* self-discipline, self-restraint, willpower, self-constraint, abstemiousness, fortitude, strength. "The hardest victory."—Aristotle, *ANT.* *impulsiveness, weakness.*
- self-defeating** *a.* \*shooting oneself in the foot, \*cutting off one's nose to spite one's face, defeating its own purpose.
- self-esteem** *n.* pride, self-respect, healthy ego, self-regard, confidence, self-love, self-assurance, amour propre, dignity, belief in oneself. "The most voluble of the emotions."—Frank M. Colby.
- self-evident** *a.* evident, obvious, apparent, clear, manifest, self-explanatory, undeniable, plain, uncontestable, axiomatic. *ANT.* *questionable, doubtful, uncertain.*
- self-image** *n.* conception of oneself, self-esteem, self-regard.
- self-important** *a.* conceited, overbearing, arrogant, \*bigheaded, egotistical, pompous, swaggering, smug, snobbish, \*snotty, \*high and mighty. *ANT.* *self-effacing, modest, humble.*
- selfish** *a.* self-centered, self-serving, greedy, egocentric, egotistical, \*wrapped up in oneself, narcissistic, \*looking out for number one, \*thinks the world revolves around one, \*piggish. *ANT.* *giving, other-directed, generous.*
- selfishness** *n.* self-centeredness, greediness, egocentricity, narcissism. "Consuming happiness without producing any."—Joan Tepperman.

**self-reliant** *a.* independent, \*standing on one's own two feet, self-sufficient, autonomous, strong. *ANT.* *dependent, needy.*

**self-respect** *n.* self-esteem, pride, self-regard, self-worth, dignity, \*the ability to hold one's head up, \*the ability to stand tall. "The cornerstone of all virtue."—John Herschell. "The noblest garment."—Samuel Smiles.

**self-righteous** *a.* holier-than-thou, sanctimonious, complacent, smug, hypocritical, preachy, \*goody-goody, pious, self-satisfied. *ANT.* *humble.*

**self-satisfied** *a.* complacent, smug, pleased with oneself, proud, arrogant, \*full of oneself, swelled-headed, bigheaded, content. *ANT.* *self-effacing, humble, modest.*

**self-sufficient** *a.* SEE SELF-RELIANT

**sell** *v.* deal, trade, market, wholesale, retail, peddle, vend, offer for sale, unload, auction, barter, hustle. *ANT.* *buy, purchase.*

**seller** *n.* dealer, trader, marketer, wholesaler, retailer, peddler, vendor, merchant, auctioneer, hustler, broker, agent.

**sell out** *v.* betray, double-cross, \*stab in the back, sell one's soul, do anything for money.

**SEMANTICS** *n.* [suh MAN tiks] dealing with language and the meanings of words, phrases, etc. *They were no longer arguing over hard issues, but semantics.* *SYN.* meanings, semiotics, lexicology, lexicography, linguistics, interpretations, connotations.

**semblance** *n.* appearance, look, aspect, air, aura, resemblance, bearing, show, face, facade, image.

**semen** *n.* seminal fluid, sperm.

**semester** *n.* term, period, interval, session, half-year.

**SEMINAL** *a.* [SEM uh nul] the first, originating or developmentally important, basic. *Little Richard is regarded as a seminal rock and roll singer.* *SYN.* first, originating, germinal, innovative, developmental, first of its kind, fresh, pioneering, trailblazing.

**seminar** *n.* group discussion, workshop, panel discussion, forum, conference, symposium, meeting, review.

**send** *v.* transport, transmit, deliver, transfer, convey, direct, remit, mail, post, ship, relay, wire, shoot, propel, throw, fire off, broadcast. *ANT.* *receive, get.*

**send packing** *v.* show the door, dismiss, discharge, give walking papers.

**senile** *a.* disoriented, mentally deficient, forgetful, demented, feeble-minded, \*slipping, con-

fused, in one's dotage, deteriorating. *ANT.* *sharp, lucid, clear-thinking.*

**senior** *n.* elder, senior citizen, retiree, matriarch, patriarch, grandmother, grandfather, first-born, doyen, superior, dean. *ANT.* *junior, inferior, subordinate.*

**senior** *a.* ranking, superior, chief, preeminent, elder, older, higher, veteran. *ANT.* *junior, inferior, lesser.*

**sensation** *n.* 1. FEELING sense, sensitivity, perception, reaction, response, sound, sight, smell, pain, tingle, itch. 2. EXCITEMENT public interest, fuss, uproar, hit, wonder, phenomenon. *ANT.* 1. *insentientness, anesthesia.* 2. *apathy, indifference, \*hardly a ripple.*

#### WORD FIND

**disorder causing confused sensations, as sight for sound:** synesthesia

**extreme sensitivity:** hyperesthesia

**sensational** *a.* 1. EXCELLENT exceptional, good, superb, \*out of this world, fantastic, fabulous, outstanding, extraordinary, marvelous, terrific, wonderful. 2. STARTLING shocking, thrilling, exciting, \*mind-blowing, spine-tingling, hair-raising, breathtaking, electrifying, staggering. 3. EXAGGERATED melodramatic, lurid, \*tabloid, cheap, \*yellow, scandalous. *ANT.* 1. *awful, lousy, second-rate.* 2. *boring, dull.* 3. *understated, dry.*

**sensationalism** *n.* exaggeration, melodrama, luridness, \*tabloid journalism, \*keyhole journalism, \*yellow journalism, scandal, shock reporting.

**sense** *n.* 1. SENSATION feeling, perception, sensitivity, responsiveness, stimulus reception, sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch. 2. AWARENESS perception, realization, impression, feeling, consciousness, premonition. 3. INTELLIGENCE wisdom, judgment, reason, common sense, logic, brains, \*smarts, sharpness, understanding, \*savvy, intuition. 4. MEANING substance, point, content, gist, interpretation, thrust, essence, core, significance, definition.

**sense** *v.* feel, perceive, pick up, get the impression, have a feeling, discern, \*catch some vibes, notice, \*have a gut feeling, suspect.

**senseless** *a.* nonsensical, stupid, brainless, idiotic, foolish, insane, crazy, \*nuts, mindless, \*wacky, ludicrous, ridiculous, irrational. *ANT.* *sensible, rational, smart.*

- sensibility** *n.* ability to feel, sensitivity, sentience, responsiveness, receptivity, perception, perceptiveness.
- sensible** *a.* smart, intelligent, judicious, prudent, rational, logical, sober, sound, levelheaded, realistic, sane, reasonable, down-to-earth. *ANT.* *senseless, nonsensical, stupid.*
- sensitive** *a.* 1. IMPRESSIONABLE responsive, acute, keen, receptive, reactive, conscious, feeling, sentient, sympathetic. 2. EASILY HURT easily offended, touchy, hypersensitive, testy, thin-skinned, ticklish, irritable. 3. SORE tender, painful, hurting, raw. 4. SYMPATHETIC compassionate, understanding, empathetic, enlightened. considerate. *ANT.* 1. *insentient, unresponsive.* 2. *thick-skinned.* 3. *calloused, numb.* 4. *insensitive, inconsiderate, dense.*
- sensitivity** *n.* 1. RESPONSIVENESS feeling, sense, receptiveness, acuteness, keenness. 2. SYMPATHY understanding, compassion, empathy, enlightenment, consideration. *ANT.* 1. *unresponsiveness, insentience.* 2. *insensitivity, lack of understanding.*
- sensual** *a.* physical, of the body, bodily, fleshly, voluptuous, sexual, sensuous, carnal, lustful, erotic, lascivious, libidinous, \*horny, licentious, lewd. *ANT.* *spiritual, cerebral, of the mind.*
- sensuous** *a.* stimulating, sensory, luxurious, pleasurable, pleasant to the touch, pleasant to the eye, rich, sumptuous, voluptuous.
- sentence** *n.* judgment, decision, punishment, penalty, time, prison term, \*stretch up the river, doom.
- sentence** *v.* judge, rule, punish, penalize, give a prison term, condemn, term, doom, mete out, imprison, \*send up the river, \*throw the book at.
- sententious** *a.* 1. CONCISE short, pithy, succinct. 2. APHORISTIC grandiloquent, bombastic, pompous, moralizing, trite. *ANT.* 1. *wordy, long-winded.* 2. *sensible, meaningful.*
- sentient** *a.* feeling, sensitive, conscious, perceptive, receptive, responsive. *ANT.* *insentient, unfeeling.*
- sentiment** *n.* 1. FEELINGS attitude, opinion, thought, leaning, idea, way of thinking, view, emotion, judgment. 2. SENTIMENTALITY romanticism, \*mushiness, feeling, tenderness, emotion, \*hearts and flowers. "Jam without bread"—Sydney Harris. "The poetry of the imagination."—Alphonse Lamartine.
- sentimental** *a.* tender, romantic, maudlin, mawkish, \*mushy, emotional, softhearted, misty-eyed, weepy, nostalgic, \*saccharine, \*corny, \*schmaltzy, \*gushy, sloppy. "Having a good cry for its own sake."—Myron Schueller. *ANT.* *unfeeling, cold, hard, stony.*
- sentimentality** *n.* mawkishness, \*mush, soft-heartedness, weepiness, nostalgia, \*corniness, \*schmaltz, \*gush, sloppiness. "Ostentatious parading of excessive and spurious emotion."—James Baldwin.
- sentinel** *n.* sentry, guard, watch, lookout, picket, patrol, scout.
- sentry** *n.* SEE SENTINEL
- separate** *v.* remove, break off, divide, disconnect, detach, split, sever, divorce, take apart, single out, segregate, secede, isolate. *ANT.* *connect, attach, join, unite.*
- separate** *a.* unconnected, detached, disconnected, unattached, apart, divided, single, individual, distinct, sole, lone, independent, autonomous. *ANT.* *connected, attached, together, joined.*
- separation** *n.* division, detachment, disconnection, parting, removal, breakup, split, divorce, segregation, dissassociation, rift, secession. *ANT.* *union, connection, attachment.*
- septic** *a.* infective, putrid, putrified, rotting, contaminated. *ANT.* *antiseptic, sterile.*
- sepulcher** *n.* vault, grave, tomb, mausoleum, crypt, resting place, catacomb. SEE CEMETERY
- SEPULCHRAL** *a.* [suh PUL krul] gloomy, dark, dismal, as of the grave. *A sepulchral silence fell over the proceedings.* *SYN.* gloomy, dark, dismal, black, like the grave, funereal, deathly, morbid, mournful, dreary, heavy, Stygian. *ANT.* *bright, sunny, cheerful.*
- sequel** *n.* part two, follow-up, continuation, consequence, aftermath, outcome, epilogue, \*spin-off, offshoot.
- sequence** *n.* series, order, succession, lineup, progression, array, cycle, train, course, string, round.
- SEQUESTER** *v.* [si KWEST ur] to set apart or isolate, separate. *The jury will be sequestered during the trial.* *SYN.* set apart, separate, isolate, seclude, hide away, secrete, remove oneself, withdraw, confine, quarantine.
- SERENDIPITY** *n.* [SER un DIP uh tee] accidental good fortune. *We located the treasure by pure serendipity.* *SYN.* good fortune, fortuity, chance, \*Lady Luck, \*wheel of fortune, luck, happy chance, happenstance, \*toss of the dice, \*fluke. *ANT.* *design, plan.*
- serene** *a.* 1. PEACEFUL tranquil, placid, calm, untroubled, quiet, sedate, halcyon, undis-

- turbed, still, composed. 2. CLEAR unclouded, bright, fair, sunny. *ANT.* 1. *wild, violent, agitated.* 2. *stormy, cloudy.*
- serenity** *n.* peace, peacefulness, tranquility, placidity, calm, quiet, stillness, composure, coolness, relaxation, imperturbability. *ANT.* *wildness, violence, agitation.*
- serf** *n.* slave, vassal, vassal.
- serial** *a.* in series, successive, continuing, consecutive, ongoing, sequential, progressive. *ANT.* *single, lone.*
- series** *n.* chain, string, order, succession, array, procession, sequence, round, line, cycle, run.
- serious** *a.* 1. SOMBER earnest, grave, sober, \*meaning business, unsmiling, humorless, dour, stern, stony-faced, \*no-nonsense, grim, staid. 2. WEIGHTY important, crucial, \*heavy, no laughing matter, consequential, life-and-death, momentous, grave, grim, critical, dangerous. 3. SINCERE earnest, honest. *ANT.* 1. *silly, foolish, lighthearted.* 2. *trivial, trifling, silly, inconsequential.* 3. *kidding.*
- sermon** *n.* lecture, speech, preaching, lesson, moralizing, homily, exhortation, \*fire and brimstone, discourse, exemplum.
- serpent** *n.* viper. SEE SNAKE
- serpentine** *a.* winding, twisting, coiled, snaking, tortuous, meandering, sinuous, slinky, labyrinthine. *ANT.* *straight, direct.*
- serrated** *a.* saw-toothed, jagged, serrulated, notched, crenelated. *ANT.* *smooth.*
- servant** *n.* domestic, butler, maid, housekeeper, cook, help, valet, chauffeur, attendant, menial, slave, \*guy/gal Friday.
- serve** *v.* 1. WAIT ON provide, tend to, \*be at one's beck and call, waitress, cater, deliver, minister to, help, assist, \*be a gopher. 2. BE OBEY-DIENT obey, respect, honor, be dutiful to. 3. WORK perform, carry out, do one's duties. 4. PASS spend, do. 5. FUNCTION be used, perform for.
- service** *n.* 1. ASSISTANCE work, help, labor, employment, duty, use, benefit. 2. ARMED FORCES military, army, navy, marines, air force, active duty. 3. WAITING ON catering, waitressing, \*gophering, serving, accommodation. 4. CHURCH FUNCTION ceremony, worship, sermon, observance, prayer meeting. 5. MAINTENANCE repair, upkeep, servicing.
- service** *v.* repair, maintain, fix, tune up, overhaul, restore.
- serviceable** *a.* usable, ready, operative, functional, workable, durable, utile. *ANT.* *inoperable, unworkable.*
- SERVILE** *a.* [SUR vile] submissive or subservient, like a servant or slave. *He smiled and nodded in the proper servile manner.* SYN. submissive, subservient, yielding, slavish, obsequious, fawning, groveling, deferential, cringing, sycophantic, toadying. *ANT.* *rebellious, defiant, domineering.*
- servitude** *n.* slavery, bondage, enslavement, indenture, serfdom, service, yoke, subjugation, serfdom. *ANT.* *freedom, liberty.*
- session** *n.* 1. MEETING assembly, discussion, hearing, conference, council, legislative session, convention. 2. TERM period, semester, course.
- set** *n.* 1. OUTFIT collection, assemblage, array, assortment, arrangement, pair, group, series. 2. THEATRICAL SETTING scenery, backdrop, props. 3. GROUP clique, circle, class, pack, crowd, gang, clan, fraternity.
- set** *v.* 1. PLACE position, put, stick, lay, plant, plop, situate, locate, rest, deposit, station, install, insert, mount. 2. SETTLE UPON agree on, determine, decide, arrange, prearrange, fix, schedule, specify, establish, designate. 3. ADJUST fix, position, ready. 4. HARDEN stiffen, solidify, thicken, congeal. *ANT.* 1. *pick up, remove, lift.* 4. *soften, loosen, liquefy.*
- set** *a.* 1. SETTLED agreed on, determined, decided, arranged, prearranged, fixed, scheduled, specified, ordained, ready. 2. USUAL routine, normal, conventional, fixed, customary, regular. 3. HARDENED fixed, firm, rigid, stiff, locked, positioned, secured, rooted. *ANT.* 1. *unsettled, undecided.* 2. *different, unconventional.* 3. *soft, loose.*
- setback** *n.* reversal, disappointment, \*stumbling block, defeat, blow, loss, trouble, relapse, upset, check, regression, \*one step forward and two steps back, \*square one. *ANT.* *advance, progress, leap forward.*
- setting** *n.* scene, scenery, backdrop, environment, surroundings, locale, site, milieu, mise-en-scène, time, place, period.
- settle** *v.* 1. PUT IN ORDER arrange, fix, straighten out, resolve, rectify, \*iron out, satisfy, clear, end. 2. SIT sink, sag, droop, plant oneself, lay, repose. 3. TAKE UP RESIDENCE move to, locate, colonize, populate, set up housekeeping, reside, come to roost, \*put down roots, inhabit. 4. SINK clear out, clarify, precipitate. 5. RELAX calm, quiet, soothe, tranquilize, compose, lull, sedate. 6. MEDIATE arbitrate, resolve, negotiate, compromise. *ANT.* 1. *mess up, confuse.* 2. *rise.* 3. *pull up roots, \*fly*

*the coop, leave.* 5. *agitate, stress, \*put on edge.*  
6. *stir up, unsettle.*

**settlement** *n.* 1. COMMUNITY colony, village, outpost, peopling. 2. AGREEMENT arrangement, resolution, compromise, negotiation, arbitration, disposition. 3. PAYMENT OF DEBT satisfaction, clearance, liquidation.

**settler** *n.* colonist, homesteader, frontiersman, pioneer, squatter, \*sooner.

**settlings** *n.* dregs, sediment, lees.

**set-to** *n.* fight, fistfight, struggle. SEE FIGHT

**setup** *n.* arrangement, configuration, structure, system, organization, format, plan.

**set up** *v.* 1. CONSTRUCT erect, raise, build, put together, assemble. 2. CREATE start, originate, organize, establish, found, institute. *ANT.* 1. *tear down, disassemble, dismantle, raze.* 2. *terminate, end.*

**sever** *v.* 1. CUT cleave, split, divide, separate, cut in two, slice, rend, chop off. 2. DISSOCIATE break off, separate, cut off, split up, discontinue, drop, divorce, disband. *ANT.* 1. *join, attach.* 2. *join, unite, reunite.*

**several** *a.* 1. A LOT a number, quite a few, a handful, considerable, numerous, some. 2. SEPARATE distinct, individual, single, respective, particular, personal. *ANT.* 1. *none, few.* 2. *join.*

**severe** *a.* 1. HARSH stern, strict, hard, \*hard-nosed, uncompromising, unsparing, rigid, unfeeling, merciless, pitiless. 2. SERIOUS grave, forbidding, stern, unsmiling, grim, austere, cold, stony. 3. GRIEVOUS serious, acute, violent, nasty, critical, dire, life-threatening, bad, dangerous, fierce, intense, extreme. 4. PLAIN unornamented, spare, bare, stark, austere, undecorated. *ANT.* 1. *soft-hearted, easy, compassionate.* 2. *lighthearted, smiling, jovial.* 3. *mild, minor, trivial.* 4. *ornate, rococo, luxurious.*

**sew** *v.* stitch, mend, tailor, seam, hem, embroider.

**sewage** *n.* waste, discharge, runoff, foul water, pollution.

**sex** *n.* 1. GENDER 2. COPULATION intercourse, coitus, mating, marital relations, fornication, \*making love, \*making out, \*birds and the bees, reproduction, procreation, \*facts of life, \*roll in the hay, \*sleeping with someone. "The formula by which one and one makes three."—Leonard Levinson. "An emotion in motion."—Mae West. "An appetite placed in humans to insure breeding."—Jonathan Benter. "The poor man's polo."—Clifford Odets.

## WORD FIND

**abstinence:** celibacy

**anal or oral sex on a male:** sodomy

**aphrodisiac from beetle juice, alleged:** Spanish fly

**assault:** molestation, rape

**baby, pleasure derived by acting like a helpless:** infantilism

**condom, slang for having sex without a:** riding bareback

**counselor:** sex therapist, sex surrogate

**dominant woman as sexual pleasurer:** dominantatrix

**ejaculation period when no new ejaculation is possible, post-:** refractory period

**ejaculation, removal of penis from vagina before:** coitus interruptus

**erection, medical condition of permanent:** priapism

**erection drug aid:** Viagra®

**expose oneself:** flash

**exposes himself, one who:** flasher

**family member, sex with:** incest

**feces, pleasure from:** coprophilia

**find a partner and have sex:** score

**forbidden:** taboo

**Freudian notion of daughter's attraction to father, hostility toward mother:** Electra complex

**frustration in males due to lack of ejaculation, severe sexual:** blue balls

**group sex:** ménage à trois, orgy, threesome, three-way, gang bang, daisy chain

**hole through which two males participate:** glory hole

**hormone, sex drive:** testosterone

**hymen, slang for:** cherry

**impotence:** erectile dysfunction

**insatiable female:** nymphomaniac

**insatiable desire in females:** nymphomania

**kissing of another's entire body as a prelude to:** around the world

**lesbian sex, referring to:** Sapphic

**male or female, enjoys sex with:** bisexual

**murder for sexual pleasure, film showing real:** snuff film

**nocturnal emission of semen:** wet dream

**one partner for life, sex with:** monogamy

**oral sex position, dual:** 69

**orgasms, exercises to improve:** kegel exercises

**orgasms, incapable of:** anorgasmic

**overpowering behavior for pleasure, giving in to another's:** submission

**overpowering behavior that brings pleasure:** dominance

**own sex, physically attracted to one's:** homosexual; lesbian; gay

**opposite sex, attracted only to:** heterosexual

**partners, interested in having sex with multiple:** polyamorous

**perversion or fetish, any:** paraphilia

**pleasure derived from viewing erotic photos:** scopophilia

**pornography, explicit:** hardcore

**pornography showing naked models or limited sex acts:** softcore

**potency, sexual:** virility

**scent attractant, hormonal:** pheromones

**sheath to protect against impregnating female, male's:** condom, rubber

**standard, woman-on-back position:** missionary position

**stimulation:** titillation

**strangling or suffocating oneself for pleasure:** autoerotic strangulation, sexual hanging, autoerotic asphyxia

**text, ancient Indian sex:** Kama Sutra

**tiring of sex, never:** insatiable

**urinating on partner, sex act of:** golden shower

**urine, pleasure from drinking of:** urolagnia

**vaginal pleasure spot:** G-spot (Granfenberg Spot)

**virgin, to have sex with a:** deflower

**warm, relaxed feeling after orgasm:** afterglow

**warm-up activities:** foreplay

**watches others for pleasure, secretly:** peeping Tom, voyeur

**whipping, pleasure:** flagellation

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**sex appeal** *n.* sexiness, charm, erotic charm, \*oomph, magnetism, charisma, curvaceousness, virility, allure, \*come-hither look.

**sexism** *n.* discrimination, prejudice, chauvinism, sex bias.

**sexless** *a.* 1. ASEXUAL neuter. 2. HAVING NO SEX DRIVE frigid, anaphrodisic. *ANT.* 1. male, female. 2. \*horny, hot, nymphomaniacal, satyr-iasic.

**sexual** *a.* reproductive, procreative, generative, coital, carnal, erotic, \*hot, \*horny, lustful. *ANT.* chaste, platonic.

**sexual assault** *n.* rape, molestation, date rape, ravishment, violation, \*gang bang.

**sexual harassment** *n.* impropriety, flirtation, obscenity, pressure, sexual advances, inappropriate behavior, abuse of power, abuse of office, unprofessional behavior, misconduct, overtures, suggestive comments, exploitation, teasing, indiscreet advances, intimidation, blackmail.

**sexually transmitted diseases** *n.* STD, venereal disease, gonorrhea, syphilis, HIV, herpes, chancroid, chlamydia, \*clap, crabs, yeast infection.

**sexy** *a.* \*hot, \*foxy, charming, alluring, enticing, seductive, pressure, magnetic, charismatic, erotic, sensual, attractive, curvaceous, voluptuous, titillating, flirtatious, desirable, irresistible. *ANT.* repellant, repulsive, \*gross, disgusting

**shabby** *a.* 1. DETERIORATED run down, ragged, dilapidated, poor, threadbare, mangy, grungy, ragged, scraggly, scruffy, ratty, seedy. 2. LOUSY disgraceful, poor, mean, shameful, terrible, bad, miserable, despicable, cheap, shoddy. *ANT.* 1. new, fresh, sparkling. 2. excellent, good.

**shack** *n.* shanty, hut, shed, cabin, hovel, shelter.

**shackle** *n.* restraint, handcuff, manacle, fetter, irons, chain, hobble, leg-iron.

**shackle** *v.* restrain, fetter, handcuff, \*cuff, manacle, chain, hobble, tie. *ANT.* free, loose, release.

**shade** *n.* 1. DARKNESS shadows, cover, dimness, umbra, penumbra. 2. HUE tone, color, tint, gradation. 3. BLIND visor, shutter, drape, curtain, screen. 4. SLIGHT DIFFERENCE hint, trace, touch, suggestion, tiny degree, nuance.

**shade** *v.* darken, dim, cover, veil, shroud, mask, protect, hide, obscure, blacken.

**shadow** *n.* 1. DARKNESS dimness, shade, gloom, cover, umbra, penumbra, silhouette. 2. TRACE hint, suggestion, breath.

**shadow** *v.* follow, trail, tail, track, watch.

**shady** *a.* 1. SHADOWY dark, cool, covered, shaded. 2. DISREPUTABLE crooked, questionable, devious, underhanded, dishonest, suspect, slippery, fishy. *ANT.* 1. sunny, bright. 2. reputable, honest, honorable.

**shaggy** *a.* hairy, woolly, furry, hirsute, unkempt, unroomed, untrimmed, uncombed, snarled, tangled. *ANT.* neat, trimmed, bald.

**shake** *v.* 1. VIBRATE rock, tremble, quiver, quake, jog, wobble, shiver, convulse, wiggle, tremble, shudder, jounce, rattle, flutter. 2. MIX jumble, combine, churn. 3. UNNERVE upset, discompose, disturb, disconcert, distress,

- rattle, unsettle, disquiet, daze. *ANT.* 1. *stabilize*. 3. *calm, soothe, put one's mind at ease*.
- shaky** *a.* 1. UNSTABLE unsteady, wobbly, rickety, precarious, loose, wiggly, jerry-built, teetering, unreliable. 2. NERVOUS quivering, tremulous, shivering, jittery, trembling, quaking. 3. QUESTIONABLE doubtful, uncertain, dubious, speculative, unreliable, undependable, suspect. *ANT.* 1. *stable, secure, steady*. 2. *calm, relaxed*. 3. *certain, sure*.
- shallow** *a.* superficial, surface, lacking depth, skin-deep, slight, weak, lacking character, meaningless, empty, frivolous. *ANT.* *deep, profound, in-depth*.
- sham** *n.* counterfeit, fake, imitation, fraud, phony, forgery, humbug, hoax, deception, pretense. *ANT.* *\*the genuine article, \*the real McCoy*.
- sham** *a.* counterfeit, false, fake, pretended, imitation, fraudulent, \*bogus, phony, simulated, artificial, ersatz, spurious. *ANT.* *genuine, real, authentic*.
- shaman** *n.* priest, medicine man.
- shambles** *n.* mess, disorder, destruction, chaos, disaster area, disarray, pigsty, wreck, devastation, \*bomb crater.
- shame** *n.* disgrace, dishonor, humiliation, embarrassment, loss of face, chagrin, stigma, scandal, infamy, degradation, ill-repute, ignominy, pain, mortification, guilt, remorse. *ANT.* *pride, self-respect*.
- shame** *v.* disgrace, dishonor, humiliate, embarrass, degrade, ridicule, mortify, fill with guilt, \*take down a notch, debate, scandalize, \*take the wind out of one's sails. *ANT.* *fill with pride, compliment, honor*.
- shamefaced** *a.* embarrassed, ashamed, disgraced, mortified, red-faced, blushing, hangdog, crestfallen, chagrined, abashed. *ANT.* *proud*.
- shameful** *a.* disgraceful, dishonorable, humiliating, embarrassing, mortifying, odious, scandalous, infamous, ignominious, wicked, atrocious, contemptible, despicable, dastardly. *ANT.* *honorable, noble, good*.
- shameless** *a.* conscienceless, unprincipled, immodest, wicked, antisocial, abandoned, unblushing, brazen, bold, outrageous, impudent, disgraceful. *ANT.* *ashamed, modest, principled*.
- shanghai** *v.* abduct. SEE KIDNAP
- Shangri-la** *n.* utopia, paradise, heaven on earth, Xanadu, Eden.
- shanty** *n.* shack, hovel, hut, cabin, hutch.
- shantytown** *n.* slum, ghetto, skid row.
- shape** *n.* 1. FORM figure, outline, configuration, profile, contour, conformation, structure, lines, mold, frame, cut, pattern. 2. STATE health, fitness, order, condition, trim, fettle.
- shapeless** *a.* formless, amorphous, irregular, nebulous, indefinite, ill-defined, asymmetrical, vague, misshapen. *ANT.* *well-defined, formed, symmetrical*.
- shapely** *a.* well-proportioned, fit, toned, curvaceous, well-rounded, \*wasp-waisted, \*hourglass, curvy, \*built, \*stacked, statuesque, svelte. *ANT.* *fat, roly-poly, obese, misshapen*.
- share** *n.* allotment, percent, apportionment, portion, allowance, cut, ration, \*piece of the pie, quota, due, parcel, lot.
- share** *v.* split between one another, \*divvy up, divide, allot, allocate, apportion, dole out, ration, mete out, \*go Dutch, \*give and take. *ANT.* *monopolize, \*hog*.
- shark** *n.* 1. MARINE ANIMAL fish, predator, \*eating machine, man-eater, thresher, great white shark, tiger shark, hammerhead, dogfish, basking shark. 2. SWINDLER cheat, \*con man, chiseler, \*rip-off artist, crook, \*flimflam man. 3. EXPERT \*crackerjack, \*ace, professional, \*hotshot.
- sharp** *a.* 1. HONED fine-edged, cutting, razor-sharp, knife-edge, acute, keen-edged, piercing, pointed, pronged, barbed, peaked. 2. ABRUPT sudden, quick, rapid, precipitous, extreme. 3. CLEAR clearly defined, distinct, crisp, in focus. 4. SMART quick, acute, perceptive, bright, astute, \*on the ball, attentive, keen, discerning, alert, canny, shrewd, clever, sensitive. 5. CRAFTY underhanded, deceitful, cunning, designing, shrewd, wily, conniving. 6. SEVERE intense, acute, violent, fierce, stabbing, piercing, biting. 7. *Sl.* WELL-DRESSED well-groomed, chic, stylish, dapper, debonair, swank, \*snappy. *ANT.* 1. *dull, blunted*. 2. *gradual, slow*. 3. *hazy, ill-defined*. 4. *stupid, slow, dense*. 5. *honest, artless*. 6. *mild, gentle, subtle*. 7. *disheveled, frumpy, sloppy*.
- sharpen** *v.* hone, edge, whet, strop, file, grind, taper. *ANT.* *blunt, dull, round off*.
- sharper** *n.* swindler, cheat, \*con artist, \*rip-off artist, crook.
- sharp-tongued** *a.* acid-tongued, critical, vitriolic, rapier-tongued, biting, cutting, nasty, negative, mean, blunt, frank. *ANT.* *diplomatic, nice, mealy-mouthed*.
- sharp-witted** *a.* saber-witted, rapier-witted, quick-witted, keen, acute, intelligent, astute,

\*on the ball, bright, smart, alert. *ANT. dull, slow, stupid, bovine.*

**shatter** *v.* 1. BREAK burst, explode, smash, crack, blast, break into a million pieces, fracture, split, pop, implode. 2. DESTROY wreck, devastate, crush, demolish, ruin, \*break one's heart.

**shave** *v.* cut, scrape, graze, trim, shear, crop, clip, mow.

**shawl** *n.* wrap, covering, manta.

**sheaf** *n.* bundle, pile, bale, packet, package, collection.

**shear** *v.* cut, shave, clip, trim, remove, crop, snip, scissor, mow.

**sheath** *n.* case, scabbard, covering, receptacle, envelope, holder, casing, wrapper, sleeve, membrane.

**shed** *n.* shack, shanty, hut, lean-to, outbuilding, shelter, hutch, outhouse, storage building, workshop, hangar.

**shed** *v.* throw off, cast off, drop, discard, slough off, molt, peel, defoliate, exude, discharge, give off, emit, pour forth, radiate, diffuse.

**sheen** *n.* shine, brightness, luster, brilliance, gleam, glossiness, gloss, glimmer, dazzle, sparkle, burnish, shimmer.

**sheep** *n.* ram, ewe, lamb, ruminant, ungulate, Merino, Cheviot, Cotswold, Lincoln.

#### WORD FIND

**caretaker:** shepherd

**cleaning solution:** sheep-dip

**cry:** bleat, baa, blat

**dog:** shepherd, collie, shely

**flock:** fold

**leader:** bellwether

**meat:** mutton

**sexual period:** rut, heat

**wool:** fleece, karakul

**sheepish** *a.* embarrassed, chagrined, ashamed, red-faced, blushing, shamefaced, bashful, mortified. *ANT. proud, bold, puffed up.*

**sheer** *a.* 1. THIN diaphanous, see-through, gossamer, transparent, gauzy, airy, delicate, revealing. 2. STEEP perpendicular, precipitous, vertical, abrupt. 3. ABSOLUTE utter, complete, outright, out-and-out, pure, unadulterated, unqualified, downright. *ANT. 1. opaque, thick, heavy. 2. horizontal. 3. qualified, partial, limited.*

**sheet** *n.* 1. COATING, PIECE coat, layer, film, blanket, ply, leaf. 2. LINEN bed clothing.

**shelf** *n.* 1. COUNTER bracket, cupboard, mantle, bookcase. 2. LEDGE overhang, outcropping, projection, ridge, reef.

**shell** *n.* 1. MARINE ANIMAL CASING conch, mollusk, mussel shell, clamshell, periwinkle, triton, oyster, nautilus, baby bonnet, mottled Venus, scallop. 2. CARAPACE casing, shield, defense. 3. HULL casing, husk, pod, husk, sheath, jacket, covering. 4. BOMB projectile, missile, shot, mortar, ball, shrapnel.

**shell** *v.* 1. SHUCK husk, peel, open. 2. BOMBARD bomb, barrage, fire upon, cannonade, strafe.

**shellac** *n.* varnish, resin.

**shellac** *v.* *Sl.* beat, defeat, whip, \*whoop, \*kick butt.

**shellacking** *n.* *Sl.* beating, whipping, flogging.

**shelter** *n.* protection, safe haven, refuge, asylum, \*roof over one's head, sanctuary, retreat, cover, hideout, hole, \*port in a storm, harbor.

**shelter** *v.* protect, shield, provide a roof over one's head, provide safe haven, give refuge, give asylum, give sanctuary, cover, harbor, house, hide.

**shelve** *v.* put aside, defer, postpone, \*put on ice, \*put on the back burner, drop, dismiss, scrub.

**shenanigans** *n.* mischief, nonsense, horseplay, pranks, trickery, \*monkey-business, \*hanky-panky, sport.

**shepherd** *v.* herd, tend, lead, care for, look after, guard, protect, watch over, escort, secure.

**shield** *n.* defense, protection, guard, screen, safeguard, cover, aegis, armor, buffer.

**shield** *v.* defend, protect, cover, guard, screen, safeguard, arm, shelter, hide.

**shift** *n.* 1. MOVE change, turn, switch, variation, reversal, about-face, alteration, modification, veering, conversion. 2. WORK PERIOD turn, stint, first shift, second shift, third shift, \*graveyard shift, watch.

**shift** *v.* move, change, turn, switch, vary, reverse, \*do an about-face, alter, modify, veer, convert.

**shiftless** *a.* lazy, unmotivated, inefficient, slothful, unambitious, indolent, do-nothing, unenterprising, good-for-nothing. *ANT. industrious, enterprising, \*go-getting.*

**shifty** *a.* deceitful, tricky, dishonest, evasive, devious, treacherous, conniving, artful, slick, slippery, sly, designing. *ANT. honest, trustworthy, virtuous.*

**shilly-shally** *v.* hesitate, wave, vacillate, hem and haw, fluctuate, \*straddle the fence, hedge, be irresolute, seesaw, \*blow hot and cold. *ANT. be resolved, decide, take a stand.*

**shimmer** *v.* 1. FLASH glimmer, shine, gleam, glow, scintillate, glisten, glint, sparkle, glitter. 2. WAVER ripple, shudder, sway.

**shindig** *n.* \*wingding, entertainment, dance. SEE PARTY

**shine** *n.* brightness, radiance, luster, brilliance, glimmer, sheen, gloss, polish, glow. *ANT.* dullness, film, patina, tarnish.

**shine** *v.* 1. LIGHT radiate, glare, blaze, gleam, luminesce, glow, glimmer, flash, illuminate, flicker, glint, sparkle, scintillate. 2. POLISH burnish, finish, rub, buff, brighten. *ANT.* 2. dull, tarnish.

**shiny** *a.* bright, brilliant, gleaming, glinting, glistening, glossy, polished, lustrous, sparkling, scintillating. *ANT.* dull, tarnished.

**ship** *n.* vessel, craft, watercraft, boat, \*tub, \*stormslogger, liner, cruise ship, freighter, ferry, transport. "Being in jail with a chance of being drowned."—Samuel Johnson. SEE BOAT, NAVY, SAIL, SAILOR

**WORD FIND**

**accommodations:** first-class, cabin class, tourist class

**ammunition compartment:** magazine

**anchor:** bower, kedge, sea anchor, stream anchor

**anchor chain winder, unwinder:** capstan, windlass

**anchoring and securing of vessel:** mooring

**anchor rope:** hawser

**bed:** berth

**boarding platform:** gangplank

**body:** hull

**bottom fin or backbone:** keel

**bottom, rounded portion of:** bilges

**cabin, small:** cuddy

**captain:** skipper

**cargo and debris lost from wrecked ship:** flotsam and jetsam

**cargo area:** hold

**cargo conveyance:** cargo net

**cargo, list of:** manifest

**chart and navigational instrument room:** chart room

**compass stand:** binnacle

**course change:** tack

**crane, hoisting apparatus:** davit, derrick

**crew member:** hand, mate

**crew quarters, structure holding:** forecabin

**deck:** weather deck, poop deck

**depth below waterline:** draft, draught

**drain:** scupper

**drive:** navigate

**flag:** burgee, jack

**floating dock that holds ship for repairs:** dry dock

**front:** bow, prow, fore

**hatch:** booby hatch, scuttle, companionway

**hospital:** sick bay

**kitchen:** galley, caboose, cuddy

**knot:** 6,080 feet an hour

**ladder:** jack ladder, ratlines

**lean:** heel, list

**left and right sides (respectively) looking from aft forward:** port, starboard

**living quarters:** cabin

**lookout perch:** crow's nest

**makeshift structure repairs:** jury, juryrigging

**meal compartment:** mess room

**merchant ship or fleet of same:** argosy

**middle:** amidships

**navigational house:** pilot house

**numbers of measurements on bow:** draft marks

**observation platform:** bridge

**officer:** purser, bosun, skipper, captain

**officers, upper-class passenger room:** stateroom

**pitch/roll indicator:** clinometer

**plants and animals living on ship's bottom:** foul

**porthole cover:** deadlight

**position finder:** Loran

**protective shielding made of ropes, tires, etc.:** fender, pudding

**pulley system:** block

**pumps, motors, winches, collective term:** auxiliaries

**pump that removes water:** bilge pump

**rear:** aft, stern, astern

**rising and falling fore and aft with waves:** pitching

**rope-belaying fixture:** cleats

**rope, collective term:** cordage

**rope:** lanyard

**side-to-side motion:** roll

**steering apparatus:** helm; rudder, tiller

**steer:** navigate, conn

**structure above deck:** superstructure

**supplier:** chandler

**tarp securer of wood:** batten

**toilet:** head

**trailing whitewater:** wake

**vibrations of bow over waves:** panting  
**waiter:** cabin boy  
**wall, compartment:** bulkhead  
**weight of sand, rocks, concrete, or iron, stabilizing:** ballast  
**weight of water, stabilizing:** ballast tanks  
**width:** beam  
**window:** porthole

**ship** *v.* send, transport, mail, convey, forward, dispatch, consign.

**shipshape** *a.* orderly, trim, tidy. SEE NEAT

**shirk** *v.* neglect, evade, avoid, get around, dodge, \*goldbrick, malinge, slack off, sidestep, \*funk. *ANT.* *be responsible.*

**shirker** *n.* slacker, malingerer, \*goldbricker, \*deadbeat, \*bum, dodger, truant, evader.

**shirt** *n.* article of clothing, blouse, pullover, jersey, button-down shirt, dress shirt, formal shirt, shirtwaist, T-shirt. SEE SWEATER

**WORD FIND**

**African, loose, colorful pullover:** dashiki  
**bare midriff, knotted in front:** calypso  
**false front:** dicky  
**floral print:** Hawaiian, aloha shirt  
**loose-fitting smock:** camise  
**necked, long-sleeved, high-:** turtleneck  
**patch pockets, having large:** safari shirt, bush shirt  
**plaid wool:** Pendleton  
**ruffled:** dandy  
**short-sleeved pullover:** polo shirt  
**sleeveless hot-weather or basketball shirt:** tanktop  
**striped sport pullover:** rugby shirt  
**voluminous:** blouson  
**western:** cowboy shirt

**shiver** *n.* shudder, trembling, quiver, quaver, quake, chill, goosebumps.

**shiver** *v.* shudder, tremble, quiver, shake, tremor, quaver, quake, have one's teeth chatter, catch a chill, \*break out in goosebumps.

**shoal** *n.* 1. SHALLOW sandbar, ridge, reef, ledge, bank, navigational hazard. 2. MASS crowd, group, school, swarm, horde.

**shock** *n.* 1. IMPACT blow, jolt, crash, collision, jounce, jar, concussion, bump, jerk, whip-lash, brunt. 2. SURPRISE trauma, thunderbolt, \*bolt from the blue, \*bombshell, \*kick in the teeth, start, jolt, \*eye-opener, stupefaction. 3. TANGLED MASS bushy mass, mane, mop, tuft, thatch, \*rat's nest. SEE HAIR

**shock** *v.* surprise, stagger, stupefy, traumatize, jolt, start, electrify, \*shake up, \*hit like a ton of bricks, \*floor, stun, paralyze, \*take one's breath away, astound, daze, horrify, \*flabbergast.

**shocking** *a.* surprising, staggering, stupefying, traumatizing, jolting, startling, electrifying, \*hitting like a ton of bricks, unexpected, \*flooring, paralyzing, breathtaking, astounding, horrifying, revolting, appalling, disgusting, outrageous. *ANT.* *expected, anticipated, met with indifference.*

**shoddy** *a.* inferior, poor, second-rate, second-class, bad, \*crappy, cheap, \*tacky, \*cheesy, \*junky, shabby. *ANT.* *superior, first-rate, \*top-drawer.*

**shoe** *n.* footwear, footgear, loafer, pump, sneaker, running shoe. SEE BOOT

**WORD FIND**

**backless, woman's:** mule  
**back of shoe:** cuff  
**ballet slipper:** toe shoe  
**boat shoes made of canvas and nonskid soles:** deck shoes  
**bottom of:** sole  
**brown and white oxford:** saddle shoe  
**child's:** Mary Jane  
**Chinese, flat-heeled:** Chinese  
**flap:** tongue  
**fringe-tongued shoe with low heel:** kiltie flat  
**high, ankle-supporting sneakers:** \*high-tops, basketball shoes  
**high-heeled strapless:** pump  
**high-heeled, strapped:** slingback  
**Indian, leather:** moccasin  
**infant:** bootee  
**instep cover:** vamp  
**lace hole:** eyelet  
**loafer with front slot to hold penny:** penny loafer  
**low-heeled, woman's:** flats  
**low shoe laced over instep:** oxford  
**maker:** cordwainer  
**mender:** cobbler  
**metal tag at end of shoelace:** aglet  
**oxford with holes or perforations for decoration:** wing-tip  
**put on, aid to:** shoehorn  
**raised platform sole, shoe with:** platform shoe  
**removing device:** bootjack

**rope-soled canvas shoe, sometimes laced up the ankle:** espadrille  
**sandallike with wood or cork sole:** clog  
**sandals:** clog, flip-flops, Ganymede, gladiator, thongs  
**sole, narrow portion of:** shank  
**sport traction shoe:** cleats  
**toeless:** open-toed shoe  
**walking shoe, laced:** balmoral  
**white oxfords:** white bucks  
**work shoe, heavy:** brogan, steel-toed shoe

**shoo** *interj.* scam, scat, get out, go away.

**shoot** *n.* sprout, new growth, bud, stem, twig.

**shoot** *v.* 1. FIRE discharge, pull the trigger, \*pump full of lead, \*blow away, gun down, blast, open fire, barrage, strafe, kill, \*smoke. SEE MURDER 2. THROW hurl, pitch, \*chuck, fling, sling, propel, send, launch. 3. MOVE QUICKLY fly, tear, dart, spring, bound, rocket, bolt, dash, race, whiz, speed, hurtle.

**shooting star** *n.* meteor, fireball, bolide, comet, meteorite.

**shop** *n.* 1. STORE market, boutique, retail outlet, five-and-dime, emporium, mart, stall, \*Mom and Pop operation. 2. WORKSHOP studio, atelier.

**shop** *v.* buy, purchase, sample the merchandise, look for, market, window-shop, browse.

**shopkeeper** *n.* merchant, small businessman/woman, entrepreneur, retailer, trader, dealer, monger, peddler.

**shoplift** *v.* steal, pocket, make off with, snatch, filch, pilfer.

**shopper** *n.* customer, patron, browser, \*shopaholic, bargain hunter.

**shopping** *n.* buying, purchasing, sampling the merchandise, marketing, window shopping, browsing.

**shore** *n.* beach, seaside, strand, coast, seaboard, waterfront, littoral, verge, brink. SEE BEACH

**shore** *v.* support, prop, stabilize, buttress, brace, reinforce, strengthen, hold up, underpin. *ANT. destabilize, weaken, loosen.*

**short** *a.* 1. LITTLE of small stature, tiny, \*pint-sized, wee, diminutive, \*built like a fireplug, runty, dwarfish, \*sawed-off, squat, Lilliputian. 2. BRIEF abbreviated, short-lived, momentary, to the point, fleeting, condensed, compressed, succinct. 3. LACKING low, wanting, insufficient, tight, short-handed, scant, scarce, sparse, deficient, missing. 4. CURT abrupt, rude, brief, terse, discourteous, brusque, gruff. *ANT. 1. tall, towering, gi-*

*gant*. 2. long, long-winded, eternal. 3. sufficient, full, well-supplied. 4. polite, courteous, cordial.

**shortage** *n.* shortfall, deficit, deficiency, dearth, paucity, lack, scarcity, insufficiency, want, famine. *ANT. glut, surplus, abundance.*

**shortchange** *v.* \*gyp, rook, \*pull a fast one. SEE CHEAT

**shortcoming** *n.* imperfection, fault, drawback, defect, failing, weakness, flaw, peccadillo, inadequacy, liability. *ANT. strength, strong point, virtue.*

**short cut** *n.* beeline, direct route.

**shorten** *v.* reduce, lessen, cut, abbreviate, condense, diminish, clip, trim, slash, \*boil down, edit, contract, shrink, prune. *ANT. lengthen, stretch, prolong.*

**shortfall** *n.* deficit, deficiency. SEE SHORTAGE

**short-lived** *a.* fleeting, momentary, ephemeral, transient, transitory, brief, \*over in a heartbeat, \*over in the wink of an eye, temporary, quick, passing. *ANT. long-lasting, immortal, permanent, neverending.*

**shortly** *adv.* soon, momentarily, any minute now, any second now, presently, quickly, directly, before you know it. *ANT. eventually, later.*

**shortsighted** *a.* 1. NEARSIGHTED myopic, \*blind as a bat, \*blind as a mole, \*blind as a post, half-blind, \*squinty-eyed. 2. NOT CONSIDERING THE FUTURE unthinking, stupid, myopic, blind, imprudent, rash, reckless, incautious, \*unable to see beyond the end of one's nose, having no foresight. *ANT. 1. farsighted, eagle-eyed. 2. farsighted, thoughtful.*

**short-tempered** *a.* short-fused, temperamental, touchy, irritable, grouchy, testy, crabby, cantankerous, waspish, cranky, hot-tempered, fiery. *ANT. long-fused, mild-mannered, easy-going, passive.*

**shot** *n.* 1. DISCHARGE firing, blast, detonation, crack. 2. BULLET buckshot, birdshot, slug, ball, pellet, BB. 3. MARKSMAN. 4. THROW toss, pitch. 5. TRY attempt, turn, effort, chance, go, \*crack, \*stab, \*the old college try. 6. INJECTION inoculation.

**shoulder** *v.* carry, pack, bear, push, shove.

**shout** *n.* yell, holler, bellow, roar, cry, scream, exclamation, howl, whoop, shriek, outcry. *ANT. whisper, murmur, mumble.*

**shout** *v.* yell, holler, bellow, roar, cry, scream, exclaim, howl, whoop, vociferate, fulminate, thunder, shriek, raise one's voice, cry out. *ANT. whisper, murmur, mumble.*

**shove** *n.* push, drive, thrust, elbow, jostle, shoulder, press, nudge.

**shove** *v.* push, drive, thrust, elbow, jostle, \*bulldoze, shoulder, strongarm, muscle, \*bull, press, propel, move, nudge.

**shovel** *n.* spade, scoop, implement, \*digger, posthole digger, dredge.

**shovel** *v.* dig, excavate, spade, scoop.

**show** *n.* 1. ENTERTAINMENT exhibition, extravaganza, stage production, spectacle, exposition, program, parade, play, theatrical performance, burlesque, musical, revue, movie, drama, comedy, circus. 2. DEMONSTRATION manifestation, exhibition, display, presentation. 3. PRETENSE act, facade, front, affectation, pose, semblance, \*Oscar performance.

**show** *v.* 1. EXHIBIT demonstrate, display, present, reveal, expose, unveil, evince, produce, bare, trot out for inspection. 2. APPEAR be visible, manifest. 3. EXPLAIN instruct, demonstrate, simplify, define, \*walk through, \*run through, clarify. 4. GUIDE conduct, direct, usher, point out. *ANT.* 1. *hide, conceal.* 2. *cover up.* 3. *mystify, confuse.*

**show business** *n.* Hollywood, theater, entertainment industry, motion picture industry.

**showdown** *n.* clash, confrontation, climax, face-off, turning point, \*moment of truth, duel.

**shower** *n.* rainfall, downpour, cloudburst, drizzle, sleet, hail, sprinkle, mist, spit, deluge, \*gully washer.

**shower** *v.* 1. RAIN spray, sprinkle, drizzle, downpour, drizzle, sleet, spit. 2. LAVISH pour forth, heap.

**showoff** *n.* \*hot dog, braggart, swaggerer, exhibitionist, peacock, \*showboat, \*grandstander, braggadocio, blowhard.

**show off** *v.* \*hotdog, brag, swagger, strut, peacock, \*showboat, \*grandstand, flaunt, \*strut one's stuff.

**showpiece** *n.* example, \*jewel in the crown, masterpiece, work of art, exceptional piece.

**showy** *a.* flashy, ostentatious, gaudy, loud, flamboyant, garish, tawdry, cheap. *ANT.* *understated, dull, plain.*

**shred** *n.* piece, fragment, strip, scrap, ribbon, sliver, snippet, band, tatter, bit.

**shred** *v.* rip, cut, tear, fragment, strip, cut to ribbons, snip, tatter, fray.

**shrew** *n.* nag, \*witch, \*battle-ax, henpecker, ogress, virago, spitfire, harridan, vixen.

**shrewd** *a.* 1. SMART clever, astute, sharp, \*savvy, sagacious, wise, keen, intelligent, discerning.

2. ARTFUL cunning, wily, cagey, sly, crafty, scheming. *ANT.* 1. *stupid, dense, ignorant, naive.* 2. *artless, innocent, naive.*

**shriek** *n.* scream, screech, cry, piercing cry, squeal, yell, shout, wail, shrill, howl.

**shriek** *v.* scream, screech, cry, squeal, yell, shout, wail, howl.

**shrill** *a.* high-toned, high-pitched, piercing, ear-piercing, ear-shattering, thin, sharp, intense, piping, deafening, blaring. *ANT.* *low, quiet.* SEE LOUD

**shrimp** *n.* runt, pipsqueak, midget. SEE DWARF

**shrine** *n.* tabernacle, altar, reliquary, temple, church, chapel, mausoleum, sanctuary, holy place, monument, memorial.

**shrink** *v.* 1. DIMINISH lessen, dwindle, contract, shrivel, compress, deflate, wither, shorten. 2. DRAW BACK cower, cringe, recoil, wince, flinch, retreat. *ANT.* 1. *grow, inflate, expand.* 2. *confront, face.*

**shrivel** *v.* shrink, wither, dry up, dehydrate, desiccate, waste away, wilt, wrinkle, contract, curl up, wizen, mummify, deflate. *ANT.* *bloom, expand, blow up.*

**shriveled** *a.* shrunken, withered, dried up, dehydrated, desiccated, wasted away, wilted, wrinkled, wizened, contracted, deflated. *ANT.* *swollen, plump, ballooning.*

**shroud** *n.* cover, winding sheet, burial sheet, cloth, wrap, cerements, pall, veil, cloak.

**shroud** *v.* cover, veil, wrap, cloak, conceal, keep under wraps, shield, screen, hide. *ANT.* *unveil, expose, reveal.*

**shrub/shrubbery** *n.* shrubs, bushes, brush, hedges, underbrush, thicket, scrub, copse, boscage.

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**WORD FIND**

**aromatic:** mint, lavender, rosemary, bergamot

**dwarfed:** bonsai

**ornamental or animal shapes made of:** to-  
piary

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**shrunken** *a.* diminished, contracted, shriveled, compressed, deflated, withered, shortened, wasted away, dehydrated. *ANT.* *enlarged, expanded, puffed up.*

**shuck** *v.* shell, husk, remove, peel off, slough.

**shudder** *n.* tremor, trembling, shake, convulsion, quiver, shiver, quaver, quake, spasm, jerking, twitching.

**shudder** *v.* tremble, shake, convulse, quiver, shiver, quaver, get a chill, quake, have a spasm, jerk, twitch.

**shuffle** *v.* 1. MIX jumble, disorder, shift, interchange, disarrange, displace, mess up. 2. SCUFF THE FEET shamble, drag one's feet, scrape, limp.

**shun** *v.* avoid, turn away from, \*give the cold shoulder to, dodge, evade, reject, snub, steer clear of, shy away from, eschew, forgo. *ANT.* embrace, seek out, face.

**shunt** *v.* divert, turn off, switch, shift, sidetrack.

**shut** *v.* close, secure, lock, bolt, fasten, seal, slam, draw closed, block, bar, occlude. *ANT.* open, unlock, unfasten.

**shout** *v.* \*skunk, \*blow out, defeat soundly.

**shuttle** *n.* orbiter. SEE SPACECRAFT

**shuttle** *v.* go back and forth, commute, \*go on one's run, shuttlecock, transport to and fro.

**shy** *a.* 1. BASHFUL self-conscious, backward, reticent, retiring, diffident, reserved, a wallflower, ill-at-ease, nervous, self-effacing, coy, demure, shrinking, introverted, modest, humble, schizoid, quiet. 2. LACKING short, under, deficient. *ANT.* 1. loud, overbearing, overconfident, bold, brash. 2. replete, abundant.

**shyness** *n.* bashfulness, self-consciousness, reticence, diffidence, nervousness, coyness, introversion, modesty, humbleness, quietness. *ANT.* loudness, overconfidence, boldness.

**shyster** *n.* *Sl.* pettifogger, unethical lawyer, \*ambulance chaser, \*fixer.

**sic** *adv.* thus, as is, as written, so.

**sick** *a.* 1. UNHEALTHY ill, unwell, ailing, run down, diseased, \*under the weather, \*green around the gills, \*off one's feed, queasy, nauseated, sickly, infected, feverish, bedridden. 2. HEARTSICK sick at heart, heartbroken, miserable, stricken. 3. FED UP \*had it up to here with, tired, disgusted, cloyed, sated, satiated. 4. DERANGED psychotic, \*psycho, perverted, strange, sadistic. *ANT.* 1. healthy, well, \*fit as a fiddle. 2. delighted, happy. 3. wanting more, hungry for more. 4. normal, sane.

**sicken** *v.* nauseate, make ill, turn one's stomach, disgust, revolt, make one want to throw up, \*gross out, repel. *ANT.* delight, please, attract.

**sickening** *a.* nauseating, stomach-turning, disgusting, revolting, \*gross, foul, vile, distasteful, repugnant, enough to make one vomit. *ANT.* delightful, appetizing, attractive.

**sickle** *n.* scythe, \*bushwhacker, grass-cutter, cutting implement.

**sickly** *a.* ailing, unhealthy, in poor health, unwell, run down, diseased, \*under the weather, \*green around the gills, \*off one's feed,

weak, queasy, nauseated, infected, feverish, pale, pallid, ashen, \*circling the drain. *ANT.* healthy, well, \*fit as a fiddle.

**sickness** *n.* illness, ailment, disease, malady, affliction, infection, \*bug, virus, weakness, disorder, syndrome, influenza, flu, pneumonia, queasiness, nausea, upset stomach, fever, infirmity. SEE DISEASE, ILLNESS

**side** *n.* 1. EDGE border, right, left, brink, margin, flank, front, back, top, bottom, face, aspect, quarter, surface, section. 2. VIEWPOINT aspect, standpoint, angle, facet, position. 3. ONE OF TWO OR MORE OPPOSING VIEWS OR GROUPS party, camp, team, faction, rival, competition, combatant.

**side** *a.* secondary, minor, incidental, subordinate, lesser, ancillary, flanking. *ANT.* main, central, chief.

**sideburns** *n.* burnsides, \*mutton chops, whiskers. SEE BEARD

**side by side** *a.* juxtaposing, abreast, cheek by jowl, pari passu.

**side effect** *n.* by-product, reaction.

**sidekick** *n.* *Sl.* companion, friend, alter ego, buddy, pal, colleague, confederate, partner, \*straight man.

**sidelong** *a.* oblique, sideways, lateral. *ANT.* direct.

**sidesplitting** *a.* hilarious, hearty, a scream, convulsive. SEE FUNNY

**sidestep** *v.* dodge, avoid, evade, elude, sidetrack, bypass, go around, duck, \*steer clear, \*dance around. *ANT.* face, confront, meet head-on.

**sideshow** *v.* graze, glance off.

**sidetrack** *v.* divert, digress, turn off, shunt.

**sidewalk** *n.* pavement, walkway, boardwalk.

**sideways** *adv.* obliquely, laterally, edgewise, sidelong, askew.

**siege** *n.* encirclement, surrounding, investment, blockade, onslaught, offense, assault, campaign.

**siege** *v.* besiege, lay siege, encircle, surround, invest, blockade, contain, close off, beset, assault.

**sierra** *n.* mountain range, chain.

**siesta** *n.* rest, \*catnap, snooze. SEE NAP

**sieve** *n.* sifter, strainer, filter, screen, mesh, colander.

**sift** *v.* strain, sieve, filter, screen, winnow, comb, separate, sort out, scrutinize.

**sigh** *n.* exhalation, deep breath, sigh, moan, groan, murmur.

**sigh** *v.* exhale heavily, breathe out, moan, groan, lament.

**sight** *n.* 1. EYESIGHT vision, visual perception, eyes. 2. RANGE OF VISION eyeshot, view, focus. 3. SPECTACLE scene, vision, show, curiosity, picture. 4. MESS fright, horror, monstrosity, spectacle.

**sign** *n.* 1. INDICATION mark, clue, hint, intimation, suggestion, trace, \*dead giveaway, evidence, earmark, signal, symptom, manifestation, beacon, spoor, trail, herald, omen, harbinger, portent, foreshadowing. 2. POSTED INFORMATION signpost, notice, pointer, marker, guidepost, warning, caution, billboard, placard.

**sign** *v.* endorse, write one's name, inscribe, autograph, authorize.

**signal** *n.* sign, indication, alert, indicator, cue, \*go-ahead, \*thumbs-up, gesture, nod, notice, flare, flag, siren, beacon, foghorn, semaphore.

**signal** *v.* indicate, alert, cue, \*give the go-ahead, \*give a thumbs-up, gesture, nod, warn, shoot off a flare, flag, semaphore.

**signature** *n.* autograph, name, inscription, \*John Hancock, hand, X, endorsement, authorization, OK, identification.

**significance** *n.* 1. IMPORTANCE consequence, weight, consideration, matter, meaning, value, gravity, moment, import, interest. 2. MEANING intent, point, sense, implication, idea, drift. *ANT.* 1. *insignificance, frivolity, unimportance.*

**significant** *a.* 1. IMPORTANT consequential, weighty, considerable, meaningful, valuable, momentous, major, vital, critical, crucial. 2. MEANINGFUL indicative, suggestive, telling, expressive, symbolic. *ANT.* 1. *insignificant, unimportant, trivial.* 2. *meaningless.*

**signify** *v.* mean, denote, represent, indicate, stand for, suggest, imply, express, communicate, symbolize, connote.

**sign language** *n.* signing, fingerspelling, ASL, nonverbal communication.

**silence** *n.* 1. STILLNESS quiet, peace, hush, quietude, noiselessness, dead air, calm, tranquility, serenity, blackout. 2. SPEECHLESSNESS muteness, reticence, taciturnity, reservation, uncommunicativeness, secrecy. "The sharper sword."—Robert U. Johnson. "One of the hardest arguments to refute."—Josh Billings. "Unbearable repartee."—Gilbert Keith Chesterton. "The fence around wisdom."—Hebrew proverb. *ANT.* 1. *noise, cacophony, din, uproar.* 2. *loquaciousness, talk, chatter.*

**silence** *v.* quiet, still, shut up, hush, gag, muzzle, inhibit, censor, \*squelch, strangle, put down, crush, repress.

**silencer** *n.* muffler, mute.

**silent** *a.* 1. QUIET still, peaceful, hushed, noiseless, soundless, calm, tranquil, serene, dead, \*deathly silent, \*stone silent. 2. SPEECHLESS mute, uncommunicative, taciturn, \*clammed up, reticent, mum, \*tongue-tied. *ANT.* 1. *noisy, cacophonous, uproarious, ear-splitting.* 2. *talkative, loquacious, \*motor-mouthed.*

**silhouette** *n.* outline, profile, contour.

**silky** *a.* smooth, satiny, delicate, glossy, sleek. *ANT.* *rough, coarse.*

**silly** *a.* foolish, childish, infantile, juvenile, asinine, goofy, stupid, nonsensical, idiotic, absurd, laughable, wacky, ridiculous, zany, funny, humorous. *ANT.* *serious, grave, mature.*

**silt** *n.* sediment, settlings, alluvium, wash.

**silver** *a.* sterling, argent, shiny.

**silverware** *n.* silver, cutlery, flatware, eating utensils.

**similar** *a.* like, comparable, resembling, much the same, kindred, equivalent, akin, homologous, nearly matching, analogous. *ANT.* *dissimilar, different, contrasting.*

**similarity** *n.* likeness, resemblance, comparison, sameness, equivalence, correspondence, mirror image, semblance, homogeneity, analogy, parity, affinity. *ANT.* *difference, contrast, opposition.*

**simile** *n.* figure of speech, analogy, comparison.

**simmer** *v.* bubble, stew, boil, seethe.

**simpatico** *a.* 1. IN AGREEMENT of like mind, compatible, seeing eye to eye. 2. ATTRACTIVE charming, pleasing.

**simper** *n.* smirk. *SEE* SMILE

**simple** *a.* 1. EASY \*child's play, effortless, \*cinchy, \*a cinch, \*a snap, \*like falling off a log, \*piece of cake, understandable, clear, straightforward, uncomplicated. 2. MERE bare, sheer, pure, utter. 3. PLAIN unadorned, unembellished, spare, bare, clean, austere, modest, humble, Spartan. 4. INNOCENT artless, unsophisticated, down-to-earth, childlike, natural, naive, ingenuous, honest, real. 5. STUPID foolish, dense, dull, dumb, moronic, slow, bovine, ignorant, witless, \*clueless. *ANT.* 1. *hard, difficult, complicated, complex.* 2. *qualified.* 3. *ornate, fancy, embellished.* 4. *sophisticated, artful, disingenuous.* 5. *smart, sharp, \*on the ball.*

**simpleminded** *a.* unsophisticated, stupid, dense, dull, dumb, moronic, slow, bovine, ignorant, witless, \*clueless, brainless. *ANT.* *sophisticated, smart, \*savvy.*

**simpleton** *n.* fool, idiot, \*retard, \*dumb-dumb, dunce, moron, imbecile, ignoramus, \*dope, dolt, \*dimwit, \*lunkhead, \*bonehead, \*airhead. *ANT.* *genius, savant, \*Rhodes scholar.*

**simply** *adv.* 1. PLAINLY easily, naturally. 2. MERELY only, just.

**simulate** *v.* imitate, copy, put on, act, mimic, fake, pretend, assume, pose, feign, affect, counterfeit, sham, replicate.

**simulated** *a.* imitation, artificial, synthetic, fake, counterfeit, sham, fabricated, make-believe, mock. *ANT.* *real, authentic, genuine.*

**simulation** *n.* imitation, fake, reproduction, counterfeit, sham, fabrication, copy, mock-up, facsimile. *ANT.* *the real thing, \*the real McCoy.*

**simulator** *n.* virtual reality apparatus, practice vehicle, mockup, model.

**simultaneous** *a.* concurrent, at the same time, synchronous, coincident, concomitant, parallel, coexisting, \*in sync. *ANT.* *differing, divergent.*

**sin** *n.* offense, transgression, wrong, wrongdoing, evil, crime, felony, violation, fault, immoral act, misdeed, affront to God, vice, peccadillo, wickedness. "The breaking of one's own integrity."—D.H. Lawrence. "A departure from God"—Martin Luther. *ANT.* *good deed, virtue, kindness.*

**sin** *v.* do an evil deed, do an immoral act, break a commandment, do wrong, transgress, offend God, commit a crime, fall from grace, trespass, stray from the path of righteousness. *ANT.* *do a good deed, do a kindness.*

**sincere** *a.* honest, genuine, real, heartfelt, straightforward, open, ingenuous, up front, \*straight-shooting, earnest, forthright, frank, candid, guileless. *ANT.* *insincere, phony, fake.*

**sincerity** *n.* honesty, genuineness, realness, heartfelt emotion, straightforwardness, openness, ingenuousness, \*straight shooting, forthrightness, frankness, candidness, guilelessness. "Just what I think, and nothing more or less."—H.W. Longfellow. "Plain dealing."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. *ANT.* *insincerity, dishonesty, hypocrisy.*

**sinewy** *a.* tough, strong, muscular, strapping, brawny, burly, athletic, toned, wiry, steely, Herculean. *ANT.* *fat, flaccid, droopy, flabby.*

**sinful** *a.* bad, evil, immoral, wicked, wrong, criminal, demonic, corrupt, vile, ungod-

ly, shameful, disgraceful, low. *ANT.* *virtuous, moral, upright.*

**sing** *v.* \*belt out a song, carry a tune, carol, croon, serenade, warble, hum, trill, pipe, cry out, yodel, bellow, sing in a booming voice. *SEE* MUSIC, OPERA, SINGER, SONG, VOICE

**WORD FIND**

**singing with a falsely high voice:** falsetto  
**singing without instrumental accompaniment:** a cappella; \*barbershop quartet

**singe** *v.* burn, char, sear, brown, toast, roast, blacken.

**singer** *n.* vocalist, crooner, songster, caroler, \*pop star, soloist, recording artist, minstrel, troubador, nightingale, tenor, baritone, soprano, alto, diva, prima donna. *SEE* OPERA, SING, SONG, VOICE

**single** *a.* 1. ONE individual, sole, lone, singular, separate, distinct, solitary, isolated. 2. UNMARRIED unwed, unattached, divorced, celibate, available, eligible. *ANT.* 1. *many, several.* 2. *married, wed.*

**single-handed** *a.* unaided, unassisted, alone, independent. *ANT.* *assisted.*

**singles bar** *n.* bar, lounge, club, \*pickup joint, \*meat market.

**SINGULAR** *a.* [SING gyuh lur] unique, one of a kind. *Watching Neil Armstrong take the first moonwalk was a singular experience.* *SYN.* unique, one of a kind, exceptional, extraordinary, peculiar, unusual, remarkable, rare, odd, strange, different. *ANT.* *common, usual, ordinary.*

**sinister** *a.* threatening, ominous, inauspicious, portentous, menacing, black, malignant, malevolent, villainous, bad, evil, wicked, diabolic, satanic. *ANT.* *good, auspicious, divine.*

**sink** *n.* basin, washbowl, drain.

**sink** *v.* 1. GO DOWN drop, fall, descend, sag, immerse, drown, submerge, dip, settle, slump, plunge. 2. DECLINE decrease, diminish, fall, drop, subside, deteriorate, regress, wane, ebb. 3. CAUSE TO SINK swamp, drown, engulf, overwhelm, scuttle. *ANT.* 1. *rise, ascend.* 2. *increase, grow.*

**sinuous** *a.* 1. WINDING curving, serpentine, wavy, bending, tortuous, meandering, undulating, coiling, twisting, snaking. 2. DEVI- OUS crooked. *ANT.* 1. *straight, unbending.* 2. *aboveboard.*

**sinus** *n.* channel, cavity, conduit, hollow, canal.

**sip** *n.* taste, swallow, drop, sample, lick, \*swig, nip, dram, \*hit.

**sip** *v.* taste, \*slurp, sample, \*take a swig, \*take a hit, sup, siphon, suck through a straw.

**sir** *n.* seignor, monsieur, sahib, my lord.

**sire** *n.* 1. YOUR MAJESTY. 2. FATHER genitor.

**sire** *v.* beget, father, engender, procreate, spawn, bear, generate, breed, multiply.

**siren** *n.* 1. WARNING SIGNAL alarm, klaxon, whistle. 2. SEDUCTRESS enchantress, temptress, nymph, femme fatale, Lorelei, witch, charmer.

**sissy** *n.* weakling, \*wuss, \*wimp, coward, \*chicken, effeminate man. *ANT.* \*macho man, \*jock, he-man.

**sit** *v.* 1. BE SEATED settle, plop oneself down, rest, squat, \*take a load off, perch, roost, lounge, recline, straddle, sprawl, deposit oneself. 2. MEET assemble, gather, convene, deliberate, be in session, come together.

**site** *n.* location, locale, locality, place, spot, position, plot, point, lot, area, grounds, scene, section, whereabouts.

**sit-in** *n.* protest, demonstration, strike, rally, shutdown.

**sitter** *n.* baby-sitter, nanny, attendant, caretaker, wet nurse.

**sitting duck** *n.* easy target, easy pickings, \*dead meat, \*toast.

**situate** *v.* locate, position, place, put, install, set, set up, plant, settle, post, root. *ANT.* *move, withdraw, leave.*

**situated** *a.* located, positioned, placed, installed, set, set up, planted, settled, posted, rooted, established. *ANT.* *rootless, transient.*

**situation** *n.* 1. CONDITION predicament, plight, state, state of affairs, circumstances, position, \*ball game, fix, \*between a rock and a hard place, \*deep doo-doo, \*sticky wicket. 2. PLACE locality, locale, location, spot, point, site, position. 3. JOB employment, position, office, duty, appointment.

**sit-up** *n.* exercise, crunch.

**six-shooter** *n.* revolver, pistol. *SEE* GUN

**sixth sense** *n.* intuition, \*gut feelings, instinct, \*feeling in one's bones, \*vibes, extrasensory perception, ESP, second sight, telepathy, clairvoyance.

**sizable** *a.* big, large, considerable, great, hefty, \*whopping, respectable, king-size, industrial size, huge. *ANT.* *small, tiny, piddling.*

**size** *n.* dimensions, measurements, proportions, scale, extent, area, magnitude, mass, square footage, volume, capacity, amount, stature, breadth, length, height, width, diameter.

**size** *v.* measure, gauge, graduate, assess, appraise, survey, size up.

**sizzle** *v.* hiss, fry, splutter, sputter, crackle, fizzle.

**skate** *v.* slide, glide, glissade, roller-skate, roller-blade, ice skate, figure skate.

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**WORD FIND**
**FIGURE SKATING****arena:** rink**dance:** free dance**figure of three circles:** serpentine**figure of two circles:** figure eight**flying spin:** Arabian**flying spin ending in back camel:** flying camel**glide with one skate pointing forward, the other back:** spread eagle**jump and splitting apart of legs:** split, stag**jump of one and a half revolutions:** axel**jump of one revolution:** Lutz**jump of three and a half revolutions:** triple axel**jump of two and a half revolutions:** double axel**jump split and touching of toes:** Russian split**jump started off a back inside edge and ended on opposite foot:** Salchow**machine that resurfaces ice:** Zamboni  
**moves executed to the sound of music:** freestyle, free skating**pair move in which man lifts woman overhead with her legs split:** hydrant lift**pair move in which woman is revolved with head held near ice:** death spiral**propelling oneself over the ice:** stroking**spin in an arabesque position:** camel**spin with one leg held high overhead:** Biellmann spin**turn forward to back:** choctaw

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**skateboard** *n.* board mounted on small wheels and ridden on firm surfaces like concrete.

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**WORD FIND**
**axles, front and rear:** trucks**back of board:** tail**backwards, riding:** fakie**curving arc, to skate in a long:** carve**fall off and get hurt:** slam**front of board:** nose**get-together, skateboarding:** jam**jump trick made by kicking nose of board:** nollie

**jump trick made by kicking tail of board:**  
ollie

**kicking or flipping the board into the air with toe:** kickflip

**long skateboard made for cruising as opposed to tricks:** longboard

**platform of skateboard:** deck

**pushing with the front foot instead of back:**  
mongo-foot

**ramp:** bank

**ramp park, skateboarding area:** skatepark

**ramp, U-shaped:** half pipe

**rotation, half, mid-air:** 180

**rotation, full, mid-air:** 360

**rotation while riding fakie (backwards), midair, 360-degree:** caballeria

**scrape axles on a curb or railing, purpose-ly:** grind

**sliding along a rail or ledge:** boardslide, railslide

**stance with right foot forward on board:**  
goofy-foot

**skedaddle** *v. Sl.* run away, scoot, leave, \*beat feet, vamoose, bolt, scat, \*make oneself scarce, \*blow, decamp, \*hightail it. *ANT. loiter, hang around.*

**skein** *n.* coil, quantity, hank, ball, loop, twist, clump.

**skeleton** *n.* bones, framework, bony structure, scaffolding.

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#### WORD FIND

**breastbone, center:** sternum

**broken bone:** Colles fracture, comminuted fracture, compound fracture, Pott's fracture

**broken bone, sound of:** crepitation

**broken bones, realignment of:** traction, countertraction

**cheek:** malar

**collarbone:** clavicle

**connective tissue:** cartilage

**disease of bones:** osteoarthritis, osteofibrosis, osteoporosis, scoliosis

**ear bones:** incus (anvil), malleus (hammer), stapes (stirrup)

**fingers and toes:** phalanges

**foot bones:** metatarsal

**forearm:** radius, ulna

**funny bone between shoulder and elbow:**  
humerus

**hand bones:** metacarpal

**hipbone:** coxae, pelvis, sacrum, coccyx

**jawbone, lower:** mandible

**jawbone, upper:** maxilla

**kneecap:** patella

**leg, knee to ankle, outer:** fibula

**leg, knee to ankle:** tibia

**shoulder blade:** scapula

**skull:** cranium

**spinal column:** vertebrae

**tailbone:** coccyx

**thighbone:** femur

**upper body framework:** ribs

**vertebrae of neck, first:** atlas

**wrist bones, collectively:** carpal

**skeptic** *n.* doubter, cynic, doubting Thomas, nonbeliever, scoffer, naysayer, questioner, freethinker, atheist, agnostic. "Not one who doubts, but one who examines."—Charles Sainte-Beuve. *ANT. believer, \*sucker.*

**skeptical** *a.* doubting, questioning, cynical, unbelieving, scoffing, distrusting, mistrusting, dubious, incredulous, leery, unconvinced, agnostic, atheistic. *ANT. believing, gullible, trusting.*

**skepticism** *n.* doubt, questioning, cynicism, disbelief, scoffing, distrust, mistrust, leeriness, suspicion, agnosticism, atheism. "The mark and even the pose of the educated mind."—John Dewey.

**sketch** *n.* 1. DRAWING draft, outline, rough outline, diagram, blueprint, skeleton, design, plan, brief, synopsis, apercu, survey. 2. SKIT act, scene, vignette.

**sketch** *v.* draw, draft, outline, rough out, diagram, scratch out, block out, design, plot out.

**sketchy** *a.* rough, lacking detail, incomplete, unfinished, cursory, brief, crude, preliminary, imperfect, \*half-baked. *ANT. detailed, thorough, complete.*

**skew** *v.* twist, distort, pervert, shift, misrepresent, change, falsify, misconstrue, misstate, slant, bias, embellish.

**skewer** *n.* pin, spit, brochette.

**ski** *v.* schuss, slalom, snowplow, freestyle.

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#### WORD FIND

**absorbing impact of bump by flexing knees:**  
swallowing

**acrobatic or dance-style skiing:** freestyle

**acrobatic side revolution like helicopter blade:** helicopter

**backward somersault with a twist:** back mobius

**bump or hump of snow:** mogul  
**bumpy or humpy snow field:** mogul field  
**cross-country:** langlauf, Nordic skiing, rambling  
**form left in snow from fallen skier:** sitzmark  
**freestyle dance:** ballet  
**jump made in crouching position:** gelende-sprung  
**jump with skis scissored in midair:** daffy lift, covered: gondola  
**overhang of ice and snow known to cause avalanches:** cornice  
**parallel turn:** christie  
**rifle-shooting and skiing competition:** biathlon  
**ski straight down mountain:** schuss  
**slowing-down or stopping position:** snowplow  
**snow, deep and soft:** powder  
**snow, old granulated:** corn  
**snow with hard surface:** crust  
**turn in which one ski is lifted high in the air:** kick turn, royal christie  
**turns, series of quick:** wedelns  
**uphill diagonal walking method:** herringbone  
**uphill sideways walking method:** sidestepping  
**winding, flagged race:** slalom

**skid** *v.* slide, slip, sideslip, \*burn rubber, swerve, fishtail, glissade.

**skill** *n.* 1. ABILITY expertise, talent, proficiency, command, competence, faculty, know-how, gift, mastery, adeptness, knack, aptitude, dexterity, adroitness, prowess, finesse. 2. TRADE art, craft, vocation, profession, forte. *ANT.* 1. *inability, incompetence, inexperience.*

**skillful** *a.* skilled, expert, proficient, adept, competent, experienced, schooled, adroit, dexterous, masterful, \*crack, \*crackerjack, practiced, accomplished, talented, gifted. *ANT.* *unskilled, unschooled, incompetent, inept.*

**skim** *v.* 1. CREAM clear, remove, top. 2. GLANCE AT HASTILY read, scan, \*speed read, thumb through, flip through, peruse, spot-check, skip over. 3. GLIDE OVER skip over, bounce over, graze.

**skimp** *v.* scrimp, stint, be stingy, be cheap, \*be tight, be frugal, \*cut corners, \*pinch pennies, scrape, conserve. *ANT.* *squander, waste, \*blow.*

**skimpy** *a.* scanty, short, not enough, barely enough, lacking, inadequate, meager, insufficient, slight, spare, \*measly. *ANT.* *adequate, sufficient, generous, ample.*

**skin** *n.* epidermis, dermis, derma, cuticle, hide, pelt, membrane, \*nature's shrinkwrap, coat, membrane, sheath, husk, bark, rind, covering, shell, hull.

**skin** *v.* peel, decorticate, excorticate, flay, husk, shell, shuck, shed, slough, strip, pare, scalp, trim.

**skin-deep** *a.* superficial, shallow, surface, empty, external. *ANT.* *deep, profound.*

**skin-diving** *n.* scuba diving, snorkeling.

#### WORD FIND

**air flow apparatus:** regulator

**ascend slowly, stop, ascend:** decompress

**breathing tube for shallow swimming:** snorkel

**dangerous narcotic effect of deep water diving:** nitrogen narcosis, \*rapture of the deep

**decompression sickness:** bends

**diver:** frogman, aquanaut, scuba diver, pearl diver

**line tied between two divers to keep them together in dark:** buddy line

**red signal flag with white bar:** diver down flag

**responsibility for fellow diver:** buddy system

**rubber suit:** wet suit

**sharing of air with another diver:** buddy breathing

**water pressure, lessening of:** decompression

**weight regulator:** buoyancy compensator, weight belt

**skin flick** *n.* *Sl.* X-rated movie, blue movie, \*porno flick, dirty movie, adult movie.

**skinflint** *n.* \*cheapskate, miser, \*tightwad, niggard, \*Scrooge, penny-pincher, curmudgeon, hoarder, money-grubber. *ANT.* *spender, \*big spender, philanthropist.*

**skinny** *a.* thin, slender, lean, skeletal, emaciated, bony, scrawny, lank, malnourished, half-starved, raw-boned, gaunt. *ANT.* *fat, obese, roly-poly.*

**skip** *v.* 1. HOP bound, spring, leap, caper, romp, jump, cavort, gambol, prance, frisk, bounce. 2. SKIM bounce, ricochet, skate. 3. OVERLOOK pass over, omit, exclude, leave out, forget about, disregard, nevermind, ignore.

**skipper** *n.* captain, master, mariner, pilot, seaman, officer. SEE BOAT, SHIP

**skirmish** *n.* fight, flare-up, encounter, battle, engagement, conflict, tussle, brush with the enemy, scrimmage, clash, \*run-in, fray, heated exchange.

**skirmish** *v.* fight, encounter, battle, engage, conflict, tussle, scrimmage, clash, combat, have a run-in, have a heated exchange.

**skirt** *n.* 1. BORDER margin, verge, fringe, edge, rim, periphery, perimeter. 2. ARTICLE OF CLOTHING wrap, mini, midi, maxi.

**WORD FIND**

**ballet dancer's:** tutu

**broad, nineteenth century:** hoop skirt, crinoline

**calico with ruffled hem:** prairie skirt

**grass skirt:** hula skirt

**Malaysian wrap:** sarong

**narrow, restrictive skirt of 1910:** hobble skirt

**narrow, slitted in back:** sheath

**peasant skirt:** dirndl

**puffy:** bouffant, bubble

**rear gathering, nineteenth century:** bustle

**rustling of silk skirt:** froufrou

**Scottish, man's:** kilt

**shorts:** culottes

**skit** *n.* sketch, vignette, play, playlet, act, parody, takeoff, lampoon.

**skittish** *a.* jumpy, nervous, easily frightened, jittery, excitable, anxious, restless, edgy, restive, easily spooked. *ANT. calm, relaxed, tranquil, composed.*

**skulduggery** *n.* sneakiness, trickery, craftiness, deception, deceit, artifice, wile, treachery, machination, underhandedness, conspiracy, foul play. *ANT. honesty, innocence.*

**skulk** *v.* lurk, slink, sneak, prowl, creep, lie back in the shadows, steal, hide, pussyfoot, move stealthily.

**skull** *n.* cranium, head, sconce.

**skullcap** *n.* cap, zucchetto, yarmulke, beanie, calotte, pileus, swim cap.

**skulduggery** *n.* trickery, deception, fraud, subterfuge.

**skunk** *n.* 1. ANIMAL polecat, vermin, \*stinker. 2. BAD PERSON \*SOB, \*bastard, \*creep, stinker, scoundrel, \*rat, rogue, cad.

**sky** *n.* upper atmosphere, firmament, cloudscape, vault, \*the wild blue yonder, welkin, biosphere, stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, exosphere, ionosphere, ether. "The roof of the

world"—Willa Cather. "That beautiful old parchment in which the sun and the moon keep their diary."—Alfred Kreymborg. "Earth's ethereal armor."—Mark Clarke. SEE ASTRONOMY, ATMOSPHERE, CLOUD, SPACE

**WORD FIND**

**color:** azure, cerulean, celeste

**highest point:** zenith

**referring to:** celestial

**wavelength explanation of why sky is blue:** Rayleigh scattering

**skydiving** *n.* parachuting, freefalling.

**WORD FIND**

**arms at side position to increase speed of freefall:** delta position

**automatic deployment line attached inside aircraft:** static line

**auxiliary chute:** reserve chute

**cord that deploys parachute:** ripcord

**descent portion without deployment of parachute:** freefall

**hazard in which chute fails to unfurl completely:** streamer

**hazard in which chute is turned inside out after deployment:** inversion

**horizontal soaring:** gliding

**joining hands with another diver in mid-air:** docking

**landing area:** drop zone

**positioning the body for horizontal movement:** tracking

**small chute that helps deploy main chute:** pilot chute

**spread-eagle falling position with arms upraised:** frog position

**steering lines:** toggle lines

**supervisor of jumps:** jumpmaster

**skyrocket** *v.* shoot skyward, soar, take off, shoot up, zoom, catapult, \*go through the roof, \*blast off to the clouds. *ANT. nosedive, plunge, plummet, spiral earthward.*

**skyscraper** *n.* high-rise, \*cloudscraper, monolith, building, superstructure.

**slab** *n.* piece, hunk, chunk, plank, slice, block.

**slack** *n.* excess, play, give, leeway, looseness.

**slack/slacken** *v.* slacken, loosen, let up, relax, untighten, ease off, lessen, decrease, diminish, soften, moderate. *ANT. tighten, increase.*

**slack** *a.* 1. SLOW idle, slow-moving, sluggish, dull, quiet, lethargic, down. 2. LOOSE re-

laxed, not taut, sagging, drooping, limp, lax, flaccid. 3. CARELESS lazy, negligent, remiss, sloppy, slipshod, \*asleep on the job, lax, lackadaisical, nonchalant, indifferent, indolent, uncaring. *ANT.* 1. *fast, fast-moving, busy, \*hopping.* 2. *tight, taut.* 3. *careful, meticulous, exacting.*

**slacker** *n.* shirker, idler, loafer, malingering, \*goof-off, \*goldbricker, \*deadbeat, clock watcher, truant.

**slake** *v.* quench, hydrate, satisfy, sate, satiate, relieve, gratify, allay, extinguish, alleviate, appease, assuage. *ANT.* *aggravate, increase, exacerbate.*

**slam** *n.* 1. LOUD NOISE bang, boom, crash, wham, crack, clap, burst, impact, collision. 2. CRITICISM \*dig, \*pan, brickbat, disapproval, bad press, \*swipe.

**slam** *v.* 1. SHUT bang, close hard, heave, ram, push, crash, smack, dash, clobber, bat, hammer, \*bodyslam. 2. CRITICIZE \*dig, \*pan, \*take a swipe at, shoot down, \*blast, attack, \*rake over the coals. *ANT.* 1. *open.* 2. *compliment, praise, laud.*

**SLANDER** *n.* [SLAN dur] damaging, untrue statements made publicly. *Celebrities have a harder time proving slander because they are public figures.* SYN. lies, untruths, smear, mudslinging, defamation, denigration, misrepresentation, aspersion, false statement, libel, calumny. "The revenge of a coward."—Samuel Johnson. *ANT.* *praise, commendation, compliment.*

**slander** *v.* lie, misrepresent, smear, mudsling, defame, denigrate, cast aspersions, make a false statement, libel, malign, \*drag one's name through the mud, slur, tarnish one's name. *ANT.* *praise, commend, honor.*

**slang** *n.* colloquialism, jargon, argot, lingo, vernacular, vocabulary, \*slanguage, pidgin, language of the street, shoptalk, dialect, Americanisms. "Language serving its apprenticeship."—Henry T. Buckle. "Language that takes off its coat, spits on its hands, and goes to work."—Carl Sandburg. *ANT.* *formal language.*

**slant** *n.* 1. INCLINE slope, pitch, lean, tilt, angle, cant, grade, camber, rake. 2. VIEWPOINT point of view, side, position, angle, opinion, attitude. 3. DISTORTION bias, prejudice, partiality, leaning.

**slant** *v.* 1. INCLINE slope, pitch, lean, tilt, angle, cant, grade, skew. 2. DISTORT bias, prejudice, color, twist, weight, orient. *ANT.* 1. *straighten, level, flatten.*

**slanting** *a.* inclined, sloping, tilting, leaning, canting, oblique, diagonal, askew, at an angle. *ANT.* *straight, level.*

**slap** *n.* 1. CUFF blow, smack, hit, hand across the face, \*slap upside the head, swat, buffet, clap, swipe, \*belt. 2. INSULT \*crack, \*shot, \*dig, rebuff, offense, \*put-down, snub, \*cut, affront, slight.

**slap** *v.* cuff, smack, hit, \*slap upside the head, swat, buffet, clap, swipe, \*belt, \*slap silly, spank.

**slapdash** *a.* careless, hasty, impetuous, haphazard, sloppy, slipshod, casual, harum-scarum. *ANT.* *careful, meticulous.*

**slaphappy** *a.* dazed, punch-drunk, dizzy, light-headed, \*woozy, reeling, giddy, silly. *ANT.* *sober, clearheaded.*

**slash** *n.* stroke, swipe, cut, gash, slit, wound, laceration, incision, score, tear.

**slash** *v.* 1. CUT stroke, swipe, gash, slit, jag, wound, lacerate, incise, slice, score, tear, hack, rip open, mutilate, open. 2. REDUCE cut, decrease, drop, lower.

**slat** *n.* strip, lath, stave, picket, paling.

**slate** *n.* ballot, ticket, list, roster.

**slaughter** *n.* massacre, bloodbath, murder, mass murder, butchering, carnage, killing, slaying, mass execution, mutilation. SEE MURDER

**slaughter** *v.* massacre, murder, butcher, kill, slay, execute, mutilate, savage, decimate, assassinate, annihilate.

**slaughterhouse** *n.* abattoir, shambles, butchery, meat-packing house.

**slave** *n.* bondman, servant, indentured servant, chattel, drudge, serf, laborer, menial.

**slave** *v.* drudge, break one's back, \*work one's fingers to the bone, toil, labor, grind, sweat, plod, slog, \*bust one's hump.

**slavery** *n.* bondage, servitude, forced labor, slave labor, enslavement, captivity, enthrallment, subjugation, serfdom, grind, toil. "A prison for the soul, a public dungeon."—Longinus. "Yoked with the brutes, and fettered to the soil."—Thomas Campbell.

WORD FIND

**black woman servant who served as mother to white children:** mammy

**degrading term for slave in nineteenth-century United States:** boy

**elimination of:** abolition

**elimination, one who favored slavery's:** abolitionist

**field supervisor on plantation:** driver, overseer

**free from:** emancipate, manumit  
**fugitive slave:** maroon  
**group of slaves tied together:** coffle  
**master's personal slave:** body servant  
**slave owner:** master, massa  
**subservient, deferential slave, degrading term for:** Sambo, Uncle Tom

**slavish** *a.* servile, submissive, subservient, deferential, subject, obsequious, obeisant, fawning, cowering. *ANT.* *domineering, intractable, arrogant.*

**slay** *v.* kill, murder, run through, slaughter, assassinate, execute, \*do in, massacre, annihilate, destroy. *SEE MURDER*

**slaezebag** *n.* *Sl.* creep, \*slimeball, \*scumbag, \*slaeze, slob, \*pig, \*dirtbag, \*scuzzo, filthy wretch, \*bum, pervert, \*scum of the earth.

**slaezy** *a.* *Sl.* cheap, \*scuzzy, dirty, foul, \*creepy, \*raunchy, nasty, sick, gross, \*skanky, greasy, oily, disreputable, low, contemptible. *ANT.* *high-class, refined, cleancut, virtuous, wholesome.*

**sled** *n.* sleigh, toboggan, bobsled, luge, cutter, sledge, pung.

**sledge** *n.* sled, sleigh, travois.

**sleek** *a.* smooth, shiny, glossy, lustrous, satiny, glistening, groomed, combed, trim. *ANT.* *dull, lackluster.*

**sleep** *n.* slumber, rest, somnolence, \*shut-eye, \*Zs, snooze, nap, catnap, dozing, \*forty winks, siesta, repose, hibernation, under the spell of Morpheus, land of Nod, unconsciousness, dreaming. "A holiday from reality."—Victor Ratner. "Brother of death."—Thomas Browne. "The death of each day's life."—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *wakefulness, consciousness, alertness.* *SEE DREAM*

**WORD FIND**

**bedwetting:** enuresis  
**between wakefulness and sleep:** hypnagogic  
**breathing disorder of:** sleep apnea  
**children's waking nightmare:** night terrors  
**deep sleep:** sopor, stupor  
**dream sleep:** REM sleep (rapid eye movement)  
**drowsy:** somnolent  
**excessive:** hypersomnia  
**expert in:** somnologist  
**god of dreams, Greek:** Morpheus  
**god of sleep, Greek:** Hypnos  
**god of sleep, Roman:** Somnus

**grogginess caused by sleeping too long:** Rip Van Winkle syndrome

**hypnotized:** trance

**inability to:** insomnia

**inducing sleep:** soporific, somniferous, somnolent

**internal body clock controlling:** circadian rhythm

**presleep visions:** hypnagogic hallucinations

**sex demons of:** incubus, succubus

**sleeping sickness:** narcolepsy, encephalitis

**sleepwalk:** somnoambulate

**sleepwalker:** somnoambulist

**twitch of body or leg just before sleep:** myoclonic jerk, hypnagogic jerk

**unconsciousness, prolonged:** coma

**sleep** *v.* slumber, snooze, drowse, \*catch some Zs, rest, \*hit the sack, \*get some rack time, go to bed, \*conk out, nod off, turn in, \*saw wood, \*crash, \*hit the hay, take a siesta, fall under the spell of Morpheus, hibernate. *ANT.* *wake, regain consciousness.*

**sleep** *n.* \*up-and-comer, \*late bloomer, \*sleeping giant.

**sleepless** *a.* insomniac, restless, wakeful, \*wired, \*saucer-eyed, \*tossing and turning. *ANT.* *sleeping, dreaming, \*out like a light.*

**sleepwalker** *n.* somnambulist. *SEE SLEEP*

**sleepy** *a.* 1. DROWSY tired, exhausted, weary, \*dead-tired, fatigued, slumberous, nodding off, \*beat, \*dopey, lethargic, asleep, somnolent, falling under the spell of Morpheus. 2. INACTIVE idle, still, quiet, dull. *ANT.* 1. *awake, refreshed, alert, invigorated.* 2. *active, bustline, busy.*

**sleet** *n.* frozen rain, precipitation, hail. *SEE WEATHER*

**sleigh** *n.* sled, cutter, pung, \*booby hut.

**sleight-of-hand** *n.* legerdemain, hand skill, deception, trickery, magic, prestidigitation, palming, feint, hocus-pocus.

**slender** *a.* thin, slim, lean, narrow, skinny, willow, reedy, twiggy, \*thin as a broomstick, svelte, lithe, spare, tenuous. *ANT.* *fat, obese, brawny.*

**sleuth** *n.* detective, private detective, P.I., \*private eye, \*private dick, \*bloodhound, investigator, \*Sherlock, \*gumshoe, shadow, \*tail.

**slice** *n.* piece, cut, segment, sliver, wedge, slab, hunk, chunk, rasher, shaving, share, portion.

**slice** *v.* cut, segment, section, divide, carve, split, sever, pare, shave.

**slick** *a.* 1. SLEEK smooth, glossy, satiny, slippery, oily, greasy. 2. CLEVER tricky, crafty, smart, sophisticated, ingenious, creative, inventive, sharp. 3. SUAVE urbane, smooth, worldly. *ANT.* 1. *rough, coarse, abrasive.* 2. *moronic, imbecilic, stupid.* 3. *clumsy, bumbling, unrefined.*

**slide** *n.* 1. CHUTE ramp, trough. 2. GLIDE slip, coast, glissade, skid.

**slide** *v.* glide, slip, coast, glissade, skid, sled, ski, skate, skim, drop, toboggan.

**slight** *n.* snub, insult, \*cold shoulder, \*slap in the face, \*cut, rebuff, \*put-down, indifference, neglect. *ANT.* *courtesy, notice, kindness.*

**slight** *v.* snub, insult, \*give the cold shoulder, \*give a slap in the face, \*cut, rebuff, put down, neglect, overlook. *ANT.* *regard, notice, honor.*

**slight** *a.* 1. LIGHT frail, fragile, delicate, spare, slim, gracile, flimsy, attenuated, tenuous, weak. 2. INSIGNIFICANT small, little, tiny, light, minute, fine, minor, subtle, trivial, negligible. *ANT.* 1. *heavy, sturdy, rock-solid.* 2. *huge, gigantic, large, considerable.*

**slim** *a.* 1. SLENDER thin, narrow, lean, skinny, willowy, reedy, twiggy, \*thin as a broomstick, svelte, slight, tenuous. 2. MEAGER slight, scanty, small, \*skimpy, inconsiderable, bare, deficient, scarce, remote. *ANT.* 1. *fat, obese, brawny.* 2. *large, considerable, great.*

**slime** *n.* mucous, mud, ooze, muck, mire, scum, sludge, \*gunk, \*goo.

**slimy** *a.* covered with mucous, viscid, viscous, muddy, mucky, scummy, sludgy, \*gunky, \*goopy, disgusting, repulsive, foul, vile, \*gross.

