

Spokane is **SPELLING**



Seventh and Eighth Grade Core Words and Definitions

ab•di•cate

verb

to relinquish (as sovereign power)

intransitive verb : to renounce a throne, high office, dignity, or function <the president was forced to *abdicate* after the vote of no confidence>

ab•dom•i•nal

adjective

the part of the body between the thorax and the pelvis; *also* : the cavity of this part of the trunk containing the chief viscera <*Abdominal* pain is symptomatic of a ruptured appendix>

abil•i•ty

noun

the quality or state of being able <Farmers measure the *ability* of the soil to hold water>; *especially* : physical, mental, or legal power to perform

abu•sive

adjective

characterized by wrong or improper use or action; *especially* : **CORRUPT** <*abusive* financial practices>2 **a**: using harsh insulting language <an angry and *abusive* crowd yelled insults during the speech>

ac•a•dem•ic

noun

member of an institution of learning: a person who is academic in background, outlook, or methods <The professor had long experience as an *academic* at the university>

ac•cede

intransitive verb

to express approval or give consent : give in to a request or demand <I decided to *accede* to my daughter's request to go shopping>

ac•cept

verb

to receive willingly <*accept* a gift> **b**: to be able or designed to take or hold (something applied or added) <a surface that will not *accept* ink>2: to give admittance or approval to <*accept* her as one of the group>

ac•cep•tance

noun

the quality or state of being **accepted** or **acceptable** <the new student hoped to gain *acceptance* at his new school>

ac•ces•si•ble

adjective

capable of being reached <*accessible* by rail>; *also* : being within reach <fashions at *accessible* prices> **b**: easy to communicate or deal with <*accessible* people>

ac·ci·dent*noun*

an unforeseen and unplanned event or circumstance **b:** lack of intention or necessity
: CHANCE <We met by *accident* rather than by design>

ac·com·mo·date*verb*

to make room for **b:** to hold without crowding or inconvenience
5: to give consideration to **:** allow for <The public facility must *accommodate* the special interests of various groups>

ac·com·pa·ny·ing*verb*

to go with as an associate or companion
 <The girl was *accompanying* her sister to the movies>

ac·com·plish*transitive verb*

to bring about (a result) by effort <I have much to *accomplish* today>

ac·com·plish·ment*noun*

something that has been **accomplished**
: ACHIEVEMENT <It is a major *accomplishment* to master the spelling words in this list>

according*preposition*

in conformity with **2** **:** as stated or attested by
 <*according* to the clock, it is time for your nap>

ac·cord·ing·ly*adverb*

in **accordance** **:** CORRESPONDINGLY **2**
: CONSEQUENTLY, SO <It is time for your nap and I expect you to act *accordingly*>

ac·cu·mu·la·tion*noun*

increase or growth by addition especially when continuous or repeated <there was a large *accumulation* of snow this winter>

ac·cu·ra·cy*noun*

freedom from mistake or error <Jane did the math problems with speed and *accuracy*>

ac·cu·rate*adjective*

free from error especially as the result of care
 <The doctor made an *accurate* diagnosis>

ac·cuse*verb*

to charge with a fault or offense **: BLAME**
 <The police proceeded to *accuse* the woman of robbing the bank>

ac·cus·tom*verb*

to make familiar with something through use or experience <I would like to *accustom* you to your new classroom>

ac·cus·tomed*adjective*

adapted to existing conditions <My eyes became *accustomed* to the dark>

ache*noun*

a usually dull persistent pain <I have an *ache* in my tooth>

achieve*verb*

to carry out successfully **: ACCOMPLISH** <the manager was able to *achieve* a gradual increase in production>



achieve·ment*noun*

a result gained by effort **b**: a great or heroic deed
3: the quality and quantity of a student's work
 <Winning the spelling bee was a great *achievement*>

acid·i·ty*noun*

the quality, state, or degree of being acid <a small amount of *acidity* makes biscuits raise better>

ac·knowl·edge*verb*

to express gratitude or obligation for
 <*acknowledge* a gift> **b**: to take notice of
 <Jane failed to *acknowledge* my greeting>
c: to make known the receipt of
 <*acknowledge* a letter>

ac·quaint*verb*

to make familiar **:** cause to know firsthand <I would like to *acquaint* you with your new classmates>

ac·rid*adjective*

deeply or violently bitter **:** ACRIMONIOUS
 <an *acrid* denunciation>

across*adverb*

in a position reaching from one side to the other
 <the bridge stretched *across* the river>

ac·ti·vate*verb*

to set up or formally institute (as a military unit) with the necessary personnel and equipment
 <It was decided to *activate* the 5th regiment to fight the war>

ac·tiv·i·ties*noun*

an educational procedure designed to stimulate learning by firsthand experience
 <the students performed running *activities* to increase their stamina>

ac·tu·al*adjective*

existing in fact or reality <*actual* and imagined conditions> **c**: not false or apparent
 <*actual* costs>**3**: existing or occurring at the time **:** CURRENT
 <caught in the *actual* commission of a crime>

acute*adjective*

characterized by sharpness or severity <*acute* pain> (2): having a sudden onset, sharp rise, and short course
 <*acute* disease>

adapt·able*adjective*

capable of being or becoming adapted
 <you will find it easier to get along if you are *adaptable*>

ad·dict*noun*

DEVOTEE <a detective novel *addict*>

ad·dress

to direct the efforts or attention of (oneself)
 <will *address* himself to the problem>

ad·e·noids*noun*

either of two abnormally enlarged masses of lymphoid tissue at the back of the pharynx that usually obstruct the nasal and ear passages; *also* **:** such a mass when not abnormally enlarged —usually used in plural
 <I had to have my *adenoids* removed at the same time as my tonsils>



ad·ept*noun*

a highly skilled or well-trained individual
 : **EXPERT** <Fred was *adept* at chess>

ad·e·quate*adjective*

sufficient for a specific requirement
 <*adequate* taxation of goods>; *also* : barely
 sufficient or satisfactory <her first
 performance was merely *adequate*>

ad·he·sive*noun*

an adhesive substance (as glue or
 cement)<the *adhesive* tape was sticky>

ad·ja·cent*adjective*

of two angles : having the vertex and one
 side in common <the degrees *adjacent* angles
 have a sum of 180)

ad·junct*noun*

an associate or assistant of another<the
adjunct faculty member at the college was a
 member of the English department>

ad·ju·tant*noun*

a staff officer in the army, air force, or
 marine corps who assists the commanding
 officer and is responsible especially for
 correspondence <the battalion *adjutant* wrote
 to the draftees that their service time was up>

ad·mi·ra·tion*noun*

delighted or astonished approbation<I have
 the greatest *admiration* for the participants in
 the spelling bee>

adolescent*noun*

a young adult <the *adolescent* was mostly
 concerned with having fun>

ad·o·ra·tion*noun*

the act of adoring : the state of being adored
 <the actress accepted the *adoration* of her
 fans>

ad·van·tage*noun*

superiority of position or condition <higher
 ground gave the enemy the *advantage*>

ad·van·ta·geous*adjective*:

FAVORABLE <an *advantageous* opportunity>

ad·ver·tise·ment*noun*

a public notice; *especially* : one published in
 the press or broadcast over the air <the
advertisement about the final sale was on
 television>

ad·vice*noun*

recommendation regarding a decision or
 course of conduct : **COUNSEL** <he shall have
 power, by and with the *advice* and consent of
 the Senate, to make treaties >

ad·vis·able*adjective*

fit to be **advised** or done : **PRUDENT** <it is
advisable to get a good night's sleep before a
 test>

ad·vise*verb*

to give advice to : **COUNSEL** <I *advise* her to
 try a drier climate>



afraid*adjective*

filled with fear or apprehension <*afraid of machines*> <*afraid for his job*> 2 : filled with concern or regret over an unwanted situation <I'm *afraid* I won't be able to go>

ag·gres·sor*noun*

one that commits or practices **aggression** <the bully was the *aggressor* in the fight>

ag·o·nize*verb*

to suffer agony, torture, or anguish <*agonizes over every decision*> <the artist continued to *agonize* over every choice of color in the painting>

ag·gra·vate*transitive verb*

to make worse, more serious, or more severe : intensify unpleasantly <Please don't continue to *aggravate* me by tapping your pencil>

ag·gres·sive*adjective*

strong or emphatic in effect or intent <*aggressive colors*> <*aggressive flavors*>

ag·ri·cul·tur·al*adjective*

of, relating to, used in, or concerned with **agriculture** <the farmers were all members of the *agricultural* community>

al·le·giance*noun*

the fidelity owed by a subject or citizen to a sovereign or government (2): the obligation of an alien to the government under which the alien resides 2: devotion or loyalty to a person, group, or cause <I pledge *allegiance* to the flag>

al·lot·ment*noun*

: **APPORTIONMENT** 2: something that is **allotted**; <I spent my *allotment* of money on candy>