**sling** *n.* slingshot, thong, weapon, stone-thrower.

**sling** *v.* throw, fling, hurl, cast, pitch, shoot, heave, catapult, chuck, toss, fire, launch.

**slingshot** *n.* SEE SLING

**slink** *v.* skulk, sneak, creep, steal, lurk, pussy-foot, prowl, slip quietly, tiptoe, move furtively, move stealthily.

**slinky** *a.* 1. SKULKING sneaky, creeping, stealing, lurking, prowling, slippery, quiet, stealthy, furtive. 2. *Sl.* GRACEFUL sinuous, feline, sleek.

**slip** *n.* 1. FALL trip, stumble, misstep, slide, tumble, spill. 2. ERROR mistake, lapse, slip of the tongue (*lapsus linguae*), slip of the pen (*lapsus calami*), \*Freudian slip, faux pas, blunder, \*boner, \*howler, oversight. 3. WOMAN'S UNDERGARMENT petticoat, chemise, lingerie. 4. SLIP OF PAPER note, receipt, voucher.

**slip** *v.* 1. FALL trip, stumble, misstep, slide, tumble, take a spill, topple, lose one's balance, take a header, go head over heels, flop. 2. MAKE A MISTAKE make an error, err, let slip,

lapse, blunder, bungle, \*goof, \*screw up, \*blow it.

**slippery** *a.* 1. SLICK icy, oily, greasy, slimy, waxy, smooth, sleek, satiny, glazed, wet. 2. DECEITFUL deceptive, slick, \*like a snake, shady, dishonest, sneaky, devious, shift, treacherous, elusive, evasive. *ANT.* 2. *honest, reputable.*

**slipshod** *a.* careless, slapdash, slap-bang, sloppy, haphazard, shoddy, messy, slovenly, disheveled, bedraggled, unkempt. *ANT.* *careful, meticulous, groomed.*

**slipup** *n.* error, blunder, \*goof. SEE MISTAKE

**slit** *n.* slice, tear, slash, gash, rip, rift, incision, rent, hole.

**slit** *v.* slice, tear, slash, gash, rip, incise, pierce, sever, split, rend.

**slither** *v.* slip, slide, sneak, crawl, \*belly along, wriggle, slink, \*snake.

**sliver** *n.* splinter, fragment, shaving, bit, snip, shard, segment.

**slobber** *v.* drool, slaver, dribble, salivate, drivel.

**slob** *n.* pig, hog, animal, \*grunge, \*grub, Neanderthal, \*caveman.

**slog** *v.* plod, toil, laboriously make one's way, labor, grind, trudge, drag, pursue doggedly, put one foot in front of the other, persevere.

**slogan** *n.* catchphrase, motto, shibboleth, saying, jingle, battle cry, byword.

**sloop** *n.* vessel, craft. SEE SAILBOAT

**slop** *n.* slush, mush, snow, mud, swill, puddle.

**slop** *v.* spill, splash, overflow, slosh, spatter, gush.

**slope** *n.* incline, inclination, declivity, slant, pitch, grade, gradient, ramp, tilt, cant, lean, tip. *ANT.* *acclivity.*

**slope** *v.* incline, slant, pitch, tilt, cant, lean, tip, skew, ascend, descend.

**sloppy** *a.* messy, dirty, muddy, slushy, soiled, grubby, grimy, \*grungy, wet, splattered, unkempt, bedraggled, slovenly, careless, slipshod. *ANT.* *neat, tidy, orderly, meticulous.*

**slosh** *v.* splash, slop, spill, overflow, spatter, gush.

**slot** *n.* 1. HOLE slit, aperture, groove, channel. 2. POSITION opening.

**sloth** *n.* laziness, indolence, idleness, slothfulness, shiftlessness, lack of ambition, sluggishness, lethargy, listlessness, inertia. *ANT.* \**get-up-and-go, ambition, drive.*

**slothful** *a.* lazy, indolent, idle, shiftless, lacking ambition, unenterprising, sluggish, lethargic, listless. *ANT.* *energetic, ambitious, \*getting.*

**slouch** *n.* \*klutz, oaf, lout, \*duffer, bumbler, clod, lazybones, idler, loafer, laggard.

**slouch** *v.* hunch, slump, droop, stoop, bend. *ANT.* stand tall.

**slough** *n.* swamp, bog, marsh, backwater, muddy hollow, mire. *SEE* SWAMP

**slough** *v.* shed, molt, discard, throw off, cast off, get rid of.

**slovenly** *a.* careless, slipshod, slapdash, sloppy, messy, shabby, bedraggled, unkempt, unroomed, disheveled, untidy. *ANT.* neat, trim, careful, meticulous.

**slow** *v.* decelerate, brake, slacken, taper off, let up, restrain, check, restrict, curb, delay, hinder, moderate, \*take one's foot off the gas. *ANT.* accelerate, speed up, \*step on it.

**slow** *a.* 1. NOT FAST leisurely, crawling, dragging, lagging, \*slower than a glacier, \*slower than the Second Coming, \*slower than cold molasses, snaillike, sluggish, slothful, plodding, gradual. 2. LATE tardy, behind, delayed, overdue, detained, belated. 3. NOT BUSY inactive, sluggish, quiet, slack, off. 4. PROLONGED protracted, long, extended, interminable, drawn-out. 5. STUPID obtuse, dull, dense, \*thick, dim, dim-witted, retarded, moronic, bovine, \*out to lunch, \*dead from the neck up, \*dumb as a box of rocks. *ANT.* 1. fast, swift, fleet, quick. 2. early, punctual. 3. busy, \*hopping, \*jumping. 4. brief, short, contracted. 5. intelligent, bright, smart, quick.

**slowdown** *n.* downturn, slump, decline, fall-off, slackening, recession, depression, \*bottoming out, economic cycle. *ANT.* boom, upturn, expansion.

**slowpoke** *n.* sloth, slug, laggard, snail, dawdler, foot-dragger, procrastinator.

**sludge** *n.* mud, ooze, mire, sediment, muck, oil, grease, goo, slime, \*gunk, \*goop, deposit, sewage, waste.

**slug** *n.* Sl. drink, swig, \*hit, \*shot.

**slug** *v.* hit, whack, slam, punch, \*clock, pound, wallop, belt, clout, hit, whale, \*coldcock, \*clean one's clock, haul off on, \*roundhouse.

**slugfest** *n.* fight, donnybrook, brawl, battle royal, \*rumble, riot.

**sluggish** *a.* slothful, slow-moving, lethargic, listless, dull, sleepy, torpid, dragging, inactive, languid, inert, lifeless. *ANT.* energetic, fast, lively.

**sluice** *n.* channel, passage, waterway, flume, trough, floodgate.

**slum** *n.* ghetto, inner city, skid row, shanty town, warren.

**slumber** *n.* rest, \*snooze, \*shut-eye, land of Nod. *SEE* SLEEP

**slumber** *v.* rest, \*snooze, \*catch some shut-eye. *SEE* SLEEP

**slump** *n.* downturn, fall, decline, decrease, drop-off, recession, depression, crash, \*falling-off, rut, \*hard times. *ANT.* boom, good times.

**slump** *v.* 1. DECREASE droop, drop, fall off, recede, crash, \*experience hard times, decline, slip, \*go downhill. 2. SLOUCH hunch, droop, sag, bend. *ANT.* 1. boom, expand. 2. stand tall, straighten.

**slur** *n.* smear, \*black eye, insult, blot, aspersion, slander, innuendo, insinuation, affront, \*dig, stigma. *ANT.* compliment, praise, commendation.

**slur** *v.* 1. SLANDER insult, smear, \*give a black eye, cast aspersions, insinuate, affront, \*dig, stigmatize, blot, blemish one's name, sully, disparage. 2. MISPRONOUNCE garble, get tongue-tied. *ANT.* 1. compliment, praise, commend. 2. enunciate.

**slurp** *n.* Sl. sip, suck, slobber.

**sly** *a.* wily, foxy, cunning, crafty, tricky, clever, \*cagey, artful, shrewd, sneaky, \*weaselly, underhanded, furtive, secretive, stealthy. *ANT.* artless, simple, naive.

**smack** *n.* slap, blow, clout, clap, sock, hit, crack, spanking, cuff, whack.

**smack** *v.* slap, clout, clap, sock, hit, crack, spank, cuff, whack.

**smack** *adv.* directly, squarely, exactly, precisely, point-blank.

**small** *a.* 1. LITTLE tiny, undersized, diminutive, short, wee, teeny, miniature, \*pint-sized, \*pocket-sized, puny, petite, Lilliputian, dwarf, pygmy, baby, minute, microscopic. 2. SLIGHT paltry, insufficient, meager, inconsiderable, poor, picayune, modest, trivial. 3. MINOR insignificant, trivial, light, trifling, unimportant, inconsequential, bush-league, \*rinky-dink. 4. SMALL-MINDED mean, narrow-minded, petty, selfish, cheap, ignoble, vindictive, prejudiced, grudging. *ANT.* 1. large, huge, gigantic, towering. 2. generous, rich, lavish, considerable. 3. important, major, big, consequential. 4. generous, liberal-minded, noble.

**small-minded** *a.* mean, narrow-minded, petty, selfish, cheap, ignoble, vindictive, prejudice, grudging. *ANT.* broad-minded, liberal-minded, noble, generous.

**small talk** *n.* polite chatter, pleasantries, chit-chat, light talk, idle chatter.

**small-time** *a.* minor, bush-league, \*one-horse, petty, \*low-rent, piddling, \*tinhorn.

**smart** *v.* sting, burn, throb, hurt, ache, stab.

**smart** *a.* 1. INTELLIGENT bright, brilliant, sharp, knowledgeable, educated, \*savvy, astute, \*brainy, learned, clever, genius, wise, keen, witty, \*on the ball. 2. NEAT spruce, trim, groomed, stylish, chic, dapper, natty, elegant, dashing. 3. STINGING harsh, painful, rough, hard, sharp. 4. BRISK vigorous, lively, energetic. *ANT.* 1. *stupid, dumb, retarded, moronic, slow, dense.* 2. *sloppy, bedraggled, unfashionable, frumpy.* 3. *soft, gentle, mild.* 4. *lethargic, slow.*

**smart-aleck** *n.* \*wise guy, \*wisenheimer, \*smart ass, \*comedian, \*bigmouth, \*know-it-all, \*wise apple.

**smart-alecky** *a.* \*wise, \*smart-assed, \*smart-mouthed, cheeky, flip, sassy, impudent, cocky, nervy.

**smash** *n.* 1. COLLISION crash, wreck, shattering, breakup, burst, smashup, crack, blow, collapse. 2. SUCCESS winner, hit, sensation, sell-out.

**smash** *v.* shatter, break, hit, bust, burst, wreck, crack, splinter, pulverize, disintegrate, break into a million pieces, fracture, demolish.

**smashing** *a.* great, excellent, extraordinary, outstanding, superb, wonderful, terrific, splendid, exceptional, \*spot-on. *ANT.* *lousy, awful, terrible.*

**smashup** *n.* wreck, collision, accident, \*fender-bender. SEE CRASH

**smattering** *n.* small amount, slight amount, sprinkling, touch, dash, trace.

**smear** *n.* 1. STAIN spot, smudge, blot, mark, splotch, smirch, streak. 2. SLANDER defamation, mudslinging, denigration, slur, aspersion, character assassination, blot, stain, libel. *ANT.* 2. *honor, praise, compliment.*

**smear** *v.* 1. STAIN spot, smudge, blot, mark, splotch, smirch, streak, dirty, daub, wipe on. 2. SLANDER defame, mudsling, denigrate, cast aspersions, character assassinate, blot, stain, libel, drag one's name through the mud. *ANT.* 1. *clean, wash, scrub.* 2. *honor, praise, commend.*

**SMEAR CAMPAIGN** *n.* an underhanded campaign to ruin someone's reputation. *The politicians launched smear campaigns against each other.* SYN. mudslinging, character assassination, slander, public denigration, defamation of character, maligning, \*dragging one's name through the mud.

**smell** *n.* 1. SENSE OF SMELL olfaction, perception. 2. ODOR scent, aroma, fragrance, stink, reek, stench, fume, perfume, bouquet, emanation, whiff, essence. SEE ODOR

**smell** *v.* sniff, inhale, sample, get a whiff of, snuff, breathe.

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**WORD FIND**

**distorted sense of:** parosima

**hallucination involving:** phantomsia

**inability to smell:** anosmia

**pertaining to:** olfactory

**study of:** osmology

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**smidgen** *n.* bit, tiny amount, iota, trace, speck, sprinkling, pinch, jot, whit, scintilla.

**smile** *n.* grin, smirk, simper, beam, happy look, \*alligator smile, gap-toothed smile, snaggle-toothed smile, Cheshire cat smile, idiotic grin. *ANT.* *frown, scowl, black look.*

**smile** *v.* grin, smirk, beam, smile ear to ear, smile broadly, smile like a Cheshire cat. *ANT.* *frown, scowl.*

**smirk** *n.* smile, simper, grin, sneer, leer.

**smirk** *v.* smile, simper, grin, sneer, leer, make a face.

**smite** *v.* strike, hit, \*whack, attack, beset, defeat, punish, kill, destroy.

**smitten** *a.* taken by, \*head over heels, struck, in love, enamored, \*swept off one's feet, infatuated, captivated, enthralled, having a crush on, stricken. *ANT.* *repulsed, turned off.*

**smock** *n.* frock, camise, coverall, shirt, garment.

**smog** *n.* air pollution, haze, smoke, fog, pall, particulate, gas cloud, soot cloud, carbon monoxide. *ANT.* *fresh air, \*ozone.*

**smoke** *n.* fume, gas, soot, vapor, exhaust, smog, carbon, reek, smaze, pollution, carbon monoxide.

**smoke** *v.* fume, give off exhaust, pollute.

**smoked** *a.* dried, cured. *ANT.* *hydrated.*

**smoke detector** *n.* smoke alarm, fire alarm, fire detector, early warning system.

**smokestack** *n.* chimney, flue, funnel, \*stack.

**smoky** *a.* burning, thick, smoldering, fummy, gassy, sooty, polluted, reeking, choking, hazy, smoggy, foggy.

**smolder** *v.* 1. BURN smoke, fume, combust, char. 2. SEETHE stew, fume, suppress one's anger, simmer, fester, steam, boil over.

**smooch** *v.* Sl. kiss, smack.

**smooth** *a.* 1. NOT ROUGH even, level, leveled, planed, unwrinkled, unruffled, flush, glossy, glassy, slick, sleek, satiny, silky, velvety, polished, glabrous. 2. UNTROUBLED gentle, calm, serene, uneventful, peaceful, undisturbed. 3. SUAVE slick, urbane, graceful, silver-tongued, \*having savoir faire, polished,

- refined, practiced, facile, flattering, oily, unctuous. *ANT.* 1. *rough, bumpy, lumpy.* 2. *troubled, rough, disturbing.* 3. *coarse, awkward, simple, stumbling.*
- smorgasbord** *n.* spread, banquet, buffet, feast, meal, appetizers.
- smother** *v.* 1. SUFFOCATE asphyxiate, cut off one's air supply, stifle, choke, strangle, throttle. 2. SUPPRESS stifle, hide, conceal, put down, squelch, quash, muffle. 3. EXTINGUISH put out, cover, snuff out.
- smudge** *n.* smear, blot, stain, mark, blotch, streak, blemish, smirch, smutch, spot.
- smudge** *v.* smear, blot, stain, mark, blotch, streak, blemish, smirch, smutch, spot.
- smug** *a.* self-satisfied, complacent, proud, \*full of oneself, \*puffed up, superior, pompous, pleased with oneself, self-righteous, holier-than-thou. *ANT.* *insecure, self-doubting, sheepish, humble.*
- smuggle** *v.* sneak in, bring in, run, \*bootleg, import illegally, traffic, deal in contraband.
- smugger** *n.* runner, \*bootlegger.
- smut** *n.* pornography, \*porn, obscenity, dirty talk, X-rated material, \*raunch, indecent material.
- smutty** *a.* pornographic, obscene, dirty, X-rated, \*raunchy, indecent, \*blue, prurient, lewd, filthy. *ANT.* *wholesome, G-rated, clean.*
- snack** *n.* bite, nosh, \*munchies, light meal, tidbit, nibble, morsel, refreshment.
- snack** *v.* have a bite to eat, nosh, nibble, eat, \*munch out.
- snafu** *n.* *Sl.* mix-up, \*screw-up, mistake, confusion, disorder, mess, disaster, chaos, difficulty.
- snag** *n.* catch, obstacle, difficulty, stumbling block, hindrance, road block, impediment, hitch, complication, block.
- snake** *n.* serpent, ophidian, viper, python, anaconda, boa constrictor, rattlesnake, coral snake, adder, cobra, garter snake.
- snap** *n.* 1. CRACK crackle, pop. 2. \*CINCH \*child's play, \*breeze, no problem, \*walk on the beach. 3. FASTENER clip, buckle, catch.
- snap** *v.* 1. CRACK crackle, pop, click. 2. COLLAPSE break, crack, fracture, burst, give way. 3. BITE nip, lunge at. 4. LASH OUT yell, bark, roar, shout, scream.
- snappish** *a.* irritable, cross, short-tempered, touchy, testy, crabby, grouchy, quick-tempered, waspish, peevish, \*short-fused, edgy. *ANT.* *easygoing, good-humored, mild-mannered.*
- snappy** *a.* 1. LIVELY vigorous, quick, swift, instant, brisk. 2. STYLISH fashionable, chic, smart, dapper, sharp, natty. *ANT.* 1. *slow, lifeless.* 2. *unfashionable, frumpy, dowdy.*
- snare** *n.* trap, noose, net, pitfall, \*booby trap, decoy, lure, \*set-up, \*come-on, trick.
- snare** *v.* trap, catch, seize, snag, capture, bag, ensnare, land.
- snarl** *n.* 1. GROWL rumble, grumble, throaty warning. 2. TANGLE snag, knot, kink, twist. 3. COMPLICATION disorder, confusion, snafu, problem, hitch, catch, difficulty, trouble.
- snarl** *v.* 1. GROWL rumble, grumble, threaten, warn, bare the teeth and raise one's hackles. 2. TANGLE knot, snag, kink, twist. 3. COMPLICATE confuse, make trouble, mess up, \*throw a wrench in the works.
- snatch** *v.* grab, grasp, seize, take, clutch, grapple, \*snap up, pluck, snag, \*nab, get one's hands on, wrest, swipe, kidnap.
- snazzy** *a.* *Sl.* stylish, sharp, flashy, smart, showy, snappy. *ANT.* *dowdy, unstylish.*
- sneak** *n.* weasel, snake, \*snake in the grass, thief in the night, dastard, \*eel, scoundrel, \*backstabber.
- sneak** *v.* creep, skulk, pussyfoot, stalk, lurk, prow, slither, move stealthily, slink, steal, \*weasel.
- sneaker** *n.* running shoe, \*hightop, sport shoe, tennis shoe, boat shoe. *SEE SHOE*
- sneaky** *a.* underhanded, sly, secretive, undercover, backdoor, stealthy, \*weasely, feline, furtive, surreptitious, clandestine, devious, treacherous. *ANT.* *open, honest, aboveboard.*
- sneer** *v.* smile sarcastically, smile with contempt, mock, scoff, ridicule, make fun of, curl one's lip, taunt.
- sneering** *a.* scoffing, mocking, disdainful, scornful, derisive, ridiculing, sarcastic. *ANT.* *respectful, deferential.*
- sneeze** *n.* reflex, ejection, sternutation.
- sneeze at** *v.* disregard, take lightly.
- snicker** *n.* snigger, snort, sniggle, giggle, laugh, chuckle, suppressed laugh. *SEE LAUGH*
- snicker** *v.* snigger, snort, sniggle, giggle, laugh, chuckle, titter, suppress a laugh, tee-hee. *SEE LAUGH*
- snide** *a.* derisive, sarcastic, malicious, nasty, cutting, insulting, mean, hurtful, low, insinuating, sly. *ANT.* *nice, friendly, kind.*
- sniff** *n.* inhalation, sniffle, snuffle, snort, breath.
- sniff** *v.* inhale, snuff, snuffle, sniffle, snort, breathe.
- snigger** *v.* *SEE SNICKER*
- snip** *n.* cutting, snippet, piece, scrap.

**snip** *v.* cut, clip, shear, crop, trim, dock, bob, prune, chop, shave.

**snipe** *v.* ambush, take potshots, shoot, hunt, attack.

**sniper** *n.* ambusher, gunman, assassin, shooter.

**snippet** *n.* cutting, snip, piece, scrap, fragment.

**snippy** *a.* curt, sharp, insolent, short, snappish, abrupt, impertinent, smart-alecky, brusque.

*ANT. polite, courteous.*

**snit** *n.* fit, pique, \*tizzy.

**snitch** *v. Sl.* 1. STEAL pilfer, lift, pickpocket, shoplift. SEE STEAL 2. INFORM ON tell on, \*rat on, \*squeal, tattle, turn in.

**snivel** *v.* cry, whine, sniffle, snuffle, fret, whimper, blubber, boo-hoo.

**snob** *n.* elitist, \*high-hat, \*stuffed shirt, upstart, highbrow, parvenu, name-dropper.

**snobbery** *n.* snobbishness, elitism, airs, pretension, pretentiousness, haughtiness, conceit, \*snootiness, hauteur, superciliousness, pride, \*high horse, class conscience, condescension. "The pride of those who are not sure of their position."—Berton Braley. "Pride in status without pride in function."—Lionel Trilling.

**snobbish** *a.* snobby, \*stuck-up, \*uppity, putting on airs, pretentious, haughty, conceited, \*snooty, supercilious, proud, \*up on one's high horse, class conscious, above it all, arrogant, hoity-toity, high-falutin, high and mighty. *ANT. down-to-earth, humble, modest.*

**snoop** *n.* busybody, eavesdropper, gossip.

**snoop** *v.* spy, nose around, pry, stick one's nose in.

**snooty** *a.* haughty, snotty, \*la-di-da, uppity. SEE SNOBBISH

**snooze** *v.* doze, nap, drowse, \*catch some Zs, take a siesta. SEE SLEEP

**snore** *n.* \*sawing wood, stertor, snorting. "That tuneful serenade of that wakeful nightingale, the nose."—George Farquhar.

**snort** *n.* snuffle, sniff, sniffle, honk. SEE SNICKER

**snort** *v.* snuffle, sniff, sniffle, honk. SEE SNICKER

**snootty** *a.* impudent, offensive, insolent, cheeky, flip, sassy, smart-alecky, fresh, snooty, sniffy, arrogant. *ANT. deferential, humble, respectful.* SEE SNOBBISH

**snout** *n.* nose, muzzle, nozzle, beak, trunk, proboscis, nozzle. SEE NOSE

**snow** *n.* 1. PRECIPITATION flurry, flurries, hydrometeors, snowflakes, sleet, hail, blizzard, drift, slush. 2. *Sl.* \*COKE, \*blow, heroin. SEE COCAINE

#### WORD FIND

**bump or mound of snow on ski trail:** mogul

**collapse on mountain:** avalanche

**glacial snow:** *névé*

**granules, old, refrozen:** corn snow

**house of:** igloo

**old, compacted snow:** firn, crust

**pellets of:** graupel

**shelf of snow that collapses and triggers avalanche:** cornice

**zero visibility due to blizzard:** whiteout

**snow** *v.* 1. PRECIPITATE flurry, blizzard, storm, sleet, hail, blow. 2. *Sl.* DECEIVE \*buffalo, \*bamboozle, mislead, \*sell a bill of goods, \*fast talk, \*pull the wool over one's eyes.

**snowboard** *n.* board ridden to navigate downhill over snow.

#### WORD FIND

**across slope instead of straight down, to go:** traverse

**airborne, getting:** catching air

**backward with feet switched, ride:** ride fakie

**backwards, riding:** fakie

**crash, fall:** bail

**crouching position that cuts wind resistance:** tuck

**flat ground leap without the aid of snow mound:** ollie

**front of board:** nose

**half of a half-pipe:** quarterpipe

**half-pipe groomer:** dragon

**landing without falling, to make a: stick legs straightened, to ride with one or both:** bone

**line attachment:** leash

**midair bend of knees and grabbing of back of board:** flying squirrel air

**race on gated course with jumps and turns:** boarder cross competition

**ramp of snow, U-shaped:** half pipe

**ride on surface other than snow:** jib

**riding with right foot in the front position:** goofy-footed

**rotation of 180 degrees:** alley-oop

**rotation of 360 degrees:** caballeria

**stance in which toes are pointed outward:** duckfoot

**strike a rock or log:** bonk

**top edge of a halfpipe wall:** lip

**turn, to make a:** carve

**vibrations at high speed, board:** chatter

**snowy** *a.* niveous, wintry.

**snub** *n.* slight, affront, \*cold shoulder, \*slap in the face, rebuff, cut, oversight, neglect, ignoring, insult.

**snub** *v.* slight, give the cold shoulder, rebuff, cut, overlook, ignore, neglect, insult, shun, \*give the brush-off, pass over, offend.

**snuff** *v.* 1. PUT OUT smother, pinch out, douse, extinguish. 2. SNIFF smell, snort.

**snuffle** *v.* sniff, breathe, snort, snivel.

**snug** *a.* 1. PROTECTED sheltered, under cover, secure, warm, cozy, comfortable. 2. TIGHT close, body-hugging, close-fitting, restrictive.

**snuggle** *v.* cuddle, nestle, nuzzle, hug, curl up, \*spoon together, hold close.

**so** *adv.* therefore, thus, hence, ergo.

**soak** *v.* saturate, wet, drench, douse, sear, steep, sop, impregnate, drown, flood, permeate, submerge, immerse. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrate, desiccate.*

**soaked** *a.* saturated, wet, drenched, sopping, sodden, soggy, drowned. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrated.*

**soap** *n.* detergent, suds, lather, wash powder, cleaning agent, cleanser, solvent, shampoo.

**soap opera** *n.* melodrama, show, drama, program, play.

**soapy** *a.* sudsy, lathery, bubbly, foamy, frothy, saponaceous.

**soar** *v.* fly, rocket, jet, sail, glide, wing, zoom, rise, go skyward, ascend, go aloft, cruise. *ANT.* *nosedive, drop, plummet.*

**soaring** *a.* high, towering, lofty, vertiginous, skyscraping. *ANT.* *plummeting.*

**sob** *n.* weeping, cry, sniveling, bawling, whimper, wail, blubbering, moan.

**sob** *v.* weep, cry, snivel, boo-hoo, bawl, whimper, wail, blubber, shed tears, moan, mourn, lament.

**sober** *v.* sober up, dry out, \*go through a detox facility.

**sober** *a.* 1. NOT DRUNK temperate, \*stone cold sober, rational, lucid, clearheaded, \*on the wagon, \*detoxed, \*dry, in possession of one's faculties, abstemious. 2. SERIOUS solemn, grave, unsmiling, somber, dignified, sedate, staid, earnest. 3. PLAIN quiet, understated, mellow, subdued, dull, drab, simple. *ANT.* 1. *drunk, intoxicated, inebriated, \*hammered.* 2. *silly, giddy, jovial.* 3. *flashy, loud, ostentatious.*

**sobriety** *n.* abstinence, soberness, temperance, teetotalism, moderation, self-denial, self-restraint. *ANT.* *drunkenness, inebriation.*

**sobriquet** *n.* nickname, pet name, agnomen, moniker, \*handle, assumed name, alias.

**sob story** *n.* tale of woe, heartbreaker, plea.

**so-called** *a.* professed, alleged, supposed, self-styled, commonly named. *ANT.* *actual, proven.*

**soccer** *n.* football, sport.

**WORD FIND**

**curving pass:** banana pass, banana kick, curling the ball, bending the ball

**dirty player:** hacker

**goalie's long kick:** punt

**illegal position:** offside

**issue a card for a foul:** book, card, caution

**keep the ball in midair by bouncing off body parts:** juggling

**kick ball between defender's legs:** nutmeg

**kick with legs upended high overhead:** bicycle kick, scissors kick

**officials:** linesmen, referee

**out-of-bounds sidelines:** touch

**pass then receive quick return pass:** give-and-go

**penalty situation in which one team is a man short:** power play

**positions:** back, center back, center halfback, forward, fullback, goalkeeper (goalie), halfback, sweeper, winger

**run the ball downfield with one's feet:** dribble

**soccer field:** pitch

**steal the ball from opponent:** tackle

**stop the ball's motion with body part:** trap, kill

**three goals scored by same player in one game:** hat trick

**social** *a.* gregarious, outgoing, extroverted, friendly, amiable, folksy, social, warm, companionable, cordial, approachable, genial. "The art of unlearning to be preoccupied with yourself."—Oscar Blumenthal. *ANT.* *unfriendly, aloof, cold, reclusive.*

**social** *a.* 1. COMMUNAL public, community, group, common, popular, civil, civic, human. 2. GREGARIOUS outgoing, extroverted, friendly, amiable, folksy. *ANT.* 1. *private.* 2. *aloof, reclusive.* SEE SOCIABLE

**socialism** *n.* Marxism, communism. SEE POLITICS

**socialize** *v.* be friendly, mix, mingle, fraternize, get together, befriend, associate, entertain, hobnob, \*chum with. *ANT.* *withdraw, be reclusive, shun.*

**social security** *n.* retirement income, disability insurance, unemployment insurance, old

- age insurance, entitlement program. SEE GOVERNMENT
- society** *n.* 1. COMMUNITY civilization, public, people, mankind, humankind, humanity, populace, culture, the world, the nation. "The vital articulation of many individuals into a new collective individual."—Thomas Carlyle. 2. ORGANIZATION alliance, association, club, group, sorority, fraternity, brotherhood, sisterhood, affiliation, institution, league, guild. 3. UPPER CLASS upper crust, high society, the elite, aristocracy, nobility, gentry, beau monde, haut monde. *ANT.* 3. *lower class, working class, hoi polloi, commoners.*
- sociopath** *n.* psychopath, antisocial personality, lunatic, maniac, psychotic, \*nut case, deranged person, crazy person, mentally ill person.
- sock** *n.* stocking, hose, hosiery, footwear.
- sock** *v.* hit, strike, punch, belt, wallop, smack, pound, slap.
- socket** *n.* fitting, receiving end, chamber, holder, mortise.
- sod** *n.* turf, clod, sward, divot, grass chunk, clump.
- soda** *n.* pop, soft drink, carbonated water, soda water, beverage, cola, ginger ale, root beer.
- sodden** *a.* soaked, soggy, wet, sopping, saturated, waterlogged, drenched, poachy, dripping, damp, moist, steeped. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrated, desiccated.*
- sodomize** *v.* engage in anal intercourse.
- sodom** *n.* anal intercourse, pederasty.
- sofa** *n.* couch, lounge, divan, davenport, Chesterfield, love seat, futon, convertible.
- soft** *a.* 1. YIELDING EASILY spongy, squishy, doughy, mushy, fluffy, cushioned, pliable, supple, malleable, flexible, ductile. 2. SMOOTH fine, silky, satiny, downy, velvety, fine, delicate. 3. GENTLE mild, light, slight, moderate, delicate, faint, mellow, muted, subdued. 4. TENDER compassionate, kind, softhearted, merciful, easy, easygoing, humane, lenient, forgiving. 5. EASY \*cushy, simple, plush, \*piece of cake, \*a snap, \*no sweat, unchallenging. 6. FAT unfit, untoned, fleshy, blubbery, doughy. *ANT.* 1. *hard, rock-hard, solid, unyielding.* 2. *rough, coarse, abrasive.* 3. *intense, strong, loud.* 4. *\*hard as nails, merciless, cold, brutal.* 5. *hard, demanding, challenging, stressful.* 6. *hard, toned, fit, cut.*
- soften** *a.* moderate, mitigate, mellow, temper, diminish, ease, lighten, lessen, assuage, mollify, tone down, slacken. *ANT.* *harden, intensify, toughen.*
- softhearted** *a.* soft, tender, compassionate, sympathetic, merciful, easy, human, lenient, forgiving, \*big-hearted, \*having a bleeding heart. *ANT.* *hard, merciless, brutal.*
- softly** *adv.* tenderly, lightly, gently, mildly, slightly, moderately, delicately, faintly, easily. *ANT.* *intensely, strongly, loudly.*
- soft-pedal** *v.* play down, tone down, understate.
- soft soap** *n.* praise, cajolery, blarney. SEE FLATTERY
- soft-spoken** *a.* quiet, low-keyed, gentle. *ANT.* *loud, boisterous.*
- soft touch** *n.* *Sl.* \*softie, \*bleeding heart, dupe, \*sucker.
- software** *n.* program, \*shareware, disk, file management system, instructions, command. SEE COMPUTER
- soggy** *a.* saturated, soaked, sodden, drenched, waterlogged, sopping, poachy, dripping, moist, damp. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrated, desiccated.*
- soil** *n.* earth, dirt, loam, humus, topsoil, ground, clay, terra firma, turf, loess.
- soil** *v.* 1. DIRTY muddy, begrime, stain, smudge, spot, mess, smear, foul, besmirch. 2. DISGRACE dishonor, malign, discredit, blot, defame, taint, \*drag one's name through the mud. *ANT.* 1. *clean, cleanse.* 2. *honor, praise.*
- soiree** *n.* party, social gathering, get-together.
- sojourn** *n.* visit, temporary stay, stopover, lay-over, vacation, temporary residence.
- SOJOURN** *v.* [SO jurn] to visit or stay somewhere temporarily. *She plans to sojourn with her family in California.* *SYN.* stay temporarily, visit, stop over, tarry, reside, vacation, lodge, linger, \*hang out for awhile.
- Sol** *n.* Helios, sun god, the sun.
- SOLACE** *n.* [SAWL is] a comforting or relief from anguish. *He took solace in the fact that work would be over in one hour.* *SYN.* comfort, comforting, relief, easing, consolation, succor, condolence, encouragement, cheering, buoyance. *ANT.* *pain, anguish, exacerbation.*
- solace** *v.* comfort, console, relieve, ease, condole, cheer up, encourage, hearten, \*buck up, in-spirit, buoy. *ANT.* *pain, anguish, aggravate.*
- solarium** *n.* sunroom, sun porch.
- solar system** *n.* planetary system. SEE SPACE, SUN
- soldier** *n.* 1. WARRIOR fighter, fighting man, GI, infantryman, \*leatherneck, \*grunt, \*dog-face, service person, airman, marine, sailor, commando, gunner, bombardier, foot soldier, Green Beret, cadet, mercenary, cannon

- fodder, \*storm trooper, \*doughboy, draftee, enlisted man, enlisted woman, guerrilla, paratrooper, POW, MIA. "Food for power"—Shakespeare. "The sinews of war"—Niccolo Machiavelli. SEE ARMY, NAVY, WAR
- 2. SUPPORTER** booster, party member, worker, follower, zealot.
- sole** *a.* lone, single, solitary, alone, only, exclusive. *ANT.* several.
- SOLELY** *adv.* only, merely, entirely, singly.
- SOLEMN** *a.* [SAWL um] serious, earnest, dignified, formal. *The funeral was a solemn affair.* SYN. serious, earnest, dignified, formal, somber, sober, funereal, \*no-nonsense, staid, grave, unsmiling, ceremonious, reverential, sacred. *ANT.* jovial, frivolous, lighthearted.
- SOLICIT** *v.* 1. ASK FOR plead for, beg, appeal, petition, implore, beseech, supplicate. 2. PROPOSITION tempt, entice, accost, hustle, \*drum up business, tout, hawk, peddle.
- SOLICITOUS** *a.* [suh LIS uh tus] concerned, worried, showing one's concern. *The mayor appeared solicitous about our problems.* SYN. concerned, worried, caring, attentive, troubled, apprehensive, disturbed, anxious, heedful. *ANT.* unconcerned, untroubled, undisturbed.
- solicitor** *n.* attorney, counselor. SEE LAWYER
- solicitude** *n.* concern, care, worry, regard, uneasiness.
- solid** *a.* 1. HARD dense, firm, heavy, thick, rock-solid, compact, concentrated. 2. STRONG sound, sturdy, stable, substantial, massive, hefty. 3. COMPLETE unbroken, continuous, undivided. 4. GENUINE pure, unalloyed, unmixed, 100 percent, complete. 5. UNANIMOUS undivided, of one mind, united, unified. 6. DEPENDABLE firm, rock-solid, reliable, constant, trustworthy. *ANT.* 1. fluid, porous, gaseous. 2. flimsy, airy, unstable, delicate. 3. incomplete, broken, interrupted. 4. mixed, alloyed, impure. 5. divided. 6. undependable, shaky, unreliable.
- solidarity** *n.* unity, unanimity, union, single-mindedness, oneness, harmony, accord, concord, consensus, strength in numbers. *ANT.* division, dissension.
- solidify** *v.* harden, set, stiffen, cake, concrete, gel, jelly, thicken, congeal, clot, coagulate, freeze. *ANT.* liquefy, melt.
- SOLILOQUY** *n.* [suh LIL uh kwee] the act of talking to oneself. Also, the dialogue of a stage actor revealing his thoughts to the audience. *Shakespeare liked to use the soliloquy as a dramatic tool.* SYN. monologue, aside, apostrophe. SEE DRAMA, PLAY
- solitary** *a.* lone, alone, lonely, lonesome, single, companionless, friendless, separate, solo, remote, by oneself, isolated, secluded, reclusive, desolate, forlorn, sequestered, hermitical, antisocial, cloistered. *ANT.* social, gregarious, popular, mixing.
- solitude** *n.* aloneness, seclusion, isolation, loneliness, privacy, peace and quiet, withdrawal, retirement, reclusion, remoteness. "The soul's best friend"—Charles Cotton. "Divine retreat."—Edward Young. "Often the best society."—William G. Benham.
- solo** *a.* alone, lone, unaccompanied, single-handed, unassisted, unaided. *ANT.* accompanied, group.
- solution** *n.* 1. ANSWER solving, key, explanation, resolution, clarification, uncovering, interpretation. 2. MIXTURE compound, dissolving, blend, combination, emulsion, suspension.
- solve** *v.* answer, explain, clear up, figure out, work out, clarify, uncover, crack, fathom, resolve, decode, decipher, \*put the pieces together, \*put two and two together, unlock, \*get to the bottom of, unravel. *ANT.* mystify, confuse, complicate.
- SOLVENT** *a.* [SOL vent] financially stable, able to pay one's bills. *The company remained solvent, even throughout the recession.* SYN. financially fit, \*out of the red, \*in the black, on sound financial ground, profitable, able to pay, able to maintain cash flow. *ANT.* insolvent, bankrupt, \*in the red.
- somber** *a.* gloomy, dark, depressing, black, bleak, dreary, mournful, melancholy, funereal, gray, solemn, grave. *ANT.* bright, sunny, cheerful, jovial.
- somersault** *n.* flip, tumble, roll, revolution.
- somebody** *n.* celebrity, \*big shot, \*bigwig, \*VIP, star, superstar, \*name, dignitary, personage, \*heavy, \*high muck-a-muck, luminary. *ANT.* nobody, \*zero, \*second stringer.
- someday** *adv.* one day, eventually, sometime, sooner or later, one of these days, in the future.
- sometimes** *adv.* occasionally, at times, now and then, every now and again, once in awhile, every so often, periodically, intermittently. *ANT.* never.
- somewhat** *adv.* rather, to a certain extent, pretty, fairly, partly, to a certain degree, \*kind of, a little.
- somnambulist.** *n.* sleepwalker. SEE SLEEP

**somnolent** *a.* sleepy, drowsy, dozy, nodding off, half-asleep, \*dopey, sleep-inducing. *ANT.* *wide-awake, alert.*

**song** *n.* tune, melody, ditty, ballad, serenade, lullaby, hymn, carol, number, \*oldie, \*golden oldie, \*moldy oldie, hit, air, aria, glee, theme song, signature song, \*cut, track. "The licensed medium for bawling in public things too silly or sacred to be uttered in ordinary speech."—Oliver Herford. *SEE* MUSIC, OPERA, SING, SINGER

**WORD FIND**

**advertising:** jingle

**award:** Grammy

**busy vocals with arpeggios, trills, runs, etc.:** coloratura

**catchy part:** hook, chorus

**collection:** anthology

**counterpointing vocal:** descant

**demonstration recording for contract-seeking musicians:** demo

**evening:** evensong, vesper

**funeral:** dirge, requiem

**improvisation:** vamp

**instrumental accompaniment, sung without:** a capella

**jazz vocalizations imitating instruments:** scat

**multiple-voiced:** polyphonic

**multiple-voiced, singing counterpoint:** madrigal

**multiple-voiced with same lines begun and sung at different times:** canon, round

**passage:** refrain

**popular in more than one genre or market:** crossover hit

**religious or from Scriptures:** anthem, canticle, chorale, psalm, hymn

**repetition of theme by two or more vocalists:** call and answer

**sailor's:** shanty, chanty

**triumph, of:** paean

**Venetian gondolier's:** barcarole

**words:** lyrics

**song and dance** *n.* \*line, \*snow job, \*jive, \*bull, story.

**sonorous** *a.* resonant, resounding, deep, booming, loud, reverberating, powerful, full, rich, vibrant. *ANT.* *mute, silent.*

**soon** *adv.* shortly, coming right up, directly, presently, forthwith, anon, before long, promptly.

**soot** *n.* carbon, ash, grit, particulate, grime.

**soothe** *v.* calm, comfort, quiet, ease, salve, mollify, appease, pacify, tranquilize, relax, assuage, allay, soften, settle, lull, cool, relieve, lighten. *ANT.* *aggravate, exacerbate, intensify.*

**soothing** *a.* calming, comforting, quieting, easing, mollifying, appeasing, pacifying, tranquilizing, relaxing, softening, settling, palliative, relieving. *ANT.* *aggravating, exacerbating, intensifying.*

**soothsayer** *n.* predictor, prophet, seer, fortune-teller, forecaster, augur, oracle, diviner, psychic, Cassandra.

**sop** *v.* soak, saturate, wet, drench, steep, immerse, dip, dunk.

**sophisticated** *a.* 1. **WORLDLY** worldly-wise, experienced, cultured, refined, urbane, \*hip, \*hep, \*cool, cosmopolitan, \*citified, mature, adult, seasoned, \*with it, knowing. 2. **COMPLEX** complicated, advanced, highly developed, modern, elaborate. *ANT.* 1. *simple, naive, unseasoned.* 2. *simple, unsophisticated.*

**sophistication** *n.* worldliness, experience, culture, refinement, urbanity, \*hipness, maturity, seasoning, development, advancement, knowledge. *ANT.* *simplicity, naiveté, inexperience.*

**SOPHISTRY** *n.* [SAWF is tree] argument or reasoning that is clever but fallacious, deceptive or misleading. *His lawyer was adept at sophistry.* *SYN.* fallacious argument, deceptive reasoning, subterfuge, misrepresentation, chicanery, idolism, false reasoning. "To reason correctly from a false principle."—Delos Emmons. "The lawyer's chief weapon."—Michael Axt.

**SOPHOMORIC** *a.* [sawf MOR ik] immature, inexperienced, or foolish. *His jokes were painfully sophomoric.* *SYN.* immature, juvenile, inexperienced, foolish, silly, unsophisticated, naive, green, callow, reckless, childish, shallow. *ANT.* *mature, experienced, sophisticated, seasoned.*

**soporific** *a.* sleep-inducing, somnolent, somniferous, sedative, hypnotic, tranquilizing, opiate, narcotic, sleepy, drowsy, tired. *ANT.* *stimulating, energizing, invigorating.*

**sopping** *a.* wet, drenched, saturated, dripping, soaked, soggy, sodden, wringing wet. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrated.*

**sorcerer** *n.* necromancer, wizard, witch, warlock, magician, shaman, sorceress, sibyl, practitioner of black magic, alchemist.

- sorcery** *n.* black magic, black art, magic, supernatural powers, witchcraft, necromancy, wizardry, mysticism, Satanism, voodoo, spellbinding, diabolism, conjuring, alchemy.
- sordid** *a.* dirty, filthy, foul, rotten, wretched, bad, mean, ignoble, base, seamy, immoral, corrupt, low, wicked. *ANT.* *clean, wholesome.*
- sore** *n.* wound, injury, lesion, cut, laceration, scar, scrape, bruise, abrasion, ulceration, blister, boil, painful area, tender area.
- sore** *a.* 1. PAINFUL tender, aching, burning, throbbing, stabbing, hurting, smarting, stinging, sensitive, raw, bruised, irritated. 2. ANGRY offended, mad, \*pissed, irritated, annoyed, peeved, irked, indignant, resentful. *ANT.* 1. *numb, healed.* 2. *pleased, delighted.*
- sorrow** *n.* 1. GRIEF lamentation, sadness, heartache, heartbreak, heavyheartedness, melancholy, despair, depths of despair, misery, woe, mournfulness, desolation, pain, depression. "A rainy corner in your life."—Jean Paul Richter. "The great idealizer."—James Russell Lowell. 2. LOSS trouble, adversity, hardship, disaster, tribulation, affliction, misfortune, bad luck. *ANT.* 1. *joy, happiness, light-heartedness.* 2. *fortune, good luck, blessing.*
- sorrowful** *a.* grieving, grief-stricken, sad, heartbroken, heavyhearted, melancholy, plumb-ing the depths of despair, miserable, woeful, mournful, desolate, pained, depressed. *ANT.* *elated, euphoric, happy, joyous.*
- sorry** *a.* 1. CONTRITE remorseful, regretful, conscience-stricken, compunctious, guilt-ridden, apologetic, repentant, penitent, ashamed. 2. SORROWFUL pitying, commiserative, sympathetic, empathetic. 3. POOR inferior, cheap, bad, \*crappy, worthless, pitiful, pathetic, paltry, mean. *ANT.* 1. *proud, delighted, pleased.* 2. *uncaring, indifferent.* 3. *superior, excellent.*
- sort** *n.* 1. KIND type, order, style, variety, brand, class, set, make, category, genus, race. 2. NATURE quality, ilk.
- sort** *v.* classify, class, arrange, order, organize, categorize, group, file, alphabetize, systemize, catalog, grade, rank. *ANT.* *mix up, jumble.*
- sortie** *n.* raid, charge, offense, attack, assault, sally, rush, mission.
- so-so** *a.* okay, fair, fair to middling, not bad, tolerable, passable, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, \*nothing to write home about, average. *ANT.* *superb, first-rate, extraordinary.*
- sot** *n.* drunkard, drunk, \*wino, \*rummy, alcoholic, \*boozer, drinker, \*barfly, \*alky, \*gin hound, \*souse.
- soul** *n.* 1. SPIRIT entity, mind, self, ego, psyche, conscience, anima. "A guest in our body, deserving of our kind hospitality."—Hillel. "A portion of the Deity housed in our bodies."—Josephus. "The life whereby we are joined into the body."—Saint Augustine. "A god within each human breast."—Ovid. 2. WARMTH OF EMOTION spirit, feeling. 3. ESSENCE heart, vital part, meat, quintessence, pith, center. 4. PERSON human, being, man, woman, mortal, individual.
- soulful** *a.* emotional, with feeling, deep, moving, meaningful. *ANT.* *shallow, trivial.*
- soul mate** *n.* lover, friend, confidante, companion, alter ego.
- soul-searching** *n.* introspection, self-examination, self-analysis, reflection.
- sound** *n.* SEE NOISE
- sound** *v.* 1. MAKE A NOISE vibrate, reverberate, echo, resound, ring, resonate, boom, thunder, detonate, thud, slam, rumble, roar, bang, crash, crack, clap, blare, burst, crunch, clang, chime, ding, ping, jangle, tinkle, buzz, hum, drone, whir, purr, creak, rustle, swish, fizz, sizzle, grate, rasp, hiss, rattle, clank, honk, trumpet, squeak, squeal, whisper. 2. SEEM look, look like, come across, read, give the impression.
- sound** *a.* 1. IN GOOD WORKING ORDER healthy, fit, whole, solid, \*in good shape, intact, strong, perfect, unimpaired, \*running like a Swiss watch, normal. 2. STABLE secure, safe, firm, reliable, on solid ground, on solid footing, solvent. 3. ACCURATE valid, sensible, logical, rational, grounded in fact, judicious, true, correct, right-minded, intelligent, commonsensical. 4. ACCEPTED established, orthodox, recognized, \*tried-and-true, traditional, standard. 5. THOROUGH solid, complete. *ANT.* 1. *unfit, unsound, impaired.* 2. *unstable, insecure, insolvent.* 3. *inaccurate, unsound, invalid, nonsensical.* 4. *new, unaccepted, radical, heterodox.* 5. *partial, incomplete.*
- sound bite** *n.* excerpt, snippet, quote, passage.
- soundless** *a.* still, mute, quiet. SEE SILENT
- soundproof** *a.* soundproofed, silent, noiseless, insulated. *ANT.* *noisy.*
- soup** *n.* broth, bouillon, stock, consommé, bisque, pottage, chowder, stew, gumbo, borscht, minestrone, split pea, gazpacho, bouillabaisse, lentil soup, vichyssoise.

**souçon** *n.* suspicion, trace, suggestion, hint, dash, drop, pinch.

**sour** *v.* turn one against, \*turn off, disillusion, embitter, disenchant.

**sour** *a.* 1. TART acid, vinegary, sharp, \*mouth-puckering, bitter, fermented, bad, rank, spoiled, curdled, rancid, repulsive, unpalatable. 2. SURLY cross, bad-tempered, irritable, testy, touchy, nasty, crabby, ill-humored, grouchy, morose. *ANT.* 1. *sweet, sugary, saccharine, fresh.* 2. *sweet, good-natured, nice.*

**source** *n.* 1. SPRING wellspring, fount, fountain, origin, beginning, start, dawn, root, foundation, provenance, derivation. 2. REFERENCE authority, author, documentation, database, \*horse's mouth, informant.

**sourpuss** *n.* *Sl.* \*crab, grouch, \*bellyacher, \*pick-lepuss.

**souse** *v.* pickle, steep, soak, saturate, brine, marinate, immerse, dunk, plunge, submerge.

**soused** *a.* *Sl.* intoxicated, inebriated. *SEE* DRUNK

**souvenir** *n.* memento, keepsake, relic, reminder, remembrance, memorial, token, trophy.

**sovereign** *n.* monarch, ruler, king, queen, crowned head, prince, autocrat, emperor, empress, czar, overlord, dictator.

**SOVEREIGN** *a.* [SAWV run] the greatest, supreme, ruling. Also, independent from the rule of others. *We studied the evolution of a sovereign state.* *SYN.* greatest, supreme, ranking, leading, preeminent, chief, ruling, dominant, kingly, queenly, royal, regal, monarchical, imperial, autonomous, independent, self-governing. *ANT.* *dependent, powerless, following, subject.*

**sovereignty** *n.* supremacy, independent power, authority, domination, dominance, dominion, preeminence, rule, jurisdiction. "Some power or other from which there is no appeal."—Samuel Johnson.

**sow** *v.* plant, scatter, seed, broadcast, strew, disperse, spread, imbed, drill.

**spa** *n.* resort, health facility, therapeutic facility, health club, bath, tub.

**space** *n.* 1. UNIVERSE outer space, cosmos, infinity, heavens, ether, \*eternal horizon, interstellar expanse, \*the great beyond, macrocosm, galactic expanse, solar system, galaxy, cooling fires of creation, interstellar regions, void, celestial sphere, vacuum. 2. AREA room, expanse, range, scope, elbow-room, capacity, volume, territory. *SEE* ASTRONOMY, MOON, PLANET, SUN, UNIVERSE

**WORD FIND**

**distant, bright, mysterious object:** quasar

**galaxy we live in:** Milky Way

**gas cloud, massive:** nebula

**measurement, unit of:** light year, parsec, astronomical unit

**outer space begins here, just beyond solar system:** termination shock

**stars, mass grouping of:** galaxy

**spacecraft** *n.* rocket, rocket ship, spaceship, shuttle, orbiter, capsule, space probe, satellite, Apollo, Gemini, Mariner, flying saucer, UFO.

**WORD FIND**

**activities of astronaut outside of spacecraft:** EVA, extravehicular

**activity:** spacewalk

**agency:** NASA, National Aeronautics and Space Agency

**astronaut's life-support cable used outside craft:** umbilical

**cancel mission:** scrub

**cancel mission in progress:** abort

**cargo:** payload

**chamber between pressurized and unpressurized compartment:** airlock

**distant measuring science:** telemetry

**electronic monitoring systems:** avionics

**entry into earth's atmosphere:** reentry

**firing of thrusters or rockets:** burn

**flight path:** trajectory

**fuel:** hydrazine, hydrogen peroxide, LOX (Liquid Oxygen)

**gravity force equal to earth:** g

**gravity force in earth orbit:** microgravity

**gravity slingshot method to boost craft further into space:** gravity assist

**ground station:** tracking station

**hazardous flying sand grains:** micrometeoroids

**independent system on board:** module, subsystem

**launchpad pit:** flame pit

**loss of orbital altitude due to earth's pull:** decay

**orbit that matches earth's rotation:** geosynchronous orbit

**orientation in orbit:** attitude

**payload, launching into space:** deployment

**power source:** solar cells, photovoltaics *SEE* FUEL

**propellants that ignite on contact with one another:** hypergolic propellants  
**radio signal from earth to spacecraft:** uplink  
**radio signal from spacecraft to earth:** downlink  
**rocket, extra lifting:** booster  
**rocket, slowing or reversing:** retro rocket  
**rolling craft to diffuse external heat:** barbecue mode  
**shuttle's nickname:** \*flying brick  
**space probe nerve center:** JPL, Jet Propulsion Laboratory  
**space shuttle nerve center:** Mission Control  
**speed of sound, five times the:** hypersonic (above Mach 5)  
**speed of sound:** Mach  
**speed of sound, twice the:** Mach 2  
**timespan within which craft must be launched:** launch window  
**wall:** bulkhead

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**spacey** *a. Sl.* \*spaced out, \*lost in space, \*in a fog, \*out to lunch, out of touch with reality, eccentric, weird, \*in a zone.

**spacious** *a.* roomy, commodious, large, vast, capacious, extensive, immense, voluminous, expansive, uncrowded, generous. *ANT.* *cramped, crowded, confined.*

**span** *n.* spread, reach, width, length, height, breadth, stretch, distance, period, time.

**span** *v.* cross, traverse, extend across, stretch across, reach across, bridge, arch over.

**spangle** *n.* paillette, sequin, glitter, bead.

**spank** *v.* swat, slap, smack, hit, strike, rap, paddle one's behind, take over one's knee, cuff, lick, wallop, thrash, whip.

**spar** *n.* pole, beam, mast, sprit, boom, yard, gaff.

**spar** *v.* box, shadow box, \*mix it up, practice, work out, trade punches.

**spare** *n.* extra, stand-by, backup, auxiliary, substitute, fill-in, surplus, leftover.

**spare** *v.* 1. TREAT MERCIFULLY save, free, liberate, go easy on, forgive, excuse, pardon, exempt, release, let go, reprieve. 2. GIVE UP part with, donate, let go, do without, grant, afford.

**spare** *a.* 1. EXTRA stand-by, backup, auxiliary, reserve, substitute, fill-in, superfluous, emergency, odd, surplus, leftover. 2. LEAN thin, skinny, slim, slender, slight, bony, scrawny, lanky, rawboned. 3. SCANTY meager, sparse, modest, frugal. *ANT.* 1. *essential.* 2. *fat, obese, flabby.* 3. *rich, abundant.*

**sparing** *a.* 1. FRUGAL thrifty, economical, \*tight, stingy, cheap, saving, parsimonious, miserly,

stinting, grudging, niggardly. 2. SCANTY meager, sparse, modest, spare. *ANT.* 1. *generous, charitable, giving, lavish.* 2. *rich, abundant.*

**spark** *n.* 1. FLASH flicker, scintilla, flare, sparkle, glow, discharge, glint, glimmer, trace, tinge, particle. 2. STIMULUS spark plug, goad, spur, motivation, impetus, inspiration.

**spark** *v.* 1. FLASH flicker, scintillate, flare, sparkle, glow, discharge, glint, glimmer. 2. STIMULATE ignite, start, activate, goad, spur, motivate, energize, propel, inspire. *ANT.* 2. *extinguish, douse.*

**sparkle** *v.* 1. FLASH spark, glitter, shine, flicker, scintillate, glint, glimmer, twinkle, wink, dazzle, shimmer. 2. BE BRILLIANT be the life of the party, shine, effervesce, dazzle, be animated, be lively, be vivacious.

**sparse** *a.* scanty, meager, slight, scarce, thin, spare, spotty, scattered, few and far between, skimpy, poor. *ANT.* *thick, abundant, plentiful.*

**Spartan** *a.* disciplined, strict, rigorous, demanding, severe, rigid, abstemious, austere, simple, frugal. *ANT.* *undisciplined, lavish, luxurious, \*cushy.*

**spasm** *n.* contraction, convulsion, jerk, twitch, tic, nervous tic, seizure, fit, throe, cramp, shudder, orgasm, cramp.

**spasmodic** *a.* convulsive, fitful, spastic, twitching, intermittent, sporadic, periodic, on-and-off, irregular. *ANT.* *regular, steady, continuous.*

**spat** *n.* dispute, quarrel, disagreement, argument, fight, tiff, row, squabble, \*run-in, falling-out, misunderstanding.

**spate** *n.* flood, deluge, outpouring, overflow, downpour, freshet, inundation, heavy rain, cloudburst. *ANT.* *drought.*

**spatter** *v.* splash, scatter, spray, shower, sprinkle, scatter, dot, speckle, dabble, spot.

**spawn** *v.* produce young, reproduce, bring forth, generate, engender, bear, give birth to, beget, \*hatch, create.

**spay** *v.* sterilize.

**spaz** *n. Sl.* \*nerd, \*geek, oddball, \*goofball, \*goober.

**speak** *v.* 1. UTTER talk, say, state, mouth, voice, vocalize, articulate, verbalize, communicate, express, enunciate, pronounce, babble, blurt, cry, shout, bellow, shriek, rant, rave, exclaim, mutter, mumble, whine, murmur, whisper, stutter, stammer. 2. MAKE A SPEECH lecture, give a talk, discourse, orate, address, hold forth, preach, pontificate, deliver a sermon. 3. CONVERSE talk, chat, \*shoot the breeze, confabulate. SEE TALK

**speaker** *n.* talker, lecturer, orator, speechmaker, spokeswoman, spokesman, keynoter, spell-binder.

**spear** *n.* lance, javelin, dart, bolt, shaft, harpoon, pike, trident, leister

**spear** *v.* pierce, stab, stick, run through, impale, lance, puncture, harpoon.

**SPEARHEAD** *v.* [SPEER hed] to start, pioneer, or lead. *He spearheaded the environmental movement.* SYN. start, pioneer, lead, \*blaze the trail, \*get the ball rolling, launch, originate, initiate.

**special** *a.* 1. PARTICULAR specific, specialized, appropriate. 2. DISTINGUISHED exceptional, extraordinary, distinctive, different, unusual, unique, out-of-the-ordinary, singular, important, \*red-letter, momentous, marked, select. ANT. 1. *general, standard.* 2. *usual, ordinary, standard, normal.*

**specialist** *n.* expert, authority, master, professional, connoisseur, ace, virtuoso, scholar, devotee. ANT. \**jack-of-all-trades, master of none, amateur.*

**specialize** *v.* concentrate on, practice, major in, devote oneself exclusively to.

**specialty** *n.* line, forte, area of expertise, specialization, métier, major, bailiwick, profession, skill, strength.

**species** *n.* variety, class, line, type, sort, breed, order, genus, division, stripe, genre.

**specific** *a.* specified, particular, express, designated, explicit, precise, exact, clear, defined, spelled-out, unequivocal, unambiguous, obvious, concrete. ANT. *vague, indefinite, ambiguous.*

**specifically** *adv.* particular, expressly, explicitly, precisely, specially, exactly, clearly, definitely, especially.

**specification** *n.* detail, particular, item, spec, feature, ingredient, stipulation, measurement, size.

**specify** *v.* be specific, detail, spell out, be precise, name, designate, itemize, define, express, explain.

**specimen** *n.* sample, sampling, example, instance, exemplar, cross section, model, representative, individual.

**SPECIOUS** *a.* [SPEE shus] plausible but invalid, having only the appearance of the truth. *Lawyers are adept at putting forth specious arguments.* SYN. plausible, sophisticated, seeming, conceivable, possible, misleading, credible, unsound, ostensible, deceptive, fallacious. ANT. *true, valid, unquestionable, genuine.*

**speck** *n.* bit, spot, fleck, particle, grain, drop, iota, mite, jot, dot, atom, molecule, crumb.

**spectacle** *n.* sight, curiosity, display, exhibition, show, scene, \*eyeful, sensation, marvel, wonder, pageant, exposition, extravaganza, performance, parade.

**spectacles** *n.* specs, lenses. SEE GLASSES

**spectacular** *a.* striking, sensational, breathtaking, extraordinary, exceptional, staggering, \*eye-popping, stunning, impressive, dazzling, grand, wonderful, magnificent, awesome, marvelous, glorious. ANT. *mediocre, dull, boring, \*nothing to write home about.*

**spectator** *n.* onlooker, watcher, observer, viewer, witness, passerby, bystander, \*rubbernecker.

**specter** *n.* ghost, spirit, apparition, \*spook, phantom, phantasm, bogey, poltergeist, wraith, shadow.

**spectral** *a.* ghostly, phantom, phantasmal, eerie.

**speculate** *v.* 1. THINK ABOUT meditate, ponder, reflect, deliberate, contemplate, cogitate, weigh, ruminate, muse, \*chew over, deliberate, \*turn over in one's mind, mull over. 2. RISK invest, venture, \*toss the dice, buy stocks, sell stocks, gamble, \*play the market, trade.

**speculation** *n.* 1. THINKING meditation, pondering, reflection, deliberation, contemplation, cogitation, rumination, musing, mulling, weighing. 2. THEORY guess, guesswork, assumption, conjecture, forecast, presumption, suspicion. 3. RISK OF CAPITAL investment, venture, \*toss of the dice, playing the stock market, gambling, trading.

**speculative** *a.* theoretical, hypothetical, conjectural, presumptive, questionable, assumed, suppositional, experimental, unproven, iffy, risky, unpredictable. ANT. *certain, sure, guaranteed, unquestionable.*

**speculator** *n.* guesser, theorist, gambler, stock trader.

**speech** *n.* 1. SPEAKING communication, verbalization, vocalization, talk, expression, articulation, utterance, pronunciation, elocution, conversation. "The index and mirror of the soul."—Thomas Robertson. "Speech is power: speech is to persuade, to convert, to compel."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2. LANGUAGE vocabulary, dialect, idiom, tongue, vernacular, parlance, lingo, patois. 3. LECTURE talk, address, oration, discourse, keynote, sermon, salutation, dissertation, recitation, soliloquy, stem-winder, filibuster, tirade.

**WORD FIND**

**aptness in expression:** felicity

**art of word usage:** rhetoric, oratory  
**ecstatic:** rhapsody  
**figure of:** metaphor, simile, litotes, trope  
**fluency, expressiveness:** eloquence  
**graduation:** valedictory  
**impairment:** dysphasia, speech impediment, dysphonia  
**incoherent:** gibberish, glossolalia  
**incongruous figure of speech:** oxymoron  
**individual dialect:** idiolect  
**individual dialect quirk:** idiologism  
**informal, conversational:** colloquial  
**insertion of words like “um,” “like,” “you know,” etc.:** embolalia  
**long and tiresome:** screed  
**loss for words, be at a:** aporia  
**loss of:** aphasia, muteness  
**lying, artful:** mendaciloquence  
**modulation, change in tone:** inflection  
**obscuring:** obfuscation  
**pompous:** bombast, fustian  
**pronounce clearly:** enunciate  
**pronunciation, poor or improper:** cacology  
**recall word, inability to:** lethologica  
**showing off one’s education through:** pedantry  
**slip of the tongue:** lapsus linguae, Freudian slip  
**speaking easily, fluently:** voluble  
**Ssss or Shh sound in:** sibilance  
**style of:** elocution, locution  
**understatement for ironic effect:** meiosis  
**unexpressive:** inarticulate  
**word and sentence construction:** syntax

**speechless** *a.* tongue-tied, at a loss for words, mute, struck dumb, inarticulate, aphonic, aphasic, voiceless, silent, \*choked up. *ANT.* loquacious, talkative, \*motor-mouthed, voluble.

**speed** *n.* swiftness, quickness, velocity, fleetness, rapidity, celerity, hustle, promptness, acceleration, rush, pace. *ANT.* slowness, sluggishness.

**speed** *v.* rush, hurry, fly, zoom, race, whiz, go like the wind, hustle, dash, tear, sprint, \*go like lightning, run, hightail, \*go like hell, \*floor it, accelerate. *ANT.* move in slow motion, crawl, drag.

**speedy** *a.* fast, quick, rapid, fleet, \*quicker than greased lightning, expeditious, hurried, nimble, prompt. *ANT.* slow, sluggish, slothlike.

**spell** *n.* 1. INCANTATION charm, invocation, hex, jinx, voodoo, hoodoo, magic, enchantment,

bewitchment, entrancement, sorcery, mesmerism, hypnotism, trance. SEE OCCULT 2. TIME period, interval, \*stretch, course, run, turn, tour, shift, bout, episode, fit.

**spell** *v.* relieve, give a break, take over, stand in for, cover for, take turns.

**spellbind** *v.* enchant, entrance, bewitch, mesmerize, hypnotize, charm, fascinate, hold, rivet, enthrall, transfix.

**spellbound** *a.* enchanted, entranced, bewitched, mesmerized, hypnotized, charmed, fascinated, held, riveted, enthralled, transfixed. *ANT.* distracted, bored.

**spelunker** *n.* cave explorer. SEE CAVE

**spend** *v.* exhaust, disburse, squander, pay out, \*blow, use up, expend, fritter, consume, disperse, outlay, splurge, \*fork over, deplete. *ANT.* save, conserve, hoard.

**spendthrift** *n.* squanderer, \*big spender, \*free spender, prodigal, profligate, wastrel, high roller. *ANT.* Scrooge, miser, tightwad, \*penny-incher.

**spent** *a.* exhausted, consumed, burned out, worn out, used up, blown, depleted, expended, drained, prostrate, \*beat, \*pooped, \*fagged out. *ANT.* refreshed, energized, invigorated.

**sperm** *n.* seed, semen.

**spew** *v.* gush, flow, issue, spit, eject, vomit, throw up, disgorge, expel.

**sphere** *n.* 1. BALL globe, orb, spheroid, globule, moon, planet. 2. PROVINCE range, domain, realm, scope, territory, field, bailiwick, department, turf.

**spherical** *a.* globular, spheroid, orbicular, round, oval, elliptical.

**sphincter** *n.* constrictor.

**spice** *n.* seasoning, flavoring, flavor, herb, condiment, piquancy, zest, \*zing, pungency, sharpness, bite, relish, excitement, allspice, angelica, anise, basil, bay leaf, black pepper, bouquet garni, calamint, capers, caraway seed, celery seed, chervil, chicory, chili pepper, chili powder, chives, cilantro, cinnamon, cloves, coriander, cumin, curry, dill, fennel, flaxseed, garlic, ginger, lemon grass, licorice, mace, marjoram, mint, mustard, nutmeg, oregano, paprika, parsley, pepper, peppermint, poppy seed, rosemary, saffron, sage, sweet basil, tarragon, thyme, turmeric, white pepper.

**spice** *v.* season, flavor, enliven, enhance.

**spick-and-span** *a.* neat, clean, trim, fresh. *ANT.* untidy.

**spicy** *a.* 1. FLAVORFUL pungent, \*zippy, tangy, sharp, hot, zesty, seasoned, savory, lively, piquant, biting, aromatic, fragrant. 2. RISQUÉ racy, bawdy, suggestive, off-color, \*raunchy, obscene, titillating. *ANT.* 1. *bland, blah, dull, tasteless.* 2. *G-rated, clean, wholesome.*

**spider** *n.* arachnid, \*daddy longlegs, black widow, tarantula, wolf spider, violin spider, trap-door spider.

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**WORD FIND**

**web-spinning appendage:** spinneret

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**spiel** *n.* *Sl.* sales pitch, speech, talk, \*line, \*song and dance, hard sell.

**spiffy** *a.* *Sl.* spruce, dapper, smart, neat, trim, sharp, well-dressed, natty. *ANT.* *disheveled, bedraggled, frumpy.*

**spigot** *n.* tap, faucet, valve, cock.

**spike** *n.* nail, bolt.

**spill** *n.* tumble, \*header. *SEE FALL*

**spill** *v.* 1. SLOP overflow, slosh, dribble, pour, run over, brim over, splatter, splash. 2. DIVULGE \*spill the beans, \*let the cat out of the bag, disclose, make known, reveal, confess, \*sing.

**spin** *n.* rotation, twirl, roll, twist, revolution, English.

**spin** *v.* 1. ROTATE twirl, roll, revolve, go `round, whirl, gyrate, wheel, pivot, reel, pirouette. 2. TELL weave, fabricate, narrate, concoct.

**spindle** *n.* shaft, rod, pin, axis, axle.

**spindly** *a.* thin, slim, slender, scrawny, bony, long, tall, lanky, gangling, weak, frail. *ANT.* *fat, squat, stout.*

**spindrift** *n.* sea spray, foam, scud.

**spine** *n.* 1. BACKBONE vertebrae, spinal column. 2. NEEDLE thorn, prickle, barb, quill. 3. WILLPOWER intestinal fortitude, determination, courage, pluck, resolve. *ANT.* *spinelessness, irresolution.*

**spineless** *a.* 1. INVERTEBRATE. 2. COWARDLY \*wimpy, irresolute, \*chicken, weak, weak-willed, timid, lily-livered, without backbone, \*gutless, fainthearted. *ANT.* 2. *tough, determined, courageous, resolute.*

**spin-off** *n.* by-product, offshoot, outgrowth, off-spring, derivative.

**spinster** *n.* old maid, widow, divorcée, femme sole, single woman.

**spiny** *a.* barbed, spiked, tined, pronged, bristly, hispid, thorny, prickly. *ANT.* *smooth, sleek.*

**spiral** *n.* helix, corkscrew, coil, gyre, curlicue, vortex, whirlpool, eddy, whorl.

**spiral** *a.* helical, coiled, winding, corkscrew, twisted, whorled, spiroid, turbinate, volute, curled, scrolled, cochleate.

**spire** *n.* steeple, belfry, tower, bell tower, fleche, campanile, minaret, shaft, peak, pinnacle.

**spirit** *n.* 1. SOUL consciousness, anima, life breath, mind, psyche, self, heart, ego. "The life of God within us."—Saint Teresa. "A vital breath of more ethereal air."—H.W. Longfellow. "An inward flame; a lamp the world blows upon but never puts out."—Margot Asquith. 2. GHOST phantom, phantasm, spook, apparition, specter, poltergeist, shadow, supernatural entity, wraith, presence. 3. MOOD disposition, frame of mind, attitude, humor, feeling, temper, morale, tone, outlook. 4. LIVELINESS vigor, vitality, vivacity, energy, animation, enthusiasm, eagerness, zeal, ardor, courage, bravery. 5. MEANING intention, intent, sense, aim, purpose.

**spirited** *a.* lively, energetic, dynamic, animated, vivacious, fiery, \*charged, eager, enthusiastic, zealous, effervescent, spunky, perky. *ANT.* *dead, slothful, lifeless, dispirited.*

**spiritless** *a.* listless, \*out of it, \*dead, suffering from malaise, \*down in the dumps, depressed, \*bummed out, melancholy, indifferent, lifeless, slothful, sluggish, passionless. *ANT.* *spirited, \*charged, lively.*

**spiritual** *a.* 1. OF THE SOUL incorporeal, immaterial, extramundane, unearthly, otherworldly, ethereal, metaphysical. 2. RELIGIOUS sacred, devotional, holy, divine, pious, godly, pure, righteous, heavenly. *ANT.* 1. *of the body, corporeal, of the flesh.* 2. *secular, worldly.*

**spit** *n.* 1. SALIVA spittle, drool, \*loogie, sputum, slaver, expectoration. 2. SKEWER broach, ro-tisserie, pin.

**spit** *v.* expectorate, hawk, spray, drool, dribble.

**spite** *n.* malice, ill will, grudge, hard feelings, resentment, malevolence, maliciousness, vindictiveness, vengeance, hate, meanness. *ANT.* *goodwill, warmth, affection.*

**spite** *v.* hurt, injure, offend, get back at, harass, annoy, frustrate, be nasty. *ANT.* *\*give a hand, help, be nice to.*

**spiteful** *a.* malicious, viperous, venomous, vindictive, vengeful, nasty, resentful, mean, catty, hateful, malevolent, vicious, bitter. *ANT.* *sweet, nice, helpful.*

**spitting image** *n.* mirror image, twin, likeness.

**spittle** *n.* *SEE SPIT*

**spittoon** *n.* cuspidor.

**splash** *n.* 1. SPLATTER squirt, jet, spurt, spray, sprinkle, slosh, slop, plop, \*kerplunk. 2. SMALL AMOUNT drop, touch. 3. SPECTACLE display, sensation, show.

**splash** *v.* splatter, squirt, jet, spurt, spray, sprinkle, slosh, slop, plop, \*kerplunk.

**splatter** *v.* splash, spray, sprinkle spatter, streak, stain.

**splay** *v.* spread, expand, extend.

**spleen** *n.* malice, spite, hatred, ill will, hard feelings, venom, resentment, malevolence, petulance, waspishness, grouchiness. *ANT.* *warmth, friendliness, affection, good humor.*

**splendid** *a.* 1. LUSTROUS magnificent, shining, brilliant, splendiferous, dazzling, gorgeous, luxurious, sumptuous, elegant, \*ritzy, \*posh. 2. EXCELLENT exceptional, great, fabulous, fantastic, wonderful, outstanding, fine, superb, sterling. *ANT.* 1. *drab, dull, poor.* 2. *poor, inferior, awful, lousy.*

**splendor** *n.* 1. BRILLIANCE luster, brightness, shine, resplendence, radiance, glitter. 2. MAGNIFICENCE glory, grandeur, pomp, show, spectacle.

**splenetic** *a.* irritable, grouchy, bad-tempered, nasty, waspish, petulant, crabby, grumpy, peevish, sour. *ANT.* *good-humored, easygoing.*

**splice** *v.* join, unite, wed, weave together, bind, connect, twine, braid.

**splinter** *n.* sliver, fragment, bit, shiver, shard.

**splinter** *v.* split, break, fragment, crack, separate.

**split** *n.* 1. BREAK crack, tear, fragmenting, separation, splintering, rip, slash, gash, rupture, rift, cleft. 2. DIVISION OR DIFFERENCE OF OPINION schism, dissension, fragmentation, disunion, breach, rift.

**split** *v.* 1. BREAK splinter, separate, divide, sever, crack, tear, cleave, fragment, rip, slash, rupture, halve. 2. BE AT ODDS be at opposite ends of the spectrum, polarize, fragment. 3. DIVIDE \*divvy up, allocate, apportion, share, mete out, subdivide, distribute. *ANT.* 1. *join, unite, bind.* 2. *unite.* 3. *collect.*

**split up** *v.* break up, separate, divorce, go separate ways, part company.

**splotch** *n.* spot, stain, blob, mark, splash, smudge.

**splurge** *v.* indulge, \*spend like there's no tomorrow, \*blow, squander, \*go overboard, \*go whole hog, be extravagant. *ANT.* *conserve, \*tighten one's belt, \*pinch pennies.*

**splutter** *v.* sputter, spit, hiss, spatter, \*spray, stumble, stammer, stutter, \*trip over one's words.

**spoil** *v.* 1. DAMAGE ruin, destroy, injure, impair, wreck, harm, \*mess up, \*louse up, demolish, mar, blemish. 2. OVERINDULGE pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, cosset, baby, wait on, cater to, \*kill with kindness, overprotect, smother, lavish, shelter. 3. DECAY rot, putrefy, go bad, decompose, sour, turn moldy, addle, deteriorate. *ANT.* 1. *enhance, better, improve.* 2. *harden, be strict with, deprive.*

**spoilage** *n.* garbage, waste, refuse, damaged goods, rotten food.

**spoiled** *a.* 1. DAMAGED ruined, destroyed, injured, impaired, wrecked, harmed, \*messed up, \*loused up, demolished, marred, blemished. 2. OVERINDULGED pampered, coddled, mollycoddled, \*bratty, cossetted, babied, overprotected, smothered. 3. DECAYED rotten, putrid, gone bad, decomposed, sour, moldy, addled, deteriorated, rancid. *ANT.* 1. *enhanced, improved.* 2. *disciplined, hardened, deprived.* 3. *fresh.*

**spoils** *n.* plunder, booty, property, pillage, loot, winnings, bounty, prize, reward.

**spoilsport** *n.* killjoy, \*wet blanket, marplot, \*party pooper.

**spoken** *a.* uttered, vocalized, said, articulated, voiced, expressed verbally, declared, pronounced, oral. *ANT.* *unspoken.*

**spokesman** *n.* spokeswoman, prolocutor, \*mouthpiece, \*PR man/woman, voice, speaker, representative, deputy, intermediary, agent.

**sponge** *n.* *Sl.* \*sponger, \*moocher, \*bum, \*freeloader, beggar, \*leech, parasite, \*bloodsucker, \*deadbeat.

**sponge** *v.* \*mooch, beg, cadge, \*bum, \*freeload, scrounge.

**sponger** *n.* SEE SPONGE

**spongy** *a.* porous, absorbent, elastic, springy, mushy, boggy, marshy, moist, waterlogged.

**sponsor** *n.* underwriter, endorser, financier, supporter, backer, \*angel, patron, guarantor, advertiser, advocate, champion, godfather, godmother.

**spontaneous** *a.* unrehearsed, off the cuff, extemporaneous, unprepared, spur of the moment, unplanned, impulsive, impromptu, \*off the top of one's head, ad-lib, unpremeditated, reflexive, natural, instinctual. *ANT.* *planned, premeditated, rehearsed, prepared, unnatural.*

**spoof** *n.* parody, satire, \*takeoff, \*send-up, caricature, lampoon, burlesque, travesty, joke, comedy.

**spoof** *v.* satirize, parody, \*send up, caricature, lampoon, burlesque, travesty.

**spook** *n.* ghost, specter, apparition, spirit, poltergeist, phantom, phantasm.

**spooky** *a.* ghostly, spectral, supernatural, eerie, weird, scary, unnerving, frightening, creepy.

**spool** *n.* bobbin, reel, cylinder.

**spoon** *n.* eating utensil, implement, silverware, ladle, scoop.

**spoon-feed** *v.* pamper, coddle, mollycoddle, baby, indulge, overindulge. SEE SPOIL

**spoor** *n.* trail, track, footprints, markings, droppings.

**sporadic** *a.* irregular, on and off, infrequent, intermittent, spotty, random, occasional, periodic, erratic, fitful, scattered. *ANT.* *regular, steady, constant.*

**sport(s)** *n.* 1. ATHLETICS recreation, pastime, diversion, competitive activity, contest, competition, game, play, amusement, entertainment. "War minus the shooting."—George Orwell. SEE BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, BOWLING, BOXING, BULLFIGHT, FENCING, FOOTBALL, GOLF, MOUNTAINEERING, RACE, SKIN DIVING, SKATING, SKIING, SKYDIVING, SOCCER, TENNIS, VOLLEYBALL, WRESTLING 2. OBJECT OF TEASING butt, object of ridicule, laughingstock, \*easy target, \*fair game, \*patsy, ridicule. 3. JOKING AROUND fun, frolic, teasing, jollity, merriment, \*jollies, antics, tomfoolery, skylarking, kidding, ridicule.

**sporting** *a.* fair, sportsmanlike, even, equitable, \*on a level playing field, gentlemanly, honest. *ANT.* *unfair, dishonest.*

**sportive** *a.* playful, fun, romping, merry, joking, frisky, roguish, frolicsome, gamesome, jaunty. *ANT.* *serious, grave, earnest.*

**sportscaster** *n.* \*play-by-play man/woman, color commentator, broadcaster.

**sportsman** *n.* hunter, fisherman, outdoorsman, adventurer.

**sportsmanship** *n.* integrity, honor, honesty, fairness, courtesy. *ANT.* *dishonesty, cheating.*

**sportswear** *n.* casual wear, informal wear.

**sporty** *a.* flashy, showy, loud, casual, informal. *ANT.* *formal, conservative.*

**spot** *n.* 1. STAIN blot, speck, smudge, mark, splotch, discoloration, speckle, dot, patch, daub, smirch. 2. LOCATION locale, position, point, place, site, area, section, setting, region, space. 3. DILEMMA bind, \*sticky situation, fix, mess, predicament, \*pickle, jam.

**spot** *v.* 1. STAIN blot, blemish, smudge, mark, discolor, speckle, daub, dirty, splash, sprinkle, fleck. 2. SEE detect, recognize, make out,

pinpoint, discern, spy, sight, catch sight of, find, identify.

**spot-check** *n.* random sampling.

**spotless** *a.* 1. CLEAN immaculate, unstained, unblemished, untainted, laundered, washed, scrubbed, \*squeaky clean, pristine, virgin. 2. IRREPROACHABLE above reproach, pure, innocent, uncorrupted, above suspicion, \*having clean hands, faultless, impeccable, virginal, chaste, \*squeaky clean. *ANT.* 1. *dirty, filthy, spotty.* 2. *faulty, defective, tarnished.*

**spotlight** *n.* 1. LAMP klieg light, \*spot, floodlight, arc light, search light, pin spot, beam projector, \*bon-bon, limelight, \*ashcan. 2. PROMINENCE recognition, notice, public scrutiny, \*fishbowl existence, \*public microscope, limelight, center stage.

**spotlight** *v.* light, illuminate, highlight, cast in the limelight, flood, focus on. *ANT.* *obscure, conceal, veil.*

**spotted** *a.* speckled, flecked, spotty, dotted, dappled, mottled, blotched, piebald, guttate. *ANT.* *uniform, monochromatic.*

**spotty** *a.* irregular, sporadic, inconsistent, intermittent, patchy, uneven, erratic, fitful, on again off again, \*running hot and cold, variable. *ANT.* *consistent, regular, even.*

**spouse** *n.* mate, husband, wife, groom, bride, partner, companion, consort, \*old man, \*old lady, \*better half.

**spout** *n.* nozzle, spile, spigot, faucet, lip, snout, mouth, tube, outlet, jet, discharge, spurt, geyser, squirt.

**spout** *v.* 1. FLOW shoot, jet, discharge, spurt, squirt, gush, pour, surge, emit, spew, issue. 2. RANT AND RAVE harangue, \*shoot off one's mouth, \*go on and on about, orate, gush.

**sprain** *v.* wrench, twist, strain, tear ligaments.

**sprawl** *v.* spread, stretch out, spread-eagle, loll, slouch, recline, lounge, slump, lie.

**spray** *n.* mist, drizzle, sprinkle, spritz, vapor, shower, \*mizzle, spindrift, spume, jet, cloud.

**spray** *v.* atomize, drizzle, sprinkle, spritz, vaporize, shower, jet, mist, nebulize.

**spread** *n.* 1. EXTENSION expansion, spreading, increase, mushrooming, growth, broadening, contagion, proliferation, diffusion, span, extent, range, scope, expanse. 2. FEAST banquet, smorgasbord, meal, buffet.

**spread** *v.* 1. UNFOLD open, unfurl, stretch out, stretch, sprawl, splay, uncoil, display. 2. EXPAND extend, increase, mushroom, grow, broaden, proliferate, cover, disperse, pervade, permeate. 3. SCATTER strew, distribute,

- disperse, sprinkle. 4. **DISSEMINATE** broadcast, publicize, trumpet, circulate, publish, promulgate, advertise. 5. **APPLY** slather, daub, smear, paint, plaster. *ANT.* 1. *close, fold, curl, contract.* 2. *shrink, contract, recede.* 3. *gather, amass, pile.* 4. *cancel, keep quiet.*
- spreadsheet** *n.* accounting program, bookkeeping program, accounting software. *SEE* COMPUTER
- spree** *n.* frolic, \*field day, party, celebration, orgy, carousal, \*binge, \*tear, \*bender, \*drunk.
- spring** *n.* twig, spray, nosegay, stem, slip, sprout.
- sprightly** *a.* lively, spirited, gay, energetic, brisk, vivacious, animated, playful, jaunty, chipper, blithe, cheerful, spry. *ANT.* *sluggish, lifeless, glum.*
- spring** *n.* 1. **LEAP** jump, bound, vault, hop, bounce, resilience, elasticity, springiness, recoil. 2. **COIL** shock absorber, spiral, helix, compression spring. 3. **WELL** upwelling, gush, fountain, waterhole, \*drink, pool, spa, baths. 4. **ORIGIN** wellspring, source, fountain, fount, beginning, motive, impetus. 5. **SEASON** March, April, May, \*rebirth, \*new beginning, blossoming time, mating season. "A true reconstructionist."—Henry Timrod.
- spring** *v.* 1. **LEAP** jump, bound, vault, hop, hurdle, lunge, skip. 2. **SPRING BACK** recoil, rebound. 3. **RISE** \*pop up, crop up, emerge, grow, emanate, stem, originate.
- springy** *a.* elastic, resilient, rubbery, spongy, bouncy, flexible. *ANT.* *stiff, inflexible.*
- sprinkle** *n.* light rain, mist, drizzle, spit, spray, shower, dash, smattering, pinch, scattering, dusting. *ANT.* *deluge, flood.*
- sprinkle** *v.* rain lightly, mist, drizzle, spit, spray, shower, dash, sparge, scatter, dust.
- sprint** *v.* run, race, \*go full out, dash, \*run like hell, \*beat feet, tear, rush, \*hotfoot. *SEE* RUN
- sprite** *n.* fairy, elf, pixie, nymph, brownie, gnome, goblin, hobgoblin, leprechaun.
- sprout** *v.* germinate, grow, shoot, bud, bloom, burgeon, develop, flower. *ANT.* *die, wither.*
- spruce** *a.* neat, trim, smart, natty, dapper, chic, well-groomed, sharp, \*spiffy, \*slick. *ANT.* *sloppy, bedraggled, frumpy, disheveled.*
- spruce up** *v.* clean up, neat up, groom, \*fix up, \*doll up, \*spit and polish, \*gussy up, primp.
- SPRY** *a.* [SPRI] active and nimble, lively. *He was surprisingly spry for a ninety-year-old.* *SYN.* active, nimble, lively, vigorous, vital, hearty, \*peppy, robust, brisk, quick, agile. *ANT.* *lifeless, lethargic, bedridden.*
- spume** *n.* foam, froth, fizz, cream, suds, lather, spindrift, scum.
- spunk** *n.* courage, heart, \*guts, spirit, intestinal fortitude, pluck, backbone, mettle, nerve, \*moxie, grit, mental toughness. *ANT.* *timidity, \*wimpiness, cowardice.*
- spunky** *a.* courageous, brave, \*gutsy, spirited, game, plucky, gritty, tough, nery, lion-hearted, red-blooded, resolute. *ANT.* *timid, \*wimpy, cowardly.*
- spur** *n.* goad, impetus, incentive, motivation, \*spark, \*spark plug, stimulus, trigger, prod, jolt, \*swift kick. *ANT.* *dampener, discouragement.*
- spur** *v.* goad, instigate, provide an incentive, spark, stimulate, trigger, prod, jolt, \*give a swift kick, prompt, incite, \*goose. *ANT.* *put a dampener on, discourage, slow.*
- SPURIOUS** *a.* [SPYOOOR ee us] false, counterfeit. *The purported Jack the Ripper diary turned out to be spurious.* *SYN.* fake, unguine, bogus, phony, simulated, fraudulent, forged, sham, pseudo, mock, artificial, apocryphal. *ANT.* *genuine, authentic, real.*
- spurn** *v.* reject, refuse, decline, scorn, snub, \*give the cold shoulder, \*turn one's nose up at, \*nix, \*give a thumbs down, have no part of, rebuff, disdain, sneeze at. *ANT.* *embrace, accept, welcome.*
- spurt** *n.* 1. **SQUIRT** jet, rush, gush, spray, spate, geyser, surge. 2. **BURST OF ACTIVITY** rush, surge, flurry, flare-up, spell.
- spurt** *v.* squirt, jet, rush, gush, spray, surge, well up, spout, ejaculate.
- sputter** *v.* 1. **SPLUTTER** \*spray one's words, spit, stammer, stutter, \*gibber-jabber, \*trip over one's words, talk excitedly. 2. **SIZZLE** spit, crackle, pop, snap.
- sputum** *n.* spittle, saliva, spit, phlegm, mucus.
- spy** *n.* intelligence agent, secret agent, undercover agent, double agent, secret service agent, CIA agent, operative, snoop, investigator, \*mole, \*tail, informer, \*private eye, scout. *SEE* SPYING
- spy** *v.* 1. **WATCH SURREPTITIOUSLY** observe, stake out, keep under surveillance, shadow, \*case, \*tail, \*check out, scout, reconnoiter, eavesdrop, \*bug, snoop, investigate, pry, engage in espionage, infiltrate, gather intelligence. *SEE* SPYING 2. **CATCH SIGHT OF** see, perceive, make out, detect, spot, sight, glimpse.
- spying** *n.* espionage, intelligence gathering, reconnaissance, infiltration, eavesdropping, bugging.

## WORD FIND

**agent who does not spy but works to confuse enemy:** confusion agent  
**coded communication, science of:** cryptology  
**code form, put information into:** encrypt, encipher  
**concealed microphone:** \*bug, listening device  
**decode:** decrypt, decipher  
**decoding encrypted messages:** cryptanalysis  
**expose as a spy:** \*blow one's cover, \*burn group: cell  
**infiltrator of enemy intelligence agency:** mole, double agent  
**information, secret:** classified information, top secret information  
**International Criminal Police Organization:** Interpol  
**misleading or phony information:** disinformation, counterintelligence  
**penetration into enemy's affairs:** infiltration  
**safe haven or meeting house:** safe house  
**secret code:** cipher, password  
**traitorous work performed for enemy:** collaboration  
**undercover, secret:** covert  
**U.S. government agency:** CIA, Central Intelligence Agency

**squabble** *n.* quarrel, dispute, argument, fight, tiff, disagreement, difference of opinion, controversy, row, wrangle. *ANT.* *agreement, harmony, accord.*

**squabble** *v.* quarrel, dispute, argue, fight, have a tiff, disagree, have a difference of opinion, \*lock horns, wrangle, contend. *ANT.* *agree, get along.*

**squad** *n.* group, team, crew, company, unit, platoon, battalion, band, gang, \*outfit.

**squadron** *n.* 1. GROUP OF VESSELS CONVOY, unit, two divisions. 2. FLIGHT FORMATION escadrille.

**SQUALID** *a.* [SKWALL id] filthy or run-down due to neglect. *The tenement building was in a squalid section of town.* *SYN.* filthy, dirty, foul, unclean, grungy, dingy, grimy, rat-infested, stinking, slummy, run-down, dilapidated, wretched, miserable, seedy, sordid. *ANT.* *clean, immaculate, well-kept.*

**squall** *n.* 1. WINDSTORM gale, blow, gust, blast, tempest, downpour, cloudburst, shower, gale, storm, flurry. 2. DISTURBANCE blow-up, furor, tumult, commotion, trouble, fuss. 3.

CRY scream, wail, shriek, bawling, yell, yowl, howl, outcry, outburst.

**SQUALOR** *n.* [SKWALL ur] filth and poverty, wretchedness. *Many in the inner cities live in squalor.* *SYN.* filth, poverty, dirtiness, foulness, grunginess, dinginess, slum conditions, seediness, wretchedness, misery, sordidness, \*Dickensian poverty. *ANT.* *luxury, wealth, \*bed of roses, \*clover.*

**SQUANDER** *v.* [SKWAN dur] to waste. *She squandered the last of her inheritance.* *SYN.* waste, \*blow, be extravagant, fritter away, throw away, \*spend like there was no tomorrow, lavish, play the profligate, dissipate. *ANT.* *save, conserve, be frugal.*

**square** *n.* 1. QUADRATE quadrangle, rectangle, cube, box. 2. PLAZA park, common, village green, piazza, quadrangle, quad.

**square** *v.* 1. EVEN UP adjust, align, true, plumb, fix, rectify, straighten, fit, settle. 2. SETTLE ONE'S ACCOUNTS pay off, clear, satisfy, discharge, balance, even up. 3. AGREE correspond, match, dovetail, coincide, synchronize, coordinate, harmonize. *ANT.* 1. *misalign, skew.* 2. *go into debt, be in arrears.* 3. *disagree, contrast, contradict.*

**square** *a.* 1. QUADRANGULAR four-sided, quadrate, boxy, equilateral, rectangular, cubelike. 2. *Sl. OLD-FASHIONED* \*straight, conservative, prudish, conformist, straitlaced, \*up-tight, prim. 3. EVEN straight, level, true, accurate. 4. HONEST straightforward, just, on the level, \*on the up and up, fair, equitable, ethical. *ANT.* 1. *round, circular, triangular.* 2. \*hip, \*cool, \*with it, nonconforming. 3. *uneven, inaccurate.* 4. *dishonest, unjust, unethical.*

**squash** *v.* 1. SQUISH flatten, compress, press, smash, mash, crush, squeeze, compact, crowd, jam. 2. QUASH bring to an end, stop, bring down, suppress, stifle, crush, squelch, \*crack down on, \*pull the plug on. *ANT.* 2. *fortify, strengthen, support.*

**squat** *v.* crouch, hunker down, sit on one's heels, sit on one's haunches.

**squat** *a.* short, \*built like a fireplug, stubby, stumpy, stocky, pudgy, dumpty, \*fubby, thickset, tubby. *ANT.* *tall, gangling, lanky.*

**squatter** *n.* settler, claimant, applicant.

**squawk** *n.* 1. CRY shriek, screech, call, scream, squeal, crowing, cackle, outcry, howl. 2. *Sl. COMPLAINT* fuss, protest, objection, gripe, shout, yell.

**squawk** *v.* 1. CRY shriek, screech, call, scream, squeal, crow, cackle, outcry. 2. COMPLAIN

- put up a fuss, protest, object, \*cry foul, yell, fume, gripe.
- squeak** *n.* cry, peep, cheep, whine, mew, squeal, creak, screech.
- squeak** *v.* cry, peep, cheep, whine, mew, squeal, creak, screech.
- squeal** *v.* 1. CRY scream, whine, shriek, howl, wail, screech, yelp, squeak. 2. *Sl.* INFORM \*rat on, turn in, \*drop a dime on, \*snitch, tell, tattle, \*sell down the river, \*blow the whistle on, betray.
- squeamish** *a.* oversensitive, dainty, delicate, queasy, qualmish, prudish, prim, easily offended, easily shocked, \*having a weak stomach. *ANT.* *tough, \*having a cast-iron stomach, thick-skinned.*
- squeeze** *n.* embrace, hug, clasp, \*clinch, grip, compression.
- squeeze** *v.* 1. PRESS compress, squash, squish, crush, contract, tighten, constrict, wring. 2. HUG embrace, \*bear hug, enfold, take in one's arms, clasp, \*clinch. 3. CRAM crowd, jam, pack, wedge, ram. 4. EXTORT extract, wrest, blackmail.
- squelch** *v.* squash, suppress, silence, crush, put down, quash, extinguish, kill, smother, shoot down, stifle, defeat. *ANT.* *help, boost, strengthen.*
- squib** *n.* firecracker. SEE FIREWORKS
- squint** *v.* focus intently, peer at with half-closed eyes, look at narrowly, peer, peep, \*screw up one's eyes, skew.
- squire** *n.* gentleman, landowner, proprietor, attendant, armor-bearer, servant, valet, escort, gallant, attendant, date, companion.
- squirm** *v.* wiggle, wriggle, writhe, twist, turn, twitch, contort, fidget, flounder.
- squirt** *n.* spritz, jet, spurt, spray, fountain, stream, gush.
- squirt** *v.* spritz, spray, spurt, shoot, spout, jet, stream, discharge, spew, gush, ejaculate.
- squish** *v.* compress, flatten. SEE SQUASH
- stab** *n.* 1. PRICK, PAIN piercing, puncture, cut, gash, laceration, wound, sharp pain, shooting pain, twinge, pange, searing pain, ache. 2. TRY shot, crack, attempt, effort, chance, \*whirl, \*go. SEE STAB IN THE BACK
- stab** *v.* pierce, prick, stick, slit, gash, puncture, run through, knife, cut, impale, penetrate, lance, plunge, thrust, gore. SEE KILL, MURDER
- stability** *n.* steadiness, sturdiness, firmness, solidity, equilibrium, balance, strength, soundness, permanence, constancy, dependability, reliability. *ANT.* *instability, shakiness, unsteadiness.*
- stabilize** *v.* steady, secure, firm, equalize, balance, strengthen, root, fix, ground, fortify, brace, set, support. *ANT.* *destabilize, weaken, undermine.*
- stab in the back** *n.* backstabbing, betrayal, treachery, \*doublecross, Judas kiss.
- stab in the back** *v.* backstab, betray, \*doublecross, backbite, sell out, sell down the river, give the Judas kiss, turn traitor.
- stable** *n.* barn, stall, shelter, pen, paddock.
- stable** *a.* 1. STEADY secure, firm, sturdy, equalized, balanced, strong, solid, sound, rooted, fixed, grounded, fortified, braced, set, steadfast, immovable, permanent. 2. MENTALLY SOUND sane, rational, compos mentis, sensible, of clear mind, composed, self-possessed, calm. *ANT.* 1. *unstable, shaky, unsteady, unreliable.* 2. *unstable, crazy, insane, unbalanced.*
- stack** *n.* 1. PILE heap, mass, mound, hill, load, assemblage, pack, bundle, sheaf, rick, cord, pyramid. 2. SMOKESTACK chimney, flue.
- stack** *v.* pile, heap, amass, mound, load, assemble, stockpile, pyramid.
- stacked** *a.* *Sl.* built, curvaceous, full-figured, well-endowed.
- stadium** *n.* arena, bowl, sports complex, athletic field, football field, baseball field, ballpark, astrodome, circus, hippodrome, coliseum, amphitheater. SEE SPORT(S)
- staff** *n.* 1. STICK rod, pole, shaft, walking stick, cane, alpenstock, crook, crosier, truncheon, shillelagh, mace, scepter. 2. ASSISTANTS employees, work force, crew, team, personnel, help, cadre, cast, faculty.
- stage** *n.* 1. PLATFORM rostrum, dais, \*the boards, podium. 2. THEATER show business, \*show biz, footlights, set, limelight, spotlight, Broadway. SEE THEATER 3. PERIOD phase, step, point in time, juncture, moment. 4. LEVEL grade, rung, position, echelon, status.
- stage** *v.* present, exhibit, put on, perform, produce, arrange, engineer, mount, carry out.
- stagecoach** *n.* concord, coach, \*mud wagon.

WORD FIND

- escort who protected against robbers:**  
shotgun rider, outrider
- robber:** road agent
- section of road between relays of animals:**  
stage
- section of road comprised of several drives:**  
division

**section of road comprised of several stages:** drive

**trunk:** boot

**stagehand** *n.* grip, callboy. SEE MOVIE

**stagger** *v.* 1. TOTTER reel, sway, stumble, wobble, careen, weave, bob, lurch, falter, pitch. 2. SHOCK bowl over, stun, \*hit like a ton of bricks, take one's breath away, astonish, overwhelm, \*blow away, jolt, take aback.

**staggering** *a.* stunning, shocking, awesome, overwhelming, astonishing, mind-blowing, mind-boggling, amazing.

**stagnant** *a.* unmoving, still, standing, stationary, dormant, inert, dead, foul, stinking, stale, putrid, polluted, dirty. *ANT.* fast-moving, flowing, fresh, clean.

**stagnate** *v.* stand, idle, stop, be motionless, lie still, go stale, die, rot, decay, putrefy, deteriorate, stink. *ANT.* move, flow, freshen.

**STAGNATION** *n.* [stag NA shun] lack of motion or activity, decline, death. *The economy underwent a period of stagnation.* *SYN.* motionlessness, inactivity, decline, deterioration, death, stillness, quiet, inertia, dormancy. *ANT.* activity, movement, growth.

**stagy** *a.* theatrical, melodramatic, affected, \*hammy, ostentatious, overdone, showy.

**STAID** *a.* [STAYD] sedate, restrained, serious. *He was a staid, bookish character who rarely laughed.* *SYN.* sedate, restrained, serious, sober, solemn, conservative, subdued, quiet, grave, dignified, proper, formal, decorous, settled. *ANT.* wild, abandoned, jovial, frivolous.

**stain** *n.* 1. SPOT discoloration, streak, smudge, mark, blotch, speck, spatter, blemish, smirch. 2. DISHONOR stigma, shame, guilt, taint, disgrace, \*black eye, odium, infamy, blot.

**stain** *v.* 1. SPOT discolor, streak, smudge, mark, blotch, speck, spatter, blemish, smirch. 2. DISHONOR stigmatize, shame, taint, \*drag one's name through the mud, disgrace, \*give a black eye, tarnish, discredit.

**stairs** *n.* steps, stairway, staircase, flight, perron, spiral staircase, escalator, companionway.

**stake** *n.* 1. POST stick, pale, picket, pole, shaft, peg, upright, boundary marker. 2. PRIZE pot, jackpot, purse, pool, winnings, bet, wager, ante.

**stake** *v.* 1. MARK OFF demarcate, bound, limit, delineate. 2. BET wager, risk, venture, chance, gamble, pledge.

**stale** *a.* 1. FLAT, TASTELESS flavorless, old, bad, musty, dry, hard, unfresh, moldy, bland, vapid, spoiled. 2. UNORIGINAL old, overused, trite, hackneyed, clichéd, tired, threadbare,

\*old hat, stock, shopworn, dead, banal, vapid, insipid. *ANT.* 1. fresh, tasty. 2. fresh, original, new, imaginative.

**STALEMATE** *n.* [STAYL mate] a deadlock or draw. *The negotiations ended in a disappointing stalemate.* *SYN.* deadlock, gridlock, standstill, \*Catch 22, impasse, stop, standoff, check, draw, tie.

**stalk** *v.* hunt, pursue, sneak up on, follow, trail stealthily, creep up on, shadow, track down, terrorize.

**stall** *n.* 1. COMPARTMENT booth, stable, pen, shelter, cubicle, cell, cubby hole, stand, kiosk, enclosure, room, chamber. 2. DELAYING TACTIC evasion, \*footdragging, \*stonewalling, ruse, subterfuge, ploy.

**stall** *v.* 1. DELAY play for time, \*drag one's feet, \*stonewall, slow down, postpone, filibuster, dillydally, procrastinate, waste time, hem and haw, put off, temporize. 2. SHUT DOWN conk out, break down, run out of gas, \*sputter and die. *ANT.* 1. rush, hurry, expedite. 2. start, run, perform.

**stallion** *n.* stud, steed. SEE HORSE

**stalwart** *n.* supporter, staunch supporter, loyalist, upholder, mainstay.

**STALWART** *a.* [STALL wurt] strong, firm, brave, resolute. *The senator was a stalwart member of the Republican party.* *SYN.* strong, firm, robust, powerful, hearty, vigorous, brave, courageous, tough, fearless, daring, valiant, heroic, resolute, determined, steadfast, staunch, unflinching, unwavering, tenacious. *ANT.* weak, fearful, irresolute, half-hearted, spineless.

**stamina** *n.* endurance, \*wind, fitness, heart, strength, staying power, energy, vigor, aerobic power, \*steam, conditioning, \*legs, intestinal fortitude. *ANT.* weakness, lack of fitness.

**stammer** *v.* stutter, splutter, hem, trip/stumble over one's words, speak haltingly, falter.

**stamp** *n.* 1. IMPRINT mark, seal, impression, symbol, brand, hallmark, emblem. 2. CHARACTER kind, type, variety, sort, class.

**stamp** *v.* 1. STOMP tramp, trample, step on, beat, pound. 2. IMPRINT mark, seal, impress, brand, label, engrave, print, emboss. 3. CHARACTERIZE brand, style, tag, distinguish, classify.

**stampede** *n.* rush, mad dash, flight, run, race, panic, scattering.

#### WORD FIND

slow or stop stampede by making cattle circle around: mill

**stamping ground** *n.* stomping ground, haunt, hangout.

**stamp out** *v.* extinguish, snuff out, crush, put out, squelch, stop, kill.

**stance** *n.* position, posture, standpoint, viewpoint, attitude, stand.

**stanchion** *n.* support, beam, post, upright, brace.

**stand** *n.* 1. RESISTANCE defense, counter, repulsion, opposition. 2. POSITION stance, view, viewpoint, standpoint, attitude, belief, point of view, policy. 3. PLATFORM stage, dais, podium, rostrum, pulpit, lectern, witness box. 4. GRANDSTAND bleachers, seats. 5. KIOSK booth, stall, counter. 6. TABLE holder, rack, shelf, cradle.

**stand** *v.* 1. RISE TO ONE'S FEET stay on one's feet, be erect. 2. ENDURE take, put up with, withstand, suffer, abide, tolerate, bear, weather, brave. *ANT.* 1. *sit, recline.* 2. *\*cave in, collapse, buckle.*

**standard** *n.* 1. CRITERION guideline, norm, measure, model, ideal, rule, gauge, mean, median, specification, yardstick, principle, regulation. 2. FLAG ensign, banner, pennant, streamer, Old Glory, Stars and Stripes, Union Jack.

**standard** *a.* regular, conventional, normal, stock, accepted, established, customary, classic, orthodox, usual, traditional, \*run-of-the-mill, general, basic, \*garden variety. *ANT. unconventional, unusual, out of the ordinary.*

**standardize** *v.* normalize, regulate, systematize, homogenize, equalize, regulate.

**standby** *n.* fill-in, substitute, backup, replacement, stand-in, understudy, pinch hitter.

**stand for** *v.* mean, represent, signify, denote, symbolize, indicate.

**standing** *n.* 1. STATUS position, rank, stature, place, class, station, reputation, repute, place in the pecking order, prestige, eminence, importance. 2. DURATION longevity, time, tenure.

**standoff** *n.* draw, tie, deadlock, gridlock, stalemate.

**standoffish** *a.* aloof, cool, cold, reserved, withdrawn, reticent, remote, distant, unsociable, antisocial, unfriendly, unapproachable, snooty, snobby, haughty. *ANT. friendly, warm, sociable.*

**standout** *n.* \*phenom, winner, star, superstar, ace, \*crackerjack, talent, \*one for the books, \*hit, \*smash, \*whiz kid. *ANT. \*second-stringer, \*benchwarmer, \*nothing to write home about, \*just another brick in the wall.*

**stand pat** *v.* resist, resist change, stay put, \*stick to one's guns, \*stand one's ground, hold out, \*die hard.

**standpoint** *n.* point of view, P.O.V., position, perspective, viewpoint, stance, outlook, belief, opinion, attitude.

**standstill** *n.* stop, halt, impasse, \*dead end, cessation, deadlock, gridlock, \*jam-up, \*bottleneck, arrest, stalemate, draw. *ANT. progress, movement.*

**stanza** *n.* stave, quatrain, sextain, triolet, verses. *SEE MUSIC*

**staple** *n.* chief commodity, essential product, primary product, necessary product, basic, fundamental, essential, necessity.

**staple** *a.* principle, leading, main, basic, fundamental, chief, foremost, vital, important, necessary, essential. *ANT. secondary, minor, unnecessary.*

**star** *n.* 1. sun, \*flaming gasball, celestial body, heavenly body, burning orb, \*cooling fires of creation, \*candlelight of the gods, \*heavenly beacon. "The forget-me-nots of the angels."—H.W. Longfellow. *SEE ASTRONOMY, COMET, CONSTELLATION, METEOR, MOON, PLANET, SPACE, SUN* 2. ASTERISK pentagram, pentacle, hexagram. 3. CELEBRITY superstar, luminary, \*name, \*big-shot, \*bigwig, \*celeb, personage, leading lady, leading man, matinee idol, headliner. *ANT. nobody, unknown.*

#### WORD FIND

**brightness measurement:** magnitude

**brightness, star with variable:** variable star

**bright star:** Sirius, Polaris

**chain of galaxies stretching across universe:** Great Wall

**chart of positions:** ephemeris

**closest:** Proxima Centauri

**cloudy, gassy birthplace of:** nebula

**collapsed star with massive gravity forces:** black hole, neutron star, pulsar

**concealment by another celestial body:** occultation

**constellation, group of stars not belonging to any:** asterism

**cool red star of massive proportions:** red giant

**double star that may appear as one:** binary effect that reveals whether star is approaching or receding: Doppler effect

**erupting, brightening star:** nova

**exploding star:** supernova

**galactic-like superobject at ends of universe:** quasar

**galaxy, nearby:** Andromeda

**group of stars forming a distinctive configuration:** constellation

**group of stars in which earth is located:** Milky Way galaxy

**group of stars or island universe:** galaxy, globular cluster

**hazy group too distant to be seen with naked eye:** stardust

**mapping of:** uranography

**motion unrelated to earth's rotation:** proper motion

**referring to:** stellar, astral

**shooting star:** SEE METEOR

**tiny star with immense mass:** white dwarf

**twinkling of:** scintillation

**X-ray emitting:** pulsar

**star** *v.* headline, be featured, lead.

**star** *a.* leading, prominent, outstanding, stand-out, celebrated, main, famous, renowned, illustrious. *ANT.* *unknown, secondary.*

**starch** *n.* 1. STIFFNESS formality, rigidity, prudishness, decorum, manners, primness, propriety. 2. ENERGY vigor, pep, vitality, drive, spirit. *ANT.* 1. *casualness, informality, folksiness.* 2. *sluggishness, lethargy.*

**starchy** *a.* stiff, formal, rigid, prudish, decorous, mannered, prim, a model of propriety, stuffy, strict, conservative, puritanical. *ANT.* *casual, informal, relaxed.*

**star-crossed** *a.* doomed, unfortunate, unlucky, ill-destined, ill-fated, damned, cursed, condemned. *ANT.* *fortunate, lucky, blessed.*

**stardom** *n.* superstardom, notoriety, fame, acclaim, greatness, renown, celebrity status, prominence. *ANT.* *anonymity, oblivion.*

**stare** *n.* gaze, gawking, ogling, eyeballing, glare, withering stare, glower. SEE ANGRY

**stare** *v.* watch, gaze, gawk, gape, ogle, eyeball, glare, \*rubberneck, peer, fix one's gaze on, \*burn holes with one's eyes, \*scorch with one's eyes, \*regard saucer-eyed, stare down. SEE ANGRY

**stargazing** *n.* SEE ASTRONOMY

**stark** *a.* 1. BARE desolate, unadorned, undecorated, plain, simple, Spartan, austere, bald, naked, stripped, barren, bleak, empty, deserted. 2. UTTER sheer, downright, outright, absolute, complete, unmitigated, out-and-out. *ANT.* 1. *ornate, adorned, decorated.* 2. *partial, mitigated.*

**starry-eyed** *a.* unrealistic, impractical, romantic, optimistic, dreaming. *ANT.* *pragmatic, down-to-earth, realistic.*

**start** *n.* 1. BEGINNING commencement, opening, outset, onset, \*blast-off, conception, inception, birth, origin, genesis, dawn. 2. SHOCK fright, surprise, jump, startle, flinch, jolt, turn. 3. HEAD START lead, advantage, \*jump, handicap, allowance. *ANT.* 1. *end, termination, finish, death*

**start** *v.* begin, commence, open, \*blast off, depart, \*get the ball rolling, set off, get going, get underway, \*dive in, initiate, conceive, give birth to, give rise to, found, pioneer, institute, create, introduce, invent, spring, arise, emerge. *ANT.* *end, stop, die, terminate.*

**startle** *v.* surprise, alarm, shock, frighten, scare, jolt, \*give a turn, stun, unnerve, astonish, \*scare the living daylights out of, \*scare the pants off of.

**starve** *v.* go hungry, become emaciated, be malnourished, waste away, die of starvation, perish, succumb, be ravenous, be famished, fast, diet. *ANT.* \**stuff oneself, gorge, \*pig out.*

**starved** *a.* hungry, famished, starving, ravenous, \*hungry enough to eat a horse, malnourished, emaciated, wasting away. *ANT.* *full, \*stuffed, gorged.*

**state** *n.* 1. CONDITION status, circumstances, form, shape, situation, mode, position, phase, stage, station, standing, footing, mood, frame of mind. 2. NATION, STATE republic, union, commonwealth, country, people, land, government, kingdom. "Great engines moving slowly."—Frances Bacon. "A secular deity."—Georg Hegel. "Embodied morality."—Georg Hegel. "That cawing rookery of committees and subcommittees."—V.S. Pritchett. SEE GOVERNMENT, POLITICS

## WORD FIND

### STATE NICKNAMES

**Alabama:** Cotton State, Heart of Dixie

**Alaska:** Last Frontier

**Arizona:** Grand Canyon State

**Arkansas:** Land of Opportunity

**California:** Golden State

**Colorado:** Centennial State

**Connecticut:** Nutmeg State, Constitution State

**Delaware:** First State, Diamond State

**Florida:** Sunshine State

**Georgia:** Peach State, Empire State of the South

**Hawaii:** Aloha State  
**Idaho:** Gem State  
**Illinois:** Prairie State  
**Indiana:** Hoosier State  
**Iowa:** Hawkeye State  
**Kansas:** Sunflower State  
**Kentucky:** Bluegrass State  
**Louisiana:** Pelican State, Creole State  
**Maine:** Pine Tree State  
**Maryland:** Old Line State  
**Massachusetts:** Bay State  
**Michigan:** Wolverine State  
**Minnesota:** Gopher State, North Star State  
**Mississippi:** Magnolia State  
**Missouri:** Show Me State  
**Montana:** Treasure State  
**Nebraska:** Cornhusker State  
**Nevada:** Sagebrush State, Silver State  
**New Hampshire:** Granite State  
**New Jersey:** Garden State  
**New Mexico:** Land of Enchantment  
**New York:** Empire State  
**North Carolina:** Tar Heel State, Old North State  
**North Dakota:** Flickertail State, Sioux State  
**Ohio:** Buckeye State  
**Oklahoma:** Sooner State  
**Oregon:** Beaver State  
**Pennsylvania:** Keystone State  
**Rhode Island:** Little Rhody  
**South Carolina:** Palmetto State  
**South Dakota:** Coyote State, Sunshine State  
**Tennessee:** Volunteer State  
**Texas:** Lone Star State  
**Utah:** Beehive State  
**Vermont:** Green Mountain State  
**Virginia:** Old Dominion  
**Washington:** Evergreen State  
**West Virginia:** Mountain State  
**Wisconsin:** Badger State  
**Wyoming:** Equality State

**state** *v.* say, declare, assert, put forth, utter, voice, express, articulate, deliver, announce, speak, avow.

**stately** *a.* dignified, majestic, grand, august, imposing, distinguished, regal, royal, impressive, elegant, formal, palatial, ceremonial. *ANT.* undignified, cheap, modest, poor.

**statement** *n.* declaration, assertion, announcement, utterance, pronouncement, comment, remark, profession, proclamation, commu-

nication, verbalization, articulation, revelation, testimony, affidavit, deposition.

**state-of-the-art** *a.* \*cutting edge, \*leading edge, \*twenty-first century, advanced, new, modern, ultramodern, up-to-the-minute, trend-setting. *ANT.* antiquated, old-fashioned, outdated.

**statesman** *n.* politician, diplomat, elder statesman, legislator, solon. "Somebody old enough to know his own mind and keep quiet about it."—Bernard Baruch. *SEE* POLITICIAN

**static** *n.* 1. ELECTRICAL INTERFERENCE \*atmospheric, discharges, noise. 2. CRITICISM \*flak, \*grief.

**STATIC** *a.* [STAT ik] unmoving, stationary. *Electric batteries are a static power source.* *SYN.* unmoving, motionless, stationary, inactive, fixed, still, constant, inert, stagnant. *ANT.* dynamic, active, moving.

**station** *n.* 1. DEPOT terminal, terminus, stop, end of the line, transfer station, substation. 2. POST battle station, assigned area, department, position, location. 3. HEADQUARTERS base, command post, nerve center, office. 4. SOCIAL STANDING status, class, position, rank, caste, grade, footing.

**stationary** *a.* fixed, unmoving, immobile, motionless, static, anchored, rooted, at a standstill, stable, still, inert. *ANT.* moving, mobile, on the move.

**stationery** *n.* letterhead, writing papers, envelopes.

**statistician** *n.* statist, demographer, pollster, \*number cruncher.

**statistics** *n.* facts, hard data, \*stats, \*numbers, percentages, \*the book, track record, \*dope. "The heart of democracy."—Simeon Strunsky. "Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital."—Aaron Levenstein.

**statue** *n.* statuette, sculpture, figure, figurine, colossus, bust, monument, icon, acrolith, rendering, carving. *SEE* SCULPTURE

**statuesque** *a.* tall, graceful, dignified, well-proportioned, beautiful, handsome, imposing, majestic, stately, \*like a Greek god.

**statuette** *n.* figurine, \*Oscar.

**stature** *n.* 1. HEIGHT tallness, size, length, measurement. 2. STANDING status, rank, position, importance, eminence, station, development, growth, prestige.

**status** *n.* 1. CONDITION state, shape. 2. RANK position, standing, station, class, \*place in the pecking order, \*place on the corporate lad-

- der, stature, grade, rating, prestige, distinction, eminence.
- STATUS QUO** *n.* the present state of affairs. *They weren't interested in progress but in the preservation of the status quo.* SYN. present state of affairs, current situation, existing condition, state, present reality, norm.
- statute** *n.* regulation, law, rule, ordinance, legislation, edict, act, bill. SEE POLITICS, LAW
- staunch** *v.* stanch, stop, close off, seal, lessen.
- STAWNCH** *a.* [STAWNCH] strong, steadfast, loyal. *Her father was a staunch Republican.* SYN. strong, rock-solid, firm, steadfast, unwavering, resolute, faithful, tried-and-true, unflinching, devoted, stalwart, reliable, constant, red-blooded, dyed-in-the-wool. *ANT. weak, uncommitted, irresolute, unfaithful.*
- stave off** *v.* ward off, hold off, fend off, avoid, repel, block.
- stay** *n.* 1. STOP stopover, holiday, visit, sojourn. 2. POSTPONEMENT delay, suspension, deferment, relieve.
- stay** *v.* 1. STOP halt, freeze, remain, wait, abide, pause. 2. VISIT stop over, sojourn, lodge, live, dwell, reside. 3. CONTINUE endure, last, persist, abide.
- staying power** *n.* endurance. SEE STAMINA
- STEADFAST** *a.* [STED fast] constant, fixed, resolute. *He remained steadfast until the end.* SYN. constant, fixed, firm, resolute, resolved, steady, dedicated, devoted, loyal, faithful, settled, firm, persevering, stalwart. *ANT. irresolute, unfaithful, wavering.*
- steady** *v.* stabilize, secure, firm, balance.
- steady** *a.* 1. SOLID fixed, stable, rock-solid, balanced, secure, anchored. 2. CONSTANT unchanging, unwavering, continuous, incessant, unceasing, unremitting, nonstop, endless, perpetual, regular. 3. FREQUENT regular, habitual, long-standing, loyal, faithful. 4. CALM composed, controlled, cool, collected, levelheaded, self-possessed, poised. 5. RELIABLE dependable, stable. *ANT. 1. unstable, insecure, shaky, wobbly. 2. inconstant, irregular, broken. 3. rare, infrequent. 4. nervous, shaky, agitated. 5. unreliable, flighty, unstable.*
- steak** *n.* cut of beef, sirloin, T-bone, filet mignon, porterhouse.
- steal** *v.* 1. TAKE burgle, burglarize, rob, filch, pocket, shoplift, thief, \*rip off, walk off with, swipe, pilfer, \*pinch, purloin, misappropriate, lift, embezzle. 2. SNEAK creep, prow, skulk, slink, pussyfoot.
- stealth** *n.* secrecy, sneakiness, surreptitiousness, covertness, slyness, furtiveness, stealthiness.
- stealthy** *a.* secret, secretive, sneaky, surreptitious, covert, sly, furtive, clandestine, undercover, feline, quiet. *ANT. open, loud, public, conspicuous.*
- steam** *n.* 1. VAPOR heat, condensation, moisture, cloud, mist, fog, fume, exhalation, gas. 2. POWER energy, force, muscle, horsepower, drive, vigor, strength.
- steamship** *n.* paddlewheeler, sidewheeler, liner, river boat, \*floating palace.
- steed** *n.* charger, stallion. SEE HORSE
- steel** *v.* harden, toughen, inure, brace, fortify, strengthen.
- steely** *a.* strong, tough, hard, hardened, severe. *ANT. soft, pliant.*
- steep** *v.* soak, saturate, imbue, souse, douse, drench, sop, marinate, bathe, immerse, submerge.
- steep** *a.* 1. PRECIPITOUS sheer, high, abrupt, vertical, vertiginous, dizzying, \*steep enough to scare a mountain goat, sky-high, lofty. 2. EXPENSIVE high, costly, exorbitant, unreasonable. *ANT. 1. gradual, horizontal. 2. cheap, low-priced, reasonable.*
- steeply** *n.* spire, minaret, belfry. SEE TOWER
- steer** *v.* guide, direct, navigate, \*man the helm, drive, pilot, take the wheel, skipper, captain, point, plot a course, \*be in the driver's seat.
- stein** *n.* SEE MUG
- stellar** *a.* 1. OF THE STARS astral, starry, galactic. SEE STAR. 2. OUTSTANDING excellent, shining, splendid, chief, leading. *ANT. 1. terrestrial. 2. mediocre.*
- stem** *n.* stalk, branch, shoot, petiole, pedicel.
- stem** *v.* 1. ARISE rise, originate, issue, spring, emanate, derive. 2. STOP check, dam, plug, curb, end, arrest, slow down, staunch, block.
- stench** *n.* smell, odor, stink, reek, fetor, foulness, rankness, rottenness, malodor.
- stentorian** *a.* loud, booming, thunderous, powerful, resonant, deafening. *ANT. quiet, low.*
- step** *n.* 1. FOOTSTEP footfall, stride, gait, pace, tread, walk, hobble, forward movement, footprint. 2. DOORSTEP stair, tread, riser, rung. 3. ACT action, maneuver, process, measure, phase, stage. 4. LEVEL grade, degree, rung.
- step** *v.* stride, walk, shuffle, carry oneself, pad, tread, saunter, march, ambulate, traipse, trudge, plod, slog, hobble, limp, tiptoe. SEE RUN, WALK
- step down** *v.* resign, quit, abdicate, retire.

**steppe** *n.* plain, grassland, savanna, wasteland.

**stereo** *a.* binaural, stereophonic. *ANT.* *mono.*

**STEREOTYPE** *n.* [STER ee oh tipe] a fixed idea, impression, or characterization that ignores individuality, a habitual but often inaccurate characterization. *Her misconception was based on a stereotype.* *SYN.* preconceived notion, type, faulty characterization, classification, convention, mold, average, stock character, cliché. *ANT.* *individual.*

**stereotype** *v.* characterize, \*paint with a broad brush, \*tar with a broad brush, pigeonhole, typecast, generalize, brand, label, prejudge, categorize.

**sterile** *a.* 1. UNPRODUCTIVE barren, fruitless, childless, infertile, infecund, impotent, fal-low, unprolific. 2. GERM-FREE antiseptic, disinfected, pure, sanitary, aseptic, clean. 3. DULL bland, uninteresting, lifeless, unstimulating. *ANT.* 1. *productive, fruitful, fecund.* 2. *infected, unsanitary.* 3. *interesting, lively.*

**sterilize** *v.* 1. DISINFECT purify, cleanse, decontaminate, sanitize, autoclave, fumigate, kill germs. 2. GELD castrate, emasculate, spay, fix, alter, neuter. *ANT.* 1. *infect, contaminate.*

**sterling** *a.* excellent, superb, A-1, first-rate, high-quality, superior, supreme, choice, select, the best, superlative, meritorious. *ANT.* *poor, inferior, second-rate.*

**stern** *n.* aft, rear, back.

**stern** *a.* 1. HARD severe, strict, authoritarian, tough, rigid, harsh, frowning, hard-nosed, critical, demanding, dour, ironhanded, sober, grim, austere. 2. FORBIDDING grim, black, dour, grave, cold, icy, frowning, hard, steely, stony. *ANT.* 1. *soft, easygoing, permissive.* 2. *friendly, warm.*

**stevadore** *n.* loader, lumper, longshoreman, dockworker.

**stew** *n.* soup, mishmash, goulash, mélange, hodgepodge, ragout, burgoo, chowder, beef stew, salmagundi, \*mulligan stew.

**stew** *v.* 1. SIMMER bubble, heat, seethe, boil. 2. FRET fume, seethe, fuss over, worry over, brood.

**steward** *n.* major domo, seneschal, chamberlain, domestic manager, attendant, maitre d' hotel, butler, manager, administrator.

**stewardess** *n.* flight attendant, hostess, host. *SEE* AIRPLANE

**stewed** *a.* inebriated, intoxicated. *SEE* DRUNK

**stick** *n.* branch, twig, limb, stalk, bough, switch, cane, rod, pole staff, stake, stave, bat, club, billy club, truncheon, nightstick, cudgel, shillelagh, baton, wand.

**stick** *v.* 1. ADHERE cling, hold, grip, hang on to, stay, cleave, bond, bind, fix, attach, fasten, paste, glue, tape, pin. 2. PRICK stab, poke, jab, puncture, pierce, impale, penetrate, spear. 3. PUT place, lay, set, position, deposit, drop. 4. ENDURE persevere, persist, hold out, \*keep on plugging, \*stick to one's guns. *ANT.* 4. *give up, quit.*

**stick in the mud** *n.* conservative, diehard, \*fuddy-duddy.

**stickler** *n.* \*nitpicker, \*fussbudget, perfectionist, disciplinarian.

**sticks, the** *n.* \*the boonies, boondocks, backwoods, country, \*tall timbers.

**stick-to-itiveness** *n.* persistence, pertinacity. *SEE* PERSEVERANCE

**stickup** *n.* *Sl.* holdup, heist, mugging. *SEE* ROBBERY

**sticky** *a.* 1. TACKY adhesive, viscid, viscous, gummy, gluey, gooeey, glutinous, \*clingy. 2. HUMID muggy, steamy, sultry, close, clammy, hot. 3. TROUBLESOME difficult, awkward, tricky, delicate, ticklish, thorny, painful. *ANT.* 1. *dry.* 2. *dry, cool.* 3. *simple, easy, painless.*

**stiff** *a.* 1. RIGID inflexible, unyielding, unbending, hard, firm, rock-solid, inelastic, impliable, tight, taut, \*stiff as a board. 2. TIGHT sore, not limber, cold, arthritic. 3. THICK dense, solidified, firm, viscous. 4. STRONG powerful, potent, intense, brisk, vigorous. 5. HARSH severe, punitive, merciless, tough, stringent, extreme, sharp. 6. FORMAL, AWKWARD wooden, forced, unnatural, labored, self-conscious, \*uptight, constrained, prim. 7. DIFFICULT formidable, hard, challenging, laborious, heavy, trying, complicated. *ANT.* 1. *soft, flexible, yielding, pliable.* 2. *loose, limber, warmed-up.* 3. *thin, loose, watery.* 4. *gentle, mild.* 5. *soft, easy, merciful.* 6. *relaxed, \*folksy, spontaneous, warm.* 7. *easy, simple, unchallenging.*

**stiffen** *v.* harden, firm, firm up, tighten, thicken, congeal, set, gel. *ANT.* *loosen, soften, liquefy.*

**stifle** *v.* 1. SUFFOCATE smother, choke, asphyxiate, strangle, throttle. 2. SUPPRESS repress, stop, check, curb, squelch, silence, shut up, still, quash, squash, put an end to, scotch.

**STIGMA** *n.* [STIG muh] something that brands one with a negative reputation, mark of disgrace, or shame. *He fought hard to escape the stigma of mental illness.* *SYN.* mark of shame, disgrace, brand, blemish on one's reputation, blot, taint, scar, odium, dishonor, \*black eye, reflection.

**STIGMATIZE** *v.* [STIG muh tize] to brand with a characterization that detracts from one's reputation. *It's easy to stigmatize the learning-disabled with negative labels.* SYN. brand, characterize, disgrace, ruin one's reputation, defame, \*give a black eye, label, mark with shame.

**stiletto** *n.* knife, blade. SEE DAGGER

**still** *n.* silence, quiet, hush, peace, tranquility, serenity, calm, motionlessness. ANT. racket, noise, bustle.

**still** *v.* silence, hush, quiet, shut up, muzzle, subdue, calm, becalm, soften, tranquilize, pacify. ANT. amplify, intensify, agitate.

**still** *a.* 1. SILENT quiet, hushed, noiseless, soundless, peaceful, tranquil, serene, \*quiet as a mausoleum, \*quiet as the grave, \*silent as the vacuum of space, mute, subdued. 2. MOTIONLESS becalmed, lifeless, static, unmoving, inert, dormant, idle, quiescent, dead. ANT. 1. noisy, uproarious, loud, deafening. 2. bustling, active, busy.

**stillness** *n.* silence, quiet, hush, peace, tranquility, serenity, calm, motionlessness. ANT. racket, din, noise.

**stilted** *a.* pompous, overly dignified, affected, wooden, pretentious, bombastic, stiff, pedantic, grandiloquent, mannered, formal. ANT. casual, natural, \*folksy.

**stimulant** *n.* excitant, \*pick-me-up, energizer, jolt, \*upper, bracer, \*shot in the arm. ANT. soporific, depressant, \*downer.

**stimulate** *v.* excite, rouse, energize, spark, stir, invigorate, initiate, prompt, \*turn on, jolt, revive, incite, instigate, goad, prompt, \*light a fire under, \*fire up, \*fan the flames, galvanize. ANT. depress, \*turn off, tranquilize.

**stimulating** *a.* exciting, rousing, energizing, stirring, invigorating, bracing, exhilarating, heart-quickenning, pulse-quickenning, \*adrenalizing, interesting, fascinating, thought-provoking, titillating, provocative, gripping, enthralling. ANT. soporific, somnolent, boring.

**stimulus** *n.* incentive, incitement, provocation, impetus, goad, spur, fillip, motive, push, spark, stimulant, impulse, \*shot in the arm, \*good swift kick, catalyst. ANT. tranquilizer, soporific, depressant.

**sting** *n.* 1. INJURY INFLICTED BY INSECT OR ANIMAL bite, wound, venom, poison. 2. PAIN burning, tingling, smarting, soreness, hurt, irritation, twinge, pang, painful sensation. 3. POLICE ENTRAPMENT \*sting operation,

\*come-on. 4. SCAM swindle, \*con, \*flimflam, \*grift, \*suckering.

**sting** *v.* 1. PRICK bite, wound, envenom, injure, burn, stick, infect, urticate, nettle. 2. HURT smart, burn, tingle. 3. MAKE UNHAPPY distress, hurt, cut to the quick, insult, cut, grieve, offend.

**stingy** *a.* 1. CHEAP tight, tightfisted, miserly, \*penny-pinching, niggardly, penurious, parsimonious, grudging, stinting, thrifty, frugal. 2. SCANTY inadequate, insufficient, sparing, meager, skimpy, paltry, \*measly, lean. ANT. 1. generous, charitable, giving. 2. generous, abundant, plentiful.

**stink** *n.* stench, smell, odor, reek, foulness, malodor, fetor, \*BO, putridness.

**stink** *v.* 1. SMELL reek, fume, offend, \*smell to high heaven. 2. BE BAD \*suck, \*bite, \*bite the big one, be lousy.

**stinking** *a.* smelly, reeking, offensive, malodorous, odiferous, fetid, foul, rank, noisome, spoiled, putrid.

**stint** *n.* task, duty, assignment, chore, job.

**stint** *v.* limit, restrict, scrimp, conserve.

**stipend** *n.* payment, allowance, wage, salary, fee, compensation, remuneration, honorarium, earnings.

**STIPULATE** *v.* [STIP yoo late] to specify a requirement, especially in a formal agreement or contract. *He stipulated in the contract that work would begin on the first of the month.* SYN. specify, lay out, require, spell out, detail, fix, set terms, contract, condition, designate.

**stipulation** *n.* specification, requirement, agreement, condition, obligation, article, demand, provision, proviso, item.

**stir** *n.* commotion, excitement, tumult, uproar, hullabaloo, ado, fuss, furor, pother, turmoil, bustle.

**stir** *v.* 1. MIX mingle, blend, commingle, churn, whip, beat. 2. MOVE shake, wiggle, shift, budge, jiggle, flutter. 3. EXCITE move, disturb, stimulate, rouse, electrify, spark, \*work up, galvanize, prompt, awaken.

**stirring** *a.* rousing, moving, exciting, stimulating, electrifying, exhilarating, inspiring, \*mind-blowing, dramatic, soul-stirring. ANT. boring, soporific.

**stitch** *v.* sew, fasten, thread, suture.

**stock** *n.* 1. MERCHANDISE inventory, products, goods, supply, assortment, variety, array, range, stockpile, reserve, hoard. 2. FARM ANIMALS livestock, herd, flock, horses, cows, pigs. 3. ANCESTRY lineage, family, bloodline, pedigree, heritage, extraction. 4. INVESTMENT

shares, security, mutual fund. SEE STOCK MARKET 5. RAW MATERIAL, MAIN INGREDIENTS makings, \*fixings, essence, broth, foundation.

**stock** *v.* supply, provision, fill, provide, equip, stockpile, furnish, lay in.

**stock** *a.* common, in ready supply, in stock, \*off the shelf, \*run-of-the-mill, plain, \*garden variety, everyday, overused, tired, trite, hackneyed. *ANT.* original, fresh, custom-made.

**stockade** *n.* enclosure, fort, palisade, pen, prison, jail.

**stocking** *n.* sock, hose, nylon.

**stock market** *n.* stock exchange, stock brokerage, American Stock Exchange, Wall Street, New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ. SEE BUSINESS, MONEY

WORD FIND

**agent who buys, sells on behalf of another:** broker

**Amex:** American Stock Exchange

**average daily price of thirty blue-chip companies:** Dow-Jones Industrial Average

**Big Blue:** IBM, International Business Machines

**Big Board:** New York Stock Exchange

**blue chip:** common stock of a large, high-quality company

**broker's frequent trading of client's stocks to generate more commissions:** churning

**buyer and seller:** trader

**buying from one market, selling to another at higher price:** arbitrage

**buying just before price drops, selling just before rise:** whipsaw

**buying strategy that is opposite from what most others do:** contrarian

**collapse of market:** crash

**collecting stock certificates as a hobby:** scripophily

**company's history, earnings, finances, circular of:** prospectus

**credit, buying securities on:** buying on margin

**corporate credit information, company that publishes:** Dun and Bradstreet

**declining market:** bear market

**diversified stock investment:** mutual fund

**dividends paid preferentially over common stock, stock with:** preferred stock

**dollar, stocks selling under a:** penny stocks

**earnings distribution:** dividend

**electronic display of trading activity:** ticker

**expert:** analyst

**Fed, the:** Federal Reserve System, Federal Reserve Bank

**51 percent of company's voting shares, owning:** controlling interest

**growing or rising market:** bull market

**high-quality, high-profile company's stock:** blue chip

**high-risk investing:** speculating, taking a flyer

**high-risk trader:** speculator

**holdings, investor's:** portfolio

**inexperienced investor:** lamb

**inflated market, downward trend that corrects:** correction

**investment services, ratings, index, company that offers:** Standard and Poor's

**load:** service or sales charge

**membership on an exchange:** seat

**moving assets to another investment:** roll-over

**optimistic about economy:** bullish

**order to buy or sell at predetermined price:** option, stop order

**OTC:** over the counter

**overlooked stock with great potential:** sleeper

**pessimistic about economy:** bearish

**plunge dramatically, day on which stock prices:** Black Friday, Black Monday

**poorly performing stock:** dog, turkey

**private company offering shares for the first time:** going public

**privileged information, one who has access to:** insider

**privileged information, trading on:** insider trading

**purchase large volume of stock to control its price:** corner, corner the market

**reflects market as a whole, individual stock that:** barometer, bellwether

**skirt lengths, theory that market rises and falls with women's:** hemline theory

**speculating on a company takeover:** arbitrage

**stock owner:** shareholder

**stock's price divided by earnings per share:** price-earnings ratio

**takeover blackmail:** greenmail

**takeover of company with borrowed money:** leveraged buyout

**takeover, one who attempts a company:** raider, shark

**unstable:** volatile

**stockpile** *n.* supply, reserve, hoard, store, amassment, nest egg, larder, cache, stash.

**stockpile** *v.* stock, hoard, store, reserve, amass, cache, stash, squirrel away, save, lay in. *ANT.* *expend, spend, deplete.*

**stocky** *a.* thickset, short, heavy, stout, sturdy, \*built like a fireplug, stubby, pudgy, squat, husky. *ANT.* *skinny, tall, lean, lanky.*

**stodgy** *a.* uninteresting, drab, \*blah, dull, tedious, \*dull as dishwater, boring, wooden, dry, stuffy, formal, staid, old-fashioned. *ANT.* *exciting, lively, \*hip, wild.*

**STOIC** *a.* [STOH ik] showing indifference toward pain, grief, pleasure, or any other emotion. *Although he was bleeding profusely, the accident victim remained stoic.* *SYN.* indifferent, impassive, cool, philosophical, stony, dispassionate, apathetic, uninterested, stolid, detached, resigned. *ANT.* *emotional, passionate, hysterical.*

**stoke** *v.* stir, turn the coals, tend, fill, refuel.

**STOLID** *a.* [STAW lid] showing little emotion, impassive. *The prisoner remained stolid throughout his sentencing.* *SYN.* emotionless, impassive, stoic, stoical, indifferent, apathetic, stony, disinterested, dull, phlegmatic, stupid, bovine. *ANT.* *hysterical, emotional, wild.*

**stomach** *n.* belly, abdomen, gut, midsection, intestinal cavity, digestive organ, bowels, viscera, esophagus, craw, rumen, \*breadbasket, \*spare tire, \*beer belly, paunch. "The greatest of deities."—Euripides.

#### WORD FIND

**backing up of food into esophagus, causing pain:** reflux, pyrosis, heartburn

**digestive chemical:** gastrin, hydrochloric acid, pepsin

**infant's stomachache:** colic

**inflammation:** gastritis

**lesion caused by too much acid:** ulcer

**muscular contractions that push food out of:** peristalsis

**rumbling:** borborygmus

**soupy mixture made from digested meal:** chyme

**tube leading to stomach:** esophagus

**upset:** nausea, queasiness, indigestion, dyspepsia

**stomp** *v.* stamp, tramp, crush, squash, kill.

**stone** *n.* rock, boulder, pebble, granite, cobblestone, gravel, crag, jewel, gemstone, gem, precious stone, semiprecious gem, \*ice, birthstone, bijou, diamond, emerald, sapphire, ruby, pearl, topaz, amethyst, tourmaline, onyx, garnet, zircon. *SEE* ROCK

#### WORD FIND

**bits and pieces:** rubble, spall, grit

**capstone on ancient monument:** dolmen

**cutter:** mason

**cutter, polisher, engraver:** lapidary

**cutting, polishing, engraving, art of:** lapidary

**excavation pit:** quarry

**fire-starting:** flint

**giant:** boulder, megalith

**globular stone with a crystal-lined center:** geode

**memorial pile or trailmarker:** cairn

**piles found on mountain slopes:** scree, talus, cairn

**polishing:** pumice

**sharpening:** whetstone

**stony:** petrous, lithoid

**transported far from native land by glacier:** erratic, glacial erratic

**turn to:** petrify

**Stone Age** *n.* Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, prehistoric times.

**stoned** *a.* *Sl.* 1. DRUNK intoxicated, inebriated, \*buzzed, \*plastered, \*bombed, \*crooked, \*three sheets to the wind, under the influence. 2. HIGH ON DRUGS \*buzzed, \*baked, drugged, \*blitzed, \*doped up, \*flying, \*fried, \*polluted, \*spacey, \*tripping, \*wasted, under the influence. *ANT.* *sober, \*stone-cold sober, clearheaded, lucid.*

**stone-deaf** *a.* \*deaf as a post, hard of hearing, hearing-impaired.

**stonewall** *v.* impede, obstruct, be closemouthed, \*clam up, stall, refuse to cooperate.

**stony** *a.* hard, cold, unfeeling, merciless, pitiless, indifferent, heartless, uncaring, callous, tough, harsh, severe, steely. *ANT.* *soft, warm, sympathetic, compassionate.*

**stooge** *n.* foil, dupe, pawn, flunky, victim, dummy, underling.

**stool** *n.* 1. SEAT footstool, ottoman, bar stool. 2. FECES excrement, dropping, waste, \*crap.

**stool pigeon** *n.* informer, spy, \*narc, decoy.

**stoop** *n.* porch, platform, portico, veranda.

**stoop** *v.* 1. BEND OVER bow, crook, crouch, lean forward, tilt, slouch, slump, nod. 2. LOWER ONESELF degrade oneself, sink, condescend, demean oneself, resort.

**stop** *n.* 1. HALT cessation, termination, suspension, discontinuance, standstill, \*freeze, let-up, end, intermission, interlude. 2. STOP-OVER destination, sojourn, visit, layover, depot, station, terminal. *ANT.* 1. *start, commencement, progression.*

**stop** *v.* 1. HALT cease, terminate, suspend, discontinue, stand still, \*freeze, hold it, let up, end, arrest, turn off, shut down, quit, finish, break, stay. 2. STAUNCH stanch, plug up, stem the flow, seal, check, block, occlude, choke off. 3. OBSTRUCT impede, restrain, block. 4. DEFEAT put down, check, put an end to, crush, quash, silence. *ANT.* 1. *go, proceed, continue.* 2. *open, unplug.* 3. *clear the way.* 4. *strengthen, fortify, help.*

**stopgap** *a.* makeshift, temporary, emergency, provisional, improvised, substitute, jury-rigged, impermanent. *ANT.* *permanent.*

**stoppage** *n.* 1. STOP halt, close, ending, shut-down, layoff. 2. OBSTRUCTION blockage, impediment, check, hindrance, obstacle.

**stopper** *n.* cork, plug, bung, tap, tampion.

**storage** *n.* stowage, stockpile, storehouse, store-room, cache, arsenal, depot, bin, silo, granary, repository.

**store** *n.* 1. SHOP market, mart, retail outlet, \*Mom and Pop operation, emporium, \*five and dime, supermarket, department store, mall, factory outlet, boutique, convenience store, drugstore, thrift shop, business establishment, canteen, PX. 2. SUPPLY stock, stockpile, reserve, savings, inventory, provisions, hoard, cache, \*nest egg, stash.

**store** *v.* save, reserve, put away, stow, \*squirrel away, stock, stockpile, lay in supplies, hoard, cache, warehouse, stash, provision, load up, \*salt away. *ANT.* *spend, \*blow, deplete.*

**storekeeper** *n.* shopkeeper, grocer, proprietor, merchant.

**storeroom** *n.* repository, depository, cache, warehouse, depot, arsenal, silo, granary, buttery.

**storm** *n.* 1. WEATHER DISTURBANCE cloudburst, thunderstorm, thundershower, \*thunder-boomer, electrical storm, deluge, downpour, \*gullywasher, squall, tempest, gale, wind-storm, hurricane, monsoon, tropical storm, typhoon, tornado, whirlwind, cyclone, \*twister, snowstorm, northeaster, blizzard, hailstorm, blow, inclement weather. SEE

CLOUD, RAIN, PRECIPITATION, SNOW, WIND 2. UPROAR controversy, outburst, disturbance, brouhaha, furor, eruption, hubbub, attack, hysteria, outcry, squall.

WORD FIND

**fair weather spot in center of storm:** eye of the storm

**line between clashing air masses:** front  
**raising of shoreline water during storm:** storm surge

**sandstorm of North Africa, India, Middle East:** Haboob

**whirlwind over water that sucks up funnel of water:** waterspout

**storm** *v.* 1. RAIN blow, squall, rage, pour, thunder, boom, thunder and lightning, snow. 2. CHARGE attack, assault, rush, blitz, blitzkrieg, assail, invade, besiege. 3. RAGE blow up, lose one's temper, rant and rave, fume, \*throw a fit, roar, bellow, \*go on the rampage, \*go ballistic.

**stormy** *a.* turbulent, wild, tempestuous, violent, rough, windy, squally, blustery, howling, pouring, raining, snowy, inclement. *ANT.* *calm, becalmed, balmy, mild.*

**story** *n.* 1. NARRATIVE account, tale, chronicle, myth, legend, fable, yarn, fairy tale, short story, parable, allegory, folktale, saga, epic, drama, comedy, tragedy, romance, history, novel, novella, novelette, anecdote, plot. SEE NOVEL, BOOK 2. LIE fabrication, \*tall tale, \*fish story, falsehood, excuse, fib, canard, hoax. 3. REPORT scoop, news, dispatch, rumor.

WORD FIND

**category of:** genre

**long, pointless story with anticlimactic ending:** shaggy dog story

**real-life feeling given to characters, setting:** verisimilitude

**warning, story given as a:** cautionary tale

**storyteller** *n.* raconteur, author, writer, novelist, narrator, spinner of yarns, historian.

**stout** *a.* thickset, fat, big, obese, portly, stocky, husky, rugged, sturdy, corpulent, heavy, heavysset, strong, bull-like, brawny, hulking, hefty. *ANT.* *skinny, anorexic, bony, puny.*

**stouthearted** *a.* brave, courageous, daring, nervy, lionhearted, valiant, undaunted, fearless, \*gutsy, bold. *ANT.* *cowardly, timid, \*wimpy.*

**stove** *n.* range, oven, microwave, toaster oven, heater, wood stove, furnace.

**stow** *v.* pack, store away, put away, load, stash, deposit, save, stockpile, cram, wedge, stuff.

**straddle** *v.* 1. **BESTRIDE** sit astride, split. 2. **TAKE BOTH SIDES OF AN ISSUE** straddle the fence, hedge, waffle, \*talk out of both sides of one's mouth. *ANT.* 2. *be committed.*

**strafe** *v.* pepper, gun down, spray with bullets, bombard, fire on.

**straggle** *v.* stray, wander, ramble, meander, deviate, drift, range, rove.

**straggler** *n.* stray, wanderer, lagger, late arrival.

**straight** *a.* 1. **UNBENT** undeviating, linear, direct, even, vertical, horizontal, in line, plumb, square, aligned. 2. **HONEST** straightforward, frank, candid, upfront, forthright, trustworthy, reliable, sincere. 3. **UNDILUTED** pure, whole, unmodified, unmixed, \*neat. 4. **CONTINUOUS** nonstop, unbroken, sustained, uninterrupted, consecutive, constant. 5. **ORDERLY** in good order, neat, arranged. 6. *Sl.* \***SQUARE** conventional, conformist, conservative. *ANT.* 1. *bent, curving, wavy, deviating.* 2. *dishonest, unreliable, insincere.* 3. *diluted, mixed, modified.* 4. *interrupted, broken.* 5. *messy, sloppy.* 6. \**hip, unconventional, cool, wild.*

**straightforward** *a.* honest, frank, candid, upfront, forthright, direct, plain, explicit, aboveboard, unambiguous, open. *ANT.* *dishonest, insincere, ambiguous.*

**strain** *n.* 1. **STRESS** tension, pressure, force, pull, tightness, exertion, effort. 2. **INJURY** sprain, muscle pull, wrench, cramp, twist. 3. **ANCESTRY** lineage, extraction, bloodline, stock, pedigree, family, descent, descendants, breed. 4. **TRACE** hint, suggestion, streak, shade, touch, suspicion.

**strain** *v.* 1. **STRETCH** tighten, draw tight, pull, exert, overexert, tax, force, struggle, labor. 2. **INJURE** sprain, pull a muscle, wrench, cramp, twist. 3. **DISTORT** stretch, exaggerate. 4. **FILTER** sieve, screen, sift, refine, percolate.

**strained** *a.* labored, forced, unnatural, stiff, studied, affected, uneasy, tense. *ANT.* *relaxed, natural.*

**strait** *n.* narrow, channel, waterway, inlet. *SEE STRAITS*

**straitjacket** *v.* confine, immobilize. *SEE RESTRAIN*

**straitlaced** *a.* prudish, prim, strict, severe, upright, proper, puritanical, rigid, stiff, stuffy, priggish. *ANT.* *wild, immoral, fast.*

**straits** *n.* difficulty, plight, emergency, predicament, dilemma, bind, hot water, mess, jam, hole.

**strand** *n.* thread, fiber, filament, line, string, cord, hair.

**strand** *v.* maroon, run ashore, run aground, beach, wreck, abandon, leave in the lurch.

**strange** *a.* 1. **FOREIGN** alien, exotic, unfamiliar, otherworldly, new, novel, remote, outlandish. 2. **UNUSUAL** weird, peculiar, odd, bizarre, uncommon, unconventional, singular, atypical, queer, outlandish, uncanny, extraordinary, curious, funny, eccentric, \*far out. 3. **UNEASY** ill, ill at ease, uncomfortable, odd, peculiar, disoriented, out of place, out of sorts. 4. **REMOTE** reserved, distant, aloof, reclusive. *ANT.* 1. *familiar, everyday, common, native.* 2. *usual, typical, conventional.* 3. *normal.* 4. *friendly, gregarious, sociable.*

**stranger** *n.* unknown, outsider, foreigner, alien, \*new kid in town, interloper, \*just another face in the crowd. *ANT.* *friend, acquaintance.*

**strangle** *v.* 1. **CHOK** throttle, strangulate, asphyxiate, suffocate, \*cut off one's wind, garrote, hang, smother. 2. **SUPPRESS** stifle, repress, check, curb, restrict, stop, squelch, silence.

**strap** *n.* thong, cord, lash, band, rein, halter, leash, belt, strop.

**strap** *v.* tie, tie down, bind, lash, secure, truss, tether, fasten.

**strapped** *a.* penniless, \*broke, destitute, impoverished, poverty-stricken, needy, \*down to one's last dime. *ANT.* *wealthy, rolling in dough.*

**strapping** *a.* well-built, tall, husky, athletic, brawny, muscular, sinewy, rugged, powerful, fit, healthy, hearty, robust. *ANT.* *puny, sickly.*

**stratagem** *n.* trick, scheme, plan, ploy, subterfuge, maneuver, set-up, machination, artifice, deception, tactic, play.

**strategic** *a.* essential, crucial, critical, vital, important, key, decisive, significant, tactical. *ANT.* *unimportant, inconsequential.*

**strategy** *n.* plan, \*game plan, design, procedure, blueprint, plot, scheme, approach, machination, tactic.

**stratified** *a.* layered, laminated, multileveled.

**STRATUM** *n.* [STRAT um] a layer or level, as that of sedimentary rock or a socioeconomic group. *He came from the upper stratum of society.* *SYN.* 1. **LAYER** level, grade, bed, stratification, seam, tier. 2. **CLASS** station, standing, position, rank, echelon, \*upper crust.

**straw in the wind** *n.* indication, indicator, sign, omen, portent, harbinger.

- straw vote** *n.* poll, opinion poll, unofficial vote.
- stray** *n.* wanderer, rover, waif, orphan, vagabond, lost pet, maverick.
- stray** *v.* 1. WANDER roam, rove, drift, range, get lost, ramble, straggle, meander. 2. GO WRONG deviate, digress, err, go astray, go off course, be in error.
- streak** *n.* 1. STRIPE mottle, marking, bar, line, dash, smear, slash, stroke, ray, vein. 2. TRAIT strain, nature, characteristic, idiosyncrasy, touch, trace, tendency, vein.
- stream** *n.* 1. BROOK creek, river, tributary, branch, freshet, creek, rill, runnel, watercourse, waterway, beck. SEE RIVER 2. SERIES succession, steady flow, torrent, outpouring, flood, deluge.

**WORD FIND**

**sound:** murmur, purl, babble, gurgle, white noise

- stream** *v.* flow, rush, pour, flood, run, gush, surge, course, spill, overflow.
- streamer** *n.* flag, banner, pennant, ribbon, strip.
- street** *n.* road, avenue, lane, thoroughfare, boulevard, drive, \*main drag, artery, highway, alley, dead end, route, pavement, rue, via.
- streetcar** *n.* tram, trolley, rail coach.
- street people** *n.* the homeless, transients, street urchins, gamins, vagrants, derelicts, \*bag ladies.
- street smart** *a.* cunning, shrewd, experienced, seasoned, aware, worldly, savvy, \*hip, \*street-wise. *ANT.* naive, inexperienced, unaware.
- strength** *n.* 1. POWER force, vigor, muscle, brawn, punch, \*oomph, horsepower, might, energy, potency, drive. 2. MENTAL TOUGHNESS stability, mental health, intestinal fortitude, courage, \*guts, \*nerve, character, endurance, durability, will, willpower, tenacity, backbone, grit. 3. SOLIDITY impregnability, durability. 4. INTENSITY concentration, potency, power, effectiveness, forcefulness. *ANT.* 1. weakness, impotency. 2. weakness, instability, cowardice, timidity. 3. flimsiness. 4. weakness, impotence.
- strengthen** *v.* fortify, prop, beef up, reinforce, bolster, buttress, harden, temper, steel, shore up, intensify, heighten. *ANT.* weaken, undermine, sap.
- strenuous** *a.* vigorous, hard, arduous, demanding, difficult, laborious, backbreaking, \*ball-busting, tough, Herculean, burdensome, taxing. *ANT.* easy, simple, effortless.

- stress** *n.* 1. STRAIN tension, pressure, anxiety, nervousness, disquiet, fear, worry, dread, burden, intensity. "Nature's fight or flight mechanism overburdened by modern society's prohibition against fighting and fleeing"—Harmon Maxwell. 2. EMPHASIS accent, force, importance, weight. *ANT.* 1. relaxation, peace, tranquility.
- stress** *v.* emphasize, accent, underscore, underline, accentuate, highlight, \*spotlight, play up.
- stress out** *v.* fill with tension, tax one's nerves, unnerve, disquiet, agitate, overburden, frighten, worry, make anxious, \*adrenalize. *ANT.* relax, tranquilize, calm.
- stretch** *n.* 1. EXTENSION expansion, elongation, reach. 2. EXPANSE area, run, spread, tract, space, distance, sweep, area, extent. 3. DURATION spell, time, period, span, run, interval, tour of duty, term. 4. EXAGGERATION. *ANT.* 1. contraction, retraction.
- stretch** *v.* 1. EXTEND expand, elongate, reach, protract, lengthen, span, traverse, inflate, prolong, drag out. 2. STRAIN force. 3. EXAGGERATE. *ANT.* 1. contract, retract.
- stretcher** *n.* litter.
- strew** *v.* spread, scatter, sprinkle, disperse, broadcast, distribute, diffuse, sow. *ANT.* gather, amass.
- stricken** *a.* afflicted, affected, beset, struck, hit, wounded, injured, hurt, burdened, plagued.
- strict** *a.* 1. EXACT complete, accurate, perfect, precise, faithful, meticulous, unerring, absolute. 2. STRINGENT punctilious, exacting, particular, fussy. 3. AUTHORITARIAN disciplinary, firm, stern, rigid, hard-nosed, tough, dour, demanding, rigorous, puritanical, non-sense. *ANT.* 1. inexact, loose, broad. 2. loose, easy, permissive.
- stricture** *n.* censure, \*slam. SEE CRITICISM
- stride** *n.* step, gait, pace, walk.
- stride** *v.* step, walk, swagger, strut, tread, trudge, pace, march, traipse. SEE WALK
- strides** *n.* progress, advancement, headway.
- STRIDENT** *a.* [STRI dunt] shrill, harsh. *His strident screaming got the governor's attention.* *SYN.* shrill, harsh, loud, noisy, vociferous, raucous, grating, piercing, stridulous, high-pitched. *ANT.* silent, quiet, hushed, soft.
- strife** *n.* conflict, discord, dissent, fighting, contention, controversy, struggle, squabbling, war, clash, contest, feud, unrest. *ANT.* accord, peace, harmony.
- strike** *n.* 1. MILITARY ASSAULT attack, offensive, bombing, bombardment, air strike, onslaught, raid, invasion. 2. LABOR DIS-

PUTE walkout, protest, wage dispute, shut-down, lockout, sit-in, hunger strike. "A labor pain."—Leonard Levinson.

**strike** *v.* 1. HIT deliver a blow, punch, pound, smack, knock, clobber, box, cuff, whack, pommel, crack, rap, slap, slug, thump, wallop, clout, smite. 2. ATTACK assault, launch an offensive, bomb, raid, charge, invade, storm. 3. BUMP crash, smash into, collide with. 4. DISCOVER find, unearth, uncover, encounter. 5. PROTEST go on strike, dispute one's labor contract, walk out, shut down, picket, demonstrate. 6. DAWN ON register, \*hit, impress. 7. REMOVE delete, cross out, erase, cancel.

**strikebreaker** *n.* \*scab, \*goon, \*fink.

**striking** *a.* noticeable, outstanding, remarkable, conspicuous, impressive, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, arresting, awesome, prominent, astounding. *ANT.* *inconspicuous, unnoticeable.*

**string** *n.* 1. CORD twine, rope, strand, thread, line, yarn, fiber, filament, gut. 2. SERIES succession, row, chain, train, file, progression, procession.

**STRINGENT** *a.* [STRIN junt] strict, rigid, tight. *The bar had stringent rules against rowdy behavior.* *SYN.* strict, rigid, tight, restrictive, rigorous, exacting, tough, harsh, stiff, severe, demanding. *ANT.* *loose, relaxed, casual, easy.*

**stringy** *a.* fibrous, ropy, long, thin, sinewy, wiry.

**strip** *n.* length, cutting, piece, swath, band, section, segment, ribbon.

**strip** *v.* 1. UNDRESS disrobe, peel off, slip out of, shuck, bare, divest, remove one's clothing, doff, \*drop one's drawers. 2. REMOVE peel, decorticate, excoriate, pare, uncover. 3. DEPRIVE dispossess, rob, plunder.

**stripe** *n.* 1. BAND streak, line, bar, strip, stroke, slash, striation, mark, chevron. 2. TYPE kind, sort, ilk, variety, style, breed, race, strain. 3. WELT wheal, wale.

**stripling** *n.* sprig, youth, adolescent, young man, lad.

**strive** *v.* try, make an effort, struggle, labor, toil, apply oneself, \*bust one's hump, \*break one's back, drive oneself, \*burn the midnight oil, \*work one's fingers to the bone, go after, fight.

**stroke** *n.* 1. BLOW impact, hit, punch, rap, knock, belt, whack, cuff, slap. 2. CARESS pat, rub, massage. 3. SEIZURE apoplexy, brain hemorrhage. 4. ACCOMPLISHMENT feat, coup, coup de grace, blow, move.

**stroke** *v.* caress, fondle, pat, pet, rub, massage.

**stroll** *n.* walk, constitutional, amble, saunter, excursion, ramble, jaunt.

**stroll** *v.* walk leisurely, take one's constitutional, amble, saunter, ramble, meander, take in the scenery.

**strong** *a.* 1. PHYSICALLY POWERFUL mighty, muscular, athletic, rugged, strapping, robust, fit, able-bodied, brawny, stalwart, Herculean, \*strong as a bull, \*strong as a locomotive, virile, fit, hale, healthy, hearty. 2. HAVING STRENGTH OF CHARACTER moral, upright, ethical, secure, self-confident, courageous, plucky, tough, \*thick-skinned, independent, hardened, resilient. 3. STRONG-WILLED determined, resolute, staunch, firm, tenacious, strong-minded, \*having a mind of one's own. 4. DURABLE well-constructed, well-built, solid, sturdy, heavy-duty, tough, impregnable. 5. FORMIDABLE powerful, mighty, challenging, tough, intense, \*big-time, \*major league. 6. INTENSE potent, concentrated, severe, harsh, bright, deep, undiluted, acute, sharp. 7. EARNEST fervent, zealous, rabid, \*gung-ho. *ANT.* 1. *weak, feeble, lame, out of shape, \*atrophied.* 2. *immoral, unethical, insecure, cowardly, thin-skinned, dependent, needy.* 3. *irresolute, indecisive.* 4. *flimsy, jerry-built, weak.* 5. *weak, \*lightweight, inconsequential, \*bush-league.* 6. *mild, soft, diluted.* 7. *half-hearted, apathetic, impassive.*

**strong-arm** *v.* twist one's arm, intimidate physically, beat, punch, coerce, force, lean on, squeeze.

**strongbox** *n.* safe, chest, lockbox, coffer, vault.

**stronghold** *n.* fortification, fort, fortress, defensive position, citadel, castle, bastion, bulwark, battlement, rampart. *SEE CASTLE*

**strong-willed** *a.* strong-minded. *SEE STRONG*

**structure** *n.* 1. BUILDING construction, edifice, erection, skyscraper, high-rise, tower, bridge, dam. 2. ORGANIZATION arrangement, make-up, framework, shape, form, configuration, construction, infrastructure, composition, fabric.

**structure** *v.* construct, arrange, organize, frame, shape, form, compose, plan, put together, assemble.

**struggle** *n.* 1. EFFORT exertion, strain, labor, toil, striving, work, grind, \*long haul, \*never ending battle, trial. 2. CONFLICT fight, contention, battle, tug of war, strife, war, tussle, rivalry, combat. *ANT.* 1. *a cakewalk, \*a snap, \*a breeze.*

**struggle** *v.* 1. STRAIN exert, labor, toil, put in great effort, strive, work, \*break one's back, \*bust one's hump, \*work like a dog, sweat, \*plug away, \*fight an uphill battle. 2. CONFLICT contend, fight, battle, fight a tug of war, war, combat, vie, grapple, tussle, wrestle, wrangle. *ANT.* 1. *hardly break a sweat, breeze through, coast through.* 2. *harmonize, reach accord, make peace, unite.*

**strum** *v.* thrum, stroke, pluck, pick.

**strumpet** *n.* harlot, whore, hussy, slut, tramp, trollop, \*lady of the evening, \*call girl, streetwalker. *SEE* PROSTITUTE

**strut** *n.* 1. COCKY GAIT swagger, promenade, cakewalk, peacock walk, prance. 2. BRACE support, upright, prop, bolster.

**strut** *v.* swagger, sashay, peacock, \*strut one's stuff, show off, parade, promenade, cakewalk.

**stub** *n.* end, butt, piece, remainder.

**stubble** *n.* whiskers, bristles, beard, \*five o'clock shadow, growth. *SEE* BEARD

**stubborn** *a.* obstinate, unyielding, inflexible, uncompromising, strong-willed, muleheaded, pigheaded, tenacious, headstrong, dogged, intractable, bullheaded, resolute, unbending, fixed, willful, pertinacious. *ANT.* *yielding, compromising, reasonable, irresolute.*

**stubby** *a.* short, thickset, stocky, squat, pudgy, \*built like a fireplug, heavyset, stout. *ANT.* *tall, gangling, skinny.*

**stucco** *n.* plaster, cement.

**stuck-up** *a.* snobbish, haughty, arrogant, snooty, uppity, conceited, \*carrying one's nose in the air, high hat, hoity-toity, snotty. *ANT.* *down-to-earth, folksy, modest, humble.*

**stud** *n.* stallion, Casanova, Don Juan, \*make-out artist, \*wolf, \*studhammer, \*skirt-chaser, \*tomcat, \*buck, playboy, breeder.

**student** *n.* pupil, schoolgirl, schoolboy, freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, collegian, cadet, trainee, apprentice, disciple, apostle, follower.

**studied** *a.* calculated, practiced, rehearsed, prepared, affected, self-conscious, stiff, unnatural, forced, contrived, labored. *ANT.* *unstudied, natural, spontaneous.*

**studio** *n.* workshop, atelier, room, work room.

**studious** *a.* bookish, scholarly, academic, thoughtful, literary, well-read, hard-working, industrious, \*hard at it, \*plugging away, lettered. *ANT.* *illiterate, ignorant, unschooled, lazy.*

**study** *n.* reading, investigation, review, examination, research, scrutiny, inquiry, survey,

analysis, instruction, edification, erudition, memorizing, book learning, schoolwork, academic work, training, course, subject, lesson. "The noblest exercise of the mind within doors, and most befitting a person of quality."—William Ramsey.

**study** *v.* read, pore over, \*bone up on, \*crack the books, learn by rote, \*cram, go over, \*burn the midnight oil, scrutinize, review, examine, research, inquire, survey, analyze, instruct oneself, memorize, learn, train, weigh, consider, ponder, think about, concentrate on.

**stuff** *n.* 1. MATERIAL raw material, substance, things, contents, \*nuts and bolts, elements, makings, debris, \*crap, cloth, fabric. 2. BELONGINGS effects, things, possessions, \*junk, gear, paraphernalia, goods, trappings, objects. 3. ESSENCE substance, character, \*the right stuff, heart, core. 4. FOOLISHNESS rot, idiocy. *SEE* NONSENSE

**stuff** *v.* 1. LOAD pack, cram, ram, jam-pack, fill, squeeze, wedge, crowd, press. 2. GORGE glut-tonize, glut, gormandize, \*pig out, surfeit, sate, \*stuff to the gills.

**stuffed** *a.* crammed, full, loaded, filled, jam-packed, full, replete. *ANT.* *empty, deficient.*

**stuffing** *n.* fill, wadding, padding, innards.

**stuffy** *a.* 1. STALE close, oppressive, poorly ventilated, stifling, airless, suffocating. 2. STODGY prim, straitlaced, dull, conservative, staid, old-fogyish, stiff, starched, \*square, old-fashioned, \*button-down. *ANT.* 1. *fresh, breezy.* 2. *wild, casual, fun-loving.*

**stumble** *v.* 1. TRIP slip, fall, stagger, lose one's balance, totter, pitch, \*take a spill, \*take a header, tumble. 2. TRIP OVER ONE'S WORDS slip, blunder, flub, bungle, trip over one's tongue, \*get hung by the tongue. 3. STUMBLE UPON chance upon, come upon, bump into, meet, hit.

**stumbling block** *n.* roadblock, impediment, hindrance, obstacle, barrier, obstruction, drawback, hurdle, bar, snag.

**stump** *n.* butt, stub.

**stump** *v.* baffle, perplex, puzzle, confound, bewilder, mystify, confuse, muddle.

**stun** *v.* daze, stupefy, shock, paralyze, \*floor, lay flat, \*blow away, \*blow one's mind, \*drop a bomb on, stagger, overwhelm, \*bowl over, \*shake up.

**stunned** *a.* dazed, stupefied, shocked, paralyzed, nonplussed, dumbfounded, \*bowed over, \*floored, \*blown away, \*seeing stars,

- overwhelmed, astonished. *ANT.* *composed, unruffled.*
- stunning** *a.* 1. STUPEFYING shocking, paralyzing, staggering, overwhelming, mind-blowing, astonishing, incredible, jolting. 2. BEAUTIFUL attractive, lovely, dazzling, gorgeous, ravishing, striking. *ANT.* 1. *\*ho-hum, \*blah, boring. 2. plain, homely.*
- stunt** *n.* feat, trick, *\*daredevilry, act, exploit, performance.*
- stunt** *v.* check, dwarf, hinder, impede, restrain, shorten, slow, arrest, restrict.
- stuntman** *n.* daredevil, double, stunt double, acrobat.
- stunted** *a.* dwarf, dwarfed, pygmy, undersized, runty, short, miniature, stubby. *ANT.* *oversized, giant, towering.*
- stupefied** *a.* stunned, dazed, *\*out of it, staggered, knocked out, struck dumb, \*stupid, benumbed, \*floored, shocked, paralyzed, \*seeing stars, astounded, amazed, astonished.* *ANT.* *placid, composed, \*collected.*
- stupefy** *v.* stun, daze, stagger, knock out, numb, *\*floor, shock, paralyze, astound, amaze, astonish.*
- stupendous** *a.* great, gigantic, huge, prodigious, gargantuan, colossal, vast, titanic, immense, monstrous, massive, overwhelming, astonishing, breathtaking, spectacular, staggering, mind-boggling. *ANT.* *tiny, puny, modest, trivial, ordinary.*
- stupid** *a.* 1. NOT INTELLIGENT dumb, dull, witless, retarded, intellectually challenged, thick, dense, ignorant, moronic, brainless, mindless, dim-witted, imbecilic, boneheaded, *\*dense as a post, \*chowderheaded, \*dead from the neck up, \*down a quart, \*bird-brained, \*pea-brained, \*three bricks shy of a load.* 2. IRRATIONAL foolish, silly, brainless, idiotic, nonsensical, senseless, unwise, ridiculous, poorly conceived, *\*half-baked.* *ANT.* 1. *brilliant, bright, smart, intelligent.* 2. *rational, thoughtful, wise.*
- stupidity** *n.* dumbness, witlessness, mental retardation, thickness, denseness, ignorance, brainlessness, mindlessness, dim-wittedness, imbecility, low IQ, idiocy, simple-mindedness. “Unconscious ignorance.”—Josh Billings. “Not so much brain as earwax.”—Shakespeare.
- stupor** *n.* shock, paralysis, numbness, stupefaction, insensibility, daze, bewilderment, trance, dreaminess, lethargy, torpor, dullness, apathy. *ANT.* *clearheadedness, sharpness, lucidity, alertness.*
- sturdy** *a.* 1. WELL-CONSTRUCTED strong, solid, rock-solid, well-built, built to last, rugged, tough, sound, stable, stout, muscular. 2. FIRM resolute, unyielding, uncompromising, steadfast, staunch, determined, fixed, tenacious. 3. PHYSICALLY STRONG hardy, vigorous, fit, healthy, strapping, robust, hale. *ANT.* 1. *flimsy, rickety, jerry-built, unhealthy. 2. irresolute, indecisive. 3. weak, un-*
- stutter** *v.* stammer, splutter, *\*trip over one’s own words, \*get hung by the tongue, falter, hesitate, stumble.*
- style** *n.* 1. MANNER mode, design, way, type, form, sort, kind, variety, genre, method, cut, expression, execution. 2. DISTINCTION flair, voice, technique, originality, character. “The dress of thoughts.”—Lord Chesterfield. “A man’s style is his mind’s voice.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. “The creation of one’s own language.”—Roger Hemings. 3. STYLISHNESS high fashion, fashion, vogue, rage, fad, craze, trend.
- stylish** *a.* fashionable, chic, smart, *\*hip, in vogue, \*chichi, \*riding the cutting edge, modish, trendy, modern, sharp, dapper.* *ANT.* *passé, outmoded, antiquated, obsolete.*
- STYMIE** *v.* [STI mee] to impede or thwart. *Travel was stymied by a traffic jam.* *SYN.* impede, thwart, obstruct, stop, block, check, foil, prevent, hinder, frustrate, throw up a stumbling block, get in one’s way.
- SUAVE** *a.* [SWAHV] smooth in social interactions, gracious, tactful, and diplomatic. *He made everyone feel at ease; he was very suave.* *SYN.* smooth, polished, refined, gracious, urbane, tactful, diplomatic, charming, cultured, worldly, polite, courtly, ingratiating. *ANT.* *coarse, unrefined, rude, clumsy, impolite.*
- subconscious** *a.* unconscious, unaware. *ANT.* *conscious.*
- subdue** *v.* 1. CONQUER vanquish, overpower, crush, overthrow, overrun, put down, quell, silence, subjugate, *\*get the better of, tame.* 2. LESSEN reduce, diminish, soften, mellow, moderate, temper, tone down, allay, mollify, mitigate. *ANT.* 1. *surrender, give in, \*cave in. 2. increase, intensify.*
- subject** *n.* 1. TOPIC issue, matter, theme, material, problem, question, point, affair, thesis, lesson, course, study. 2. CITIZEN national, subordinate, follower.
- subject** *v.* put through, make vulnerable, expose.

**subject** *a.* 1. BOUND BY answerable, governed, controlled, subordinate, owing, under, submissive, dependent, servile. 2. LIABLE prone to, apt to. *ANT.* 1. *ruling, dominating, controlling.*

**SUBJECTIVE** *a.* [sub JEK tiv] personal, as felt or seen through the eyes of one individual, not objective. *It was a subjective opinion, based only on personal observations.* *SYN.* personal, individual, biased, prejudiced, nonobjective, emotional, idiosyncratic, introspective. *ANT.* *objective, impersonal, impartial.*

**SUBJUGATE** *v.* [SUB juh GATE] to control or bring under one's power. *He felt it was a man's responsibility to subjugate women.* *SYN.* conquer, control, dominate, boss, lord over, rule, yoke, subject, keep down, \*keep under one's thumb, enslave.

**SUBLIMATE** *v.* [SUB luh MATE] to refine or put into a socially acceptable form, as channeling one's anger or animal urges into constructive outlets. *He sublimated his rage by playing the drums.* *SYN.* channel, redirect, transfer, refine, make acceptable, suppress, repress.

**SUBLIME** *a.* [suh BLIME] exalted, grand, magnificent, majestic. *The ballet presented a sublime performance.* *SYN.* exalted, grand, magnificent, majestic, lofty, ennobled, high, awe-inspiring, superb, overwhelming, breathtaking, glorious, stately. *ANT.* *humdrum, \*blah, \*ho-hum, pedestrian, ordinary, low.*

**submarine** *n.* sub, U-boat, submersible, \*steel shark, \*pigboat.

**WORD FIND**

**body of:** hull

**crew member:** submariner

**exhaust and air intake:** snorkel

**hazard:** mine, depth charge, shoal

**locator:** sonar, sonobuoy

**miniature:** submersible

**missile:** torpedo

**nuclear-powered:** Trident

**observation tower:** conning tower, bridge

**propellor sound that gives presence away:** cavitation

**rudder that helps sub to submerge:** hydroplane

**safe haven:** submarine sanctuary, submarine haven

**scope:** periscope

**stabilizing rudder:** sail plane

**submarine-like observation vessel:** bathyscaph, submersible

**water tanks that control submerging:** ballast tanks

**submerge** *v.* sink, submerge, plunge, immerse, dip, dunk, descend, go down, dive, swamp, drown.

**submersible** *n.* SEE SUBMARINE

**submission** *n.* 1. SURRENDER capitulation, submitting, compliance, giving in, \*caving in, yielding, acquiescence, deference, subordination, subjugation, obedience, compliance. 2. REMITTANCE mailing in, handing in. *ANT.* 1. *domination, resistance, rebellion.*

**submissive** *a.* nonresistant, nonresisting, yielding, docile, meek, tame, \*broken, prostrate, compliant, obeisant, deferential, passive, servile, subservient, \*bootlicking, \*brown-nosing. *ANT.* *dominant, ruling, resistant, rebellious.*

**submit** *v.* 1. SURRENDER capitulate, comply, give in, \*cave in, yield, acquiesce, defer, \*knuckle under, abide by, relinquish, \*say uncle. 2. PRESENT offer, suggest, propose, put forth, remit, hand in, mail in. *ANT.* 1. *dominate, rule, resist, disobey.* 2. *rescind, renege.*

**subordinate** *n.* inferior, junior, underling, second, attendant, servant, slave, dependent, subaltern, \*flunky, \*second fiddle, \*low man on the totem pole. *ANT.* *superior, senior, boss.*

**subordinate** *v.* subject, dominate, \*keep under one's thumb, control, \*boss around, order around, \*keep down, reduce. *ANT.* *empower, raise.*

**SUBORDINATE** *a.* [suh BORD in et] inferior or secondary to another. *The subordinate members of the group had no power to vote.* *SYN.* inferior, secondary, below, under, junior, \*under one's thumb, minor, lesser, second-class, submissive, subaltern, ancillary. *ANT.* *superior, first-class, higher, major.*

**suborn** *v.* SEE BRIBE

**SUBPOENA** *n.* [suh PEE nuh] a written order to appear in court. *The witness was served a subpoena.* *SYN.* summons, written order, court order, writ, notice, notification, instruction, demand.

**subpoena** *v.* summon, serve a court order, serve notice, order to testify, instruct, demand.

**subscribe** *v.* support, favor, approve, agree to, consent to, believe in, accept, endorse, go along with, sanction. *ANT.* *reject, disapprove, oppose.*

**subscription** *n.* purchase agreement, sales enrollment.

**subsequent** *a.* following, succeeding, later, later, ensuing, future, resultant, next. *ANT. previous, preceding, prior.*

**subsequently** *adv.* later, afterward.

**SUBSERVIENT** *a.* [sub SERV ee unt] submissive and compliant, servile, subordinate. *The misogynist divorced his wife because she wasn't subservient enough.* *SYN.* submissive, compliant, servile, subordinate, obsequious, deferential, fawning, sycophantic, groveling, cringing, \*brownnosing, \*bootlicking. *ANT. dominant, dominating, ruling, controlling, rebellious, disobedient.*

**subside** *v.* sink, fall, lessen, abate, wane, ebb, decline, level off, settle, decrease, recede, die down, ease, diminish, let up, \*peter out, fade. *ANT. rise, increase, intensify.*

**subsidiary** *a.* secondary, supplementary, auxiliary, subordinate, supportive, in a supporting role, ancillary, accessory, lesser, inferior, minor. *ANT. main, major, primary, chief.*

**subsidize** *v.* aid, support, back, finance, fund, underwrite, sponsor, \*pick up the tab, \*foot the bill, bankroll.

**subsidy** *n.* aid, support, grant, subvention, appropriation, money.

**subsist** *v.* exist, live, survive, get by, maintain, be sustained, \*eke out a living, \*make ends meet, persist, endure. *ANT. die, perish, starve to death.*

**subsistence** *n.* livelihood, living, support, means of support, means of survival, sustenance, provisions, maintenance, upkeep, sustainment, daily bread, survival, existence, endurance.

**substance** *n.* 1. **MATTER** material, element, stuff, constituent, ingredient, something. 2. **REALITY** solidity, substantiality, concreteness. 3. **ESSENCE** meaning, gist, spirit, core, heart, meat, nucleus, thrust, sense, point, \*bottom line, \*sum total. 4. **WEALTH** resources, possessions, affluence, assets, worth, riches, property.

**substance abuse** *n.* drug abuse, addiction, alcoholism, drug dependance, \*monkey on one's back, \*huffing. *SEE DRUG*

**substandard** *a.* inferior, poor, below average, below par, subpar, second-rate, below normal, lousy, shoddy. *ANT. superior, first-rate, above par.*

**substantial** *a.* 1. **CONSIDERABLE** large, ample, generous, sizable, great, big, healthy, significant, meaningful, goodly, hefty. 2. **STRONG**

solid, firm, sound. 3. **REAL** concrete, actual, physical, material, bodily. 4. **IMPOR-TANT** valuable, fundamental, essential. 5. **WEALTHY** rich, affluent, well-to-do, well-off, prosperous. *ANT. 1. tiny, paltry, insignificant. 2. weak, flimsy, fragile. 3. imaginary, abstract. 4. unimportantal, inessential. 5. poor, impoverished, destitute.*

**SUBSTANTIATE** *v.* [sub STAN she ate] to prove to be true by showing evidence. *The detective tried to substantiate her story with circumstantial evidence.* *SYN.* prove, confirm, authenticate, verify, corroborate, support, validate, demonstrate, attest to, certify. *ANT. disprove, refute, discredit.*

**substantive** *a.* actual, solid, real, substantial. *ANT. flimsy, abstract.*

**substitute** *n.* alternate, \*fill-in, sub, backup, replacement, stand-in, understudy, \*temp, double, \*pinch hitter, \*second-stringer, \*bench warmer, surrogate, proxy.

**substitute** *v.* alternate, fill in for, sub, replace, switch, stand in, \*temp, double, \*pinch-hit, \*come off the bench, spell, supplant, surrogate.

**substitute** *a.* alternate, alternative, backup, temporary, reserve, acting, stopgap. *ANT. primary.*

**SUBTERFUGE** *n.* [SUB tur fyooj] a trick or deception, a device used to conceal one's true purpose, actions, etc. *The spy used a clever subterfuge to get by the guard.* *SYN.* trick, deception, device, ruse, stratagem, artifice, scheme, evasion, maneuver, dodge, machination, Trojan horse, pretense.

**subterranean** *a.* underground, below ground, sunken, subsurface, buried, hidden, secret, concealed, under cover. *ANT. above-board, displayed, mainstream.*

**subtle** *a.* 1. **NOT OBVIOUS** slight, delicate, faint, fine, suggestive, understated, quiet, inconspicuous, implied, inferred, indirect, insinuated, elusive. 2. **THIN** tenuous, rare, light, slight, airy, ethereal, rarefied. 3. **KEEN** sharp, acute, astute, discerning, shrewd. 4. **CLEVER** sly, skillful, deft, smart, adroit, crafty, sly, cunning. *ANT. 1. obvious, conspicuous, heavy, blatant, direct. 2. heavy, dense. 3. dull. 4. stupid, undiscerning.*

**subtract** *v.* deduct, take away, detract, lessen, remove, withdraw.

**suburb** *n.* residential district, bedroom community, suburbia, \*burbs, suburban district, hamlet, outskirts, neighborhood, development, division, subdivision. "The home of the middle class."—Louis Harris. "Where the developer bulldozes out the trees, then

- names the streets after them.”—William Vaughan.
- suburbia** *n.* suburbs, \*burbs, residential district, bedroom community, environs, city outskirts.
- SUBVERSIVE** *a.* [sub VURS iv] contributing to the overthrow or destruction of a government, institution, etc. *He was expelled for his subversive actions.* SYN. destructive, undermining, insurrectionary, seditious, insurgent, treasonous, traitorous, revolutionary. ANT. *helpful, constructive, valuable.*
- subvert** *v.* undermine, destroy, weaken, disrupt, ruin, corrupt, poison, upset, damage, overthrow, topple, destroy. ANT. *support, fortify, build.*
- subway** *n.* underground railway, \*tube, rapid transit system, tunnel, metro.
- succeed** *v.* 1. ACCOMPLISH achieve, make good, win, triumph, \*pull off, arrive, fulfill, \*make it, prevail, work, score, \*nail it, \*pan out, \*fly, \*come through with flying colors, reach one's goals, realize, \*make it big, \*hit the jackpot, ace, \*go over with a bang, \*lay them in aisles, \*knock 'em dead, \*get off the ground, \*set the world on fire. 2. COME AFTER follow, ensue, replace, supplant, take the place of, inherit. ANT. 1. *fail, lose, \*blow it, flop, \*bomb, \*lay an egg.* 2. *precede, antedate.*
- succeeding** *a.* successive, following, subsequent, ensuing, next, upcoming. ANT. *preceding, prior, former.*
- success** *n.* fulfillment, accomplishment, achievement, attainment, realization, reaching one's goals, arrival, triumph, win, victory, \*big time, hit, \*smash, \*succès d'estime, fame and fortune, winner, sensation, good fortune, prosperity, wealth, riches, \*Easy Street, blockbuster. “The reward of toil.”—Sophocles. “Not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.”—Reginald Leach. “The child of audacity.”—Benjamin Disraeli. “The bitch-goddess.”—William James. ANT. *failure, defeat, \*bombing, \*washout, nonfulfillment.*
- successful** *a.* winning, accomplished, triumphant, victorious, favorable, prosperous, well-off, well-to-do, achieving, thriving, booming, fortunate, lucky, \*on top, \*making it big, \*on top of one's game, profitable, lucrative, meeting one's goals, \*climbing the corporate ladder. ANT. *failing, losing, unfortunate, unsuccessful.*
- succession** *n.* 1. SEQUENCE series, procession, progression, train, cycle, course, round. 2. ACCESSION assumption, rise to power, taking over, crowning.
- successive** *a.* succeeding, consecutive, following, sequential, ensuing, continuous, one after the other. ANT. *inconsecutive, random.*
- successor** *n.* follower, heir, next in line, replacement, descendant.
- SUCCINCT** *a.* [suk SINKT] brief and to the point, concise. *The politicians were asked to keep their speeches succinct.* SYN. brief, to the point, concise, pithy, condensed, short, compact, terse, \*in a nutshell, \*boiled down to its essence, \*short and sweet. ANT. *wordy, long-winded, prolix, verbose.*
- succor** *n.* help, aid, relief, assistance, helping hand.
- succor** *v.* help, aid, assist, relieve, give relief, give a helping hand.
- succulent** *a.* juicy, moist, fleshy, dripping, pulpy, mushy. ANT. *dry, dehydrated.*
- succumb** *v.* 1. DIE perish, expire, pass away, \*croak, \*bite the dust, \*kick the bucket, \*cash in one's chips. SEE DIE 2. YIELD submit, give in, give way, surrender, capitulate, \*knuckle under, acquiesce, defer to. ANT. 2. *hold out, resist.*
- suck** *v.* draw, sip, inhale, slurp.
- suck** *v.* *Sl.* stink, rot, \*blow, \*bite, \*bite the big one, \*stink on ice, \*suck eggs.
- sucker** *n.* 1. DUPE \*patsy, \*chump, \*sitting duck, \*pushover, victim, fool, fair game, easy mark. 2. LOLLIPOP.
- sudden** *a.* abrupt, unexpected, unforeseen, quick, \*out of the blue, fast, \*in a heartbeat, \*in a wink, instantaneous, meteoric, \*precipitate, \*like a flash. ANT. *gradual, eventual, slow.*
- sudden infant death syndrome** *n.* SIDS, crib death.
- suddenly** *adv.* abruptly, unexpectedly, without warning, quickly, \*out of the blue, \*in a heartbeat, \*in a wink, instantly, meteorically, all of a sudden, all at once, \*like a flash. ANT. *gradually, eventually, slowly.*
- suds** *n.* foam, froth, bubbles, lather, soap.
- sue** *v.* bring court action, file a lawsuit, prosecute, bring to trial, bring civil action against, litigate against, petition.
- suffer** *v.* 1. EXPERIENCE PAIN hurt, ache, agonize, be racked with pain, writhe in pain, endure, grieve. 2. EXPERIENCE undergo, endure, bear, encounter, live with, \*stick it out, \*tough it out, tolerate, withstand. 3. ALLOW tolerate, permit, admit, grant.

**suffering** *n.* pain, misery, agony, torture, torment, ache, distress, grief, depression, heartache, despair, anguish, ordeal, hell, discomfort, burden, \*cross to bear. "A cleansing fire that clears away triviality and restlessness."—Louis E. Bisch. "A test of faith."—J. Messner. *ANT.* *comfort, pleasure, peace.*

**suffice** *v.* serve, do, satisfy, be enough, be adequate, be sufficient, answer, \*fill the bill, \*do the trick.

**sufficient** *a.* adequate, enough, plenty, satisfactory, ample, commensurate, passable, acceptable, tolerable, okay, all right. *ANT.* *insufficient, inadequate, unsatisfactory, short.*

**suffocate** *v.* smother, choke, stifle, cut off one's air, strangle, throttle, asphyxiate, burke, garrote, kill, silence.

**suffrage** *n.* right to vote, the vote, voice, franchise. *SEE* ELECTION

**suffuse** *v.* overspread, spread, bathe, infiltrate, permeate, pervade, fill, saturate, imbrue.

**sugar** *n.* sweetener, sucrose, saccharose, dextrose, fructose, cane sugar, brown sugar, maple sugar, saccharine.

**sugarcoat** *v.* sweeten, gloss over, make agreeable, make palatable, honey, candy. *ANT.* *poison.*

**sugary** *a.* 1. SWEET-TASTING saccharine, candied, honeyed, confectionary. 2. OVERLY NICE OR SENTIMENTAL mawkish, sickeningly sweet, flattering, oversweet, cloying. *ANT.* 1. *sour, bitter, acid.* 2. *curt, frank, abrupt.*

**suggest** *v.* 1. PUT FORTH propose, offer, submit, recommend, proffer, advance, \*throw out, move, advise. 2. BRING TO MIND imply, insinuate, hint, intimate, allude, evoke, infer.

**suggestion** *n.* 1. PROPOSAL offering, submission, recommendation, idea, thought, proffer, proposition, presentation, tip, counsel. 2. TRACE hint, intimation, insinuation, suspicion, allusion, inference, telltale, reminder, shade, tinge, touch.

**suggestible** *a.* impressionable, pliable, easily manipulated, susceptible, easily brainwashed, naive, gullible, malleable, unguarded, \*like putty in one's hands. *ANT.* *defiant, resistant.*

**suggestive** *a.* 1. INDECENT improper, risqué, off-color, racy, bawdy, dirty, sexy, erotic, obscene, ribald, titillating, \*raunchy. 2. REMINISCENT signifying, evocative, expressive. *ANT.* 1. *respectable, pure, innocent.* 2. *meaningless.*

**suicidal** *a.* 1. SELF-DESTRUCTIVE \*harboring a death wish, reckless, rash, clinically depressed, despondent. 2. DEADLY lethal, un-

wise, reckless. *ANT.* 1. *cautious, joyful.* 2. *careful, safe.*

**suicide** *n.* self-destruction, self-murder, self-immolation. "The severest form of self-criticism."—Leonard Levinson.

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#### WORD FIND

**agreement by two or more:** suicide pact

**Japanese dive-bombing in World War II:** kamikaze

**Japanese ritual of disembowelment:** harakiri, seppuku

**one who commits:** felo-de-se

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**suit** *n.* 1. SET group, series, ensemble. 2. LAW-SUIT case, litigation, trial, court action. 3. SET OF CLOTHES WORN TOGETHER outfit, ensemble, costume, uniform, \*threads, \*get-up, \*Sunday go-to-meeting clothes, \*Sunday best, \*bib and tucker, formal evening wear, dress suit, leisure suit, sack suit, seersucker suit, sport suit, business suit, three-piece suit, tuxedo, zoot suit, jumpsuit. *SEE* COAT, DRESS, JACKET, PANTS, SHIRT, SKIRT

**suit** *v.* 1. BEFIT satisfy, meet one's requirements, meet one's needs, \*fill the bill, be appropriate, accommodate, please, conform, fit. 2. ADAPT fit, adjust, tailor, change, proportion, modify.

**suitable** *a.* fitting, fit, befitting, appropriate, proper, right, correct, acceptable, apt, meet, becoming, seemly. *ANT.* *unsuitable, improper, unacceptable.*

**suitcase** *n.* valise, case, grip, travel case, carryall, overnight bag.

**suite** *n.* 1. SET OF ROOMS penthouse, apartment, flat. 2. ATTENDANTS servants, retinue, entourage, train, company, cortege, court, escort, following, staff.

**suitor** *n.* courter, admirer, boyfriend, wooer, \*beau, \*flame, \*steady, swain.

**sulk** *v.* mope, pout, wallow in self-pity, \*have a pity party, brood, fret, be gloomy, be sullen, put on a long face. *ANT.* *rejoice, jump for joy.*

**sulky** *a.* sullen, gloomy, down in the mouth, moping, pouting, self-pitying, glum, morose, moody, depressed, withdrawn, resentful, dissatisfied. *ANT.* *happy, cheerful, elated.*

**sullen** *a.* withdrawn, morose, resentful, sulky, glum, moody, depressed, glowering, petulant, peevish, brooding. *ANT.* *happy, cheerful, jovial.*

**sully** *v.* soil, stain, dirty, blemish, smudge, blacken, taint, disgrace, dishonor, defile, corrupt,

\*drag through the mud. *ANT.* *cleanse, shine, honor.*

**sultry** *a.* 1. HOT steamy, muggy, humid, sweltering, torrid, baking, tropical, sizzling, \*roasting, suffocating, oppressive, fiery. 2. PASSIONATE hot, inflamed, lustful, amorous, \*horny, ardent, torrid, erotic, seductive. *ANT.* 1. *cold, freezing, chilling.* 2. *turned-off, frigid, cold.*

**sum** *n.* 1. AMOUNT money, cash, quantity. 2. TOTAL aggregate, whole, entirety, lot, \*whole shebang, \*works, mass. 3. GIST essence, point, content, crux.

**summarize** *v.* run down briefly, encapsulate, condense, outline, give main points, \*recap, recapitulate, synopsise, review, abridge.

**summary** *n.* rundown, brief, gist, synopsis, outline, precis, \*recap, recapitulation, condensation, compendium, abstract, short version, review, sketch, core.

**summary** *a.* prompt, expeditious, quick, swift, hasty, peremptory, brief, direct. *ANT.* *detailed, in-depth.*

**summer** *n.* summer solstice, \*dog days, school vacation, season, \*lazy days. "Days dripping away like honey off a spoon."—Wallace Stegner.