al·low·ance*noun*

a sum regularly provided for personal or household expenses <each child has an *allowance*>

al·most*adverb*

very nearly but not exactly or entirely <we're *almost* there>

al·pha·bet*noun*

a set of letters or other characters with which one or more languages are written especially if arranged in a customary order <Most kids know the *alphabet* by the time they are in 1st grade>

al·ready*adverb*

prior to a specified or implied past, present, or future time : by this time : **PREVIOUSLY** <he had *already* left when I called>

al·though*conjunction*

in spite of the fact that : even though <*although* my shoes hurt my feet, I love to wear them>

al·to·geth·er*adverb*

WHOLLY, COMPLETELY <an *altogether* different problem> <stopped raining *altogether*> 2 : in all : **ALL TOLD** <spent a hundred dollars *altogether*> 3 : on the whole <*altogether* their efforts were successful>



al·ter*verb*

to make different without changing into something else <I wanted to *alter* the music by playing it faster>

alu·mi·num*noun*

a bluish silver-white malleable ductile light trivalent metallic element that has good electrical and thermal conductivity, high reflectivity, and resistance to oxidation <I used *aluminum* foil to wrap up the left-overs>

amass*verb*

to collect for oneself : ACCUMULATE <I was able to *amass* a great fortune by working hard and saving my money>

am·a·teur*noun*

one who engages in a pursuit, study, science, or sport as a pastime rather than as a profession <the *amateur* golfer dreamed of becoming a professional>

amaze*verb*

to fill with wonder : ASTOUND <the magician was able to *amaze* his audience>

am·bi·tious*adjective*

having or controlled by **ambition** <an *ambitious* young executive sought a promotion> **b:** having a desire to achieve a particular goal : **ASPIRING** <The candidate was *ambitious* for power>

am·bu·late*verb*

to move from place to place : **WALK** <the nurse was instructed to *ambulate* the patient after their surgery>

ame·lio·rate*verb*

to make better or more tolerable <The cold compresses helped to *ameliorate* the pain of the sprained ankle>

am·mu·ni·tion*noun*

the projectiles with their fuses, propelling charges, or primers fired from guns <the soldiers needed *ammunition* for their guns>

among*preposition*

in or through the midst of : surrounded by <the bear was hidden *among* the trees>

amount*intransitive verb*

to be equivalent <acts that *amount* to treason> **b:** to reach in kind or quality <Every mother wants her child to *amount* to something>

amuse·ment*noun*

pleasurable diversion : **ENTERTAINMENT** <Stanley plays the piano for *amusement*>

anal·y·sis*noun*

the identification or separation of ingredients of a substance **b:** a statement of the constituents of a mixture <the chemical *analysis* indicated that salt is made of sodium and chloride molecules>

an·a·lyze*verb*

to study or determine the nature and relationship of the parts <I had to *analyze* your argument to see if it was logical>



an·ni·ver·sa·ry*noun*

the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; *broadly* : a date that follows such an event by a specified period of time measured in units other than years <the 6-month *anniversary* of the accident>

an·nounce·ment*noun*

a public notification or declaration<the wedding *announcement* appeared in the newspaper>

an·nu·al*adjective*

covering the period of a year <the *annual* rainfall exceeded 12 inches>

an·te·ced·ent*noun*

a preceding event, condition, or cause <the assassination of Kaiser Wilhelm was the *antecedent* to WWI>

an·tic·i·pa·tion*noun*

the act of looking forward; *especially* : pleasurable expectation <I awaited Christmas with *anticipation*>

an·ti·dote*noun*

remedy to counteract the effects of poison <anti-venom is the *antidote* for a snake bite>

an·tic·i·pate*verb*

to give advance thought, discussion, or treatment to <To *anticipate* the test, you should study hard>

anx·i·ety*noun*

painful or apprehensive uneasiness of mind usually over an impending or anticipated ill **b:** fearful concern or interest **c:** a cause of anxiety <the child reacted to going to the doctor with *anxiety*>

apart·ment*noun*

a room or set of rooms fitted especially with housekeeping facilities and usually leased as a dwelling <instead of living in the dorm, the students decided to rent an *apartment*>

apol·o·gy*noun*

an admission of error or discourtesy accompanied by an expression of regret <the contrite politician issued a public *apology*>

apos·tle*noun*

an ardent supporter <The pope is an *apostle* of the Catholic church>

apos·tro·phe

a mark ' used to indicate the omission of letters or figures, the possessive case, or the plural of letters or figures <use an *apostrophe* to replace the letters 'ha' in the contraction I've>

ap·par·ent*adjective*

clear or manifest to the understanding <the reasons for not touching the hot flame are readily *apparent*>

ap·par·ent·ly*adverb*

it seems <the window had *apparently* been forced open> <*apparently*, we're supposed to wait here>



ap·pear·ance*noun*

external show : **SEMBLANCE** <although hostile, he preserved an *appearance* of neutrality> **b:** outward aspect : **LOOK** <had a fierce *appearance*>

ap·pend·age*noun*

usually projecting part of an animal or plant body that is typically smaller and of less functional importance than the main part to which it is attached <the twig was an *appendage* on the branch>

ap·pen·di·ci·tis*noun*

inflammation of the vermiform **appendix** <It turned out that the stomach pain that Jane suffered was *appendicitis*>

ap·plaud*verb*

to express approval especially by clapping the hands <the audience continued to *applaud* for 5 minutes after the performance>

ap·pli·ca·tion*noun*

an act of administering or superposing <The *application* of paint to the house had to wait for spring>

ap·plied*adjective*

applying general principles to solve definite problems <*applied* sciences>

ap·point·ment*noun*

an arrangement for a meeting
: **ENGAGEMENT** <The job applicant called to schedule an *appointment* for an interview>

ap·pre·ci·a·tion*noun*

an expression of admiration, approval, or gratitude <A thank you note to expression your *appreciation* for a gift is mandatory>

ap·proach*verb*

to draw closer to : **NEAR** <To *approach* our destination, we had to slow the car down and drive over a bridge>

ap·pro·pri·ate*adjective*

especially suitable or compatible : **FITTING** <an *appropriate* response to the question is 'yes'>

ap·prove*verb*

to accept as satisfactory <The committee hopes Jane will *approve* the date of the meeting>

ap·prox·i·mate·ly*adverb*

nearly correct or exact <there were *approximately* 125 guests at the party>

ap·ti·tude*noun*

b: a natural ability : **TALENT** <Fred had an *aptitude* for hard work>

ar·cha·ic*adjective*

having the characteristics of the language of the past and surviving chiefly in specialized uses <The practice of animal sacrifice is *archaic*>

ar·chi·tec·ture*noun*

the art or practice of designing and building structures and especially habitable ones <I decided to study *architecture* in university>



arc·tic*adjective*

of, or relating to, or suitable for use at the north pole or the region near it <No one can survive in *arctic* waters for more than a few minutes>

ar·dent*adjective*

characterized by warmth of feeling typically expressed in eager zealous support or activity <*ardent* proponents of the bill lobbied for its approval>

ar·gue*verb*

to contend or disagree in words : **DISPUTE** <The newly-weds continued to *argue* about money throughout the evening>

ar·gu·ment*noun*

a reason given in proof or rebuttal <My *argument* against wearing the red shoes, is that they hurt my feet>

aris·to·crat*noun*

a member of an **aristocracy**; a nobleman <The *aristocrat* refused to eat food he considered common>

arith·me·tic*noun*

a branch of mathematics that deals usually with the nonnegative real numbers including sometimes the transfinite cardinals and with the application of the operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division to them <*Arithmetic* is often a difficult subject for elementary school students>

aroused*verb*

to awaken from sleep<the bear was *aroused* from hibernation by the spring sun>

ar·range·ment*noun*

the act of **arranging** <the *arrangement* of the details was quickly accomplished>

ar·ti·cle*noun*

a member of a class of things; *especially* : an item of goods <That *article* of jewelry is very expensive>

ar·til·lery*noun*

large bore crew-served mounted firearms (as guns, howitzers, and rockets)<The *artillery* fired without cessation on the target>

as·per·sion*noun*

false or misleading charge meant to harm someone's reputation <To cast an *aspersion* on her integrity, Bill called Jane a liar>

as·pi·rin*noun*

a white crystalline derivative $C_9H_8O_4$ of salicylic acid used for relief of pain and fever<Jane felt a cold coming on and took two *aspirin*>

as·sis·tance*noun*

the act of **assisting** or the help supplied <The boy scout came to the elderly woman's *assistance* and helped her across the street>



ath·let·ic*adjective*

characteristic of an **athlete**; *especially*
: VIGOROUS, ACTIVE³: MESOMORPHIC
 <The swimmer had a muscular, *athletic*
 build>

at·mo·sphere*noun*

the gaseous envelope of a celestial body (as a planet) **b:** the whole mass of air surrounding the earth<We must be careful to keep our *atmosphere* clean>

at·tach*verb*

to make fast (as by tying or gluing) <*attach* the label to the package before taking it to the post office>

at·ten·dance*noun*

an account of persons **attending** <the teacher took *attendance* before starting class>

at·ti·tude*noun*

a mental position with regard to a fact or state <a helpful *attitude* is useful when working on a group project>

at·trac·tion*noun*

personal charm <The man felt the *attraction* of the beautiful woman>

at·trac·tive·ness*adjective*

arousing interest or pleasure <*Attractiveness* can take the form of beauty or kindness>

at·tri·bute*noun*

an object closely associated with or belonging to a specific person, thing, or office <a scepter is the *attribute* of power>;

at·tri·tion*noun*

the act of weakening or exhausting by constant harassment, abuse, or attack <a war of *attrition* existed between Germany and the Allies during WWII>

au·di·ence*noun*

a group of listeners or spectators <The *audience* applauded wildly at the end of the concert>

au·ra*noun*

a distinctive atmosphere surrounding a given source <the deserted mansion had an *aura* of mystery>

aus·tere*adjective*

stern and cold in appearance or manner<the school marm's dress was *austere* and imposing>

au·then·tic*adjective*

worthy of acceptance or belief as conforming to or based on fact <The author paints an *authentic* picture of our society>

au·to·bi·og·ra·phy*noun*

the biography of a person narrated by himself or herself <Benjamin Franklin wrote his *autobiography* before his death>

au·tumn*noun*

the season between summer and winter comprising in the northern hemisphere usually the months of September, October, and November or as reckoned astronomically extending from the September equinox to the December solstice —called also *fall* <students return to school in *autumn*>



aux·il·ia·ry*adjective*

constituting a reserve <The *auxiliary* power plant took over when the main plant shut down>

avail·able*adjective*

present or ready for immediate use <All *available* resources were used in the war effort>

awe·some*adjective*

inspiring awe <an *awesome* task>

b: TERRIFIC, EXTRAORDINARY <I had an *awesome* time at the party>

awk·ward*adjective*

lacking dexterity or skill (as in the use of hands) <The man was *awkward* with a needle and thread>

bach·e·lor*noun*

2: a person who has received what is usually the lowest degree conferred by a 4-year college, university, or professional school <the graduating student received a *bachelor* of arts degree>; also **:** the degree itself <received a *bachelor* of arts>³ **a:** an unmarried man <Because he had no wife, the *bachelor* often ate dinner out.>

bal·loon*noun*

a nonporous bag of light material that can be inflated esp. with air or gas: as **a:** a bag that is filled with heated air or a gas lighter than air so as to rise and float in the atmosphere and that usually carries a suspended load (The hot air *balloon* had a gondola filled with passengers)

ban·quet*noun*

a sumptuous feast; *especially* : an elaborate and often ceremonious meal for numerous people often in honor of a person <The President gave a state *banquet* to honor the spelling bee winners>

bar·gain*noun*

an agreement between parties settling what each gives or receives in a transaction between them or what course of action or policy each pursues in respect to the other <We made a *bargain* that we would share the cost of dinner>

ba·si·cal·ly*adverb*

in fundamental disposition or nature <The math answers on your quiz are *basically* correct>

ba·sis*noun*

the principal component of something <Carbon is the *basis* for all living things>

beau·ti·ful*adjective*

exciting aesthetic pleasure <The *beautiful* day made us long to play outside>

beau·ty*noun*

the quality or aggregate of qualities in a person or thing that gives pleasure to the senses or pleasurably exalts the mind or spirit <Not only is the child a *beauty*, she is nice as well>

be·com·ing*adjective*

attractively suitable <That hat is very *becoming* on you>



be·gin·ning

noun

the first part <The *beginning* of a child's formal education is usually kindergarten>

be·hav·ior

noun

the manner of conducting oneself <The child's *behavior* was shocking, they threw garbage out of the car window!>

be·hest

noun

an urgent prompting <The doctor was called at the *behest* of my friends>

be·hold·en

adjective

being under obligation for a favor or gift <I'm *beholden* to you for lending me the money for lunch>

be·liev·ing

verb

to accept as true, genuine, or real <Because the kids were *believing* in ghosts, they became very frightened in the haunted house>

be·mused

transitive verb

to make confused <The bird was *bemused* by the shiny windows>

ben·e·fit

noun

something that promotes well-being <Good health is a *benefit* of good nutrition>

ben·e·fi·cial

adjective

conducive to personal or social well-being <Good nutrition is *beneficial* to good health>

be·nev·o·lent

adjective

marked by or disposed to doing good <The King was *benevolent* to his subjects>

book·keep·er

noun

person who records the accounts or transactions of a business <The *bookkeeper* made sure that the bills of the business were paid>

bot·a·ny

noun

a branch of biology dealing with plant life <The study of *botany* is very interesting to gardeners>

bounc·er

noun

one employed to restrain or eject disorderly persons <When the fight started, the *bouncer* threw the men out>

bound·ary

noun

something that indicates or fixes a limit or extent <the *boundary* between the United States and Canada is called the border>

bow·er

noun

a lady's private apartment in a medieval hall or castle <The princess' *bower* had a balcony overlooking the garden>

brace·let

noun

an ornamental band or chain worn around the wrist <The *bracelet* was made of gold and diamonds>



breach

noun

a broken, ruptured, or torn condition or area
<The *breach* in the dam allowed water to flood the field>

breadth

noun

distance from side to side <The *breadth* of the boat is too wide to fit between the docks>

break·age

noun

loss due to things broken <After the earthquake there was a lot of *breakage* at the china shop>

breath

noun

the faculty of **breathing** <The runner recovered his *breath* after the race by walking around the track>

breathe

verb

to draw air into and expel it from the lungs
<The air was so hot, we could hardly *breathe*>

brev·i·ty

noun

shortness of duration <Because time is so short, *brevity* will be imposed on all of the speakers>

brit·tle

adjective

easily broken, cracked, or snapped <The *brittle* ice crackled underneath our feet>

brow·beat

transitive verb

to intimidate or disconcert by a stern manner or arrogant speech <The lawyer tried to *browbeat* the witness into admitting they had lied>

bulk·head

noun

an upright partition separating compartments
<a rupture in the *bulkhead* allowed water to flood two compartments of the boat>

bu·reau

noun

specialized administrative unit; *especially* : a subdivision of an executive department of a government <The Federal *Bureau* of Investigation is responsible for stopping interstate crime>

busi·ness

noun

a particular field of endeavor <The tap dancer was the best in the *business*>

ca·dence

noun

the beat, time, or measure of rhythmical motion or activity <The drum section played a *cadence* so the band could march in time>

caf·e·te·ria

noun

restaurant in which the customers serve themselves or are served at a counter and take the food to tables to eat <The line for food at the *cafeteria* gets very long at lunch time>



cal·en·dar*noun*

system for fixing the beginning, length, and divisions of the civil year and arranging days and longer divisions of time (as weeks and months) in a definite order <January is the first month of the *calendar*>

cam·paign*noun*

a connected series of operations designed to bring about a particular result <The Presidential *campaign* began last fall and will continue until November of this year>

can·di·date*noun*

one that aspires to or is nominated or qualified for an office, membership, or award <A *candidate* for governor must be ready to visit all of the counties in their state>

can·ny*adjective*

CLEVER, SHREWD <a *canny* lawyer can tell if someone is lying>

can·on·ize*transitive verb*

to declare (a deceased person) an officially recognized saint <The pope has the privilege to *canonize* the saint>

ca·reer*noun*

a field for or pursuit of consecutive progressive achievement especially in public, professional, or business life <The student went to medical school to begin their *career* as a doctor>

care·less*adjective*

INDIFFERENT, UNCONCERNED <The thief was *careless* of the consequences of stealing>

car·i·bou*noun*

a large gregarious deer (*Rangifer tarandus*) of Holarctic taiga and tundra that usually has palmate antlers in both sexes —used especially for one of the New World —called also *reindeer* <the *caribou* is used for food and shelter among the northern tribes>

car·ry·ing*verb*

to move while supporting <The girl was *carrying* a large basket of bread>

car·ton*noun*

a box or container usually made of cardboard and often of corrugated cardboard <The *carton* of books weighed over one hundred pounds>

car·tridge*noun*

a tube (as of metal) containing a complete charge for a firearm and usually an initiating device (as a primer) <The *cartridge* was placed in the gun and the shot was fired>

cat·e·go·ry*noun*

any of several fundamental and distinct classes to which entities or concepts belong <The dress fell in the *category* of tacky>

ceil·ing*noun*

the overhead inside lining of a room <The *ceiling* is painted white, the walls blue>

cel·lo*noun*

the bass member of the violin family tuned an octave below the viola <The *cello* section played the lowest notes during the symphony concert>



cen·ten·ni·al*noun*

a 100th anniversary or its celebration <The *centennial* of the United States was July 4, 1876>

cen·tu·ry*noun*

a period of 100 years especially of the Christian era or of the preceding period of human history