**summit** *n.* top, peak, apex, high point, zenith, crown, height, pinnacle, crest, acme, vertex, head, cap, limit, climax. *ANT.* *bottom, depth, low.*

**summon** *v.* 1. CALL FOR call in, beckon, request one's presence, invite, send for, subpoena, order to appear, page, muster, assemble, convene, rally. 2. GATHER collect, rouse, call up, invoke, muster up.

**summons** *n.* subpoena, writ, warrant, call, order, court order, command, evocation, signal, alarm.

**sump** *n.* pool, cesspool, pit, well, cistern.

**sumptuous** *a.* lavish, extravagant, rich, costly, expensive, magnificent, luxurious, fancy, posh, deluxe, splendid, \*ritzzy, opulent. *ANT.* *cheap, poor, \*ratty, plain.*

**sum up** *v.* close, finish, summarize, review, \*recap, recapitulate.

**sun** *n.* \*flaming gasball, star, fireball, flaming orb, sphere, luminary, heavenly body, Sol, Helios, Hyperion, Horus, Ra. "The fire that severs day from night."—Shakespeare. "The glorious lamp of heaven."—Dryden. SEE STAR

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#### WORD FIND

**dark spots:** sunspots  
**gas:** hydrogen, helium

**last bead of setting sun flashing out in brilliant green:** green flash

**massless particles produced by:** neutrinos  
**mock optical illusion:** parhelion, sundog, mock sun

**obscuring of by moon:** solar eclipse  
**orbit:** ecliptic

**outer atmosphere of:** chromosphere, corona

**plant's movement following:** heliotaxis

**plant that bends to follow sun:** heliotrope

**referring to:** helio, solar

**sunlight therapy:** heliotherapy

**sunspot cycle of eleven years:** solar cycle

**sunspot's dark, inner region:** umbra

**surface:** photosphere

**tongue of flame and gas, huge:** solar flare, solar prominence

**variable intensity, sun with:** variable star

**worship:** heliolatry

**sunburned** *a.* burned, red, \*red as a cooked lobster, scarlet, crimson, blistering, peeling. *ANT.* *pale, lily white.*

**Sunday** *n.* sabbath, the Lord's day. "The golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week"—H.W. Longfellow.

**sunder** *v.* separate, split, part, sever, break apart, cleave, divide, halve, quarter.

**sundry** *a.* miscellaneous, assorted, various, divers, diverse, diversified, many, myriad. *ANT.* *single, uniform.*

**sunken** *a.* hollow, depressed, caved-in, fallen-in, concave, indented, submerged, submersed, drowned, inundated. *ANT.* *raised, swollen, bulging, elevated.*

**sunny** *a.* 1. CLEAR bright, radiant, brilliant, cloudless, dazzling, blazing, shiny, golden, \*honeyed light, clement. 2. HAPPY cheerful, cheery, beaming, smiling, optimistic, blithe, lighthearted, joyous, mirthful, buoyant. *ANT.* 1. *cloudy, gloomy, dark, overcast.* 2. *grim, gloomy, miserable, unhappy.*

**sunrise** *n.* dawn, daybreak, sunup, daylight, break of day, \*the holy light of dawn, crack of dawn, cockcrow, twilight.

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#### WORD FIND

**goddess of dawn:** Aurora

**sunscreens** *n.* sunblock, sun cream, lotion, preparation, skin protection.

**sunset** *n.* sundown, dusk, nightfall, evening, gloaming, twilight, eventide. "Like the spreading of a peacock's tail."—John Ashberry.

**sunshine** *n.* sunlight, sunbeams, rays, radiance, brilliance, daylight. "Gold embroidery on the grass."—Paul Horgan. "A shower of gold."—Silvia Tennenbaum.

**super** *a.* excellent, superb, outstanding, extraordinary, great, terrific, sensational, fine, out of this world, \*superhuman, superior. *ANT.* terrible, awful, lousy, inferior.

**superabundance** *n.* overabundance, surplus, excess, glut, plethora, flood, overflow, more than enough, surfeit, oversupply. *ANT.* shortage, dearth, lack.

**superannuated** *a.* old, worn out, \*over the hill, \*put out to pasture, past one's prime, antiquated, obsolete, old-fashioned, outdated. *ANT.* young, fresh, new, modern, contemporary.

**superb** *a.* excellent, great, superior, superlative, first-class, first-rate, select, choice, magnificent, grand, noble, splendid, super. *ANT.* poor, inferior, awful.

**supercharger** *n.* blower, compressor, power booster.

**SUPERCILIOUS** *a.* [soo pur SIL ee us] haughtily disdainful, proud, regarding with raised eyebrows. *He found the restaurant critic to be shallow and supercilious.* *SYN.* haughty, proud, contemptuous, scornful, disdainful, lofty, condescending, imperious, arrogant, high and mighty, superior, snobbish. *ANT.* down to earth, humble, modest.

**superficial** *a.* 1. SURFACE exterior, outer, external, outside, outward, peripheral, skin-deep, cosmetic. 2. SHALLOW obvious, apparent, lacking depth, minimal, not profound. 3. QUICK cursory, perfunctory, hasty, slapdash, hurried, slight. 4. FRIVOLOUS shallow, featherbrained, unprofound, silly. *ANT.* 1. internal, inner, deep. 2. deep, profound. 3. thorough, careful, complete. 4. serious, deep, profound.

**SUPERFLUOUS** *a.* [suh PUR floo us] unnecessary, more than what is needed. *They lightened their load by getting rid of all superfluous provisions.* *SYN.* unnecessary, extra, unneeded, excess, surplus, redundant, inessential, nonessential, spare, expendable, more than enough. *ANT.* necessary, needed, indispensable, vital.

**superhighway** *n.* freeway, autobahn. SEE HIGHWAY

**superhuman** *a.* supernatural, divine, omnipotent, godlike, preternatural, omniscient, otherworldly, extraterrestrial. *ANT.* subhuman.

**superintend** *v.* direct, manage, administer. SEE SUPERVISE

**superintendent** *n.* 1. DIRECTOR supervisor, overseer, manager, chief, administrator, boss, head, foreman. 2. CARETAKER custodian, janitor, super, maintenance man.

**superior** *n.* boss, head, senior, chief, leader, \*head honcho, \*biggest toad in the puddle, master, higher-up, supervisor, CEO, commander in chief, ranking officer, \*big cheese. *ANT.* inferior, junior, \*low man on the totem pole, subordinate.

**superior** *a.* 1. HIGHER greater, above, better, supreme, superlative, first-class, first-rate, peerless, excellent, outstanding, \*a cut above, \*tops, unrivaled, predominant, preeminent, incomparable, \*A-1, exceptional. 2. HAUGHTY arrogant, snobbish, high and mighty, proud, supercilious, stuck-up, condescending, patronizing, pretentious. *ANT.* 1. inferior, lower, second-rate, poor. 2. down to earth, humble, modest.

**superlative** *a.* superior, supreme, highest, greatest, best, first-class, first-rate, peerless, excellent, outstanding, \*a cut above, \*tops, unrivaled, nonpareil, paramount, preeminent. *ANT.* poor, inferior, worst, lowest.

**superman** *n.* superwoman, god, champion, hero, immortal, idol, Renaissance man, Renaissance woman, Olympian, Hercules, ironman, giant, \*mover and a shaker.

**supernal** *a.* celestial, heavenly, divine, from the sky, ethereal, lofty. *ANT.* prosaic, down-to-earth, earthy.

**supernatural** *a.* superhuman, otherworldly, unearthly, not of this world, out of this world, supernatural, metaphysical, transcendental, spiritual, paranormal, occult, psychic, heavenly, divine, breaking the laws of nature, miraculous, ghostly, mysterious, unfathomable, incomprehensible. *ANT.* mundane, earthly, natural, normal.

**SUPERSEDE** *v.* [soo pur SEED] take the place of, replace. *The automobile superseded the horse and buggy as a primary means of transportation.* *SYN.* take the place of, replace, succeed, displace, supplant, dethrone, oust, outmode.

**supersensitive** *a.* ultrasensitive, thin-skinned. SEE SENSITIVE

**superstar** *n.* \*megastar, idol, celebrity. SEE STAR

**superstition** *n.* irrational fear, fallacy, old wives' tale, delusion, false belief. "Religion which has grown incongruous with intelligence."—John Tyndall. "The religion of feeble minds."—Edmund Burke.

**superstitious** *a.* fearful, naive, irrational, deluded, apprehensive, obsessed.

**supervise** *v.* oversee, manage, direct, superintend, look after, head, administer, run things, \*call the shots, \*call the plays, quarterback, command, boss, control, guide, regulate.

**supervision** *n.* management, control, direction, superintendence, running, administration, guidance, leadership, regulation.

**supervisor** *n.* boss, overseer, manager, director, superintendent, head, administrator, quarterback, commander, guide, regulator, \*whip, \*CEO, chief, foreman.

**supine** *a.* 1. LYING DOWN flat on one's back, prone, recumbent, horizontal, laid out. 2. SLUGGISH listless, inactive, lifeless, inert, motionless, \*brain-dead, vegetative. *ANT. 1. standing, upright. 2. lively, active.*

**supper** *n.* dinner, repast. *SEE MEAL*

**supplant** *v.* replace, take the place of, supersede, displace, succeed, oust, dethrone, unseat, bump.

**supple** *a.* 1. FLEXIBLE bendable, pliable, pliant, resilient, malleable, elastic, plastic, springy, rubbery. 2. LIMBER lithe, loose, lissom, agile, nimble, willowy. 3. COMPLIANT yielding, nonresisting, passive, complaisant, acquiescent, easy. 4. ADAPTABLE adjustable, flexible, resilient, elastic. *ANT. 1. inflexible, hard, rigid, stiff. 2. tight, stiff, out of shape. 3. resistant, rebellious, unyielding. 4. rigid, unchangeable, inflexible.*

**supplement** *n.* addition, extension, attachment, amendment, addendum, appendix, augmentation, complement, rider, insert, postscript.

**supplement** *v.* add to, augment, complement, enlarge, increase, reinforce.

**supplementary** *a.* additional, augmenting, attached, appended, supportive, auxiliary, secondary, ancillary. *ANT. main, primary.*

**suppliant** *n.* petitioner, solicitor, applicant, pleader, beggar.

**supplicate** *v.* request, pray for, petition, plead, appeal, beg, entreat, ask for, implore, beseech, adjure.

**supplication** *n.* request, prayer, petition, pleading, appeal, entreaty, solicitation, application, plea, cry, begging.

**supplies** *n.* provisions, stores, issues, rations, stock, necessities, essentials, equipment, victuals, food.

**supply** *n.* reserve, stock, stockpile, store, inventory, amount, quantity, provision, fund, hoard, cache, load, mass.

**supply** *v.* provide, furnish, stock, fund, provision, equip, outfit, cater, accommodate, contribute, give.

**support** *n.* 1. BRACE foundation, buttress, prop, underpinning, substructure, bed, joist, beam, girder, stanchion, stay. 2. BACKING help, aid, assistance, hand, lift, encouragement, advocacy, approval, promotion, comfort. 3. SUBSISTENCE living, sustenance, livelihood, upkeep, provisions, necessities, food, money, child support, alimony.

**support** *v.* 1. HOLD UP brace, buttress, prop, shoulder, carry, bear, bolster, sustain, shore up. 2. BACK help, aid, assist, give a hand, give a lift, sustain, comfort, encourage, bolster, foster, advocate, approve, promote, endorse, subscribe. 3. PROVIDE FOR maintain, pay one's way, finance, bankroll, subsidize, underwrite, \*pick up the tab. 4. CORROBORATE verify, substantiate, confirm, attest, validate, authenticate.

**supporter** *n.* backer, advocate, champion, defender, stalwart, helper, proponent, abettor, adherent, fan, benefactor, patron.

**supportive** *a.* bolstering, encouraging, helping, helpful, sympathetic, strengthening. *ANT. criticizing, denigrating.*

**support system** *n.* family, friends, allies, social network, contacts, support group, \*safety net, companions, morale boosters.

**suppose** *v.* assume, presume, figure, expect, think, guess, imagine, reckon, suspect, theorize, believe, conclude, understand.

**supposed** *a.* assumed, presumed, figured, expected, thought, guessed, imagined, reckoned, suspected, theorized, believed, understood. *ANT. known, proven.*

**supposition** *n.* assumption, hypothesis, presumption, thought, guess, suspicion, theory, belief, conjecture, postulate.

**suppress** *v.* 1. PUT DOWN stop, crush, quell, squelch, squash, crack down on, subdue, silence, extinguish, kill, put an end to. 2. CENSOR keep quiet, withhold, stifle, keep in the dark, silence, shut up, hide, conceal, check, restrain, curb, \*put a lid on, muzzle. *ANT. 1. throw fuel on the fire, unleash, free up. 2. broadcast, amplify, publish.*

**suppression** *n.* crushing, quelling, squelching, squashing, silencing, extinguishing, censorship, smothering, stifling, muzzling, restraint.

**suppurate** *v.* fester, discharge, maturate, ooze.

**supremacy** *n.* dominance, preeminence, primacy, superiority, transcendence, predominance, rule, authority, mastery, sovereignty.

**supreme** *a.* greatest, superior, preeminent, dominant, leading, transcendent, highest, ultimate, paramount, crowning, predominant, first, superlative, finest, excellent, utmost, top, ranking, peerless, ruling, chief, sovereign, \*eclipsing all others, \*overshadowing all others, \*standing head and shoulders above all others. *ANT.* *worst, lowest, poorest.*

**surcharge** *n.* fee, overcharge, sum, surtax, additional charge, amount over and above.

**sure** *a.* 1. CERTAIN definite, assured, doubtless, unquestionable, fixed, set, incontrovertible, positive, conclusive, proven, demonstrated, unmistakable, certified, \*beyond a shadow of a doubt. 2. RELIABLE dependable, trustworthy, tried and true, trusty, faithful, steadfast. 3. CONVINCED confident, certain, satisfied, positive. 4. INEVITABLE assured, bound, unavoidable, guaranteed, inescapable, \*iced. *ANT.* 1. *uncertain, doubtful, questionable, unproven.* 2. *unreliable, undependable.* 3. *unconvinced, uncertain.* 4. *uncertain.*

**surely** *adv.* certainly, doubtless, undoubtedly, absolutely, positively, unquestionably, \*beyond a shadow of a doubt, definitely, indubitably.

**sure thing** *n.* safe bet, certainty, \*shoo-in, \*cinch.

**surety** *n.* security, guarantee, bond, assurance, pledge.

**surf** *n.* waves, breakers, rollers, combers, spin-drift, seaspray, swells, foam, swash, riptide. SEE BEACH, OCEAN

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#### WORD FIND

**common wave with convex back:** plunger

**gray-crested waves:** graybeards

**hollow between waves:** trough

**series of waves:** train

**sound:** rote, swash, crash, thunder, lap

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**surf** *v.* ride the waves, \*hang five, \*hang ten, cruise, flip channels, channel surf, explore.

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#### WORD FIND

**board, small, foam that can be knelt on:** boogie board

**choppy, un-rideable waves, describing:** blown out

**dangerous reversing current:** rip current

**fall off:** wipe out

**front of board:** nose

**giant wave:** bomb

**hang toes over front of board while riding:** hang five, hang ten

**inside hollow of wave:** barrel, tube

**kite, pulled along by kite:** kiteboarding, kitesurfing

**leap off board just before wiping out:** bail out

**leave a wave by riding up over the top:** kick out

**left leg forward, riding with:** natural-footed

**new surfer with poor skills:** barney, jake

**ride under a breaking wave:** \*shoot the tube, \*shoot the curl

**riding across a wave instead of toward shore:** angling

**riding on front of board:** nose ride

**riding with one's back toward shore:** fore-hand

**riding with one's back toward wave:** back-hand

**right leg forward, riding with:** goofy-footed

**sharp turn:** cutback

**shorts:** baggies, jams

**show off:** \*hotdog

**sudden rise of swell as it enters shallow water:** jacking

**surf without a board:** body surf

**tether:** leash

**wave twice and three times the surfer's height:** double overhead, triple overhead

**wave, steepest part of:** pocket

**weak, low waves, describing:** mushy

**wipeout caused by front of board dipping into the water:** pearl

**wipeout in which surfer is driven into the seafloor, severe:** over the falls

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**surface** *n.* exterior, outside, top, skin, shell, facade, face, crust, veneer, finish.

**surface** *v.* 1. SMOOTH level, plane, even, pave, finish. 2. ARISE emerge, break the surface, ascend. 3. BECOME KNOWN materialize, come up, come to light.

**SURFEIT** *n.* [SUR fit] an excessive amount, fullness, overindulgence. *The baker made a surfeit of cookies for the party.* *SYN.* 1. EXCESS surplus, overabundance, superabundance, too much, glut, overflow, flood, inundation, overkill, exorbitance, plethora. 2.

- SATIETY fullness, satiation, overindulgence, sickness, nausea, disgust, discomfort. *ANT.* 1. *dearth, shortage, lack.* 2. *hunger, craving, emptiness.*
- surfeit** *v.* overindulge, \*stuff oneself, overfill, gorge, satiate, glut, \*pig out, overdo, cloy, overeat.
- surge** *n.* 1. SWELL wave, billow, flood, torrent, rush, heave, sweep, mass, storm surge, gush, rising tide. 2. INCREASE escalation, skyrocketing, growth, expansion, explosion, jump, rise. *ANT.* 2. *decline, drop, plunge.*
- surge** *v.* 1. SWELL billow, flood, rush, heave, sweep, roll, amass, rise, gush, wash. 2. INCREASE escalate, skyrocket, grow, expand, explode, jump, rise.
- surgeon** *n.* medical professional, doctor, physician, specialist, \*sawbones. "An eagle's eye, a lion's heart, a lady's hand."—John Ray. *SEE* OPERATION, DOCTOR
- surgery** *n.* medical procedure, \*the knife, excision, biopsy, bypass, mastectomy, transplant, angioplasty, neoplasty. *SEE* OPERATION, DISEASE, MEDICINE
- surgical** *a.* accurate, precise, exacting, pinpoint, ticklish, delicate. *ANT.* *rough, approximate, inexact.* *SEE* OPERATION
- surly** *a.* bad-tempered, sour, moody, rude, nasty, cross, sullen, brusque, dour, ugly, hostile, unfriendly, harsh, short, grouchy, grumpy, gruff. *ANT.* *friendly, cheery, cheerful, warm, good-humored.*
- surmise** *n.* guess, conjecture, deduction, assessment, hypothesis, \*shot in the dark, assumption, hunch, supposition, idea, speculation, presumption.
- surmise** *v.* guess, conjecture, imagine, infer, \*put two and two together, \*hazard a guess, conclude, deduce, assess, hypothesize, \*take a shot in the dark, assume, suppose, speculate, presume, reckon, opine.
- surmount** *v.* go over, climb over, mount, clear, prevail over, get the best of, overcome, conquer, vanquish, subdue, triumph over, master, top.
- surname** *n.* family name, last name, cognomen. *SEE* NAME
- surpass** *v.* excel, beat, exceed, outdo, better, outdistance, eclipse, \*leave the competition swirling in one's wake, \*leave in the dust, \*run circles around, overshadow, trump, put to shame, outperform, outrun, top, transcend, \*blow one's doors off.
- surplus** *n.* excess, surfeit, glut, overabundance, overstock, overkill, extra, plethora, spate, oversupply, remainder, residue. *ANT.* *shortage, shortfall, deficiency.*
- surplus** *a.* extra, excess, spare, leftover, unused, superfluous, remaining, residual. *ANT.* *short, deficient.*
- surprise** *n.* 1. SHOCK start, bombshell, thunderbolt, bolt from the blue, eye-opener, stunner, unforeseen turn of events. 2. AMAZEMENT astonishment, astoundment, wonder, shock, incredulity.
- surprise** *v.* 1. SHOCK give a start, startle, \*drop a bombshell on, stun, open one's eyes, astonish, astound, amaze, \*take one's breath away, \*blow away, \*knock for a loop, flabbergast, daze, take aback, floor. 2. CATCH OFF GUARD catch napping, take unawares, \*catch flat-footed, ambush, \*catch red-handed.
- surprising** *a.* unexpected, unforeseen, shocking, sudden, startling, stunning, eye-opening, astonishing, astounding, amazing, breathtaking, \*out of the blue. *ANT.* *expected, foreseen.*
- SURREAL** *a.* [sur RE ul] having the strange or bizarre quality of dreams or the unconscious mind. *Salvador Dali's paintings are known for their surreal quality.* *SYN.* strange, bizarre, fantastic, grotesque, weird, nightmarish, Kafkaesque, \*far out, \*reminiscent of the Twilight Zone, odd, queer, peculiar. *ANT.* *ordinary, everyday, normal.*
- surrealistic** *a.* strange, bizarre, fantastic, grotesque, weird, nightmarish, dreamlike, Kafkaesque, \*far out, \*reminiscent of the Twilight Zone, odd, queer, peculiar. *ANT.* *ordinary, everyday, normal.*
- surrender** *n.* yielding, submission, giving up, giving in, \*crying Uncle, capitulation, \*throwing in the towel, \*white flag, relenting, prostration, acquiescence, resignation, relinquishment.
- surrender** *v.* yield, submit, give up, give in, \*cry Uncle, capitulate, \*throw in the towel, \*raise the white flag, relent, \*cave in, prostrate oneself, acquiesce, resign, relinquish, cede. *ANT.* *defy, \*hang tough, \*dig in, fight.*
- SURREPTITIOUS** *a.* [sur up TISH us] sneaky, secret. *He took a surreptitious glance at her wedding band.* *SYN.* sneaky, secret, stealthy, clandestine, furtive, covert, hidden, sly, undercover, \*on the QT, underhanded, confidential. *ANT.* *open, public, overt, conspicuous.*
- SURROGATE** *n.* [SUR uh GIT] a substitute or stand-in. *She served as a surrogate until the boss recuperated.* *SYN.* substitute, stand-in, representative, \*sub, agent, replacement, proxy, deputy, understudy.

**surround** *v.* envelop, encircle, enclose, encompass, circumscribe, ring, bound, hem in, fence in, confine, blockade.

**surroundings** *n.* environment, environs, setting, habitat, milieu, background, neighborhood, ambience.

**surveillance** *n.* observation, watch, spying, \*stakeout, vigil, scrutiny, shadowing, \*bugging, wiretapping, reconnaissance.

**survey** *n.* inspection, study, examination, appraisal, exploration, review, overview, scrutiny, inquiry, probe.

**survey** *v.* 1. EXAMINE study, inspect, appraise, explore, review, scrutinize, inquire, probe, canvass, assess, measure. 2. LOOK AT view, regard, scan, study, eyeball, \*give a once-over, watch, observe.

**survival** *n.* living, subsistence, endurance, durability, continuity, lasting, toughing it out.

**survival of the fittest** *n.* law of the jungle, natural selection, Darwin's law, natural law, social Darwinism.

**survive** *v.* live, endure, continue, last, tough it out, remain, persist, hold one's ground, carry on, withstand, \*weather the storm, \*ride out the storm, \*stay afloat, outlive, outlast.

**susceptible** *a.* vulnerable, exposed, sensitive, ultrasensitive, thin-skinned, prone, subject, liable, open. *ANT.* *invulnerable, hardened, resistant.*

**suspect** *n.* the accused, defendant, \*shady character, supposed perpetrator.

**suspect** *v.* 1. DISTRUST mistrust, \*trust as far as one can spit, disbelieve, question, doubt, \*smell a rat, \*harbor suspicions. 2. GUESS imagine, conjecture, surmise, suppose, think, believe, assume, presume, theorize, hypothesize, infer, gather. *ANT.* 1. *trust, believe.*

**suspect** *a.* suspicious, \*fishy, suspected, unbelievable, questionable, doubted, mistrusted, \*shady, dubious. *ANT.* *believable, reliable, trustworthy.*

**suspend** *v.* 1. DEBAR exclude, dismiss, throw out, expel, evict, ban, blackball, shut out. 2. STOP TEMPORARILY postpone, delay, defer, \*put on the back burner, hold off, \*put on hold, put off, discontinue. 3. HANG dangle, sling, swing, pend.

**suspenders** *n.* garters, braces, galluses.

**suspense** *n.* tension, anxiety, uncertainty, anticipation, expectation, build-up, \*white-knuckle anticipation, \*cliffhanger.

**suspension** *n.* 1. BARRING exclusion, dismissal, expulsion, eviction, ban, banishment, blackballing. 2. TEMPORARY STOP postponement,

delay, moratorium, stay, deferral, hold, discontinuance. 3. HANGING dangling, slinging.

**suspicion** *n.* 1. MISTRUST distrust, doubt, dubiousness, disbelief, \*bad vibes, leerness, wariness, \*funny feeling, \*gut feeling, hunch, suspicion, qualm, misgiving. 2. TRACE touch, hint, suggestion, shadow, tinge, shade, inkling. *ANT.* 1. *trust, belief, confidence.*

**suspicious** *a.* 1. SUSPECT questionable, \*fishy, \*funny, dubious, peculiar, \*not kosher, doubtful, \*doesn't have the ring of truth, shady. 2. DISTRUSTING mistrusting, doubting, disbelieving, questioning, wary, leery, incredulous, skeptical, cynical. *ANT.* 1. *aboveboard, \*kosher.* 2. *trusting, believing, confident.*

**sustain** *v.* 1. KEEP UP maintain, continue, keep alive, prolong, protract, preserve, keep going. 2. SUPPORT nourish, nurture, feed, provide for, aid, nurse. 3. CARRY THE WEIGHT OF support, hold, prop, uphold, shoulder, bear. 4. ENDURE withstand, tolerate, suffer, brook, stand, live with, abide, undergo.

**sustenance** *n.* livelihood, support, living, subsistence, upkeep, nourishment, food, daily bread, victuals, rations, provisions, bread and butter, nutriment, groceries, \*grub.

**suture** *n.* sewing, stitching, joining. SEE OPERATION

**SVELTE** *a.* [SVELT] slender and lithe. *The svelte dancers moved as gracefully as cats.* *SYN.* slender, thin, lithe, graceful, lissome, willowy, thin, lanky, slight, trim, lean, slinky. *ANT.* *fat, obese, roly-poly, awkward.*

**SVENGALI** *n.* [sven GAH lee] one who persuades or brainwashes another to do his bidding, often for evil purposes, so named after the hypnotist in the novel *Trilby*. *He was a Svengali who mesmerized women wherever he went.* *SYN.* hypnotist, mesmerizer, charmer, persuader, seducer, spellbinder, charismatic person, dominating figure, brainwasher.

**swab** *n.* 1. MOP. 2. COTTON, CLOTH sponge, wad.

**swaddle** *v.* wrap, bind, swathe, bundle up.

**swag** *n.* 1. FESTOON decoration, valance, garland, loop, chain, ornament. 2. LOOT plunder, stolen money, booty, \*haul.

**swagger** *n.* strut, parade, bluster, pomp, \*the air of one who thinks he's the cock of the walk, peacock walk, braggadocio, bravado, boastfulness, \*muscle-flexing.

**swagger** *v.* strut, parade, bluster, \*act like the cock of the walk, \*peacock, brag, boast, \*flex one's muscles, show off, flaunt, grandstand,

vaunt, \*blow one's own horn, stride pompously. *ANT. cringe, skulk.*

**swaggerer** *n.* strutter, \*cock of the walk, blusterer, \*blowhard, peacock, braggart, showoff, \*grandstander, pompous ass, swashbuckler.

**swain** *n.* lover, suitor, gallant, beau, boyfriend, flame, sweetheart, squire, country boy, rustic.

**swallow** *v.* 1. GULP down, ingest, guzzle, eat, drink, \*choke down, gobble, bolt, \*wolf down, \*chug-a-lug, quaff. 2. ENGULF absorb, devour, overwhelm, envelop. 3. PUT UP WITH tolerate, endure, suffer, bear, ignore. 4. BELIEVE WITHOUT QUESTION \*swallow hook, line, and sinker, \*buy, take on faith, accept, swallow whole, \*fall for, be naive. *ANT. 1. regurgitate, vomit, throw up. 4. disbelieve, reject, mistrust.*

**swami** *n.* lord, master, fakir, teacher, mentor, guru, mystic, yogi.

**swamp** *n.* bog, marsh, slough, quagmire, fen, bayou, morass, everglade, swale, mire, wetland, muskeg. *SEE LAKE*

**WORD FIND**

**filling in of a lake by vegetation:** eutrophication

**floating island of decayed vegetation:** battery

**gas:** methane

**luminescence seen at night:** foxfire

**moss:** sphagnum

**tree islands:** hammocks

**swamp** *v.* flood, overwhelm, submerge, sink, engulf, inundate, drown, deluge, wash over.

**SWAN SONG** *n.* a farewell or final appearance, performance, accomplishment—especially one of distinction—so named after the legendary song sung only once by the swan at its death. *Last night's stage appearance was the crooner's much anticipated swan song.* *SYN.* farewell, last hurrah, goodbye, final performance, final appearance, parting song, adieu, last gasp, crowning achievement.

**swap** *v.* trade, exchange, switch, barter.

**sward** *n.* grass, turf, lawn, sod, yard, meadow, field, green.

**swank** *n.* style, ostentation, stylishness, showiness, fashion, flashiness, flamboyance.

**swanky** *a.* stylish, ostentatious, showy, fashionable, flashy, chic, glamorous, snappy, smart, dapper, classy, \*snazzy. *ANT. frumpy, unfashionable, out of style.*

**swarm** *n.* hive, cloud, flight, crowd, throng, multitude, mass, horde, shoal, school, assembly.

**swarm** *v.* mass together, crowd, throng, cluster, flock, gather together, herd, congregate, concentrate.

**swarthy** *a.* dark-complexioned, dark, dusky, black, brown, olive-skinned, coal-black, ebony, chocolate, tawny, nutbrown, obsidian, \*dark as the Rio Grande, \*dark as the Congo. *ANT. light, white, pale.*

**swash** *v.* splash, wash, dash, strike.

**swashbuckler** *n.* swaggerer, fighting man, adventurer, fencer, soldier of fortune, pirate, blusterer, daredevil.

**swashbuckling** *a.* swaggering, loud, boastful, strutting, adventurous.

**swashbuckling** *n.* derring-do, daredevilry, blustering, fighting.

**swat** *n.* blow, hit, spank, smack, slap, whack, wallop, belt, slug.

**swat** *v.* hit, spank, smack, slap, whack, wallop, belt, slug, clout, smite.

**swatch** *n.* sample, piece, bit, scrap, specimen, example.

**swath** *n.* clearing, stripe, path, opening, cut, space, strip.

**swathe** *v.* wrap, bind, swaddle, bundle up, dress, bandage.

**sway** *n.* 1. SWINGING leaning, undulation, fluctuation. 2. INFLUENCE control, power, command, domination, rule, hand, reign, authority, mastery.

**sway** *v.* 1. MOVE FROM SIDE TO SIDE swing, move to and fro, move back and forth, waver, wobble, fluctuate, undulate, oscillate, rock, teeter, vacillate. 2. INFLUENCE persuade, talk into, divert, control, brainwash, prevail upon, move, convince, impress, win over, lead, guide, \*sell on.

**swaybacked** *a.* sagging, broken-backed, caving in, slumping. *ANT. straightbacked, sturdy.*

**swear** *v.* 1. PROMISE VOW, pledge, take an oath, give one's word, warrant, avow, attest, declare. 2. CURSE cuss, use profanity, use dirty language, use four-letter words, \*spit barnyard epithets, take the Lord's name in vain, use gutter language.

**swear by** *v.* have confidence in, recommend, believe in.

**swearing** *n.* cussing, cursing, foul language, bad language, four-letter words, obscenities, expletives, profanity, dirty words, \*barnyard epithet, \*cow pasture vulgarism, vulgarity, \*henhouse epithet, X-rated language, gutter language. "The garlic in the salad of

taste.”—Cyril Connolly. *ANT. polite word, euphemism.*

**swear off** *v.* give up, abjure, renounce, forswear, forego, quit, \*turn one’s back on.

**sweat** *n.* 1. PERSPIRATION sudoresis, excretion, moisture, lather, body odor, \*BO. 2. HARD WORK toil, labor, drudgery, grind, back-breaking work, slavery. 3. ANXIETY apprehension, stress, tension.

**sweat** *v.* 1. PERSPIRE excrete, \*glow, \*work up a lather, \*sweat bullets, swelter, ooze, exude. 2. GET NERVOUS \*stress out, fret, worry, suffer anxiety, suffer distress. 3. TOIL labor, break one’s back, strain, struggle, slave, drudge, work.

**sweater** *n.* pullover, turtleneck.

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**WORD FIND**

**coatlike:** cardigan

**coat sweater with school letter:** letter sweater  
**deer or geometric pattern on front:** jacquard

**diamond-designed:** argyle, Aran Isle sweater

**goat hair:** cashmere

**Irish, water-repellant:** fisherman’s sweater

**long:** fanny sweater

**natural-colored, with bands around neck:**  
Icelandic

**pullover with rounded neck:** crew neck

**pullover with wedge-shaped neck:** V-neck

**sleeveless pullover:** shell

**white, cable-knit pullover:** tennis sweater

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**sweathouse** *n.* sweatlodge, sauna, steam room.

**sweatpants** *n.* running pants, gym pants.

**sweatshirt** *n.* pullover, gym shirt.

**sweatshop** *n.* factory, labor mill, shop, manufacturer, plant, work room, industry, \*salt mines.

**sweatsuit** *n.* exercise suit, running suit, \*baggies.

**sweep** *n.* 1. RANGE scope, reach, stretch, span, width, breadth, compass, extent. 2. SWIPE stroke, swing, cut. 3. COMPLETE VICTORY \*skunk, \*clean sweep.

**sweep** *v.* 1. WHISK take a broom to it, brush, clean up, tidy, clear. 2. CLEAR destroy, remove, strip, drive out. 3. RUSH hurry, race, fly, charge, zoom, \*zip, glide, tear. 4. WIN IT ALL \*skunk, \*pull off a clean sweep.

**sweeping** *a.* extensive, broad, widespread, far-reaching, all-inclusive, blanket, general, across-the-board, comprehensive, thorough. *ANT. limited, partial.*

**sweepstakes** *n.* lottery, contest, drawing.

**sweet** *n.* candy, confection, dessert.

**sweet** *a.* 1. SUGARY saccharine, honeyed, nectarous, candied, confectionary, tasty, luscious. 2. PLEASANT agreeable, enjoyable, delightful. 3. FRIENDLY kind, gentle, good, nice, charming, angelic, pleasant, agreeable, amiable, helpful. 4. SWEET-SMELLING fragrant, fresh, perfumed, pure, aromatic. 5. SWEET-SOUNDING dulcet, melodious, harmonious, euphonic. *ANT. 1. sour, bitter, tart, acid. 2. unpleasant, awful, miserable. 3. unfriendly, sour, grouchy. 4. sour, rotten, spoiled. 5. harsh, discordant.*

**sweeten** *v.* 1. ADD SUGAR sugarcoat, honey, candy, dulcify, mull. 2. EASE soften, lighten, mollify, \*take the edge off, alleviate, temper, mellow, moderate.

**sweetener** *n.* saccharine, sugar, \*Sweet ’n Low, \*Equal.

**sweetheart** *n.* darling, love, \*sweetie, honey, \*honeybunch, \*honeybun, \*honeybunny, dear, \*sugar pie, lover, pet, girlfriend, boyfriend, flame, \*steady, love of one’s life, heartthrob, turtledove, \*baby.

**sweetmeat** *n.* sweet, confection, delicacy, treat, cake, candy, preserve, nougat.

**sweet-talk** *v.* flatter, \*butter up, cajole, soft-soap, \*lay it on with a trowel.

**sweet-talk** *n.* \*bull, \*blarney, flattery.

**swell** *n.* 1. BULGE wave, roller, surge, surf, rise, mound, hill, hump, protuberance, prominence, protrusion, distension, expansion, growth. 2. SMART DRESSER dandy, clothes-horse, Beau Brummel, fop.

**swell** *v.* 1. BULGE rise, billow, balloon, inflate, blow up, puff up, bloat, mound, form a hump, protrude, distend, dilate, expand, grow, surge, become turgid. 2. PUFF UP FROM PRIDE swagger, strut, stick one’s chest out, parade, show off, be pleased with oneself. *ANT. 1. deflate, shrink, collapse. 2. be crestfallen, cringe, shrink.*

**swell** *a.* fine, excellent, great, first-rate. *ANT. inferior, substandard.*

**swelling** *n.* lump, bulge, distension, bump, growth, enlargement, edema, puffiness, inflammation, knob, welt, abscess.

**swelter** *v.* sweat, perspire, drip, \*slow cook under the sun, \*burn up under the sun, suffer heatstroke, roast.

**sweltering** *a.* hot, humid, roasting, scorching, torrid, sultry, stifling, baking, broiling, muggy, close, oppressive. *ANT. cold, frigid, chilling.*

**swerve** *v.* turn sharply, deviate, veer, diverge, dodge, sheer off, shift, careen.

**swift** *a.* 1. FAST quick, rapid, speedy, hasty, fleet, express, \*quicker than greased lightning, supersonic, hypersonic, faster than the speed of sound, prompt, brisk, winged, breakneck, meteoric, \*on the double. 2. SHORT-LASTING fleeting, brief, quick, transient, ephemeral, \*passing in a heartbeat, \*passing in the wink of an eye. 3. QUICK-ACTING alert, \*on one's toes, ready, prompt. *ANT.* 1. *slow, sluggish*, \**slower than the Second Coming*. 2. *long-lasting, permanent, eternal*. 3. *slow, \*asleep, \*out to lunch*.

**swig** *n.* mouthful, gulp, slug, \*hit, drink, quaff, swill, draft.

**swill** *n.* garbage, table scraps, slop, hogwash, refuse, waste, remains.

**swill** *v.* swig, guzzle, gulp, wash down, \*take a slug, \*take a hit, quaff, \*chug-a-lug, \*knock off, drain.

**swim** *v.* 1. \*GO FOR A DIP breaststroke, crawl, backstroke, do the butterfly, dog-paddle, stroke, \*skinnydip, tread water, float, bathe, paddle, snorkel, scuba dive, skin dive. 2. BE SATURATED be soaked, be steeped in, float in. 3. BE DIZZY be lightheaded, be off balance.

**swimming** *a.* dizzy, lightheaded, dopey, reeling, whirling, off-balance. *ANT.* *sober, in control*.

**swimmingly** *a.* easily, successfully, readily, effortlessly, beautifully, well, smoothly, \*without a hitch, perfectly. *ANT.* *with great effort, with difficulty, unsuccessfully*.

**swimsuit** *n.* swim shorts, swimming trunks, bathing suit, \*jams, bikini, two-piece, T-back, swimwear.

**swindle** *n.* fraud, cheat, \*rip-off, \*con, skin game, trickery, scam, shell game, hustle, gyp.

**swindle** *v.* defraud, cheat, \*rip off, \*con, trick, \*scam, hustle, gyp, dupe, rook, fleece, \*chisel, \*burn, bamboozle, \*take to the cleaners, \*screw, bilk, extort, \*flimflam, \*sell a bill of goods, \*take for a ride.

**swindler** *n.* cheat, \*con artist, \*con man, fraud, \*flimflam man, chiseler, \*rip-off artist, crook, \*bunco artist, \*grifter, \*sharper, \*hustler, shark.

**swine** *n.* 1. PIG hog, porker, piglet, sow, boar. 2. DESPICABLE PERSON \*SOB, creep, pig, animal, rogue, cad, scoundrel, \*rat, \*jerk.

**swing** *n.* 1. OSCILLATION pendulation, sway, swaying, undulation, arc. 2. PUNCH blow, stroke, uppercut, \*roundhouse, left hook. 3. RHYTHM beat, cadence, meter, pulse, measure.

**swing** *v.* 1. OSCILLATE pendulate, sway, rock, teeter, seesaw, waver, wobble, move back and forth. 2. TURN pivot, come around, spin,

wheel, rotate, whirl, swivel, pirouette. 3. DELIVER A BLOW deliver a roundhouse right, punch. 4. HAVE AN EXCITING RHYTHM \*have a groove, \*groove, rock. 5. BE LIBERAL SEXUALLY swap partners, \*bed-hop.

**swinish** *a.* piggish, \*like a hog, beastly, filthy, gross, disgusting, brutish, gluttonous, coarse. *ANT.* *refined, cultured, delicate*.

**swipe** *n.* blow, slap, smack, roundhouse, punch, swat, cuff, wallop, clip.

**swipe** *v.* *Sl.* steal, pilfer, pocket, take, shoplift, filch, pinch, appropriate, thieve.

**swirl** *v.* whirl, twirl, twist, eddy, form a whirlpool, revolve, circle, whorl, rotate, gyrate, spin, churn.

**swish** *v.* hiss, brush, whoosh, rustle.

**switch** *n.* 1. CHANGE swap, exchange, reversal, about-face, 360-degree turn, \*flip-flop, new tack, change of course. 2. STICK rod, lash, whip, cane, branch.

**swivel** *v.* turn, rotate, swing, pivot, revolve, hinge, spin.

**swollen** *a.* enlarged, distended, bloated, puffy, puffed up, bulging, inflated, edemic, tumid, turgid. *ANT.* *deflated, contracted, shrunken*.

**swoon** *v.* faint, pass out, lose consciousness, collapse, go limp, keel over, feel lightheaded, suffer from syncope.

**swoop** *v.* 1. DIVE plunge, plummet, drop down on, pounce on. 2. SWEEP UP snatch, seize, scoop up.

**sword** *n.* weapon, blade, cutlass, saber, broadsword, rapier, samurai sword, scimitar, \*cold killing steel.

**WORD FIND**

**belt:** baldric

**dagger that is notched to catch and break sword:** swordbreaker

**fencing:** foil, épée

**handle:** haft, hilt, pommel

**Indian saber with curved blade:** shamshir

**legendary, owned by King Arthur:** Excalibur

**Scottish Highlander's duel-edged broadsword:** claymore

**shaped like:** ensiform, gladiate

**sheath:** scabbard

**short:** skean

**side projections at hilt:** quillons

**smaller sword used as a backup:** hanger, side-arm

**swordplay:** fencing, dueling

**swordsmen:** fencer, blade

**sworn** *a.* pledged, promised, bound. *ANT.* *available*.

**SYCOPHANT** *n.* [SIK uh funt] one who flatters and kisses up to others to gain their favor. *The boss had a retinue of sycophants and yes-men.* *SYN.* toady, flatterer, \*brownnose, \*bootlicker, yes-man, fawner, groveler, \*flunky, \*apple-polisher, parasite.

**syllabus** *n.* summary, outline, synopsis, abstract, brief, condensation, digest, abridgement, epitome.

**sylvan** *a.* woodland, wooded, woody, forested, arboreal. *ANT.* *urban*.

**SYMBIOTIC** *a.* [sim bee AW tik] referring to a relationship that is mutually beneficial. *Bees and flowers enjoy a symbiotic relationship.* *SYN.* mutually beneficial, mutually advantageous, give and take, commensalistic. *ANT.* *parasitic, harmful*.

**symbol** *n.* character, design, letter, emblem, figure, insignia, sign, trademark, representation, badge.

**symbolic** *a.* representative, illustrative, metaphorical, indicative, characteristic, symptomatic, emblematic, allegorical. *ANT.* *literal*.

**symbolize** *v.* represent, stand for, signify, denote, express, epitomize, mean, connote, personify.

**symmetrical** *a.* balanced, even, uniform, corresponding, similar, matching, proportionate, harmonious, regular, parallel. *ANT.* *asymmetrical, unbalanced, uneven*.

**SYMMETRY** *n.* [SIM uh tree] similarity or correspondence in form, uniformity, balance. *They evened out the forms to create a rough symmetry.* *SYN.* similarity, correspondence, balance, parity, proportion, uniformity, evenness, congruity, harmony, grace. *ANT.* *asymmetry, imbalance, unevenness*.

**sympathetic** *a.* 1. COMPASSIONATE concerned, commiserative, caring, feeling, solicitous, understanding, kind, sensitive, tender, pitying, humane, empathetic, charitable, \*having a bleeding heart. 2. CONGENIAL agreeable, like-minded, companionable, simpatico, having a good rapport with, \*on the same wavelength, compatible, \*en rapport, friendly. *ANT.* 1. *uncaring, indifferent, cold, stony, unfeeling, insensitive*. 2. *disagreeable, clashing, incompatible*.

**sympathize** *v.* feel for, understand, have compassion for, pity, commiserate, care, empathize, condole, feel sorry for, \*have one's heart go out to, \*have one's heart bleed for, feel compassion for.

**sympathy** *n.* 1. COMPASSION concern, commiseration, caring, feeling, solicitousness, understanding, kindness, sensitivity, tenderness, pity, humanity, empathy, charity, \*bleeding heart. "A fellow-feeling."—Robert Burton. "Two hearts tugging at one load."—Charles Parkhurst. "Dissolved selfishness."—Ludwig Boerne. 2. AFFINITY OR AGREEMENT BETWEEN TWO PEOPLE harmony, like-mindedness, rapport, compatibility, \*same wavelength, accord, congeniality, friendship, unity, mutual attraction. 3. APPROVAL agreement, assent, consent, \*okay, acceptance, acquiescence. *ANT.* 1. *indifference, coldness, stoniness, insensitivity*. 2. *clash, conflict, discord*. 3. *disapproval, disagreement*.

**symphony** *n.* 1. HARMONY OF SOUNDS euphony, polyphony, multiplicity of sound, chorus. 2. MUSICAL COMPOSITION opus, piece, concerto, arrangement, suite, score. *SEE* MUSIC (SYMPHONIC TERMS) 3. CONCERT performance. 4. ORCHESTRA philharmonic. 5. GENERAL HARMONY unity, correspondence, concord, agreement.

**symposium** *n.* conference, meeting, gathering, discussion, panel discussion, seminar, forum, round table, debate, assembly, congress.

**symptom** *n.* indication, sign, warning, warning sign, prodrome, dead giveaway, earmark, manifestation, tip-off, signal, evidence, telltale.

**symptomatic** *a.* indicative, suggestive, characteristic, peculiar, signaling. *ANT.* *unusual, abnormal*.

**synagogue** *n.* place of worship, temple, shul. *SEE* CHURCH

**synapse** *n.* connection, junction.

**synch** *v.* *Sl.* *SEE* SYNCHRONIZE

**synchronize** *v.* coordinate, regulate, make simultaneous, \*put in sync, harmonize, set.

**synchronous** *a.* simultaneous, \*in sync, concurrent, parallel. *ANT.* *separated, \*out of sync*.

**syndicate** *n.* association, group, organization, cartel, joint concern, consortium, pool, company, conglomerate, partnership, coalition, trust, Mafia, mob.

**syndrome** *n.* disease, condition, group of symptoms, disorder, sickness, affliction, malady, spectrum of complaints. *SEE* DISEASE

**synergy** *n.* working together, collaboration, cooperative action, coordination, teamwork, joint action, pulling together, \*hitching horses, symbiosis.

**synod** *n.* ecclesiastical council, conclave, meeting of bishops, convocation, assembly, council, session, meeting, tribunal.

**SYNONYMOUS** *a.* [si NAWN uh mus] having a similar meaning. *Cat is synonymous with feline.* SYN. similar, same, equivalent, parallel, comparable, corresponding, like, alike, interchangeable. ANT. *antonymous, opposite.*

**synopsis** *n.* summary, abridgement, outline, sketch, brief, epitome, abstract, précis, condensation, digest, rundown.

**syntax** *n.* word arrangement, sentence structure, word order, phrasing.

**synthesis** *n.* 1. ASSEMBLY composition, combination, integration, mixing, blending. 2. WHOLE FROM MANY PARTS conglomeration, mixture, compound, alloy, blend, amalgam, composite.

**synthesize** *v.* assemble, combine, integrate, mix, blend, conglomerate, compound, alloy, fuse, meld. ANT. *separate, divide, disassemble.*

**synthesizer** *n.* electronic keyboard, \*sound machine. SEE MUSIC, MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**synthetic** *a.* artificial, man-made, manufactured, unnatural, synthesized, imitation, ersatz, sham, fake. ANT. *natural, real, genuine.*

**syphilis** *n.* venereal disease, sexually transmitted disease (STD), lues, pox. SEE DISEASE

**syringe** *n.* injector, medical instrument, blood-drawing device. SEE MEDICINE

**syrup** *n.* treacle, juice, sugar water, molasses.

**syrupy** *a.* sickeningly sweet, cloyingly sweet, overly sentimental, \*dripping with sweetness, mawkish, maudlin, \*mushy.

**system** *n.* arrangement, organization, structure, scheme, set-up, method, plan, operation, procedure, course of action, approach, technique, standard operating procedure, program, way.

**systematic** *a.* orderly, regular, methodical, arranged, organized, ordered, routine, regulated. ANT. *disorderly, random, unarranged.*

**systematize** *v.* arrange, order, regulate, organize, methodize, standardize, coordinate, program.

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**tab** *n.* 1. FLAP strip, tongue, tag, projection, loop, ring. 2. BILL check, cost, expenses, tally, account, record, reckoning, score.

**tabernacle** *n.* 1. PLACE OF WORSHIP temple, shrine, sanctuary. 2. TENT dwelling.

**table** *n.* 1. FURNITURE board, counter, sideboard, stand, dining room table, drop-leaf table, coffee table, end table, parsons table, buffet, writing table, desk. 2. LIST chart, graph, diagram, column, tabulation, index, register.

**table** *v.* postpone, delay, shelve, \*put on the back burner, put aside, suspend, hold off, sideline, defer, pigeonhole, freeze.

**tableau** *n.* picture, scene, view, depiction, spectacle, illustration.

**tableland** *n.* karoo, mesa. SEE PLATEAU

**tablet** *n.* 1. WRITING PAD pad of paper, notebook, scratch pad. 2. SLAB piece, stone, plaque. 3. PILL capsule, lozenge, troche.

**tableware** *n.* flatware, silverware, glassware, dishes.

**tabloid** *n.* scandal sheet, \*rag, newspaper.

**taboo** *n.* prohibition, restriction, \*no-no, \*don't, \*thou-shalt-not, proscription, ban, limitation, forbiddance, reservation.

**taboo** *a.* prohibited, restricted, proscribed, \*frowned on, forbidden, banned, verboten, unacceptable, out-of-bounds, against social convention, anathema. *ANT.* *accepted, okay, allowed.*

**tabulate** *v.* list, put in columns, graph, chart, inventory, index, formulate, figure, arrange, systematize.

**TACIT** *a.* [TASS it] implied but unspoken, unexpressed. *They had a tacit agreement to stay sober while hunting.* *SYN.* unspoken, unexpressed, silent, implied, implicit, understood, unsaid, unvoiced, inferred. *ANT.* *spoken, expressed, explicit.*

**TACITURN** *a.* [TAS i TURN] untalkative, uncommunicative, quiet by nature. *He was a taciturn old farmer who rarely said anything more than an obligatory "nope" and "yep."* *SYN.* untalkative, uncommunicative, quiet, closemouthed, reticent, reserved, speechless,

withdrawn, tight-lipped, mute. *ANT.* *talkative, loquacious, \*motor-mouthed, voluble.*

**tack** *n.* 1. NAIL thumbtack, pushpin, brad, rivet, staple. 2. COURSE heading, direction, way, route, path, approach, line, plan, zigzag.

**tack** *v.* nail, pin, attach, fasten, fix, affix, staple.

**tackle** *n.* gear, apparatus, equipment, outfit, riggings, paraphernalia, implements, trappings, rope and pulley.

**tackle** *v.* 1. THROW DOWN knock down, sack, drop, down, seize, pounce on, grab, intercept, \*collar, wrestle to the ground. 2. UNDERTAKE take on, \*take a shot at, endeavor, work at, \*take a crack at, attack, deal with, try, set about, \*give it the old college try.

**tacky** *a.* 1. TASTELESS unstylish, cheap, \*chintzy, unfashionable, in poor taste, gawdy, garish, \*schlocky, loud, shabby, dowdy, frumpy, \*grubby, frowzy. 2. STICKY gummy, gluey, adhesive, viscid. *ANT.* 1. *tasteful, stylish, elegant.* 2. *dry.*

**tact** *n.* diplomacy, grace, good manners, delicacy, sensitivity, savoir-faire, finesse, discretion, thoughtfulness, consideration, courtesy. "The unsaid part of what you think."—Henry Van Dyke. "Tongue in check."—Susan Dytri. "In the battle of existence, talent is the punch; tact is the clever footwork."—Wilson Mizner. "The art of making a point without making an enemy."—Howard Newton. "The ability to tell a man he's open-minded when he has a hole in his head."—F.G. Kernan. *ANT.* *insensitivity, rudeness, bluntness.*

**tactful** *a.* diplomatic, gracious, well-mannered, delicate, sensitive, discreet, thoughtful, considerate, courteous, polite, politic, civil. *ANT.* *blunt, rude, insensitive.*

**tactical** *a.* strategic, cunning, tricky, clever, skillful. *ANT.* *blundering.*

**tactics** *n.* strategy, \*game plan, battle plan, strategics, stratagems, plans, scheme, ploys, moves, maneuvers, machinations, tricks, course of action.

**tactile** *a.* touchable, tangible. *ANT.* *intangible, insubstantial.*

**tactless** *a.* rude, blunt, insensitive, inconsiderate, boorish, indiscreet, thoughtless, rough, undiplomatic, disrespectful, frank, direct, gauche, sharp, offensive. *ANT.* *tactful, diplomatic, gracious, sensitive.*

**tag** *n.* label, card, ticket, \*ID, identification, logo, stub, sticker, tab, slip, marker, trademark, emblem.

**tag** *v.* mark, identify, label, name, call, title, style, designate, earmark.

**tail** *n.* 1. REAR rump, backside, buttocks, \*butt, hind end, posterior, behind, derriere, \*tush, \*ass. 2. APPENDAGE extremity, brush, whip, scut, coccyx.

**tail** *v.* follow, trail, shadow, dog, hound, stalk, tag.

**tailing** *n.* waste, refuse, leavings, remains.

**tailor** *n.* garment maker, seamstress, clothier, designer.

**tailor** *v.* fit, suit, adapt, shape, adjust, modify, alter, cut, style, fine-tune.

**tailor-made** *a.* made to order, custom-made, custom-fit, tailored. *ANT.* *ill-fitting, sloppy.*

**tailspin** *n.* nosedive, dive, stall.

**taint** *n.* corruption, blot, blemish, disgrace, discredit, stigma, black mark, \*black eye, contamination.

**taint** *v.* infect, corrupt, contaminate, pollute, affect, poison, blemish, blot, disgrace, discredit, stigmatize, \*give a black eye, muddy, dirty, defile. *ANT.* *clean, purify, enhance.*

**take** *n.* proceeds, profit, yield, \*haul, return, gate, net, income, gain.

**take** *v.* 1. SEIZE gather up, get, secure, grab, grasp, acquire, snatch, pocket, steal, appropriate, purloin, \*nab, \*swipe, borrow, help oneself to, pick up, obtain, carry off, pluck, reap. 2. CHOOSE select, pick, \*go with, opt for, single out, settle on, prefer, favor. 3. CONVEY carry, bring, deliver, transport, haul, tote, lug, \*schlep, usher, bear, drive. 4. ENDURE stand, withstand, put up with, suffer, bear, abide, tolerate, weather, brave, stomach, \*hack. 5. REQUIRE demand, necessitate, call for, need. 6. CHARM captivate, enchant, win over, bewitch, fascinate, dazzle. 7. *Sl.* CHEAT trick, \*rip off, fleece. *ANT.* 1. *give, leave, let go.* 2. *reject, pass over.*

**take after** *v.* emulate, imitate, copy, act like, be like, resemble, look like.

**take back** *v.* retract, recant, backpedal, disavow, \*flip-flop, \*eat one's words. *ANT.* *stand by.*

**takeoff** *n.* 1. LAUNCH liftoff, departure, leaving. 2. SATIRE parody, send-up, spoof, bur-

lesque, caricature, lampoon, mockery, comedy. *SEE* JOKE

**take off** *v.* leave, \*split, \*blow, \*book, \*beat feet, \*scram, depart, skedaddle.

**takeover** *n.* overthrow, usurpation, coup, coup d'état, vanquishment, conquest, subjugation, rout, dethronement, deposition.

**tale** *n.* story, narrative, account, fairy tale, fable, myth, legend, yarn, cautionary tale, drama, saga, chronicle.

**talent** *n.* gift, endowment, natural ability, innate ability, \*God-given talent, genius, knack, flair, aptitude, facility, bent, capability, expertise, faculty. "Each man has his vocation. Talent is the call."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "To do easily what is difficult for others."—Henry Amiel. "Like a grain of pearl sand shifting about in the creative mind. A valued tormentor."—Truman Capote.

**talented** *a.* gifted, naturally endowed, capable, \*having a knack, \*having a flair, having innate ability, having an aptitude for, \*having the right stuff, proficient. *ANT.* *deficient, lacking, inept.*

**talisman** *n.* amulet, charm, good luck charm, fetish, ring, stone.

**talk** *n.* 1. SPEECH conversation, verbalization, words, communication, utterance, articulation, expression. 2. DISCUSSION chat, dialogue, \*confab, conference, tête-à-tête, \*rap session, \*powwow, consultation, argument, \*gabfest, interview, \*heart-to-heart. 3. LECTURE address, discourse, oration, speech, sermon, recitation, allocution, tirade. 4. GOSSIP rumor, scuttlebutt, \*buzz, hearsay, word, \*grapevine, blabbing, idle talk, \*hot air, drivel.

**talk** *v.* 1. SPEAK converse, verbalize, frame words, communicate, utter, articulate, express, voice, say, pronounce, enunciate, intone, chatter, babble, prattle, palaver, \*shoot the breeze, \*yak, \*gab, \*run off at the mouth, blurt, cry, fume, grumble, huff, rant, rave, shout, snap, sputter, exclaim, grunt, murmur, stammer, whisper. "To open and close the mouth rapidly while the bellows in the throat pumps out the gas in the brain."—Elbert Hubbard. 2. DISCUSS chat, have a dialogue, confer, consult, \*have a powwow, \*rap, confabulate, \*interface, \*touch base, parley. 3. DELIVER A SPEECH deliver a sermon, address, orate, give a talk. 4. GOSSIP \*fuel the rumor mill, blab. 5. CONFESS \*spill the beans, \*let the

- cat out of the bag, divulge, disclose, \*sing, reveal.
- talkative** *a.* loquacious, garrulous, voluble, \*motor-mouthed, \*long-winded, chatty, \*having the gift of gab, \*gabby, rambling, verbose, \*bigmouthed. *ANT.* *taciturn, quiet, reserved, uncommunicative, \*clammed up.*
- talker** *n.* \*chatterbox, \*motormouth, \*windbag, \*bigmouth, \*magpie, gossip, mouthpiece, spokesman, spokeswoman.
- talk show** *n.* chat show, program. SEE TELEVISION
- tall** *a.* 1. TOWERING high, big, of great stature, lofty, sky-scraping, sky-high, soaring, elevated. 2. EXAGGERATED unbelievable, far-fetched, hard to believe, outlandish, preposterous. *ANT.* 1. *short, squat, ground-hugging, low.* 2. *believable, credible.*
- tally** *n.* total, reckoning, account, score, count, sum, number, amount, \*bottom line.
- tally** *v.* add up, total, reckon, account, score, count, sum up, register, enter, mark, list.
- talon** *n.* claw, nail. SEE BIRD
- tame** *a.* 1. TAMED docile, domesticated, broken, housebroken, trained, gentle, submissive, manageable, tractable, obedient, \*busted. 2. SPIRITLESS lifeless, half-hearted, boring, dull, tedious, uninteresting, \*blah, bland, dry. *ANT.* 1. *wild, undomesticated, spirited.* 2. *spirited, lively, wild.*
- tamp** *v.* pack, pound down, push down.
- tamper** *v.* interfere, meddle, mess with, fiddle, fool with, monkey with, \*doctor, alter, change, corrupt, bribe.
- tan** *v.* flog, thrash. SEE WHIP
- tan** *a.* tawny, brown, golden brown, bronze, copper, fawn, sand, leather, buff, beige.
- tang** *n.* 1. SHARP FLAVOR OR SMELL scent, aroma, piquancy, bite, pungency, sharpness, punch, zest, zip. 2. TOUCH OR TRACE suggestion, hint, tinge, dab.
- tangent** *a.* touching, contiguous. *ANT.* *apart, severed.*
- tangential** *a.* divergent, digressing, off on a tangent, straying, shifting, rambling, peripheral, barely related. *ANT.* *related, on course, constant.*
- TANGIBLE** *a.* [TAN juh bul] touchable, palpable, having physical form. *The tire tracks were tangible evidence that a motorbike had torn up the field.* *SYN.* touchable, palpable, solid, concrete, physical, hard, substantial, real, material, perceivable, tactile, corporeal, visible, actual, definite. *ANT.* *intangible, immaterial, imperceptible, imaginary.*
- tangle** *n.* knot, snarl, entanglement, mess, mass of confusion, snag, kink, \*ball-up, kink, web, mat, jumble, labyrinth, \*bird's nest, trap, complication, mishmash, mix-up.
- tangle** *v.* 1. KNOT snarl, entangle, mess, become a mass of confusion, snag, kink, \*ball up, ravel, web, mat, jumble, mix up, enmesh, entwine, trap, catch. 2. FIGHT wrangle, quarrel, argue, bicker, \*lock horns.
- tangy** *a.* sharp, flavorful, biting, piquant, zesty, tart, spicy, pungent. *ANT.* *dull, bland, mild.*
- tank** *n.* 1. VAT receptacle, tub, container, vessel, cistern, boiler, holding tank, storage tank, reservoir. 2. ARMORED MILITARY VEHICLE combat vehicle, Abrams M-1, Bradley M-2, Sherman tank, armored personnel carrier.
- tankard** *n.* cup, mug, stein, bottle.
- tantalize** *v.* tease, tempt, entice, bait, plague, \*make one's mouth water, titillate, \*lead on, bewitch, frustrate, \*give the Tantalus treatment
- TANTAMOUNT** *a.* [TAN tuh mount] equal, equivalent, same. *A prison sentence in some third world countries is tantamount to torture.* *SYN.* equal, equivalent, much the same, like, as good as, parallel, synonymous, comparable, identical. *ANT.* *different, opposite, unequal.*
- tantrum** *n.* rage, outburst, fit, fit of temper, \*blowup, rampage, eruption, seizure, storm, temper tantrum, conniption, \*hissy fit, \*nutty, \*freak-out.
- tap** *n.* faucet, spigot, spout, nozzle, valve, cock, stopper, bung, plug, cork, spile.
- tap** *v.* 1. POKE hit, touch, rap, pat, drum, smack, strike. 2. DRAIN draw, siphon, empty, bleed, milk, pump, broach, pierce. 3. WIRETAP \*bug, eavesdrop.
- tap dance** *n.* SEE DANCE
- tape** *n.* strip, band, binding, ribbon, roll, adhesive tape, masking tape, electrician's tape.
- tape** *v.* 1. BIND fasten, band together, stick up, mend, close. 2. RECORD put on tape.
- taper** *v.* diminish, decrease, dwindle, taper off, lessen, fade, wane, decline, thin out, contract, abate, die out. *ANT.* *grow, broaden, increase.*
- tapestry** *n.* wall hanging, decorative cover, dosal, Gobelin.
- tar** *n.* pitch, asphalt, bitumen.
- tardy** *a.* late, overdue, past due, delayed, slow, belated, behind, behind schedule, unpunctual,

- detained, held up, lagging. *ANT. early, on time, punctual.*
- target** *n.* 1. OBJECTIVE aim, goal, bull's-eye, destination, mark, point, quarry. 2. SCAPEGOAT butt, \*mark, laughingstock, victim, \*patsy, \*easy mark.
- target** *v.* set one's sights on, \*draw a bead on, aim for.
- tariff** *n.* tax, import tax, charge, toll, excise, assessment, fee, levy, duty, bill.
- tarnish** *n.* dullness, discoloration, oxidation, patina, stain, blemish, wax buildup, cloudiness, haziness, smudge.
- tarnish** *v.* 1. DULL discolor, oxidize, fade, dim, smudge, stain, darken, remove luster, blacken. 2. SULLY ONE'S REPUTATION spoil, ruin, taint, disgrace, dishonor, discredit, defame, degrade, damage, slander. *ANT. 1. shine, add luster, polish, brighten. 2. honor, credit, clear one's name.*
- tarpaulin** *n.* tarp, canvas, cover.
- tarry** *v.* loiter, stay, linger, remain, wait around, hang around, dilly-dally, lag, dawdle, procrastinate, stall.
- tart** *n.* 1. FRUIT PIE pastry, flan, turnover, Danish. 2. SLUT prostitute, hussy, strumpet, trollop.
- tart** *a.* sharp, sour, acid, \*mouth-puckering, acidulous, acerbic, bitter, biting, piquant, tangy, pungent. *ANT. sweet, honeyed.*
- task** *n.* job, chore, assignment, duty, charge, work, responsibility, occupation, undertaking, stint, burden, mission, errand.
- taskmaster** *n.* overseer, \*whip, slave driver, boss, commander, supervisor, superintendent, manager, disciplinarian, tyrant.
- taste** *n.* 1. FLAVOR flavoring, savor, tang, sensation, bite, \*kick, piquancy, zing, zip, aftertaste, saltiness, sweetness, sourness. 2. SAMPLE spoonful, bite, mouthful, sip, bit, morsel, touch. 3. PREFERENCE liking, leaning, fancy, predilection, penchant, love, affection, partiality. 4. GOOD JUDGMENT fashion sense, discrimination, sense of style, discernment, cultivation, refinement, feeling, tastefulness, grace. "A fine judgment in discerning art."—Horace.
- taste** *v.* sample, savor, relish, discern, try, eat.
- tasteful** *a.* in good taste, stylish, smart, refined, cultured, restrained, decorous, aesthetically pleasing, elegant, discriminating, correct, fitting. *ANT. tasteless, in poor taste, tacky, ugly, loud, unrefined.*
- tasteless** *a.* 1. WITHOUT FLAVOR flavorless, bland, insipid, flat, stale, watery, weak, thin, vapid. 2. TACKY in poor taste, unrefined, cheap, graceless, vulgar, crude, garish, loud, flashy, gaudy, ostentatious, offensive. *ANT. 1. mouth-watering, delicious. 2. tasteful, in good taste, refined.*
- tasty** *a.* good-tasting, delicious, mouth-watering, \*yummy, \*scrumptious, toothsome, delectable, savory, appetizing, flavorful, palatable. *ANT. disgusting, gross, nauseating.*
- tatter** *n.* shred, scrap, piece, torn piece, rip, ribbon.
- tattered** *a.* shredded, torn to pieces, ripped, ragged, cut to ribbons. *ANT. whole, complete.*
- tattle** *v.* 1. TELL ON inform, blab, \*squeal on, tattletale, \*snitch, \*rat on, divulge, reveal, betray, leak, give away, \*spill the beans. 2. CHATTER talk idly, gossip, \*gab, chitchat, \*yak, \*run off at the mouth, prattle, babble.
- tattletale** *n.* informer, \*squealer, \*snitch, \*rat, tattler, telltale, blabbermouth, \*stool pigeon.
- tattoo** *n.* drum signal, bugle signal, call, summons.
- taunt** *n.* mocking, ridicule, jeer, sneer, sarcasm, \*swipe, crack, provocation, teasing, jibe, barb, insult.
- taunt** *v.* jeer at, mock, reproach, ridicule, sneer at, \*swipe at, provoke, tease, insult, harass, make fun of, \*razz, \*rag, ride.
- taut** *a.* 1. TIGHT tense, strained, stressed, drawn, stiffened, rigid, firm. 2. TRIM neat, tidy, efficient, shipshape, spruce, in good order. *ANT. 1. relaxed, calm. 2. slack, lazy, sloppy.*
- tautology** *n.* repetition, redundancy, redundancy, reiteration, verbosity, prolixity, pleonasm.
- tavern** *n.* bar, saloon, pub, taproom, drinking establishment, ale house, roadhouse, inn, watering hole, cocktail lounge, public house, nightclub.
- TAWDRY** *a.* [TAW dree] cheap and gaudy, loud, showy. *She spent all her money on tawdry jewelry.* *SYN. cheap, gaudy, loud, showy, flashy, sleazy, tacky, garish, meretricious, \*chintzy, tasteless, raffish. ANT. elegant, tasteful.*
- tawny** *a.* brown, brownish orange, fawn, wheat-colored.
- tax** *n.* 1. LEVY toll, tariff, charge, assessment, duty, excise, surcharge, impost, \*Uncle's Sam's share, \*the Governor's share, \*the federal treasury's share, the state treasury's share, custom, percentage, income tax, property tax, sales tax. "The sinews of the state."—Cicero. "Capital punishment."—Jeff Hayes. 2. BURDEN demand, onus, strain, weight, responsibility, \*albatross, \*millstone.
- tax** *v.* 1. LEVY A CHARGE assess, charge, appraise, exact, demand payment, tithe. "Consists in

so plucking the goose as to get the most feathers with the least hissing.”—Jean Colbert. 2. BURDEN weigh down, strain, stress, drain, encumber, saddle, load, push, drive, exhaust. 3. ACCUSE charge, blame, indict.

**taxi** *n.* taxicab, cab, hack.

**taxing** *a.* draining, strenuous, sapping, exhausting, burdensome, wearing, heavy, demanding, backbreaking.

**tea** *n.* 1. DRINK beverage, brew, decoction, green tea, black tea, oolong, pekoe, Lapsang, Darjeeling, herb tea, mint, saffras, camomile tea. 2. RECEPTION get-together, party, klatch.

**teach** *v.* educate, instruct, instill knowledge, school, enlighten, edify, tutor, indoctrinate, \*show the ropes, train, drill, \*beat into one’s head, ground, explain, guide, coach, acquaint with, program. *ANT.* *learn, be enlightened.*

**teacher** *n.* educator, instructor, tutor, professor, mentor, trainer, preceptor, schoolmaster, schoolmarm, pedagogue, coach, guide, counselor, guru, don, faculty member. “The child’s third parent.”—Hyman Berston. “The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.”—William Arthur Ward.

**teaching** *n.* education, instruction, training, schooling, tutelage, pedagogy, inculcation, grounding, indoctrination, tuition. “To cultivate talent until it ripens for the public to reap its bounty.”—Jascha Heifetz.

**team** *n.* squad, crew, band, company, troupe, corps, duo, trio, quartet, club, gang, string, unit, faction, partners.

**teamwork** *n.* collaboration, pulling together, tandem work, cooperation, synergy, synergism, concert, interaction, \*logrolling.

**tear** *n.* 1. TORN PLACE rip, opening, split, slash, slit. 2. HURRY scramble. *SEE* RUSH 3. *SL SPREE* \*bender, \*binge, carousal, \*drunk, party, revelry. *SEE* TEARS

**tear** *v.* 1. RIP cut, slash, slit, open, split, shred, fray, tatter, rend, rive, run, come apart at the seams, lacerate, mutilate. 2. RUSH fly, bolt, run, dart, hurry, speed, shoot, hustle, \*zip, \*zoom, \*go like lightning, \*go like the wind.

**tear down** *v.* raze, level, flatten, bulldoze, demolish, dismantle, destroy, pull down, wreck.

**tearful** *a.* lachrymose, \*weepy, \*misty-eyed, teary, dewy-eyed, \*brimming with tears, watery-eyed, sobbing, crying, sniveling, blubbering, wailing, sad, mournful, heartbroken, sorrowful. *ANT.* *remorseless, stoic.*

**tears** *n.* teardrops, weeping, gushing. “The silent language of grief.”—Voltaire. “Holy water.”—Shakespeare. “Remorse code.”—I. M. Sai. *SEE* CRY

**tease** *v.* 1. MAKE FUN OF taunt, ridicule, ride, \*razz, \*josh, \*give a hard time, \*pick on, kid, \*rib, harass, \*pull one’s leg, \*roast, \*get a rise out of, pester, mock, bedevil, tantalize. 2. COMB brush, card, fluff, fluff up.

**teat** *n.* nipple, \*tit, mammilla.

**technical** *a.* mechanical, technological, \*high-tech, scientific, professional, specialized, special, methodological. *ANT.* *simple, \*low-tech.*

**technicality** *n.* minor detail, minor point, specification, formality, \*nitpicky rule.

**technician** *n.* specialist, expert, master, professional, mechanic, authority, journeyman, \*pro, \*techie.

**technique** *n.* method, execution, style, approach, artistry, way, procedure, mode, manner, fashion, course, tack, craft, system.

**technology** *n.* scientific instrumentation, techniques, mechanics, mechanization, industrial science, machinery, robotics, scientific know-how, electronics, automation, telecommunications, computers, hardware, software, labor-saving devices.

**tedious** *a.* boring, tiresome, wearisome, dull, monotonous, uninteresting, \*humdrum, prosaic, sleep-inducing, drawn out, long-winded, repetitious, bland, flat, dry. *ANT.* *stimulating, exciting, electrifying.*

**tedium** *n.* boredom, monotony, ennui, dullness, sameness, routine, rut, repetitiveness, flatness, deadness. *ANT.* *excitement, stimulation.*

**teem** *v.* abound, swarm, be full of, brim, burst, overflow, bristle with, be overrun with.

**teeming** *a.* abounding, swarming, full, brimming, packed, bursting, thick, overflowing, bristling with, overrun, crawling with, swimming with. *ANT.* *bare, empty, scanty.*

**teenager** *n.* adolescent, teen, juvenile, youth, minor, teenybopper, sophomore, \*bobby soxer, \*punk, high school kid.

**teeny** *a.* tiny, teensy, \*teensy-weensy, minute, microscopic, wee, Lilliputian, miniature, pint-sized. *ANT.* *huge, gigantic.*

**teepee** *n.* wigwam, wickiup, lodge, tent.

**tee shirt** *n.* pullover, T-shirt.

**teeter** *v.* seesaw, totter, oscillate, wobble, pivot, balance, rock, waver, vacillate.

**teeth** *n.* molars, bicuspid, incisors, canines, \*grinders, fangs, \*pearly whites.

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**WORD FIND**

**adolescence, last molars that erupt:** wisdom teeth  
**baby or temporary teeth:** deciduous teeth, milk teeth  
**cavities:** caries  
**cut one's first teeth:** teethe  
**eruption through gums:** dentition  
**gum disease:** periodontal disease, periodontitis, pyorrhea  
**gum inflammation:** gingivitis  
**hard covering:** enamel  
**false:** denture  
**gnashing or grinding:** bruxism  
**large teeth, condition of having:** macrodontia  
**loss of:** dedentition  
**meet, clench, or align properly, failure of upper and lower to:** malocclusion  
**pointy part:** cusp  
**small teeth, condition of having:** microdontia  
**sound of clicking:** chatter  
**sticky film that forms on after eating:** plaque  
**tipped over and pushing on adjacent tooth:** impacted  
**yellowish concretion on:** tartar

**teetotaler** *n.* nondrinker, abstainer, \*dry.

**teetotalism** *n.* abstinence. SEE TEMPERANCE

**telecast** *n.* SEE BROADCAST

**telecommunication** *n.* telephone transmission, electronic transmission, online data transfer, e-mail, telegraphy.

**telecommuting** *n.* desktop commuting, remote data entry.

**telegram** *n.* wire, message, telegraph, cable, \*telex, dispatch, transmission.

**telegraph** *n.* wire, Telex, cable, ticker, news ticker, signaling system.

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**code of dots and dashes:** Morse code  
**national service:** Western Union  
**typed wire message and printer itself:** teletype

**telemarketing** *n.* telephone solicitation, telephone advertising, telephone canvassing.

**telepathy** *n.* extrasensory perception, \*ESP, clairvoyance, mindreading, sixth sense, thought transference, psychic power.

**telephone** *n.* phone, \*horn, line, extension phone, car phone, cellular phone, transmitter, receiver, rotary phone, touchtone phone.

**WORD FIND**

**alerting click signaling another call:** call waiting  
**automatic dialing:** auto redial, speed dialing  
**beeper:** pager  
**buzz:** dial tone  
**conference held with speakerphones, closed circuit television:** teleconference  
**connecting phone lines, apparatus for:** switchboard  
**digits of phone number, first three:** prefix  
**eavesdrop electronically on another's phone line:** tap  
**hand instrument:** handset  
**line kept open and accessible without dialing:** hot line  
**long-distance service for companies:** WATS (Wide Area Telecommunications Service)  
**loudspeaker, phone with:** speakerphone  
**message system:** voice mail  
**number identification system:** caller I.D.  
**rest for handset:** cradle  
**room-to-room or interoffice communication device:** intercom, PBX (Private Branch Exchange)  
**science:** telephonics, telephony

**telescope** *n.* optical instrument, scope, spy glass, binoculars, field glass, radio telescope.

**telescope** *v.* contract, condense, shorten, shrink, truncate, consolidate. *ANT.* extend, lengthen.

**telethon** *n.* pledge campaign, charity drive, appeal for funding, fundraiser.

**televise** *v.* broadcast, transmit, show.

**television** *n.* TV, \*tube, \*boob tube, video, \*telly, \*idiot box, console, set, entertainment center, \*one-eyed monster. "Chewing gum for the eyes."—Frank Lloyd Wright. "An invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home."—David Frost. SEE MOVIE

**WORD FIND**

**ABC:** American Broadcasting Company  
**affiliated TV stations, collectively:** network  
**audition for TV show, open:** cattle call  
**award:** Emmy  
**background scene slide:** balop  
**BBC:** British Broadcasting Corporation  
**brief clip of politician's or other newsmaker's remarks:** soundbite  
**broadcast:** air, telecast

- broadcast on radio and TV at same time:** simulcast
- “brought to you by” opening of show:** opening billboard
- camera crane for moving, outdoor shots:** cherry picker
- camera crane operator:** crane grip
- camera dolly, one who pushes:** dolly grip
- camera elevating device:** riser
- camera shot, moving:** crab shot, dolly shot, truck shot
- card with performer’s lines on it:** cue card, idiot card, flip card
- CBS:** Columbia Broadcasting System
- color test strip:** color bar, colorburst
- commercials, group of:** pod
- credits at end of show, moving:** crawl
- directing and engineering room:** control room
- distribution of TV shows to subscriber stations:** syndication
- distributor of TV shows:** syndicate
- 8 P.M. to 11 P.M.:** prime time
- electrician head in studio:** gaffer
- goofs made by actors or crew edited out of tape:** bloopers, outtakes
- hand or assistant in studio:** grip, hammer, set carpenter
- high resolution television:** HDTV (High Definition television)
- identifying, introductory scenery of television show:** signature montage
- light, studio:** floodlight, klieg light, scoop, basher
- local prohibition of program to attract bigger audience at live show:** blackout
- local station part of national network:** affiliate
- microphone boom, long:** \*fishpole
- minimum standard fee for performer:** scale
- monitor console from which director chooses which camera shot will air:** preview monitor
- moral standards, department that assures program meets society’s:** standards and practices
- narrator’s voice heard over program:** voice-over
- NBC:** National Broadcasting System
- network performers under contract:** stable
- optical effect:** freeze-frame, superimposition, split screen
- optical effect used to create a ghost:** Pepper’s ghost
- optical transition device:** wipe, dissolve, fade-in, fade-out, fade to black
- performers in a show, collective term for:** cast
- portable television news camera:** minicam
- prerecorded laughter:** laughtrack
- prerecorded material:** canned
- promo piece of upcoming show:** trailer, teaser, preview
- rails on which camera may ride in outdoor, moving shot:** dolly tracks
- ratings company:** Arbitron, A.C. Nielson
- ratings months:** sweeps
- read script from front of television camera, device that allows actor to:** prompter, teleprompter
- record a program:** tape
- recorded as it happened with no takeouts:** live on tape
- record in sound effects, music:** dub, foley
- red light on camera that lights during recording:** tally light
- regulating commission:** FCC (Federal Communications Commission)
- royalty paid to performers for reuse of their work:** residual
- satellite used for television transmission:** \*bird
- scrambling pay television signals:** encryption
- show where performer or camera will stand or move:** block
- situation comedy:** sitcom
- sound effect:** foley
- sound effects, one who performs:** foley artist
- sound effects studio:** foley studio, foley stage
- studio scaffolding where lights are hung:** catwalk
- superimposed script read from television camera’s lens:** prompter script
- superimposed text on screen:** legend
- superimposes bulletins, news, weather on bottom of screen, apparatus that:** flashcaster
- superimpose text on screen:** key
- talk show, cancel a guest at the last minute on a:** bump
- talk show waiting room for guests:** green room
- tear down a set:** strike
- time off between show’s taping:** hiatus

**trailer with dressing rooms for shooting on location:** honey wagon

**transmission of show from network to local station:** feed

**tryout episode of television show:** pilot

**union for performers:** AFTRA (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists)

**videotape cutter, splicer, arranger:** editor  
**"We'll be back after these messages" transitional device:** bumper

**unscrambling of pay TV signals:** decryption  
**video disk jockey:** veejay (VJ)

**tell** *v.* 1. COMMUNICATE relate, state, say, declare, make known, speak, divulge, disclose, reveal, impart, voice, announce, utter, \*spit it out, inform, mention, report, confess, assert, let slip, \*spill the beans, \*let the cat out of the bag, blab, admit, \*break the news. 2. TATTLE \*blow the whistle on, \*squeal, \*rat, betray. 3. GIVE AN ACCOUNT narrate, chronicle, recount, relate, detail, describe, recite. 4. DISCERN recognize, distinguish, discriminate, make out, detect, ascertain, determine, recognize, identify.

**teller** *n.* 1. NARRATOR storyteller, chronicler, reporter, raconteur, recounter. 2. CASHIER clerk, bank employee.

**telling** *a.* 1. REVEALING indicative, suggestive, expressive, telltale. 2. FORCEFUL striking, effective, weighty, important, potent, influential, decisive, consequential, momentous. *ANT.* 1. *inconclusive, unrevealing.* 2. *ineffective, inconsequential, insignificant.*

**tell off** *v.* rebuke, reprimand, upbraid, berate, admonish, \*ream out, \*lambaste, \*rake over the coals, \*give one a piece of one's mind, \*chew out, \*bawl out, \*call on the carpet, \*dress down, \*give hell, \*jump down one's throat, \*let have it with both barrels, \*read the riot act, \*rip into. *ANT.* *commend, give a pat on the back, praise.*

**telltale** *a.* revealing, indicative, demonstrative, giveaway, meaningful, betraying, illuminating, informative. *ANT.* *meaningless, inconclusive, unrevealing.*

**TEMERITY** *n.* [tuh MER i tee] foolhardy boldness, recklessness. *I can't believe he had the temerity to scold the boss.* *SYN.* rashness, boldness, recklessness, foolhardiness, gall, carelessness, audacity, indiscretion, nerve, \*balls, precipitateness, \*chutzpah, impudence. *ANT.* *timidity, cautiousness, cowardice, judiciousness.*

**temper** *n.* 1. FRAME OF MIND mood, disposition, temperament, spirits, humor, attitude, outlook, character. 2. TENDENCY TO BECOME ANGRY \*short fuse, \*hairtrigger temper, \*low boiling point, \*low critical mass, \*hot blood, \*hot head, explosive personality, volatility, impatience, irritability, touchiness, petulance, \*hypersensitivity, \*type-A personality, \*walking time bomb. 3. ANGER rage, tantrum, outburst, fury, wrath, rampage, \*blowup, storm. 4. COMPOSURE calmness, equanimity, good humor, sang-froid, coolness. *ANT.* 2. \*long fuse, \*high boiling point, *easygoing personality, cool head.* 3. *composure, calmness, tranquility.*

**temper** *v.* 1. MODERATE soften, lessen, tone down, ease, mollify, assuage, dilute, mitigate, relieve, pacify. 2. TOUGHEN harden, strengthen, anneal. *ANT.* 1. *intensify, harden, increase.* 2. *soften, weaken.*

**temperament** *n.* nature, frame of mind, disposition, character, makeup, mood, mind-set, inclination, natural tendencies, humor, constitution, personality.

**temperamental** *a.* excitable, \*hot-headed, \*hot-blooded, moody, easily upset, volatile, touchy, irritable, unstable, tempestuous, high-strung, \*thin-skinned, \*short-fused. *ANT.* *even-tempered, easygoing, stable.*

**temperance** *n.* moderation, abstemiousness, abstinent, self-restrained, unindulgent, self-control, sobriety, soberness, forbearance, teetotalism. "The moderating of one's desires in obedience to reason."—Cicero. "The golden mean."—Horace. *ANT.* *indulgence, abandon, immoderation.*

**TEMPERATE** *a.* [TEM pur it] moderate, mild, restrained. *Hawaii is known for its temperate climate.* *SYN.* moderate, mild, restrained, agreeable, \*middle-of-the-road, fair, clement, unextreme, medium, reasonable, conservative. *ANT.* *imperate, extreme, immoderate.*

**temperature** *n.* hotness, coldness, heat, cold, degrees, body heat, fever.

**tempest** *n.* 1. STORM blow, hurricane, typhoon, wind storm, squall, tornado, cyclone, \*twister, blizzard. 2. OUTBURST outbreak, tumult, disturbance, unrest, turmoil, ferment, eruption, uproar, upheaval, \*tempest in a teapot. *ANT.* *calm, tranquility, serenity, quiet.*

**tempestuous** *a.* stormy, wild, violent, turbulent, raging, intense, furious, tumultuous, feverish, impassioned. *ANT.* *calm, quiet, tranquil.*

**template** *n.* pattern, guide, outline, prototype, gauge.

**temple** *n.* place of worship, house of worship, church, cathedral, synagogue, holy place, shrine, sanctuary, pagoda. SEE CHURCH, RELIGION

**tempo** *n.* speed, rate, pace, measure, velocity, time, meter, cadence, rhythm, pulse, beat.

**temporal** *a.* 1. TEMPORARY transitory, fleeting, ephemeral, short-lived, momentary, passing, impermanent. 2. WORLDLY mundane, earthly, mortal, of this world, terrestrial, material, nonspiritual, secular. *ANT.* 1. permanent, long-lasting, eternal. 2. spiritual, heavenly, godly.

**temporary** *a.* impermanent, transitory, short-term, passing, transient, fleeting, ephemeral, brief, pro tempore, stopgap, makeshift, make-do, provisional, interim. *ANT.* permanent, lasting, eternal, fixed.

**temporize** *v.* evade, parley, stall, procrastinate, delay, hem and haw, tarry, equivocate, fillibuster.

**tempt** *v.* lure, entice, bait, tantalize, seduce, attract, court, \*suck in, \*hold out a carrot, draw, captivate, bewitch. *ANT.* repulse, repel, turn off.

**temptation** *n.* lure, enticement, tantalization, seduction, attraction, courting, \*carrot, captivation, bait, \*come-on, draw, snare.

**tempter** *n.* enticer, temptress, tantalizer, seducer, seductress, teaser, Satan.

**tempting** *a.* alluring, enticing, tantalizing, seductive, attractive, magnetic, appetizing, mouth-watering, baiting. *ANT.* repulsive, repellant, sickening.

**TENABLE** *a.* [TEN uh bul] defensible, can be argued for. *His alibi was entirely tenable.* SYN. defensible, defendable, indisputable, incontestable, ironclad, solid, maintainable, reasonable, credible, viable. *ANT.* untenable, indefensible, unjustifiable.

**TENACIOUS** *a.* [tuh NAY shus] persistent, tough, not giving up readily, holding fast, stubborn. *His tenacious spirit helped him to continue, even in the face of great hardship.* SYN. persistent, tough, stubborn, resolute, dogged, perseverant, strong, steadfast, unyielding, unwilling to let go, determined, unwavering, staunch. *ANT.* irresolute, weak-willed, yielding.

**tenacity** *n.* persistence, toughness, mental toughness, stubbornness, resolve, resolution, backbone, doggedness, perseverance, strength, \*stick-to-itiveness, grit, endurance. *ANT.* weakness, weak will, spinelessness.

**tenant** *n.* renter, leaseholder, lessee, occupant, lodger, roomer, resident.

**tend** *v.* 1. TAKE CARE OF care for, mind, minister to, attend, cater to, look after, wait on, manage, assist, aid. 2. INCLINE be apt, be liable, lean, be likely, have a tendency, be disposed.

**tendency** *n.* inclination, disposition, leaning, bent, propensity, proclivity, proneness, penchant, predisposition, course, drift.

**tender** *n.* 1. OFFER proffer, proposition, presentation. 2. CARETAKER sitter, watcher, maintenance man.

**tender** *v.* offer, proffer, present, proposition, put forth, submit, advance, give.

**tender** *a.* 1. SOFT delicate, fragile, frail, weak, feeble. 2. GENTLE mild, light, soft, easy. 3. YOUTHFUL immature, young, unseasoned, unhardened, soft, raw, vulnerable, \*wet behind the ears. 4. TENDERHEARTED loving, kind, compassionate, sympathetic, caring, warm, understanding, supportive, sweet, considerate. 5. PAINFUL hurting, smarting, sore, raw, sensitive, inflamed. *ANT.* 1. hard, stony, tough. 2. rough, hard. 3. mature, seasoned, experienced, hardened. 4. uncaring, cold, indifferent, cruel. 5. calloused, rough.

**tenderfoot** *n.* newcomer, beginner, novice, amateur, \*greenhorn, \*rookie, neophyte, tyro, raw recruit, \*new kid on the block.

**tenderhearted** *a.* tender, loving, kind, compassionate, sympathetic, caring, warm, understanding, supportive, sweet, considerate. *ANT.* coldhearted, brutal, cruel, uncaring.

**tenderness** *n.* tenderheartedness, love and kindness, compassion, sympathy, caring, warmth, understanding, support, sweetness, consideration, humanity, pity, mercy. *ANT.* hardheartedness, brutality, cruelty.

**tendon** *n.* sinew, connective tissue, muscle fiber, thew.

**tenement** *n.* apartment, flat, house, duplex, boarding house, \*dump, \*rat's nest, slum, rookery.

**TENET** *n.* [TEN it] a principle or belief. *She didn't agree with all the tenets of her church.* SYN. principle, belief, doctrine, dogma, conviction, creed, credo, canon, rule, teaching, maxim.

**tennis** *n.* racket sport, lawn tennis, game, sphairistike.

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**WORD FIND**

**boundary line marking end of service box:**  
 es: service line

**championships held in England:** Wimbledon

**court area between net and service line:** forecourt

**court on which ball bounces, skids quickly:** fast court

**court rectangles in which ball must land when served:** service court

**diagonal shot:** crosscourt shot

**doubles player's move into partner's court for surprise shot:** poaching

**drive the ball directly at opponent's body to throw off balance:** jam

**finesse player:** touch player

**40-40 tie situation:** deuce

**four players, game with:** doubles

**injury or inflammation of elbow tendons:** tennis elbow

**lines at ends of court:** baseline

**long back and forth exchange without a miss:** rally

**officials:** baseline judge, linesman, net judge

**original name:** sphairistike

**racket grip:** Australian grip, continental grip, eastern, \*shake hands grip

**racket, middle of:** sweet spot

**return ball before it hits ground:** volley

**rotation imparted on ball:** topspin, backspin

**score of zero:** love

**scoring unit or point:** fifteen

**serve in two tries, failure to deliver a legal:** double fault

**serve on first try, failure to deliver a legal:** fault

**serve, stepping over baseline while making:** foot fault

**serve that nicks top of net and must be replayed:** let

**serve that opponent is unable to return:** ace

**showoff play to impress spectators:** gallery play

**spectator area, stands:** gallery

**stroke:** forehand, backhand, lob, smash, drive, slice, chop, chip, dink, volley, punch volley

**teams tournament, international:** Davis Cup

**tie-breaker game:** sudden death

**tournament open to amateurs as well as pros:** open

**win a game against the server:** break, service break

**winning best of three or more sets:** match

**winning point:** game point

**winning point in a set:** set point

**winning point in a set-winning game:** game set

**win of six games:** set

**wins a game against the server, point that:** break point

**tenor** *n.* 1. ALTO falsetto. SEE MUSIC 2. MEANING intent, sense, drift, purport, gist, tone.

**tense** *a.* 1. TIGHT taut, stressed, strained, stretched, drawn, stiff. 2. NERVOUS stressed, \*uptight, \*bundle of nerves, anxious, edgy, jittery, strained, restless, apprehensive, \*having butterflies in stomach, \*keyed up, \*sweating bullets, \*on pins and needles, jumpy. *ANT.* 1. loose, slack, relaxed. 2. calm, composed, relaxed, tranquil.

**tense up** *v.* stress out, \*choke, \*choke under pressure, \*swallow the apple.

**tension** *n.* 1. TIGHTNESS tautness, stress, strain, stiffness, rigidity, pressure, pull, stretching. 2. NERVOUSNESS stress, anxiety, edginess, jitters, strain, restlessness, apprehension, \*butterflies, \*sweat, jumpiness, pressure. *ANT.* 1. looseness, slackness, relaxation. 2. relaxation, calm, tranquility.

**tent** *n.* canvas shelter, pup tent, tepee, wigwam, wickiup, yurt, pavilion.

**TENTATIVE** *a.* [TEN tuh tiv] indefinite, not firmed up, as one's plans to do something, uncertain, conditional. Also, hesitant or timid. *They made tentative plans to hike the north face of the mountain.* *SYN.* uncertain, unsure, not firmed up, conditional, possible, proposed, contingent, indefinite, \*not carved in stone, subject to change, unconfirmed, hesitant, timid, doubtful, cautious. *ANT.* certain, firm, definite, confident.

**TENUOUS** *a.* [TEN yoo us] thin, weak, flimsy, insubstantial, rare. *His excuse for being late was tenuous at best.* *SYN.* thin, weak, flimsy, insubstantial, rare, fragile, slight, light, negligible, fine, shaky. *ANT.* solid, rock-solid, firm, substantial, strong.

**tenure** *n.* 1. TERM time, occupation, stay, residence, incumbency, reign. 2. PERMANENCY permanent status, lifetime position, permanent seat, job security.

**tepee** *n.* wigwam, wickiup. SEE TENT

**tepid** *a.* 1. LUKEWARM room temperature, barely warm. 2. UNENTHUSIASTIC halfhearted, cool, apathetic, lukewarm, indifferent, mild, moderate, limp. *ANT.* 1. hot, boiling, scalding. 2. enthusiastic, passionate, fervent, wild.

**term** *n.* 1. PERIOD OF TIME duration, time, span, timespan, cycle, session, semester, quarter, spell, course, interval, stretch. 2. PHRASE OR WORD description, designation, expression, name, denomination, terminology. 3. CONCLUSION close, end, finish, completion, limit, limitation. SEE TERMS

**term** *v.* name, designate, call, label, title, dub, style.

**terminal** *n.* station, depot, junction, end of the line, terminus.

**terminal** *a.* ending, concluding, final, closing, last, extreme, fatal. *ANT.* *beginning, first.*

**terminate** *v.* 1. STOP end, cease, discontinue, conclude, close, finish, cancel, eliminate, halt, desist, fire, dismiss, let go, abort. 2. BOUND limit, demarcate, circumscribe. *ANT.* *1. start, begin, open.*

**termination** *n.* stoppage, end, cessation, discontinuance, conclusion, close, finish, cancellation, elimination, halt, firing, dismissal, aborting. *ANT.* *start, beginning, opening.*

**terminology** *n.* wording, phraseology, vocabulary, nomenclature, terms, language, \*lingo, jargon, cant, argot.

**terminus** *n.* end, limit, boundary, extremity, margin, pale.

**terms** *n.* conditions, particulars, specifications, provisions, provisos, stipulations, \*fine print, qualifications, points, agreement.

**terrace** *n.* 1. PATIO OR VERANDA garden, lawn, gallery, colonnade, balcony, piazza. 2. STAIRSTEP-PING EARTH FORMATION berm, plateaus.