<The industrial revolution occurred in the 19th *century*>

cer·tain*adjective*

assured in mind or action <I am *certain* I left my purse on that chair>

cer·tif·i·cate*noun*

a document evidencing ownership or debt <The stock *certificate* proves we own 100 shares of IBM>

ces·sa·tion*noun*

a temporary or final ceasing (as of action)

<The *cessation* of artillery fire caused an eerie silence>

cha·grin*noun*

disquietude or distress of mind caused by humiliation, disappointment, or failure

<Much to my *chagrin*, I failed the math test>

chal·lenge*verb*

to arouse or stimulate especially by presenting with difficulties <she wants a job that will *challenge* her>

chaise*noun*

any of various light horse-drawn vehicles <Only one horse was necessary to pull the *chaise*>

change·able*adjective*

able or apt to vary <*changeable* weather is a characteristic of spring>

cha·ot·ic*adjective*

a state of utter confusion <The classroom was *chaotic* when there was a substitute teacher>

char·ac·ter·is·tic*noun*

a distinguishing trait, quality, or property <The woman's most noticeable *characteristic* was her red hair>

chauf·feur*noun*

a person employed to drive a motor vehicle <The *chauffeur* wore a uniform when on duty>

cheer·ful·ness*noun*

full of good spirits : **MERRY** <The *cheerful* host made the party a pleasure>

chief·ly*adverb*

most importantly <Salt was *chiefly* responsible for the rust on the car>

chis·el*noun*

a metal tool with a sharpened edge at one end used to chip, carve, or cut into a solid material (as wood, stone, or metal) <The sculptor used a *chisel* to carve the granite into a beautiful statue>



choc·o·late*noun*

a food prepared from ground roasted cacao beans <*Chocolate* cake is my favorite birthday treat>

chor·tle*verb*

to laugh or chuckle especially in satisfaction or exultation <The joke caused the child to *chortle* with delight>

chose*verb, past tense*

to select something <The kids *chose* members of their team>

cho·sen*noun*

one who is the object of choice or of divine favor : an elect person <The candidate was *chosen* to be governor>

chro·no·log·i·cal*adjective*

reckoned in units of time <The *chronological* age of the man was 97 years old>

chrys·a·lis*noun*

a pupa of a butterfly <The newly hatched monarch emerged from its *chrysalis*>

cir·cuit*noun*

the complete path of an electric current including usually the source of electric energy <When the switch was thrown, the *circuit* was completed and the light came on>

cir·cu·lar*adjective*

moving in or describing a circle or spiral <The woman descended the *circular* staircase>

cir·cum·stance*noun*

a condition, fact, or event accompanying, conditioning, or determining another : an essential or inevitable concomitant <the weather is a *circumstance* to be taken into consideration>

clout*noun*

a blow especially with the hand <The boxer dealt his opponent a *clout* to the head>

clus·ter*noun*

a number of similar things that occur together <The *cluster* of stars shone in the night sky>

clutch*verb*

to grasp or hold with or as if with the hand or claws usually strongly, tightly, or suddenly <The cat continued to *clutch* the mouse, despite being bitten on the nose>

coach*noun*

one who instructs or trains <The basketball *coach* insisted on nightly practices>;

co·a·li·tion*noun*

a temporary alliance of distinct parties, persons, or states for joint action <A *coalition* of politicians joined together to pass the law>

co·he·sion*noun*

the act or state of sticking together tightly <Epoxy glue is known for its extreme *cohesion*>



co·in·ci·dence*noun*

the occurrence of events that happen at the same time by accident but seem to have some connection <It was just a *coincidence* that the doorbell rang at the same time as the phone>

col·umn*noun*

a vertical arrangement of items printed or written on a page <The words in the spelling list were arranged in one long *column*>

com·fort·ably*adverb*

affording or enjoying physical <The sailor rested *comfortably* in his berth>

com·mer·cial*noun*

an advertisement broadcast on radio or television <The *commercial* for cocoa puffs was intended for kids>

com·mis·sion*noun*

a formal written warrant granting the power to perform various acts or duties <Christopher Columbus received his *commission* to explore the New World from Queen Isabella>

com·mu·ni·ca·tion*noun*

a process by which information is exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols, signs, or behavior <the function of pheromones in insect *communication* is studied by entomologists>;

com·mu·ni·ty*noun*

an interacting population of various kinds of individuals (as species) in a common location <The Spokane *community* is bounded on the south by 57th street >

com·pa·nies*noun*

an association of persons for carrying on a commercial or industrial enterprise <There are three major car *companies* in the United States: General Motors, Ford Motor Cars and Chrysler Automotive>

com·par·a·tive·ly*adverb*

of, relating to, or constituting the degree of **compari·son** in a language that denotes increase in the quality, quantity, or relation expressed by an adjective or adverb <*Comparatively* speaking, your grades are not up to standard!>

com·par·i·son*noun*

an examination of two or more items to establish similarities and dissimilarities <his faults seem minor by *comparison*>

com·pat·i·ble*adjective*

capable of existing together in harmony <*compatible* theories> <*compatible* people>

com·pel*transitive verb*

to cause to do or occur by overwhelming pressure <The police have the power to *compel* you to get out of your car>

com·pe·tence*noun*

a sufficiency of means for the necessities and conveniences of life <The singer sang the aria with *competence*>

com·pe·ti·tion*noun*

a contest between rivals <The Olympics is a *competition* among the athletes of the world>



complete·ly*adverb*

having all necessary parts, elements, or steps
 <The child finished her dinner *completely*, then went to bed>

com·plex·ion*noun*

the hue or appearance of the skin and especially of the face <A person with fair **complexion** is especially likely to get sunburned>

com·po·si·tion*noun*

general makeup <The *composition* of mud is earth and water>

com·pre·hen·sion*noun*

the capacity for understanding fully <The universe contains mysteries that are beyond our *comprehension*>

con·cede*verb*

to acknowledge grudgingly or hesitantly <I *concede* that it might be a good idea to buy that car>

con·ceiv·able*adjective*

IMAGINABLE <We used every *conceivable* combination to open the lock>

con·ceive*verb*

to apprehend by reason or imagination
: UNDERSTAND <I was unable to *conceive* his reasons for opening all the windows on a winter night>

con·cen·trat·ed*verb*

to focus one's powers, efforts, or attention
 <The student *concentrated* on the math problem and didn't hear the bell ring>

concern*noun*

marked interest or regard usually arising through a personal tie or relationship <The mother had great *concern* for the health of her baby>

con·demn*transitive verb*

to pronounce guilty <The jury will *condemn* the thief to prison>

con·fed·er·a·cy*noun*

a league or compact for mutual support or common action <The states formed a *confederacy* to standardize laws of commerce>

con·fi·dence*noun*

a feeling or consciousness of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances <Sheila had perfect *confidence* in her ability to succeed>

con·i·cal*adjective*

resembling a cone especially in shape <the mountain had a *conical* shape>

con·nois·seur*noun*

one who enjoys with discrimination and appreciation of subtleties <Chef Colicchio is a *connoisseur* of fine wines and foods>



con·science*noun*

the sense or **consciousness** of the moral goodness or blameworthiness of one's own conduct, intentions, or character together with a feeling of obligation to do right or be good <Fred's *conscience* pained him when he cheated on the test>

con·sci·en·tious*adjective*

governed by or conforming to the dictates of **conscience** : **SCRUPULOUS METICULOUS, CAREFUL** <John is a *conscientious* listener>

con·scious*adjective*

perceiving, apprehending, or noticing with a degree of controlled thought or observation <Henry was *conscious* that someone was watching him>

con·sen·sus*noun*

the judgment arrived at by most of those concerned <the *consensus* of the committee was to go ahead and plan the event>

con·se·quent·ly*adverb*

as a result : in view of the foregoing <Bill didn't study, *consequently* he failed the math test>

con·sid·er·able*adjective*

large in extent or degree <1,000,000 is a *considerable* number>

con·sid·er·ation*noun*

continuous and careful thought <after long *consideration* he agreed to their requests>

con·sis·tent*adjective*

marked by harmony, regularity, or steady continuity : free from variation or contradiction <Da Vinci demonstrated a *consistent* style in painting>

con·so·la·tion*noun*

a contest held for those who have lost early in a tournament <the losers met in a *consolation* game>

con·tem·po·rary*adjective*

happening, existing, living, or coming into being during the same period of time <Mozart was a *contemporary* of Salieri>

con·tin·u·al·ly*adverb*

recurring in steady usually rapid succession <Sam was *continually* tapping his pencil on the desk>

con·tin·u·ous*adjective*

marked by uninterrupted extension in space, time, or sequence <Mr. Jones provided *continuous* entertainment to the history class with his stories>

con·tri·bu·tion*noun*

a payment (as a levy or tax) imposed by military, civil, or ecclesiastical authorities usually for a special or extraordinary purpose <The church asked its members for a *contribution* to pay for the new pews>

con·trolled*adjective*

regulated by law with regard to possession and use <*controlled* drugs are illegal unless you have a prescription>



con·tro·ver·sy*noun*

a discussion marked especially by the expression of opposing views <The kids used “rock, paper,scissor” to settle their *controversy* over who lined up first>

con·ve·nience*noun*

fitness or suitability for performing an action or fulfilling a requirement <Find a time of your *convenience* to have lunch>

cor·re·spon·dence*noun*

communication by letters <Jane’s *correspondence* with her mother was enough to fill two shoe boxes>

coun·ter·feit*adjective*

made in imitation of something else with intent to deceive <The thieves used a printing press to make the *counterfeit* money>

countries*noun*

the land of a person's birth, residence, or citizenship **b:** a political state or nation or its territory <Many *countries* comprise the European Union>

cou·ra·geous*adjective*

having or characterized by **courage** : BRAVE <George Washington was a *courageous* soldier>

cour·te·sy*noun*

consideration, cooperation, and generosity in providing something (as a gift or privilege); (Evelyn showed *courtesy* by thanking her Grandma for her birthday gift>

crepe

a light crinkled fabric woven of any of various fibers <The dress was made of *crepe* and quite cool to wear in the summer>

crit·i·cism*noun*

the art of evaluating or analyzing works of art or literature; *also* : writings expressing such evaluation or analysis <The author found the *criticism* of his novel annoying>

cru·cial*adjective*

marked by final determination of a doubtful issue <The seventh, *crucial* game of the series decided the winner of the Stanley Cup>

crul·ler*noun*

a small sweet cake in the form of a twisted strip fried in deep fat <The *cruller* was a wonderful treat>

cup·board*noun*

closet with shelves where dishes, utensils, or food is kept; <Old Mother Hubbard went to her *cupboard* to fetch her poor dog a bone>

cu·ri·os·i·ty*noun*

inquisitive interest in others' concerns <*Curiosity* killed the cat>

cur·ric·u·lum*noun*

the courses offered by an educational institution <the math *curriculum* at Lewis and Clark High School is very challenging>



cus·tom·ary*adjective*

commonly practiced, used, or observed <it is *customary* to say 'thank you' when you are complimented>

cus·tom·er*noun*

one that purchases a commodity or service <the *customer* is always right>

cyl·in·der*noun*

the surface traced by a straight line moving parallel to a fixed straight line and intersecting a fixed planar closed curve <Quaker Oats oat meal comes in a *cylinder-shaped* box>

dan·ger·ous*adjective*

exposing to or involving **danger** <Crab fishing is a *dangerous* job>

dap·ple*noun*

any of numerous usually cloudy and rounded spots or patches of a color or shade different from their background <the horse's coat was white and *dapple* grey>

daub*verb*

to coat with a dirty substance <The hornets's had to *daub* the side of the house with mud to build their nest>

daugh·ter*noun*

a female offspring especially of human parents **b**: a female adopted child **c**: a human female descendant <My *daughter* has brown hair and eyes like her father>

daunt·less*adjective*

FEARLESS <Indiana Jones is a *dauntless* hero>

da·vit*noun*

a crane that projects over the side of a ship or a hatchway and is used especially for boats, anchors, or cargo <The deck hands used a *davit* to load the wheat cargo on the boat>

dealt*verb*

ADMINISTER, DELIVER <The boxer *dealt* his opponent a blow>

de·ceive*verb*

to cause to accept as true or valid what is false or invalid <The criminal intended to *deceive* the police by lying about where he obtained the money>

de·cid·ed·ly*adverb*

free from doubt or wavering <The senator has *decidedly* conservative ideas on politics>

de·cid·u·ous*adjective*

falling off or shed seasonally or at a certain stage of development in the life cycle <*deciduous* trees loose their leaves in the fall>

de·ci·sion*noun*

a determination arrived at after consideration **: CONCLUSION** <I couldn't make a *decision* about whether to have chocolate or vanilla ice creme>



de·ci·sive*adjective*

having the power or quality of deciding <a *decisive* battle was fought in Gettysburg>

de·fense·less*adjective*

incapable of resisting attack <With the walls breached, the fort was *defenseless*>

de·fi·cien·cy*noun*

a shortage of substances necessary to health <A vitamin C *deficiency* leads to scurvy>

de·fi·cient*adjective*

not up to a normal standard or complement <The sailor was *deficient* in vitamin C and developed scurvy>

def·i·nite*adjective*

having distinct or certain limits <The WASL sets *definite* standards for pupils to meet>

def·i·ni·tion*noun*

a statement of the meaning of a word or word group or a sign or symbol <The *definition* of the word 'scurvy' can be found in the Merriam-Webster dictionary>

de·lin·quent*adjective*

being overdue in payment <The man was *delinquent* in paying his charge account>

de·moc·ra·cy*noun*

the rule of the majority, a government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised by them directly or indirectly through a system of representation usually involving periodically held free elections <The United States government is based on *democracy*>

dem·on·strat·ed*verb*

to show clearly <The child *demonstrated* a willingness to cooperate with rules of the game>

de·pen·dent*adjective*

determined or conditioned by another : **CONTINGENT** <The plans for the picnic were *dependent* on the weather>

der·vish*noun*

a member of a Muslim religious order noted for devotional exercises (as bodily movements leading to a trance) <The *dervish* whirled in a circle accompanied by joyful music>

de·scribe*transitive verb*

to represent or give an account of in words <It was difficult to *describe* the picture without an example>

des·o·late*adjective*

joyless, disconsolate, and sorrowful through or as if through separation from a loved one <the *desolate* widow could not be comforted after her loss>



de·spair*verb*

to lose all hope or confidence <The child came to *despair* of ever having a pony>

des·per·ate*adjective*

giving no ground for hope <the outlook was *desperate* for victims of the tornado>

des·per·a·tion*noun*

a state of hopelessness leading to rashness <In an act of *desperation*, the quarterback called for the stature of liberty play>

de·pres·sion*noun*

a period of low general economic activity marked especially by rising levels of unemployment, <In the late 1930s an economic *depression* afflicted many people in the world>

de·sign*verb*

to create, fashion, execute, or construct according to plan <The architect intended to *design* the tallest building ever built>

de·ter·mi·na·tion*noun*

a judicial decision settling and ending a controversy <It was the *determination* of the jury that the thief was guilty>

de·struc·tion*noun*

the state or fact of being **destroyed** <The *destruction* of the earthquake was beyond imagination>

det·ri·ment*noun*

INJURY, DAMAGE <John did hard work without *detriment* to his health>

deuce*noun*

a throw of the dice yielding two points <The gambler rolled a *deuce* and lost his bet>

de·vi·ate*verb*

to stray especially from a standard, principle, or topic <I will not *deviate* from my plan>

de·vices*noun*

something fanciful, elaborate, or intricate in design <Inspector Gadget has amazing *devices* hidden in his coat>

di·a·bol·ic*adjective*

of, relating to, or characteristic of the devil <The *diabolic* plot to overthrow the king failed miserably>

dic·ta·tor*noun*

one holding complete autocratic control <The *dictator* did not allow any freedoms to his people>

dic·tio·nary*noun*

a reference source in print or electronic form containing words usually alphabetically arranged along with information about their forms, pronunciations, functions, etymologies, meanings, and syntactical and idiomatic uses <The Merriam-Webster *dictionary* is the source of the words in this list>

dic·tum*noun*

a formal pronouncement of a principle, proposition, or opinion <The king issued the *dictum* that all people should bow when he walked by>



dif·fer·ence*noun*

the quality or state of being **different** <The child did not know the *difference* between right and wrong>

dif·fi·cul·ty*noun*

the quality or state of being **difficult** <The *difficulty* of the game increases with each round>

di·lem·ma*noun*

an argument presenting two or more equally conclusive alternatives against an opponent <The *dilemma* was: do I have vanilla or chocolate ice crème??>

dil·i·gence*noun*

persevering application <The spelling bee contestants studying the word list with *diligence*>

di·min·ish*verb*

to make less or cause to appear less <The horrible weather served to *diminish* the army's ability to fight>

dining room*noun*

a room used for eating meals <We always eat in the *dining room*, instead of the kitchen, on special occasions>

diph·the·ria*noun*

an acute febrile contagious disease typically marked by the formation of a false membrane especially in the throat and caused by a gram-positive bacterium (*Corynebacterium diphtheriae*) that produces a toxin causing inflammation of the heart and nervous system <Children are protected from the dread disease *diphtheria* by vaccinations>