**terra firma** *n.* earth, solid ground.

**terrain** *n.* ground, topography, lay of the land, tract, landscape, land, turf, country, region, territory.

**terrestrial** *a.* earthly, worldly, terrene, tellurian, mundane. *ANT.* *extraterrestrial, spiritual, ethereal.*

**terrible** *a.* 1. BAD awful, lousy, inferior, \*crappy, horrible, appalling, objectionable, disagreeable, \*rotten, revolting, atrocious, dreadful, poor. 2. FRIGHTFUL horrifying, fearful, dreadful, harrowing, horrifying, horrific, distressing. 3. EXTREME severe, intense, acute, fierce. *ANT.* *1. excellent, great, wonderful. 2. reassuring, encouraging, comforting. 3. mild, light, moderate.*

**terribly** *adv.* very, extremely, awfully, thoroughly, frightfully.

**terrific** *a.* 1. GREAT fabulous, fantastic, excellent, wonderful, first-rate, superb, marvelous, good, sensational, \*out of this world, superior, outstanding. 2. TERRIFYING scary, frightful, fearful, dreadful, appalling, terrible, har-

rowing, horrifying, distressing. *ANT.* *1. bad, awful, lousy, terrible. 2. reassuring, comforting, encouraging.*

**terrify** *v.* frighten, scare, fill with terror, petrify, \*curdle one's blood, \*paralyze with fear, \*put the fear of God into, alarm, \*scare stiff, shock, startle, frighten out of one's wits, \*make one's hair stand on end, \*scare the bejesus out of, \*make one's hair curl, panic, trigger one's fight or flight response. *ANT.* *reassure, comfort.*

**territorial** *a.* proprietary, defensive. *ANT.* *giving.*

**territory** *n.* 1. AREA region, district, province, land, country, terrain, locale, zone, vicinity, precinct, neighborhood, tract. 2. DOMAIN sphere, realm, turf, area, field, bailiwick.

**terror** *n.* 1. FEAR fright, panic, dread, horror, alarm, shock, awe, dismay, heart-pounding terror, paralysis, paroxysm of fear. 2. UNRULY CHILD hellion, rascal, pest, nuisance, \*holy terror, \*hell on wheels, imp, troublemaker.

**terrorism** *n.* fear campaign, intimidation tactics, arm-twisting, bullying, extortion, coercion, firebombing, hostage-taking, bomb threats.

**terrorist** *n.* extortionist, vigilante, bully, arm-twister, radical, revolutionary, rebel, anarchist, subversive.

**terrorize** *v.* terrify, frighten, scare, fill with terror, intimidate, threaten, menace, bully, browbeat, arm-twist, strongarm, coerce.

**TERSE** *a.* [TURS] concise, to the point, brief. *He gave a suprisingly terse speech and left.* *SYN.* concise, succinct, brief, to the point, short, taut, pithy, condensed, trenchant, compact, sparing, laconic. *ANT.* *long-winded, verbose, wordy.*

**test** *n.* 1. EXAMINATION exam, quiz, multiple choice, midterm, trial, evaluation, probe, assessment, questionnaire, inspection, inquest. 2. TRIAL experiment, assay, try, dry run. 3. STANDARD criterion, \*acid test, \*litmus test, measure, touchstone, proof.

**test** *v.* examine, quiz, try, evaluate, probe, assess, question, inspect, investigate, analyze, conduct a trial run, assay, check, \*see which way the wind blows, sound.

**TESTAMENT** *n.* [TES tuh munt] that which testifies to the validity or truth of something. *That the number of highway fatalities have decreased is a testament to better safety regulations.* *SYN.* testimony, testimonial, affirmation, confirmation, proof, evidence, profession, statement.

**tested** *a.* tried, proven. *ANT.* *unproven, unknown.*

**testicles** *n.* testes, sex glands, gonads.

**testify** *v.* 1. PROVIDE TESTIMONY bear witness, give evidence, attest, affirm, vouch for, corroborate, swear to, declare, verify, uphold, support, substantiate. 2. BE EVIDENCE OF prove, show, indicate, be a testament to, provide testimony for, demonstrate. *ANT.* 2. *disprove, contradict.*

**testimonial** *n.* commendation, recommendation, \*plug, tribute, compliment, affidavit, endorsement, certificate, letter of recommendation, letter of reference.

**testimony** *n.* 1. DECLARATION profession, affirmation, attestation, proof, evidence, witness, corroboration, statement, sworn statement, affidavit, deposition, documentation, avowal, support. 2. INDICATION evidence, attestation, confirmation, affirmation, demonstration.

**testosterone** *n.* hormone, male hormone, sex hormone, steroid.

**testy** *a.* irritable, touchy, grouchy, grumpy, cranky, petulant, \*snappy, ornery, thin-skinned, \*short-fused, quick-tempered, peevish. *ANT.* *good humored, easygoing, cheerful.*

**tetched** *a.* demented, neurotic, \*not right in the head, \*a little crazy, touched, \*nuts. SEE CRAZY, INSANE, NEUROTIC

**tête-à-tête** *n.* heart-to-heart talk, conversation, intimate discussion, talk, discussion, confidential discussion, face-to-face chat.

**tether** *n.* rope, leash, chain, halter, restraint, cord, line.

**text** *n.* words, wording, main body, body, printed matter, written matter.

**textbook** *n.* text, schoolbook, reference book, manual.

**textile** *n.* fabric, cloth, woven material, fibrous material, cotton, wool, yarn, dry goods.

**texture** *n.* surface quality, feel, character, composition, grade, smoothness, roughness, coarseness, weave, grain, nap, pile, woof, wale.

**thank** *v.* acknowledge, show one's appreciation, show one's gratitude, bless.

**thankful** *a.* grateful, appreciative, obliged, indebted, beholden. *ANT.* *unappreciative, thankless.*

**thankless** *a.* 1. UNGRATEFUL unappreciative, rude, inconsiderate. 2. UNAPPRECIATED unrewarded, unnoticed, unrecognized, unacknowledged. *ANT.* 1. *thankful, grateful.* 2. *appreciated, rewarded.*

**thatch** *n.* mat, straw, rushes, palm leaves, roofing.

**thaw** *v.* 1. MELT liquefy, soften, warm, defrost, dissolve. 2. LOOSEN UP warm, relax. *ANT.* 1. *freeze, harden, solidify.* 2. *become stiff and formal, cool.*

**theater** *n.* 1. PLAYHOUSE opera house, auditorium, amphitheater, theater in the round, boards, odeum, dinner theater, hall, arena, movie house, cinema, drive-in. 2. STAGE PERFORMANCE dramatic arts, drama, show business, the stage. "An escape from reality."—George Nathan. "A tradition of villains and heroes."—George Bernard Shaw. "A window open on the life of our fellow creatures."—Mario Frattini. SEE MOVIE, TELEVISION

**WORD FIND**

**above stage, walk or platform for lights:** fly

**actor's emergency fill-in:** understudy

**advertisement at front of theater:** marquee

**afternoon show:** matinee

**alcove in center of stage where prompter hides from audience:** prompt box

**allegorical drama illustrating Christian teaching:** morality play

**anxiety, performance:** stage fright, \*flop sweat

**award:** Tony

**background scenery:** backdrop, olio, ground row, cyclorama

**backstage area:** wings

**box in front of balcony or mezzanine:** loge

**Broadway, play not produced on:** off-Broadway production

**brochure of cast and description:** program, playbill

**comedy featuring wit:** high comedy

**comedy of exaggeration:** farce

**comedy on morbid subject:** black comedy

**comedy satirizing manners of fashionable society:** comedy of manners

**comedy, slapstick or physical:** low comedy

**comedy that spoofs:** send-up, parody

**company producing several shows with same performers:** repertory company

**company production of plays in summer:** summer stock

**cues a song, line of dialogue that:** dakota

**dim lighting used for effect:** pool hall lighting

**district of theaters:** white light district, Great White Way, Broadway, Rialto

**draw attention away from another actor:** upstage, steal the show

**dress rehearsal before an audience:** audience dress

**emotions are exaggerated, play in which:** melodrama

**exaggerated acting or overacting:** histrionics

**explosion or flash, device that creates:** flashpot

**falling in love with theater:** stagestruck

**financier, backer:** angel

**hit show:** boffo

**horrificing, macabre, or gruesome drama:** Grand Guignol

**Japanese, all-male:** Kabuki

**large-scale act or musical number:** production number

**lights:** footlights, limelight, \*ace, \*ashcan, baby spot, bon-bon, flood, house lights, \*keg light, klieg light, pin spot

**list of characters:** dramatis personae

**makeup:** grease paint, pancake makeup

**mark the stage to direct actors where to stand, move:** block

**musicals, theater that specializes in:** lyric theater

**musical with sketches:** revue

**musician's area:** orchestra pit

**narrator to audience:** raisonneur

**object used in show:** prop

**open audition:** \*cattle call

**outfit a stage with scenery:** dress

**pack theater by distributing free tickets:** paper the house

**rehearsal, rough:** walk-through

**religious play centering around suffering of Christ:** passion play

**remember lines during show, helps actors:** prompter

**sad or heartbreaking play:** tragedy

**segment:** act

**serious performances as opposed to vaudeville:** legitimate theater

**set, take down a:** strike

**skyline or horizon scenery piece:** ground row, cyclorama

**sound effects made from offstage:** noises off

**SRO:** standing room only

**stage, front of:** proscenium, apron

**stage props, functioning:** practicals

**talk with audience, actor's solo:** soliloquy

**top balcony for lowerclass patrons:** peanut gallery

**union for actors:** Actors Equity Association

**unsuccessful play:** \*flop, \*bomb, \*turkey, \*dog

**variety show, old time:** vaudeville, burlesque

**waiting room, performer's:** green room, dressing room

**wardrobe assistant:** dresser

**worker:** stagehand

**writer of plays:** playwright

**written music:** score

**theatrical** *a.* 1. SHOW BUSINESS staged, stagy, thespian, operatic, Broadway, off-Broadway. 2. MELODRAMATIC dramatic, histrionic, \*hammy, showy, campy, pretentious, affected, overacted, overwrought, \*fake, \*put on. *ANT.* 2. *sincere, natural, real, understated.*

**theft** *n.* stealing, larceny, grand larceny, petty larceny, thievery, burglary, robbery, purse-snatching, \*holdup, mugging, looting, pilferage, shoplifting.

**theme** *n.* topic, subject, idea, motif, leitmotif, matter, point, question, keynote, strain, recurrent pattern.

**theme song** *n.* signature song.

**theologian** *n.* student of religion, religious scholar, divine. *SEE* RELIGION

**theology** *n.* study of religion, divinity, study of God, theosophy, doctrine, dogma, Scripture, the Gospel. "Science of mind applied to God."—Henry Ward Beecher. "The rhetoric of morals."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. *SEE* RELIGION, GOD

**theorem** *n.* assumption, proposition, hypothesis, theory, postulate, principle, law, rule, formula, equation.

**theoretical** *a.* hypothetical, speculative, academic, conjectural, abstract, assumed, notional, untried, unproven, presumed, \*on paper, untested. *ANT.* *practical, applied, proven.*

**theorize** *v.* hypothesize, speculate, conjecture, suppose, guess, presume, assume, imagine, formulate, posit, think.

**theory** *n.* hypothesis, speculation, conjecture, supposition, guess, presumption, assumption, formulation, idea, thesis, surmise, postulate, hunch. "A hunch with a college education."—J.A. Carter.

**therapeutic** *a.* curative, remedial, healthful, healing, corrective, restorative, beneficial, medicinal, sanative, helpful. *ANT.* *harmful, unhealthy, detrimental.*

**therapist** *n.* counselor, psychologist, psychiatrist, doctor, physician, psychotherapist, \*shrink, adviser, analyst, sympathetic ear.

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**therapy** *n.* treatment, regimen, regime, remedy, healing, curative, homeopathy, rehabilitation, \*rehab, physical therapy, speech therapy, group therapy.

**thereabouts** *adv.* near, about, around, approximately, roughly.

**thereafter** *adv.* afterwards, after, later, subsequently, thenceforth, following.

**therefore** *adv.* consequently, thus, so, hence, ergo, for that reason, as a result, accordingly.

**thermo** *a.* warm, hot, heated, thermic. *ANT.* *cold, unheated.*

**thermos** *n.* bottle, flask, insulated container.

**thesaurus** *n.* lexicon, word treasury, synonym finder, word book.

**thesis** *n.* 1. PROPOSITION premise, assumption, belief, theory, hypothesis, argument, belief, opinion, idea, theorem, position. 2. DISSERTATION treatise, research paper, essay, study, investigation, monograph, composition.

**thespian** *n.* actor, actress, player, performer, \*ham, tragedian. *SEE* MOVIE, TELEVISION, THEATER

**thick** *a.* 1. DEEP extensive, fat, massive, thick-set, obese, wide, large, solid, bulky. 2. DENSE closely packed, concentrated, close, crowded, heavy, condensed, compact, impermeable, luxuriant, viscid, viscous, glutinous, congealed, caked. 3. HAVING A GREAT NUMBER CLOSELY PACKED crowded, teeming, chock-full, bursting, numerous, great, swarming, replete, overflowing, \*jam-packed, crammed. 4. STUPID dense, retarded, dull, bovine, slow, dim-witted, obtuse, dumb, moronic, imbecilic, simple, \*chowderheaded, \*lamebrained, \*dense as a post. *ANT.* 1. *thin, slim, slight.* 2. *thin, sparse, scant, watery.* 3. *empty, rare, thin, scarce.* 4. *brilliant, smart, intelligent, sharp.*

**thicken** *v.* concentrate, condense, congeal, compact, solidify, harden, clot, coagulate, jell, curdle, set, cake. *ANT.* *thin, liquefy, dilute.*

**thicket** *n.* underbrush, shrubs, bushes, brush, scrub, brake, copse, bosket, tangle.

**thickset** *a.* stocky, stout, beefy, heavysset, big, chunky. *ANT.* *skinny, slim, slender.* *SEE* FAT

**thick-skinned** *a.* hardened, tough, insensitive, callous, hard-boiled, unfeeling, strong, stony. *ANT.* *thin-skinned, sensitive, ultrasensitive.*

**thief** *n.* \*crook, robber, burglar, shoplifter, mugger, swindler, bandit, criminal, kleptomaniac, \*klepto, cheat, \*rip-off artist, \*con artist, pickpocket, filcher, purse-snatcher, embezzler, larcener, rustler. "One who just has

a habit of finding things before people lose them."—Joe E. Lewis.

**thieve** *v.* steal, rob, burglarize, \*rip off, pilfer, filch, shoplift, snatch, \*swipe, \*walk off with, purloin, appropriate, \*heist, embezzle, swindle, cheat.

**thievery** *n.* theft, robbery, larceny, grand larceny, petty larceny, burglary, stealing, pilfering, shoplifting, kleptomania, embezzlement, swindle.

**thin** *v.* dilute, cut, reduce, rarefy, water down, decrease, trim, weaken, attenuate, prune. *ANT.* *thicken, concentrate, condense.*

**thin** *a.* 1. SLENDER slight, slim, skinny, lean, emaciated, bony, spare, wispy, \*thin as linguine, skin and bones, half-starved, scrawny, gaunt, rawboned, spindly. 2. SCANTY sparse, rare, few and far between, meager, skimpy, deficient. 3. WATERY diluted, weak, runny, rarefied. 4. SHEER transparent, airy, fine, diaphanous, delicate, translucent, wispy, flimsy. *ANT.* 1. *fat, obese, heavy, \*broad in the beam.* 2. *full, thick, teeming, swarming.* 3. *condensed, concentrated, thick.* 4. *opaque, heavy, dense.*

**thing** *n.* 1. ARTICLE object, item, subject, element, substance, matter, entity, it, body, being, creature, organism. 2. THINGAMAJIG gadget, device, contrivance, \*doohickey, \*thingamabob, contraption, apparatus, gizmo, widget, mechanism, \*whatchamacallit, \*dingus, \*whatsit. 3. DEED act, event, happening, action, feat, performance, accomplishment, exploit. 4. MATTER affair, circumstance, happening, situation. 5. *SEE* THINGS

**thingamajig** *n.* *SEE* THING

**things** *n.* belongings, possessions, stuff, personal effects, paraphernalia, outfit, equipment, trappings, accoutrements, gear.

**think** *v.* 1. CONTEMPLATE meditate, cogitate, ponder, concentrate, focus on, study, analyze, intellectualize, turn over in one's mind, evaluate, reflect, deliberate, mull over, ruminate, consider, deduce, reason, conceive, imagine, picture, remember, marshal one's thoughts. 2. BELIEVE judge, opine, suppose, assume, presume, surmise, gather, guess, imagine, understand, reckon, conclude, estimate.

**thinkable** *a.* conceivable, imaginable, comprehensible, feasible, possible. *ANT.* *unthinkable, inconceivable.*

**thinker** *n.* philosopher, deep thinker, sage, wise man, scholar.

**thinking** *n.* thought, brain power, contemplation, meditation, cogitation, concentration, study,

- analysis, evaluation, reflection, deliberation, reasoning, logic, deduction, speculation, \*putting two and two together. "The magic of the mind."—Lord Byron. "The talking of the soul with itself."—Plato.
- thin-skinned** *a.* sensitive, oversensitive, ultrasensitive, hypersensitive, easily hurt, delicate, vulnerable, easily offended, touchy, irritable. *ANT.* *thick-skinned, hardened, callous, insensitive.*
- third world** *n.* undeveloped nations, emergent nations.
- thirst** *n.* craving, desire, want, longing, hunger, hankering, appetite, yen, lust, thirstiness.
- thirst** *v.* crave, desire, want, long for, hunger for, hanker for, have an appetite for, have a yen for, lust after.
- thong** *n.* strap, strip, leather, lace, whiplash, leash.
- thorn** *n.* 1. PRICKLE needle, barb, spike, point, spine. 2. THORN IN ONE'S SIDE irritation, trouble, nuisance, pain, plague, torment, affliction, curse.
- thorny** *a.* 1. PRICKLY brambly, barbed, briery, spiny, spiked, bristly. 2. DIFFICULT complicated, ticklish, delicate, troublesome, challenging, nettlesome, trying, touchy, sticky. *ANT.* 1. *soft, smooth.* 2. *easy, simple, \*child's play.*
- thorough** *a.* 1. EXHAUSTIVE complete, total, comprehensive, thoroughgoing, in-depth, \*A to Z, all-out, all-inclusive, \*whole hog, full, painstaking, \*down to the last detail. 2. ABSOLUTE out-and-out, utter, total, complete, entire, perfect, unmitigated, sheer. 3. EXACT accurate, painstaking, precise, meticulous, careful, scrupulous. *ANT.* 1. *partial, incomplete, superficial.* 2. *partial, qualified.* 3. *sloppy, slipshod, careless.*
- thoroughbred** *a.* 1. PURE unmixed, full-blooded, pedigreed. 2. EXCELLENT first-rate, first-class, trained, educated, cultured, refined, genteel, aristocratic. *ANT.* 1. *half-breed, mongrel, crossbred, mixed breed.* 2. *second-class, second-rate, unrefined.*
- thoroughfare** *n.* street, road, passage, highway, avenue, boulevard, thruway, beltway, expressway, turnpike.
- thoroughgoing** *a.* 1. THOROUGH exhaustive, painstaking, precise, in-depth, \*down to the last detail, precise, exact, meticulous. 2. COMPLETE utter, absolute, unmitigated, out-and-out, unqualified, sheer. *ANT.* 1. *superficial, partial, careless.* 2. *partial, incomplete, qualified.*
- thoroughly** *adv.* completely, utterly, entirely, totally, absolutely, downright, wholly, quite, exhaustively. *ANT.* *partially, superficially, incompletely.*
- thought** *n.* 1. THINKING cogitation, intellection, cerebration, concentration, reflection, consideration, cognition, study, meditation, deliberation, contemplation, rumination, reflection, pondering, speculating, weighing, brown study, reasoning, rationalization, calculation, deduction, introspection. "Dreams till their effects be tried."—Shakespeare. "An electrochemical soup stirred by pleasure, pain, and nervous impulses."—Jack E. French. "Feelings gone to seed."—John Burroughs. 2. INTELLECT imagination, brain power, intelligence, reason, smarts, \*gray matter. 3. IDEA concept, notion, theory, hypothesis, \*brainstorm, belief, assumption, conclusion, opinion, surmise. 4. ATTENTION consideration, regard, study, notice.
- thoughtful** *a.* 1. THINKING meditative, reflective, introspective, pondering, lost in thought, intellectual, meditative, pensive, abstracted. 2. CONSIDERATE kind, mindful, attentive, solicitous, graceful, diplomatic, sensitive, unselfish, nice, sweet. *ANT.* 1. *mindless, unthinking, brainless.* 2. *thoughtless, inconsiderate, inattentive.*
- thoughtless** *a.* inconsiderate, insensitive, unthinking, selfish, inattentive, careless, negligent, heedless, oblivious, rude, impolite, discourteous. *ANT.* *thoughtful, considerate, attentive.*
- thought-provoking** *a.* provocative, stimulating, challenging, interesting. *ANT.* *boring, shallow.*
- thrash** *v.* 1. FLOG whip, beat, lash, flail, strap, switch, cane, scourge, flagellate. 2. DEFEAT SOUNDLY \*skunk, \*kill, \*blow away, rout, drub, \*kick butt, \*whoop, \*whip, trounce, shellac.
- thread** *n.* 1. LINE filament, string, yarn, strand, cord, fiber. 2. THEME motif, subject.
- threadbare** *a.* 1. WORN ragged, tattered, moth-eaten, frayed, holey, raveled, \*ratty, shabby. 2. STALE overused, shopworn, commonplace, clichéd, banal, tired, stock, hackneyed, \*old hat, \*ho-hum. *ANT.* 1. *new, plush, luxurious.* 2. *fresh, original, new.*
- threat** *n.* intimidation, scare, menace, danger, peril, hazard, jeopardy, dark cloud on the horizon, \*sword of Damocles, portent, \*sleeping giant.
- threaten** *v.* intimidate, scare, menace, \*put the fear of God into, \*scare the bejesus out of one, terrorize, frighten, alarm, bully, cow, put on alert, loom.

**threatening** *a.* intimidating, menacing, terrorizing, frightening, scary, sinister, ominous, impending, looming, foreboding. *ANT.* *encouraging, bright, reassuring.*

**threesome** *n.* ménage à trois, trio.

**thresh** *v.* beat, flail, thrash.

**threshold** *n.* 1. DOORSILL entrance. 2. BEGINNING start, opening, entrance, brink, verge, dawn, starting point, debut, onset. *ANT.* 2. *close, end.*

**thrift** *n.* thriftiness, frugality, economy, economizing, saving, conservation, parsimony, penny-pinching, scrimping, cheapness. *ANT.* *waste, improvidence, extravagance.*

**thrifty** *a.* frugal, economical, economizing, conserving, saving, parsimonious, \*penny-pinching, miserly, stingy, provident. *ANT.* *wasteful, improvident, extravagant.*

**thrill** *n.* 1. EXCITEMENT \*rush, \*adrenalin rush, \*head rush, kick, \*spine-tingling experience, chills, blast, titillation, \*charge, \*mind-blower, \*high, exhilaration, sensation, \*heart-pounder, \*hair-raiser. 2. TREMOR quiver, fluttering, tingling, vibration.

**thrill** *v.* excite, stimulate, electrify, \*adrenalize, \*give a rush, exhilarate, titillate, \*blow one's mind, stir, \*turn on, \*give a charge. *ANT.* *tranquilize, put to sleep.*

**thrive** *v.* flourish, prosper, grow, blossom, mushroom, burgeon, luxuriate, succeed, boom, progress, do well, be vigorous. *ANT.* *fail, die, wither, languish.*

**throat** *n.* neck, gullet, larynx, pharynx, trachea, Adam's apple.

**throaty** *a.* hoarse, guttural, husky, gravel-voiced, raspy, whiskey-voiced. *ANT.* *squeaky, high-pitched.*

**throb** *n.* pulsation, pulse, throbbing, beat, tremor, palpitation, thump.

**throb** *v.* pulsate, pulse, beat, palpitate, thump, pound, flutter, vibrate, quiver, drum.

**throes** *n.* spasms, pangs, pains, convulsions, seizures, paroxysm.

**throne** *n.* seat of power, cathedral.

**throng** *n.* crowd, multitude, horde, bunch, congregation, swarm, mass, mob, flock, army, flood, pack, press, host.

**throng** *v.* crowd, gather, assemble, congregate, swarm, mass, mob, flock, flood, pack, press, \*stand cheek to jowl.

**throttle** *n.* accelerator, gas pedal, choke, butterfly valve.

**throttle** *v.* 1. CHOKE strangle, garrote, suffocate, smother, stifle, asphyxiate, \*cut off one's

wind. 2. SUPPRESS censor, shut up, silence, squelch, gag, inhibit.

**through** *a.* done, finished, completed, over, ended, concluded, terminated. *ANT.* *underway, beginning.*

**through** *prep.* 1. IN ONE SIDE AND OUT THE OTHER from one end to the other, from start to finish. 2. BY WAY OF via, inside, in and out of.

**throw** *n.* pitch, lob, toss, pass, shot, delivery, hurl, cast, fling, heave, chuck.

**throw** *v.* pitch, lob, toss, pass, shoot, hurl, cast, fling, heave, chuck, deliver, propel, catapult, launch, peg, thrust.

**throw out** *v.* throw away, dispose of, dump, discard, scrap, cast off, dispense with, junk, jet-tison.

**throw up** *v.* vomit, regurgitate, upchuck, puke, disgorge, \*spit up, \*barf, \*ralph, spew, hurl, \*toss one's cookies, \*blow lunch, retch, \*have the dry heaves.

**thrust** *n.* 1. PUSH shove, lunge, drive, advance, propulsion, stab, plunge, poke. 2. ATTACK blitz, blitzkrieg, onslaught, offensive, charge, push, drive, raid, strike. 3. ENERGY power, drive, horsepower, lift, pickup. 4. POINT gist, force, meaning, essence, substance.

**thrust** *v.* 1. PUSH shove, lunge, drive, force, advance, power, propel, throw, stab, plunge, poke. 2. IMPOSE ONESELF intrude, force oneself into, inject.

**thud** *n.* thump, bump, bang, \*whack, \*clunk, rap, boom, crash, slam, clump, plunk, blow.

**thug** *n.* hoodlum, \*hood, brute, gangster, mobster, mafioso, ruffian, hooligan, \*roughneck, \*goon, gunman, killer, murderer.

**thumbnail** *a.* brief, concise, small, minute. *ANT.* *grand, large-scale.*

**thump** *n.* SEE THUD

**thump** *v.* strike, hit, beat, pound, pommel, \*slug, slam, drub, cudgel, bludgeon.

**thunder** *n.* thunderclap, boom, rumbling, crack, \*whiplash, roll, crash, peal, explosion, roar, discharge, report, reverberation.

**thunder** *v.* 1. BOOM rumble, crack, roll, crash, peal, explode, discharge, reverberate. 2. FULMINATE roar, boom, shout, bellow, yell, growl, curse, bark, denounce.

**thunderbolt** *n.* lightning.

**thunderstorm** *n.* thundershower, thunder squall, \*thunder-boomer, cloudburst, electrical storm. SEE CLOUD, RAIN, STORM

WORD FIND

**cloud:** cumulonimbus, thunderhead

**lightning:** ball lightning, chain lightning, heat lightning

**mythical creature of North American Indians thought to cause:** thunderbird

**thunderstruck** *a.* shocked, floored, staggered, amazed, astonished, dumbstruck, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, \*knocked for a loop, \*bowed over. *ANT.* *unmoved, unruffled.*

**thus** *adv.* therefore, so, hence, ergo.

**thwart** *v.* obstruct, hinder, frustrate, slow, stop, roadblock, foil, defeat, check, inhibit, prevent, block, preclude, confound. *ANT.* *facilitate, help, assist, ease.*

**tiara** *n.* crown, coronet, diadem.

**tic** *n.* spasm, contraction, nervous tic, twitch, jerk.

**tick** *n.* click, tap, beat, pulse, second.

**ticket** *n.* 1. PASS admission, voucher, receipt, stub, token, coupon, \*ducat, raincheck, certificate. 2. LABEL tag, sticker, slip. 3. BALLOT slate, roster.

#### WORD FIND

**free ticket or pass:** \*Annie Oakley

**resell tickets far above cost:** scalp

**traffic ticket:** summons, citation, fine

**tickle** *v.* please, delight, thrill, excite, gratify, \*tickle to death, \*tickle pink, amuse, make one smile, make one laugh.

**ticklish** *a.* delicate, sensitive, prickly, dicey, touchy, risky, slippery, difficult, thorny, tricky, awkward. *ANT.* *simple, uncomplicated, straightforward.*

**ticky-tacky** *a.* *Sl.* cheap, \*tacky, poor quality, dull, shoddy, shabby, \*rinky-dink, \*chintzy, \*cheesy, tawdry.

**tidal wave** *n.* tsunami, tidal bore, eager.

**titbit** *n.* morsel, bit, mouthful, spoonful, piece, titbit.

**tide** *n.* flood, wash, ebb, neap, spring tide, rip tide, high tide, low tide. *SEE* BEACH, OCEAN

**tidings** *n.* news, information, report, word, communication, \*scoop, \*lowdown, \*scuttlebutt.

**tide over** *v.* keep one's head above water, keep one going, help, assist, \*bridge the gap.

**tidy** *v.* neat, clean, order, unclutter, arrange, pick up, spruce up, fix up, straighten up, groom. *ANT.* *mess, clutter, disorder.*

**tidy** *a.* 1. NEAT clean, shipshape, orderly, \*spick-and-span, trim, well-ordered, spruce, uncluttered, \*in apple pie order, organized. 2. CONSIDERABLE large, substantial, generous,

respectable, healthy, ample. *ANT.* 1. *messy, sloppy, unkempt.* 2. *small, piddling.*

**tie** *n.* 1. FASTENING fastener, connection, knot, link, catch, clip, string, rope, strap, cord, cinch, sash, binding. 2. NECKTIE ascot, string tie, cravat, bow tie. 3. RELATIONSHIP association, bond, tie-in, connection, kinship, friendship, liaison, affiliation. 4. DEAD-LOCK draw, standoff, \*sudden death faceoff.

**tie** *v.* 1. FASTEN connect, knot, bind, link, catch, clip, string up, strap, cinch, lash, interlace, moor, secure, tether, leash. 2. RESTRICT limit, stop, hinder, inhibit, hobble, check, bind, fetter. 3. MATCH UP be dead even, \*be neck and neck. *ANT.* 1. *unfasten, untie, loose, release.* 2. *facilitate, free, liberate.*

**tier** *n.* row, line, file, rank, echelon, grade, level, story, floor.

**tie-up** *n.* snag, gridlock, bottleneck, logjam, traffic jam, \*snafu, stoppage.

**tiff** *n.* quarrel, argument, spat, fight, altercation, squabble, wrangle, run-in, clash, disagreement, \*words, \*row. *ANT.* *peace, accord, \*meeting of the minds.*

**tiger** *n.* predator, \*big cat, carnivore, hunter, stalker, saber-toothed tiger, jaguar, leopard.

**tight** *a.* 1. CLOSE snug, skintight, form-fitting, close-fitting, confined, cramped, taut, drawn. 2. FIXED secured, secure, set, made fast, immovable, firm, locked. 3. AIRTIGHT watertight, sealed, plugged, secure, sound, hermetically sealed, impervious, impermeable, nonporous, leakproof. 4. RIGOROUS strict, stringent, severe, restraining, demanding. 5. DIFFICULT trying, precarious, delicate, ticklish, tricky, perilous, tough, prickly. 6. STINGY tightfisted, sparing, frugal, cheap, miserly, penurious, parsimonious, \*penny-pinching. *ANT.* 1. *loose, slack, baggy.* 2. *loose, unsecured, slack.* 3. *porous, holey.* 4. *undemanding, mild, easy.* 5. *easy, simple.* 6. *generous, charitable, giving.*

**tighten** *a.* firm up, close up, fix, secure, lock up, tauten, tense, stretch, contract, squeeze, constrict, screw. *ANT.* *loosen, slacken, unfasten.*

**tightfisted** *a.* cheap, stingy, miserly, sparing, frugal, \*penny-pinching, penurious, parsimonious, niggardly, greedy. *ANT.* *generous, charitable, giving.*

**tight-lipped** *a.* silent, mute, taciturn, reserved, reticent, quiet, close-mouthed, secretive, mum. *ANT.* *loquacious, talkative.*

**tightwad** *n.* miser, \*cheapskate, \*Scrooge, \*penny-pincher, \*pinchpenny. *ANT.* *philanthropist, giver, free-spender, spendthrift.*

**till** *n.* cash box, cash drawer, cash tray, cash register.

**till** *v.* plow, harrow, cultivate, work, turn over, dig, hoe, spade, dress.

**tilt** *n.* incline, inclination, slant, slope, lean, pitch, grade, gradient, rake.

**tilt** *v.* tip, incline, slant, slope, lean, turn, upend, list, cant, angle.

**timber** *n.* 1. WOOD beam, joist, girder, rafter, pile, board, spar, log, lumber. 2. TREES forest, woods, woodland, timberland.

**timberland** *n.* woodland, forest, stumpage.

**timbre** *n.* tone, pitch, voice.

**time** *n.* 1. DURATION span, stretch, spell, period, interval, term, age, epoch, era, juncture, point, second, instant, moment, hour, day, month, year, century, millennium, eon, infinity, continuance, chronology, fourth dimension, \*tick of the clock, \*water under the bridge, \*sand through the hourglass. "A file that wears and makes no noise"—Henry G. Bohn. "A flowing river."—Christopher Morley. "A sandpile we run our fingers in."—Carl Sandburg. "The moving image of eternity."—Plato. "A storm in which we are all lost."—William Carlos Williams. "Time like an ever-rolling stream bears all its sons away."—Isaac Watts. 2. OCCASION opportunity, opening, chance, shot.

**time-honored** *a.* classic, vintage, time-tested, venerable, respected, traditional. *ANT.* *new-fangled, untested.*

**timeless** *a.* eternal, neverending, everlasting, ageless, perpetual, immortal, immemorial, infinite, undying. *ANT.* *temporary, passing, ephemeral.*

**timely** *a.* opportune, well-timed, favorable, auspicious, convenient, fitting, propitious, seasonable. *ANT.* *untimely, unfavorable, inopportune.*

**timepiece** *n.* clock, watch, sundial, hourglass, horologe.

**timetable** *n.* schedule, chronology, timeline, plan.

**timid** *a.* afraid, fearful, timorous, mousy, faint-hearted, \*wimpy, \*lily-livered, \*chicken, sheepish, cowardly, spineless, shy, bashful, nervous. *ANT.* *courageous, brave, bold, \*ballsy, fearless.*

**timorous** *a.* SEE TIMID

**tinderbox** *n.* explosive situation, volatile situation, \*hot spot, trouble spot, war zone, powder keg, time bomb, combustible situation.

**tinge** *n.* trace, touch, hint, suggestion, smattering, drop, tincture, shade, tint, color, coloring, tone, pigment.

**tinge** *v.* shade, color, tint, give a touch of, give a trace of, flavor, season.

**tingle** *n.* tickle, electrical sensation, sting, prickle, thrill.

**tingle** *v.* tickle, sting, prickle, crawl, creep, quiver.

**tinker** *v.* putter, fix, mend, doctor, fuss over, fiddle with, \*monkey around with, \*mess with, toy with, \*diddle, fumble with.

**tinkle** *n.* ring, jingle, tingle, tinkling, ding, tintinnabulation, plink, chime.

**tinkle** *v.* ring, jingle, tingle, ding, jangle, tintinnabulate, plink, chime.

**tinsel** *a.* gaudy, showy, glittery, flashy, garish, ornate, tawdry, cheap. *ANT.* *authentic, quality, valuable.*

**tint** *n.* hue, tinge, shade, tone, color, cast, tinge, tincture, pigmentation, complexion, touch, trace, hint.

**tintinnabulation** *n.* ringing, tinkling, jingling, jangling.

**tiny** *a.* small, diminutive, little, wee, puny, miniature, minute, miniscule, Lilliputian, dwarf, pygmy, \*pint-sized, \*pocket-sized, teeny, \*itsy-bitsy, microscopic, infinitesimal. *ANT.* *huge, gigantic, gargantuan, towering, massive.*

**tip** *n.* 1. INFORMATION \*word to the wise, advice, \*pointer, \*hot tip, suggestion, helpful hint, clue, warning, tip-off, inkling. 2. GRATUITY percentage, compensation, consideration. 3. POINT nib, head, top, peak, pinnacle, apex, summit, crown.

**tip** *v.* 1. COMPENSATE \*take care of, pay, reward for service. 2. TILT incline, overturn, upend, capsize, upset, topple, slant, lean, turn over, cant.

**tipsy** *a.* intoxicated, inebriated, unsteady, \*three sheets to the wind, woozy, \*pickled, \*loaded, \*crooked, under the influence. *ANT.* *sober, \*stone sober.*

**TIRADE** *n.* [TYE rade] a long, scolding, or condemning speech. *Before we knew it, he was launching into another tirade about faulty government policy.* *SYN.* harangue, diatribe, lecture, denunciation, condemnation, \*jeremiad, invective, vituperation, censure, \*tongue-lashing, outburst.

**tire** *v.* 1. EXHAUST wear out, weary, fatigue, drain, \*run out of juice, \*run one's battery down, enervate, \*bush, \*poop out, burn out, flag, fail. 2. GET SICK OF lose interest, be bored with, lose patience with, lose fascination with. *ANT.* 1. *energize, invigorate, revive.* 2. *interest, be fascinated with, stimulate.*

**tired** *a.* 1. EXHAUSTED worn out, weary, fatigued, drained, \*out of juice, out of energy, \*run down, enervated, sleepy, drowsy, \*bushed, \*pooped, burned out, \*all in, \*beat, spent, flagging, \*dog-tired, \*dead, \*tuckered out. 2. SICK OF bored with, \*fed up with. *ANT.* 1. *energized, invigorated, revived, refreshed.* 2. *fascinated by, stimulated by.*

**tireless** *a.* untiring, energetic, \*high octane, unflagging, hyperactive, \*supercharged, indefatigable, determined, persevering, industrious, unremitting, slogging, plugging. *ANT.* *tiring, flagging, faltering, failing.*

**tiresome** *a.* wearisome, tiring, exhausting, fatiguing, arduous, demanding, wearing, strenuous, laborious, boring, dull, tedious, \*humdrum, monotonous. *ANT.* *energizing, invigorating, stimulating.*

**tit** *n.* *Sl.* teat, nipple, breast, \*boob. *SEE* BREAST

**titan** *n.* giant, colossus, deity, Zeus, Prometheus.

**titanic** *a.* gigantic, colossal, gargantuan, towering, huge, massive, immense, enormous, Herculean, monstrous, Brobdingnagian. *ANT.* *tiny, microscopic, Lilliputian.*

**tithe** *v.* levy. *SEE* TAX

**TITILLATE** *v.* [TIT ul ate] to stimulate or arouse, excite. *Rock videos are often designed to titillate.* *SYN.* stimulate, arouse, excite, \*turn on, thrill, \*stir one's blood, provoke, tantalize, seduce, \*tickle one's fancy. *ANT.* *re-pulse, annoy.*

**title** *n.* 1. NAME appellation, epithet, designation, \*moniker, nickname, \*handle, cognomen, denomination. 2. HEADING caption, legend, name, label, subtitle, inscription. 3. CHAMPIONSHIP crown, claim, right. 4. PROOF OF OWNERSHIP deed.

**titter** *n.* giggle, laugh, suppressed laugh, snicker, snigger, chuckle, cackle.

**titter** *v.* giggle, tee-hee, laugh under one's breath, snicker, snigger, chuckle, cackle.

**titlle** *n.* dot, particle, iota, speck, whit, jot, scintilla, mote, drop.

**titular** *a.* nominal, by name only, by title only, so-called, honorary, token, self-styled. *ANT.* *actual, real.*

**toady** *n.* sycophant, flatterer, \*kiss-up, \*brown-nose, \*yes-man, bootlicker, apple polisher, lickspittle, fawner, flunky, lackey, groveler, toadeater.

**toady** *v.* flatter, \*kiss up, \*brownnose, fawn, grovel, kowtow, \*apple polish, bootlick, curry favor, \*suck up to, \*fall all over, bow and scrape. *ANT.* *disrespect, defy, abuse.*

**toast** *n.* drink, salute, salutation, compliment, honor, \*cheers, \*to your health, \*here's mud in your eye, \*skoal, \*salut, \*salud, \*mazel tov, prosit.

**toast** *v.* 1. SALUTE drink to, honor, compliment, share a sentiment, raise one's glass to, hail. 2. BROWN BREAD heat, warm.

**toastmaster** *n.* master of ceremonies, emcee, M.C., speaker, host, moderator.

**tobacco** *n.* weed, leaves, perique, caporal. "Pernicious weed."—William Cowper. "That hell fume in God's clean air."—Carry Nation. "A lone man's companion, a bachelor's friend, a hungry man's food, a sad man's cordial, a wakeful man's sleep, and a chilly man's fire."—Charles Kingsley.

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#### WORD FIND

**ash left in pipe after burning:** dottle

**box:** humidor

**chew:** quid, plug

**poor grade:** shag

**powder inhaled or chewed:** snuff

**smoke, aversion to the:** misocapnia

**smoke, one who has an aversion to the:** misocapnist

**stinky:** mundungus

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**tocsin** *n.* alarm, bell, warning.

**to-do** *n.* fuss, commotion, bother, uproar, \*brouhaha, stir, \*flap, \*hoopla, ado, hubbub, furor, excitement, hurly-burly, \*tempest in a teapot.

**toddle** *v.* falter, totter, be unsteady on one's feet.

**toddler** *n.* baby, tot, child, preschooler, \*rug rat, \*holy terror. *SEE* BABY

**toehold** *n.* foothold, footing, purchase.

**toga** *n.* robe, gown, garment, wrap.

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#### WORD FIND

**belt formed by the twisted folds of:** baltaeus

**dark toga for mourning:** toga pulla

**purple toga with gold embroidery, worn**

**by emperors, consuls:** toga picta

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**together** *adv.* 1. AS ONE all at once, all at the same time, in unison, in concert, collectively, simultaneously, en masse, conjointly, concurrently, \*in sync, in tandem. 2. IN SUCCESSION consecutively, in a row, successively. *ANT.* 1. *singly, alone, separately.* 2. *randomly.*

**togs** *n.* clothes, clothing, \*duds, outfit, wear, apparel, \*togger, attire, dress, garb, gear, \*threads.

- toil** *n.* labor, work, grind, drudgery, \*sweat of one's brow, exertion, struggle, pains, \*elbow grease, slavery. *ANT.* *ease, leisure, relaxation.*
- toil** *v.* work, labor, sweat, exert, struggle, slave, \*break one's back, \*bust one's hump, drudge, strain, \*plug away, \*knock oneself out, \*drive oneself into the grave. *ANT.* *relax, \*take it easy, rest.*
- toilet** *n.* 1. BATHROOM \*john, rest room, wash room, \*little boy's room, \*little girl's room, head, latrine, \*can, \*privy, \*loo, \*throne room, outhouse, \*potty, commode, flush, urinal, bidet. 2. GROOMING dressing, toilette, clean-up, bathing.
- toilsome** *a.* laborious, hard, arduous, difficult, backbreaking, strenuous, fatiguing, exhausting, wearing, demanding. *ANT.* *easy, simple, effortless.*
- toke** *n.* *Sl.* puff, \*hit.
- token** *n.* 1. INDICATION sign, evidence, mark, expression, manifestation, testimony, testament, symbol. 2. KEEPSAKE souvenir, memento, reminder.
- token** *a.* superficial, symbolic, nominal, minimal, perfunctory, for show. *ANT.* *genuine.*
- tolerable** *a.* 1. ENDURABLE sufferable, bearable. 2. FAIR passable, acceptable, all right, okay, good enough, \*so-so, \*not bad, mediocre, middling, adequate, sufficient, satisfactory. *ANT.* 1. *intolerable, unbearable.* 2. *excellent, first-rate, unacceptable, unsatisfactory.*
- tolerance** *n.* 1. ACCEPTANCE understanding, open-mindedness, broad-mindedness, grace, sensitivity, liberal-mindedness, magnanimity, goodwill, lack of prejudice, sympathy, receptivity, indulgence. 2. ENDURANCE strength, mental toughness, stamina, stoicism, suffering, grit, fortitude. *ANT.* 1. *prejudice, bigotry, intolerance.* 2. *weakness.*
- tolerant** *a.* accepting, understanding, open-minded, broad-minded, gracious, sensitive, liberal-minded, magnanimous, sympathetic, receptive, indulgent, unprejudiced. *ANT.* *rejecting, prejudiced, bigoted, intolerant.*
- tolerate** *v.* 1. ACCEPT understand, recognize, respect, be open-minded toward, be broad-minded toward, be sensitive toward, be liberal-minded toward, indulge. 2. ALLOW permit, put up with, look the other way, let go, condone, bear, stand for, be lenient, indulge. 3. ENDURE bear, suffer through, stand, put up with, take, \*tough out, \*stomach, \*sit still for. *ANT.* 1. *reject, be intolerant, disapprove.* 2. *prohibit, forbid, proscribe.* 3. *collapse, \*cave in, \*lose it.*
- toll** *n.* tax, charge, fee, user fee, levy, tariff, assessment, duty, impost, dues. *SEE* MONEY
- toll** *v.* ring, sound, strike, clang, chime, peal, knell, announce, summon, signal.
- tomb** *n.* vault, chamber, grave, crypt, mausoleum, sepulchre, catacomb, ossuary, cenotaph, monument. *SEE* CEMETERY
- tomboy** *n.* hoyden, gamine, \*one of the boys.
- tombstone** *n.* gravestone, headstone, monument, stele, grave marker. *SEE* CEMETERY
- tome** *n.* book, volume, reference book, opus.
- tomfoolery** *n.* silliness, foolishness, childish behavior, nonsense, \*monkeyshines, \*shenanigans, antics, joking, jesting, \*horseplay, high jinks. *ANT.* *seriousness, gravity.*
- ton** *n.* load, truckload, mass, huge amount, pile, two thousand pounds, short ton, long ton.
- tone** *n.* 1. PITCH intonation, sound, note, modulation, voice, frequency, timbre. 2. ATTITUDE spirit, quality, mood, tenor, air, mode, manner. 3. SHADE hue, color, tint, tinge, cast.
- tone down** *v.* quiet down, moderate, temper, soften, mute, dampen.
- tings** *n.* pincers, clamp, forceps, \*graspers.
- tongue** *n.* language, dialect, speech, talk, vernacular, idiom, lingo, parlance, native tongue, jargon, slang, argot, articulation. "A wild beast; once let loose it is difficult to chain."—Baltasar Gracian. "The only edged tool that grows keener with constant use."—Washington Irving.
- tongue-in-cheek** *a.* jokingly, kiddingly, in jest, in fun, ironic, insincere, facetiously. *ANT.* *sincere, serious.*
- tongue-tied** *a.* speechless, at a loss for words, dumbstruck, mute, inarticulate, shy, bashful, reticent, reserved, \*hung by the tongue. *ANT.* *loquacious, verbose, long-winded, \*motor-mouthed.*
- tonic** *n.* \*pick-me-up, restorative, \*shot in the arm, \*bracer, stimulant, \*upper, drug, medicine, beverage.
- tony** *a.* *Sl.* stylish, fashionable, luxurious, chic. *ANT.* *frumpy, cheap.*
- too** *adv.* 1. ALSO as well, additionally, likewise, to boot, furthermore, besides, moreover. 2. EXCESSIVELY in excess, unduly, beyond, extremely, inordinately.
- tool** *n.* 1. IMPLEMENT instrument, utensil, gadget, labor-saving device, apparatus, mechanism, machine, contraption, contrivance,

\*gizmo, \*doohickey, \*whatsit. 2. PUPPET instrument, pawn, dupe, \*stooge.

**WORD FIND**

**SAWS**

**band, saw comprised of rotating, toothed:** band saw

**chained blade:** chain saw

**circular saw, stationary:** buzz saw, bench saw

**curve-cutting, electrical saw:** jigsaw, saber saw

**curve-cutting handsaw:** compass saw, key-hole saw, coping saw

**curving ornamentation, cuts:** scroll saw

**grain, cuts across:** crosscut saw

**grain, cuts with:** rip saw

**hand-powered saw used with sawbuck:** bucksaw

**hole-cutting saw:** dial saw

**Japanese craftsman's hatchetlike saw for cutting dovetails:** dozuki

**Japanese craftsman's saw with dual-edged blade that cuts on the pull stroke:** ryoba

**metal-cutting:** hacksaw

**miter-cutting circular saw:** miter saw

**miter-cutting guide:** miter box

**shallow-cutting or veneer-cutting saw:** veneer saw

**stationary, electrical saw with mobile blade-holding arm:** radial arm saw

**two-person hand-powered saw for cutting timbers:** whipsaw

**wire coated with tungsten carbide, used by campers:** pocket saw

**KNIVES, PIERCERS, CARVERS, CUTTERS**

**axlike tool for trimming wood:** adz

**brush or sugar-cane cutter:** machete

**fabric-cutting shears:** pinking shears

**glass-cutting device:** glass-cutter

**grain-cutter with short, curving blade:** sickle

**grass-cutter with long, curving blade:** scythe

**hole-piercer, esp. for leather:** awl

**metal shears:** tin snips, hawk's bill snips

**pencillike precision knife for cutting light material:** precision knife, \*Xacto knife

**pipe-cutting tool:** pipe cutter

**pole with hook on end, used by lumberjacks:** pickaroon

**retractable blade, hollow handle with multiple-uses:** utility knife

**wedgelike tool that is hammered:** chisel

**wire-cutting pliers:** wire cutter

**SHARPENERS, SHAVERS, SMOOTHERS**

**abrader:** file, rasp

**gouger:** router

**planing tool:** bullnose plane, chamfering plane, planer, spokeshave

**polisher:** buffer

**sander:** belt sander, disk sander

**stone for sharpening blades:** whetstone

**wood-turning machine used to cut, plane, and shape:** lathe

**HAMMERS AND NAIL-PULLERS**

**automatic, mechanical nail-driver:** nail gun

**brad driver:** brad pusher

**clawed, nail-pulling hammer:** claw hammer

**claws, hammer with straight:** rip hammer

**hammer with rounded instead of clawed back:** ball peen hammer, machinist's hammer

**long- or short-handed hammer with very heavy metal head:** sledgehammer

**mallet filled with shot to prevent rebounding:** deadblow hammer

**nail-pulling steel bar resembling crowbar:** cat's paw

**sledgehammer, small:** engineer's hammer

**sledgehammer, sometimes having one ax edge:** maul

**square or cylindrical head made of wood or rubber, hammer with:** mallet

**tack driver, magnetized:** tack hammer

**WRENCHES AND PLIERS**

**adjustable jaws, pliers with:** slip-joint pliers, tongue-and-groove pliers

**adjustable jaws, steel wrench with:** adjustable wrench, \*crescent wrench

**clamping pliers:** locking pliers, \*Vise-Grips

**English term for wrench:** spanner

**L-shaped, hexagonal rod:** allen wrench, hex key

**lug nut tightener, loosener:** lug wrench

**needle-nosed pliers for manipulating wire:** long-nose pliers

**open jaws on one end and closed, toothed ring on the other, wrench with:** combination wrench

**oversized nuts, large-mouthed wrench used to turn:** spud wrench

**pipe-turning wrench equipped with power-assisting chain:** chain wrench, pipe wrench

**plumber's flat bar with varied openings down its length:** faucet spanner

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**plumber's heavy adjustable wrench:** monkey wrench, pipe wrench

**ratcheting wrench with variable socket fittings:** socket wrench

**screwdriver-like wrench for turning nuts and bolts in tight spaces:** nut driver

**toothed rings for tightening or loosening nuts, wrench with:** box wrench

**wire-manipulating pliers:** lineman's pliers, electrician's pliers, long-nose pliers, fence pliers

#### SCREWDRIVERS

**crisscross driving head, screwdriver with:** Phillips head screwdriver

**powered screwdriver:** screw gun

**ratcheting screwdriver turned by pushing down on handle:** return spiral ratchet screwdriver, impact driver

**short screwdriver:** \*stubby

**S-shaped tool that is cranked for use in tight spaces:** offset screwdriver, cranked screwdriver

#### DRILL AND RELATED TOOLS

**bit-holder:** chuck

**borer:** auger, trepan, gimlet

**drilling part, variable sized:** bit

**hand-cranked drill:** eggbeater

**hole enlarger:** reamer

**stationary power drill:** drill press

**toot** *n.* honk, whistle, crow, beep, blast.

**toot** *v.* honk, whistle, crow, beep, blow, blast.

**tooth** *n.* 1. MOUTH GRINDER OR CUTTER molar, incisor, fang, bicuspid, tusk, \*chopper. SEE TEETH 2. TINE OR COG prong, projection, sprocket, snag, spur.

**toothed** *a.* notched, indented, serrated, dentate.

**toothpaste** *n.* dentrifice.

**toothsome** *a.* tasty, palatable, flavorful, good-tasting, delicious, \*yummy, scrumptious, mouth-watering, savory, appetizing, \*finger-licking good, delectable. *ANT.* *disgusting, gross, \*yucky, nauseating.*

**top** *n.* 1. HIGHEST POINT peak, pinnacle, summit, apex, zenith, height, roof, crown, crest, vertex, cap. 2. LID cap, cover, stopper, cork. *ANT.* 1. *bottom, low point, foot.*

**top** *v.* 1. SURPASS best, beat, outdistance, outperform, outclass, eclipse, exceed, outshine, outdo, dominate, \*leave the competition in one's wake, \*blow away, \*skunk. 2. COVER cap, crown, put over. *ANT.* 1. *fail, lose, lag behind, trail.*

**top** *a.* highest, uppermost, topmost, leading, chief, dominant, greatest, best, paramount, highest-ranking, capital, most important, supreme, foremost, preeminent. *ANT.* *bottom, lowest, worst.*

**top-drawer** *a.* first-rate, first-class, excellent, the best. *ANT.* *mediocre, second-rate.*

**top hat** *n.* gibus, stovepipe hat.

**topic** *n.* subject, subject matter, point of discussion, issue, question, material, theme, problem, text, business, thesis.

**topical** *a.* current, contemporary, in the news, up-to-the-minute, up-to-date, popular, local, provincial. *ANT.* *out-of-date, \*yesterday's news.*

**top-level** *a.* high-echelon, top-ranking, ranking, chief, leading. *ANT.* *low-level, minor.*

**top-notch** *a.* first-rate, first-class, top-drawer, excellent, the best, supreme, the greatest, A-1, \*blue-chip. *ANT.* *the worst, poor, low.*

**topple** *v.* fall, totter, pitch, collapse, tip over, founder, overturn, tumble, knock over, upset, knock down, bring down, overthrow, vanquish, unseat, unhorse.

**tops** *a.* SEE TOP-NOTCH

**topsy-turvy** *a.* upside-down, upended, wrong side up, inside-out, mixed up, jumbled, confused, backwards, \*ass-backwards, helter-skelter, \*pell-mell, chaotic. *ANT.* *right-side up, orderly.*

**torch** *n.* light, flambeau, taper, firebrand, beacon.

**torment** *n.* suffering, pain, torture, anguish, agony, distress, misery, hell, irritation, trouble, plague, rack, scourge.

**torment** *v.* torture, punish, hurt, agonize, abuse, distress, trouble, bother, pain, irritate, bully, hurt, persecute, harass, aggravate, \*drive crazy, plague, hector.

**torn** *a.* 1. RIPPED cut, slashed, slit, lacerated, ragged, rent, split. 2. DIVIDED undecided, of two minds, \*on the fence.

**tornado** *n.* twister, vortex, whirlwind, funnel cloud, cyclone, windstorm, tempest.

#### WORD FIND

**companion whirling around larger one, smaller:** satellite

**desert look-alike, only smaller and harmless:** dust devil

**dissipating and wisping out, slang for:** roping out

**long, sinuous, and sideways:** elephant trunk tornado

**midwestern hotspot from Texas to North Dakota:** tornado alley  
**scale of destructive force:** Fujita scale  
**super wide type:** wedge tornado, stovepipe  
**thunderstorm spawner:** super cell  
**water, forms over:** waterspout

**torpid** *a.* dormant, sluggish, slow, inert, motionless, hibernating, unmoving, lethargic, languid, listless, phlegmatic, lazy, dull, apathetic. *ANT.* active, lively, energetic.

**TORPOR** *n.* [TOR pur] a state of inactivity or sluggishness. *The oppressive heat caused widespread torpor.* *SYN.* inactivity, dormancy, inertia, sluggishness, slothfulness, deadness, lifelessness, languor, listlessness, \*the blahs, drowsiness, laziness, apathy. *ANT.* liveliness, pep, vigor.

**torrent** *n.* flood, rush, stream, deluge, gush, white water, rapids, waterfall, cataract, cascade, overflow, tsunami, outpouring, downpour, cloudburst, spate.

**torrential** *a.* flooding, rushing, streaming, gushing, cascading, overflowing, drowning, swamping, violent. *ANT.* gentle, leisurely.

**TORRID** *a.* [TOR id] scorching hot. Also, highly passionate or ardent. *She was having a torrid love affair with her boss.* *SYN.* \*hot, \*red hot, \*white hot, scorching hot, blazing, blistering, parching, fiery, burning, flaming, sizzling, sweltering, boiling, broiling, passionate, ardent, lustful, amorous, sexually charged, sexual, erotic. *ANT.* icy, cold, frigid, wintry.

**torsion** *n.* twisting, turning, torque, stress, strain.

**tortuous** *a.* 1. WINDING twisted, twisting, sinuous, crooked, serpentine, zigzagging, curvy, meandering, labyrinthine, involute, convoluted. 2. DEVIIOUS tricky, deceitful, deceptive, dishonest, misleading, indirect. *ANT.* 1. straight, direct. 2. straightforward, honest, forthright.

**torture** *n.* agony, torment, suffering, pain, anguish, hell, crucifixion, persecution, excruciation, punishment, abuse, misery, distress, trial, tribulation, rack, third degree. SEE PUNISHMENT

#### WORD FIND

**banned forms of punishment:** cruel and unusual

**dis-locator, arm:** strappado

**electrically charged wand hooked to car battery:** picana

**international treaty banning torture of prisoners of war:** Third Geneva Convention

**iron bed to determine whether to stretch victim or cut off legs, used length of:** Procrustes

**iron shackle in which one bending over would force out blood from the nose:** scavenger's daughter

**iron cabinet in which one was stabbed through holes:** iron maiden

**keel, dragging sailor under barnacle-covered:** keelhauling

**London prison famous for its torture chamber:** Tower of London

**muzzle-like device that stabbed the tongue if wearer spoke:** scold's bridle

**partial hanging, disemboweling, burning, then decapitation:** drawn and quartered  
**pitchfork-like device with prongs stuck in the neck:** heretic's fork

**psychological simulation of impending execution:** mock execution

**scalp-tearing pitch, method using:** pitch-capping

**squeezing the skin with pincers:** forcipation  
**wagon wheel on which victim is tied and beaten:** breaking wheel

**water consumption, forced excess:** water ingestion

**water poured over mouth to simulate drowning:** waterboarding

**wooden frame with roller for stretching:** rack

**torture** *v.* torment, pain, hurt, put through hell, crucify, persecute, punish, abuse, distress, agonize, mistreat, afflict, excruciate, rack, \*work over, \*make one cry uncle.

**toss** *n.* throw, pitch, lob, cast, chuck, fling, heave, flip, pass.

**toss** *v.* throw, pitch, lob, cast, chuck, fling, heave, flip, pass.

**tot** *n.* child, toddler, preschooler, baby, infant, \*rugrat.

**total** *n.* whole, sum, entirety, totality, bulk, amount, aggregate.

**total** *v.* add up, tote, number, figure, sum up, count, compute, calculate, reckon.

**total** *a.* complete, whole, entire, thorough, comprehensive, \*A-Z, thoroughgoing, all-inclusive, combined, full, absolute, unconditional, unqualified, unmitigated, all-out. *ANT.* partial, limited, incomplete, qualified.

**TOTALITARIAN** *a.* [to TAL uh TAIR ee un] authoritarian, autocratic, controlled by only one party or group. *They suffered under a totalitarian regime.* SYN. authoritarian, autocratic, fascist, dictatorial, tyrannical, monolithic, despotic, undemocratic, Nazi. ANT. *democratic.*

**totally** *adv.* completely, entirely, wholly, comprehensively, fully, utterly, absolutely, thoroughly, unconditionally. ANT. *partially, slightly.*

**tote** *v.* carry, haul, lug, transfer, convey, \*schlep, transport.

**totter** *v.* falter, rock, stagger, wobble, topple, lurch, shake, stumble, sway, waver, bob, reel.

**touch** *n.* 1. CONTACT feel, stroke, pat, kiss, caress, tap, fingering. 2. SENSE OF TOUCH feel, tactile sense, tactility, sensation. 3. TEXTURE feel, grain, surface. 4. SKILL technique, way, sensitivity, finesse, art, flair. 5. TRACE hint, suggestion, slight amount, tinge. 6. COMMUNICATION contact.

**touch** *v.* 1. FEEL finger, handle, stroke, pat, caress, palpate, fondle, paw, palm, massage. 2. BRING INTO CONTACT strike, brush, tap, hit, graze, bump into, come up against. 3. ADJOIN border on, abut, join, meet, converge, impinge upon. 4. AFFECT move, \*pluck at one's heartstrings, \*strike a chord, make an impression, influence, arouse, excite, stimulate, stir one's soul, \*hit home, \*strike a nerve, disturb. 5. REGARD bear upon, have to do with, involve, deal with, concern, pertain to. 6. COMPARE WITH equal, rival, \*hold a candle to, \*be in the same league, match, \*be on a par with.

**touched** *a.* 1. MOVED affected, stirred, impressed, shaken, disturbed, softened. 2. DEMENTED unbalanced, unstable, crazy, \*nuts, insane, cuckoo, non compos mentis, mentally ill, mad, deranged. ANT. 1. *unaffected, stony.* 2. *sane, competent.*

**touching** *a.* moving, affecting, heartwarming, soul-stirring, \*heavy, disturbing, heart-breaking, heartrending, poignant, tear-jerking, pitiful, pitiable, arousing emotions. ANT. *unemotional.*

**TOUCHSTONE** *n.* [TUCH stone] any measure or test for worth or genuineness, a standard. *His masterpiece was the touchstone against which all others were judged.* SYN. measure, standard, yardstick, benchmark, gauge, criterion, test, acid test, ideal, model.

**touchy** *a.* 1. IRRITABLE oversensitive, ultrasensitive, hypersensitive, easily offended, grouchy, testy, grumpy, cranky, petulant,

moody, churlish, thin-skinned, temperamental. 2. RISKY ticklish, delicate, prickly, precarious, sensitive, tricky, \*dicey, touch-and-go. ANT. 1. *easygoing, imperturbable, thick-skinned.* 2. *safe.*

**tough** *n.* \*tough guy, bully, \*roughneck, \*punk, thug, hoodlum, ruffian, hooligan, \*goon.

**tough** *a.* 1. STRONG pliable, \*tough as shoe leather, unbreakable, \*tough as nails, rugged, hardened, durable, enduring, sound, firm, vigorous, solid, conditioned, fit, hardy, brawny, strapping, muscular, Herculean, burly, robust. 2. CHEWY uncooked, stringy, leathery, gristly, \*tough as shoe leather. 3. STUBBORN obstinate, unyielding, inflexible, \*hard-nosed, headstrong, firm, adamant, unbending, resolute, strict, severe, rough, bull-headed. 4. HARD demanding, difficult, troublesome, vigorous, laborious, toilsome, brutal, harsh, rough, trying, formidable, complicated, complex, violent. ANT. 1. *weak, soft, fragile, breakable.* 2. *softened, tender, tenderized, cooked.* 3. *yielding, acquiescent, irresolute.* 4. *easy, undemanding, simple.*

**toughen** *v.* harden, temper, anneal, season, strengthen, inure, steel, fortify, acclimate. ANT. *weaken, enfeeble.*

**tough-minded** *a.* realistic, practical, unsentimental, \*hard-nosed. ANT. *weak, mawkish.*

**toupee** *n.* wig, \*rug, hairpiece, peruke.

**tour** *n.* 1. SHIFT turn, stint, spell, stretch, period, cycle, round. 2. TRIP sight-seeing expedition, journey, cruise, voyage, excursion, junket, jaunt, expedition, itinerary, grand tour.

**tour** *v.* visit, sightsee, travel, journey, take a trip, go on the road, \*globetrot, cruise, voyage, take a junket, go on an excursion, explore, \*barnstorm.

**TOUR DE FORCE** *n.* [toor de FORS] a feat of exceptional skill, talent, or strength, a spectacular achievement. *The critics called his latest book a tour de force.* SYN. spectacular achievement, feat of strength, feat of great skill, grand achievement, accomplishment, masterpiece, masterwork, chef d'oeuvre.

**tourist** *n.* traveler, visitor, sightseer, \*globe-trotter, wayfarer, day-tripper, jet-setter, \*rubber-necker.

**tournament** *n.* contest, tourney, competition, duel, meet, match, sporting event, joust, tilt.

**tousled** *v.* mussed, messed up, disordered, disarranged, tangled, entangled, disheveled, rumpled, unkempt, uncombed, ungroomed.

**tout** *v.* 1. RECOMMEND puff, ballyhoo, praise, \*talk up, brag about, extol, \*hype, idealize,

- exaggerate, \*plug, acclaim, promote. 2. SO-LICIT peddle, \*drum up business, hawk, vend, pitch. *ANT.* 1. *condemn, denigrate, \*badmouth.*
- tout de suite** *adv.* at once, immediately, right away, pronto, without delay, now. *ANT.* *eventually, in the future.*
- tow** *v.* pull, drag, haul, lug, transport, yank, trawl.
- toward** *prep.* in the direction of, facing.
- towel** *n.* wipe, hand cloth, wash cloth.
- tower** *n.* 1. TALL BUILDING skyscraper, high-rise, spire, monolith, obelisk, belfry, steeple, minaret, belltower. 2. FORTRESS castle, prison, dungeon, donjon, keep, bastille.
- tower** *v.* rise over, soar, overshadow, eclipse, loom, \*stand head and shoulders above, ascend.
- towering** *a.* 1. HIGH tall, skyscraping, \*cloud-puncturing, \*cloud-kissing, sky high, lofty, soaring, airy, titanic, gigantic. 2. GREAT huge, intense, powerful, extraordinary, massive, extreme, tremendous, stupendous, unrivaled, unmatched, unequaled, \*head and shoulders above. *ANT.* 1. *low, short, stubby.* 2. *insignificant, small, trivial.*
- town** *n.* village, settlement, hamlet, community, township, whistlestop, municipality, city, burg. “Where there is no place to go where you shouldn’t be.”—Alexander Woollcott.
- toxic** *a.* poisonous, unhealthy, harmful, noxious, deadly, lethal, fatal, noxious, venomous, virulent. *ANT.* *nontoxic, harmless, healthy.*
- toxin** *n.* poison, noxious substance, venom, virus, pathogen, contaminant, botulism, hemlock, arsenic, deadly nightshade.
- toy** *n.* plaything, game, doll, ball, teddy bear, bauble, trinket.
- toy** *v.* play with, entertain oneself with, trifle, dally.
- toy** *a.* miniature, dwarf, pygmy, small-scale. *ANT.* *huge, giant.*
- trace** *n.* touch, hint, tinge, suggestion, shade, suspicion, taste, whiff, vestige, evidence, pinch, breath, drop, speck.
- trace** *v.* 1. TRAIL track, follow, search for, shadow. 2. ASCERTAIN dig up, root out, investigate, discover, unearth. 3. DRAW OVER duplicate, copy, sketch, delineate.
- track** *n.* 1. PRINT footprint, tread, imprint, trail, spoor, mark. 2. COURSE race course, roadway, railway, path, walkway, passage.
- track record** *n.* history, statistics, \*stats, performance history.
- tract** *n.* 1. EXPANSE stretch, acreage, parcel, lot, area, extent, real estate, plot, spread, land. 2. PAMPHLET booklet, brochure, leaflet, study, sermon, propaganda.
- tractable** *a.* obedient, docile, manageable, compliant, controllable, tame, submissive, yielding, meek, pliant, malleable. *ANT.* *intractable, disobedient, wild, unmanageable.*
- traction** *n.* grip, adherence, adhesion, \*bite, purchase, hold, pulling, drawing.
- tractor-trailer** *n.* truck, \*semi, trailer truck, eighteen wheeler.
- trade** *n.* 1. LINE OF WORK occupation, business, profession, vocation, job, metier, craft, skill, employment, calling. 2. BUYING AND SELLING commerce, marketing, exchange, merchandising, mercantilism, barter, interchange, transaction. 3. CUSTOMERS clientele, patrons.
- trade** *v.* 1. SWAP exchange, barter, switch, interchange. 2. DO BUSINESS WITH buy and sell, deal, transact, patronize, shop.
- trademark** *n.* symbol, brand, label, logo, logotype, identification, insignia, colophon.
- trader** *n.* merchant, monger, buyer and seller, dealer, retailer, trafficker, vendor, hawker, peddler, business person.
- trade secret** *n.* proprietary knowledge.
- tradition** *n.* custom, practice, convention, habit, unwritten law, institution, observance, ritual, belief, folklore, lore, \*generational hand-me-down. “What you resort to when you don’t have the time or the money to do it right.”—Kurt Adler.
- traditional** *a.* customary, conventional, habitual, handed down, established, practiced, institutional, accustomed, fixed, classic, orthodox, time-honored, familial, historic. *ANT.* *new, untried, unconventional.*
- traduce** *v.* vilify, defame, slander, malign, slur, cast aspersions on, smear, libel, denigrate, \*bad-mouth, calumniate, \*drag one’s name through the mud. *ANT.* *praise, extol, honor.*
- traffic** *n.* 1. VEHICULAR MOVEMENT congestion, \*bottleneck, jam, gridlock, \*bumper-to-bumper traffic, rush hour, transportation, movement, commuters, travelers. 2. BUYING AND SELLING trade, commerce, merchandising, marketing, exchange, business, barter, smuggling, black marketing, transactions.
- traffic** *v.* buy, sell, trade, merchandise, market, exchange, do business in, deal in, peddle, smuggle, sell on the black market, \*bootleg.
- tragedy** *n.* 1. MISFORTUNE disaster, catastrophe, adversity, calamity, blow, heartbreaker, bad luck, hardship, shock, reversal. “The

- difference between what is and what might have been.”—Alfred North Whitehead. 2. TRAGIC PLAY drama, melodrama. *ANT.* 1. *blessing, good fortune, boon.* 2. *comedy.*
- tragic** *a.* disastrous, unfortunate, catastrophic, calamitous, sad, heartbreaking, unlucky, shocking, unhappy, crushing, dreadful, terrible, grievous, pitiful, wretched, lamentable, horrible. *ANT. blessed, good, wonderful, fortunate.*
- trail** *n.* 1. PATH pathway, footpath, track, beaten track, footprints, bridle path, course, rut, trace. 2. SPOOR scent, markings, telltale.
- trail** *v.* 1. DRAG BEHIND haul, tow, pull, train. 2. FOLLOW track, shadow, hunt down, \*dog, stalk, sniff out. 3. HANG dangle, depend. 4. LAG BEHIND bring up the rear, fall back, drop behind. *ANT.* 4. *lead, head.*
- train** *n.* 1. RAILROAD TRANSPORT \*choo-choo, steam train, locomotive, monorail, subway, el, maglev train, express. SEE RAILROAD 2. PROCESSION caravan, line, cortege, retinue, following, cavalcade, parade, entourage, series, chain.
- train** *v.* 1. PREPARE school, drill, educate, teach, coach, qualify, instruct, discipline, practice, condition, work out, get in shape. 2. AIM draw a bead on, point, level, sight.
- trainee** *n.* apprentice, student, pupil, novitiate, learner.
- trainer** *n.* coach, instructor, teacher, mentor, manager, handler.
- training** *n.* preparation, schooling, drilling, education, teaching, coaching, qualification, instruction, discipline, practice, conditioning, workout, exercise.
- traipse** *v.* walk, wander, tramp, roam, gad, rove, ramble, meander, walk aimlessly.
- trait** *n.* characteristic, quality, attribute, distinguishing feature, idiosyncrasy, quirk, property, hallmark, trademark.
- traitor** *n.* betrayer, \*backstabber, turncoat, Judas, renegade, \*double-crosser, Benedict Arnold, \*snake in the grass, one who commits treason, recreant, deserter, defector. *ANT. loyalist, patriot.*
- traitorous** *a.* disloyal, treacherous, treasonous, betraying, \*backstabbing, \*double-crossing, sneaky, untrue, Janus-faced, renegade, turncoat, recreant. *ANT. loyal, faithful, true.*
- trajectory** *n.* course, path, track, flight, arc, curve, orbit.
- tram** *n.* rail car, streetcar, trolley.
- trammel** *n.* restraint, shackle, constraint, impediment, hindrance, fetter, yoke.
- trammel** *v.* restrain, shackle, restrict, constrain, confine, impede, hinder, obstruct, fetter.
- tramp** *n.* 1. HOBO vagrant, transient, \*bum, vagabond, derelict, street person, homeless person, panhandler, beggar. 2. HIKE OR MARCH walk, trek, expedition, traipse.
- tramp** *v.* stamp, tread, trudge, plod, stump, slog, hike, march, wander, travel, ramble, trek, traipse.
- trample** *v.* stomp on, crush, walk on, tread on, tramp, flatten, run over, stamp, squash.
- trance** *n.* hypnotic state, altered state of consciousness, daze, stupor, spell, glaze, transfixed state, dream state, abstraction, reverie.
- tranquil** *a.* calm, peaceful, serene, quiet, still, relaxed, sedate, motionless, unmoving, halcyon, untroubled, restful. *ANT. wild, noisy, troubled, uproarious.*
- tranquility** *n.* serenity, calm, peace, peacefulness, quiet, stillness, relaxation, sedation, motionlessness, restfulness. *ANT. wildness, agitation, uproar.*
- tranquelize** *v.* sedate, calm, quiet, relax, hush, pacify, soothe, put to sleep, \*settle one's nerves. *ANT. agitate, stir up, stress out.*
- transact** *v.* carry out, carry on, perform, make a deal, execute, accomplish, do, discharge, prosecute, take care of, handle.
- transaction** *n.* deal, agreement, bargaining, contract, buy, sale, business, arrangement, performance, operation, enterprise.
- TRANSCEND** *v.* [tran SEND] to exceed, surpass, or go beyond. *The event transcended expectations.* *SYN.* exceed, surpass, go beyond, outdo, pass, go above and beyond, excel, eclipse, top, outshine, outdistance, outperform.
- TRANSCENDENTAL** *a.* [tran sen DENT ul] beyond human experience, supernatural, spiritual. Also, excelling, surpassing. *Deep meditation brings him transcendental experiences.* *SYN.* 1. SUPERNATURAL spiritual, otherworldly, mystical, intangible, preternatural, metaphysical, abstract. 2. EXCELLING surpassing, extraordinary, supreme, unsurpassed, unrivaled, unequalled, incomparable, superior. *ANT.* 1. *worldly, earthly, physical, tangible.* 2. *common, ordinary.*
- transcribe** *v.* write out, type out, type up, record, copy, transfer, translate, transliterate, decipher shorthand.
- transcriber** *n.* stenographer.
- transcript** *n.* copy, written copy, typed copy, printed copy, translation, transcription, recording, transliteration.

**transcription** *n.* SEE TRANSCRIPT

**transfer** *n.* transference, transferal, transposition, repositioning, relocation, move, transplant, displacement, transportation, conveyance.

**transfer** *v.* 1. MOVE remove, relocate, convey, reposition, transplant, transpose, transport, send, deliver, forward, transmit. 2. SIGN OVER deed, convey.

**transferal** *n.* transference, transfer, move, removal, relocation, conveyance, transportation, transplantation, transposition, displacement.

**transfix** *v.* 1. HOLD ONE'S ATTENTION put in a trance, spellbind, hypnotize, mesmerize, fascinate, absorb, enchant, paralyze, rivet, freeze. 2. IMPALE pierce, nail, spike, skewer, lance, spear.

**transform** *v.* change, convert, metamorphose, transmute, alter, remodel, \*do a chameleon, transmogrify, mutate, switch, \*change one's spots, reinvent.

**transformation** *n.* change, conversion, metamorphosis, transmutation, alteration, remodeling, \*a chameleon, transmogrification, mutation, transfiguration, metastasis.

**transfuse** *v.* transfer, infuse, permeate, instill, imbue.

**TRANSGRESS** *v.* [trans GRESS] sin, break a law, overstep a limit or boundary. *A recidivist can be counted on to transgress again and again.* SYN. sin, break a law, break a commandment, overstep one's bounds, go beyond the limit, violate, trespass, disobey, infringe.

**TRANSGRESSION** *n.* [trans GRESH un] sin, a breaking of the law. *The courts will not forgive major transgressions.* SYN. sin, crime, offense, violation, felony, evil, disobedience, trespassing, infringement, infraction, misdemeanor, wrong, breach.

**transient** *n.* drifter, vagrant, vagabond, tramp, hobo, migrant worker, traveler.

**TRANSIENT** *a.* [TRAN shunt] temporary, passing quickly. *The blue moon is a transient phenomenon.* SYN. temporary, passing, fleeting, impermanent, short-lived, transitory, ephemeral, momentary, short-term, brief, evanescent. ANT. *permanent, long-term, lasting.*

**transit** *n.* passage, conveyance, transport, progress, transition, change. SEE TRANSITION

**transition** *n.* change, transformation, switch, shift, conversion, changeover, metamorphosis, passage, transmogrification, transmutation.

**transitory** *a.* transient, passing, temporary, fleeting, impermanent, short-lived, ephem-

eral, momentary, short-term, brief, evanescent. ANT. *permanent, long-term, lasting.*

**translate** *v.* 1. INTERPRET metaphor, decipher, transcribe, transliterate, \*put in English, render, spell out, clarify, decode, paraphrase, rephrase, reword. 2. CHANGE convert, transform, alter, transpose, metamorphose, transmogrify, turn.

**translation** *n.* interpretation, rendition, transcription, metaphor, paraphrase, rewording, rephrasing, version, rendering, deciphering, decoding, decryption. "Not versions but perversions."—Saint Jerome. "Like viewing a piece of tapestry on the wrong side where though the figures are distinguishable yet there are so many ends and threads that the beauty and exactness of the work is obscured."—Miguel de Cervantes.

**translator** *n.* interpreter, linguist, polyglot.

**translucent** *a.* semitransparent, clear, pellucid, gauzy, diaphanous, see-through, transparent. ANT. *opaque.*

**transmission** *n.* 1. TRANSMITTING transference, passage, sending, conveyance, carrying. 2. BROADCAST telecast, relay, airing. 3. GEAR-BOX drive train.

**transmit** *v.* send, transfer, convey, conduct, dispatch, transport, forward, relay, impart, carry, communicate, broadcast, telecast, radio, air. ANT. *receive.*

**transmitter** *n.* conductor, transceiver, beacon, signal source.

**transmogrify** *v.* change, metamorphose, mutate, transmute. SEE TRANSFORM

**transmute** *v.* mutate, change, metamorphose, transmogrify. SEE TRANSFORM

**transparent** *a.* 1. CLEAR see-through, glassy, diaphanous, crystalline, sheer, translucent, gauzy, limpid, pellucid, lucid, invisible. 2. SIMPLE plain, obvious, understandable, apparent, self-explanatory, straightforward, evident, patent. 3. OPEN frank, honest, candid, forthright, ingenuous, direct, real. ANT. 1. *opaque, nebulous, cloudy.* 2. *complex, unclear, confusing, murky, \*clear as mud.* 3. *dishonest, underhanded, disingenuous.*

**transpire** *v.* happen, come to pass, occur, come about, take place, materialize, befall, arise, evolve, ensue.

**transplant** *n.* graft, donor organ.

**transplant** *v.* 1. GRAFT transfer, relocate. 2. REPLANT repot, uproot, transfer, relocate. 3. MOVE resettle, relocate, transfer, remove.

**transport** *n.* 1. TRANSPORTATION transporting, conveyance, movement, carrying, transit,

- shipment, hauling, trucking, delivery. 2. JOY rapture, ecstasy, bliss, euphoria, \*seventh heaven, exaltation, \*high, \*rush, \*cloud nine, happiness, nirvana. *ANT.* 2. *depression, misery, melancholy.*
- transport** *v.* 1. CARRY convey, move, ship, haul, truck, deliver, send, cart, transfer, run, lug, \*tote, relay. 2. ENRAPTURE fill with joy, overjoy, carry away, make ecstatic, entrance, thrill, enthrall, make euphoric, bewitch, charm. *ANT.* 2. *depress, fill with melancholy.*
- transportation** *n.* transport, conveyance, carrying, carriage, transit, transferal, movement, shipment, hauling, trucking, flight, delivery.
- transported** *a.* enraptured, overjoyed, filled with joy, carried away, ecstatic, euphoric, blissful, entranced, enthralled, \*in seventh heaven, \*on cloud nine, experiencing nirvana. *ANT.* *depressed, melancholic, miserable.*
- transpose** *v.* interchange, reverse, exchange, switch, change places, swap places, \*flip-flop, commute, transfer.
- transsexual** *n.* epicene, transvestite, cross-dresser.
- transverse** *a.* crosswise, athwart, crossed, cross, horizontal, diagonal, oblique. *ANT.* *vertical.*
- transvestite** *n.* cross-dresser, \*drag queen, fetishist, transsexual.
- trap** *n.* snare, pitfall, deadfall, \*booby trap, spring trap, net, ploy, trick, artifice, ambush, bait, lure, hook, deception, machination, stratagem, ruse, decoy, blind.
- trap** *v.* snare, catch, capture, nab, corner, corral, net, entrap, ambush, trick, take by surprise, hook, bait, lure, \*suck in.
- trappings** *n.* articles, articles of clothing, adornments, outfit, gear, equipment, trimmings, accoutrements, attire, apparel, paraphernalia.
- trash** *n.* 1. RUBBISH refuse, waste, garbage, junk, leavings, remains, litter, debris, \*crap, scraps, dregs, rubble. 2. NONSENSE foolishness, drivel, \*bilge, \*rubbish, \*bunk, \*crap, \*hogwash, \*malarkey, balderdash, tripe, \*baloney. 3. CHEAP LITERATURE yellow journalism, tabloid journalism, \*crap, sensationalism, kitsch, dime novel. 4. RIFFRAFF \*bum, criminal, \*dregs of the earth, scum, \*good-for-nothing, scoundrel, rogue.
- trash** *v.* *Sl.* 1. CRITICIZE pan, insult, knock, \*bad-mouth, \*dump on, disparage, put down, slam, \*rank out, lambaste. 2. VANDALIZE destroy, wreck, ruin, demolish, tear apart.
- trashy** *a.* worthless, junky, \*crappy, no good, cheap, useless, \*crummy, \*cruddy, \*tinhorn, \*two-bit, \*schlocky. *ANT.* *worthy, meritorious, quality.*
- trauma** *n.* shock, blow, injury, wound, jolt, bombshell, upset, \*emotional minefield, ordeal, stress.
- traumatic** *a.* shocking, injurious, physically wounding, psychologically wounding, upsetting, disturbing, stressful, horrifying, deeply emotional, scarring, damaging. *ANT.* *reassuring, comforting.*
- traumatize** *v.* shock, injure, wound, upset, disturb, \*stress out, horrify, \*put through hell, \*put through an emotional minefield, scar, scar for life, \*drop a bomb on, jolt.
- travail** *n.* 1. WORK toil, labor, sweat of one's brow, strain, grind, exertion, drudgery, pains, slavery. 2. PAIN agony, torture, anguish, torment, hurt, suffering, distress. *ANT.* 1. *leisure, relaxation, recreation.* 2. *pleasure, joy.*
- travel** *n.* traveling, journeying, touring, transit, voyaging, cruising, globe-trotting, sight-seeing, day-tripping, riding, flying, passage, excursion, trek, jaunt. "A fool's paradise."—Ralph Waldo Emerson. "An experience we shall always remember, or an experience, which, alas, we shall never forget."—Julius Gordon.
- travel** *v.* 1. JOURNEY take a trip, tour, voyage, cruise, globe-trot, sight-see, day-trip, ride, fly, see the world, go on an excursion, take a junket, \*hit the road, go abroad, explore, ramble, roam. 2. PROGRESS advance, move, go forward, pass. *ANT.* 1. \**have an armchair adventure, stay put.*
- traveler** *n.* tourist, journeyer, voyager, sailor, cruiser, globe-trotter, sightseer, day-tripper, rider, flyer, \*frequent flyer, explorer, Rambler, roamer, wayfarer, vagabond.
- traverse** *v.* 1. CROSS pass over, go over, travel over, cut across, span, bridge, intersect, bisect. 2. OPPOSE thwart, hinder, impede, obstruct, check, foil, frustrate.
- TRAVESTY** *n.* [TRAV is tee] a farce, an absurd caricature or imitation. *The bungled murder trial was a travesty of justice.* *SYN.* farce, imitation, poor imitation, caricature, mockery, parody, burlesque, spoof, mimicry, perversion.
- travesty** *v.* imitate, caricature, mock, parody, burlesque, mimic, lampoon, ridicule, pervert.
- trawl** *n.* net, dragnet, line.
- tray** *n.* holder, receptacle, platter, salver, server, serving plate.

**treacherous** *a.* 1. DISLOYAL traitorous, backstabbing, untrue, unfaithful, duplicitous, double-dealing, two-faced, Janus-faced, perfidious, treasonous, \*like a snake in the grass. 2. UNRELIABLE untrustworthy, insecure, hazardous, slippery, undependable, precarious, dangerous, unsafe, unstable, shaky. *ANT.* 1. *loyal, true, faithful.* 2. *safe, secure, reliable.*

**treachery** *n.* disloyalty, betrayal, traitorous behavior, \*stab in the back, backstabbing, perfidy, duplicity, double-dealing, treason, infidelity, \*double-cross, \*two-timing. *ANT.* *loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity.*

**treacle** *n.* syrup, molasses.

**tread** *v.* 1. WALK OR WALK ON trod, trample, tramp, march, trudge, step on, plod, hoof, stride, stomp, stump, crush. 2. OPPRESS subdue, crush, trample, suppress, \*jackboot into submission, subjugate.

**treason** *n.* betrayal, sedition, subversion, disloyalty, treachery, stab in the back, insurrection, insubordination, rebellion, revolt. *ANT.* *loyalty, patriotism, faithfulness.*

**treasonous** *a.* betraying, traitorous, seditious, subversive, disloyal, treacherous, \*backstabbing, insubordinate, rebellious, mutinous. *ANT.* *loyal, patriotic, faithful.*

**treasure** *n.* 1. WEALTH riches, money and jewels, fortune, hoard, pirate's hoard, miser's hoard, \*tidy bundle, treasure-trove, king's ransom. 2. VALUABLE THING OR PERSON gem, jewel, pearl, rarity, prized possession, prize, \*find, \*pride and joy.

**treasure** *v.* cherish, prize, value, appreciate, adore, love, esteem, hold dear, regard highly. *ANT.* *dislike, hold in contempt, disdain.*

**treasure-trove** *n.* SEE TREASURE

**treasurer** *n.* bursar, purser, controller, banker, clerk.

**treasury** *n.* 1. BANK vault, coffer, depository, repository, safe, strongbox, safe deposit box, thesaurus. 2. FUNDS revenue, savings, assets, money, reserve.

**treat** *n.* rare pleasure, rare delight, special favor or gift to oneself or another, a special joy, a welcome change, goody, tidbit, indulgence, extravagance. *ANT.* \**same old same old, \*the usual.*

**treat** *v.* 1. ACT OR BEHAVE TOWARD use, deal with, handle, look upon, manage, react toward, relate to. 2. DOCTOR nurse, tend to, mend, fix, care for, minister, prescribe, remedy, heal, medicate, dress, bandage. 3. DISCUSS cover, talk about, write about, examine, go over, consider, touch upon, review.

4. PICK UP THE TAB FOR ANOTHER pay for, cover, \*spring for, pick up the check, foot the bill.

**treatise** *n.* study, article, work, essay, discussion, dissertation, thesis, examination, treatment, composition, paper, book, monograph, tract.

**treatment** *n.* 1. HANDLING behavior towards, dealing, usage, processing, management, conduct toward, manner toward. 2. MEDICAL CARE doctoring, nursing, prescription, remedy, medication, cure, therapy, therapeutics, regimen.

**treaty** *n.* agreement, contract, pact, entente, covenant, compact, deal, alliance, arrangement, mutual understanding, suspension of hostilities, cease-fire.

**treble** *a.* high-pitched, shrill, soprano. *ANT.* *bass.*

**tree** *n.* hardwood tree, softwood tree, conifer, evergreen, shrub, sapling, timber, acacia, alder, apple, ash, aspen, balsam, banyan, bayberry, beech, birch, breadfruit, butter-nut, cacao, camphor tree, cashew, cedar, cherry, chestnut, chinaberry, cinnamon, clove, coconut, cottonwood, cypress, date palm, dogwood, ebony, elder, elm, eucalyptus, fig, fir, frankincense, ginkgo, grapefruit, guava, gum, hawthorn, hazelnut, hemlock, hickory, holly, hornbeam, ironwood, juniper, larch, laurel, lemon, lime, linden, locust, magnolia, mahogany, mango, mangrove, maple, mimosa, mountain ash, mulberry, nutmeg, oak, olive, orange, palm, papaw, papaya, peach, pear, pecan, persimmon, pine, pistachio, plum, pomegranate, poplar, redwood, rosewood, sandalwood, sassafras, satinwood, sequoia, spruce, sycamore, tamarack, tamarind, tangerine, teak, tulip oak, walnut, willow, witch hazel, yew. SEE JUNGLE, FOREST

## WORD FIND

**bristles growing out of leaves:** beard

**center of trunk:** heartwood

**covering:** bark

**cultivates, one who:** arborculturist

**cultivation of:** arborculture

**dwarfed or stunted, Japanese variety of:** bonsai

**fantastically shaped, as an animal, by pruning:** topiary

**flaky bark, such as birch:** scurf

**fungus sometimes growing out of side:** conk

**garden of:** arboretum

**giant:** redwood, sequoia

**growth rings to determine past climate, study of:** dendrochronology

**leaf-shedding:** deciduous

**pertaining to:** arboreal

**pitch hole:** pitch pocket

**region, trees of a:** sylva

**ring marking past location of branch, tough:** knot

**rings of trunk from which age can be determined:** growth rings

**root, central:** taproot

**rope and thread, inner bark used in:** bast

**rotting leaves and debris collected under a tree:** litter

**sap or resin, excretes:** gland

**secretion:** resin, sap

**shady recess created by boughs:** bower

**stub:** stump

**studies trees, one who:** dendrologist

**study of:** dendrology

**thicket of shrubby trees:** chaparral, copse

**thick with branches:** ramose

**top cut to stimulate growth, tree with:** pollard

**trunk:** bole, stock

**tumor in which insect lives:** gall

**twisted:** gnarled

**uppermost story of leaves:** canopy, crown

**walk, tree-bordered:** alameda

**wartlike protuberance:** burl

**wind, knocked over by or off by wind:** windfall, windthrow

**wind, line of trees planted to check:** windbreak

**wood between bark and heartwood:** sapwood

**trek** *n.* journey, trip, odyssey, walk, hike, expedition, peregrination, march, migration, exodus, voyage.

**trek** *v.* walk, hike, \*hoof it, slog, plod, trudge, tramp, \*beat feet, hobble along, journey, travel, migrate, roam, rove, range.

**trellis** *n.* lattice, latticework, espalier, pergola, grate, grid, arbor, bower.

**tremble** *v.* shake, shiver, quiver, shudder, quake, quaver, flutter, shake like a leaf, tremor, oscillate, throb.

**tremendous** *a.* 1. ENORMOUS huge, gigantic, colossal, monumental, massive, titanic, whopping, great, grand, monstrous, gargantuan. 2. WONDERFUL great, extraordinary, fantastic, fabulous, \*super, excellent, marvelous,

\*out of this world. 3. TERRIFYING horrifying, dreadful, unnerving, frightening, scary, \*bloodcurdling, shocking, horrendous, monstrous. *ANT.* 1. *tiny, miniscule, puny, microscopic, insignificant.* 2. *terrible, awful, rotten.* 3. *comforting, reassuring.*

**tremor** *n.* shaking, tremble, shiver, shudder, quaking, quaver, fluttering, throb, quiver, ripple, trepidation.

**tremulous** *a.* 1. TREMBLING shaking, shaky, shivering, shuddering, fluttering, throbbing, quivering, quavering, rippling. 2. FEARFUL scared, timid, timorous, cowardly, flinching, fainthearted, anxious, nervous. *ANT.* 1. *steady, still.* 2. *fearless, calm, relaxed.*

**trench** *n.* ditch, furrow, hole, excavation, channel, gully, fosse, moat, arroyo, gutter, conduit, drain, cut.

**TRENCHANT** *a.* [TRENCH unt] sharp, scathing, or penetrating. *He gave a trenchant critique of the movie.* *SYN.* sharp, scathing, cutting, biting, pointed, caustic, acerbic, sarcastic, penetrating, incisive, keen, strong, forceful. *ANT.* *mild, dull, weak, \*watered-down.*

**trend** *n.* direction, course, drift, tendency, prevalence, inclination, track, flow, fashion, style, \*in thing, rage, craze, fad, vogue.

**trend** *v.* run, tend, course, flow, incline, go, lean, drift, gravitate, move.

**trendy** *a.* *Sl.* en vogue, fashionable, \*in, stylish, current, \*now, \*mod, modern, \*hip, \*up-to-the-minute, \*cutting edge, \*with it, contemporary. *ANT.* *old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete, passé, \*out of it, \*out.*

**TREPIDATION** *n.* [trep uh DA shun] anxiety, fear, trembling. *We approached the haunted house with trepidation.* *SYN.* anxiety, fear, apprehension, uneasiness, nervousness, worry, dread, misgiving, cold sweat, fright, panic, terror, \*butterflies, \*cold feet, consternation. *ANT.* *calm, composure, \*nerves of steel.*

**trespass** *n.* 1. ENCROACHMENT overstepping of bounds, infringement, invasion, intrusion, incursion, \*offsides. 2. TRANSGRESSION offense, violation, wrong, sin, misdeed, crime, criminal act, felony.

**trespass** *v.* 1. ENCROACH overstep one's bounds, enter unlawfully, invade, infringe, intrude, \*gate-crash. 2. VIOLATE offend, commit a wrong, commit a sin, sin, commit a crime, break the law, transgress, misbehave.