di·sas·trous*adjective*

attended by or causing suffering or **disaster** : CALAMITOUS <a *disastrous* flood ruined all of the crops>

dis·ap·pear*verb*

to pass from view <The magician caused the dove to *disappear*>

dis·ap·point*verb*

to fail to meet the expectation or hope of <The man had to *disappoint* his child and not buy the pony>

dis·cern*verb*

to detect with the eyes <I failed to *discern* a figure approaching through the fog>

dis·ci·ple*noun*

one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another <The mother was a *disciple* of the parenting principles of the Dr. Spock>



dis·ci·pline

noun

orderly or prescribed conduct or pattern of behavior <The *discipline* in the 2nd grade classroom was not very good when the substitute teacher was in charge>

dis·cov·er·ies

noun

something **discovered** or found <The *discoveries* of Christopher Columbus brought him fame in Europe>

dis·crim·i·na·tion

noun

prejudiced or prejudicial outlook, action, or treatment <racial *discrimination* is against the law>

dis·crep·an·cy

noun

a variance <The *discrepancy* between the amount of money in the cash register and the receipts indicated that someone miscounted change>

dis·cuss

transitive verb

to talk about <*Discuss* among yourselves>

dis·ease

noun

a condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms <*Disease* is prevalent when nutrition is poor>

dis·par·age

transitive verb

speak slightly about <The woman continued to *disparage* the saleswoman, even after she started to cry>

dis·sat·is·fied

adjective

expressing or showing lack of satisfaction : not pleased or satisfied <*dissatisfied* customers often disparage the service in the restaurant>

dis·si·pate

verb

to break up and drive off <The crowd was made to *dissipate* by the police>

dis·tin·guished

adjective

marked by eminence, **distinction**, or excellence <The *distinguished* leadership of the general was honored by a medal>

di·vide

verb

to separate into two or more parts, areas, or groups <My mother used a knife to *divide* the cake into slices>

di·vin·i·ty

noun

the quality or state of being **divine** <The Japanese Emperor is thought to have the characteristic of *divinity*>

di·vulge

transitive verb

to make known (as a confidence or secret) <It was wrong to *divulge* the name of the secret witness>

dom·i·nant

adjective

commanding, controlling, or prevailing over all others <the *dominant* culture in the United States is western European>



dor·mi·to·ries

noun

a residence hall providing rooms for individuals or for groups usually without private baths <Students usually live in *dormitories* when they first go to college>

drunk·en·ness

noun

excessive use of alcohol <Public *drunkenness* is illegal>

ebul·lience

noun

the quality of lively or enthusiastic expression of thoughts or feelings <The *ebullience* of the cheerleading squad inspired the team to victory>

ec·cen·tric·i·ty

noun

odd or whimsical behavior <The *eccentricity* of the old man was evident when he wore a lampshade as a hat>

ec·sta·sy

noun

state of overwhelming emotion; *especially* : rapturous delight <The student was in *ecstasy* when she won the spelling bee>

ech·e·lon

noun

one of a series of levels or grades in an organization or field of activity <The project involved employees at every *echelon*>

edi·tion

noun

the form or version in which a text is published <a paperback *edition* of the book costs less than the hardcover>

ef·fect

noun

power to bring about a result <The war will *effect* the course of history>

ef·fi·cien·cy

noun

effective operation as measured by a comparison of production with cost (as in energy, time, and money) <The project was completed with the greatest *efficiency*>

el·e·gy

noun

a song or poem expressing sorrow or lamentation especially for one who is dead
b: something (as a speech) resembling such a song or poem <The son delivered the *elegy* for his father at the funeral>

el·e·men·ta·ry

adjective

of, relating to, or dealing with the simplest **elements** or principles of something <an *elementary* course in math deals only with counting and addition>

el·i·gi·ble

adjective

qualified to participate or be chosen
: ENTITLED <People are *eligible* to retire when they reach the age of 65>

elim·i·nate

verb

to put an end to or get rid of : **REMOVE, ERADICATE** <I checked over my math test to *eliminate* errors>

el·o·quent·ly

adverb

marked by forceful and fluent expression <The *eloquent* preacher delivered a very moving sermon>



eluc·i·date

to give a clarifying explanation <The teacher proceeded to *elucidate* the text of the novel>

em·bas·sy

noun

the official residence and offices of an ambassador <The ball was held at the American *Embassy* in England to honor the President>

em·broi·dery

noun

the art or process of forming decorative designs with hand or machine needlework <Girls were once taught *embroidery* as part of their educations >

em·er·ald

noun

a rich green variety of beryl prized as a gemstone <The *emerald* ring cost many thousand dollars>

emer·gen·cy

noun

an urgent need for assistance or relief <the governor declared a state of *emergency* after the flood>

em·i·grate

intransitive verb

to leave one's place of residence or country to live elsewhere <The refugees decided to *emigrate* from Canada to the United States>

em·per·or

noun

the sovereign or supreme male monarch of an empire <The *emperor* ruled his empire with justice>

em·pha·size

transitive verb

to place **emphasis** on : **STRESS** <The newspaper continued to *emphasize* the need for reform>

emp·ti·ness

noun

having no purpose or result : **USELESS** <My days were filled with *emptiness* after the loss of my cat>

en·cour·age·ment

noun

courage, spirit, or hope <The student was given lots of *encouragement* to do well on the math test>

en·e·mies

noun

one that is antagonistic to another; *especially* : one seeking to injure, overthrow, or confound an opponent <The army sought to conquer their *enemies*>

en·nui

noun

a feeling of weariness and dissatisfaction : **BOREDOM** <The students were filled with *ennui* as summer vacation approached>

enough

adjective

occurring in such quantity, quality, or scope as to fully meet demands, needs, or expectations <Don't worry, there is *enough* food for everyone>

enor·mous

adjective

marked by extraordinarily great size, number, or degree <The word list for the spelling bee is *enormous*>



en·ter·prise*noun*

readiness to engage in daring or difficult action : **INITIATIVE** <The community showed great *enterprise* in dealing with the crisis>

en·ter·tain·ment*noun*

amusement or diversion provided especially by performers <The bride hired a band to provide *entertainment* at the wedding reception>

en·thuse*verb*

to show **enthusiasm** <The band played a splendid performance, and the audience continued to *enthuse* long after it was over>

en·thu·si·asm*noun*

something inspiring zeal or fervor <The cheerleaders showed their *enthusiasm* by leaping and shouting>

en·tire·ly*adverb*

to the full or **entire** extent : **COMPLETELY** <I agree *entirely*> <you are *entirely* welcome>

en·trance*noun*

the means or place of entry <The door served as the *entrance* to the house>

en·vis·age*transitive verb*

to have a mental picture of especially in advance of realization <The teachers met together to *envisage* an entirely new system of education>

ep·i·lep·sy*noun*

any of various disorders marked by abnormal electrical discharges in the brain and typically manifested by sudden brief episodes of altered or diminished consciousness, involuntary movements, or convulsions <*Epilepsy* is a disease in which a person can suffer seizures>

ep·i·sode*noun*

a brief unit of action in a dramatic or literary work <That was my favorite *episode* of “Buffy the Vampire Slayer”>

equal·ly*adverb*

in an **equal** or uniform manner : **EVENLY** <The lottery winners shared the money *equally*>

equa·tion*noun*

a usually formal statement of the equality or equivalence of mathematical or logical expressions <The math student solved the *equation* for the class>

equip·ment*noun*

the implements used in an operation or activity <ski *equipment* consists of skis, boots, bindings and poles>

equipped*transitive verb*

to furnish for service or action by appropriate provisioning <The army was properly *equipped* and a formidable force>

equiv·a·lent*adjective*

equal in force, amount, or value; *also* : equal in area or volume but not superposable <the square is *equivalent* to the triangle, but does not have the same shape>



es·cape*verb*

flight from confinement <The prisoner managed to *escape* by digging a tunnel out of the jail>

esoph·a·gus*noun*

a muscular tube that in humans is about nine inches (23 centimeters) long and passes from the pharynx down the neck between the trachea and the spinal column and behind the left bronchus where it pierces the diaphragm slightly to the left of the middle line and joins the cardiac end of the stomach <The *esophagus* is the passageway through which food enters the stomach.>

es·pe·cial·ly*adverb*

in particular (Jenny was a great student, but *especially* talented in spelling)

es·sen·tial*adjective*

of the utmost importance <Water is *essential* for human existence>

et·y·mol·o·gy*noun*

the history of a linguistic form (as a word) shown by tracing its development since its earliest recorded occurrence in the language <The *etymology* of the word 'cat' begins in Late Latin>

even·tu·al·ly*adverb*

at an unspecified later time : in the end <I will get to my chores *eventually*>

ev·ery·body*pronoun*

EVERYONE <*Everybody* cheered at the end of the game>

ev·i·dent·ly*adverb*

in an **evident** manner : **CLEARLY, OBVIOUSLY** <*Evidently* the food was rotten, because my mother threw it all away>

ex·ag·ger·at·ing*verb*

to enlarge beyond bounds or the truth <Jane was *exaggerating* about the size of her CD collection>

ex·ceed*verb*

to extend outside of <the river will *exceed* its banks>

ex·cel·lent*adjective*

very good of its kind : eminently good <The food was *excellent* at the French restaurant>

ex·cept*preposition*

with the exclusion or **exception** of <The store is open daily *except* Sundays>

ex·cep·tion·al·ly*adverb*

more than average or usual <Fred did an *exceptionally* difficult task with great skill>

ex·cess*noun*

the state or an instance of surpassing usual, proper, or specified limits <we gave our *excess* food to the foodbank>

ex·cit·able*adjective*

capable of being readily roused into action or a state of **excitement** or irritability <Children can be very *excitable*>



ex·em·pla·ry*adjective*serving as a pattern **b**: deserving imitation**: COMMENDABLE** <his courage was *exemplary*>;**ex·hausted***verb*to consume entirely **: USE UP** <We *exhausted* our funds in a week>**ex·is·tence***noun*the state or fact of having being especially independently of human consciousness and as contrasted with nonexistence <Most scientists believe in the *existence* of other worlds>**ex·or·bi·tant***adjective*exceeding the customary or appropriate limits in intensity, quality, amount, or size <Taxes in Europe are *exorbitant*>**ex·pec·ta·tion***noun*the act or state of **expecting****: ANTICIPATION** <Jane was in *expectation* of what would happen at the party>**ex·pense***noun*financial burden or outlay **: COST** <The committee built the monument at their own *expense*>**ex·pe·ri·ence***noun*direct observation of or participation in events as a basis of knowledge <Baseball players have a lot of *experience* running bases>**ex·per·i·ment***noun***TEST, TRIAL** <I will make another *experiment* to test the strength of this solution>**ex·po·nen·tial***adjective*expressible or approximately expressible by an exponential function: characterized by or being an extremely rapid increase (as in size or extent) <the bacteria grew at an *exponential* rate>**ex·qui·site***adjective*marked by flawless craftsmanship or by beautiful, ingenious, delicate, or elaborate execution <The *exquisite* vase had meticulous detail and beautiful color>**ex·ten·sive***adjective*having wide or considerable range <Bob had *extensive* knowledge of kangaroos>**ex·traor·di·nary***adjective*going beyond what is usual, regular, or customary <Iron Man has *extraordinary* powers of strength and flight>**ex·trav·a·gant***adjective*spending much more than necessary <Ellen has always been *extravagant* with her money>**fa·cil·i·ties***noun*something (as a hospital) that is built, installed, or established to serve a particular purpose <The hospital *facilities* in our community are very sophisticated>

faith·ful·ness*adjective*

steadfast in affection or allegiance

: **LOYAL3**: firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty <*Faithfulness* is a great characteristic in a friend>**fal·la·cy***noun*a false or mistaken idea <It is a popular *fallacy* that one can loose weight without exercise>**fam·i·lies***noun*a group of individuals living under one roof and usually under one head <Most *families* like to eat dinner together>**fan·ci·ful***adjective*marked by fancy or unrestrained imagination rather than by reason and experience <J.K. Rowling is a *fanciful* person>**fan·ta·sy***noun*

the free play of creative imagination <Harry Potter is a an example of fantasy>

far–fetched*adjective*

not easily or naturally deduced or introduced

: **IMPROBABLE** <That story is pretty *far–fetched* and not very believable>**fascinating***adjective*

extremely interesting or charming

: **CAPTIVATING** <the woman with the fur coat was *fascinating*>**faulty***adjective*marked by **fault** or defect : **IMPERFECT**<The computer was *faulty* and had to be repaired>**fa·vor·ite***adjective*markedly popular <Chocolate is a *favorite* flavor>**fe·al·ty***noun*the fidelity of a vassal or feudal tenant to his lord <The vassal proclaimed their *fealty* or loyalty to the king>**fea·si·ble***adjective*capable of being done or carried out <The kids had a *feasible* plan to earn money to buy ice creme>**fic·ti·tious***adjective*conventionally or hypothetically assumed or accepted <The book was *fictitious* therefore not based in fact>**fi·del·i·ty***noun*the quality or state of being faithful <the knights pledged their *fidelity* to the king>**fiend***noun*a person of great wickedness or maliciousness <The demon was a *fiend*>**fi·nal***adjective*not to be altered or undone <all sales are *final*>

fi·nan·cial·ly*adverb*

Of the system that includes the circulation of money, the granting of credit, the making of investments, and the provision of banking facilities <The bank was *financially* sound >

fi·nan·cier*noun*

one who deals with **finance** and investment on a large scale <The *financier* made millions of dollars by investing in the stock market>

fi·nesse*noun*

skillful handling of a situation : adroit maneuvering <The referee handled the dispute with great *finesse*>

fin·ger*noun*

any of the five terminating members of the hand<The child pointed her *finger* at the airplane>

flag·on*noun*

a large usually metal or pottery vessel (as for wine) with handle and spout and often a lid <The peasant ordered a *flagon* of wine>

flex·i·ble*adjective*

characterized by a ready capability to adapt to new, different, or changing requirements <My schedule is *flexible* >

fo·liage

the aggregate of leaves of one or more plants<The fall *foliage* was spectacular>

for·eign*adjective*

alien in character : not connected or pertinent <the language is *foreign* and I don't understand it>

fore·word*noun*

prefatory comments (as for a book) especially when written by someone other than the author <The *foreword* to the book contained interesting facts about the story>

foun·da·tion*noun*

a basis (as a tenet, principle, or axiom) upon which something stands or is supported <the *foundations* of geometry are taught in middle school>

found·ry*noun*

the act, process, or art of casting metals <The horseshoes were made in the *foundry*>

fra·ter·ni·ty*noun*

group of people associated or formally organized for a common purpose, interest, or pleasure <My brother joined a *fraternity* when he went to college>

fre·net·ic*adjective*

FRENZIED, FRANTIC <The pianist played the concerto at a *frenetic* tempo>

friend·li·ness*noun*

showing kindly interest and goodwill <Because of her *friendliness*, Jane was invited to many parties>



front·age*noun*

a piece of land that lies adjacent (as to a street or the ocean) <The beach cottage had 500 feet of lake *frontage*>

frost·i·ness*noun*

marked by coolness or extreme reserve in manner <his smile had a *frostiness* that made the woman uneasy>

frus·trate*transitive verb*

to balk or defeat in an endeavor <I will *frustrate* my sister by taking her doll away>

fu·gi·tive*adjective*

running away or intending flight <The *fugitive* slave followed the underground railway to freedom>

ful·fill*transitive verb*

to meet the requirements of <This will *fulfill* your obligation>

fun·da·men·tal*adjective*

of central importance : **PRINCIPAL** <the *fundamental* purpose of school is to educate students>

fu·ner·al*noun*

the observances held for a dead person usually before burial or cremation <The *funeral* for the man was held in the rain>

fur·ni·ture*noun*

movable articles used in readying an area (as a room or patio) for occupancy or use <We bought new patio *furniture* just in time for the July 4th party>

fur·ther*adverb*

to a greater degree or extent <my ponies are tired and I have *further* to go>

gauge*noun*

an instrument with a graduated scale or dialect for measuring or indicating quantity <The gas *gauge* says we are nearly out of gas>

gaunt*adjective*

excessively thin and angular <Dracula has a long *gaunt* face>

gauze*noun*

a loosely woven cotton surgical dressing <My mother put *gauze* over my scraped knee>

ge·nius*noun*

a person endowed with transcendent mental superiority; *especially* : a person with a very high IQ <Albert Einstein was a *genius*>

gen·tle·man*noun*

a man whose conduct conforms to a high standard of propriety or correct behavior <My boyfriend is a *gentleman*, he always opens doors for me>

gen·u·ine*adjective*

actually having the reputed or apparent qualities or character <The restaurant served *genuine* vintage wines>



glad·i·a·tor

noun

a person engaged in a fight to the death as public entertainment for ancient Romans
<The *gladiator* fought in the Coliseum.>

glos·sa·ry

noun

a collection of textual words or of specialized terms with their meanings <There was a *glossary* of terms in the chemistry book>

gog·gles

noun plural

protective glasses set in a flexible frame (as of rubber or plastic) that fits snugly against the face <Make sure you wear *goggles* when conducting science experiments>

gor·geous

adjective

splendidly or showily brilliant or magnificent
<The day ended with a *gorgeous* sunset>

gos·pel

noun

something accepted or promoted as infallible truth or as a guiding principle or doctrine
<Fred took her words as *gospel*>