**tress** *n.* lock of hair, plait, braid, ringlet, hank.

**triad** *n.* trinity, trio, threesome.

**trial** *n.* 1. TRYOUT test, try, run, dry run, check, experiment, venture, \*shot, \*crack, \*go, ex-

- amination, essay, trial balloon, road test, lab test, clinical trial, \*double blind, qualifying run. 2. **HARDSHIP** tribulation, test of one's mettle, trial by fire, ordeal, travail, torment, torture, trouble, difficulty, distress, adversity, misfortune, hard times, suffering, grief, \*cross to bear. 3. **COURT PROCEEDING** legal proceeding, hearing, inquisition, jury trial, court case, suit, lawsuit, litigation, action, examination, arraignment, prosecution.
- trial** *a.* testing, experimental, tryout, observational, exploratory, probationary, pilot, tentative, provisional, preliminary, \*watch and see.
- triathlon** *n.* \*iron man contest, marathon.
- tribe** *n.* clan, family, group, ethnic group, race, kin, stock, \*blood brothers, dynasty, community.
- tribulation** *n.* misery, distress, suffering, anguish, woe, affliction, misfortune, pain, grief, hardship, trouble, adversity, tragedy, ordeal, burden. *ANT.* *pleasure, good fortune, joy.*
- tribunal** *n.* court, judiciary, forum, bench, bar.
- tributary** *n.* branch, fork, feeder, stream, brook.
- tribute** *n.* gift, testimonial, gift of praise, applause, eulogy, accolade, honor, respect, acclaim, recognition, acknowledgement.
- trick** *n.* 1. **DECEPTION** artifice, dodge, ruse, \*fast one, machination, device, ploy, subterfuge, hoax, fraud, evasion, feint, fake, cheat, con, decoy. 2. **PRANK** joke, gag, practical joke, stunt, antic, \*monkey business, \*funny business, \*shenanigan, caper. 3. **MAGIC STUNT** sleight of hand, prestidigitation, \*fast shuffle, rabbit out of a hat, \*smoke and mirrors, legerdemain, hocus-pocus, illusion, \*mind-reading, \*mentalism. 4. **TECHNIQUE** method, skill, secret, art, knack.
- trick** *v.* deceive, fool, cheat, take in, \*pull a fast one, hoodwink, hoax, delude, \*pull the wool over one's eyes, \*fake out, \*sucker in, \*rope in, decoy, defraud, swindle, \*play for a fool.
- trickery** *n.* deception, deceit, subterfuge, cheating, fraud, hoax, imposture, delusion, artifice, \*razzle-dazzle, sleight of hand, \*fast shuffle, legerdemain, hocus-pocus, \*smoke and mirrors, chicanery, \*funny business, skuldugery. *ANT.* *honesty, truthfulness, openness.*
- trickle** *n.* dribble, seepage, weeping, flow, sprinkle, leak, stream, running, percolation, drizzling.
- trickle** *v.* dribble, seep, weep, flow, sprinkle, leak, stream, run, percolate, drizzle.
- tricky** *a.* 1. **DECEPTIVE** deceitful, artful, crafty, wily, sly, \*clever like a fox, cunning, underhanded, \*crooked as a three-dollar bill, slippery, cagey, shrewd. 2. **COMPLICATED** complex, intricate, delicate, ticklish, knotty, thorny, touch-and-go. *ANT.* 1. *honest, truthful, open, artless.* 2. *easy, simple, \*a snap.*
- tried and true** *a.* tried, tested, proven, proved, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, standing the test of time, reputable, \*okay.
- trifle** *n.* 1. **TRIVIAL THING** triviality, insignificant matter, nothing, no big thing, \*nothing to sweat about, \*nothing to get worked up about, \*tempest in a teapot, \*molehill. 2. **SMALL AMOUNT** paltry amount, pittance, plug nickel, little, speck, \*thimbleful, drop, \*tad, smidgen, mite. 3. **BAUBLE** knickknack, gewgaw, trinket, gimcrack, bagatelle, toy. *ANT.* 1. \**big deal, monumental matter, weighty matter, \*mountain.* 2. *wealth, bonanza, deluge, mass.*
- trifle** *v.* treat lightly, make light of, play with, toy with, mock, fool with, dally, discount, short-change, laugh off, pass over, \*play games with, disrespect, \*dis. *ANT.* *respect.*
- trifling** *a.* trivial, frivolous, unimportant, insignificant, nominal, inconsequential, petty, minor, worthless, miniscule, piddling, slight, small, negligible, \*not worth a hill of beans. *ANT.* *important, weighty, monumental, crucial.*
- trigger** *n.* impulse, spark, impetus, goad, spur.
- trigger** *v.* set off, initiate, spark, fire, goad, spur, touch off, cause, generate, launch, trip. *ANT.* *dampen, inhibit, stop.*
- trill** *n.* warble, vibrato, tremolo, quaver, chirr, tiralee. *SEE BIRD*
- trill** *v.* warble, quaver, pipe, chirr, tiralee.
- trim** *n.* 1. **CUTTING** clipping, pruning, shaping. 2. **CONDITION** order, shape, fitness. 3. **DECORATION** ornamentation, trimming, adornment, border, edging.
- trim** *v.* 1. **CUT** clip, prune, lop, shear off, snip, shave, crop, bob, pare down, sculpt, reduce, boil down, edit. 2. **DECORATE** ornament, adorn, bedeck, embellish, dress, garnish, festoon, \*spruce up, edge, border.
- trim** *a.* 1. **WELL-PROPORTIONED** shapely, fit, toned, statuesque, slender, thin, svelte. 2. **NEAT** orderly, tidy, shipshape, organized, \*in apple-pie order, uncluttered, groomed. *ANT.* 1. *out of shape, fat, roly-poly, obese.* 2. *messy, sloppy, disarranged.*
- trimming** *n.* overwhelming defeat, loss, beating, thrashing, \*skunk.
- trimmings** *n.* side dishes, extras, fixings, appetizers.
- trinity** *n.* triad, trio, threesome, unit. *SEE TRIO*

**trinket** *n.* bauble, trifle, ornament, toy, gimcrack, gewgaw, knickknack, bagatelle, token, souvenir, keepsake.

**trio** *n.* group of three, unit of three, triad, trinity, threesome, ménage à trois, trilogy, triangle, triplets, troika, triumvirate.

**trip** *n.* 1. JOURNEY voyage, cruise, excursion, trek, expedition, jaunt, junket, outing, hike, flight, run, drive, errand. 2. STUMBLE misstep, fall, tumble, slip, loss of footing, \*header, pratfall, flop, mistake, blunder, faux pas. 3. *Sl.* MIND TRIP \*rush, hallucination, euphoria, \*psychedelic experience, altered state, consciousness raising, \*head trip, \*high, \*buzz.

**trip** *v.* 1. STUMBLE misstep, lose one's footing, fall, tumble, slip, \*take a header, lose one's balance, go headlong, \*fall flat on one's face. 2. MAKE A MISTAKE blunder, \*screw up, slip, err, \*blow it, \*muff, \*flub, commit a faux pas. 3. *Sl.* GET HIGH FROM DRUGS \*catch a buzz, \*have a psychedelic experience, \*fly, experience an altered state, hallucinate.

**tripe** *n.* *Sl.* nonsense, \*baloney, \*BS, \*crap, \*rot, rubbish, garbage, bilge, drivel, trash.

**TRITE** *a.* [TRITE] unoriginal, worn out, lacking freshness. *His writing is uninspired and trite.* SYN. unoriginal, stale, worn out, overused, hackneyed, lacking freshness, cliché, clichéd, stock, threadbare, pedestrian, commonplace, uninspired, stereotyped, tired, shopworn, routine. ANT. *original, fresh, imaginative, new.*

**triumph** *n.* 1. VICTORY success, win, achievement, accomplishment, hit, feat, conquest, score, \*home run, \*grand slam, \*touchdown, \*slam-dunk, coup, tour de force. 2. CELEBRATION elation, rejoicing, happiness, jubilation, exultation, acclamation. ANT. 1. *failure, loss, flop, \*goose egg.* 2. *humiliation, shame, dishonor.*

**triumph** *v.* 1. BE VICTORIOUS win, best, master, defeat, beat, \*blow away, conquest, prevail, \*leave swirling in one's wake, succeed, achieve, accomplish, score, \*hit a home run, \*hit a grand slam, \*throw a touchdown, \*slam-dunk, \*skunk. 2. CELEBRATE rejoice, exult, be elated, bask in the glory, revel, gloat. ANT. 1. *lose, \*blow it, \*choke, flop.* 2. *mope, fret.*

**triumphant** *a.* 1. VICTORIOUS winning, successful, masterful, undefeated, unbeaten, conquering, \*on top, champion. 2. REJOICING celebrating, exultant, elated, proud, basking in glory, gloating. ANT. 1. *defeated, beaten,*

*\*blown away.* 2. *moping, fretting, humiliated, \*taken down a peg, crestfallen.*

**trivia** *n.* 1. INSIGNIFICANT MATTERS trivialities, trifles, minutiae. 2. USELESS INFORMATION tidbits, fascinating facts, memorabilia.

**trivial** *a.* unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential, petty, trifling, slight, picayune, piddling, frivolous, worthless, meaningless, minor, slight, \*rinky-dink, \*penny-ante, paltry. ANT. *important, significant, weighty, monumental.*

**triviality** *n.* trifle, nothing, no big thing, \*no big deal, \*nothing to sweat about, \*nothing to get worked up about, detail.

**troglydote** *n.* caveman, cave-dweller, Neanderthal, anthropoid, brute, beast, animal, ape, recluse, hermit.

**troika** *n.* triumvirate, trinity, group of three. SEE TRIO

**troll** *n.* mythical beast, giant, goblin, hobgoblin, ogre, monster, imp, gnome, dwarf, troglodyte.

**trolley** *n.* streetcar, tram, cart.

**troop** *n.* group, herd, flock, throng, crowd, band, gang, assembly, assemblage, bunch, swarm, host, multitude.

**troop** *v.* walk, pass, march, parade, file, swarm, tramp, hike.

**troops** *n.* soldiers, military, men, infantry, G.I.s, armed forces, army, marines, corps, squad, combatants, cannon fodder. SEE ARMY

**trophy** *n.* prize, award, cup, loving cup, medal, laurel, plaque, blue ribbon, recognition, honor, citation, memorial.

**tropical** *a.* hot, humid, sweltering, torrid, sultry, \*like a steambath, steamy, sticky, damp, muggy, close, oppressive, equatorial. ANT. *frigid, icy, snowy, polar.*

**trot** *n.* jog, run, lope, gait, canter. SEE HORSE

**trot** *v.* jog, run, lope, canter, amble, hurry along, move along quickly, \*clip-clip.

**trot out** *v.* show, display, exhibit, parade, show off.

**troubador** *n.* poet, songwriter, balladeer, lyricist, singer, minstrel.

**trouble** *n.* 1. DIFFICULTY distress, problem, predicament, hardship, \*hot water, \*fix, mess, \*scrape, \*deep doodoo, spot, dire straits, bind, hole, jam, \*pickle, \*sticky wicket, adversity, bad news, misfortune, heavy weather, danger, calamity, tribulation, pain, suffering, misery, grief, woe. "The tools by which God fashions us for better things."—Henry Ward Beecher. "What you make it."—Ed-

mund Cooke. 2. **DISTURBANCE** agitation, turmoil, disorder, unrest, rebellion, discord, upset, discontent. 3. **BOTHER** effort, pains, inconvenience, difficulty, headache, work, labor, stress, strain, exertion, \*pain in the neck, \*pain in the ass. 4. **TROUBLING PERSON OR THING** \*pain, \*pain in the neck, \*pain in the ass, \*bad news, troublemaker, nuisance, nag. *ANT.* 1. *ease, pleasure.* 2. *peace, tranquility, calm.*

**trouble** *v.* 1. **DISTURB** bother, inconvenience, put out, discommode, \*bug, impose upon, harass, burden, distress, perturb, pain, worry, upset, stress, agitate, fluster. 2. **MAKE AN EFFORT** take pains, exert.

**troublemaker** *n.* agitator, mischief-maker, imp, devil, hellion, pest, rebel, agent provocateur, \*pain in the neck, \*pain in the ass, instigator, incendiary, firebrand, malcontent, enfant terrible. *ANT.* *pacifist, peacemaker, angel.*

**troubleshooter** *n.* repairman, repair person, maintenance person, technician, serviceman, \*Mr. Fixit.

**troublesome** *a.* difficult, bothersome, distressful, stressful, hard, challenging, demanding, tough, taxing, trying, burdensome, tricky, complex, complicated, thorny, convoluted, vexing, irritating, irksome. *ANT.* *easy, simple, undemanding, untroubling, \*a breeze.*

**trough** *n.* channel, gutter, hollow, trench, ditch, culvert, drain, sluice, moat.

**trounce** *v.* beat, thrash, whip, flog, \*whoop, \*whale on, defeat, \*lick, \*skunk, \*kick butt, rout, drub, best, overwhelm, \*walk all over, \*kill, \*shellac. *ANT.* *lose, \*choke, fail, be beaten soundly.*

**troupe** *n.* troop, cast, company, band, group, performers, actors, thespians, stock company. *SEE* THEATER

**trousers** *n.* pants, slacks, breeches, \*britches, pantaloons, jeans, dungarees, overalls, corduroys, \*cords. *SEE* PANTS

**trousseau** *n.* outfit, clothes, bundle.

**truant** *n.* absentee, malingerer, shirker, dodger, \*goldbricker, idler, \*goof-off, layabout, juvenile delinquent.

**truant** *a.* absent, \*playing hooky, \*cutting class, \*skipping school, absent without leave, AWOL.

**truce** *n.* armistice, cease-fire, peace treaty, peace agreement, cessation of hostilities, suspension of hostilities, reconciliation, \*white flag.

**truck** *n.* 1. \***BIG RIG** eighteen-wheeler, tractor-trailer, trailer truck, \*semi, \*flatface, flatbed, dump truck, \*pickup, van, panel truck, lorry. 2. **DEALINGS** relationship, association, busi-

ness, transactions, commerce, barter, trading, buying and selling.

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**WORD FIND**

**cab with sleeping department:** sleeper  
**driver and passenger portion:** cab

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**truck** *v.* haul, transport, carry, ship, transfer, convey, run.

**truckle** *v.* cringe, toady, \*kiss up, \*brownnose, kowtow, bow before, bow and scrape, grovel, \*fall all over, \*suck up to, fawn, \*bootlick, submit. *ANT.* *dominate, stand up to, resist.*

**truculent** *a.* fierce, mean, harsh, pugnacious, nasty, hostile, belligerent, combative, brutal, ferocious, savage, vicious, ruthless, murderous, cruel, rude. *ANT.* *pleasant, good-natured, good-humored, nice.*

**trudge** *n.* walk, tramp, slogging, plodding, hike, \*schlepp.

**trudge** *v.* walk, tramp, slog, plod, hike, traipse, \*schlepp, clomp, \*drag one's feet, stump, hobble.

**true** *a.* 1. **FACTUAL** real, actual, valid, legitimate, bona fide, accurate, correct, genuine, authentic, veracious, verified, proven, confirmed, straight, literal, beyond question, right. 2. **FAITHFUL** loyal, allegiant, devoted, dedicated, trustworthy, steady, reliable, dependable, constant, staunch, pure, dutiful, patriotic, \*true-blue. 3. **RIGHTFUL** lawful, legitimate, legal. 4. **FITTED** aligned, level, plumb. *ANT.* 1. *untrue, false, fictional, imaginary.* 2. *disloyal, unfaithful, backstabbing.* 3. *illegal, illegitimate, unlawful.* 4. *misaligned, skewed.*

**true** *adv.* truly, truthfully, honestly, accurately, correctly, precisely, exactly. *ANT.* *falsely, untruthfully.*

**true-blue** *a.* faithful, loyal, tried and true. *SEE* TRUE

**truffle** *n.* fungi, mushroom, delicacy.

**truism** *n.* platitude, cliché, bromide, saw, commonplace, axiom, fact, maxim, aphorism, truth, universal truth.

**truly** *adv.* truthfully, honestly, accurately, correctly, genuinely, unquestionably, really, sincerely, actually, literally. *ANT.* *falsely, questionably, inaccurately.*

**trump** *v.* surpass, outdo, outsmart, outwit, best, defeat, outperform, excel, beat, outscore, vanquish.

**trumped up** *a.* false, made up, fraudulent, concocted, invented, fabricated, devised, \*cooked up. *ANT.* *legitimate.*

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**trumpet** *n.* 1. HORN wind instrument, bugle, flugelhorn. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT 2. CLARION BLAST toot, trumpeting, fanfare, blare, honk.

**trumpet** *v.* proclaim, announce, herald, cry out.

**truncate** *v.* cut off, shorten, lop, clip, trim, prune, pare, dock, curtail, abbreviate.

**truncheon** *n.* baton, billy club, cudgel, stick, bat, blackjack, mace.

**trundle** *v.* roll along, wheel.

**trunk** *n.* chest, box, footlocker, coffer, container, case, \*Saratoga trunk.

**trunks** *n.* shorts, swim shorts, breeches.

**truss** *n.* framework, bracing, girders, support.

**truss** *v.* 1. TIE bind. 2. SUPPORT hold up, prop, strengthen.

**trust** *n.* 1. CONFIDENCE belief, faith, hope, store, reliance, assurance, certainty, conviction, security. 2. CARE keeping, safekeeping, custody, responsibility, charge, guardianship, protection, watchful eye. 3. CORPORATION monopoly, cartel, company, conglomeration. *ANT.* 1. *distrust, doubt, reservations.*

**trust** *v.* 1. BELIEVE IN have confidence in, have faith in, set store by, rely on, take stock in, depend on, bank on, count on, swear by. 2. HOPE be optimistic, assume, anticipate. 3. ENTRUST give for safekeeping, assign. *ANT.* 1. *distrust, disbelieve, have reservations about.*

**trustee** *n.* warden, custodian, agent, executor, fiduciary.

**trusting** *a.* trustful, believing, credulous, gullible, unquestioning, unsuspecting, confident, naive, innocent, oblivious. *ANT.* *suspicious, wary, cynical, skeptical.*

**trustworthy** *a.* reliable, dependable, honest, honorable, tried and true, upright, ethical, responsible, truthful, loyal, faithful, principled, \*okay. *ANT.* *dishonest, dishonorable, unreliable, irresponsible.*

**trusty** *a.* SEE TRUSTWORTHY

**truth** *n.* 1. REALITY facts, factualness, actuality, veracity, verity, \*gospel, \*naked truth, \*unvarnished truth, plain truth, truthfulness, accuracy. "The heart of morality."—Thomas Henry Huxley. "The strongest argument."—Sophocles. "A jewel which should not be painted over; but it may be set to advantage and shown in a good light."—George Santayana. 2. FACT principle, rule, universal truth, certainty, truism, axiom, platitude. *ANT.* 1. *fiction, imagination.* 2. *lie, falsehood.*

**truthful** *a.* 1. HONEST straight, candid, plain-spoken, frank, \*on the level, \*from the heart,

sincere, straightforward, forthright, veracious. 2. ACCURATE precise, exact, literal, true, factual, real. *ANT.* 1. *dishonest, insincere, deceitful.* 2. *inaccurate, inexact, exaggerated.*

**try** *n.* attempt, \*shot, \*crack, \*whirl, \*go, \*stab, effort, trial, turn, essay.

**try** *v.* 1. ATTEMPT endeavor, \*take a shot at, \*take a crack at, \*give it a whirl, \*give it a go, \*make a stab at, make an effort, take a turn, make a bid for, undertake, essay, venture, strive, \*knock oneself out, struggle, do one's best, work hard, labor, vie for, \*buckle down, \*go all out, \*give it the old college try. 2. TEST experiment, try out, evaluate, examine, assay, \*put to the test, \*check out, appraise, prove, sample, taste. 3. BRING A CASE TO COURT hear a case, adjudicate, judge, examine, decide. 4. STRAIN stress, burden, tax, weary, trouble, sap.

**trying** *a.* stressful, taxing, exasperating, draining, irritating, annoying, irksome, tiresome, wearisome, burdensome, hard, troublesome, aggravating. *ANT.* *pleasurable, easy, relaxing.*

**tryout** *n.* audition, test, \*cattle call, trial, demonstration, hearing, \*shot, opportunity, \*opportunity to strut one's stuff. SEE THEATER, SPORT(S)

**TRYST** *n.* [TRIST] a secret rendezvous made by lovers, an appointment to meet. *The boss and his secretary had a tryst every Friday night after work.* *SYN.* rendezvous, meeting, appointment, date, engagement, assignation.

**T-shirt** *n.* tee-shirt, undershirt, pullover, \*muscle shirt. SEE SHIRT

**tsunami** *n.* tidal wave, deluge, flood, tidal bore, eage, surge, giant sea swell. SEE OCEAN

**tub** *n.* bathtub, bath, hot tub, washtub, vessel, vat, tank, cask, keg, barrel.

**tuba** *n.* helicon. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT

**tubby** *a.* squat, chubby, chunky, fat, pudgy, dumpty. *ANT.* *lithe, slender.*

**tube** *n.* cylinder, pipe, conduit, hose, duct, catheter, drain, conductor, line, inlet, outlet, shaft, tunnel, subway.

**tubercle** *n.* projection, growth, wart, nub, knob, node, nodule, protuberance, tumor.

**tubular** *a.* cylindrical.

**tuck** *n.* fold, pleat, crease, gather, pucker.

**tuck** *v.* 1. FOLD OR STICK enfold, gather, pleat, insert, stuff, cram. 2. WRAP enfold, cover, swaddle, swath, enwrap, blanket.

**tucked out** *a.* tired, exhausted, worn out, weary, fatigued, \*wiped out, spent, drained,

- \*pooped, \*dog tired. *ANT. invigorated, energized.*
- tuft** *n.* clump of hair, cluster, bunch, knot, wisp, thatch, lock, shock, cowlick, topknot, plume, tassel, tussock. *SEE HAIR*
- tug** *n.* pull, yank, heave, tow, drag, haul, jerk, wrench.
- tug** *v.* pull, yank, heave, tow, drag, haul, jerk, wrench, draft, \*lug, draw, wrestle, \*muscle.
- tuition** *n.* schooling fee, charge, cost of education.
- tumble** *v.* 1. ROLL OR FALL somersault, hand-spring, stumble, trip, \*header, \*pratfall, spill, flop, crash, slip, dive. 2. DISORDER mess, confusion, jumble, disarray, chaos, heap.
- tumble** *v.* 1. ROLL OR FALL somersault, hand-spring, stumble, trip, \*take a header, \*do a pratfall, spill, flop, crash, slip, dive, drop, pitch, topple, plunge, \*lose one's footing, \*go flying, collapse, plummet, nosedive.
- tumbledown** *a.* dilapidated, rickety, unstable, broken-down, shaky, unsteady, ramshackle, \*ready to collapse at the word boo, crumbling, rundown, decrepit, condemned. *ANT. rock-solid, secure, stable, sturdy.*
- tumescent** *a.* swollen, distended, bloated, turgid, puffed up, enlarged, tumid, \*ballooned out, bulging. *ANT. limp, flaccid, deflated.*
- tummy** *n.* abdomen, belly, gut. *SEE STOMACH*
- tumor** *n.* growth, mass, tissue mass, neoplasm, lump, carcinoma, sarcoma, cancer, melanoma, malignancy, cyst, polyp. *SEE CANCER*
- tumult** *n.* uproar, commotion, disturbance, hubbub, clamor, hullabaloo, pandemonium, upheaval, turmoil, furor, bedlam, ferment, \*to-do, ado, riot. *ANT. peace, calm, tranquility.*
- TUMULTUOUS** *a.* [tuh MUL choo us] uproarious, loud, wild, turbulent. *The meeting turned tumultuous after it was announced that taxes would be raised.* *SYN. uproarious, loud, noisy, wild, turbulent, clamorous, riotous, stormy, tempestuous, vociferous, raging, violent, raucous, out of control, rowdy, boisterous. ANT. peaceful, calm, tranquil.*
- tundra** *n.* plain, wasteland.
- tune** *n.* 1. MELODY song, \*ditty, air, number, composition, piece, aria, strain, ballad. 2. PITCH agreement, harmony, concord, conformity, calibration. *SEE OPERA, MUSIC, SONG*
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- WORD FIND**
- catchy part:** hook, chorus
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- tune** *v.* adjust, put in tune, pitch, harmonize, align, calibrate.
- tuneful** *a.* melodious, melodic, musical, harmonious, lyrical, euphonious, euphonic, symphonic, pleasing to the ear, \*catchy. *ANT. cacophonous, discordant, jarring.*
- tunic** *n.* coat, toga, frock, jupon, gipon, garment, blouse, vestment.
- tunnel** *n.* subway, subterranean passage, tube, mine, mineshaft, \*chunnel, underpass, burrow, hole. *SEE CAVE*
- tunnel** *v.* dig, burrow, excavate, cut, mine, blast out.
- tunnel vision** *n.* narrow outlook, shortsightedness, myopia.
- turban** *n.* headdress, head covering, hat, scarf, bandanna, tarboosh.
- turbid** *a.* muddy, cloudy, murky, unclear, dirty, filthy, opaque, thick, soupy, roily, agitated, stirred-up. *ANT. clear, crystal, transparent, limpid.*
- turbine** *n.* engine, motor, power source, \*work horse, generator. *SEE MOTOR*
- turbulence** *n.* agitation, violence, swirling, commotion, instability, roughness, disturbance, turmoil, tumult, storminess, wildness, wind shear, gustiness. *ANT. calm, quiet, motionlessness.*
- turbulent** *a.* agitated, wild, violent, riled up, swirling, full of commotion, unstable, rough, disturbed, tumultuous, stormy, tempestuous, gusty, choppy. *ANT. peaceful, calm, tranquil, still, smooth.*
- turf** *n.* 1. SOD earth, clod, clump, divot, sward, grass, patch. 2. *Sl.* ONE'S TERRITORY neighborhood, ground, home ground, domain, \*stomping grounds, backyard.
- turgid** *a.* 1. SWOLLEN distended, bloated, puffed up, tumescent, tumid, inflated, \*ballooned out. 2. BOMBASTIC inflated, overblown, grandiose, grandiloquent, florid, pompous, orotund, flatulent. *ANT. 1. flaccid, deflated. 2. concise, succinct.*
- turkey** *n.* *Sl.* 1. FAILURE flop, \*bomb, \*dog, loser, \*clunker, \*clinker, \*dud, \*Edsel, \*lemon, \*washout. 2. JERK loser, ass, \*bozo, clown.
- turmoil** *n.* turbulence, commotion, tumult, uproar, disturbance, agitation, unrest, wildness, chaos, confusion, disorder, pandemonium, bedlam. *ANT. peace, calm, tranquility.*
- turn** *n.* 1. REVOLUTION rotation, gyration, circle, curving, circuit, cycle, gyre, spin, twirl, eddy, whirl, roll, about-face, deviation, pivot, twist, shift, winding, convolution. 2. CHANGE OF DIRECTION change of course,

- deviation, swerve, turnabout, reversal, divergence, shift, switch, curve, detour, fork, shunt, deflection. 3. CURVE bend, hairpin turn, S-curve, zigzag, U-turn, arc, tack, dog-leg, oxbow, hook. 4. OPPORTUNITY \*crack, \*shot, try, move, time, chance, go, \*whack, spell. 5. SHOCK fright, start, scare. 6. ACTION act, deed, favor, kindness, service.
- turn** *v.* 1. REVOLVE rotate, go round, wheel, gyrate, circle, make a circuit, cycle, spin, whirl, eddy, whirl, roll, pivot, wind, crank, curve, swerve, veer. 2. CHANGE DIRECTION change course, curve, swerve, veer, deviate, diverge, detour, sidetrack, shunt, \*take a fork in the road, diverge, reverse, loop, do an about-face, make a U-turn, follow a serpentine path, zigzag. 3. REVERSE invert, transpose, flip over, turn upside down, turn inside out. 4. CHANGE transform, alter, metamorphose, convert, transmute, mutate, transmogrify, reconstruct, remodel. 5. GO SOUR go bad, spoil, ferment, curdle, putrefy, rot, become tainted. 6. SICKEN nauseate, unsettle. 7. TWIST, AS AN ANKLE sprain, wrench, dislocate, throw out of joint.
- turnabout** *n.* about-face, reversal, shift, volte-face, turnaround, \*switcheroo, \*a 180, \*flip-flop, backpedaling.
- turncoat** *n.* traitor, betrayer, renegade, Judas, Benedict Arnold, backstabber, \*double-crosser, \*two-timer, snake, \*squealer, \*fink.
- turndown** *n.* rejection, no, rebuff, \*nix, \*thumbs-down, refusal, declining, disapproval, \*no-go, veto. *ANT.* acceptance, approval, okay.
- turn down** *v.* reject, say no to, rebuff, \*give a thumbs-down, refuse, decline, disapprove, \*nix, veto, \*shoot down. *ANT.* accept, okay, approve.
- turning point** *n.* crossroads, pivotal moment, critical moment, crisis point, juncture, \*zero hour, Rubicon, point of no return.
- turn off** *v.* *Sl.* bore, disinterest, \*put to sleep, disgust, \*make one sick, nauseate, sicken, \*turn one's stomach. *ANT.* turn on, excite.
- turn on** *v.* *Sl.* stimulate, excite, titillate, arouse, \*get one's motor running, \*charge one's battery, impassion, \*make hot. *ANT.* \*turn off, disgust, sicken.
- turnout** *n.* 1. GATHERING, NUMBER crowd, multitude, gathering, assemblage, gate, showing, collection, mob, bunch, swarm. 2. OUTPUT production, productivity, yield, amount.
- turn out** *v.* make, produce, manufacture, fabricate, build, construct, put out.
- turn over** *v.* flip, overturn, upset, upend, capsize, tip, \*turn turtle.
- turnpike** *n.* toll highway, toll road, interstate, expressway, superhighway, pike. *SEE* STREET
- TURPITUDE** *n.* [TUR pi TOOD] depravity, wickedness. *She divorced him because of his moral turpitude.* *SYN.* depravity, wickedness, immorality, corruption, vileness, baseness, evil, nastiness, sinfulness, vice, perversion. *ANT.* morality, virtue, uprightness, goodness.
- turret** *n.* tower, bartizan, watchtower, lookout, cupola, steeple. *SEE* TOWER
- tush** *n.* rump, \*fanny, rear, gluteus maximus. *SEE* BUTTOCKS
- turtle** *n.* terrapin, chelonian, tortoise, snapping turtle, reptile.
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- WORD FIND**
- shell:** carapace, plastron
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- tusk** *n.* tooth, fang, ivory.
- tussle** *n.* struggle, scuffle, fight, wrestling match, boxing match, \*scrap, contest, combat, \*tug-of-war, battle, conflict, fray, brawl, clash, \*locking of horns, melee, donnybrook, \*rumble.
- tussle** *v.* struggle, scuffle, fight, wrestle, box, \*scrap, contest, combat, \*have a tug-of-war, battle, conflict, brawl, clash, \*lock horns, grapple.
- tussock** *n.* tuft, clump, thicket.
- TUTELAGE** *n.* [TOOT ul ij] teaching, instruction, or care. *Under the tutelage of his current coach, he won three championships.* *SYN.* teaching, instruction, tutoring, schooling, training, coaching, guidance, direction, care, guardianship, supervision.
- tutor** *n.* teacher, private teacher, instructor, private instructor, coach, mentor, educator, trainer, guide, guru, master.
- tutor** *v.* teach, instruct, coach, educate, train, enlighten, cram, \*show the ropes, \*drum into, drill.
- TV** *n.* \*telly, video, \*idiot box. *SEE* TELEVISION
- twaddle** *n.* nonsense, foolishness, balderdash, \*rot, \*rubbish, \*crap, claptrap, drivel, prattle, tripe, blather, hogwash, \*piffle.
- tweak** *n.* pinch, twist, turn, squeeze, nip, yank.
- tweak** *v.* pinch, twist, turn, squeeze, nip, yank.
- tweet** *n.* chirp, chip, cheep, chirrup, twitter. *SEE* BIRD
- tweezers** *n.* nippers, pincers, forceps, tongs.
- twiddle** *v.* twirl, tweak, twist, spin, finger, fiddle with, toy with, trifle with, fool with.

**twig** *n.* branch, limb, shoot, bough, stick, stem, sprig, offshoot.

**twilight** *n.* 1. DUSK gloam, sundown, sunset, eventide, nightfall, evening, moonrise, \*shank of the evening, \*gauzy light of dawn, \*premonition of dawn. 2. DECLINE last days, \*last gasp, swan song, ebb, \*final curtain, passing, retirement.

**twilight zone** *n.* hallucinatory state, hypnagogic state, \*dream world, nightmare world.

**twin** *n.* double, match, fellow, duplicate, mirror image, carbon copy, clone, counterpart, \*dead ringer, mate, alter ego, brother, sister, identical twin, fraternal twin, Siamese twin.

**twin** *a.* dual, double, paired, duplicate, matching, same, corresponding, mirroring, identical, fellow. *ANT.* *different, dissimilar.*

**twine** *n.* 1. STRING thread, cord, cordage, yarn, rope, hemp, braid, line, cable. 2. TANGLE knot, snarl, twist.

**twine** *v.* intertwine, interlace, entwine, twist, plait, braid, knit, weave, coil, wreath.

**twinge** *n.* 1. PAIN pang, stab, stabbing, stitch, twitch, pinch, cramp, prick, spasm, shooting pain. 2. REMORSE qualm, regret, pang of conscience, misgiving.

**twinkle** *n.* scintillation, flicker, flash, sparkle, glint, glimmer, shimmering, gleam, glitter, spark, wink.

**twinkle** *v.* scintillate, flicker, flash, sparkle, glint, glimmer, shimmer, gleam, glitter, spark, wink.

**twinkling** *n.* instant, split second, wink, blink of an eye, heartbeat, flash, moment.

**twirl** *v.* spin, rotate, whirl, wheel, turn, pirouette, revolve, pivot, gyrate, twist.

**twist** *n.* 1. KNOT turn, winding, twine, twining, braid, kink. 2. ROTATION twirl, spin, revolution, torsion. 3. SPRAIN wrench, turn. 4. TURN IN THE ROAD curve, zigzag, S-curve, hairpin turn, bend, snake. 5. QUIRK eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity, oddity, abnormality, aberration. 6. DISTORTION perversion, misrepresentation, misinterpretation, falsification, slant. 7. UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT plot twist, surprise, invention.

**twist** *v.* 1. KNOT turn, wind, twine, braid, kink, entwine, tangle, plait, braid. 2. ROTATE turn, spin, twirl. 3. SPRAIN wrench, turn. 4. TURN IN THE ROAD curve, zigzag, bend, snake, follow a serpentine pattern. 5. DISTORT pervert, misrepresent, misstate, misinterpret, falsify, slant, lie, misconstrue.

**twisted** *a.* 1. KNOTTED wound up, balled up, entwined, full of kinks, tangled, plaited, braided, convoluted, crooked. 2. DISTORTED

wrong, inaccurate, mixed-up. 3. PERVERTED eccentric, weird. *ANT.* 1. *smoothed, untangled.* 2. *true, accurate.* 3. *normal, sane.*

**twister** *n.* cyclone, whirlwind. SEE TORNADO

**twit** *n.* idiot, jerk. SEE MORON

**twit** *v.* reproach, tease, taunt, \*dig, \*razz, gibe, make fun of, kid, \*rib, \*rag on, disparage.

**twitch** *n.* jerk, spasm, tic, quiver, shiver, quaver, tremor, shake, throb.

**twitch** *v.* jerk, go into spasms, quiver, shiver, quaver, tremor, shake, throb, convulse, flutter, vellicate.

**twitter** *n.* chirping, singing, chirruping, whistling, tweeting, warbling, trilling. SEE BIRD

**twitter** *v.* chirp, sing, chirrup, vocalize, call, chatter, warble, trill, tweet, whistle. SEE BIRD

**two-bit** *a.* cheap, inferior, gaudy, \*bush, \*bush-league, dime-a-dozen, \*one-horse, \*tinhorn, small-time, piddling, second-rate. *ANT.* *first-rate, superior, big-league.*

**two-faced** *a.* deceitful, insincere, double-dealing, treacherous, Janus-faced, hypocritical, disingenuous, dishonest, backstabbing, disloyal. *ANT.* *loyal, \*real, honest, sincere.*

**two-time** *v.* *Sl.* betray, cheat, deceive, backstab, stab in the back, be unfaithful, be disloyal.

**tycoon** *n.* industrialist, mogul, financier, magnate, capitalist, \*big shot, bigwig, \*big wheel, big-time operator, enterpriser, businessman. SEE BUSINESS

**tyke** *n.* child, toddler, \*little shaver, brat, imp.

**type** *n.* 1. KIND sort, class, breed, order, species, variety, persuasion, cast, genre, form, classification, genus, family, stock. 2. EXAMPLE model, archetype, pattern, standard, epitome, personification, essence, rule. 3. CHARACTERS typeface, printing, font.

**type** *v.* 1. CLASSIFY categorize, sort, stamp, class, grade, order. 2. TYPEWRITE \*hunt and peck, \*touchtype, \*bang out, key in, word process.

**Type A** *n.* hostile personality, \*high octane personality, \*hot reactor, aggressive personality.

**typewriter** *n.* word processor, office machine, portable.

**typhoon** *n.* tropical storm, cyclone, hurricane, rain storm, deluge.

**typical** *a.* normal, standard, average, common, regular, usual, conventional, expected, habitual, stock, par, ordinary, run-of-the-mill. *ANT.* *atypical, unusual, extraordinary, unexpected.*

**typecast** *v.* stereotype.

**typify** *v.* exemplify, represent, personify, epitomize, embody, characterize, stand for, denote, serve as an example.

**typist** *n.* word processor, secretary, clerk, office worker.

**typo** *n.* typographical error, spelling error.

**tyrannical** *a.* despotic, dictatorial, autocratic, ironhanded, authoritarian, high-handed, domineering, oppressive, cruel, harsh, unjust, arbitrary. *ANT.* *democratic.*

**tyrannize** *v.* dictate, rule with an iron hand, dominate, oppress, bully, order around, \*jackboot into submission, \*keep under one's thumb, step on, intimidate, subdue. *ANT.* *rule democratically.*

**tyranny** *n.* dictatorship, autocracy, totalitarianism, despotism, oppression, reign of terror, iron hand, \*jackboot authority, iron rule, domination, authoritarianism, brutality, cruelty, severity. "Oppression, and sword-law."—John Milton. "The worst of treasons."—Lord Byron. *SEE* GOVERNMENT

**tyrant** *n.* dictator, despot, autocrat, authoritarian, \*Hitler, fascist, bully, absolute ruler, oppressor, overlord. "Nothing but a slave turned inside-out."—Herbert Spencer.

**tyro** *n.* beginner, novice, amateur, \*rookie, \*greenhorn, neophyte, novitiate, raw recruit, \*tenderfoot, trainee. *ANT.* *expert, master, professional, \*old hand.*

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**UBIQUITOUS** *a.* [yoo BIK wuh tus] present everywhere at the same time, or seemingly so, omnipresent. *The faithful believe God is ubiquitous.* SYN. everywhere, omnipresent, widespread, all-over, pervasive, universal, worldwide, far and wide, to the four corners of the earth.

**U-boat** *n.* \*steel shark. SEE SUBMARINE

**UFO** *n.* unidentified flying object, flying saucer, \*bogey, extraterrestrial spacecraft.

**ugliness** *n.* unattractiveness, repulsiveness, homeliness, grotesqueness, unsightliness, plainness, deformity, monstrosity, hideousness, eyesore. ANT. *beauty, attractiveness, loveliness.*

**ugly** *a.* 1. UNATTRACTIVE repulsive, homely, hideous, unbecoming, grotesque, unsightly, plain, deformed, monstrous, revolting, \*gross, misshapen, unappealing, \*toad-faced, \*rat-faced, \*fish-faced, \*not much on looks, \*has a great personality, an eyesore. 2. DISAGREEABLE, BAD offensive, objectionable, unpleasant, disgusting, nasty, repugnant, repellent, obnoxious, sickening, nauseating, vile, distasteful. 3. THREATENING ominous, menacing, forbidding, portentous, dangerous, black, sinister, malevolent, malignant. 4. CROSS ill-tempered, \*mad, angry, \*pissed, quarrelsome, bad-tempered, surly, mean, nasty, cantankerous. ANT. 1. *attractive, beautiful, lovely, appealing.* 2. *agreeable, pleasant, good.* 3. *auspicious, harmless, promising.* 4. *good-natured, good-humored, easygoing.*

**ulcer** *n.* ulceration, sore, peptic ulcer, canker, abscess, festering, lesion.

**ulcerous** *a.* ulcerated, cankerous, cankered, festering, sore. ANT. *healthy, healing, clean.*

**ULTERIOR** *a.* [ul TEER ee er] undisclosed, hidden, beyond what is spoken. *John said he wanted to judge the beauty pageant for the money, but we suspected he had an ulterior motive.* SYN. undisclosed, hidden, unspoken, unexpressed, covert, remote, unrevealed, concealed, personal. ANT. *expressed, obvious, evident.*

**ultimate** *n.* greatest, highest, best, height, top, pinnacle, summit, peak, last word, ne plus ultra, culmination. ANT. *lowest, minimum.*

**ultimate** *a.* 1. UTMOST maximum, highest, greatest, uppermost, supreme, paramount, extreme, best, superlative, preeminent. 2. FINAL conclusive, last, concluding, ending, completing, finishing, terminal, terminating, closing, furthest, farthest, eventual. ANT. 1. *lowest, minimum, worst.* 2. *beginning, initial, opening.*

**ultimately** *adv.* in the end, finally, eventually, sooner or later, at last, after all, after all is said and done.

**ultimatum** *n.* last offer, final proposal, demand, last chance, warning.

**ultra** *a.* extreme, beyond, excessive, radical, extravagant, inordinate, extraordinary, above and beyond, drastic.

**ultramodern** *a.* futuristic, advanced, ahead of its time, \*cutting edge. ANT. *old-fashioned, archaic, passé*

**ululate** *v.* howl, wail, lament.

**umbrage** *n.* offense, resentment, indignation, hurt, displeasure, grudge, pique, anger, huff. ANT. *pleasure.*

**umbrella** *n.* parasol, shade, sunshade, cover, canopy, bumbershoot. "A portable roof."—Leonard Levinson.

**umpire** *n.* judge, referee, arbiter, arbitrator, mediator, adjudicator, \*ump.

**unable** *a.* incapable, not up to, helpless, powerless, incompetent, ineffectual, ineffective, impotent, unskilled, unfit, unschooled, unqualified, inoperative, \*out of commission. ANT. *able, capable, effective.*

**unabridged** *a.* uncut, whole, complete, full-length, total, intact, unshortened. ANT. *abridged, cut, condensed.*

**unacceptable** *a.* unsatisfactory, unsuitable, not acceptable, improper, \*not up to snuff, \*below par, unfit. ANT. *sufficient, adequate, proper.*

**unaccompanied** *a.* alone, lone, solo, sole, solitary, unattended, single. ANT. *accompanied, paired, escorted.*

**unaccustomed** *a.* inexperienced, unseasoned, unused to, \*green, raw, ignorant, unacquainted. *ANT.* *accustomed, experienced.*

**unadorned** *a.* unembellished, undecorated, bare, bald, stark. *SEE* PLAIN

**UNADULTERATED** *a.* [un uh DULT uh rate ed] pure, unpolluted, undiluted, unmixed. *We found the national park still unadulterated and pristine.* *SYN.* pure, unmixed, undiluted, unpolluted, unalloyed, uncorrupted, untainted, uncontaminated, unspoiled. *ANT.* *adulterated, contaminated, impure.*

**unaffected** *a.* 1. NATURAL real, sincere, down-to-earth, unstudied, \*folksy, \*down-home, unpretentious, genuine, plain, simple. 2. NOT AFFECTED unmoved, impassive, cool, hard, callous, \*thick-skinned, unimpressed, unconcerned, unchanged. *ANT.* *affected, phony, pretentious.*

**unafraid** *a.* fearless, brave, courageous, bold, \*having nerves of steel, \*having ice water in one's veins, dauntless, unflinching, \*gutsy, \*ballsy. *ANT.* *cowardly, fearful, timid.*

**unanimous** *a.* undivided, universal, united, like-minded, of one mind, concordant, in accord, in concert, as one, solid. *ANT.* *divided, split, disagreeing.*

**unappetizing** *a.* unappealing, nauseating, sickening, \*stomach-turning, \*gross, disgusting, unpalatable, unsavory, distasteful, \*yucky. *ANT.* *appetizing, mouth-watering, appealing.*

**unapproachable** *a.* 1. ALOOF cold, distant, remote, standoffish, \*snobby, snobbish, inaccessible, forbidding, unfriendly, unsociable. 2. INCOMPARABLE unbeatable, unrivaled, unequalled, unparalleled, without equal, peerless. *ANT.* 1. *approachable, warm, friendly, open.* 2. *second-rate, mediocre, poor, average.*

**unarmed** *a.* defenseless, disarmed, weaponless, unprotected, vulnerable, exposed, weak, open to attack, assailable. *ANT.* *armed, \*bristling with arms, unassailable.*

**unassailable** *a.* undeniable, incontrovertible, indisputable, beyond argument, sound, certain, firm, rock-solid. *ANT.* *assailable, open to question, dubious.*

**UNASSUMING** *a.* [un uh SOO ming] modest and unpretentious. *They were surprised to find the famous actor to be shy and unassuming.* *SYN.* modest, unpretentious, humble, self-effacing, retiring, down-to-earth, unaffected, natural, quiet, diffident, shy, bashful. *ANT.* *arrogant, loud, pretentious, conceited.*

**unattached** *a.* detached, unconnected, disconnected, apart, independent, separate, loose,

unaffiliated, autonomous, single, on one's own. *ANT.* *attached, connected, associated.*

**unattractive** *a.* repulsive, homely, plain, hideous. *SEE* UGLY

**unauthorized** *a.* unsanctioned, uncertified, illegal, unlawful, unapproved, unlicensed, not permitted, illegitimate, illicit, unofficial, criminal. *ANT.* *authorized, sanctioned, legal.*

**unavailing** *a.* futile, ineffective, ineffectual, to no avail, vain, unsuccessful, unproductive, unprofitable, fruitless, worthless. *ANT.* *fruitful, worthwhile, productive.*

**unavoidable** *a.* inevitable, inescapable, bound to happen, fated, unpreventable, inexorable, predestined, fixed, certain, \*in the stars, required, obligatory, requisite, compulsory. *ANT.* *avoidable, preventable, optional, elective.*

**unaware** *a.* unconscious, unknowing, ignorant, oblivious, unsuspecting, unwitting, blind, deaf, asleep, \*out to lunch, \*off in space. *ANT.* *aware, conscious, knowing.*

**unawares** *adv.* unexpectedly, suddenly, by surprise, without warning, unknowingly, unwittingly, off guard, \*flat-footed, \*out of the blue.

**unbalanced** *a.* 1. UNSTABLE OR ASYMMETRICAL off-balance, unsteady, uneven, lopsided, irregular, top-heavy, unequal. 2. CRAZY \*nuts, deranged, insane, mentally ill, psychotic, \*psycho, erratic, irrational, eccentric, demented. *ANT.* 1. *balanced, stable, symmetrical, steady, even.* 2. *sane, rational, stable.*

**unbearable** *a.* intolerable, insufferable, unendurable, too much, unacceptable, more than one can stand, agonizing. *ANT.* *bearable, tolerable, endurable.*

**unbecoming** *a.* unattractive, unappealing, inappropriate, unsuitable, improper, offensive, unseemly, indecent, tasteless, indecorous, ill-fitting, unladylike, ungentlemanly. *ANT.* *proper, befitting, appropriate, ladylike, gentlemanly.*

**unbelievable** *a.* beyond belief, incredible, far-fetched, suspect, questionable, outlandish, inconceivable, impossible, implausible, doubtful, dubious, improbable, \*fishy. *ANT.* *believable, credible, conceivable, probable.*

**unbeliever** *n.* doubter, skeptic, \*doubting Thomas, disbeliever, scoffer, nonbeliever, agnostic, atheist, infidel. *ANT.* *believer, faithful, adherent.*

**unbelieving** *a.* skeptical, doubting, disbelieving, scoffing, questioning, suspicious, cynical, dubious, incredulous, agnostic, atheist. *ANT.* *believing, faithful, \*buying, \*swallowing hook, line and sinker.*

**unbending** *a.* rigid, firm, stiff, resolute, inflexible, unyielding, uncompromising, \*holding one's ground, \*sticking to one's guns, determined, hellbent. *ANT.* *flexible, compromising, yielding.*

**unbiased** *a.* fair, unprejudiced, impartial, objective, uninvolved, neutral, disinterested, evenhanded, equitable, nondiscriminatory. *ANT.* *unfair, biased, prejudiced.*

**unbidden** *a.* uninvited, unasked, unrequested, unprompted, spontaneous. *ANT.* *urged, coerced, prompted.*

**unblemished** *a.* perfect, flawless, spotless, unmarred, clean, stainless, immaculate, unmarked, undamaged. *ANT.* *spotted, stained, flawed.*

**unblushing** *a.* shameless, with no sense of modesty, bold. *ANT.* *ashamed, mortified.*

**unbounded** *a.* boundless, unrestrained, unrestricted, unconfined, uncontrolled, unchecked, wild, free, loose. *ANT.* *restricted, limited.*

**unbridled** *a.* unrestrained, wild, loose, unrestricted, uncontrolled, unconstrained, unchecked. *ANT.* *restrained, restricted.*

**unburden** *v.* unload, relieve, get rid of, \*take a load off, disencumber, lighten one's load, \*get off one's chest, confess, disclose, confide, \*come clean. *ANT.* *burden, saddle, weigh down, encumber.*

**uncalled-for** *a.* unnecessary, needless, unwelcome, inappropriate, unwarranted, gratuitous, uninvited, unjustified, undeserved. *ANT.* *welcome, invited, wanted, needed.*

**uncanny** *a.* 1. STRANGE, MYSTERIOUS weird, bizarre, queer, eerie, unfamiliar, unusual, spooky, creepy, scary, preternatural. 2. REMARKABLE extraordinary, amazing, incredible, exceptional, astounding, astonishing, fantastic, unbelievable. *ANT.* 1. *normal, usual, commonplace.* 2. *unexceptional, usual.*

**uncaring** *a.* indifferent, impassive, remote, uninvolved. *SEE* APATHETIC

**unceasing** *a.* incessant, continuous, endless, perpetual, unending, neverending, non-stop, unremitting, undying. *ANT.* *interrupted, halting.*

**uncertain** *a.* unsure, indefinite, questionable, hazy, indeterminate, unfixd, undecided, iffy, \*up in the air, unpredictable, doubtful, unreliable, changeable, unsettled, unconfirmed, conjectural, vague. *ANT.* *certain, sure, doubtless, definite.*

**uncertainty** *n.* doubt, doubtfulness, question, indefiniteness, dubiety, ambiguity, unpredict-

ability, guesswork, guess, speculation, conjecture, unknown. *ANT.* *certainty, assurance.*

**uncharted** *a.* unknown, unexplored, unmapped, mysterious. *ANT.* *known, discovered.*

**uncivil** *a.* rude, discourteous, coarse, uncivilized, barbarous, nasty, unrefined, boorish, impolite, indelicate, ungentlemanly, unladylike, ill-mannered, unfriendly. *ANT.* *civil, courteous, gentlemanly, ladylike.*

**uncivilized** *a.* 1. BARBAROUS barbarian, barbaric, primitive, uncultured, savage, wild, brutish, crude, coarse, rude, discourteous, vulgar, animal-like. 2. UNDEVELOPED wild, remote, unsettled, untamed. *ANT.* 1. *civilized, civil, cultured, refined, courteous.* 2. *developed, civilized, settled.*

**unclean** *a.* dirty, filthy, soiled, befouled, tainted, grimy, polluted, nasty, impure, contaminated, vile, infected, germ-ridden. *ANT.* *clean, washed, antiseptic.*

**unclear** *a.* vague, ambiguous, hazy, fuzzy, blurred, veiled, cloudy, foggy, muddy, indistinct, obscure. *ANT.* *clear, distinct, obvious.*

**uncomfortable** *a.* 1. PAINFUL agonizing, irritating, excruciating, awkward, harsh, cutting, pinching, biting, cramped, troublesome, bothersome. 2. UNEASY ill-at-ease, self-conscious, nervous, anxious, distressed, on edge, tense, restless, miserable, \*on pins and needles, troubled, \*sweating bullets. *ANT.* 1. *comfortable, pleasurable, agreeable.* 2. *relaxed, comfortable, at ease.*

**uncommitted** *a.* undecided, neutral, not bound, free, unpledged, \*sitting on the fence, non-aligned. *ANT.* *committed, pledged.*

**uncommon** *a.* 1. RARE unusual, unique, exceptional, odd, freakish, infrequent, extraordinary, novel, unconventional, different, unheard of, singular, peculiar, queer, one-of-a-kind, scarce, few. 2. REMARKABLE outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary, incomparable, superior, unique, distinctive, peerless, unequalled. *ANT.* 1. *common, usual, ordinary.* 2. *average, typical, ordinary, mediocre.*

**uncommunicative** *a.* closemouthed, \*tight-lipped, secretive, silent, mute, reserved, reticent, shy, taciturn, \*clammed up, quiet, guarded, speechless, aloof, distant, remote. *ANT.* *talkative, loquacious, \*motor-mouthed.*

**uncomplicated** *a.* easy, \*child's play, \*a snap, \*a breeze, uninvolved. *ANT.* *difficult.* *SEE* SIMPLE

**uncompromising** *a.* inflexible, rigid, \*won't give an inch, stubborn, obstinate, unbending, single-minded, unyielding, set, immovable, hard-line, unrelenting. *ANT.* *flexible, yielding, open to compromise, conciliatory.*

**unconcerned** *a.* uncaring, careless, carefree, indifferent, apathetic, dispassionate, uninvolved, detached, cool, uninterested, disinterested, above it all, oblivious, distant, remote. *ANT. concerned, caring, interested, passionate.*

**unconditional** *a.* unrestricted, unqualified, complete, total, absolute, categorical, downright, outright, out-and-out, utter, unlimited. *ANT. restricted, qualified, limited.*

**unconnected** *a.* disconnected, detached, separate, unattached, divided. *ANT. unified.*

**unconscionable** *a.* 1. IMMORAL unethical, wicked, criminal, sinful, unscrupulous, antisocial, shameless, perverse, inhuman, beastly, barbaric, Satanic, uncaring. 2. UNREASONABLE outrageous, extreme, excessive, inordinate, unforgivable, extravagant. *ANT. 1. moral, ethical, of good moral conscience. 2. reasonable, fair.*

**unconscious** *a.* 1. IN A SLEEPLIKE STATE asleep, comatose, \*out cold, \*blacked out, \*knocked out, insensient, \*out like a light, \*passed out, \*dead to the world, oblivious, stunned, stupefied, anesthetized. 2. UNAWARE ignorant, unknowing, unwitting. 3. UNDELIBERATE accidental, inadvertent, involuntary, unintentional, unpremeditated, unwitting, reflex, \*gut, instinctual, subconscious. *ANT. 1. awake, alert, conscious, aware. 2. aware, knowing. 3. deliberate, conscious, intentional, premeditated.*

**unconstitutional** *a.* unlawful, against the law. SEE ILLEGAL

**uncontrollable** *a.* ungovernable, wild, out of control, unmanageable, intractable, out of hand, carried away, unrestrainable, frenzied, beside oneself, rabid, \*gone ballistic, riotous. *ANT. governable, manageable, tractable.*

**unconventional** *a.* unorthodox, unusual, uncommon, irregular, nonconforming, nonconformist, different, weird, unique, odd, out-of-the-ordinary, eccentric, avant-garde, \*off the beaten path, experimental. *ANT. conventional, orthodox, conforming, standard.*

**unconvincing** *a.* open to question, open to doubt, unproven, weak, \*full of holes, flimsy, suspect. *ANT. convincing, incontrovertible.*

**uncoordinated** *a.* clumsy, \*klutzy, bumbling, ungraceful, awkward, \*can't walk and chew gum at the same time, \*graceful as an ox, ungainly, blundering, \*like a bull in a china shop, \*all thumbs, uncouth, lumbering. *ANT. coordinated, graceful.*

**uncouth** *a.* boorish, crude, coarse, rude, vulgar, uncivil, uncivilized, ungentlemanly, unladylike, unrefined, uncultured, crass, \*tacky,

loutish. *ANT. refined, civilized, gentlemanly, ladylike.*

**uncover** *v.* reveal, expose, remove, lay bare, unwrap, open, unearth, unveil, unmask, disclose, divulge, make known. *ANT. cover, conceal, hide.*

**uncovered** *a.* exposed, bare, nude, unclothed, unprotected, open. *ANT. shielded, hidden.*

**UNCTUOUS** *a.* [UN GK choo us] overly slick or suave, insincere, oily. *The unctuous televangelist talked some of his followers into giving up their lifesavings.* SYN. slick, suave, oily, insincere, honey-tongued, smooth, ingratiating, slippery, sycophantic, mealy-mouthed, smug. *ANT. sincere, plainspoken, genuine, frank.*

**undaunted** *a.* intrepid, bold, \*gutsy, fearless, determined, courageous, lionhearted, plucky, \*having icewater in one's veins, \*having nerves of steel, unshaken, unflinching. *ANT. fearful, frightened, cowed, intimidated.*

**undecided** *a.* 1. UNSETTLED undetermined, uncertain, open, unsure, up in the air, unresolved, \*a question mark, unknown, pending. 2. INDECISIVE wavering, unsure, of two minds, ambivalent, vacillating, \*torn, \*betwixt and between, \*on the fence, irresolute, \*blowing hot and cold. *ANT. 1. decided, determined, known. 2. decisive, resolute, sure.*

**undecipherable** *a.* illegible, unreadable, indistinct, incomprehensible, unclear. *ANT. legible, readable.*

**undeniable** *a.* indisputable, incontestable, incontrovertible, beyond argument, unquestionable, certain, beyond a shadow of a doubt, irrefutable, solid, sure, proven, established. *ANT. questionable, debatable, uncertain.*

**undependable** *a.* unreliable, irresponsible, careless, untrustworthy, \*fly-by-night, unpredictable, fickle, capricious, unsafe, unsound, insecure. *ANT. dependable, reliable, responsible, sound.*

**under** *a.* inferior, lower, subordinate, lesser, junior, subsidiary, ancillary. *ANT. superior, higher.*

**under** *adv./prep.* beneath, underneath, below, on the bottom, lower, nether. *ANT. over, above.*

**underachiever** *n.* \*late bloomer, slow learner, one with a learning deficit, \*sleepers.

**underage** *a.* minor, juvenile, immature. *ANT. adult.*

**underbrush** *n.* brush, bushes, shrubs, undergrowth, scrub, thicket.

**undercover** *a.* covert, secret, clandestine, underground, under wraps, concealed, private, hush-hush, \*incognito, stealthy, surreptitious, sneaky, CIA, FBI, KGB. SEE SPY

**undercurrent** *n.* feeling, aura, \*vibes, atmosphere, suggestion, hint, overtone, sense, latency.

**undercut** *v.* weaken, undersell. SEE UNDERMINE

**underdog** *n.* \*long shot, \*dark horse, loser, weakling, \*low man on the totem pole, \*benchwarmer, unlikely winner.

**underdone** *a.* rare, bloody, raw, uncooked. *ANT.* *well done, burnt.*

**underestimate** *v.* \*sell short, \*shortchange, \*discount, minimize, slight, underrate, \*consider a lightweight, scoff at, belittle, \*sneeze at. *ANT.* *overestimate, \*make a mountain out of a molehill.*

**undergarment** *n.* slip, chemise. SEE UNDERWEAR

**undergo** *v.* experience, go through, endure, suffer, be subjected to, encounter, abide, stand, withstand, sustain, tolerate.

**undergraduate** *n.* sophomore, junior, \*frosh, \*plebe.

**underground** *a.* 1. SUBTERRANEAN nether, buried, below ground, below the surface, underfoot, sunken, subterrestrial. 2. SECRET covert, undercover, clandestine, under wraps, concealed, private, hush-hush, surreptitious, backdoor. *ANT.* 1. *aboveground, aerial, surface.* 2. *public, open, overt.*

**underhanded** *a.* deceitful, tricky, sneaky, dishonest, sly, secret, devious, crafty, dirty, crooked, treacherous, two-timing, scheming, cunning, unscrupulous. *ANT.* *aboveboard, open, honest.*

**underline** *v.* emphasize, stress. SEE UNDERScore

**underling** *n.* subordinate, inferior, flunky, lackey, \*low man on the totem pole, \*low man in the pecking order, junior, subaltern, \*brown-nose, minion. *ANT.* *superior, boss, chief.*

**underlying** *a.* basic, fundamental, elementary, rudimentary, essential, primary, root.

**undermine** *v.* weaken, impair, cripple, undercut, debilitate, sabotage, subvert, disable, erode, wear away. *ANT.* *help, reinforce, strengthen.*

**underneath** *adv.* beneath, below, under, lower.

**underpinning** *n.* foundation, base, footing, support, framework, prop, undercarriage.

**underprivileged** *a.* disadvantaged, deprived, impoverished, poor, needy, poverty-stricken, indigent, destitute. *ANT.* *affluent, well-off.*

**underscore** *v.* underline, stress, emphasize, highlight, accent, play up, bring to the fore.

**undersized** *a.* stunted, dwarfed, puny, underdeveloped, tiny, little, pint-sized, midget, underweight, emaciated. *ANT.* *strapping, brawny.*

**understaffed** *a.* shorthanded, undermanned.

**understand** *v.* 1. COMPREHEND grasp, know, appreciate, figure out, \*catch the drift, get it, \*get the point, \*get through one's head, see, recognize, master. 2. THINK gather, believe, take it, reckon, perceive, hear, assume, interpret.

**understanding** *n.* 1. COMPREHENSION knowledge, knowing, grasp, appreciation, recognition, mastering, intelligence, intellect, sense, perception, savvy, discernment, awareness. "Hearing in retrospect."—Marcel Proust. 2. INTERPRETATION inference, estimation, judgment, belief, thinking, reckoning, perception, sense, idea. 3. MUTUAL AGREEMENT meeting of the minds, covenant, promise, deal, compromise. 4. EMPATHY sympathy, compassion, commiseration. *ANT.* 1. *dense-ness, stupidity, misunderstanding, ignorance, befuddlement.*

**understated** *a.* restrained, subtle, downplayed, minimized, soft-pedaled, quiet, modest. *ANT.* *loud, blatant.*

**understudy** *n.* stand-in, substitute, fill-in, double, backup, alternate, apprentice.

**undertake** *v.* take on, enter into, assume, tackle, make a commitment, engage in, endeavor, venture, shoulder, promise, pledge, contract. *ANT.* *avoid, shun, reject.*

**undertaker** *n.* mortician, funeral director, embalmer. SEE FUNERAL

**undertaking** *n.* project, endeavor, enterprise, venture, effort, job, commitment, affair, adventure, operation, task.

**undertow** *n.* riptide.

**underwater** *a.* submarine, submerged, submerged. *ANT.* *grounded, exposed.*

**underwear** *n.* undershorts, panties, \*skivvies, shorts, \*undies, briefs, boxers, jockstrap, slip, lingerie, chemise, teddy, \*long johns, flannels, underclothes, unmentionables, T-shirt, bra, brassiere, corset, girdle, garter belt.

**underweight** *a.* emaciated, undernourished, malnourished, underdeveloped, \*skin and bones, boney, skeletal. *ANT.* *overweight, obese.*

**underworld** *n.* 1. NETHERWORLD nether regions, Hades, hell, Erebus, Sheol, Orcus. 2. ORGANIZED CRIME Mafia, Cosa Nostra, the mob, syndicate, criminal element.

- underwrite** *v.* pay for, finance, fund, bankroll, sponsor, subsidize, back, support, endow, guarantee, insure, cover.
- underwriter** *n.* backer, financier, sponsor, \*angel, supporter, insurer, insurance company.
- undesirable** *a.* unwanted, unpopular, objectionable, unwelcome, unappealing, unsatisfactory, offensive, unacceptable, unsuitable, disliked, rejected, scorned, disagreeable, nauseating, repellent. *ANT.* *desirable, wanted, appealing.*
- undeveloped** *a.* immature, unripe, unfinished, underdeveloped, latent. *ANT.* *developed, mature, ripe.*
- undignified** *a.* unseemly, beneath one's dignity, degrading, childish, juvenile, inelegant, tasteless, crude, rude, indecorous, ungentlemanly, unladylike, \*goofy, out of character. *ANT.* *elegant, proper, decorous.*
- undiluted** *a.* pure, 100 percent, unadulterated, uncut, \*unwatered down, unmixed. *ANT.* *thinned, watered down, weakened.*
- undisciplined** *a.* lazy, unregimented, self-indulgent, overindulgent, unrestrained, uncontrolled, inconsistent, unsteady, unreliable, undependable, irresolute, irresponsible. *ANT.* *disciplined, strict, regimented.*
- undisguised** *a.* unconcealed, open, overt, frank, candid, up front, glaring, blatant, loud, exposed. *ANT.* *disguised, secret, covert.*
- undisputed** *a.* indisputable, unquestionable, irrefutable, uncontested, clear-cut, accepted, unmistakable, recognized, undeniable, beyond question. *ANT.* *questionable, contested, disputable.*
- undistinguished** *a.* mediocre, \*run of the mill, \*same old same old, ordinary, average, typical, common, pedestrian, plain, so-so, \*nothing to write home about, unexceptional, \*nothing special. *ANT.* *distinguished, exceptional, extraordinary, rare.*
- undivided** *a.* whole, complete, total, unbroken, uncut, solid, in one piece, intact, in its entirety. *ANT.* *divided, split, fractured.*
- undo** *v.* 1. UNFASTEN unhitch, unlock, untie, unbuckle, unbutton, loosen, free, detach, disconnect. 2. REVERSE rescind, annul, cancel, nullify, void, make null and void, invalidate, offset, erase. *ANT.* 1. *fasten, tighten, tie, knot, attach.* 2. *uphold, strengthen.*
- undoing** *n.* ruin, ruination, destruction, downfall, defeat, collapse, overthrow, fall, bane, disgrace, shame.
- undone** *a.* unfinished, uncompleted, incomplete, unperformed, unrealized, unfulfilled, \*half-baked, half-done. *ANT.* *completed, concluded, accomplished.*
- undoubtedly** *adv.* without a doubt, doubtless, \*beyond a shadow of a doubt, unquestionably, beyond certainty, surely, assuredly, indubitably, definitely.
- undreamed-of** *a.* unexpected, unimagined, inconceivable, unforeseen. *ANT.* *predicted.*
- undress** *v.* strip, disrobe, remove clothing, doff, peel off, shuck, unclothe, \*strip to one's birthday suit, \*strip to one's goosebumps, \*strip to a growing state of deshabelle, \*do a striptease. *ANT.* *dress, put on, clothe.*
- undue** *a.* excessive, immoderate, extreme, extravagant, unnecessary, unwarranted, unjustified, uncalled-for, needless, undeserved. *ANT.* *due, appropriate, reasonable.*
- undulate** *v.* wave, ripple, swing, move sinuously, roll, billow, flap, sway, swell, heave, oscillate.
- undulation** *n.* wave, ripple, roll, billow, flap, sway, swell, heave, oscillation, pulsation, surge.
- undying** *a.* immortal, eternal, everlasting, never-ending, perpetual, unceasing, unending, endless, infinite. *ANT.* *mortal, finite, short-lived.*
- unearned** *a.* undeserved, unmerited, gratis, free. *ANT.* *merited, paid for.*
- unearth** *v.* dig up, exhume, excavate, dredge up, uncover, bring to light, discover, find, root out, expose, reveal, disclose. *ANT.* *bury, cover, conceal, hide.*
- unearthly** *a.* otherworldly, extraterrestrial, alien, out of this world, ethereal, heavenly, supernatural, extramundane, spiritual, ghostly, weird, strange, nightmarish, mysterious. *ANT.* *earthly, mundane, terrestrial.*
- uneasiness** *n.* apprehension, anxiety, fear, insecurity, worry, troubled mind, edginess, restlessness, angst, qualm, misgiving, disquiet, unrest. *ANT.* *tranquility, serenity, relaxation.*
- uneasy** *a.* apprehensive, anxious, nervous, tense, fearful, insecure, worried, troubled, restive, fidgety, edgy, restless, \*on pins and needles, having qualms, having misgivings, fretful. *ANT.* *relaxed, tranquil, serene, calm.*
- uneducated** *a.* unschooled, untrained, unenlightened, illiterate, ignorant, uncultured, unsophisticated, unrefined, stupid. *ANT.* *educated, schooled, literate, enlightened, scholarly.*
- unemotional** *a.* dispassionate, unresponsive, indifferent, apathetic, disinterested, remote, cold, \*having ice water in one's veins, impassive, deadpan, phlegmatic, unexcitable, laid-back, stony, staid, reserved. *ANT.* *emotional, passionate, demonstrative, excitable.*

**unemployed** *a.* out of work, jobless, laid-off, fired, idle, free, off, available for hire, \*on the headline, \*on welfare. *ANT.* *employed, working.*

**unending** *a.* everlasting, eternal, neverending, ceaseless, incessant, unceasing, immortal, infinite, continuous, perpetual, permanent. *ANT.* *temporary, finite, ending.*

**unenlightened** *a.* SEE UNEDUCATED

**unequal** *a.* 1. UNEVEN disparate, different, dissimilar, unlike, mismatched, unmatched, diverse. 2. UNBALANCED asymmetrical, lopsided, disproportionate, uneven, irregular. 3. UNFAIR unjust, not equitable, one-sided. *ANT.* 1. *equal, same, alike.* 2. *balanced, symmetrical, regular.* 3. *fair, just.*

**unequaled** *a.* unparalleled, peerless, incomparable, unmatched, unrivaled, second to none, unsurpassed, supreme, preeminent. *ANT.* *rivaled, surpassed, second-rate.*

**UNEQUIVOCAL** *a.* [un ee KWIV uh kul] clear and unambiguous. *For a change, the politician's answer was unequivocal.* *SYN.* clear, crystal-clear, unambiguous, plain, explicit, unmistakable, absolute, straight, direct, certain, definite. *ANT.* *equivocal, ambiguous, \*clear as mud.*

**unerring** *a.* exact, precise, accurate, certain, sure, infallible, perfect, unfailing, flawless, faithful, true. *ANT.* *inaccurate, imprecise, faulty.*

**inessential** *a.* inessential, unneeded, needless, unnecessary, unimportant, dispensable, irrelevant, superfluous, extraneous, extra. *ANT.* *essential, necessary, needed, indispensable.*

**unethical** *a.* wrong, unfair, immoral, dishonest, dishonorable, illegal, \*dirty, \*shady, disreputable, underhanded, unprincipled, crooked, unprofessional, corrupt, criminal. *ANT.* *ethical, honest, upright, moral, reputable.*

**uneven** *a.* 1. CROOKED bumpy, slanted, unbalanced, misaligned, not level, broken, rough, jagged, rugged, not smooth. 2. UNEQUAL lopsided, one-sided, unmatched, different, asymmetrical, unbalanced. *ANT.* 1. *even, smooth, planed, level.* 2. *equal, matching, symmetrical.*

**uneventful** *a.* quiet, peaceful, dull, monotonous, routine, \*same old same old, boring, unvaried, tedious, unexciting. *ANT.* *eventful, exciting, momentous.*

**unexceptional** *a.* ordinary, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, garden variety, common, commonplace, usual, \*same old same old, \*nothing to write home about, \*dime-a-dozen, undistinguished, \*just another brick in the

wall. *ANT.* *exceptional, extraordinary, out of the ordinary, remarkable.*

**unexciting** *a.* dull, boring, prosaic, humdrum, \*blah, \*dull as dishwater, \*ho-hum, monotonous, uninteresting, dry, routine, tedious, tiresome. *ANT.* *exciting, thrilling, stimulating.*

**unexpected** *a.* unforeseen, unanticipated, surprising, shocking, stunning, unpredicted, unprepared for, \*out of the blue. *ANT.* *expected, foreseen, anticipated.*

**unexplainable** *a.* inexplicable, beyond explanation, mystifying, puzzling, baffling, incomprehensible, unaccountable, bewildering, strange. *ANT.* *understandable, explicable.*

**unexpressive** *a.* inexpressive, expressionless, undemonstrative, deadpan, stony, wooden, \*poker-faced, unresponsive, vacant, dead, bland. *ANT.* *expressive, demonstrative, responsive.*

**unfailing** *a.* never-failing, reliable, dependable, constant, steady, unflagging, inexhaustable, consistent, persistent, faithful. *ANT.* *unreliable, undependable.*

**unfair** *a.* unjust, partial, biased, prejudiced, one-sided, bigoted, inequitable, discriminatory, uneven, unethical, \*not playing on a level field, unsportsmanlike, unsporting, \*dirty, cheating. *ANT.* *fair, just, equitable, unprejudiced, \*on a level playing field.*

**unfaithful** *a.* 1. DISLOYAL faithless, untrue, treacherous, adulterous, \*two-timing, cheating, backstabbing, false, fickle. 2. INACCURATE imprecise, inexact, imperfect, incorrect, \*off, faulty, erring. *ANT.* 1. *loyal, faithful, true.* 2. *accurate, precise, true.*

**unfamiliar** *a.* 1. UNACQUAINTED ignorant, unacquainted, uninitiated, unversed in, inexperienced, unaccustomed, untrained, unschooled. 2. UNKNOWN strange, alien, foreign, exotic, new, novel, unusual, outlandish, peculiar, rare. *ANT.* 1. *familiar, acquainted, versed.* 2. *known, familiar, common, everyday.*

**unfashionable** *a.* unstylish, old-fashioned, outmoded, antiquated, passé, out of style, outdated, obsolete, frumpy, dumpy, \*as fashionable as a potato sack, \*tacky. *ANT.* *fashionable, chic, sharp, stylish, in vogue.*

**unfasten** *v.* unlatch, unbuckle, untie, unclasp, uncouple, undo, loosen, detach, unbutton, unzip, disengage. *ANT.* *fasten, tie, buckle, clasp.*

**unfathomable** *a.* incomprehensible, inscrutable, beyond comprehension, impenetrable, unknowable, deep, profound. *ANT.* *shallow, simple, decipherable.*

**unfavorable** *a.* adverse, poor, bad, negative, unpromising, contrary, hostile, unhappy,

- inadvisable, ill-advised, inauspicious, unlucky. *ANT.* *favorable, lucky, good, auspicious.*
- unfeeling** *a.* 1. CALLOUS cold, apathetic, indifferent, unsympathetic, heartless, unemotional, stony, \*having veins filled with ice water, cold-blooded, pitiless, merciless, hard. 2. INSENSATE insensient, numb, paralyzed, unconscious, comatose, dead. *ANT.* 1. *feeling, sympathetic, warmhearted, emotional.* 2. *sentient.*
- unfinished** *a.* incomplete, uncompleted, half-done, \*half-baked, unperfected, lacking, rough, wanting, crude, deficient, undeveloped. *ANT.* *finished, perfected, done.*
- unfit** *a.* 1. UNSUITABLE inadequate, unacceptable, inappropriate, ill-equipped, useless, out of place, inexpedient, inapplicable. 2. OUT OF SHAPE unhealthy, unconditioned, sickly, ailing, weak. *ANT.* 1. *suitable, fit, adequate.* 2. *fit, healthy, conditioned.*
- unflagging** *a.* unfailing, inexhaustible, tireless, undying, unflinching, indefatigable, constant, persistent, unremitting, unceasing. *ANT.* *failing, tiring, wearing.*
- UNFLAPPABLE** *a.* [un FLAP uh bul] calm, not excitable. *Even in the midst of the riots, the mayor was unflappable.* *SYN.* calm, unexcitable, imperturbable, cool, collected, composed, self-contained, unruffled, levelheaded, self-possessed, nonchalant. *ANT.* *excitable, \*high-strung, temperamental, \*hot-reacting.*
- unfledged** *a.* undeveloped. *SEE* IMMATURE
- unflinching** *a.* unblinking, unflinching, steadfast, resolute, staunch, firm, unshrinking, unshaken, undaunted, unafraid. *ANT.* *shrinking, flinching, shaken.*
- unfold** *v.* 1. SPREAD OUT unfurl, open, unroll, outstretch, unravel, undo, straighten out, fan out. 2. MAKE KNOWN disclose, reveal, show, expose, describe, divulge, set forth, expand on. *ANT.* 1. *fold, furl.* 2. *conceal, cover up.*
- unforeseeable** *a.* unknowable. *SEE* UNPREDICTABLE
- unforeseen** *a.* unexpected, unanticipated, not bargained for, not predicted, unplanned, surprising, \*catching by surprise, unprepared for, \*out of the blue. *ANT.* *foreseen, expected, anticipated.*
- unforgettable** *a.* memorable, \*mind-blowing, indelible, meaningful, important, memory-making, powerful, notable, striking, historic. *ANT.* *forgettable, insignificant, trivial.*
- unforgivable** *a.* unpardonable, inexcusable, indefensible, unconscionable, shameful, despicable, contemptible, unjustifiable. *ANT.* *forgivable, pardonable, excusable.*
- unfortunate** *a.* unlucky, unfavorable, hapless, ill-fated, \*jinxed, cursed, \*star-crossed, untimely, ill-timed, inopportune, inauspicious, unhappy, sad, bad, deplorable, lamentable, adverse, regrettable, unsuccessful, pitiful, disastrous, tragic, grievous. *ANT.* *fortunate, lucky, blessed, timely, happy.*
- unfounded** *a.* baseless, groundless, unproven, unsupported, unsubstantiated, fallacious, false, untrue, tenuous, speculative. *ANT.* *proven, true, substantiated.*
- unfriendly** *a.* cold, aloof, hostile, standoffish, distant, remote, unapproachable, snobbish, haughty, unsociable, inhospitable, nasty, mean, surly, not on speaking terms. *ANT.* *friendly, warm, approachable, nice.*
- unfruitful** *a.* unprofitable. *SEE* FRUITLESS
- ungainly** *a.* awkward, clumsy, oafish, \*klutzy, cloddish, bumbling, lumbering, ungraceful, uncoordinated, gawky. *ANT.* *graceful.*
- ungodly** *a.* 1. SINFUL wicked, evil, Satanic, devilish, hellish, criminal, villainous, immoral, impious, not religious, profane. 2. OUTRAGEOUS dreadful, horrendous, god-awful, frightful, intolerable. *ANT.* 1. *godly, pious, moral.* 2. *reasonable.*
- ungovernable** *a.* wild, unmanageable, uncontrollable, out of control, out of hand, unruly, intractable, rebellious, defiant. *ANT.* *docile, controllable, manageable.*
- ungracious** *a.* rude, discourteous, impolite, ill-mannered, uncivil, ungentlemanly, unladylike, insulting, boorish, rough. *ANT.* *gracious, courteous, polite.*
- ungrateful** *a.* unappreciative, unthankful, \*looking a gift horse in the mouth, dissatisfied, \*spoiled rotten, \*biting the hand that feeds you. *ANT.* *appreciate, thankful.*
- unguarded** *a.* 1. UNPROTECTED exposed, vulnerable, defenseless, unwatched, uncontrolled, assailable. 2. OPEN honest, sincere, genuine, frank, candid, artless, aboveboard, straightforward, ingenuous. *ANT.* 1. *protected, guarded, defended.* 2. *guarded, discreet, self-censored.*
- unguent** *n.* salve, ointment, balm, lotion, liniment.
- unhappy** *a.* 1. SAD depressed, melancholy, downhearted, miserable, \*blue, \*down in the mouth, \*down in the dumps, low, grief-stricken, mournful, downhearted, heavyhearted, gloomy, despondent, disconsolate, forlorn, long-faced, disheartened, desolate, cheerless, anguished, glum, \*bummed out, wretched, somber, crestfallen. 2. UNLUCKY unfortunate, inauspicious, hapless, cursed, star-crossed, ill-fated, jinxed, infelicitous. *ANT.* 1. *happy, joy-*

- ous, glad, beaming, elated, euphoric.* 2. *lucky, fortunate.*
- unharméd** *a.* unhurt, uninjured, unscathed, intact, okay, all right, safe. *ANT. wounded, injured.*
- unhealthy** *a.* 1. *SICK* sickly, ill, unwell, diseased, in poor health, unfit, weak, run-down, \*under the weather, debilitated, bedridden, \*in bad shape. 2. *BAD FOR YOU* unwholesome, hazardous to one's health, unhealthful, detrimental, deleterious, noxious, toxic, virulent, harmful, malignant. *ANT. 1. healthy, fit, in good shape, robust. 2. good for you, wholesome, healthful.*
- unheard-of** *a.* unprecedented, unknown, new, novel, outlandish, exceptional, unique, little-known, unusual, unbelievable, outrageous. *ANT. known, usual, ordinary.*
- unhinge** *v.* upset, confuse, unnerve, throw into a panic, make crazy, disorient, fluster, agitate, discompose. *ANT. calm, pacify.*
- unhitch** *v.* unfasten, detach, release, undo, untie.
- unholy** *a.* wicked, evil, sinful, ungodly, immoral, corrupt, sacrilegious, unhallowed, not sacred. *ANT. holy, sacred, godly, hallowed.*
- unhorse** *v.* overthrow, upset.
- unhurt** *a.* SEE UNHARMED
- unhurried** *a.* slow, leisurely, deliberate, snaillike, sluggish, \*slower than molasses, nonchalant. *ANT. hurried, rushed, impatient.*
- unidentified** *a.* unknown, unrecognized, nameless, unnamed, anonymous, secret, mysterious, incognito, undercover. *ANT. known, recognized.*
- unidentified flying object** *n.* UFO, flying saucer, \*bogey.
- unified** *a.* united, joined, one, together, combined, coupled, consolidated, amalgamated, confederated. *ANT. separated, fractured.*
- uniform** *n.* outfit, costume, attire, dress, \*getup, suit, livery, habit, vestment, work clothes.
- uniform** *a.* 1. UNCHANGING unvarying, unvariable, the same, undeviating, consistent, even, constant, level, stable. 2. CONFORMING the same, symmetrical, alike, identical, like, similar, comparable, correspondent, \*like two peas in a pod. *ANT. 1. changing, varying, uneven, inconsistent. 2. unconfirming, different, dissimilar.*
- unify** *v.* unite, join, bring together as one, bring together, combine, couple, wed, consolidate, amalgamate, combine, confederate. *ANT. separate, fracture, divorce.*
- unilateral** *a.* one-sided. *ANT. multilateral.*

- unimaginable** *a.* incomprehensible, beyond comprehension, \*beyond one's wildest dreams, inconceivable, unheard-of, undreamed-of, \*out of this world, fantastic, \*mind-boggling, \*mind-blowing, incredible. *ANT. imaginable, conceivable.*
- unimaginative** *a.* unoriginal, dull, trite, hackneyed, clichéd, mindless, tired, stock, stale, dry, bland, uninteresting, \*same old same old, boring, pedestrian. *ANT. imaginative, original, creative, inventive.*
- unimportant** *a.* trivial, trifling, insignificant, petty, minor, \*lightweight, frivolous, pica-yune, inconsequential, worthless, irrelevant, paltry, meaningless, \*mickey mouse. *ANT. important, crucial, critical, vital.*
- uninformed** *a.* unaware, unenlightened, ignorant, unschooled, \*in the dark, uneducated, unacquainted, uninitiated. *ANT. informed, \*hip, enlightened.*
- uninhibited** *a.* free, open, unreserved, not self-conscious, relaxed, spontaneous, loose, extroverted, outgoing, unrestrained, informal. *ANT. inhibited, reserved, self-conscious.*
- uninspired** *a.* lifeless, spiritless, lacking creativity, dull, tired, trite, hackneyed, pedestrian, dull, bland, uninteresting, prosaic. *ANT. inspired, original, imaginative, creative.*
- unintelligent** *a.* dumb, moronic, imbecilic. SEE STUPID
- unintelligible** *a.* incomprehensible, incoherent, undecipherable, illegible, unreadable, unclear, muddled, meaningless, Greek, jumbled. *ANT. intelligible, legible, clear.*
- unintentional** *a.* unintended, inadvertent, unplanned, accidental, undesigned, unconscious, unwitting, unpremeditated, chance, haphazard. *ANT. intended, planned, designed.*
- uninterested** *a.* disinterested, indifferent, apathetic, uncaring, bored, uninvolved, blasé, incurious, remote, \*turned off, cool, \*above it all. *ANT. interested, fascinated, passionate, involved, riveted.*
- uninteresting** *a.* boring, dull, tiresome, monotonous, tedious, prosaic, \*ho-hum, \*blah, \*as interesting as a plain brown wrapper, \*dull as dishwater, unexciting, \*humdrum, uneventful. *ANT. exciting, fascinating, riveting, heart-stopping.*
- uninvited** *a.* unwanted, unwelcome, undesired, uncalled for. *ANT. summoned, requested.*
- uninviting** *a.* unattractive, unappealing, repellent, repulsive, repugnant, stomach-turning, nauseating, sickening, unappetizing. *ANT. appealing, attractive, desirable.*

**union** *n.* 1. JOINING combination, unification, consolidation, marriage, merger, amalgamation, unity, fusion, incorporation, coupling, blend. 2. GROUP WITH COMMON INTEREST alliance, coalition, league, confederation, guild, trade union, labor union, federation, association, partnership, cartel, syndicate. *ANT.* 1. *separation, segregation, breakup.* SEE MARRIAGE

**unique** *a.* one-of-a-kind, single, sole, unparalleled, lone, only, incomparable, distinctive, unprecedented, extraordinary, special, peculiar, strange, in a class by itself. *ANT.* *common, commonplace, run-of-the-mill, \*common as a brick.*

**unison** *n.* harmony, agreement, concord, accord, concert, consonance, unity, togetherness. *ANT.* *disagreement, discord, dissonance.*

**unit** *n.* part, piece, quantity, member, element, section, segment, constituent, component.

**unite** *v.* combine, join, bring together, marry, couple, link, merge, connect, unify, blend, consolidate, incorporate, amalgamate, affiliate, confederate, cooperate, band together. *ANT.* *separate, disband, break up, divide.*

**united** *a.* combined, joined, brought together, married, coupled, linked, merged, connected, unified, blended, consolidated, incorporated, amalgamated, affiliated. *ANT.* *separated, ambanded, divided.*

**United States** *n.* U.S., U.S.A., America, land of opportunity, Uncle Sam, North America, Land of Liberty, Columbia, \*the great melting pot. "Half-brother of the world. With something good and bad of every land"—Philip Bailey. "A nation of immigrants."—John F. Kennedy. "The largest shopping center in the world."—Richard Nixon. "A large, friendly dog in a very small room. Every time it wags its tail, it knocks over a chair."—Arnold Toynbee.

**unity** *n.* oneness, togetherness, wholeness, unification, union, agreement, harmony, accord, concord, solidarity, unanimity. *ANT.* *separation, division, discord.*

**universal** *a.* general, generic, common, catholic, all-inclusive, comprehensive, all-over, worldwide, planetary, intercontinental, pandemic, global, widespread, broad, prevalent, unlimited, unrestricted. *ANT.* *local, exclusive, limited, restricted.*

**universe** *n.* cosmos, space, outer space, \*cooling fires of creation, creation, macrocosm, infinity. "One of God's thoughts."—Friedrich Schiller. "One vast symbol of God."—Thomas Carlyle. SEE SPACE

**university** *n.* institution of higher learning, graduate school, college. "A place of light, of liberty, and of learning."—Benjamin Disraeli. "A thought-control center."—Joan Teppeyman. "Sophistry and affectation."—Francis Bacon. SEE COLLEGE

**unjust** *a.* unfair, inequitable, wrong, unethical, unjustified, unwarranted, prejudiced, partial, biased, one-sided. *ANT.* *even-handed, impartial, fair.*

**unjustifiable** *a.* unwarranted, unpardonable, indefensible, inexcusable, unmerited. *ANT.* *justifiable, warranted.*

**unkempt** *a.* disheveled, messy, sloppy, bedraggled, rumpled, tousled, tangled, uncombed, ungroomed, shabby, shaggy, \*grungy, grubby. *ANT.* *neat, groomed, sharp.*

**unkind** *a.* mean, cruel, brutal, unfeeling, unsympathetic, cold, harsh, unmerciful, heartless, inhumane, inhuman, vicious, cold-blooded, insensitive, barbarous, nasty, venomous, insulting, cutting, offensive, rude, callous. *ANT.* *kind, nice, friendly, compassionate, merciful.*

**unknowing** *a.* unaware, unenlightened, ignorant, uninformed, unchooled, unwitting, oblivious, \*out to lunch, \*in the dark. *ANT.* *aware, enlightened, informed.*

**unknown** *a.* mysterious, undiscovered, hidden, secret, obscure, unrecognized, undetermined, unidentified, anonymous, unnamed, unexplored, uncharted, unfamiliar, unheard-of, strange, foreign, alien, dark. *ANT.* *known, famous, celebrated, familiar.*

**unlawful** *a.* illegal, illicit, prohibited, against the law, forbidden, criminal, illicit, banned, proscribed, felonious. *ANT.* *legal, lawful, legitimate.*

**unleash** *v.* release, let loose, free, untie, let go.

**unlike** *a.* different, dissimilar, opposite, unlike, disparate, contrasting, unrelated, \*like night and day, \*like comparing apples and oranges, clashing. *ANT.* *alike, similar, matching.*

**unlikely** *a.* improbable, implausible, hardly possible, doubtful, inconceivable, dubious, questionable, \*as likely as snow in July, remote, \*as likely as the sky falling, \*as likely as pigs learning to fly, having an outside chance, \*a longshot. *ANT.* *likely, probable, certain.*

**unlimited** *a.* limitless, unrestricted, boundless, endless, immeasurable, countless, infinite, vast, complete, total, unqualified, indefinite. *ANT.* *limited, restricted, bounded.*

**unload** *v.* remove, unburden, disburden, lighten one's load, dump, disgorge.

**unlock** *v.* open, release, turn the combination, unlatch, unbar.

**unlucky** *a.* unfortunate, ill-fated, cursed, jinxed, hapless, star-crossed, \*down on one's luck, inauspicious, unhappy, unfavorable. *ANT.* *lucky, fortunate, happy.*

**unmanageable** *a.* ungovernable, intractable, wild, out of control, uncontrollable, indocile, rebellious, defiant, indomitable, stubborn. *ANT.* *manageable, governable, controllable.*

**unmannerly** *a.* rude, discourteous, impolite, uncivil, uncivilized, indelicate, unrefined, uncultivated, ungracious, ungentlemanly, unladylike. *ANT.* *polite, courteous, gracious.*

**unmarried** *a.* single, unwed, unattached, eligible, available, celibate, virgin, maiden. *ANT.* *married, wed, \*spoken for.*

**unmask** *v.* reveal, expose, unveil, \*blow one's cover, disclose, \*come out of the closet, \*out. *ANT.* *disguise, mask, cover.*

**unmistakable** *a.* clear, clear-cut, plain, obvious, evident, sure, definite, certain, beyond question, unambiguous, positive, patent, unequivocal, \*plain as the nose on one's face, \*beyond a shadow of a doubt, glaring, blatant. *ANT.* *unclear, ambiguous, questionable, hazy, fuzzy.*

**UNMITIGATED** *a.* [un MIT uh gate id] not lessened or weakened in any way, absolute, out-and-out. *He had the unmitigated gall to call the mayor a buffoon.* *SYN.* unlessened, unmoderated, unweakened, unwatered-down, unqualified, pure, downright, outright, out-and-out, absolute, complete, thoroughgoing, sheer. *ANT.* *weakened, watered-down, moderated, partial.*

**unmotivated** *a.* uninspired, indifferent, apathetic, impassive, lazy, goalless, unambitious, unenterprising. *ANT.* *motivated, inspired, \*sparked.*

**unnatural** *a.* 1. ARTIFICIAL imitation, synthetic, man-made, manufactured, fabricated, processed, ersatz. 2. AFFECTED contrived, strained, forced, theatrical, put-on, not spontaneous, studied, stiff, labored. 3. ABNORMAL strange, queer, monstrous, grotesque, freakish. *ANT.* 1. *natural, organic, of the earth.* 2. *sincere, genuine, spontaneous, unstudied, unaffected.* 3. *normal, ordinary.*

**unnecessary** *a.* unneeded, inessential, needless, unrequired, noncompulsory, uncalled-for, gratuitous, superfluous, extraneous, redundant, surplus, expendable. *ANT.* *indispensable, essential, needed.*

**unnerve** *v.* \*shake up, \*fill with the fear of God, upset, disconcert, discourage, scare, fright-

en, daunt, intimidate, spook, demoralize. *ANT.* *encourage, embolden, fortify.*

**unobtrusive** *a.* unnoticed, unnoticeable, inconspicuous, low-key, quiet, \*minding one's own business, retiring, unassertive, modest. *ANT.* *obtrusive, loud, conspicuous, noticeable.*

**unoccupied** *a.* empty, vacant, open, free. *ANT.* *taken.*

**unorganized** *a.* disorderly, sloppy, disarranged, unarranged, haphazard, unsystematic, mixed-up, confused, jumbled, cluttered, scrambled, muddled, random. *ANT.* *organized, arranged.*

**UNORTHODOX** *a.* [un ORTH uh doks] unconventional, not standard or accepted. *He was slightly eccentric and had an unorthodox way of painting.* *SYN.* unconventional, non-standard, abnormal, out of the norm, out of the ordinary, uncommon, deviant, nonconforming, unaccepted, unofficial, eccentric. *ANT.* *orthodox, conventional, standard.*

**unparalleled** *a.* unmatched, unequaled, incomparable, peerless, without rival, unrivaled, without equal, unprecedented, one-of-a-kind, unique, unheard-of. *ANT.* *equaled, rivaled, common.*

**unperturbed** *a.* calm, unruffled, cool, composed, unflappable, unflustered, tranquil, serene, placid, sedate. *ANT.* *unnerved, disturbed, flustered.*

**unpleasant** *a.* disagreeable, nasty, painful, unwelcome, irritating, annoying, aggravating, bothersome, irksome, repellent, repugnant, sickening, nauseating, offensive, bad, objectionable, negative. *ANT.* *pleasant, agreeable, nice, enjoyable.*

**unprecedented** *a.* a first, new, novel, unheard-of, unique, singular, original, unexampled, unparalleled, extraordinary, unusual, one-of-a-kind, uncommon. *ANT.* *precedented, usual, common.*

**unpredictable** *a.* unforeseeable, \*iffy, left to chance, impossible to predict, uncertain, unsure, \*up in the air, random, changeable, erratic, \*as capricious as the wind, fickle. *ANT.* *predictable, foreseeable, certain.*

**unprejudiced** *a.* unbiased, fair, equitable, evenhanded, unbigoted, impartial, nonpartisan, objective, neutral, just. *ANT.* *prejudiced, biased, bigoted.*

**unpremeditated** *a.* unplanned, unplotted, unintentional, spontaneous, \*spur of the moment, \*in the heat of passion, impulsive, impromptu, off the cuff, impetuous. *ANT.* *premeditated, thought out, planned.*

**unprepared** *a.* not ready, \*caught off guard, \*caught napping, \*caught flat-footed, caught by surprise, ill-equipped. *ANT.* *prepared, ready.*

**unpretentious** *a.* humble, modest, down-to-earth, unassuming, unaffected, \*folksy, simple, plain, natural. *ANT.* *pretentious, affected, arrogant.*

**unprincipled** *a.* immoral, unethical, unscrupulous, dishonest, dishonorable, corrupt, underhanded, crooked, devious, shady. *ANT.* *moral, ethical, principled.*

**unproductive** *a.* fruitless, nonproductive, worthless, unrewarding, unprofitable, vain, barren, useless, counterproductive, unavailing, to no avail, a losing proposition. *ANT.* *productive, fruitful, successful.*

**unprofessional** *a.* 1. AMATEUR amateurish, sloppy, inexperienced, unskillful, inadequate, unschooled, untrained, second-rate, inferior, \*bush-league, nonprofessional. 2. UNETHICAL unprincipled, improper, indecorous, unseemly, unfitting. *ANT.* 1. *professional, skilled, trained, experienced, expert.* 2. *ethical, principled, proper.*

**unprotected** *a.* undefended, vulnerable, open, assailable, unsafe, insecure, pregnable, exposed, unarmed. *ANT.* *protected, defended, armed, guarded.*

**unqualified** *a.* 1. NOT MEETING REQUIREMENTS inadequate, unskilled, unschooled, ill-equipped, unequipped, not up to the job, unfit, incompetent. 2. UNMODIFIED absolute, unmitigated, total, complete, downright, out-and-out, thorough, utter, sheer, categorical. *ANT.* 1. *qualified, fit, competent.* 2. *modified, qualified, partial.*

**unquestionable** *a.* without question, without doubt, doubtless, certain, sure, incontrovertible, incontestable, indisputable, irrefutable, indubitable, definite, unmistakable. *ANT.* *open to question, doubtful, uncertain, dubious.*

**unreadable** *a.* illegible, undecipherable, incomprehensible. *ANT.* *clear, plain, legible.*

**unreal** *a.* imaginary, fanciful, make-believe, visionary, hallucinatory, nonexistent. *ANT.* *actual, factual, genuine.*

**unrealistic** *a.* unreasonable, impractical, romantic, starry-eyed, \*pie in the sky, \*castles in Spain, \*castles in the air, fanciful, idealistic, fantastic. *ANT.* *realistic, reasonable, practical.*

**unreasonable** *a.* 1. EXTRAVAGANT outrageous, preposterous, extreme, immoderate, exorbitant, unjustifiable. 2. IRRATIONAL nonsensical, illogical, senseless, stupid, foolish, un-

reasoning, unwise, witless, \*without rhyme or reason. *ANT.* 1. *reasonable, moderate.* 2. *rational, logical.*

**unrefined** *a.* rough, coarse, crude, unfinished, unpolished. *ANT.* *polished, smooth, finished.*

**unrehearsed** *a.* extemporaneous, spontaneous, off the cuff, impromptu, spur of the moment, unprepared, unplanned, ad-libbed, improvised, \*off the top of one's head. *ANT.* *rehearsed, prepared, planned.*

**unreliable** *a.* undependable, irresponsible, untrustworthy, unstable, fickle, changeable, capricious, \*blowing hot and cold. *ANT.* *reliable, dependable, trustworthy, steady.*

**unremitting** *a.* relentless, unrelenting, incessant, continual, constant, unending, unabating, perpetual, persistent. *ANT.* *ending, stopping, irregular.*

**unreserved** *a.* uninhibited, outspoken, bold, forthright, unrestrained, unabashed, blunt, frank, to the point, not shy, loquacious, extroverted, outgoing, \*motor-mouthed. *ANT.* *reserved, reticent, inhibited, shy.*

**unresolved** *a.* unsettled, \*up in the air, undetermined, undecided, pending, debatable, open to debate, unfinished, \*hung jury. *ANT.* *resolved, settled, decided.*

**unrest** *n.* restlessness, agitation, disturbance, discontentment, trouble, uneasiness, disquiet, turbulence, rebellion, protest, upset. *ANT.* *peace, tranquility, serenity.*

**unrestrained** *a.* uninhibited, unrestricted, free, unhampered, unconfined, abandoned, unreserved, unbridled. *ANT.* *restrained, restricted, inhibited.*

**unrestricted** *a.* free, unbounded, unhampered, uninhibited, unlimited, unregulated, \*no holds barred, unchecked. *ANT.* *restricted, limited, regulated.*

**unripe** *a.* green, immature, premature, unseasoned. *ANT.* *ripe, mature.*

**unrivaled** *a.* peerless, matchless, unmatched, unequaled, unparalleled, supreme, superior, \*number one, incomparable, unsurpassed. *ANT.* *equaled, mediocre, run-of-the-mill, average.*

**unruly** *a.* unmanageable, uncontrollable, ungovernable, intractable, rebellious, reckless, refractory, riotous, out of control, disorderly, insubordinate. *ANT.* *manageable, governable, controllable, docile.*

**unsafe** *a.* dangerous, hazardous, perilous, treacherous, threatening, insecure, unstable, precarious, life-threatening, \*on thin ice, menacing, \*dicey, \*ticklish, \*touch and go,

- \*a tinderbox, \*a powderkeg, explosive, risky. *ANT. safe, secure, protected, harmless.*
- unsanitary** *a.* unclean, dirty, unhealthy, unhygienic, filthy, contaminated, foul, polluted, germ-infested, tainted. *ANT. sanitary, clean, sterile, antiseptic.*
- unsatisfactory** *a.* inadequate, unfulfilling, unacceptable, deficient, insufficient, lacking, wanting, unworthy, \*not up to par. *ANT. satisfactory, good enough, adequate.*
- unsavory** *a.* 1. TASTELESS OR BAD-TASTING unappetizing, nauseating, sickening, stomach-turning, unpalatable, disagreeable, rotten, \*yucky, \*gross. 2. OFFENSIVE, OBNOXIOUS nasty, objectionable, repugnant, repellent, revolting. *ANT. 1. tasty, delicious, \*yummy. 2. pleasant, good, agreeable.*
- UNSCRUPULOUS** *a.* [un SCROOP yoo lus] unprincipled, immoral, unethical. *He was unscrupulous enough to steal all of the church's money.* *SYN. unprincipled, immoral, unethical, dishonest, dishonorable, without conscience, indifferent to right and wrong, corrupt, underhanded, criminal, antisocial. ANT. principled, moral, ethical, scrupulous.*
- unseat** *a.* oust, remove from power, remove from office, unhorse, dislodge, dethrone, depose, overthrow. *ANT. install.*
- unseemly** *a.* improper, unbecoming, indecorous, in bad taste, undignified, unbecoming, out of place, inappropriate, indelicate, indecent, vulgar, crude. *ANT. seemly, proper, appropriate.*
- unselfish** *a.* giving, generous, selfless, other-directed, charitable, altruistic, philanthropic, openhanded, magnanimous, kind, bighearted, considerate, compassionate. *ANT. selfish, self-centered, greedy, \*a taker, \*thinking the world revolves around oneself.*
- unsettle** *a.* disturb, unnerve, upset, disconcert, trouble, agitate, bother, ruffle, rattle, disquiet, perturb, \*shake up, discompose. *ANT. relax, calm, soothe.*
- unsettled** *a.* SEE UNRESOLVED
- unsightly** *a.* ugly, unattractive, \*an eyesore, repulsive, repellent, \*gross, hideous, grotesque, homely, revolting, repugnant. *ANT. attractive, beautiful, pretty.*
- unskilled** *a.* untrained, unschooled, inexpert, amateurish, inept, incompetent, incapable, unable, inexperienced, bumbling, \*all thumbs. *ANT. skilled, proficient, trained, expert.*
- unskillful** *a.* SEE UNSKILLED
- unsociable** *a.* unfriendly, aloof, cold, remote, distant, hermitlike, antisocial, withdrawn, introverted, shy, \*standoffish, \*stuck-up, preferring one's own company. *ANT. extroverted, outgoing, gregarious, friendly.*
- unsolicited** *a.* unasked, unsought, unrequested, voluntary, spontaneous, free. *ANT. solicited, asked-for, sought.*
- unsophisticated** *a.* simple, naive, innocent, unworldly, childlike, inexperienced, green, \*born yesterday, uncultured, unrefined, unpolished, \*down-home, \*folksy, \*like a hick, \*like a hayseed, artless, ingenuous. *ANT. sophisticated, worldly, experienced, \*hip.*
- unsound** *a.* 1. UNHEALTHY unwell, sickly, ill, ailing, infirm, afflicted, diseased, abnormal, insane, crazy, psychotic, \*psycho. 2. UNSAFE insecure, unstable, flimsy, shaky, unsteady, unreliable, dangerous, perilous, hazardous, rickety. 3. INACCURATE unreliable, untruthful, erroneous, invalid, irrational, weak, groundless, illogical, fallacious. *ANT. 1. healthy, fit, normal. 2. safe, solid, stable, secure. 3. accurate, valid, true, reliable.*
- unsparing** *a.* liberal, free, lavish, profuse, generous, giving. *ANT. meager, sparse.*
- unspeakable** *a.* bad, horrible, terrible, beyond words, beyond description, unimaginable, evil, wicked, vile, horrendous, heinous, monstrous, atrocious. *ANT. good, wonderful.*
- unspoiled** *a.* fresh, pristine, untouched, unadulterated, unpolluted, perfect, whole, pure, unblemished, undamaged. *ANT. spoiled, ruined, rotten.*
- unspoken** *a.* unsaid, silent, tacit, understood, implicit, assumed. *ANT. spoken, expressed.*
- unstable** *a.* 1. UNFIXED unsteady, unbalanced, variable, wobbling, shaky, rickety, teetering, unanchored. 2. CHANGEABLE erratic, capricious, fickle, unpredictable, mercurial, vacillating, volatile. *ANT. 1. fixed, rock-solid, anchored, secure. 2. constant, steady, unchanging.*
- unsteady** *a.* SEE UNSTABLE
- unstudied** *a.* natural, unaffected, spontaneous, unconscious, offhand, unlabored, impromptu, \*off the cuff, extemporaneous. *ANT. studied, affected, labored.*
- unsubstantiated** *a.* uncorroborated, unproven, unconfirmed, open to question, questionable, unauthenticated, uncertified. *ANT. corroborated, proven.*
- unsuccessful** *a.* a failure, a loser, \*a turkey, \*a dog, \*a flop, \*a bomb, unprofitable, fruitless, futile, vain, useless, abortive, ineffectual, unfortunate, unlucky, unhappy, ill-fated, doomed, disastrous, catastrophic. *ANT. successful, profitable, winning, fortunate.*

**unsuitable** *a.* inappropriate, unfit, wrong, improper, inadequate, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, unbefitting, inapt, out of place, ill-fitting. *ANT.* *appropriate, fit, right, acceptable.*

**unsung** *a.* unrecognized, unacclaimed, unapplauded. *ANT.* *applauded, praised, extolled.*

**unsure** *a.* uncertain, doubtful, in doubt, questionable, \*iffy, \*up in the air, undecided, dubious, skeptical, not confident, insecure. *ANT.* *sure, certain, confident.*

**unsurpassed** *a.* supreme, superior, unrivaled, peerless, unparalleled, the best, incomparable, greatest, leading, preeminent. *ANT.* *second-rate, average, worst.*

**unsuspecting** *a.* trusting, naive, gullible, credulous, unknowing, unaware, innocent, unwary, inexperienced, believing, unsophisticated, oblivious. *ANT.* *wary, suspicious, questioning.*

**unsympathetic** *a.* cold, uncaring, indifferent, apathetic, heartless, lacking compassion, unfeeling, stony, unmoved, callous, mean, hard, \*hard as nails, \*having ice water in one's veins, insensitive. *ANT.* *sympathetic, compassionate, caring.*

**untamed** *a.* wild, unbroken, ungovernable, uncontrollable, unmanageable, spirited, undomesticated. *ANT.* *tamed, broken, domesticated.*

**untangle** *v.* disentangle, unravel, extricate, straighten out, unsnarl, untie. *ANT.* *tangle, snarl.*

**untarnished** *a.* stainless, spotless, clean, bright, unblemished, uncorrupted, innocent, pure. *ANT.* *tarnished, corrupted.*

**untenable** *a.* indefensible, insupportable, weak, flawed, \*full of holes, groundless, unsound. *ANT.* *tenable, sound, secure.*

**unthankful** *a.* ungrateful, unappreciative. *ANT.* *obliged, grateful.*

**unthinkable** *a.* inconceivable, unimaginable, incomprehensible, beyond belief, unbelievable, incredible, out of the question. *ANT.* *possible, feasible.*

**untidy** *a.* sloppy, messy, slovenly, disheveled, be-draggled, unkempt, disarranged, disorderly, cluttered, littered. *ANT.* *tidy, neat, orderly.*

**untie** *v.* unfasten, loosen, free, undo, unlace, unbind, loose.

**untimely** *a.* ill-timed, inconvenient, inopportune, inexpedient, premature, early, unseasonable, inappropriate, unfavorable, unfortunate, inauspicious. *ANT.* *timely, opportune, well-timed.*

**untold** *a.* innumerable, countless, incalculable, uncountable, myriad, \*umpteen, immeasurable, infinite, limitless. *ANT.* *finite, limited, few.*

**untoward** *a.* inappropriate, unseemly, improper, indecorous, in bad taste, unbefitting, out of place, tactless, indelicate, ungentlemanly, unladylike. *ANT.* *proper, appropriate, seemly.*

**untrained** *a.* unschooled, uneducated, inexperienced, green, raw, unskilled, \*not knowing the ropes, unqualified, incompetent, inexperienced, ignorant. *ANT.* *trained, schooled, educated.*

**untroubled** *a.* unperturbed, unruffled, calm, cool, relaxed, worry-free, \*unflappable, dispassionate, tranquil, placid. *ANT.* *agitated, troubled, worried, anxious.*

**untrue** *a.* false, wrong, incorrect, erroneous, inaccurate, not right, in error, fictitious, fallacious, specious, spurious, distorted. *ANT.* *true, factual, correct.*

**untrustworthy** *a.* undependable, unreliable, dishonest, deceitful, devious, false, disloyal, unfaithful, treacherous, disreputable. *ANT.* *trustworthy, dependable, honest, loyal.*

**untruthful** *a.* lying, dishonest, deceptive, deceitful, mendacious, fraudulent, misleading, insincere. *ANT.* *truthful, honest.*

**unusual** *a.* out of the ordinary, odd, rare, atypical, unfamiliar, singular, uncommon, exceptional, unconventional, peculiar, queer, strange, bizarre, weird, extraordinary, unique, unheard-of, unprecedented, unparalleled, different, abnormal, distinguished, refreshing, \*far-out, unexpected, unorthodox. *ANT.* *usual, ordinary, common, run-of-the-mill.*

**unvarnished** *a.* plain, straightforward, unembellished, unpolished, naked, raw. *ANT.* *adorned, elaborated.*

**unveil** *a.* reveal, expose, show, uncover, disclose. *ANT.* *cloak, hide.*

**unwarranted** *a.* uncalled-for, unjustified, inexcusable, indefensible, groundless, baseless, gratuitous. *ANT.* *warranted, justifiable.*

**unwary** *a.* incautious, heedless, unguarded, unthinking, careless, unsuspecting, rash, reckless, imprudent, unobservant, naive, ignorant. *ANT.* *wary, cautious, guarded.*

**unwavering** *a.* steady, firm, consistent, unfaltering, staunch, resolute, determined, single-minded, persistent, steadfast, unswerving. *ANT.* *wavering, faltering, unsteady.*

**unwelcome** *a.* unwanted, not wanted, undesirable, rejected, spurned, \*shut out, \*as welcome as the plague. *ANT.* *welcome, wanted, desired.*

**unwell** *a.* unhealthy, sick, sickly, ailing, ill, diseased, bedridden, \*out of sorts, \*under the

- weather, \*green around the gills, run-down, \*off one's feed. *ANT. well, healthy, fit.*
- unwholesome** *a.* harmful, unhealthy, deleterious, not good for one, unsound, detrimental, hurtful, noxious, pernicious, poisonous, insalubrious. *ANT. wholesome, healthy, good for one.*
- unwieldy** *a.* hard to handle, awkward, unmanageable, clumsy, cumbersome, bulky, hulking, massive, unhandy, ponderous, heavy. *ANT. handy, pocket-sized, lightweight.*
- unwilling** *a.* against, disagreeable, loath, opposed, reluctant, not in the mood, disinclined, unobliging, unenthusiastic, averse, unaccommodating, resistant, contrary, balky. *ANT. willing, enthusiastic, eager.*
- unwind** *v.* relax, take it easy, calm down, relieve one's tension, recreate, \*loosen up, \*kick back, wind down. *ANT. tense up, \*get wound up, \*make oneself a nervous wreck, \*stress oneself out.*
- unwise** *a.* imprudent, injudicious, not smart, unintelligent, dumb, stupid, ill-advised, thoughtless, foolish, naive, moronic, brainless, irrational, illogical. *ANT. wise, smart, prudent, intelligent.*
- unwitting** *a.* unknowing, unaware, unconscious, oblivious, inadvertent, accidental, unplanned, chance, involuntary. *ANT. knowing, aware, planned.*
- unwonted** *a.* uncommon, unusual, rare, unaccustomed, unfamiliar. *ANT. typical, common.*
- unworldly** *a.* 1. UNSOPHISTICATED naive, inexperienced, innocent, \*born yesterday, \*like a babe in the woods, raw, unaffected. 2. SPIRITUAL divine, religious, godly, ethereal, heavenly.
- unworthy** *a.* undeserving, unmerited, unearned, unqualified, ineligible, worthless, inferior, no good, unacceptable, disgraceful. *ANT. worthy, deserving.*
- unyielding** *a.* immovable, inflexible, firm, stubborn, obstinate, unbending, uncompromising, headstrong, resolute, determined, hard, stiff. *ANT. flexible, compromising, yielding.*
- up** *a.* excited, \*psyched. *ANT. down, depressed.*
- up-and-coming** *a.* rising, \*climbing the ladder of success, \*growing by leaps and bounds, succeeding, growing in status, promising. *ANT. \*over-the-hill, passé.*
- upbeat** *a.* positive, optimistic, bright, cheerful, rosy, sunny, happy, heartening, uplifting, encouraging. *ANT. down, negative, dark.*
- UPBRAID** *v.* [up BRADE] to reproach or scold. *The officer upbraided the motorist for driving drunk.* *SYN. reproach, scold, rebuke, reprimand, chastise, \*bawl out, \*chew out, admonish, berate, improve, censure, \*give a tongue-lashing, \*rake over the coals, \*take to task. ANT. commend, praise, approve.*
- upbringing** *n.* raising, rearing, breeding, grooming, training, nurturing, schooling.
- upchuck** *v.* vomit, throw up, \*puke, spew, \*hurl, \*ralph, \*toss one's cookies, regurgitate, \*blow lunch, be sick.
- update** *v.* bring up to date, modernize, revise, renew, \*bring into the twenty-first century, renovate.
- upend** *v.* invert, turn over, upset, topple.
- upgrade** *v.* raise, improve, promote, elevate, enhance, better, make better, advance, enrich. *ANT. degrade, downgrade, demote.*
- upheaval** *n.* eruption, blowup, explosion, earthquake, cataclysm, destruction, catastrophe, revolution, overthrow, change. *ANT. peace, quiet, tranquility.*
- uphill** *a.* laborious, arduous, hard, difficult, taxing, strenuous, grueling, labor intensive, backbreaking. *ANT. downhill, easy, effortless.*
- uphold** *v.* support, hold up, maintain, stand by, sustain, carry, back, champion.
- upkeep** *n.* maintenance, repair, running, costs, overhead, outlay, expenses, expenditure.
- uplift** *v.* raise, elevate, inspire, lift, improve, hearten. *ANT. bring down, depress.*
- upper hand** *n.* advantage, control, domination, \*driver's seat, whip hand, catbird seat, supremacy, rule, a leg up.
- uppermost** *a.* highest, top, loftiest, foremost, greatest, superior, ultimate, chief, maximum, leading. *ANT. lowest.*
- uppity** *a.* arrogant, snobbish, haughty, stuck-up, \*high-falutin, lofty, proud, uppish, \*full of oneself, conceited, presumptuous. *ANT. \*folksy, down to earth, modest, humble.*
- upright** *a.* 1. ERECT standing, vertical, perpendicular, on end, straight up. 2. HONORABLE honest, moral, ethical, decent, good, righteous, upstanding, scrupulous, principled, virtuous, reputable. *ANT. 1. prone, lying, horizontal. 2. dishonorable, disreputable, corrupt, dishonest.*
- uprising** *n.* rebellion, revolt, revolution, insurrection, insurgence, mutiny, riot, unrest, anarchy, outbreak of violence, overthrow, coup d'état.
- uproar** *n.* stir, turmoil, ado, \*to-do, clamor, \*flap, furor, fuss, noise, riot, brouhaha, \*blowup, \*hoopla, outburst, \*ruckus, disturbance, \*big stink, hullabaloo. *ANT. peace, quiet, tranquility.*

- uproarious** *a.* 1. NOISY loud, clamorous, tumultuous, boisterous, wild, riotous, deafening, earsplitting. 2. HILARIOUS \*a scream, sidesplitting, hysterical, \*a laugh riot, rollicking. *ANT.* 1. *quiet, peaceful, still.* 2. *somber, sober, grim.*
- uproot** *v.* root up, root out, extirpate, pull out, rip out, move, weed, remove, eradicate, destroy.
- ups and downs** *n.* peaks and valleys, highs and lows, feasts and famines, vicissitudes.
- upset** *n.* 1. DISTURBANCE unhappiness, agitation, trouble, distress, worry, shake-up, perturbation, illness. 2. DEFEAT overthrow, reversal, surprise loss. 3. TURNOVER flip, tipping, toppling, capsizing.
- upset** *v.* 1. DISTURB make unhappy, bother, agitate, trouble, distress, worry, disquiet, hurt, make angry, disconcert, perturb, unsettle, grieve, \*stress out, make anxious. 2. OVERTURN upend, turn upside-down, capsize, topple, tip, flip, turn over, knock over. 3. DEFEAT overthrow, triumph over, beat, \*get the better of. *ANT.* 1. *make happy, fill with contentment, soothe.* 2. *turn upright, stand up.* 3. *lose, be defeated.*
- upset** *a.* 1. DISTURBED unhappy, bothered, agitated, troubled, distressed, worried, disquieted, hurt, angry, disconcerted, perturbed, unsettled, grieved. 2. OVERTURNED upended, upside-down, capsized, toppled, flipped. *ANT.* 1. *contented, happy, blissful.* 2. *upright, standing.*
- upshot** *n.* outcome, result, conclusion, end result, end product, effect, payoff, eventuality, culmination, consequence, aftermath, consummation.
- upside-down** *a.* inverted, bottom-side up, top-side down, reversed, wrong-side up, backward, \*bassackwards, topsy-turvy. *ANT.* *righted, right-side-up.*
- upstage** *v.* steal the spotlight, steal the show, draw attention to one's self, outshine.
- upstanding** *a.* upright, honorable, honest, reputable, virtuous, moral, ethical, good, principled, uncorrupt, of sterling character. *ANT.* *corrupt, low, disreputable, immoral.*
- upstart** *n.* parvenue, nouveau riche, arriviste, pretender, status seeker, jackanapes, whipper-snapper.
- upswing** *n.* advancement, expanding market, bull market, upsurge, improvement, rise, progress, recovery, uptick.
- uptight** *a.* *Sl.* nervous, tense, anxious, on edge, edgy, uneasy, troubled, restive, worried. *ANT.* *relaxed, calm, cool.*
- up-to-date** *a.* current, up-to-the-minute, contemporary, \*cutting edge, \*state of the art, new, modern, in vogue, \*all the rage, au courant, fashionable, stylish, trendy, late, \*now. *ANT.* *outdated, out-of-date, old-fashioned, antiquated, passé.*
- upturn** *n.* SEE UPSWING
- upward** *adv.* skyward, overhead, above, aloft, atop. *ANT.* *downward, below.*
- upward mobility** *n.* social climbing, climbing the corporate ladder, status seeking, \*clawing one's way to the top.
- urban** *a.* city, citified, metropolitan, cosmopolitan, densely populated, municipal, civic. *ANT.* *rural, country, deep woods.*
- URBANE** *a.* [ur BANE] smoothly polite, suave, refined. *The tour guide was charming and urbane.* *SYN.* smooth, suave, polite, courteous, polished, refined, gracious, debonair, mannerly, elegant, poised, charming. *ANT.* *rude, coarse, impolite, offensive.*
- urchin** *n.* kid, boy, youngster, child, imp, \*little devil, troublemaker, rogue, rascal, gutter-snipe, brat, juvenile delinquent.
- urge** *n.* drive, yearning, desire, hunger, longing, impulse, craving, compulsion, yen, passion, hankering, stimulus, goad.
- urge** *v.* 1. ENCOURAGE press, push for, implore, plead, exhort, beg, beseech, advocate, entreat, ask, solicit. 2. STIMULATE provoke, incite, push, drive, force, spur, accelerate, speed.
- urgency** *n.* matter of life or death, emergency, crisis, extremity, exigency.
- urgent** *a.* a matter of life or death, pressing, crucial, critical, exigent, requiring immediate attention, imperative, first priority, paramount. *ANT.* *unimportant, insignificant, trivial.*
- urinate** *v.* micturate, \*pee, \*piss, relieve oneself.
- urn** *n.* vase, container, receptacle, jar, vessel, ossuary.
- usage** *n.* custom, habit, practice, tradition, convention, routine, way.
- use** *n.* 1. SERVICE \*mileage, usefulness, employment, worth, benefit. 2. UTILIZATION application, employment, exercise. 3. FUNCTION service, usefulness.
- use** *v.* 1. UTILIZE employ, make use of, work, practice, operate, exercise, manipulate, ply. 2. ABUSE take advantage of, exploit, \*walk on, \*play for a sucker, \*bleed dry. 3. EXPEND spend, consume, exhaust, deplete.
- used** *a.* secondhand, pre-owned, hand-me-down, passed down, recycled, old, castoff. *ANT.* *new, fresh, brand-new.*

- used to** *adv.* familiar with, accustomed to, habituated, acclimated.
- useful** *a.* serviceable, helpful, valuable, practical, utilitarian, beneficial, handy, of use, functional. *ANT.* *useless, worthless, of no help.*
- useless** *a.* worthless, of no use, unavailing, un-serviceable, ineffectual, ineffective, to no avail, unproductive, unprofitable, futile, vain. *ANT.* *useful, valuable, helpful.*
- usher** *n.* usherette, guide, escort, doorkeeper, attendant, page.
- usher** *v.* 1. **GUIDE** escort, lead, conduct, show in, marshal, direct, accompany. 2. **PRECEDE** herald, pave the way, introduce, inaugurate.
- usual** *a.* ordinary, customary, common, everyday, conventional, normal, standard, regular, habitual, routine, accustomed, traditional, stock, run-of-the-mill, average, typical. *ANT.* *unusual, uncommon, abnormal, irregular.*
- USURP** *v.* [yoo SURP] to take over a position of power by force, overthrow. *The rebels attempted to usurp the president's office.* *SYN.* take over, overthrow, depose, dethrone, oust, unseat, unhorse, commandeer, wrest, seize, expropriate.
- utensil** *n.* implement, tool, instrument, fork, knife, spoon.
- UTILITARIAN** *a.* [yoo TIL i TAIR ee un] useful, practical. *He chose a car that was utilitarian rather than showy.* *SYN.* useful, practical, functional, pragmatic, serviceable, efficient, down to earth, sensible. *ANT.* *impractical, romantic, fanciful.*
- utility** *n.* usefulness, practicality, service, function, benefit, adaptability.
- utilize** *v.* use, put to use, employ. *SEE USE*
- utmost** *a.* 1. **GREATEST** highest, maximum, maximal, most, uppermost, supreme, preeminent, best. 2. **FARTHEST** most distant, outermost, extreme, last, remotest. *ANT.* 1. *lowest, smallest, worst.* 2. *closest, nearest.*
- utopia** *n.* Shangri-la, paradise, Eden, best of all possible worlds, heaven on earth, perfect society, idealized society, land of milk and honey.
- Utopian** *a.* idealistic, ideal, visionary, perfect, fanciful, chimerical, grandiose, \*pie in the sky, romantic, fictitious, make-believe, impractical, unfeasible. *ANT.* *realistic, down to earth.*
- utter** *v.* speak, say, vocalize, emit, articulate, enunciate, voice, state, verbalize, assert, declare, shout, come out with, mouth.
- utter** *a.* thorough, complete, absolute, outright, out-and-out, total, sheer, pure, perfect, unmitigated. *ANT.* *partial, rather.*
- utterance** *n.* vocalization, articulation, expression, speech, statement, verbalization, assertion, declaration, shout, sound, wording, mouthing.
- utterly** *adv.* completely, totally, entirely, thoroughly, wholly, absolutely, purely, perfectly, fully. *ANT.* *partially, partly.*

# V

**vacancy** *n.* opening, space, emptiness, gap, room, void, vacuousness, hole, nothing, hollow.

**vacant** *a.* 1. EMPTY open, unfilled, unoccupied, clear, bare, deserted, void, devoid, hollow, uninhabited, unused. 2. MINDLESS stupid, blank, vacuous, oblivious, expressionless, dull, bovine, \*bubbleheaded. *ANT.* 1. *full, filled, occupied, used.* 2. *intelligent, thoughtful, alert.*

**vacation** *v.* leave, give up, leave behind, quit, desert, withdraw, depart, abandon. *ANT.* *fill, occupy.*

**vacation** *n.* holiday, time off, \*R&R, rest and relaxation, recess, furlough, sabbatical, respite, hiatus, break, trip, cruise. "A semi-annual reminder that doing nothing is hard work."—Art Hinkle. *ANT.* *daily grind, hard labor.*

**vaccination** *n.* inoculation, \*shot, immunity.

**VACILLATE** *v.* [VAS uh LATE] to waver or be indecisive. *He couldn't make up his mind and vacillated between choices all day.* *SYN.* waver, be indecisive, go back and forth, fluctuate, hesitate, shilly-shally, \*blow hot and cold, be irresolute, \*sit on the fence, hedge, equivocate, hem and haw.

**vacuity** *n.* 1. EMPTINESS nothingness, vacuum, void, blankness. 2. EMPTY-HEADEDNESS stupidity, ignorance, dullness, denseness, mindlessness, lack of intelligence, \*bubbleheadedness, imbecility. *ANT.* 1. *substance, matter, fullness.* 2. *intelligence, brains, \*smarts.*

**vacuous** *a.* stupid, empty-headed, dumb, dense, unintelligent, ignorant, imbecilic, moronic, \*bubbleheaded, blank, bovine. *ANT.* *intelligent, smart, bright, knowledgeable.*

**vacuum** *n.* emptiness, nothingness, void, blankness, vacuity.

**vagabond** *n.* vagrant, drifter, tramp, wanderer, transient, \*bum, hobo, nomad, rambler, rover, floater, itinerant.

**vagabond** *a.* moving, wandering, drifting, traveling, roving, rambling, roaming, wayfaring, itinerant, homeless, shiftless, idle. *ANT.* *rooted, responsible.*

**vagary** *n.* caprice, whim, whimsy, impulse, notion, fancy, crotchet, idea, oddity, \*flash.

**vagina** *n.* sex organ, private parts, genitals, genitalia, reproductive organ.

**vagrant** *n.* wanderer, roamer, vagabond, nomad, rambler, rover, Bohemian, gypsy, tramp, hobo, \*bum.

**vagrant** *a.* wandering, roaming, wayward, vagabond, nomadic, rambling, roving, aimless, Bohemian, gypsy.

**vague** *a.* indefinite, unclear, uncertain, obscure, fuzzy, hazy, foggy, nebulous, amorphous, indistinct, unspecific, imprecise, ambiguous, equivocal, questionable. *ANT.* *definite, clear, distinct, explicit.*

**vain** *a.* 1. WORTHLESS of no use, useless, empty, hollow, futile, unproductive, fruitless, pointless, unsuccessful, unavailing, idle. 2. CONCEITED proud, vainglorious, \*full of oneself, egotistical, self-important, arrogant, pompous, self-admiring, primping, preening, haughty, dandyish, foppish, swaggering, strutting, \*in love with oneself. *ANT.* 1. *productive, effective, worthwhile.* 2. *modest, humble, self-effacing.*

**vainglorious** *a.* proud, boasting, vain, singing one's own praises, bragging, \*blowing one's own horn, \*talking big, swaggering, strutting, arrogant, pompous, basking in one's own glory. *ANT.* *modest, humble, self-effacing.*

**vainglory** *n.* pride, boastfulness, vanity, pomp, ostentation, arrogance, bragging, swaggering, strutting, haughtiness. *ANT.* *modesty, humbleness, shyness.*

**valance** *n.* drapery, curtain.

**vale** *n.* dale, dell. *SEE* VALLEY

**valedictory** *n.* farewell speech, goodbye speech.

**valedictory** *a.* farewell, parting, goodbye, departing, last. *ANT.* *welcoming, greeting.*

**valet** *n.* dresser, manservant, servant, groom, foot servant, attendant.

**valiant** *a.* brave, courageous, fearless, bold, heroic, unflinching, lionhearted, unafraid, intrepid, \*gutsy, manly, \*macho, virile, gallant, chivalrous. *ANT.* *cowardly, \*chicken, timid, craven, \*wimpy.*

**valid** *a.* 1. LEGAL legitimate, authorized, certified, sanctioned, lawful, warranted, ap-

- proved, authentic, genuine. 2. SOUND well-grounded, well-founded, solid, validated, logical, substantiated, correct, accurate, unassailable. *ANT.* 1. *illegal, illegitimate, unauthorized, invalid.* 2. *flimsy, unsound, unproven.*
- validate** *v.* 1. MAKE LEGAL make legitimate, authorize, certify, sanction, warrant, approve. 2. CONFIRM verify, prove, substantiate, corroborate, back up, support, authenticate, certify. *ANT.* 1. *invalidate, cancel.* 2. *disprove, invalidate.*
- validation** *n.* 1. LEGALIZATION legitimization, authorization, certification, sanctioning. 2. CONFIRMATION verification, proof, substantiation, corroboration, support, authentication, certification. *ANT.* *invalidation.*
- validity** *n.* 1. LEGALITY lawfulness, legitimacy, authority, sanction. 2. SOUNDNESS solidity, correctness, accuracy, authenticity, genuineness.
- valise** *n.* suitcase, bag, travel bag, handbag, carryall, luggage, case, grip.
- valley** *n.* dale, dell, vale, canyon, gorge, lowland, basin, gulch, chasm, hollow, glen. *ANT.* *mountain, highland.*
- valor** *n.* courage, bravery, boldness, fearlessness, \*guts, nerve, heroism, daring, \*derring-do, backbone, \*moxie, stoutheartedness, bravado, confidence, manliness, gallantry, chivalry, heart. *ANT.* *cowardice, fear, \*wimpiness, spinelessness.*
- valorous** *a.* courageous, brave, bold, fearless, \*gutsy, nervy, heroic, daring, stouthearted, confident, manly, gallant, chivalrous, tough. *ANT.* *cowardly, fearful, \*wimpy.*
- valuable** *a.* costly, priceless, precious, dear, expensive, high-priced, valued, prized, in demand, worthwhile, invaluable, important, useful, profitable, beneficial, helpful. *ANT.* *worthless, cheap, \*not worth the powder to blow it to hell, unimportant.*
- valuation** *n.* appraisal, evaluation, estimate.
- value** *n.* 1. WORTH market price, appraisal, assessment, equivalent, return, face value. 2. MERIT use, importance, weight, desirability, esteem, respect, benefit, profit, power, utility, marketability. *ANT.* *insignificance, uselessness, unimportance.*
- value** *v.* 1. APPRAISE assess, evaluate, rate, value, estimate, put a price on. 2. TREASURE prize, cherish, hold dear, respect, esteem, appreciate, consider important, love.
- valued** *a.* treasured, prized, cherished, dear, respected, esteemed, appreciated, highly regarded, admired, loved. *ANT.* *unimportant, underappreciated.*
- values** *n.* principles, morals, ideals, standards, ethics, beliefs, mores, what's important.
- valve** *n.* stopper, shutoff, cock, gate, flap, plug, lid.
- vamoose** *v.* \*skedaddle, go, \*git. SEE LEAVE
- vamp** *n.* seductress, temptress, seducer, flirt, vampire, femme fatale, siren, enchantress.
- vamp** *v.* seduce, tempt, flirt, charm, beguile, lure with one's feminine charms.
- vampire** *n.* bloodsucker, Dracula, ghoul, bat.
- van** *n.* truck, wagon, lorry, trailer.
- vandal** *n.* spoiler, wrecker, destroyer, mutilator, graffiti artist, defacer, hoodlum, juvenile delinquent.
- vandalism** *n.* destruction, defacing, graffiti, \*trashing, wrecking, smashing, breaking, disfigurement, tearing apart, spoiling.
- vandalize** *v.* destroy, deface, spray paint, \*trash, wreck, smash, break, disfigure, tear apart, ruin, spoil.
- VANGUARD** *n.* [VAN gard] the leading or front members of an attacking army. Also, the leading or pioneering members of a movement, project, trend, etc. *He was among the vanguard of the new age artists.* SYN. front, forefront, fore, head, front line, advance guard, cutting edge, leading edge, leaders, trailblazers, pioneers, trendsetters, innovators, avant-garde, forerunners. *ANT.* *rear, back, followers, stragglers.*
- vanish** *v.* disappear, fade, evanesce, dissolve, dematerialize, pass from sight, vanish into thin air, vaporize, evaporate, leave no trace. *ANT.* *materialize, appear, come into view.*
- vanity** *n.* 1. PRIDE vainglory, self-admiration, conceit, ego, \*ego trip, egotism, narcissism, arrogance, boastfulness, self-importance, smugness. "[That which] keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others."—Shakespeare. "The greatest of all flatterers."—La Rochefoucauld. "An itch for the praise of fools."—Robert Browning. 2. FUTILITY uselessness, worthlessness, emptiness, hollowness. *ANT.* 1. *modesty, humility, humbleness, self-effacement.* 2. *worth, usefulness.*
- vanquish** *v.* conquer, defeat, overcome, beat, best, overpower, overthrow, master, subdue, crush, destroy, trample, prevail over, triumph over. *ANT.* *lose, be defeated, submit.*
- vantage** *n.* advantage, \*leg up, leverage, superiority, high ground, edge, \*inside track, \*jump.
- vantage point** *n.* perspective. SEE POSITION
- VAPID** *a.* [VAP id] dull, flat, tasteless. *He watched one vapid television show after another and*

- finally fell asleep.* SYN. dull, flat, boring, uninteresting, tiresome, tedious, tasteless, flavorless, colorless, insipid, inane, lifeless, bland, lame, unimaginative, \*dull as dishwater, \*blah. ANT. *interesting, stimulating, imaginative, exciting.*
- vapor** *n.* moisture, mist, fog, haze, steam, cloud, spray, breath, exhalation, humidity, condensation, miasma, smog.
- vaporize** *v.* humidify, mist, steam, fume.
- vaporous** *a.* humid, misty, steamy, foggy, damp, clammy, muggy, moist, hazy, gaseous, fummy, murky. ANT. *dry.*
- variable** *a.* changeable, changing, unstable, fluctuating, irregular, inconstant, vacillating, wavering, \*like a chameleon, on again off again, \*blowing hot and cold, diverse, fickle, capricious, as variable as the wind. ANT. *unchangeable, invariable, fixed, steady, stable.*
- variance** *n.* 1. DIFFERENCE discrepancy, divergence, deviation, disparity, departure. 2. DISPUTE argument, quarrel, disagreement, altercation, division, contention, difference of opinion, conflict. 3. PERMISSION pass, \*okay, pass-through. ANT. 2. *agreement, harmony, accord.*
- variant** *n.* different version, variation.
- variation** *n.* change, difference, alternative, departure, turn, fluctuation, break from the norm, aberration, variant, modification, variety. ANT. *sameness, uniformity.*
- varied** *a.* various, assorted, diverse, diversified, mixed, miscellaneous, different, motley, sundry, multifarious, heterogeneous, \*a mixed bag. ANT. 1. *the same, uniform, homogeneous.*
- variegated** *a.* particolored, varicolored, multicolored, polychromatic, streaked, mottled, dappled, spotted, striped, kaleidoscopic, \*like a rainbow. ANT. *monochromatic, one-colored, uniform.*
- variety** *n.* 1. VARIATION diversity, change, difference, heterogeneity. 2. ASSORTMENT miscellany, \*mixed bag, potpourri, mixture, hodgepodge, collection, melange. 3. TYPE sort, kind, class, make, category, species, genus. ANT. 1. *sameness, homogeneity.*
- various** *a.* 1. VARIED different, diverse, assorted, sundry, manifold, mixed, motley. 2. SEVERAL many, countless, numerous, abundant. ANT. 1. *same, similar.*
- varnish** *n.* lacquer, shellac, enamel, stain, gloss, veneer, coat, finish, glaze, polish.
- vary** *v.* differ, alter, change, modify, deviate, diverge, diversify, depart.
- varying** *a.* variable, changing, alternating, differing, different, fluctuating, deviating, diverging, departing, \*blowing hot and cold. ANT. *steady, constant.*
- vase** *n.* flower holder, pot, jar, vessel, pitcher, jug, amphora, tazza, potiche, urn.
- vast** *a.* huge, immense, enormous, extensive, boundless, colossal, astronomical, gigantic, titanic, massive, infinite, far-reaching, immeasurable, stupendous. ANT. *tiny, limited, small, microscopic.*
- vat** *n.* tub, container, tank, cauldron, cistern, cask, tun.
- vault** *n.* 1. CHAMBER mausoleum, safe, security room, strongroom. 2. JUMP leap, hop, bound, spring.
- vault** *v.* jump, leap, hop, bound, spring, hurdle.
- vaunt** *v.* boast, brag, crow, \*talk big, gloat, swagger, strut, \*lay it on thick.
- veer** *v.* turn, swerve, curve, change direction, change course, wheel, deviate, shift, diverge, tack.
- vegetable** *n.* 1. PLANT herb, root, produce, potato, tomato, carrot, cabbage, broccoli, turnip, lettuce, spinach, cucumber, onion, scallion, leek, beet, green bean, asparagus, artichoke, eggplant. 2. NONFUNCTIONING HUMAN comatose patient, \*brain-dead patient, imbecile, idiot, moron, blob.
- vegetarian** *n.* vegan.
- vegetarian** *a.* herbivorous, plant-eating. ANT. *carnivorous.*
- vegetate** *v.* wither and die, languish, stagnate, be brain-dead, be comatose.
- vegetation** *n.* plants, greenery, plant-life, flora, herbage.
- vehemence** *n.* intensity, passion, force, violence, fierceness, emotion, zeal, fire, fervor, ardor, fury, enthusiasm, power. ANT. *indifference, apathy, mildness.*
- VEHEMENT** *a.* [VEE uh munt] intense, passionate, fervent. *She denied her part in the crime vehemently.* SYN. intense, passionate, fervent, ardent, forceful, violent, fierce, emotional, zealous, fiery, furious, enthusiastic, powerful. ANT. *indifferent, apathetic, mild, passive.*
- vehemently** *a.* intensely, passionately, fervently, ardently, forcefully, violently, fiercely, emotionally, zealously, furiously, enthusiastically, powerfully. ANT. *indifferently, passively, mildly.*
- vehicle** *n.* 1. TRANSPORT automobile, car, truck, tractor, van, wagon, \*buggy, \*heap, jalopy, motorcycle, wheels, \*gas hog, \*bucket of bolts, \*clunker, \*crate, \*hunk-of-junk, \*pud-

dle jumper, boat, bus, train, carriage, coach. SEE AIRPLANE, AUTOMOBILE, BOAT, MOTORCYCLE, SHIP, TRAIN 2. MEANS medium, instrument, tool, agent, channel, intermediary.

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**WORD FIND**

**boxlike coach of 1800s:** brougham  
**bus traveling regular route, small, passenger:** jitney  
**cab, old-time:** hackney, hansom cab  
**carriage, enclosed:** coach  
**carriage, four-wheeled:** landau, phaeton, surrey  
**carriage, two-wheeled:** chaise, curricule, gig, sulky  
**carriage, Western, open, four-wheel:** buckboard  
**funeral:** hearse  
**Oriental cab pulled by one or two persons:** ricksha, jinrickisha  
**parade:** float  
**sledlike conveyance:** sleigh, bob-sleigh, carriole, cutter, pung  
**stagecoach:** Concord  
**streetcar:** trolley, cable car  
**three-wheeled motorcycle for backwoods:** ATV, all-terrain vehicle  
**wagon, covered:** Conestoga, prairie schooner

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**veil** *n.* cover, covering, gauze, net, drapery, cloth, caul, shroud, curtain, screen, purdah, mask.  
**veil** *v.* cover, shroud, curtain, screen, mask, disguise, hide, conceal, obscure, darken, cloak, shield.  
**veiled** *a.* disguised, hidden, covered up, concealed, obscured, shrouded, screened, darkened, shielded. *ANT.* *exposed.*  
**vein** *n.* 1. BLOOD VESSEL capillary, artery. 2. TONE quality, feeling, style, manner, mode, strain, mood, way, fashion. 3. STREAK seam, load, line, layer, stratum.  
**velocity** *n.* speed, rate of speed, pace, quickness, swiftness, fleetness, rapidity, celerity, miles per hour, revolutions per minute, rate.

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**WORD FIND**

**measuring device:** tachometer

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**velvet** *n.* velveteen, velour, silk.  
**VENAL** *a.* [VEEN uh] easily corrupted or bribed, corrupt. *He was the most venal judge the courts had ever encountered.* *SYN.* corruptible, easily bribed, unscrupulous, greedy, buyable, unprincipled, immoral, unethical, mercenary. *ANT.* *scrupulous, principled, ethical, honest, incorruptible.*

**vend** *v.* sell, peddle, market, retail, hawk.

**VENDETTA** *n.* [ven DETT uh] a feud or family feud fueled by the need for vengeance. *He launched a personal vendetta against his sister's abuser.* *SYN.* feud, blood feud, family feud, retaliation, fight, quarrel, bad blood, war, vengeance campaign, vengeance-seeking, revenge.

**vendor** *n.* seller, salesman, peddler, retailer, hawker, dealer, monger, merchant, trader, merchandiser, huckster.

**veneer** *n.* 1. SHOWY LAYER facade, facing, surface, overlay. 2. FALSE FRONT front, facade, cover-up, show, pretense, guise.

**VENERABLE** *a.* [VEN ur uh bul] esteemed because of one's age or character. *The venerable judge was retiring after 30 years on the bench.* *SYN.* respected, revered, esteemed, worthy, venerated, honored, time-honored, august, dignified, old. *ANT.* *disrespected, dishonorable, undignified.*

**VENERATE** *v.* [VEN ur ate] revere, look up to, worship. *Everyone venerated the local priest.* *SYN.* revere, look up to, respect, esteem, honor, worship, adore, idolize, \*put on a pedestal, hallow. *ANT.* *disdain, scorn, regard with contempt, disrespect.*

**veneration** *n.* respect, reverence, esteem, worship, adoration, awe, idolization, regard, admiration, homage. *ANT.* *disrespect, disdain, contempt.*

**vengeance** *n.* revenge, retaliation, retribution, eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth, tit for tat, reprisal, requital, vendetta, settling the score. *ANT.* *forgiveness, turning the other cheek, letting bygones be bygones.*

**vengeful** *a.* vindictive, seeking revenge, revengeful, \*launching a personal vendetta, retaliatory, avenging, unforgiving, spiteful, bitter, \*out to settle the score, punitive. *ANT.* *forgiving, tolerant.*

**venial** *a.* forgivable, pardonable, excusable, tolerable, allowable, understandable, minor, \*human. *ANT.* *unforgivable, inexcusable, intolerable, sinful.*

**venom** *n.* 1. POISON toxin. 2. NEGATIVE FEELINGS spite, malice, hatred, animosity, malevolence, malignance, resentment, ill will, bitterness, hostility, acrimony. *ANT.* 1. *antidote, antivenin, antitoxin.* 2. *love, goodwill, friendliness, warmth.*

**venomous** *a.* 1. POISONOUS toxic, lethal, deadly, viperous, stinging. 2. FULL OF NEGATIVE FEELINGS spiteful, malicious, hating, malevolent, malignant, resentful, bitter, hostile, acrimonious, caustic, antagonistic, vicious.

- ANT.* 1. *harmless, nontoxic.* 2. *friendly, warm, full of goodwill.*
- vent** *n.* 1. HOLE opening, outlet, aperture, orifice, mouth, passage, flue, exhaust duct, ventilating shaft. 2. EXPRESSION release, voicing.
- vent** *v.* 1. DISCHARGE release, let out, expel, give off. 2. EXPRESS air, spout off, voice, verbalize, let out, tell, unburden oneself. *ANT.* 1. *hold it all in, pent up.* 2. *remain silent.*
- ventilate** *v.* 1. BRING IN OR EXPEL AIR circulate, freshen, renew, air, air out, refresh, fan. 2. BRING OUT INTO THE OPEN air, voice, discuss, verbalize.
- venture** *n.* undertaking, enterprise, adventure, business proposition, endeavor, project, investment, risk, gamble, \*long shot, stake, speculation, experiment.
- venture** *v.* 1. RISK take a chance, gamble, wager, dare, attempt, \*take a shot, \*lay it all on the line, \*go out on a limb, \*take a flier, speculate, endeavor, undertake. 2. DARE SAY express, hazard an opinion.
- venturesome** *a.* daring, risky, chancy, brave, courageous, bold, \*gutsy, \*nervy, audacious, intrepid, enterprising, adventurous, speculative. *ANT.* *safe, cowardly, guaranteed.*
- venue** *n.* locale, locality, location, place, scene.
- Venus** *n.* goddess of love, goddess of beauty, Aphrodite.
- veracious** *a.* truthful, honest, true, factual, accurate, trustworthy, dependable, reliable, faithful, straightforward, \*on the up and up, straight. *ANT.* *false, dishonest, untruthful, inaccurate.*
- VERACITY** *n.* [vu RAS uh tee] honesty, truthfulness, accuracy. *We never doubted the veracity of her statements.* *SYN.* honesty, truthfulness, accuracy, dependability, reliability, credibility, authenticity, reality, integrity, faithfulness. *ANT.* *dishonesty, deception, deceitfulness, inaccuracy.*
- veranda** *n.* porch, portico, gallery, deck, stoop, balcony.
- verbal** *a.* in words, oral, spoken, uttered, articulated, expressed, by mouth, voiced, informal, unwritten. *ANT.* *written, formal.*
- verbalize** *v.* speak, say, voice, utter, articulate, express, communicate, put forth, put into words, \*spit out.
- VERBATIM** *adv.* [ver BAY tum] word for word. *She quoted passages of the book verbatim.* *SYN.* word for word, exactly, literally, precisely, as written, faithfully, to the letter, line for line. *ANT.* *by way of paraphrasing, roughly, inexactly.*
- verbiage** *n.* wordiness, long-windedness, prolixity, verbosity, logorrhea, repetition, redundancy, loquacity, tautology. *ANT.* *concision, conciseness, condensation, pithiness.*
- verbose** *a.* wordy, long-winded, prolix, tautological, loquacious, garrulous, talkative, repetitive, redundant, voluble, \*motor-mouthed. *ANT.* *concise, succinct, to the point, pithy.*
- verbosity** *n.* wordiness, long-windedness, prolixity, tautology, loquaciousness. "Shooting without aiming."—William Benham. "Superfluous breath."—Shakespeare.
- verdant** *a.* green, grassy, leafy, lush. *ANT.* *arid, sandy.*
- verdict** *n.* finding, decision, judgment, ruling, conclusion, determination, adjudication, opinion, sentence.
- verge** *n.* edge, brink, border, margin, limit, threshold, boundary, extremity, fringe, skirt, rim, lip, outer limits.
- verge** *v.* incline, tend, lean toward, approach, come close, edge, neighbor, touch.
- verification** *n.* proof, authentication, certification, corroboration, substantiation, confirmation, affirmation, attestation, validation, evidence. *ANT.* *discredit, invalidation.*
- verify** *v.* prove, confirm, substantiate, authenticate, certify, corroborate, affirm, attest, validate, testify to, support, demonstrate. *ANT.* \*shoot full of holes, *discredit, debunk, invalidate.*
- verily** *adv.* truly, in truth, certainly.
- verisimilitude** *n.* realism, appearance of reality, appearance of truth, truth, credibility, believability.
- veritable** *a.* actual, real, for real, true, bona fide, genuine, authentic. *ANT.* *false, questionable.*
- verity** *n.* truth, reality, actuality.
- vermin** *n.* 1. PESTS varmints, bugs, flies, lice, fleas, cockroaches, rats. 2. \*CREEP \*sleaze-bag, \*scum of the earth, dregs, \*scumbag, weasel, snake, riffraff.
- VERNACULAR** *n.* [vur NAK yoo lur] everyday language or idiom. *Even though he was a highly intellectual author, he always spoke in a relaxed vernacular.* *SYN.* native tongue, dialect, native language, conversational English, plain English, colloquial speech, slang, idiom, lingo, cant, argot, shoptalk. *ANT.* *formal English, formal language.*
- vernacular** *a.* native, regional, local, provincial, common, popular, vulgar, indigenous, informal, conversational. *ANT.* *formal, elevated, proper, stilted.*
- vernal** *a.* fresh, young, youthful, \*spring-fresh. *ANT.* *old.*

- versatile** *a.* multitalented, multifaceted, \*Jack-of-all-trades, all-around, multipurpose, resourceful, ingenious, clever, multiskilled, handy, adaptable. *ANT. limited.*
- verse** *n.* line, stanza, poem, poetry, rhyme, composition, lyrics.
- versed** *a.* learned, acquainted, experienced, trained, schooled, educated, practiced, familiar with, informed, conversant, skilled, proficient, \*up on. *ANT. unschooled, untrained, ignorant.*
- version** *n.* rendition, rendering, interpretation, reading, depiction, account, story, paraphrase, form, translation.
- vertex** *n.* apex, summit, highest point, high point, pinnacle, peak, crown, zenith, acme, apogee.
- vertical** *a.* upright, up and down, perpendicular. *ANT. horizontal.*
- vertiginous** *a.* causing vertigo, dizzy, dizzying, \*making one's head spin, whirling, reeling. *ANT. steady, calm.*
- vertigo** *n.* dizziness, unsteadiness, whirling, reeling sensation, loss of balance.
- verve** *n.* energy, spirit, liveliness, vivaciousness, enthusiasm, vitality, animation, vigor, passion, gusto, \*pizzazz. *ANT. dullness, sleepiness, weariness.*
- very** *a.* 1. COMPLETE absolute, total, entire, out-and-out, downright, unqualified, sheer. 2. SAME identical, precise, exact, perfect, fitting, suitable, needed. *ANT. 1. partial.*
- very** *adv.* 1. EXTREMELY excessively, exceedingly, profoundly, unusually, highly, \*terribly, \*awfully, uncommonly, vastly, extraordinarily, deeply, richly, notably. 2. EXACTLY precisely. *ANT. 1. slightly, barely, hardly. 2. roughly.*
- vespers** *n.* evening prayer, canonical hour.
- vessel** *n.* 1. BOAT craft, sailboat, trawler, ship, freighter, barge, tugboat, tanker, ocean liner, cruise ship, \*tub. SEE BOAT, SHIP 2. CONTAINER receptacle, holder, utensil, pot, pan, kettle, bottle, vase, jug, tub, vat, cistern, cask, keg, urn.
- vest** *n.* waistcoat.
- vest** *v.* place in control, invest, entrust, bestow, authorize, empower, assign, confer, grant.
- vested** *a.* fixed, absolute, set, inviolable, inalienable, guaranteed by law, protected by law, warranted. *ANT. spurious, unwarranted.*
- vestibule** *n.* entrance, entranceway, foyer, lobby, reception area, waiting room, antechamber.
- vestige** *n.* trace, ancestral remnant, relic, memento, surviving evidence, shadow, glimmer, token, remainder, \*ancestral hand-me-down.
- vestigial** *a.* obsolete, ancestral, degenerate, atrophied, nonfunctional, rudimentary, remaining, passed-down. *ANT. functional, advanced.*
- vestment** *n.* garment, robe, gown, alb, amice, cassock, surplice, tippet, cope.
- veteran** *n.* professional, pro, seasoned pro, \*vet, experienced hand, \*old hand, old-timer, past master, senior, authority, expert, troupier, \*war horse, ex-soldier. *ANT. amateur, neophyte, beginner.*
- veteran** *a.* experienced, old, seasoned, professional, senior, practiced, hardened, masterly, battle-scarred, worldly-wise, weathered. *ANT. inexperienced, immature, young, untried, amateur.*
- veterinarian** *n.* vet, animal doctor. SEE DOCTOR
- veto** *n.* prohibition, no, refusal, rejection, disapproval, \*thumbs down, \*nix, nay, stoppage, proscription, denial. *ANT. approval, yes, okay, acceptance, ratification.*
- veto** *v.* prohibit, refuse, reject, disapprove, \*give a thumbs down, \*give a no vote, \*nix, stop, kill, proscribe, deny, bar. *ANT. accept, approve, ratify.*
- vex** *v.* irritate, annoy, aggravate, trouble, bother, \*bug, irk, peeve, ruffle, \*rattle one's cage, pester, plague, rile, harass, perturb, \*get on one's nerves. *ANT. please, delight, soothe.*
- vexation** *n.* irritation, annoyance, aggravation, trouble, bother, \*pain, \*pain in the neck, \*headache, \*thorn in one's side, disturbance, affliction. *ANT. pleasure, delight, joy.*
- vexatious** *a.* irritating, annoying, aggravating, troubling, bothersome, irksome, nerve-racking, ruffling, disturbing, perturbing, nagging, nettling. *ANT. pleasing, delightful, joyful.*
- via** *prep.* by, by way of, through.
- VIABLE** *a.* [VI uh bul] able to live or survive, workable, doable. *We came up with a number of viable plans to make the company more profitable.* SYN. capable of surviving, workable, doable, practical, feasible, possible, within the realm of possibility. *ANT. likely to perish, impractical, unworkable.*
- viaduct** *n.* span. SEE BRIDGE
- vial** *n.* phial, bottle, ampule, vessel, test tube, syringe.
- vibrant** *a.* 1. VIBRATING quivering, resonating, resonant, reverberating, reverberant, resounding, ringing, pulsing, throbbing. 2. LIVELY alive, spirited, vigorous, energetic, animated, throbbing with life, vital, sparkling, radiant. *ANT. 1. still. 2. dead, weak, sleepy, dull.*

**VICARIOUS** *a.* [vye KAIR ee us] experienced indirectly or imagined through the experiences of others. *Although she could not attend it herself, she received vicarious pleasure from watching the concert on television.* SYN. indirect, imagined, fantasized, secondhand, secondary, sympathetic, empathetic, surrogate. ANT. direct, firsthand, personal.

**vice** *n.* sin, evil, wickedness, depravity, wrong, indecency, debauchery, immorality, degeneracy, corruption, prostitution, bad habit, weakness, compulsion, failing, fault, flaw, shortcoming, wrong, crime. "Servility,"—Karl Marx. "Instruments to plague."—Shakespeare.

**vicinity** *n.* proximity, neighborhood, area, \*neck of the woods, region, surroundings, environs, vicinage.

**vicious** *a.* 1. MEAN, NASTY bad, fierce, cruel, malicious, murderous, brutal, merciless, bloodthirsty, savage, ferocious, hateful, venomous, spiteful 2. EVIL wicked, sinful, base, corrupt, depraved, immoral, debauched, villainous, degenerate, perverted, shameful, bad. ANT. 1. nice, kind, sweet, good. 2. moral, virtuous, righteous, Christian.

**VICISSITUDES** *n.* [vi SIS i TOODS] changes, ups and downs, difficulties. *He learned to accept the vicissitudes of life.* SYN. changes, ups and downs, peaks and valleys, ebb and flow, changes in fortune, reversals, variations, mutability, uncertainty, difficulties.

**victim** *n.* 1. SUFFERER fatality, casualty, injured party. 2. DUPE target, \*patsy, \*fall guy, \*sucker, \*sitting duck, \*easy mark, quarry, prey.

**victimize** *v.* prey on, attack, kill, destroy, abuse, torment, molest, sexually abuse, rape, mug, rob, wrong, injure, pick on, take advantage of, single out for abuse, \*rip off, trick, \*burn, fool, \*sucker, con, swindle, \*flimflam, defraud, \*frame.

**victor** *n.* winner, champion, \*champ, gold medalist, conqueror, vanquisher, \*top dog, \*number one, master. ANT. loser, failure.

**Victorian** *a.* respectable, prudish, proper, straitlaced, stuffy, puritanical, prim, priggish, antiquated, obsolete. ANT. free-spirited, loose, fast, liberal.

**victorious** *a.* winning, conquering, vanquishing, triumphant, successful, champion, on top, prevailing, dominant, undefeated. ANT. failing, losing, defeated.

**victory** *n.* success, win, triumph, superiority, mastery, sweep, upset, killing, \*grand slam, \*landslide, \*wipe out, the gold medal, the silver medal, the bronze medal, vanquishing,

overthrow, subduing. "A matter of staying power."—Elbert Hubbard. "That which must be bought with the lives of young men to retrieve the errors of the old."—Gordon Munnoch. ANT. loss, failure, defeat, flop, \*choke.

**victuals** *n.* food, foodstuffs, provisions, groceries, rations, \*grub, \*eats, \*chow, \*three squares, sustenance, nourishment, larder.

**video** *n.* TV, television, tape, videocassette, movie, picture transmission. SEE TELEVISION

**videocassette** *n.* video, tape, movie, \*flick. SEE MOVIE

**vie** *v.* compete, contend, rival, match up against, struggle, contest, \*lock horns, \*fight tooth and nail, challenge, \*jockey for position, \*establish a pecking order.

**view** *n.* 1. LOOKING seeing, observation, examination, inspection, scrutiny, scan, look-see, once-over. 2. SIGHT vision, range. 3. SCENE scenery, vista, panorama, outlook, prospect, landscape, seascape. 4. OPINION judgment, perspective, thoughts, feeling, observation, point of view, belief, impression, conviction, attitude.

**view** *v.* 1. LOOK AT see, behold, observe, examine, inspect, scrutinize, scan, check out, survey, \*get a load of, regard, peep, eyeball. 2. CONSIDER regard, judge, deem, think, look at.

**viewpoint** *n.* point of view, opinion, perspective, attitude, way of thinking, position, standpoint, feeling, vantage point, angle, slant.

**vigil** *n.* watch, standing-by, overnight watch, surveillance, lookout, observation, monitoring.

**vigilance** *n.* watchfulness, caution, alertness, wariness, attentiveness, circumspection, lookout, carefulness, heed. ANT. carelessness, disregard, letting down one's guard.

**vigilant** *a.* watchful, alert, on the lookout, cautious, wary, attentive, circumspect, careful, \*on one's toes, on guard. ANT. unwary, incautious, off guard, \*flat-footed, asleep.

**vigilante** *n.* member of a lynch mob, member of a vigilance committee, night rider.

**vigilantism** *n.* taking the law into one's own hands, mob law, mob rule, lynch law, lynching.

**vignette** *n.* sketch, scene, cameo, skit, bit, depiction.

**vigor** *n.* 1. STRENGTH AND VITALITY energy, zip, power, pep, fire, vim, liveliness, drive, force, potency, might, hardiness, heartiness, health, \*get up and go, \*punch. 2. INTENSITY force, spirit, passion, enthusiasm, vehemence, fire, fervor. ANT. 1. weakness, feeble-

*ness, failing health. 2. feebleness, halfheartedness, weariness.*

**vigorous** *a.* strong, vital, energetic, \*full of zip, powerful, peppy, \*full of fire, lively, forceful, potent, mighty, hardy, hearty, healthy, robust, intense, spirited, passionate, enthusiastic, vehement, fervent. *ANT. weak, feeble, sickly, failing, impotent.*

**viking** *n.* pirate, sea rover, Norseman.

**vile** *a.* 1. BASE immoral, wicked, evil, sinful, debased, bad, degenerate, venal, iniquitous, villainous, depraved, Satanic. 2. OFFENSIVE disgusting, sickening, nauseating, stomach-turning, rotten, loathsome, despicable, monstrous, atrocious, obnoxious, contemptible. *ANT. 1. moral, good, wholesome, virtuous. 2. pleasant, delightful, agreeable.*

**VILIFY** *v.* [VIL uh FYE] to defame, slander, put down. *He vilified nearly everyone in the organization.* *SYN. defame, slander, put down, mudsling, libel, smear, criticize, abuse, denounce, \*slam, malign, denigrate, revile, calumniate, vituperate, \*bad-mouth, \*drag one's name through the mud. ANT. praise, compliment, commend.*

**vilification** *n.* defamation, slander, mudslinging, libel, smear, criticism, verbal abuse, denunciation, \*slamming, maligning, denigration, calumny, character assassination, \*bad-mouthing. *ANT. praising, commendation, acclaim.*

**villa** *n.* country house, country estate, summer house, \*spread, vacation home, hacienda.

**village** *n.* municipality, hamlet, small town, crossroads, burg, community, settlement, township.

**villain** *n.* criminal, \*bad guy, scoundrel, evildoer, wretch, knave, antihero, \*black hat, fiend, rogue, rascal, \*weasel, \*snake, \*rat, \*Simon Legree, dastard, cur, \*the heavy, \*SOB, cad, \*creep, \*rotter, \*stinker, \*bad actor, \*bad hombre. *ANT. hero, \*good guy, good Samaritan, law-abiding citizen.*

**villainous** *a.* criminal, evil, wicked, sinful, unlawful, lawbreaking, mean, knavish, black, fiendish, dastardly, ignoble, blackhearted, antisocial, vile, low, felonious, shameful, reprehensible, immoral, diabolic. *ANT. heroic, good, kind, Christian.*

**villainy** *n.* crime, dirty deed, felony, evil, wickedness, sinfulness, knavery, meanness, delinquency, blackheartedness, antisocial behavior, antisocial act, vileness, immorality, heinous act. *ANT. heroism, goodness, kindness, Christianity.*

**vim** *n.* vitality, vigor, energy, strength, robustness, liveliness, \*pep, \*get up and go, \*zip, potency, vivacity, spirit. *ANT. feebleness, weariness.*

**VINDICATE** *v.* [VIN duh KATE] to clear one of blame, charges or suspicion; to absolve. *The new evidence vindicated the accused and he was promptly released with apologies.* *SYN. clear, clear one's name, exonerate, prove innocence, absolve, acquit, exculpate, excuse, pardon, uphold one's innocence, defend, support. ANT. damn, implicate, convict.*

**VINDICTIVE** *a.* [vin DIK tiv] seeking revenge, seething with the desire for vengeance. *The divorce made both parties mean and vindictive.* *SYN. vengeful, revengeful, retaliatory, retributive, spiteful, unforgiving, resentful, hostile, out for revenge, out to even the score, nasty. ANT. forgiving, \*turning the other cheek, accepting.*

**vintage** *n.* 1. TIME PERIOD season, year, date, period, model. 2. CROP harvest, yield. SEE WINE

**vintage** *a.* 1. CHOICE the best, select, prize, excellent, superior, good, fine. 2. HISTORICAL past, period, retro, old-time, old-fashioned, antiquated, antique, outdated. *ANT. 1. the worst, poor, inferior. 2. future, modern, contemporary.*

**vintner** *n.* wine merchant, wine maker. SEE WINE

**violate** *v.* 1. BREAK A LAW transgress, breach, disobey, trespass, defy, disregard the law, infringe, commit a felony, commit a crime, commit a misdemeanor. 2. RAPE molest, sexually abuse, ravish, assault, deflower, take by force. 3. DESECRATE profane, disrespect, dishonor, defile, blaspheme, degrade, corrupt. 4. BREAK IN interrupt, invade one's space, invade one's privacy, disturb. *ANT. 1. comply, observe, respect. 3. respect, honor, revere.*

**violation** *n.* 1. BREAKING OF THE LAW transgression, breach, trespass, defiance, infringement, felony, crime, misdemeanor, nonobservance. 2. RAPE molestation, sexual abuse, sexual assault, deflowering. 3. DESECRATION disrespect, defiling, degradation. 4. INVASION OF PRIVACY invasion of one's space, interruption, disturbance.

**violence** *n.* 1. PHYSICAL ANGER AND DESTRUCTION brute force, manhandling, brutality, roughness, terrorism, bloodshed, killing, murder, destructiveness, barbarity, savagery, ferocity, fisticuffs, \*rumble, rioting, physical abuse, pummeling, cruelty, torture, \*when push comes to shove. "The state calls its own violence law, but that of the individual

- crime.”—Max Stirner. 2. INTENSE FORCE OF NATURE energy, explosiveness, storminess, ferocity, fury, turbulence, wildness, intensity, fierceness, upheaval, cataclysm, eruption, blowup.
- violent** *a.* 1. DESTRUCTIVE brutal, beastly, manhandling, rough, terrorizing, killing, murderous, barbarous, savage, ferocious, riotous, physically abusive, assaultive, cruel, bloodthirsty, homicidal, rabid, maniacal, berserk, rowdy, hurtful, crazed, out of control, vehement, furious. 2. INTENSE powerful, strong, extreme, severe, acute, rough, explosive, turbulent, stormy, ferocious, wild, fierce, cataclysmic. *ANT.* 1. *nonviolent, pacific, passive, peaceful.* 2. *mild, gentle, slight.*
- violin** *n.* string instrument, fiddle, Stradivarius. SEE MUSICAL INSTRUMENT
- VIP** *n.* very important person, dignitary, \*big shot, \*big enchilada, \*brass hat, \*top brass, celebrity, \*high muckety-muk, nabob. *ANT.* *nobody, \*lightweight, nobody special.*
- viper** *n.* \*snake, \*snake in the grass, scoundrel, rogue, villain, cur, cad, rat, \*heel, worm, \*rotter. *ANT.* *nice guy, choirboy, good Samaritan.*
- viperous** *a.* malicious, vicious, spiteful, nasty, venomous, malignant, mean, vindictive, Satanic, deadly. *ANT.* *nice, sweet, harmless.*
- virago** *n.* shrew, nag, scold, witch, \*battle-ax, spitfire, fishwife, \*biddy, hag.
- virgin** *n.* maid, maiden, celibate, vestal.
- Virgin** *n.* Mary, Mother of Jesus, Madonna, the Virgin Mother, Queen of Saints, Blessed Virgin Mary.
- virgin** *a.* virginal, chaste, celibate, untouched, pure, immaculate, unused, innocent, pristine, unspoiled, inexperienced, without sin, maidenly, wholesome. *ANT.* *impure, tried, experienced, defiled.*
- virginal** *a.* SEE VIRGIN
- virginity** *n.* chastity, celibacy, purity, maidenhood, innocence, virtue, modesty, continence, abstinence. “A frozen asset.”—Clare Boothe Luce. “Peevish, proud, idle, made of self-love, which is the most inhibited sin in the canon.”—Shakespeare. *ANT.* *promiscuity, experience, immodesty.*
- virile** *a.* manly, masculine, male, \*macho, strong, powerful, forceful, vigorous, potent, red-blooded, lusty, two-fisted, strapping, muscular, fearless, \*gutsy, bold. *ANT.* *effeminate, \*wimpy, weak, impotent.*
- virility** *n.* manliness, masculinity, maleness, strength, power, forcefulness, vigor, potency, red-bloodedness, lustiness, muscularity, fearlessness, gutsiness. *ANT.* *femininity, \*wimpiness, weakness, impotency.*
- virtual** *a.* practical, in effect, just about, tantamount to, essential, equal to, implicit. *ANT.* *not at all, absent.*
- virtually** *adv.* practically, for all practical purposes, in effect, just about, tantamount to, equal to, basically, essentially.
- virtue** *adv.* 1. MORALITY goodness, righteousness, uprightness, moral excellence, decency, character, integrity, incorruptibility, honor, Christian values, principle, ethic. “The fount whence honor springs.”—Christopher Marlowe. “Forebearance.”—F. Scott Fitzgerald. “Reason in practice.”—Marie de Chenier. “A mean state between two vices, the one of excess and the other of deficiency.”—Aristotle. “Blood is an inheritance, virtue an acquisition.”—Miguel de Cervantes. “Virtue is insufficient temptation.”—George Bernard Shaw. 2. CHASTITY chasteness, purity, virginity, celibacy, innocence, modesty, abstinence, continence. 3. EXCELLENCE merit, effectiveness, value. *ANT.* 1. *immorality, evil, wickedness, sin.* 2. *promiscuity, immodesty, impurity.* 3. *inferiority, ineffectiveness.*
- virtuosity** *n.* skill, proficiency, greatness, mastery, expertise, command, artistry, craftsmanship, brilliance. *ANT.* *inexperience, incompetence, ineptness.*
- virtuoso** *n.* master, expert, artist, \*whiz, craftsman, genius, prodigy, ace, professional, pro, \*crackerjack, maestro, mavin. *ANT.* *amateur, beginner, bumbler, neophyte.*
- virtuous** *a.* 1. MORAL AND EXEMPLARY good, righteous, upright, principled, decent, incorruptible, honorable, showing character, having integrity, having Christian values, ethical. 2. CHASTE virginal, pure, untouched, innocent, celibate, continent, abstinent. *ANT.* 1. *immoral, evil, sinful, wicked.* 2. *promiscuous, impure, immodest.*
- virulence** *n.* 1. TOXICITY noxiousness, harmfulness, deadliness. 2. ANIMOSITY venom, hostility, malevolence, rancor, malice, acrimony.
- virulent** *a.* 1. POISONOUS noxious, toxic, venomous, harmful, unhealthy, lethal, deadly, fatal, malignant, deleterious. 2. ANTAGONISTIC hostile, venomous, malevolent, rancorous, vicious, malicious, nasty, acrimonious, bitter, spiteful, vindictive. *ANT.* 1. *nontoxic, harmless, benign.* 2. *friendly, nice, warm.*
- virus** *n.* \*bug, germ, microorganism, microbe, infection, pathogen, prokaryote, cold virus, flu virus.

**visa** *n.* endorsement, authorization, certification, passport stamp.

**visage** *n.* face, countenance, expression, appearance, aspect, look, cast, bearing.

**vis-a-vis** *a.* face to face, opposite.

**viscera** *n.* internal organs, intestines, guts, bowels, \*innards, entrails.

**VISCERAL** *a.* [VIS ur ul] instinctive, intuitive, felt in one's gut. *The desire to hunt is largely visceral.* *SYN.* instinctive, intuitive, \*gut, internal, natural, unconscious, subconscious, reflexive, emotional. *ANT.* *intellectual, cerebral.*

**viscid** *a.* SEE VISCOUS

**viscosity** *n.* cohesiveness, stickiness, tackiness, adhesion, viscosity, gumminess, pastiness.

**viscount** *n.* nobleman.

**viscous** *a.* cohesive, sticky, viscid, tacky, gluey, gummy, adhesive, syrupy, mucilaginous, pasty. *ANT.* *dry, solid.*

**visc** *n.* clamp, holder, grip, gripper.

**visibility** *n.* range of vision, clearness, clarity, cloudiness, cloud ceiling, fogginess, perceptibility.

**visible** *a.* seeable, perceptible, observable, perceivable, discernible, palpable, apparent, evident, obvious, conspicuous, distinct, clear, plain, manifest. *ANT.* *invisible, concealed, hidden, imperceptible.*

**vision** *n.* 1. EYESIGHT sense of sight, sight, seeing, perception, optical perception. SEE EYE 2. DREAM hallucination, fantasy, daydream, illusion, mirage, apparition, ghost, specter, phantom, visitation, prophecy, prophetic vision, revelation. 3. MENTAL PICTURE image, imagining, fantasy, concept, idea. 4. FORESIGHT OR IMAGINATION astuteness, farsightedness, understanding, insight, wisdom, perspective, keenness, intuition.

**visionary** *n.* 1. DREAMER daydreamer, idealist, romantic, Utopian, castle-builder, Don Quixote. 2. PROPHET seer, mystic, fortune-teller, psychic.

**visionary** *a.* imaginary, fantasized, dreamed, fanciful, impractical, unrealistic, idealized, idealistic, starry-eyed, romantic, speculative, ghostly, spectral, prophetic. *ANT.* *realistic, down-to-earth, practical.*

**visit** *n.* social call, stopover, stay, sojourn, appointment, talk, chat.

**visit** *v.* 1. DROP IN on call on, stop in, stop over, stop by, see, look up, look in on, pay a call, stay over, sojourn. 2. AFFLICT inflict, assail, befall, wreak, smite, attack.

**visitation** *n.* affliction, punishment, plague, curse, blight, disaster, catastrophe, tragedy, calamity, reward, just reward.

**visitor** *n.* caller, guest, houseguest, company, drop-in company, sojourner, tourist, traveler.

**vista** *n.* view, outlook, scene, scenery, panorama, sight, prospect.

**visual** *a.* 1. OPTICAL optic, ocular. 2. VISIBLE seeable, observable, perceptible, discernible, perceivable. *ANT.* 2. *invisible, imperceptible, auditory, olfactory.*

**visualize** *v.* picture, imagine, envision, conceive, fantasize, see in the mind's eye, envisage, conjure up, form a mental image.

**vital** *a.* 1. LIVING live, life, animate, life-giving, life-supporting, life-sustaining. 2. ESSENTIAL necessary, indispensable, critical, crucial, fundamental, basic, important, life or death, key. 3. VIGOROUS energetic, lively, full of life, spirited, animated, vivacious, vibrant, dynamic, full of zest. *ANT.* 1. *dead, lifeless, inanimate.* 2. *inessential, unnecessary, dispensable.* 3. *lifeless, sluggish, sickly, tired.*

**vitality** *n.* vigor, energy, liveliness, life, spirit, animation, vivacity, zest, vim, robustness, get up and go, power, strength. *ANT.* *weakness, sluggishness, lethagy, dullness.*

**vitriol** *n.* bitterness, sarcasm, nastiness, venom, acid, maliciousness, malevolence, hatefulness, contempt, disdain. *ANT.* *sweetness, kindness, pleasantness.*

**VITRIOLIC** *a.* [vi tree AWL ik] caustic, bitter, or sarcastic. *His vitriolic speech drove many people out of the conference room.* *SYN.* caustic, bitter, sarcastic, nasty, venomous, acid, malicious, malevolent, hateful, biting, cutting, disdainful. *ANT.* *sweet, nice, pleasant.*

**vittles** *n.* victuals, food, edibles, \*grub, \*chow, eats, nourishment.

**vituperate** *v.* scold, berate, censure, verbally abuse, revile, reprove, reproach, rebuke, upbraid, chasten, disparage. *ANT.* *commend, praise, compliment.*

**vituperation** *n.* scolding, berating, verbal abuse, abusive language, castigation, \*dressing down, condemnation, criticism, revilement, denunciation. *ANT.* *praise, compliments, commendation.*

**VIVACIOUS** *a.* [vi VAY shus] full of life. *She was bubbly and vivacious.* *SYN.* lively, bubbly, effervescent, spirited, animated, ebullient, vital, bouncy, cheerful. *ANT.* *lifeless, dead, dull, sluggish.*

**vivacity** *n.* life, liveliness, bubbliness, effervescence, spirit, animation, ebullience, vitality, bounciness, cheerfulness. *ANT.* *deadness, lifelessness, dullness.*

**vivid** *a.* 1. BRIGHT brilliant, intense, striking, strong, rich, radiant, resplendent, glowing,

brightly colored. 2. CLEAR crystal-clear, strong, powerful, realistic, graphic, distinct, picturesque, sharp, loud, impressive. *ANT.* 1. *dull, faded, faint, pale.* 2. *vague, dull, faint.*

**vivify** *v.* give life to, animate, vitalize, quicken.

**vivisection** *n.* animal dissection, animal research, medical research.

**vixen** *n.* shrew, witch, \*battle-ax, virago, fishwife, scold, hellcat, spitfire.

**vocabulary** *n.* lexicon, glossary, word stock, vernacular, language, slang, jargon, lingo, cant, tongue, terminology, phraseology, dictionary, thesaurus.

**vocal** *a.* 1. SPOKEN oral, verbal, voiced, vocalized, uttered, articulated, expressed, put into words, sung. 2. OUTSPOKEN expressive, articulate, vociferous, \*not backward about coming forward, loud, noisy, blunt, forthright, making oneself heard. *ANT.* 1. *mute, silent, written.* 2. *shy, reserved, reticent, quiet.*

**vocalist** *n.* singer, soloist, crooner, diva, prima donna, \*songbird, song stylist, songstress, recording artist, pop star, minstrel. SEE MUSIC, SONG

**vocalize** *v.* verbalize, voice, put into words, articulate, express, speak, utter, say, communicate, phonate, sing.

**vocation** *n.* profession, occupation, trade, calling, line of work, career, livelihood, employment, job, line, metier, business, \*racket, field, \*bag.

**vociferate** *v.* shout, clamor, holler, bellow, rant, rave, thunder, fume, fuss, \*raise a stink, raise one's voice, carry on vehemently. *ANT.* *whisper, speak softly.*

**VOCIFEROUS** *a.* [vo SIF ur us] loud, bellowing; making one's point in a noisy manner. *Both sides had become increasingly vociferous over the gun control issue.* *SYN.* loud, bellowing, shouting, hollering, clamorous, ranting, raving, thunderous, fuming, vehement, vocal, uproarious, loud-mouthed. *ANT.* *quiet, reserved, silent, shy.*

**vogue** *n.* mode, fashion, style, \*fad, \*rage, \*craze, trend, latest thing, custom, dernier cri, \*last word.

**vogue** *a.* in vogue, in fashion, fashionable, trendy, \*in, current, stylish, \*on the cutting edge \*hip. *ANT.* *old-fashioned, outdated, obsolete.*

**voice** *n.* 1. SPEECH power of speech, vocal power, vocal cords, tongue. "An arrow for the heart"—Lord Byron. "A second face"—Gerard Bauer. SEE SING, SPEECH 2. SAY vote, choice, opinion, \*two cents worth, part to play, preference.

**WORD FIND**

**descriptive:** alto, baritone, bass, bellowing, booming, breathy, cackling, childish, cracking, croaking, cultured, deep, drawling, droning, falsetto, faltering, feeble, flat, fluting, gargling, gravel, guttural, harsh, hoarse, hollow, hushed, husky, inflectionless, lilting, lisping, monotone, nasal twang, powerful, ponderous, purring, quavering, rasping, reedy, resonant, robust, scabrous, sensuous, Shakespearian actor's, sharp, shrill, singsong, soothing, soprano, spluttering, squawking, squeaky, stentorian, strangled, subterranean, sultry, tenor, thick, thin, throaty, thunderous, tremulous, velvety, warbling, wheezing, whining, whiskey-voiced.

**loss of:** aphonia

**loud:** megalophonic, megalophonous

**organ:** larynx, vocal cords, voicebox

**pertaining to:** phonetic

**pitch, variation in:** modulation, inflection

**quality:** timbre

**voiceless:** mute

**voice** *v.* express, articulate, say, verbalize, state, announce, air, vocalize, utter, communicate, put into words, sound off, vent.

**void** *n.* emptiness, vacuum, empty space, vacuity, nothing, nothingness, hole, oblivion, blank.

**void** *v.* 1. NULLIFY invalidate, cancel, annul, abolish, repeal, rescind, reverse, revoke, stop. 2. DISCHARGE evacuate, empty, clear, eliminate, excrete, purge. *ANT.* 1. *validate.* 2. *fill.*

**void** *a.* 1. EMPTY vacant, devoid, vacuous, desolate, barren, unoccupied, bare, hollow, blank. 2. INVALID null, ineffective, cancelled, ineffectual, not in force, annulled, worthless, meaningless. *ANT.* 1. *full, occupied, filled.* 2. *valid, in force, binding.*

**VOLATILE** *a.* [VOL uh tul] unstable, liable to change quickly. Also, likely to explode due to instability. *Tensions between nations created a volatile situation.* *SYN.* unstable, changeable, rapidly changing, unpredictable, unsettled, erratic, explosive, tense, fickle, capricious, up and down, hot and cold, mercurial. *ANT.* *stable, steady, predictable.*

**volcanic** *a.* explosive, violent. SEE VOLCANO

**volcano** *n.* vent, mountain, crater, Pelée, Vesuvius, Etna, Mt. St. Helens. SEE MOUNTAIN

**WORD FIND**

**avalanche of hot gas and ash:** pyroclastic flow, nuee ardente

**blob of lava ejected from:** bomb  
**cavern formed by lava flow:** lava tube  
**cinderlike lava:** scoria  
**crater that eventually fills with water to become lake:** caldera  
**descriptive:** devil's throne, hellish forge, festering boil  
**device that measures bulge in side of mountain:** tiltmeter  
**device that measures vibration:** seismograph  
**ejaculate:** clastic, tephra  
**eruption:** cataclysm, upheaval, paroxysm, belching  
**"fireworks" associated with:** pyrotechnics  
**glass, volcanic:** obsidian  
**god of fire, Roman:** Vulcanus  
**inactive permanently:** extinct  
**lava that hardens and stops up volcano throat:** plug  
**molasses-like lava found in Hawaii:** pahoehoe  
**molten rock after it is expelled:** lava  
**molten rock before it is expelled:** magma  
**mouth:** crater  
**mud or ash flow, heated:** lahar  
**rock, porous:** pumice  
**rock produced by, dark igneous:** basalt  
**reaction of lava when it meets water:** base surge  
**science of:** volcanology  
**scientist:** volcanologist, vulcanist  
**sleeping, inactive:** dormant  
**superheated gas and fire cloud:** nuee ardente  
**vent, secondary:** monticule, fumarole, blow-hole, cinder cone  
**truncated cone left after eruption:** basal wreck

**VOLITION** *n.* [vo LISH un] will, a conscious choice. *She went into the dangerous area of her own volition.* **SYN.** will, free will, willingness, choice, choosing, election, determination, desire. **ANT.** coercion, arm-twisting.

**volley** *n.* barrage, rain, shower, peppering, burst, salvo, fusillade, enfilade, discharge, wall of fire, bombardment.

**volleyball** *n.* sport.

#### WORD FIND

**fake spike in which ball is tapped very lightly over net:** dink shot, off-speed spike

**jump serve that hooks:** \*candy cane

**powerful, driving shot into opponent's court:** spike

**save near the floor, underhand:** dig

**sets ball for spiker, one who:** setter

**soft serve easily returned:** \*lollipop

**spike into opponent's face:** \*facial

**spiking directly into opponent's armpits:** \*sizzling the pits

**spin on the ball:** English

**touching net illegally:** netting

**transfer of serve to other team:** side out

**violation:** fault, foul

**voluble** *a.* talkative, loquacious, garrulous, \*motor-mouthed, long-winded, effusive, blabby, \*having the gift of gab, fluent, rambling. **ANT.** quiet, silent, reticent, taciturn.

**volume** *n.* 1. BOOK work, tome, opus, hardcover, paperback, album. 2. CUBIC SPACE cubic feet, cubic inches, size, dimensions, capacity, mass, extent. 3. LOUDNESS amplification, intensity, sound.

**voluminous** *a.* 1. HUGE large, sizable, big, great, vast, extensive, bulky, full, expansive, capacious, spacious. 2. FILLING VOLUMES prolific, comprehensive, profuse, abundant, abounding, plentiful. **ANT.** 1. small, tiny, slight. 2. brief, succinct.

**voluntarily** *adv.* of one's own free will, willingly, of one's own volition, volitionally, electively, freely. **ANT.** by force, by coercion, unwillingly, against one's will.

**voluntary** *a.* of one's own free will, willing, of one's own volition, volitional, elected, opted, unforced, gratuitous, free, optional, spontaneous. **ANT.** forced, compulsory, coerced, against one's will.

**volunteer** *v.* offer, sign up, donate one's services, step up, come forward, present, proffer, tender, contribute. **ANT.** \*go kicking and screaming, resist, refuse.

**voluptuary** *n.* sensualist, sybarite, hedonist, pleasure seeker.

**voluptuous** *a.* 1. SENSUAL SENSUOUS, pleasure-seeking, hedonistic, sybaritic, sexual, erotic, libidinal, erogenous, fleshly, lustful, lascivious, licentious. 2. SEXUALLY ATTRACTIVE \*built, shapely, \*stacked, buxom, curvaceous, well-endowed, gorgeous, \*hot, \*foxy, good-looking. **ANT.** 1. abstemious, puritanical, ascetic. 2. ugly, repulsive.

**volute** *n.* spiral, twist, whorl.

**vomit** *v.* throw up, upchuck, puke, disgorge, \*barf, regurgitate, spew, retch, \*hurl, \*ralph, \*blow lunch, \*toss one's cookies, epeah.

**voodoo** *n.* black magic, sorcery, obeah, witchcraft, dark art. **SEE** MAGIC, OCCULT

#### WORD FIND

**animated corpse or snake deity:** zombie

**bonfire representing relighting of the sun, ceremonial:** boucan  
**Brazilian form:** macumba  
**dolls to represent real people and inflict pain, use of:** envoutement  
**healing, spirit of:** loco  
**object thought to have magical power:** charm, fetish  
**priestess, Haitian:** mambo  
**spirit who takes control of another in trance:** loa  
**walking stick with magic ability to kill:** coco macaque

**VORACIOUS** *a.* [vo RAY shus] extremely hungry or greedy, insatiable. *He had a voracious appetite and ate every three hours.* SYN. ravenous, gluttonous, edacious, greedy, hungry, starved, devouring, insatiable, unquenchable, wild, rabid, out of control. ANT. moderate, dainty, satiated.

**vortex** *n.* whirlpool, maelstrom, eddy, gyre, whirlwind, tornado, cyclone, \*twister.

**votary** *n.* monk, nun, devotee, worshipper, disciple, follower, adherent, fan.

**vote** *n.* say, voice, choice, option, right to choose, suffrage, franchise, ballot, poll, referendum, show of hands, \*yea, \*nay. SEE ELECTION

**vote** *v.* cast one's ballot, choose, elect, decide on, opt for, \*give thumbs up, \*give thumbs down, \*yea, \*nay, go to the polls. SEE ELECTION

**vouch** *v.* affirm, back up, support, swear to, testify, attest, bear witness, substantiate, corroborate, guarantee, warrant, authenticate, certify.

**voucher** *n.* receipt, chit, debenture, note, IOU.

**vouchsafe** *v.* give, grant, confer, bestow, concede, allow, condescend.

**vow** *n.* promise, pledge, oath, word, solemn word, word of honor, troth, assurance.

**vow** *v.* promise, pledge, give one's word, give one's solemn word, give one's word of honor, swear to, solemnly swear, assure, \*cross one's heart and hope to die, guarantee, warrant.

**voyage** *n.* cruise, pleasure cruise, ocean-crossing, sail, trip, passage, journey, tour, junket.

**voyage** *v.* cruise, cross the ocean, sail, take a trip, journey, tour, travel, go abroad.

**voyeur** *n.* \*peeping Tom, pervert, spy, watcher.

**vulgar** *a.* 1. COMMON popular, everyday, general, plebeian, folk, of the masses, proletarian, working class, colloquial. 2. CRUDE coarse, unrefined, \*gross, rough, boorish, uncultivated, ill-bred, ill-mannered, uncivilized, loutish, impolite. 3. INDECENT obscene, tasteless, disgusting, \*gross, dirty, offensive, X-rated, blue, ribald, off-color, smutty. ANT. 1. upper class, aristocratic. 2. refined, civilized, well-mannered, well-bred. 3. tasteful, decent, clean, G-rated.

**vulgarity** *n.* 1. CRUDENESS coarseness, lack of refinement, roughness, ill manners, bad manners, rudeness, boorishness, grossness, impoliteness. 2. OBSCENITY expletive, swear word, four-letter word, profanity, smut, pornography. ANT. 1. refinement, good manners, tact.

**vulnerable** *a.* 1. ASSAILABLE open to attack, defenseless, undefended, weak, helpless, \*helpless as a baby, exposed, susceptible, unprotected, pregnable. 2. SENSITIVE thin-skinned, easily hurt, ultrasensitive. ANT. 1. unassailable, strong, impregnable, invincible. 2. thick-skinned, self-assured, confident.

**vulture** *n.* 1. BIRD OF PREY raptor, condor, scavenger. 2. RUTHLESS PERSON shark, con man, jackal, bloodsucker, parasite, user, opportunist, \*gold digger.

# W

**wacko** *n.* *Sl.* \*nut, \*fruitcake, oddball, \*sicko, \*psycho, psychotic, deranged person, unstable person, neurotic, \*screwball, mentally unbalanced person.

**wacky** *a.* crazy, \*loony, demented, deranged, \*screwy, \*psycho, psychotic, eccentric, irrational, \*goofy, \*buggy, \*kooky, \*zany, \*off the wall. *ANT.* *rational, sensible, reasonable, sober, sane.*

**wad** *n.* mass, ball, lump, hunk, chunk, gob, clump, plug.

**waddle** *v.* toddle, wobble, walk like a duck, sway.

**wade** *v.* slog, slosh, plod, ford, bathe.

**waders** *n.* hip boots.

**wafer** *n.* cracker, cookie, snap, disk, biscuit.

**WAFFLE** *v.* [WAU ful] to speak or write vaguely or ambiguously, to equivocate. *The senator waffled on the issue and told us to get back to him.* *SYN.* equivocate, dodge, \*dance around an issue, sidestep, hem and haw, duck, hedge, speak ambiguously, speak vaguely, tergiversate, evade, \*beat around the bush. *ANT.* *be decisive, come to the point, be straightforward, be direct, take a stand.*

**waft** *v.* float, fly, sail, glide, drift, blow, puff, carry, propel.

**wag** *n.* shake, wiggle, wave, waggle, swing, sway, waver, jiggle, bob.

**wag** *v.* shake, wiggle, wave, waggle, swing, sway, jiggle, bob.

**wage** *n.* pay, wages, salary, income, earnings, stipend, compensation, remuneration, hire, \*take-home, net, recompense.

**wage** *v.* engage in, carry on, maintain, conduct, undertake, make, prosecute.

**wager** *n.* bet, gamble, play, \*long shot, \*flier, speculation, \*toss of the dice, stake, money.

**wager** *v.* bet, gamble, put money on, speculate, venture, risk, chance, hazard, stake.

**waggish** *a.* merry, playful, funny, comical, jesting, humorous, clowning, teasing, jovial, jolly. *ANT.* *serious, grim, sober.*

**wagon** *n.* cart, trailer, dray, Conestoga, prairie schooner, truck, carriage, buggy. *SEE* VEHICLE

**waif** *n.* orphan, homeless child, stray, foundling, street child, gamin, ragamuffin.

**wail** *n.* cry, outcry, lament, moan, whine, howl, sob, boohoo.

**wail** *v.* cry, cry out, cry out in mourning, bewail, weep, moan, whine, howl, sob, boohoo, bawl, whimper, lament, grieve, mourn.

**wait** *n.* delay, holdup, stop, halt, suspension, pause, layover.

**wait** *v.* hold up, hold, stop, halt, suspend, pause, delay, procrastinate, linger, abide, bide one's time, \*sweat it out, dally, \*hang back, \*hold the phone, \*freeze. *ANT.* *go, proceed, start.*

**waiter** *n.* waitress, server, steward, garçon, carhop, host, hostess, maitre d', servant.

**wait on** *v.* serve, attend to, tend to, minister to, be at one's beck and call, \*wait on hand and foot, \*gopher.

**waitress** *n.* *SEE* WAITER

**waive** *v.* 1. GIVE UP relinquish, surrender, forbear, forgo, renounce, dispense with, forsake, abandon. 2. POSTPONE defer, put off, table, \*put on hold. *ANT.* 1. *keep, retain, claim.*

**waiver** *n.* relinquishment, disclaimer.

**wake** *n.* 1. WATCH vigil, funeral service, rites. 2. BACKWASH wash, trail, track, path, contrail.

**wake** *v.* 1. AWAKEN wake up, awake, get up, rouse, stir, \*rise and shine, open one's eyes, \*shake the cobwebs out, come around. 2. ACTIVATE animate, come out of dormancy, revive, stir. *ANT.* 1. *sleep, nod off, doze.* 2. *quiet, deactivate.*

**wakeful** *a.* awake, alert, wide-eyed, bright-eyed, wide-awake, restless, insomniac. *ANT.* *sleepy, tired, dull.*

**walk** *n.* 1. STROLL hike, tramp, amble, march, promenade, constitutional, perambulation, traipse, step, stride, gait, saunter, trek. 2. WALKWAY sidewalk, boardwalk, path, pathway, trail, lane, esplanade, promenade, mall, arcade.

**walk** *v.* stroll, hike, tramp, amble, pad, march, promenade, \*beat feet, \*hoof it, tramp, traipse, wend one's way, go on foot, perambulate, shuffle, mosey, step, stride, waddle. *SEE* RUN

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**WORD FIND**

**angry:** stalk out, storm out, stamp out, stomp out, catapult into the room

**baby:** toddler  
**backward:** backpedal, double-back, retrace one's steps  
**brush, through:** blaze, bushwhack, pick one's way, negotiate, weave  
**casual:** walk with elaborate nonchalance, mosey, shuffle, pad, saunter, stroll  
**complicated path, through or around:** pick one's way, negotiate, step nimbly around, thread one's way, edge along, inch forward, take mincing steps  
**crowd, through a:** sidle, jostle, elbow, shoulder, jockey for position, bull one's way through, be borne along by  
**difficult or laborious:** dodder, falter, hobble, limp, lumber, plod, shamble, shuffle, stagger, stumble, totter, trudge, slog, slosh  
**drunken:** stagger, falter, blunder forward, careen, totter  
**fours, on all:** crab  
**graceful:** with feline grace, with the grace of a porteuse, with calculated grace  
**group:** parade, march, file out, tramp, troop, swarm, flood, spill out, be borne along by the crowd  
**military march:** goose-step  
**show off:** swagger, strut, peacock  
**slide by the soles of one's feet:** glissade  
**sneaky or cautious:** creep, edge, inch, slip away, slink, steal, tiptoe, shrink, skulk, prowl, withdraw, lurk, shadow  
**wet or mud, through:** slog, slosh, squelch, splash, wade  
**wind, against:** lean into, battle forward

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**walking papers** *n.* dismissal, \*pink slip, lay-off, \*the door, \*the boot, firing, \*sack, \*heave-ho.  
**walk on** *v.* walk all over, take advantage of, use, abuse, trample, dominate, exploit.  
**walk out on** *v.* leave, turn one's back on, abandon, \*leave high and dry, leave in the lurch, \*dump, reject, jilt, depart, strike.  
**wall** *n.* partition, divider, screen, bulkhead, load-bearing wall, non-load-bearing wall, panel, barrier, parapet.  
**wallop** *v.* beat, thrash, pound, pummel, punch, slug, hit, bash, thump, sock, \*drub, batter, cuff, \*clean one's clock, coldcock, knock senseless, smack, \*clobber, belt, bop, defeat, \*skunk, \*blow away, whip, lick, rout, \*bury, \*eat for breakfast, massacre.  
**wallow** *v.* 1. ROLL AROUND lie in, lounge, slosh, splash. 2. INDULGE luxuriate, bask, relish, savor, take pleasure in, revel.  
**waltz** *n.* valse. SEE DANCE

**wan** *a.* 1. PALE colorless, pallid, white, ghostly, pasty, blanched, anemic, ashen, cadaverous. 2. WEAK faint, feeble, sickly, tired, half-hearted, weary, sad, gaunt. *ANT.* 1. *rosy, apple-cheeked, ruddy, flushed.* 2. *bright, strong, wholehearted.*  
**wand** *n.* stick, rod, staff, baton, scepter, switch.  
**wander** *v.* 1. ROAM rove, range, wend, wind, go about aimlessly, ramble, drift, meander, trek, straggle, gallivant, gad, idle, stroll, lose one's way, stray, go off the beaten track. 2. DIGRESS get off the subject, deviate, get sidetracked, ramble, go off on a tangent. *ANT.* 1. *make a beeline, go directly.* 2. *stick to the subject, stay on track.*  
**wanderlust** *n.* urge to travel, urge to explore, urge to wander, restlessness.  
**wane** *n.* ebb, decline, fading, decrease, drop, recession, falling-off. *ANT.* *increase, growth.*  
**wane** *v.* ebb, recede, decline, fade, decrease, drop, shrink, diminish, dwindle, abate, subside, lessen, fall, lapse, die out. *ANT.* *increase, wax, grow.*  
**wangle** *v.* \*finagle, machinate, make happen, \*pull off, \*pull strings, engineer, \*swing, contrive, \*wheel and deal.  
**want** *n.* 1. DESIRE need, longing, wish, yearning, hunger, thirst, craving, appetite, hankering, requirement, demand. 2. LACK absence, need, dearth, shortage, scarcity, deficiency, paucity, privation. 3. POVERTY destitution, indigence, impoverishment.  
**want** *v.* 1. DESIRE need, long for, wish for, yearn, hunger for, thirst for, crave, have an appetite for, have a hankering for, require, demand, covet. 2. LACK be deficient, be without, require, need.  
**wanting** *a.* absent, lacking, missing, deficient, insufficient, inadequate, incomplete, bereft, short, substandard, subpar, poor. *ANT.* *sufficient, adequate.*  
**wanton** *a.* 1. UNMANAGEABLE undisciplined, wild, intractable, unruly, wayward, refractory, unrestrained. 2. SEXUALLY UNRESTRAINED loose, libidinous, promiscuous, lustful, licentious, salacious, carnal, lewd, abandoned, fast. 3. UNPROVOKED groundless, uncalled-for, unnecessary, unjustifiable, senseless, needless, gratuitous, malicious, cruel, mean. 4. RECKLESS rash, unrestrained, careless, \*devil-may-care. *ANT.* 1. *manageable, disciplined, well-behaved.* 2. *chaste, celibate, prudish, puritanical.* 3. *provoked, necessary.* 4. *judicious, careful.*  
**war** *n.* warfare, hostilities, conflict, clash, strife, contest, struggle, battle, combat, military

operation, confrontation, engagement, crusade. "Death's feast."—George Herbert. "A passion play performed by idiots."—William Corum. "A biological necessity of the first order."—Friedrich von Bernhardt. "That attractive rainbow that rises in showers of blood."—Abraham Lincoln. "The most successful of our cultural traditions."—Robert Ardrey. "Only a cowardly escape from the problems of peace."—Thomas Mann. *ANT.* peace, friendship, accord, harmony. *SEE* AIR FORCE, AMMUNITION, ARMY, BOMB, BULLET, GUN, NAVY, NUCLEAR BOMB, SOLDIER, WEAPON

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### WORD FIND

**aircraft, unmanned spy:** drone, Global Hawk, Predator

**attack, intense, all-out:** blitzkrieg, sweep

**attack or action:** offensive

**ceasefire:** armistice, truce, peace treaty

**chemical and biological agents:** anthrax, botulinum, cs (tear gas), cyclosarin (nerve agent), ricin, sarin (nerve agent), sulfur mustard (blister agent), tabun (nerve agent), VX (nerve agent)

**games:** maneuvers

**god of:** Mars, Ares

**holy:** jihad, crusade

**nuclear attack to prevent enemy nation's nuclear attack:** preemptive strike

**operation:** campaign

**presence of military force in control of another's nation:** occupation

**pretext for or provocation:** casus belli, act of war

**referring to:** martial

**ruining an area before returning it to the enemy:** scorched earth policy

**science of organization, procurement, deployment, etc.:** logistics

**surrender:** capitulation, white flag

**tensions between hostile nations:** cold war

**threatening another nation with:** saber-rattling, gunboat diplomacy

**victory won with extremely heavy losses:** Pyrrhic victory

**winnings:** spoils

**war** *v.* conflict, contest, fight, battle, contend, struggle, \*lock horns, take up arms, attack, cross swords, skirmish.

**warble** *v.* sing, trill, quaver, carol, yodel.

**ward** *n.* 1. WING section, division, room, annex, pavilion. 2. DISTRICT quarter, area, zone, precinct, borough, diocese. 3. CHARGE fos-

ter child, dependent, minor, protege, incompetent.

**warden** *n.* keeper, guard, custodian, caretaker, superintendent, watchman, overseer, prison superintendent.

**ward off** *v.* fend off, deflect, avert, parry, turn aside, block, defend, \*keep at bay, rebuff, check, repulse.

**wardrobe** *n.* 1. CLOSET clothes closet, cabinet, armoire, locker, bureau, chest. 2. CLOTHES COLLECTION clothes, clothing, apparel, attire, outfits, garments, costumes, garb, togs, duds, \*threads.

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### WORD FIND

**bride's outfit:** trousseau

**ecclesiastical garments:** vestments

**warhead** *n.* bomb, payload, explosive charge, \*the business end. *SEE* MISSILE, NUCLEAR BOMB

**warehouse** *n.* storage facility, storehouse, stock house, stock room, depot, depository, repository, armory, arsenal, magazine, wholesale store.

**wares** *n.* merchandise, products, goods, stock, line, articles, stuff, commodities.

**warfare** *n.* *SEE* WAR

**wariness** *n.* caution, circumspection, alertness, guardedness, carefulness, watchfulness, mindfulness. *ANT.* carelessness, inattentiveness, devil-may-care attitude.

**warlike** *a.* combative, pugnacious, aggressive, militant, bellicose, belligerent, hostile, hawkish, contentious, martial, \*bristling with arms. *ANT.* peaceful, pacifistic, nonviolent.

**warlock** *n.* sorcerer, wizard, magician, conjurer, practitioner of black magic, necromancer, shaman, witch doctor, male witch. *SEE* MAGIC

**warlord** *n.* tyrant, autocrat. *SEE* DICTATOR

**warm** *v.* 1. RAISE TEMPERATURE heat, simmer, toast, cook, thaw. 2. FILL WITH EXCITEMENT excite, stimulate, \*turn on, \*fire up, stir. 3. GLADDEN make happy, fill with joy, delight, cheer, \*melt one's heart, make smile. 4. BECOME FRIENDLY \*break the ice, thaw, become intimate, \*loosen up. *ANT.* 1. lower temperature, cool, chill, freeze. 2. bore, tire, \*turn off. 3. depress, \*bum out. 4. cool.

**warm** *a.* 1. HEATED thermal, lukewarm, body temperature, \*toasty, room temperature, comfortable, tepid, sunny, hot, sultry, sweaty, roasting. *SEE* HOT 2. FERVENT fervid, ardent, enthusiastic, passionate, eager, vehement, \*hot, excited, spirited. 3. GENIAL cordial, friendly, affectionate, nice, loving, heartfelt,

- amiable, warmhearted, hospitable, amorous. *ANT.* 1. *cold, freezing, cool, chilled, frigid.* 2. *indifferent, apathetic, lukewarm, cool.* 3. *cold, unfriendly, cool, hostile.*
- warmhearted** *a.* warm, friendly, genial, cordial, affectionate, nice, loving, heartfelt, amiable, compassionate, sympathetic, understanding, hospitable, tender, amorous. *ANT.* *coldhearted, hard-hearted, mean, heartless, \*veins filled with ice water.*
- warmonger** *n.* hawk, militarist, jingoist.
- warmth** *n.* 1. HEAT glow, temperature, \*toastiness, room temperature, fever. 2. EXCITEMENT enthusiasm, ardor, zeal, vigor, fervor, passion, intensity, vehemence. 3. WARMHEARTEDNESS friendliness, geniality, cordiality, affection, love, tenderness, compassion, sympathy, understanding, hospitality. *ANT.* 1. *cold, chilliness, frigidity.* 2. *boredom, indifference, apathy.* 3. *coolness, coldness, unfriendliness.*
- warn** *v.* caution, advise, alert, signal, forewarn, admonish, exhort, apprise, give fair warning, notify, threaten, give a word to the wise, \*put the fear of God into.
- warning** *n.* caution, advisory, alert, signal, forewarning, admonition, exhortation, appraisal, notification, threat, \*word to the wise, \*wake-up call, caveat, portent, sign of things to come, omen.
- warp** *v.* 1. BEND OUT OF SHAPE distort, twist, deform, contort, curve, turn, misshape. 2. PERVERT twist, bias, prejudice, jaundice.
- warrant** *n.* 1. AUTHORIZATION authority, sanction, right, word, \*OK, permission, license, permit, mandate, subpoena, summons, writ, order, justification. 2. ASSURANCE guarantee, surety, security.
- warrant** *v.* 1. AUTHORIZE sanction, give authority, give the right, \*OK, permit, license, allow, invest, certify, empower. 2. JUSTIFY give grounds for, account for, excuse, defend, provide a reason for. 3. ASSURE guarantee, back, promise, pledge, vow, swear to, insure, vouch for, underwrite.
- warranty** *n.* guarantee, assurance of quality, assurance, contract, covenant, promise, pledge.
- warrior** *n.* fighter, soldier, combatant, commando, G.I., service man, infantryman, \*grunt, \*leatherneck, brave, samurai, gladiator. SEE ARMY, SOLDIER
- warship** *n.* man o'war, battleship, missile cruiser, destroyer, frigate, aircraft carrier, dreadnought, galleon. SEE NAVY, SHIP
- wart** *n.* growth, tumor, papilloma.
- wary** *a.* cautious, on one's guard, careful, watchful, circumspect, chary, vigilant, \*on one's toes, leery, alert, on the lookout, suspicious. *ANT.* *careless, off guard, unsuspecting.*
- wash** *n.* 1. CLEANING rinse, scrubbing, bath, soak, washing, shower, shampoo, laundering, ablation. 2. SURGE rush, sweep, wave, gush, flow, swell, roll.
- wash** *v.* 1. CLEAN rinse, scrub, bathe, soak, shower, shampoo, launder, hose down, freshen up. 2. WET drench, moisten, rinse, soak, flood.
- washed-out** *a.* faded, pale, bleached-out, blanched, dull, wan, colorless, lackluster. *ANT.* *bright, vivid.*
- washed-up** *a.* finished, through, done, \*done for, \*shot, \*kaput, \*over the hill.
- washout** *n.* *Sl.* flop, failure, \*bomb, \*dud, \*clinker, \*loser, \*turkey, fiasco.
- washroom** *n.* lavatory, restroom, bathroom.
- washy** *a.* watery, weak, pale. *ANT.* *strong, potent.*
- WASP** *n.* *Sl.* White Anglo-Saxon Protestant.
- waspish** *a.* bad-tempered, hot-tempered, irritable, petulant, testy, venomous, \*ornery, touchy, peevish. *ANT.* *sweet-tempered, agreeable, pleasant.*
- wassail** *n.* celebration, carousal, party, \*bash, \*beer bash, spree, revelry, \*shindig, gala, \*binge, \*bust, bacchanalia, drunk fest, toast, salute.
- wassail** *v.* celebrate, party, carouse, drink, get drunk, make merry, \*whoop it up, revel, \*cut loose, toast, make a toast, salute.
- waste** *n.* 1. TRASH rubbish, garbage, refuse, junk, leavings, scrap, debris, rubble, \*crap, hazardous waste, discharge. 2. EXCREMENT feces, droppings, \*crap, sewage. 3. WASTEFULNESS squandering, extravagance, excessiveness, lavishness, \*spending like there's no tomorrow, consumption, conspicuous consumption, misuse, dissipation. *ANT.* 3. *conservation, frugality, economy, saving, thrift.*
- waste** *v.* 1. SQUANDER lavish, fritter away, \*blow, \*piss away, \*spend like there's no tomorrow, dissipate, misspend, mismanage, spend extravagantly, splurge, throw away, idle, loiter, fiddle and diddle, loaf, procrastinate. 2. LOSE ONE'S HEALTH OR STRENGTH waste away, dwindle, fail, weaken, emaciate, atrophy, \*circle the drain, wither, deteriorate, decay, decline, \*go downhill. 3. DESTROY ruin, devastate, wreck, demolish, lay waste, spoil, strip, ravage. *ANT.* 1. *conserve, save, economize.* 2. *strengthen, grow, put on weight.* 3. *build up, repair.*
- wasted** *a.* 1. GAUNT emaciated, wizened, atrophied, deathly, cadaverous, rawboned, with-

ered, anorexic, deathly. 2. *Sl.* \*high, \*buzzed, intoxicated, \*baked, \*fried, \*loaded, \*out of it, \*stoned, \*tripping. *ANT.* 1. *healthy, robust.* 2. *sober.*

**wasteful** *a.* prodigal, extravagant, lavish, spendthrift, improvident, excessive, immoderate, free-spending, overgenerous, penny-wise and pound-foolish. *ANT.* *thrifty, economical, frugal.*

**wasteland** *n.* waste, tundra, dust bowl, desert, badlands, \*Devil's backyard, \*Devil's garden, barrens, wilderness.

**wastrel** *n.* spendthrift, prodigal, waster, free-spender, good-for-nothing.

**watch** *n.* 1. OBSERVATION lookout, surveillance, eye, sharp eye, weather eye, attention, observance, vigil, supervision, inspection, guarding, sentry. 2. TIMEPIECE wristwatch, chronometer, horologue, \*ticker.

**watch** *v.* 1. OBSERVE look at, eyeball, eye, pay attention to, inspect, scrutinize, gaze at, view, regard, keep one's eyes on, see, behold, examine. 2. GUARD watch over, \*baby-sit, protect, look after, oversee, keep an eye on, patrol.

**watchdog** *n.* guard dog, guard, sentry, patrol, sentinel, lookout, guardian.

**watchful** *a.* observant, alert, wide-eyed, on guard, attentive, vigilant, on the lookout, heedful, wide-awake, cautious, wary, circumspect, \*on one's toes. *ANT.* *inattentive, \*asleep at the wheel, \*out to lunch, unobservant.*

**watchman** *n.* guard, security guard, sentry, sentinel, lookout, patrol, policeman, police-woman, police officer, warder.

**watchtower** *n.* lookout.

**watchword** *n.* 1. PASSWORD countersign, shibboleth. 2. SLOGAN cry, battle cry, catchphrase, rallying cry.ater

**water** *n.* H<sup>2</sup>O, liquid, fluid, rain, aqua, mineral water, soda water, \*Adam's ale. "The noblest of the elements."—Pindar. *SEE* LAKE, OCEAN, RIVER

**water** *v.* wet, soak, drench, dampen, irrigate, hose down, saturate, spray, wash, sprinkle.

**waterfall** *n.* falls, cascade, cataract, chute, white-water, deluge. *SEE* RIVER

#### WORD FIND

**descriptive:** falling like a bridal veil, stair-stepping.

**waterlogged** *a.* saturated, soaked, sopping, sodden, drenched, heavy, swampy. *ANT.* *dry, arid, parched.*

**WATERLOO** *n.* [WAW tur loo] defeat. A metaphor coined after Napoleon's defeat in Wa-

terloo, Belgium in 1815. *We were afraid that the match against the crosstown team would prove to be our Waterloo.* *SYN.* defeat, downfall, ruin, collapse, destruction, upset, rout, conquest, beating, vanquishment, massacre, comeuppance. *ANT.* *victory, win.*

**watershed** *n.* turning point, pivotal event, landmark, milestone, crucial event.

**watertight** *a.* airtight, solid. *ANT.* *leaky.*

**watery** *a.* diluted, thin, watered-down, weak, washy, bland, mild, tasteless, flavorless, anemic. *ANT.* *strong, intense, undiluted, concentrated, condensed.*

**wattle** *n.* weave, plait, intertwining, twigs, sticks.

**wave** *n.* 1. SURGE OR SWELL surf, breaker, comb-er, plunger, spiller, bore, eagle, whitecap, billow, undulation, ripple, ridge. *SEE* BEACH, OCEAN 2. UPSURGE surge, rise, rash, flood, deluge, explosion, groundswell. 3. CURL curve, roll, twist.

#### WORD FIND

**abnormally large wave in a train of smaller ones:** rogue wave

**concave-backed wave found offshore:** spiller

**convex-backed wave, common beach:** plunger

**frothy, gray-crested waves:** graybeards

**giant, formerly called tidal wave:** tsunami

**high dangerous wave caused by tidal surge:** bore, eagle

**high point:** crest

**hollow between:** trough

**marine vegetation washed ashore by:** wrack mounds of sand left by waves breaking at right angles: cusps

**ripples in sand left by receding waves:** swash marks

**roughness at sea:** chop

**series of:** train

**shallow sweep up a beach:** swash, backwash sound: lapping, crashing, booming, white noise, hiss

**spray:** spindrift

**structure erected to prevent wave erosion:** jetty, groin

**tiny:** wavelet

**towering crests formed by opposing waves colliding:** cross seas

**upward heaving of ship caused by wave:** scend

**wind shore receiving smaller waves, low:** lee shore

**wind travel distance and its relationship to wave size:** fetch

**wave** *v.* 1. **UNDULATE** swing, sway, oscillate, ripple, flutter, flap, waggle, shake, move to and fro, move back and forth, rise and fall. 2. **SIGNAL** gesture, gesticulate, \*flag down, acknowledge.

**waver** *v.* 1. **VACILLATE** go back and forth, blow hot and cold, \*waffle, \*see-saw, be irresolute, dilly-dally, flip-flop, fluctuate, equivocate, hem and haw, be indecisive. 2. **SWING** sway, move to and fro, move back and forth, wobble, wave, shake, oscillate, flutter, flap. *ANT.* 1. *make up one's mind, be resolute, decide one way or another.*

**wavy** *a.* rolling, curling, snaking, serpentine, sinuous, undulating, curved, curvilinear, rippling, winding. *ANT.* *level, flat.*

**wax** *v.* grow, enlarge, increase, expand, build, swell, develop, spread, intensify, magnify, strengthen, brighten. *ANT.* *wane, decrease, diminish.*

**way** *n.* 1. **METHOD** mode, style, technique, form, practice, usage, approach, course, system, manner, procedure. 2. **DIRECTION** route, course, path, tack, bearing, approach, course, passage, track, trail, road, lane, access, entry. 3. **NATURE** personality, characteristic manner, behavior, custom, habit. 4. **WILL** wish, desire, demand, choice.

**wayfarer** *n.* traveler, roamer, rover, hitchhiker, walker, wanderer, nomad, drifter, gadabout.

**wayfaring** *a.* hiking, hitchhiking, walking, traveling, roaming, roving, wandering, drifting, nomadic, on the move.

**waylay** *v.* ambush, attack, lie in wait, entrap, ensnare, surprise, take by surprise, ambushade.

**wayward** *a.* 1. **DISOBEDIENT** headstrong, rebellious, defiant, nonconforming, contrary, willful, delinquent, incorrigible, stubborn, obstinate, bullheaded, unmanageable, ungovernable, refractory. 2. **UNPREDICTABLE** erratic, fickle, capricious, changeable, unstable, impulsive, unsteady. *ANT.* 1. *obedient, compliant, deferential.* 2. *predictable, stable, steady.*

**weak** *a.* 1. **FEEBLE** powerless, frail, enervated, impotent, limp, faint, flaccid, ineffectual, exhausted, anemic, worn out, spent, sickly, debilitated, unfit, out of shape, infirm, emasculated. 2. **MORALLY OR MENTALLY WEAK** cowardly, fainthearted, faint of heart, spineless, mousy, wishy-washy, weak-kneed, irresolute, \*wimpy, timid, timorous. 3. **STUPID** dim-witted, unintelligent, retarded, moronic, imbecilic, dense, dull. 4. **INSECURE** unstable, easily broken, unfortified, vulnerable, delicate, fragile, rickety, flimsy, shaky, frail. 5. **FAINT** soft, dim, mild, gentle, pale, thin, feeble, low,

muted, diluted, watered-down. 6. **LACKING** deficient, poor, inadequate, wanting, unsatisfactory, shaky, inept. *ANT.* 1. *strong, powerful, fit, robust, effectual, muscle-bound.* 2. *strong, headstrong, courageous, bold, \*gutsy,* 3. *smart, intelligent, sharp.* 4. *stable, fortified, rock-solid, unassailable.* 5. *strong, intense, powerful, undiluted.* 6. *adequate, satisfactory.*

**weaken** *v.* drain, sap, debilitate, cripple, exhaust, flag, impair, tire, enervate, enfeeble, droop, slow, run down, deplete, handicap, diminish, reduce, wane, ebb, fade, \*lose one's charge, \*run one's battery down, \*run out of juice, dilute, water down. *ANT.* *strengthen, fortify, invigorate, energize.*

**weaking** *n.* \*wimp, milquetoast, \*pansy, pantywaist, sissy, coward, mouse, \*lightweight, \*pushover, namby-pamby, \*mama's boy, \*cream-puff, crybaby. *ANT.* *Hercules, scrapper, hero, strongman, \*iron man.*

**weak-minded** *a.* irresolute, indecisive, mealy-mouthed, wishy-washy, spineless, feeble-minded, dumb, stupid, \*weak in the head, retarded, moronic, slow, dense. *ANT.* *headstrong, resolute, decisive, intelligent, smart, bright.*

**weakness** *n.* 1. **LACK OF STRENGTH** feebleness, exhaustion, depletion of energy, enervation, anemia, frailty, fragility. 2. **VULNERABILITY** imperfection, flaw, weak spot, \*Achilles heel, \*chink in one's armor, deficiency, failing, soft underbelly, shortcoming. 3. **LIKING** fondness, passion, penchant, taste, appreciation, soft spot, sweet tooth, propensity, inclination. *ANT.* 1. *strength, vigor, energy, robustness.* 2. *strong point, strength.* 3. *aversion, dislike, hatred.*

**weal** *n.* ridge, welt, wale, line.

**wealth** *n.* money, riches, resources, plenty, fortune, security, affluence, opulence, prosperity, abundance, luxury, capital, property, assets, means, holdings, stocks and bonds. "The savings of many in the hands of one."—Eugene Debs. "Evidence of greatness."—Thomas Reed. "A contented mind."—Mohammed. *ANT.* *poverty, destitution, indigence, want, lack.*

**wealthy** *a.* rich, affluent, well-off, \*rolling in dough, comfortable, prosperous, \*well-heeled, \*well-to-do, moneyed, opulent, \*filthy rich, \*on easy street, \*loaded, financially secure. *ANT.* *poor, destitute, penniless.*

**weapon** *n.* arm, arms, armament, firearm, gun, rifle, pistol, knife, sword, defense, offensive weapon, weapon of mass destruction, spear, halberd, lance, pike, poleax, trident, bow

and arrow. SEE ARMY, BOMB, BULLET, GUN, MISSILE, NAVY, NUCLEAR BOMB, SWORD

**weaponry** *n.* SEE WEAPON

**wear** *n.* 1. CLOTHING clothes, dress, apparel, garb, attire, formal wear, evening wear, sportswear. 2. DETERIORATION decay, erosion, wear and tear, corrosion, decomposition.

**wear** *v.* 1. DON put on, dress in, be clothed in, fit out, attire, slip on. 2. DETERIORATE decay, erode, corrode, decompose, abrade, tatter, fall apart, degenerate, rub down, grow threadbare, weather, fray. 3. DISPLAY show, put on, sport. 4. TIRE exhaust, fatigue, sap, drain, overwork, tax.

**wearing** *a.* tiring, exhausting, fatiguing, taxing, draining, sapping, strenuous, laborious, arduous, wearisome, hard. *ANT.* *invigorating, energizing.*

**wearisome** *a.* tiring, tiresome, exhausting, fatiguing, taxing, draining, sapping, strenuous, laborious, arduous, hard, tedious, boring, monotonous, humdrum, \*ho-hum. *ANT.* *invigorating, energizing, stimulating.*

**weary** *v.* tire, get sick of, burn out, exhaust, fatigue, tax, drain, sap, enervate, bore. *ANT.* *invigorate, energize, stimulate.*

**weary** *a.* 1. TIRED worn out, exhausted, fatigued, taxed, drained, sapped, \*wrung out, \*trashed out, spent, \*pooped, bushed, tucked out, all in, \*beat, \*dead, burned out, \*shot. 2. SICK OF \*had it, fed up, disgusted, bored, intolerant, jaded, burned out. 3. TIRESOME tedious, boring, monotonous. *ANT.* 1. *invigorated, refreshed, energized.* 2. *fascinated, stimulated.* 3. *stimulating, interesting.*

**weasel** *n.* sneak, snake, \*snake in the grass, cheater, crook, snitch, \*double-crosser, \*rat, \*squealer.

**weasel** *v.* avoid, evade, dodge, equivocate, waffle, hedge, duck, double-talk, \*dance around an issue, skirt an issue, get out of, \*worm one's way out of, renege.

**weather** *n.* climate, clime, atmospheric conditions, temperature, humidity. "A social invention to facilitate small talk."—Anon. SEE CLOUD, FOG, METEOROLOGY, PRECIPITATION, RAIN, SNOW, WIND

**weather** *v.* withstand, stand, endure, resist, be exposed to the elements, face, season, harden, survive, \*tough out, \*ride through. *ANT.* *die, succumb.*

**weatherman** *n.* meteorologist, forecaster, climatologist.

**weave** *v.* intertwine, interlace, entwine, intermingle, interweave, braid, plait, combine,

mesh, piece together, blend, incorporate, merge, wattle.

**web** *n.* webbing, network, net, mesh, skein, lattice, tangle, trap, snare, gossamer.

**wed** *v.* 1. MARRY join together in holy matrimony, \*tie the knot, \*get hitched, \*say "I do," become man and wife, espouse. 2. UNITE join, marry, merge, fuse, link, combine, ally, connect, unify. *ANT.* 1. *divorce, \*split up, separate.* 2. *separate, split, divide.*

**wedding** *n.* 1. MARRIAGE vows, nuptials, matrimony, espousal, holy wedlock, ceremony. "When the blind lead the blind."—George Farquhar. SEE MARRIAGE 2. UNIFICATION joining, marriage, merger, fusion, linking, connection. *ANT.* 1. *separation, divorce.* 2. *division, split, disconnection.*

**wedge** *n.* 1. CHOCK cleat, shim, quoin. 2. OPENING beginning, start, \*foot in the door.

**wedge** *v.* split, force apart, force in, squeeze in, cram, open.

**wedlock** *n.* matrimony, union. SEE MARRIAGE

**wee** *a.* tiny, little, diminutive, pint-sized, pocket-sized, Lilliputian, microscopic, minuscule, miniature, \*teeny-weeny. *ANT.* *giant, huge, Brobdingnagian.*

**weed** *n.* "A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

**weed** *v.* remove, pull, yank, uproot, cull, get rid of, weed out.

**weep** *v.* cry, bawl, shed tears, sob, wail, blubber, boohoo, whimper, snivel, \*break down, \*lose it, lament, bewail, mourn, grieve, bemoan, get misty-eyed.

**weepy** *a.* tearful, teary-eyed. SEE SAD

**weigh** *v.* 1. MEASURE WEIGHT put on the scales, tip the scales, heft, gauge. 2. CONSIDER ponder, deliberate, think about, contemplate, consider the pros and cons, evaluate, mull over, study, examine, reflect on.

**weigh down** *v.* saddle, encumber, load. SEE BURDEN

**weight** *n.* 1. HEAVINESS mass, pounds, tons, tonnage, burden, heft, gravity, g force, gs, density, volume. 2. BURDEN responsibility, load, millstone, cross to bear, albatross, \*ball and chain, encumbrance, saddle, handicap, onus, hardship. 3. IMPORTANCE consequence, significance, seriousness, influence, value, import, clout, power, moment, magnitude.

**weight** *v.* weigh down, make heavy, load, burden.

**weight lifting** *n.* power lifting, working out, conditioning, weight training.

**weighty** *a.* 1. HEAVY hefty, massive, ponderous, cumbersome, dense, hard to lift. 2. BURDENSOME hard, difficult, oppressive, demanding,

- backbreaking, onerous, taxing. 3. IMPORTANT consequential, significant, serious, influential, valuable, important, powerful, momentous, crucial, critical, life or death. 4. INFLUENTIAL powerful, forceful, persuasive, having clout. *ANT.* 1. *light, airy, light as a feather.* 2. *easy, effortless, simple.* 3. *unimportant, insignificant, inconsequential.* 4. *powerless, unconvincing.*
- weir** *n.* dam, milldam, fence, fishtrap.
- weird** *a.* bizarre, strange, odd, fantastic, unearthly, otherworldly, alien, supernatural, mysterious, outlandish, nightmarish, surrealistic, Kafkaesque, peculiar, queer, grotesque, eerie, uncanny, \*freaky, unusual. *ANT.* *ordinary, conventional, usual, normal.*
- weirdo** *n.* *Sl.* oddball, eccentric, character, \*space case, \*space cadet, \*strange bird, \*flake, \*geek, \*freak, \*kook, \*queer duck, \*screwball, \*sicko, \*wacko, nonconformist. *ANT.* *conformist, \*Joe Average, \*just another brick in the wall.*
- welcome** *n.* greeting, reception, salute, salutation, \*red carpet treatment, hospitality, acceptance, hail. *ANT.* *rejection, snub.*
- welcome** *v.* greet, receive, receive with open arms, receive with a handshake, \*roll out the red carpet, hail, salute. *ANT.* *reject, snub.*
- welcome** *a.* wanted, accepted warmly, pleasing, pleasant, agreeable, happily received, invited, delightful, esteemed, desirable. *ANT.* *unwelcome, unwanted, uninvited.*
- weld** *v.* fuse, unite, bond, join, solder.
- welfare** *n.* 1. WELL-BEING health, happiness, good, benefit, profit, prosperity, success, interest, contentment, commonweal. 2. PUBLIC ASSISTANCE relief, financial assistance, city aid, food stamps, the dole, Social Security.
- well** *n.* spring, wellspring, reservoir, shaft, chasm, pit, hole, fountain, water hole.
- well** *a.* 1. HEALTHY fit, in good shape, strong, fine, hearty, vigorous, sound, in fine fettle, \*fit as a fiddle, hale. 2. GOOD fortunate, happy, lucky, proper, right. *ANT.* 1. *unwell, sickly, in failing health.* 2. *bad, unlucky, unfortunate.*
- well** *adv.* 1. SATISFACTORILY successfully, adequately, happily, nicely, splendidly, famously, capably, ably, in fine fashion. 2. THOROUGHLY sufficiently, completely, properly, right, correctly, adequately, carefully, conscientiously, competently. *ANT.* 1. *unsatisfactorily, poorly, badly.* 2. *insufficiently, poorly.*
- well up** *v.* flow, spring, gush, stream, run, trickle, spout, bubble, boil.
- well-advised** *a.* wise, smart, intelligent, prudent, judicious. *ANT.* *imprudent, foolish.*
- well-appointed** *a.* well-equipped, well-furnished. *ANT.* *inadequate, lacking.*
- well-balanced** *a.* sensible, reasonable, rational, prudent, intelligent, sound. *ANT.* *unreasonable, irrational.*
- well-being** *n.* welfare, health, happiness, prosperity, profit, good, comfort, contentment, benefit, success.
- well-bred** *a.* mannerly, cultivated, refined, polite, courteous, civil, gentlemanly, ladylike, polished, groomed, genteel, courtly, gracious, finished, sophisticated. *ANT.* *ill-bred, unrefined, coarse, vulgar, uncouth, beastly.*
- well-defined** *a.* clear, distinct, sharp, clearly delineated, graphic, clear-cut, unambiguous. *ANT.* *vague, hazy, nebulous.*
- well-founded** *a.* factual, based on hard facts, based on hard data, solid, rock-solid, proven, substantiated, authoritative, well-grounded. *ANT.* *unfounded, based on speculation, questionable.*
- well-informed** *a.* schooled, trained, au courant, conversant with, savvy, up to date, aware, versed, \*with it, \*hip. *ANT.* *ignorant, \*in the dark.*
- well-known** *a.* famous, famed, prominent, celebrated, illustrious, infamous, notorious, notable, renowned, \*on the map. *ANT.* *obscure, unknown.*
- well-off** *a.* rich, well-to-do. SEE WEALTHY
- well-preserved** *a.* youthful. SEE YOUNG
- well-read** *a.* widely read, bookish, literate, scholarly, educated, au courant, versed. *ANT.* *illiterate, ignorant.*
- wellspring** *n.* source, supply, reservoir. SEE WELL
- well-to-do** *a.* well-off, rich, prosperous. SEE WEALTHY
- welsh** *v.* *Sl.* cheat, swindle, \*rip off, renege, dodge, \*weasel out of.
- welt** *n.* ridge, wale, weal, mark, swelling.
- welter** *n.* turmoil, turbulence, confusion, tossing about, commotion, hubbub, disturbance, tumult, uproar, bedlam, \*to-do.
- wench** *n.* girl, young woman, young lady, maiden, lass.
- wend** *v.* go on one's way, make one's way, go, proceed, journey, travel, progress.
- wet** *v.* dampen, moisturize, water, drench, soak, sprinkle, wash, rinse, hose down, humidify, irrigate, submerge. *ANT.* *dry, dehydrate, desiccate.*
- wet** *a.* moist, damp, watery, liquefied, drenched, soaked, waterlogged, soggy, sodden, dripping, humid, clammy, dank, rainy, foggy. *ANT.* *dry, \*bone-dry, dehydrated.*

**wet blanket** *n.* *Sl.* killjoy, spoilsport, poor sport, \*drag, \*gloomy Gus, \*drip, \*grinch, \*prophet of doom. *ANT.* *good sport, life of the party.*

**wetland** *n.* marsh, swamp, everglades, fen, quagmire.

**wetness** *n.* moisture, dampness, liquid, water, humidity, clamminess, mist, fog, rain. *ANT.* *dryness, aridity.*

**whack** *v.* strike, slap, hit, smack, punch, slug, \*bop, belt, wallop, bash, rap, cuff, crack.

**whale** *n.* cetacean, leviathan, aquatic mammal, humpback whale, blue whale, finback, sperm whale, beluga, rorqual, gray whale.

#### WORD FIND

**air hole:** blowhole, spiracle

**beaching of:** stranding

**biblical survivor of ingestion:** Jonah

**bone or tooth carvings:** scrimshaw

**carcass:** kreng

**comblike strainer in the mouth of some breeds:** baleen

**cut blubber off from:** flense

**diving:** sounding

**fat:** blubber

**fatty substance used in candles, ointments:** spermaceti

**female:** cow

**fictional hunter:** Ahab

**fin:** dorsal fin

**fins, tail:** flukes

**horned:** narwhal

**hunter's whale:** right whale

**killer whale:** orca

**leaping out of the water:** breaching

**male:** bull

**perfumes, waxy substance used in:** ambergris

**prehistoric:** zeuglodon

**school:** pod, gam

**slapping tail down hard on surface:** lobtailing

**sound location:** sonar

**study of:** cetology

**toothed whales, order of:** odontoceti

**toothless whales that feed on plankton:** baleen whale, mysticeti

**young:** calf

**whale** *v.* whale on, beat, whip, pound, whack, thrash.

**whammy** *n.* *Sl.* jinx, evil eye, curse, spell, hex.

**wharf** *n.* dock, pier, marina, slip, landing, quay, berth, mooring, jetty.

**whatchamacallit** *n.* *Sl.* \*thingamajig, \*thingamabob, \*doohickey, gadget, contraption,

\*dingus, \*doodad, \*gidget, \*gizmo, \*jigger, \*whangdoodle, \*whatsit, widget.

**wheedle** *v.* wangle, cajole, persuade, coax, inveigle, influence, flatter, charm, \*charm the socks off of.

**wheel** *n.* tire, caster, roller.

**wheel** *v.* roll, revolve, rotate, spin, turn, trundle, whirl, twirl, pivot, swivel, gyrate, pirouette, reel.

**wheeze** *v.* rasp, gasp, whistle, puff, huff and puff, have an asthmatic attack.

**whet** *v.* 1. SHARPEN hone, edge, grind, file, rasp, strop. 2. STIMULATE make keen, arouse, excite, kindle, stir, awaken, \*jumpstart, pique. *ANT.* 1. *blunt, dull.* 2. *dampen, inhibit.*

**whiff** *n.* 1. PUFF OF AIR wind, gust, breath, breeze, waft. 2. SMELL scent, aroma, odor, trace, hint, suspicion.

**whim** *n.* caprice, impulse, passing fancy, notion, crotchet, idea, \*brainstorm.

**whimper** *v.* cry, sob, whine, snivel, \*choke back tears, \*have a hitch in one's voice, moan, sniffle.

**whimsical** *a.* fanciful, odd, out of the ordinary, weird, peculiar, quaint, fantastic, unusual, capricious, amusing, playful.

**whimsy** *n.* SEE WHIM

**whine** *n.* pule, whimper, mewl, cry, sob, snivel, moan, complaint.

**whine** *v.* pule, whimper, mewl, cry, sob, snivel, moan, complain, fret, \*bellyache, fuss.

**whinny** *v.* neigh.

**whip** *n.* bullwhip, horsewhip, \*blacksnake, lash, switch, scourge, rawhide, quirt, thong, crop, cat-o'-nine-tails.

**whip** *v.* 1. LASH flog, flagellate, flail, flay, horsewhip, hit, beat, scourge, whale, \*take the strap to, \*tan one's hide, \*whallop, cane, spank, punish. 2. JERK whip out, yank, pull out, whisk, snatch, grab. 3. DEFEAT SOUNDLY \*lick, beat, \*cream, \*skunk, \*blow away, trounce, clobber, rout, \*shellac, overpower, \*get the better of, vanquish. 4. BEAT mix, stir, whisk. 5. AGITATE stir up, spark, kindle, spur, incite, instigate, foment, prompt.

**whippersnapper** *n.* upstart.

**whipping** *n.* thrashing, flogging, flagellation, horsewhipping, \*whalloping, beating, spanking, pounding, punishment.

**whipping boy** *n.* \*fall guy. SEE SCAPEGOAT

**whip up** *v.* SEE WHIP

**whir** *n.* buzz, hum, birr, vibration.

**whirl** *v.* spin, twirl, wheel, gyrate, reel, turn, rotate, revolve, swirl, pivot, pirouette.

**whirlpool** *n.* maelstrom, vortex, eddy, swirl, whirl.

**whirlwind** *n.* tornado, cyclone, twister, hurricane, typhoon, \*blow.

**whisk** *v.* 1. BRUSH sweep, flick. 2. BEAT whip. 3. MOVE QUICKLY whip, dart, hurry, rush, hasten.

**whiskers** *n.* bristles, beard, sideburns, \*five o'clock shadow, stubble, hair. SEE BEARD, MUSTACHE

**whiskey** *n.* liquor, alcohol, \*hard stuff, spirits, \*firewater, drink, booze, \*moonshine, \*rotgut, scotch, rye, bourbon, \*sauce, \*tarantula juice.

**whisper** *n.* 1. HUSHED VOICE murmur, mutter, undertone, soft voice, mumble, sigh, confidential tone, conspiratorial tone. 2. SECRET rumor, gossip, confidence, insinuation. 3. SOFT NOISE sigh, sigh, breath. *ANT.* 1. *roar, bellow, shout.*

**whisper** *v.* murmur, mutter, speak in an undertone, speak softly, mumble, speak confidentially, speak in a conspiratorial tone, breathe, intimate, confide. *ANT.* *roar, bellow, shout.*

**whistle** *v.* pipe, flute, trill, toot, blow.

**whit** *n.* bit, jot, iota, speck, grain, pinch, mite, atom, particle.

**white** *a.* 1. LIGHT-COLORED alabaster, argent, blond, bone, chalk, columbine, dove, eggshell, ivory, milk, oyster, pearl, platinum, snow, snowy, hoary, albino. 2. PALE blanched, bleached, wan, pallid, sickly, bloodless. 3. CAUCASIAN light-skinned, fair. *ANT.* 1. *black, dark, ebony.* 2. *rosy, ruddy, red.*

**whiten** *v.* bleach, blanch, fade.

**whitewash** *v.* gloss over, cover up, smooth over, conceal, tone down, soft-pedal, palliate.

**whittle** *v.* carve, cut, shave, pare, slash, shape, sculpt, reduce, decrease.

**whiz** *n.* 1. WHISTLE buzz, hum, whirl, drone, hiss. 2. *Sl.* EXPERT wizard, crackerjack, master, prodigy, ace, virtuoso, pro, \*whiz kid, genius.

**whiz** *v.* buzz, hiss, hum, whirl, drone.

**whole** *n.* total, sum total, aggregate, all, entirety.

**whole** *a.* complete, total, entire, full, undivided, intact, uncut, unbroken, perfect, in one piece. *ANT.* *partial, incomplete, broken.*

**wholehearted** *a.* earnest, all-out, sincere, enthusiastic, eager, complete, emphatic, dedicated, unqualified, fervent, ardent, hearty. *ANT.* *halfhearted, lukewarm, reserved.*

**wholesale** *a.* extensive, sweeping, massive, broad, comprehensive, far-reaching, large-scale, general. *ANT.* *limited, small-scale.*

**wholesome** *a.* healthful, healthy, good for you, beneficial, helpful, hygienic, nutritious, nourishing, virtuous, moral, clean-cut, decent. *ANT.* *unhealthy, harmful, bad for you.*

**wholly** *adv.* totally, completely, entirely, utterly, fully, thoroughly. *ANT.* *partially.*

**whoop** *n.* yell, shout, cry, \*holler, scream, shriek, hurrah, cheer, \*yahoo, hoot.

**whoop** *v.* yell, shout, cry, \*holler, scream, shriek, hurrah, cheer, \*yahoo, hoot.

**whopper** *n.* 1. GIANT \*mother of all, colossus, titan, monster, Goliath, mammoth, behemoth, leviathan, \*granddaddy of them all, jumbo. 2. BIG LIE tall tale, \*fish story, stretching of the truth. *ANT.* 1. *midget, dwarf, shrimp.*

**whopping** *a.* great, huge, large, gigantic, gargantuan, massive, colossal, extraordinary, enormous, prodigious, immense. *ANT.* *tiny, insignificant, little.*

**whore** *n.* prostitute, lady of the evening, \*call girl, \*streetwalker, \*hooker, \*working girl, woman of ill repute, tramp, courtesan, escort. SEE PROSTITUTE

**whorl** *n.* spiral, coil, convolution, volution.

**wicked** *a.* 1. EVIL bad, immoral, depraved, sinful, villainous, fiendish, shameless, rotten, nasty, iniquitous, nefarious, blackhearted, unprincipled, low, lawless, criminal. 2. NAUGHTY mischievous, devilish, rascally, impish, roguish, misbehaving, prankish. 3. SEVERE bad, awful, nasty, fierce, intense, acute, harsh, horrible. *ANT.* 1. *good, moral, virtuous.* 2. *well-behaved, well-mannered.* 3. *mild, gentle, easy, slight.*

**wide** *a.* 1. BROAD roomy, extensive, ample, spread-out, spacious, expansive, capacious, commodious, vast. 2. SWEEPING broad, comprehensive, all-inclusive, general, large. 3. OPEN outstretched, extended. 4. OFF TARGET off, off course, inaccurate. *ANT.* 1. *narrow, cramped, restricted.* 2. *limited, specific.* 3. *closed, folded.* 4. *on target, accurate.*

**wide-awake** *a.* alert, watchful, sharp, \*on one's toes, \*on the ball, vigilant, \*bright-eyed and bushy-tailed, wary, wide-eyed, \*saucer-eyed. *ANT.* *asleep, sleepy, unobservant.*

**wide-eyed** *a.* 1. NAIVE inexperienced, innocent, green, childlike, unschooled, unsophisticated, \*born yesterday. 2. SURPRISED shocked, astonished, saucer-eyed, agog. *ANT.* 1. *jaded, blasé, \*ho-hum.* 2. *bored.*

**widen** *v.* broaden, expand, extend, spread, enlarge, swell, distend, increase. *ANT.* *narrow, restrict, taper.*

**widespread** *a.* all over, far-reaching, far-flung, pervasive, extensive, nationwide, worldwide, universal, rife, rampant, common, prevalent, epidemic, pandemic. *ANT.* *confined, local, limited, rare.*

**widget** *n.* gadget, \*gizmo, device, contraption, \*thingamajig, \*doohickey, \*whatsit, \*thingamabob, \*whatchamacallit, \*doodad.

**widow** *n.* widower, surviving spouse, dowager.

**width** *n.* breadth, wideness, broadness, girth, span, thickness, diameter, spread, extent.

**wield** *v.* 1. HANDLE use, ply, manipulate, brandish, swing, hold. 2. EXERCISE employ, control, command, hold, exert.

**wife** *n.* spouse, mate, bride, partner, companion, \*better half, consort, squaw, soul mate. "A crown to her husband"—The Bible. "A former sweetheart."—Henry Louis Mencken.

**wig** *n.* hairpiece, toupee, \*rug, \*fall, peruke, periwig.

**wiggle** *n.* jiggle, wriggle, wag, waggle, squirm, worming, writhing, shake, jerk, twitch, quiver.

**wiggle** *v.* jiggle, wriggle, wag, waggle, squirm, worm, writhe, shake, jerk, twitch, quiver.

**wild** *a.* 1. NATURAL undomesticated, uncultivated, organic, untamed, feral, native, unbroken, uncivilized, primitive, primeval, primordial, untouched, pristine, uninhabited, overgrown, wooded, desert, godforsaken. 2. SAVAGE barbarous, rough, beastly, brutish, primitive, ignorant, uncivilized. 3. UNRESTRAINED, UNCONTROLLABLE out of control, unmanageable, intractable, rebellious, unruly, rough, rowdy, crazy, undisciplined, reckless, impulsive, lawless. 4. MORALLY LOOSE unbridled, unrestrained, dissolute, profligate, wanton, debauched, immoral, orgiastic. 5. STORMY rough, turbulent, tempestuous, violent, explosive, gusting, windy, disturbed, wind-whipped. 6. EXCITED frantic, frenzied, maniacal, hysterical, enthusiastic, eager. 7. DISORDERED in disarray, confused, tangled, messy, tousled, unkempt. *ANT.* 1. *unnatural, domesticated, tame, man-made, civilized, urbanized.* 2. *civilized, refined, polished.* 3. *restrained, polite, well-behaved.* 4. *moral, prudish, puritanical.* 5. *calm, mild, gentle, quiet.* 6. *calm, reserved, low-key.* 7. *neat, orderly.*

**wilderness** *n.* wilds, \*howling wilderness, woods, forest, jungle, uncultivated area, wasteland, desert, badland, backcountry, outback.

**wildlife** *n.* animals, fauna, beasts, creatures, game.

**wile** *n.* artifice, artfulness, trick, trickery, cunning, stratagem, ruse, craftiness, machination, deception, fraud, play.

**will** *n.* 1. POWER OF CHOICE choice, decision, desire, want, wish, determination, conviction, volition, prerogative, intention, mind, preference, discretion, command, decree. 2. RESOLVE willpower, determination, single-mindedness, commitment. 3. DOCUMENT DISPOSING OF WEALTH AFTER DEATH be-

quest, legacy, testament, last will and testament, dispensation.

**will** *v.* desire, wish, choose, want, determine, demand, command, direct.

**willful** *a.* 1. DELIBERATE intentional, intended, planned, purposeful, volitional, premeditated, willing, conscious. 2. SELF-WILLED stubborn, obstinate, headstrong, bullheaded, pigheaded, mulish, intractable, uncompromising, inflexible. *ANT.* 1. *involuntary, unintentional, accidental.* 2. *flexible, compromising, acquiescent.*

**willing** *a.* agreeable, unreluctant, inclined, enthusiastic, eager, accommodating, obliging, ready, amenable, in favor, consenting, disposed, game. *ANT.* *unwilling, disinclined, averse.*

**willowy** *a.* slender, slim, svelte, thin, skinny, twiggy, graceful, lithe, lissome, pliant, supple, limber. *ANT.* *obese, fat, inflexible.*

**willpower** *n.* self-control, will, firmness, drive, determination, resolve, strength, backbone, iron will, discipline, grit. *ANT.* *weakness, lack of control.*

**wilt** *v.* droop, wither, slump, slouch, sag, sink, shrivel, flag, wane, diminish, ebb, weaken, die.

**WILY** *a.* [WI leɪ] sly, crafty. *The wily coyote always manages to survive.* *SYN.* sly, crafty, cunning, tricky, sharp, designing, shrewd, \*cagey, artful, sneaky, foxy, underhanded, astute, slippery, slick. *ANT.* *stupid, dull, dumb.*

**win** *n.* victory, triumph, conquest, success, sweep, gold medal, achievement, accomplishment, coup. *ANT.* *loss, defeat.*

**win** *v.* 1. BE VICTORIOUS defeat, best, beat, triumph, succeed, vanquish, \*take home the gold, sweep, clinch, prevail, come in first, \*leave competitors swirling in one's wake, carry the day. 2. ACHIEVE accomplish, gain, obtain, attain, get, earn. *ANT.* 1. *lose, be defeated, fail, \*choke.* 2. *fail.*

**wince** *v.* flinch, cringe, blink, recoil, draw back, shrink, cower, grimace, duck, quail, brace oneself.

**wind** *n.* 1. BREEZE gust, draft, breath, waft, zephyr, air current, puff, blast, blow, gale, tempest, whirlwind, cyclone, tornado. 2. BREATH air, expiration, inhalation, respiration. 3. INFORMATION scent, smell, news, inkling, report, rumor. 4. NONSENSE \*hot air, pomposity, idle talk, bluster, empty talk, claptrap, balderdash.

#### WORD FIND

**aircraft hazard:** windshear

**Asian wind accompanied by heavy rain:** monsoon  
**breeze that ripples water's surface:** cat's paw  
**debris knocked down by:** windfall  
**dry, desert wind of west coast of Africa:** harmattan  
**dry:** foehn  
**force source:** Coriolis force  
**god of:** Aeolus  
**Hawaii, light, consistent wind of:** trade wind  
**high-speed, high-altitude wind:** jet stream  
**hot wind of the Asiatic and African deserts:** simoon  
**indicator, direction:** anemoscope  
**indicator:** sock, weather vane  
**massive windstorm spawned by line of thunderstorms:** derecho  
**measuring device:** anemometer  
**Mediterranean, cold, northerly:** mistral  
**Mexican, hurricane-borne wind:** cordonazo  
**mountain, warm and dry wind descending leeward side of:** chinook  
**North African:** sirocco  
**pertaining to:** eolian  
**powerful downdraft:** microburst; macroburst  
**recurring winds over the Mediterranean:** etecians  
**scale:** Beaufort  
**shifting:** variable, veering, backing  
**sound:** sough, moan, howl, whistle  
**squall of North American southwest coast:** chubasco  
**sudden burst, accompanied by rain:** squall  
**whirling column of air resembling a mini tornado:** dust devil  
**windless sea region:** doldrums

**wind** *v.* turn, bend, coil, curl, crook, roll, twine, twist, furl, screw, corkscrew, twirl, reel, crank, meander, snake.

**windbag** *n.* \*blowhard, \*chatterbox, \*motor-mouth, \*big-mouth.

**windfall** *n.* fortune, stroke of luck, jackpot, godsend, manna from heaven, boon, lucky strike.

**window** *n.* opening, glass, portal, casement, dormer, bay window, oriel, skylight, roundel, deadlight.

**windy** *a.* blustery, gusting, breezy, tempestuous, stormy, blowing, windswept, wind-whipped, drafty. *ANT:* still, calm, becalmed.

**wine** *n.* fermented grape juice, alcohol, red wine, white wine, champagne, vintage, port, muscatel, brandy, Chablis, Chianti, Chardonnay, Zinfandel. "The blood of grapes."—The Bi-

ble. "Bottled poetry."—Robert Louis Stevenson. "[That which] makes man mistake words for thoughts."—Samuel Johnson.

**WORD FIND**

**addicted to:** vinous  
**aftertaste:** finish  
**American red grape:** Catawba  
**California wine region:** Napa Valley  
**California winery:** Gallo, Inglenook  
**city of, French:** Bordeaux  
**deposit:** lees, dregs  
**distilled from:** cognac, brandy  
**driest of champagnes:** brut  
**flavor, crisp:** flinty  
**flavor, dull:** flat  
**flavor, having delicate:** finesse  
**flavor intensity:** body  
**flavor, lively and acidic:** piquant  
**flavor, multiple:** complex  
**flavor, poor:** flabby  
**flavor, sharp:** tart  
**flavor, soft and full:** mellow  
**flavor, rough:** coarse  
**fragrance:** bouquet  
**French red:** Beaujolais, Cabernet Sauvignon, claret  
**French region:** Burgundy  
**French white:** Chablis  
**German white:** Moselle, Rhine  
**god:** Bacchus  
**inventor of champagne:** Dom Perignon  
**Italian red:** Bardolino, Barolo, Chianti, Tuscany  
**Italian white:** Soave  
**lover:** oenophilist  
**merchant:** vintner  
**new:** must  
**pink:** rosé, blush  
**Portuguese:** Madeira, port  
**pour:** decant  
**pucker factor in red wine:** astringency  
**rice wine:** sake  
**shop:** bistro, bodega  
**Spanish wine and brandy:** sherry  
**steward or waiter:** sommelier  
**storage:** cellar  
**sweeten:** mull  
**sweet, not:** dry  
**vineyard, stone-walled:** clos  
**white wine flavored with herbs:** vermouth  
**year of grape's harvest:** vintage

**wing** *n.* annex, addition, unit, arm, section, extension, part, flank, branch.

**wing** *v.* fly, soar, glide, zoom, hurry, speed.

**wing it** *v.* *Sl.* improvise, ad lib.

**wink** *v.* blink, bat an eyelid, nictitate.

**winner** *n.* victor, champion, \*champ, medalist, gold medalist, \*number one, titleholder, \*top dog, conqueror, vanquisher. *ANT.* *loser, failure, \*also-ran.*

**winning** *a.* charming, attractive, delightful, pleasing, enchanting, bewitching, captivating, disarming, charismatic, engaging, sweet, winsome. *ANT.* *repulsive, nasty, disgusting.*

**winnow** *v.* sift, separate, extract, cull, divide the good from the bad, screen, glean, weed out, differentiate, separate the wheat from the chaff.

**wino** *n.* *Sl.* drunk, drunkard, alcoholic.

**winsome** *a.* charming, sweet, attractive, nice, engaging, winning, delightful, pleasing, disarming, likable, lovable. *ANT.* *repellent, repulsive, disgusting.*

**winter** *n.* season, cold season, snow season. "Trees stooping under burdens of snow, windows filligreed with frost, shadows of drifting hummocks turning blue-cold as northerners mummify themselves in coats and scarves."—Henry Clayborne. *SEE* SNOW

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#### WORD FIND

**of or like:** hiemal, brumal, hibernal

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**winty** *a.* hiemal, hibernal, brumal, cold, frigid, bone-chilling, raw, biting, bitter, snowy, frost-patterned, filigreed with frost, stark, pristine, frozen, icy. *ANT.* *summery, hot, warm.*

**wipe** *v.* rub, brush, wash, sponge, clean, dust, towel, dry, remove, swab, polish.

**wipeout** *n.* *Sl.* fall, crash, collapse, spill, dive, tumble, nose-dive.

**wipe out** *v.* destroy, eradicate, annihilate, obliterate, exterminate, demolish, get rid of, kill, slaughter, abolish, decimate.

**wiry** *a.* lean, strong, tough, sinewy, muscular, strapping, athletic, agile, fit, trim, in shape, hardened. *ANT.* *fat, obese, out of shape, flabby.*

**wisdom** *n.* knowledge, experience, erudition, good judgment, insight, sagacity, common sense, \*horse sense, intelligence, smarts, \*brains, discernment, acumen, savvy, enlightenment, foresight. "A special knowledge in excess of all that is known."—Ambrose Bierce. "The soul's natural food."—Jacob Anatoli. "[That which] comes by suffering."—Aeschylus. *ANT.* *ignorance, inexperience, stupidity, foolishness.*

**wise** *a.* 1. KNOWLEDGEABLE experienced, erudite, prudent, judicious, insightful, sagacious, sage, informed, learned, sensible, in-

telligent, smart, \*brainy, shrewd, astute, discerning, sharp, savvy, enlightened, understanding. 2. *Sl.* FRESH smart-mouthed, impudent, \*smart-alecky, insolent, impertinent, \*sassy, disrespectful, flippant, flip. *ANT.* 1. *ignorant, inexperienced, stupid, uninformed, foolish.* 2. *respectful, polite, deferential.*

**wiseacre** *n.* \*wise guy, \*wiseass, \*smart-ass, \*smartaleck, know-it-all, \*wisenheimer.

**wisecrack** *n.* joke, dig, gibe, flippant remark, quip, retort.

**wise guy** *n.* *Sl.* *SEE* WISEACRE

**wish** *n.* desire, want, pleasure, aspiration, hope, prayer, will, hunger, thirst, longing, yen.

**wish** *v.* desire, want, need, aspire, \*set one's heart on, fancy, hope for, pray for, hunger, thirst, crave, hanker, request, ask, order.

**wishful** *a.* desirous, longful, hopeful, aspiring, yearning, hankering, wishful, impractical, unrealistic, daydreaming. *ANT.* *practical.*

**wishy-washy** *a.* indecisive, irresolute, undecided, blowing hot and cold, equivocating, vacillating, feeble, weak, spineless. *ANT.* *resolute, decisive, decided.*

**wisp** *n.* strand, shred, strip, trace, hint.

**wispy** *a.* slight, slender, thin, delicate, frail. *ANT.* *heavy set, stocky.*

**WISTFUL** *a.* [WIST ful] longing sadly or with a troubled mind. *He looked back wistfully at his childhood.* *SYN.* longing, yearning, pining, desirous, wishful, heartsick, pensive, nostalgic, daydreaming, reflective, melancholy, forlorn, introspective.

**wit** *n.* 1. INTELLECTUAL POWERS intelligence, reason, \*brains, \*brain power, intellect, sense, common sense, sagacity, understanding, judgment, acumen, perception, wisdom, comprehension. 2. CLEVERNESS sense of humor, humor, drollery, satire, irony, repartee, banter, bon mot, jest, wordplay, wisecrack, pun, joke, witticism. "Educated insolence."—Aristotle. "The salt of conversation."—William Hazlitt. 3. CLEVER HUMORIST comedian, satirist, jokester, comic, \*wise guy, wiseacre, quipster, \*cutup. *ANT.* 1. *stupidity, dullness, slowness.*

**witch** *n.* sorceress, enchantress, magician, practitioner of the black arts, \*spellcaster, hex, warlock, crone, hag, she-devil, ogress.

**witchcraft** *n.* sorcery, black magic, black arts, spellcasting, wizardry, magic, enchantment, diabolism, Satanism, necromancy, voodoo. *SEE* MAGIC

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#### WORD FIND

**alternative witch name in Wicca, one's:** eke-name

**angry glance:** evil eye  
**animal used as companion or helper to witch:** familiar  
**aphrodisiac:** love potion  
**appeal to conjure up a god or spirit:** invocation  
**bewitchment:** spell, enchantment  
**black magic, practices:** sorcerer, sorceress  
**bonfire used in Wiccan rituals:** balefire  
**book of notes on spells, Medieval:** grimoire  
**book of Wiccan spells and rituals:** Book of Shadows  
**bringing in of new witch to coven:** initiation  
**broomstick, old term for witch's:** bune wand  
**burn incense or sage to cleanse air of negative energy:** smudge  
**burning bundle of incense or sage used to cleanse negative energy:** smudgestick  
**calling of spirits:** evocation  
**candle of human fat used to locate buried treasure:** magick candle  
**casting of spell:** bewitchment, spellbinding  
**cat serving as witch companion:** malkin  
**Catholic Church's mass killing of witches in Middle Ages:** the Burning Time; witch hunt  
**colored lighting used in modern witchcraft to heal:** chromotherapy  
**clockwise motion bringing positive energy, in Wicca:** deosil  
**cord knotted 13 times for counting chants, Wiccan:** witch's ladder  
**cord used by Wiccans for measuring circles and binding:** cingulum  
**cult activity involving black magic in medieval times:** occulta  
**coven leader:** high priest or priestess  
**cup for rituals:** chalice  
**curse:** imprecation, hex  
**curse against another witch:** anathema  
**dead, divining future by communicating with the:** necromancy  
**dog, ability to turn oneself into a:** cynanthropy  
**elixir:** potion  
**entrails of animals, divining future by reading:** haruspicy  
**evil influences through ritual, ridding of:** banishing ritual  
**evil purposes, any magic used for:** black magic; black art  
**festival held in Spring, Wiccan:** Beltane  
**fire festival of Wiccans celebrating goddess of fertility and horned god:** Candlemas

**fly, poisonous Medieval potion made of hemlock and belladonna enabling witch to:** flying ointment  
**gift of Wiccans to goddess or horned god:** offering  
**group of witches:** coven  
**healing herb:** mugwort  
**healing ritual with sick person seated in center, Wiccan:** circle healing  
**herb:** wort  
**independently of others, witch who practices:** solitary  
**invocation of misfortune:** curse  
**kettle:** cauldron  
**King Solomon's book of conjurations, incantations, curses:** Key of Solomon  
**knife, usually black-handled, used in Wiccan rituals to draw diagrams:** athame  
**knife, usually white-handled, used in Wiccan rituals to harvest herbs, cut wands:** boline  
**life after death paradise, Wiccan:** Summerland  
**liquid blessed by Wiccan under full moon:** holy water  
**magic employed for good:** white magic  
**male witch:** warlock; sorcerer  
**medicine bag used in modern witchcraft:** mojo bag  
**meeting place of witches, any:** covenstead  
**moving objects without touching them:** telekinesis  
**nine-foot purified space in Wicca:** circle  
**menstrual period, time of greatest power in Wiccan women:** blood of the moon  
**misfortune caused by witch's handiwork:** maleficia  
**moon into a witch, Wiccan ritual of withdrawing of power from the:** drawing down the moon  
**moon, Wiccan meeting under full:** esbat  
**mummified hand of hanged criminal, used as charm in medieval black magic:** hand of glory  
**non-witch to other witches:** cowen  
**nudity in Wicca, as may be employed with some rituals:** skyclad  
**old witch past menopause, any:** crone  
**poisonous ingredient in medieval witchcraft, most powerful:** mandrake  
**potion made famous by Macbeth witches, repulsive:** Hell-broth  
**purify with oils or holy water during Wiccan ritual:** anoint  
**rabbit, ability to turn into:** lepanthropy

**restrain someone through a magical spell:**  
bind

**reverse a spell, used to:** counterspell, countercharm

**Satan worship with sorcery:** diabolism

**secret knowledge, any:** arcane

**sorcery, alternate term for:** left-hand path

**spellbound:** enchanted; bewitched

**straw broom used to sweep away negative energy:** besom

**summer solstice celebration in Wicca:** Litha

**summon a spirit with black magic:** conjure

**sun into a witch, Wiccan ritual of withdrawing power from the:** drawing down the Sun

**table or platform used by Wiccans for rituals:** altar

**term for witchcraft, old:** the old religion

**twig and herb bundle used in Wicca to sprinkle holy water:** aspergillum; asperger

**utterance of magical spell:** incantation

**water or wines used in rituals:** libation

**water-finding witch:** dowser

**West African black magic used by witch doctors:** juju

**Wicca, alternative name for:** the Craft

**Wiccan wedding:** handfasting

**wizard or priest, pre-Christian:** druid

**witch doctor** *n.* shaman, medicine man.

**with** *prep.* among, in the company of, alongside of.

**withdraw** *v.* 1. TAKE BACK take out, remove, draw, extract. 2. MOVE BACK retreat, shrink, recede, retire, leave, pull out, quit, evacuate. 3. RETRACT recall, recant, take back, back down, \*do an about-face, backpedal, rescind. 4. ISOLATE ONESELF \*go into one's shell.

**withdrawal** *n.* 1. REMOVAL extraction, retreat, shrinking, retirement, leaving, leave, exit, retraction, disavowal. 2. CRAVING distress, longing, hunger.

**withdrawn** *a.* introverted, reserved, shy, bashful, reticent, introspective, retiring, aloof, unfriendly, distant, remote, reclusive, solitary. *ANT. extroverted, outgoing, friendly, sociable.*

**wither** *v.* shrivel, wilt, droop, dry up, decay, waste away, fade, wizen, shrink.

**within** *prep.* inside.

**withhold** *v.* 1. HOLD BACK keep, detain, reserve, deduct, retain, restrain. 2. REFUSE refrain. 3. HIDE conceal, deny, cover up, keep from, keep secret.

**withstand** *v.* take, tolerate, bear, put up with, endure, stand up to, weather, brave, face, cope, \*ride out. *ANT. \*cave in, collapse, give in.*

**witless** *a.* foolish, nonsensical, stupid, mindless, dumb, imbecilic, moronic, idiotic, brainless, \*birdbrained, \*dumb as a post. *ANT. intelligent, smart, \*brainy.*

**witness** *n.* 1. EYEWITNESS observer, onlooker, bystander, spectator, corroborating witness. 2. ATTESTING testimony, evidence, attestation, proof, corroboration.

**witness** *v.* 1. SEE observe, watch, view, notice, behold. 2. TESTIFY provide testimony, give evidence, attest, prove, corroborate, confirm, certify, verify.

**witticism** *n.* clever remark, witty remark, bon mot, quip, wisecrack, crack, \*one-liner, joke, pun, retort, riposte.

**witty** *a.* clever, sharp, funny, comical, humorous, \*saber-witted, \*having a razor wit, droll, quick-witted, amusing, whimsical, entertaining, quick, \*wise, sarcastic. *ANT. dull, serious, morbid.*

**wizard** *n.* 1. CONJURER magician, sorcerer, witch, warlock, necromancer, Merlin, enchanter, diviner, practitioner of the black arts. 2. \*ACE \*crackerjack, genius, prodigy, \*whiz, \*whiz kid, virtuoso, master.

**wizardry** *n.* 1. MAGIC conjuring, sorcery, witchcraft, necromancy, black art, diabolism, Satanism. 2. CLEVERNESS genius, magic.

**wizened** *a.* withered, dried up, shriveled, wilted, wrinkled, brown, shrunken, dry, dehydrated, wasted. *ANT. fresh, new.*

**wobble** *v.* shake, tremble, totter, teeter, seesaw, stagger, wobble, rock, oscillate, sway, reel, move unsteadily.

**woe** *n.* 1. SORROW grief, anguish, sadness, misery, suffering, wretchedness, distress, pain, heartache, unhappiness, depression, melancholy. 2. TROUBLE trial, tribulation, affliction, adversity, blow, burden, hardship, ordeal, misfortune. *ANT. 1. happiness, joy, glee. 2. fortune, blessing.*

**woebegone** *a.* sad, depressed, melancholy, miserable, mournful, grieving, unhappy, woeful, downhearted, heartbroken, wretched, desolate, disconsolate. *ANT. happy, joyful, gleeful.*

**woeful** *a.* SEE WOEBEGONE

**wolfish** *a.* predatory, carnivorous, rapacious, beastly, vicious, bloodthirsty, fierce, ferocious. *ANT. benevolent, kind, helpful.*

**woman** *n.* lady, female, girl, gal, lass, \*broad, maid, maiden, \*colleen, damsel, matron, miss, Ms., matriarch, mother. "A ministering angel."—Sir Walter Scott. "A creature between man and the

angels.”—Honoré de Balzac. “[One who] has to be twice as good as a man to go half as far.”—Fannie Hurst.

**womanizer** *n.* Don Juan, Casanova, \*skirt-chaser, lecher, \*wolf, \*ladies’ man, stud, playboy, \*make-out artist, Lothario, heartbreaker.

**womanly** *a.* womanish, feminine, matronly, ladylike, motherly, sisterly, soft, gentle, tender. *ANT.* *manly, male.*

**wonder** *n.* 1. ASTONISHMENT amazement, wonderment, awe, fascination, enchantment, surprise. “The root of knowledge.”—Abraham Heschel. “The seed of our science.”—Ralph Waldo Emerson. 2. MARVEL miracle, phenomenon, spectacle, curiosity, rarity, sight, \*mind-blower, \*mind-boggler, oddity, freak occurrence, freak of nature.

**wonder** *v.* 1. MARVEL be awestruck, be fascinated, gawk, gape, stare saucer-eyed, disbelieve one’s eyes, be amazed, be astonished, be stunned. 2. TO BE CURIOUS question, ponder, think about, speculate, doubt, deliberate, puzzle over, meditate.

**wonderful** *a.* 1. MARVELOUS amazing, astonishing, awesome, fascinating, unbelievable, miraculous, spectacular, curious, odd, \*freaky. 2. EXCELLENT great, extraordinary, terrific, fantastic, fabulous, superb, sensational, first-rate, out of the ordinary, \*out of this world. *ANT.* 1. \**ho-hum, common, ordinary.* 2. *terrible, awful, lousy.*

**wonderment** *n.* amazement, astonishment, fascination, curiosity, wonder, awe, surprise, spectacle, sensation, sight, rarity, marvel, \*mind-blower, \*mind-boggler.

**woo** *v.* court, seek, coax, pursue, persuade, cajole, urge, \*curry favor, \*butter up.

**wood** *n.* lumber, timber, board, plank, beam, firewood, kindling, slat.

**woodcutter** *n.* lumberjack, logger, sawyer.

**wooden** *a.* stiff, rigid, awkward, graceless, formal, tense, expressionless, blank, stony, dull, lifeless. *ANT.* *loose, limber, relaxed, informal, expressive.*

**woodland** *n.* woods, forest, timberland, bush, grove, thicket, wilderness, \*howling wilderness. SEE FOREST, JUNGLE, TREE

**woods** *n.* SEE WOODLAND

**woolgathering** *n.* absentmindedness, day-dreaming, dreaming, reverie, \*castle-building, abstraction, preoccupation.

**woozy** *a.* *Sl.* dizzy, dazed, muddled, befuddled, unsteady, reeling, unclear, \*punch-drunk, \*seeing stars. SEE DRUNK

**word** *n.* 1. TERM noun, verb, adjective, pronoun, expression, name, lexeme, morpheme.

“Words are loaded pistols.”—Jean-Paul Sartre. “The soul’s ambassadors.”—James Howell. “The dress of thoughts; which should no more be presented in rags, tatters, and dirt, than your person should.”—Lord Chesterfield. 2. NEWS report, communication, announcement, communique, dispatch, bulletin, intelligence, information. 3. TALK chat, meeting, consultation, conversation, discussion. 4. REMARK statement, comment. 5. PROMISE pledge, solemn word, oath, word of honor, vow, assurance, guarantee.

**WORD FIND**

**acceptable word used in place of socially**

**unacceptable one:** euphemism

**antiquated word:** archaism

**arrangement, construction of words and sentences:** syntax

**baby words:** lallation

**backwards, reads the same:** palindrome

**book:** lexicon, dictionary, thesaurus

**characterizing:** epithet

**coiner:** neologist

**combining words or word parts to form new word:** agglutination

**confusion, transposition of letters:** dyslexia

**contradictory juxtaposition of:** oxymoron

**difficult to pronounce correctly:** \*jawbreaker

**disgust for certain words:** logomasia

**exact or appropriate word:** mot juste

**incorrect use of word confused with another:** catachresis, malapropism

**incorrect word that sounds like another:** catchfool

**individual word stock:** idiolect

**informal:** colloquial, colloquialism

**invention of new word:** coinage

**figurative:** metaphor, simile, trope

**foreign word sound English, make:** Anglicize

**forgotten word, obsession to remember:** loganamnesia

**humorous transposition of word sounds, such as “Hoober Heever” for “Herbert Hoover”:** spoonerism

**initials, word constructed of:** acronym

**local:** localism

**loss for words, at a:** aporia

**new:** neologism

**nonstandard use:** barbarism, corruption

**opposite in meaning:** antonym

**origin of:** etymology

**pronounce clearly:** enunciate

**pronunciation, poor:** cacology

**recall word on tip of one's tongue, inability to:** lethologica

**restate in different words:** paraphrase

**reversal of standard meaning, such as "bad" meaning "good":** melioration

**showing off one's knowledge of words:** pedantry

**similar in meaning:** synonym

**sounding like the thing it names:** onomatopoeia

**sounding the same but having different meanings:** homonym, homophone

**study of meanings:** semantics

**wrong title, wrong name:** misnomer

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**word** *v.* put into words, frame, phrase, rephrase, paraphrase.

**wording** *n.* phrasing, phraseology, language, syntax, terminology, choice of words, style.

**wordy** *a.* verbose, long-winded, windy, prolix, redundant, rambling, loquacious, garrulous, voluble, digressive, tautological. *ANT.* *succinct, concise, to the point, terse.*

**work** *n.* 1. LABOR exertion, toil, effort, struggle, drudgery, \*daily grind, \*elbow grease, muscle, sweat, slavery, pains. 2. JOB employment, occupation, \*daily grind, livelihood, line, trade, profession, vocation, business, calling. "A remedy against all ills."—Charles Baudelaire. "Paid struggle."—Max Gralnik. "The refuge of people who have nothing better to do."—Oscar Wilde. 3. CHORE task, duty, assignment, charge, burden, responsibility. *ANT.* *idleness, sloth, leisure, play, relaxation.*

**work** *v.* 1. LABOR exert, toil, put in effort, struggle, drudge, \*apply elbow grease, \*put muscle into it, sweat, slave, take pains, \*break one's back, strain, \*plug away, \*keep one's nose to the grindstone, \*burn the midnight oil, \*work one's fingers to the bone, be employed, do business, earn one's living, \*moonlight. 2. OPERATE run, function, perform, tick, go. 3. SUCCEED be effective, \*fly, effect, fulfill, bring about, produce, create. 4. HANDLE maneuver, run, use, drive. 5. SHAPE manipulate, knead, mold. *ANT.* 1. *relax, recreate, play, take it easy.*

**workable** *a.* doable, practical, practicable, feasible, viable, possible. *ANT.* *unworkable, impractical.*

**worker** *n.* employee, laborer, blue-collar worker, white-collar worker, hand, workman, wage earner, \*working stiff, \*nine-to-fiver, slave, \*temp. "The wealth of a country."—Theodor Herzl. "Soldiers with different weapons but the same courage."—Winston Churchill.

**workmanlike** *a.* skilled, well-done, well-crafted, professional, meticulous, expert, competent, thorough. *ANT.* *incompetent, slack, amateurish.*

**workmanship** *n.* craftsmanship, skill, artistry, expertise, proficiency, handiwork, technique, style, mastery.

**world** *n.* 1. EARTH planet, globe, Gaea, sphere, biosphere, terra, terra firma, orb, ocean world, heavenly body. "A small parenthesis in eternity."—Thomas Browne. "God's epistle to mankind—his thoughts are flashing upon us from every direction."—Plato. "The truth of the existence of God."—William Hocking. 2. ALL CREATION universe, cosmos, macrocosm, nature. 3. HUMANKIND humanity, human community, human race, mankind, civilization, society, people, men and women, everybody. "This great stage of fools."—Shakespeare. "A comedy to those who think, a tragedy to those who feel."—Horace Walpole. 4. REALM domain, sphere, area, province, kingdom, field, group.

**worldly** *a.* 1. EARTHLY terrestrial, mundane, material, human, fleshy, physical. 2. SOPHISTICATED experienced, worldly-wise, knowing, learned, urbane, cosmopolitan, \*wise in the ways of the world. *ANT.* 1. *spiritual, heavenly, divine, godly.* 2. *inexperienced, unsophisticated, naive.*

**worldly-wise** *A. SEE* WORLDLY

**worldwide** *a.* global, international, multinational, universal, general, from the four corners of the earth, extensive, pandemic. *ANT.* *local, localized, limited, domestic.*

**worn** *a.* 1. THREADBARE worn out, frayed, ragged, tattered, weathered, deteriorated, abraded, \*shot. 2. EXHAUSTED weary, tired, burned out, haggard, drained, \*wrung out, \*the worse for wear, drained. *ANT.* 1. *new, fresh.* 2. *fresh, refreshed.*

**worrisome** *a.* troublesome, anxiety-provoking, disturbing, distressing, disquieting, unnerving. *ANT.* *reassuring, calming, relaxing.*

**worried** *a.* anxious, distressed, troubled, disturbed, apprehensive, uneasy, having misgivings, uncertain, concerned, sick with dread, \*on pins and needles. *ANT.* *at peace, relaxed, reassured.*

**worry** *n.* anxiety, distress, troubled mind, disturbance, apprehension, uneasiness, misgiving, uncertainty, concern, disquiet, trepidation, care. "Interest paid on trouble before it becomes due."—William Inge. *ANT.* *peace of mind, reassurance, tranquility.*

**worry** *v.* distress, trouble, disturb, make apprehensive, make uneasy, concern, disquiet, fill

- with trepidation, gnaw at, perturb, fill with dread. *ANT. calm, soothe, reassure.*
- worsen** *v.* deteriorate, degenerate, take a turn for the worse, slip, decay, decline, lapse, \*go downhill, \*hit the skids, diminish. *ANT. improve, get better.*
- worship** *n.* homage, reverence, devotion, veneration, honoring, idolization, adoration, love, admiration, glorification, genuflection, exaltation, church service, rite. "Climbing the altar stairs to God."—Dwight Bradley. *SEE GOD, RELIGION*
- worship** *v.* pay homage, revere, show devotion, venerate, honor, idolize, adore, love, admire, glorify, look up to, put on a pedestal, exalt, adulate. *ANT. disdain, despise, disparage.*
- worth** *n.* 1. *VALUE* merit, benefit, greatness, worthiness, importance, weight, desirability. 2. *AMOUNT* quantity, price, cost, expense, appraisal, valuation, estimation. 3. *WEALTH* riches, assets, possessions, holdings.
- worthless** *a.* valueless, useless, good-for-nothing, unproductive, unprofitable, profitless, vain, futile, impotent, ineffective, empty, \*not worth the powder to blow it to hell, \*not worth beans. *ANT. valuable, worthwhile, profitable, effective.*
- worthwhile** *a.* valuable, useful, profitable, lucrative, remunerative, gainful, beneficial, rewarding, worthy, worth the trouble, productive. *ANT. worthless, waste of time, unproductive.*
- worthy** *a.* meriting, deserving, meritorious, good enough, praiseworthy, creditable, estimable, worthwhile, commendable, exemplary, excellent, virtuous. *ANT. unworthy, worthless, undeserving.*
- wound** *n.* 1. *INJURY* trauma, cut, laceration, lesion, gash, tear, scrape, scratch, abrasion, contusion, bruise, \*black-and-blue mark, hurt, sore, tender area, bump. 2. *HURT FEELINGS* offense, insult, anguish, pain, grief, heartache, blow to one's self-esteem.
- wound** *v.* 1. *INJURE* cut, lacerate, gash, rip open, scrape, scratch, stick, stab, abrade, bruise, bump, traumatize. 2. *HURT ONE'S FEELINGS* offend, insult, grieve, \*touch a nerve, \*break one's heart, affront, \*cut to the quick, traumatize, mortify.
- wow** *v. Sl.* \*bring an audience to their feet, \*bowl over, fill with awe, stagger, electrify, make one's jaw drop, impress.
- wrangle** *n.* quarrel, dispute, argument, fight, altercation, tiff, disagreement, row, squabble, clash, spat.
- wrangle** *v.* quarrel, dispute, argue, fight, altercation, have a tiff, \*lock horns, disagree, have a row, clash, \*have words, \*cross swords.
- wrap** *n.* covering, shawl, overcoat, jacket, cloak, cape, mantle.
- wrap** *v.* cover, envelop, package, bind, pack, bundle, giftwrap, swaddle, swathe, shroud, tuck.
- wrath** *n.* anger, rage, towering rage, spitting rage, fury, temper, passion, \*hot blood, indignation, resentment, venom, virulence. *ANT. good humor, pleasure, cheerfulness.*
- wreak** *v.* inflict, cause, bring, vent, bring down on, unleash, execute.
- wreath** *n.* band, garland, decoration, festoon, chaplet, laurel, crown.
- wreathe** *v.* entwine, encircle, coil, twist, festoon.
- wreck** *n.* wreckage, destruction, devastation, ruin, debris, smashup, crash, accident, derelict, \*heap, \*junker, \*hulk.
- wreck** *v.* destroy, ruin, tear apart, smash, devastate, demolish, raze, flatten, \*total, sabotage, vandalize, \*trash, spoil, shatter, break, gut, blow up, level, bulldoze. *ANT. fix, repair, protect.*
- wreckage** *n.* debris, flotsam and jetsam, rubble, detritus, bits and pieces, fragments, ruins, smoking remains.
- wrench** *n.* 1. *TOOL* spanner, monkey wrench, pliers. *SEE TOOL* 2. *TWIST* jerk, turn, pull, sprain.
- wrench** *v.* twist, pull, jerk, turn, wring, sprain, strain.
- wrest** *v.* twist away from, take, jerk, pull, wrestle, extract, wring, grab.
- wrestle** *v.* grapple, struggle, fight, combat, muscle, strong-arm, tussle, battle, contend, tangle, \*lock horns, \*put in a half-nelson, \*body slam, \*put in a headlock, \*put in a hammerlock, \*give a bear hug, throw, flip, \*turk, \*deliver a flying dropkick, clinch, pin.
- wretch** *n.* 1. \**MISERABLE SOUL* \*poor soul, martyr, unfortunate, victim, outcast, \*loser, \*sorry sight. 2. *SCOUNDREL* \*creep, \*jerk, \*rat, dog, cur, rogue, criminal, villain.
- wretched** *a.* 1. *MISERABLE* unhappy, depressed, melancholic, sad, brokenhearted, downhearted, forlorn, dejected, disconsolate, \*bummed out, pathetic, pitiable. 2. \**LOUSY* awful, terrible, miserable, poor, inferior, \*rotten, pathetic, bad, inferior, cheap. 3. *CONTEMPTIBLE* despicable, \*rotten, mean, low, shameless, detestable, beneath contempt. *ANT. 1. happy, cheerful, joyous. 2. good, superior, superb, excellent. 3. admirable, commendable, good.*

**wriggle** *v.* wiggle, squirm, jiggle, waggle, worm, twist, writhe.

**wring** *v.* 1. TWIST squeeze, press, compress, wrench, choke, throttle, strangle. 2. EXTORT force, strong-arm, twist one's arm, make, exact, coerce.

**wrinkle** *n.* 1. CRINKLE furrow, ridge, crease, crimp, pucker, line, rumple, fold, pleat, crow's foot, laugh line, frown line. 2. IDEA trick, device, gimmick.

**wrinkle** *v.* crinkle, furrow, crease, crimp, pucker, line, rumple, fold, pleat, corrugate, scrunch up.

**writ** *n.* order, legal order, legal document, court order, warrant, injunction, summons, subpoena, command.

**write** *v.* pen, compose, print, jot, scrawl, \*scratch out, scribble, inscribe, \*dash off, set down, draft, type, draw up, record, author, sign, autograph.

**writer** *n.* scribe, calligrapher, stenographer, author, wordsmith, poet, reporter, journalist, columnist, novelist, freelancer, hack, man of letters, playwright, screenwriter, ghostwriter. "Apprentices in a craft where no one ever becomes a master."—Ernest Hemingway. "A frustrated actor who recites his lines in the hidden auditorium of his skull."—Rod Serling.

**writhe** *v.* twist, contort, squirm, thrash, worm, wiggle, recoil in agony, flail.

**writing** *n.* 1. HANDWRITING penmanship, long-hand, calligraphy, printing, print. 2. COMPOSITION work, publication, prose, fiction, novel, short story, poem, poetry, belles-lettres, nonfiction, letters, correspondence,

article, editorial. "All writing is a process of elimination."—Martha Albrand. "The art of applying the seat of the pants to the seat of the chair."—Mary Vorse.

**wrong** *n.* wrongdoing, sin, crime, offense, misdeed, injustice, evil, insult, wicked act, inequity, infraction, mistake, blunder, oversight.

**wrong** *v.* hurt, injure, insult, offend, commit a crime against, sin against, abuse, mistreat, exploit, use, aggrieve, transgress, malign, dishonor, defame, slur.

**wrong** *a.* 1. INCORRECT inaccurate, imprecise, faulty, erroneous, false, mistaken, untrue, off, amiss, erring, unsound, \*wide of the mark, \*off base, \*barking up the wrong tree, \*all wet. 2. IMMORAL bad, improper, unethical, sinful, illegal, criminal, corrupt, dishonest, crooked, wicked, naughty, felonious, dishonorable, reprehensible. 3. INAPPROPRIATE unsuitable, inapt, improper, unfitting, unseemly, unbecoming, malapropos. 4. OUT OF ORDER amiss, awry, out of kilter, \*out of whack, \*haywire. 5. REVERSE back. *ANT.* 1. correct, accurate, exact, precise. 2. good, virtuous, righteous, moral. 3. appropriate, apropos, suitable.

**wrongdoer** *n.* sinner, criminal, felon, offender, evildoer, perpetrator, miscreant, malefactor, transgressor, culprit, trespasser, \*bad guy.

**wrought** *a.* formed, shaped, fashioned, made, built, constructed, crafted. *ANT.* natural.

**wry** *a.* 1. TWISTED distorted, turned to one side, lopsided, crooked, awry, askew. 2. IRONIC distorted, sarcastic, sardonic, mocking, twisted, perverted. *ANT.* 1. straight. 2. serious, earnest.

# X

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**X-rated** *a.* adult, obscene, pornographic, hardcore, dirt, blue, carnal, appealing to prurient interests, nasty, raunchy, graphic. *ANT. G-rated, innocent, clean.*

**X-ray** *n.* roentgenogram, roentgenograph, radiograph, radiogram, fluoroscope.

# Y

**yacht** *n.* boat, cruiser, cabin cruiser, pleasure craft, vessel. SEE BOAT, SAILING

**yahoo** *n.* *Sl.* brute, \*blithering idiot, barbarian, savage, Neanderthal, \*redneck, \*clod, \*clod-hopper, \*dumb ox, \*farmer, \*jughead, hick, yokel, lummoX, \*nitwit, hillbilly.

**yak** *v.* talk, chatter, gab, yap, babble, \*run on, jabber, prattle, blather, \*blah blah blah.

**yammer** *v.* whine, complain, whimper, moan, gripe, grumble.

**yank** *n.* jerk, pull, tug, plucking, wrenching, extraction, grab.

**yank** *v.* jerk, pull, tug, pluck, wrench, extract, grab.

**yard** *n.* lawn, property, grounds, lot, plot, court, courtyard, gardens, patio, quad, garth, enclosure, compound.

**yardstick** *n.* measuring rod, measure, standard, test, gauge, guide, guideline, touchstone, benchmark, criterion.

**yarn** *n.* story, tale, fairy tale, fable, narrative, fiction, \*fish story, adventure, myth, legend.

**yaw** *v.* swing, pitch, swerve, roll, veer, deviate, wheel, go off course.

**yearn** *v.* desire, long for, want, crave, hunger for, thirst for, pine for, hanker for, ache for, wish.

**yearning** *n.* desire, longing, want, need, craving, hunger, thirst, hankering, ache, wish, \*yen, fancy.

**years** *n.* decades, generation, lifetime, centuries, millenium, eon, period, age, epoch.

**yell** *n.* shout, \*holler, bellow, roar, thundering, howl, scream, shriek, bark, cry, whoop, yelp, hoot, \*Stentorian bellow.

**yell** *v.* raise one's voice, shout, \*holler, bellow, roar, thunder, howl, scream, shriek, bark, cry, whoop, yelp, hoot, cheer. *ANT.* *whisper, speak softly, murmur.*

**yellow** *a.* 1. GOLDEN flaxen, straw, lemon, saffron, sunny, canary, amber, honey, butter. 2. COWARDLY spineless, craven, fearful, \*mousy, \*wimpy, \*lily-livered, \*chicken, fainthearted, \*afraid of one's own shadow. 2. SENSATIONAL cheap, melodramatic, exaggerated, lurid, \*keyhole-peeping. *ANT.* 2. *brave, courageous, gutsy.*

**yelp** *n.* cry, bark, yip, yap, squeal, howl, shout.

**yelp** *v.* cry, bark, yip, yap, squeal, howl, shout.

**yen** *n.* desire, longing, want, hunger, appetite, thirst, yearning, craving, hankering, urge, itch, passion. *ANT.* *aversion, revulsion.*

**yeoman** *n.* assistant, attendant, servant, subordinate, petty officer.

**yes** *adv.* yea, aye, \*uh-huh, affirmative, \*yeah, \*yep, \*ayuh, certainly, positively, doubtless, surely, \*oui, \*sí, \*da, \*you bet. *ANT.* *no, nay, negative.*

**yes-man** *n.* *Sl.* sycophant, toady, \*brownnose, \*kiss-up, \*bootlicker, \*apple-polisher, fawn, flatterer, underling, groveler, kowtower.

**yield** *n.* production, output, proceeds, harvest, crop, profit, return, gain, earnings.

**yield** *v.* 1. PRODUCE furnish, generate, return, pay out, put out, give rise to, bear fruit. 2. GIVE UP give in, surrender, back down, \*cave in, submit, acquiesce, relinquish, accede, capitulate, \*knuckle under, grant, concede. *ANT.* 2. *resist, fight.*

**yoga** *n.* Hindu discipline, ascetic discipline, meditation, posturing.

## WORD FIND

**athletic, fast-moving style of:** Ashtanga, power yoga, Vinyasa

**bliss, state of:** samadhi

**centers of life energy located between base of spine and head:** chakras

**chant used during meditation:** mantra

**chanting and breathing, ancient style featuring:** Kundalini

**female practitioner:** yogini

**folded-legs position:** lotus position

**gentle style featuring thoughtful affirmations:** Ananda

**hand gestures directing life current:** mudras

**life energy:** prana

**meditation or quieting of the mind:** dhyana

**meditation word repeated over and over:** om, aum

**one who practices:** yogi

**path to enlightenment:** samadhi

**position of arching chest while on back:** fish

**position of curling upper body up and backward while lying on floor:** cobra  
**position of raising straightened legs off floor while face down:** locust

**positions:** asanas

**retreat where yoga is taught or practiced:**  
 ashram

**scriptures:** sutras

**teacher or spiritual guide:** guru, swami

**yoke** *n.* 1. BOND harness, collar, coupling. 2. BOND-AGE servitude, subjection, enslavement.

**yoke** *v.* link, couple, bond, join, pair, unite, harness.

**yokel** *n.* country bumpkin, rustic, farmer, hick, hayseed, clodhopper, \*Okie, hillbilly, \*sodbuster, yahoo, \*one who just fell off the turnip truck.

**yonder** *a.* yon, faraway, away, beyond, distant, remote, further. *ANT.* *near, close, here.*

**young** *n.* children, offspring, litter, babies, progeny.

**young** *a.* immature, undeveloped, unfinished, growing, youthful, tender, fresh, newborn, infantile, fledgling, childish, juvenile, teenage, adolescent, pubescent, school-age, boyish, girlish, junior, new, untested, unpracticed, unseasoned, unhardened, inexperi-

enced, naive. *ANT.* *mature, developed, old, experienced, adult, aged.*

**youngster** *n.* baby, infant, toddler, tot, child, boy, girl, schoolboy, schoolgirl, youth, kid, adolescent, teenager, minor.

**youth** *n.* 1. CHILDHOOD infancy, preschool years, school years, young years, teens, adolescence, pubescence, puberty, minority, developing years. "Life's morning march."—Thomas Campbell. "The glad season of life."—Thomas Carlyle. "A feeling of eternity."—William Hazlitt. 2. CHILD youngster, kid, boy, girl, teen, teenager, adolescent, minor, young man, young lady, juvenile, children, boys and girls, youngsters, teens, adolescents. *ANT.* 1. *old age, adulthood, retirement years.*

**youthful** *a.* young, immature, unseasoned, growing, developing, fresh, new, maturing, juvenile, childish, rosy-cheeked, bright-eyed, full of life, vigorous, callow, naive, inexperienced, carefree. *ANT.* *old, aged, mature, experienced.*

**yummy** *a.* delicious, tasty, \*scrumptious, mouth-watering, delectable, ambrosial, savory, good, heavenly, out of this world. *ANT.* *disgusting, nauseating, \*gross.*

**yuppie** *n.* materialistic person, urbanite, status-seeker, young professional.

# Z

**zaftig** *a. Sl.* full-figured, shapely, buxom, round-ed, rotund.

**zany** *a.* foolish, crazy, silly, comical, ludicrous, \*loony, hilarious, uproarious, \*goofy, \*nutt, slapstick, \*madcap, funny. *ANT.* *somber, serious.*

**ZEAL** *n.* [ZEEL] great passion, enthusiasm. *His zeal for reform was contagious.* *SYN.* passion, enthusiasm, ardor, fervor, drive, fanaticism, zest, intensity, devotion, gusto, spirit, fire, earnestness. *ANT.* *indifference, apathy, disinterest.*

**zealot** *n.* fanatic, enthusiast, devotee, extremist, radical, \*nut, champion, disciple, dogmatist, believer, \*crackpot.

**ZEALOUS** *a.* [ZEL us] enthusiastic, passionate. *He was a zealous supporter of gun control.* *SYN.* enthusiastic, passionate, devoted, fervent, fanatical, radical, eager, intense, rabid, impassioned, vehement, earnest, \*gung-ho. *ANT.* *indifferent, apathetic, uncaring.*

**Zen** *n.* Buddhism, quest for enlightenment, meditation.

**zenith** *n.* high point, summit, pinnacle, top, peak, height, apex, acme, apogee, maximum, crown, culmination. *ANT.* *bottom, low point, nadir.*

**zephyr** *n.* gentle breeze, gentle wind, west wind.  
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**zeppelin** *n.* dirigible, blimp.

**zero** *n.* nothing, naught, \*goose egg, \*zip, nothingness, \*thin air, \*zilch, blank, \*nobody, nonentity.

**zero hour** *n.* crisis point, turning point, crossroads, pivotal moment, appointed hour, \*D-day, climax, moment of truth, \*crunch time.

**zest** *n.* 1. FLAVOR relish, zing, piquancy, spice, zip, \*pizzazz. 2. GUSTO enjoyment, pleasure, \*kick, spirit, liveliness, elation, excitement, eagerness. *ANT.* 2. *boredom, apathy.*

**zip** *n.* 1. HISS whiz, whistle, whine, hum. 2. ENERGY vigor, \*get-up-and-go, vitality, life, pep, strength, liveliness, drive, zest, spirit. 3. *Sl.* NOTHING zero, \*zilch.

**zip** *v.* speed, fly, zoom, rush, tear, bolt, dart, dash, hurry, jet.

**zippy** *a.* energetic, brisk, vigorous, full of life, lively, peppy. *ANT.* *tired, lethargic.*

**zit** *n. Sl.* pimple, pustule, papule, blemish.

**zombie** *n.* the living dead, walking dead, corpse, weirdo, oddball, \*dope, dullard.

**zone** *n.* area, district, sector, section, region, quarter, tract, band, locality, territory, precinct, domain.

**zonked** *a. Sl.* drunk, intoxicated, inebriated, under the influence, high, \*flying, \*out of it, exhausted, unconscious.

**zoo** *n.* menagerie, animal park, animal conservation area, zoological garden, wildlife park.

**zoom** *v.* 1. ZIP fly, shoot, rocket, whiz, speed, dive, streak, buzz, hum. 2. RISE climb, sky-rocket, surge.

**zydeco** *n.* Cajun music, French Caribbean music, Louisiana blues.

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**AUSTERE** *a.* [aw STEER] severe, stern, or plain in appearance, character, etc. Also, self-denying, strict.

*The prison's austere facade was chillingly bleak.* **SYN.**

1. SEVERE stern, harsh, grim, stiff, cold, forbidding, rigid, serious, sober, solemn, plain, unadorned.

2. ASCETIC self-denying, strict, abstemious, stark.

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

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

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

**author** *n.* 1. **WRITER** novelist, playwright, storyteller, screenwriter, poet, bard, historian, chronicler, biographer, dramatist, journalist, \*hack, wordsmith. "A person who you can silence by shutting his book."

—Max Gralnik. **SEE BOOK, NOVELIST** 2. **ORIGINATOR** creator, architect, designer, father, founder.

#### WORD FIND

**best-selling author with staying power:** brand-name author

**multiple books, author of:** polygraph

**pen name:** pseudonym, nom de plume, allonym, anonym, anonym

**publicizes author and books:** publicist

**sells author's books, handles contracts:** literary agent

**writes a book for someone else who may or may not take credit:** ghostwriter

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