gour·met

noun

a connoisseur of food and drink <The *gourmet* refused to eat at Mc Donalds>

gout

noun

a metabolic disease marked by a painful inflammation of the joints, deposits of urates in and around the joints, and usually an excessive amount of uric acid in the blood
<My uncle suffers from *gout*>

gov·ern·ment

noun

the complex of political institutions, laws, and customs through which the function of **governing** is carried out <the *government* of the United States is centered in Washington D.C.>

gov·er·nor

noun

the managing director and usually the principal officer of an institution or organization <The *governor* of Washington is Christine Gregoire>

gram·mar

noun

the study of the classes of words, their inflections, and their functions and relations in the sentence <During our *grammar* class we learned to diagram sentences>

gran·deur

noun

the quality or state of being **grand**
: MAGNIFICENCE <The *grandeur* of the Grand Canyon makes it a prime tourist attraction>

gra·tu·itous

adjective

given unearned or without recompense **b:** not involving a return benefit, compensation, or consideration **c:** costing nothing **: FREE** <My sister gives a lot of *gratuitous* advice>

gre·gar·ious

adjective

marked by or indicating a liking for companionship **: SOCIABLE** <My brother is very *gregarious* and has a lot of friends>



grievous*adjective*

causing or characterized by severe pain, suffering, or sorrow <The soldier suffered a *grievous* wound>

guarantee*noun*

an assurance of the quality of or of the length of use to be expected from a product offered for sale often with a promise of reimbursement <The dishwasher didn't work, but since it was still under *guarantee* it was replaced>

guidance*noun*

advice on vocational or educational problems given to students <My *guidance* counselor offered suggestions about colleges>

guile*noun*

deceitful cunning <The fox stalked the chickens with *guile*>

handicapped*adjective*

having a physical or mental disability; *also* : of or reserved for handicapped persons <It is against the law to park in the *handicapped* parking spaces without a special permit>

handkerchief*noun*

a small usually square piece of cloth used for usually personal purposes (as blowing the nose) or as a clothing accessory <I used my father's *handkerchief* to wipe my tears>

happening*noun*

something (as an event) that is particularly interesting, entertaining, or important <The Library Foundation's Spelling Bee is quite a *happening!*>

harass*transitive verb*

to annoy persistently <My little brother continued to *harass* me despite my mother's telling him to stop>

harsh*adjective*

strict in judgment, discipline, or government <The film critic rendered a *harsh* review of the film>

harvest*noun*

the season for gathering in agricultural crops <Because of all the snow, we should have a great wheat *harvest* this fall>

haywire*adverb or adjective*

being out of order or having gone wrong <the radio went *haywire*>

haughtiness*noun*

blatantly and disdainfully proud <No one liked to talk to Gertrude because of her *haughtiness*>

healthy*adjective*

conducive to **health** <I walk three miles every day, a beastly bore, but *healthy* — G. S. Patton>

heartily*adverb*

WHOLLY, THOROUGHLY <I am *heartily* sick of all this talk>

heavier*adjective*

having great weight, comparatively <A bowling ball is *heavier* than a feather>



height*noun*

the distance from the bottom to the top of something standing upright <Most children reach their full *height* by the end of their teens>

help·ful*adjective*

of service or assistance : **USEFUL** <My mother gives a lot of *helpful* advice>

her·biv·o·rous*adjective*

feeding on plants <A deer is a herbivorous animal>

heroes*noun*

mythological or legendary figure often of divine descent endowed with great strength or ability <Hercules was among the *heroes* of Greek myth>

her·mit·age*noun*

a secluded residence or private retreat
: **HIDEAWAY c: MONASTERY** <Our mountain cabin is our own *hermitage*>

her·o·ine*noun*

a woman admired and emulated for her achievements and qualities <Susan B. Anthony is a *heroine* of womens' sufferage>

hi·er·ar·chy*noun*

the classification of a group of people according to ability or to economic, social, or professional standing; *also* : the group so classified <in the *hierarchy* of the Catholic church, the pope is the leader>

high·brow*adjective*

person who possesses or has pretensions to superior learning or culture <Because he went to many plays, Reginald was thought himself to be quite *highbrow*>

hinge*noun*

a jointed or flexible device on which a door, lid, or other swinging part turns <the *hinge* on the door is very squeaky>

hitch·hike*verb*

to travel by securing free rides from passing vehicles <It is not safe to *hitchhike*>

hope·less·ness*noun*

the state of having no expectation of good or success <Jane experienced *hopelessness* over receiving an increase in her allowance>

hop·ing*verb*

to cherish a desire with anticipation <Ed was *hoping* for a promotion>

ho·siery*noun*

knitwear fashioned to cover the feet and legs <Jane purchased *hosiery* to match her new dress and shoes>

hos·pi·tal·i·ty*noun*

welcoming treatment, reception, or disposition <Grandma always shows amazing *hospitality* to her guests>

hu·mil·i·ate*transitive verb*

to reduce to a lower position in one's own eyes or others' eyes : **MORTIFY** <The attention only served to *humiliate* Frank even more>



hu·mor·ous*adjective*

full of or characterized by something that is comical or amusing <That TV show is very *humorous*>

hun·gry*adjective*

characterized by or characteristic of hunger or appetite <I am so *hungry* I could eat an elephant>

hur·ried·ly*adverb*

going or working at speed <I did my homework *hurriedly*, so my handwriting was a mess>

hy·giene*noun*

conditions or practices (as of cleanliness) conducive to health (Bob practiced good dental *hygiene* and brushed his teeth after every meal>

hy·poc·ri·sy*noun*

feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not; *especially* : the false assumption of an appearance of virtue or religion <It is *hypocrisy* to insist on truthfulness in others when you yourself are a liar>

illegible*adjective*

INDECIPHERABLE <Your messy writing is *illegible* >

il·lus·tra·tion*noun*

a picture or diagram that helps make something clear or attractive <the *illustration* in the story was almost better than the story itself>

imag·i·nary*adjective*

lacking factual reality <Jane's *imaginary* friend was named Elwin and had green hair>

imag·ine*verb*

to form a mental image of (something not present) <Frank was a worrier and would *imagine* accidents at every turn>

im·me·di·ate·ly*adverb*

without interval of time : **STRAIGHTWAY** <I'll make that call *immediately*>

im·mense*adjective*

transcending ordinary means of measurement <the *immense* and boundless universe exceeds our imagination>

immigrant*noun*

a person who comes to a country to take up permanent residence <The *immigrant* has long been a building block of the American population>

im·pass·able*adjective*

incapable of being passed, traveled, crossed, or surmounted <the flooding rivers were *impassable*>

im·pu·dent*adjective*

marked by contemptuous or cocky boldness or disregard of others <the students behave in an *impudent* fashion when the substitute teacher was in charge of the classroom>



in·ac·ces·si·ble*adjective*

not able to be reached or attained <Spring runoff made the island *inaccessible* due to high water>

in·ad·e·quate*adjective*

not capable <No matter how hard she tried, Eliza was *inadequate* as a leader>

in·au·gu·ra·tion*noun*

ceremonial induction into office <The *inauguration* of the new President will occur in January>

in·ci·den·tal·ly*adverb*

by way of interjection or digression : by the way <*Incidentally*, do you know which way the deli is? >

in·com·pat·i·ble*adjective*

incapable of association or harmonious coexistence <The *incompatible* colors on the walls made the room look frightful>

in·crease*verb*

to become progressively greater (as in size, amount, number, or intensity) <To *increase* the numbers of tomatoes on your plants, simply add fertilizer>

in·cred·i·ble*adjective*

too extraordinary and improbable to be believed <Judy was making *incredible* claims about being able to fly>

in·def·i·nite·ly*adverb*

having no exact limits <The conversation in the room went of *indefinitely*>

in·de·pen·dence*noun*

the state of not being controlled by others <Sheila celebrated her *independence* by staying out past her curfew>

in·dict·ment*noun*

a formal written statement framed by a prosecuting authority and found by a jury (as a grand jury) charging a person with an offense <The jury handed down the *indictment* accusing the man of theft>

in·dis·pens·able*adjective*

absolutely necessary : **ESSENTIAL** <The nurses are *indispensable* members of the hospital staff>

in·di·vid·u·al*adjective*

intended for one person <an *individual* serving contains 300 calories>

in·duce·ment*noun*

motive or consideration that leads one to action or to additional or more effective actions <Jane offered Bob \$5 as an *inducement* to wash her car>

in·dus·tri·al*adjective*

characterized by highly developed **industries** <Britain became an *industrial* nation during the 19th century>

in·fal·li·ble*adjective*

incapable of error : **UNERRING** <Marie had an *infallible* memory>



in·fla·tion*noun*

continuing rise in the general price level usually attributed to an increase in the volume of money and credit relative to available goods and services <Due to *inflation*, milk now costs over \$3.50 per gallon>

in·flu·ence*noun*

the act or power of producing an effect without apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command <The mayor used all of her *influence* to encourage the city council to vote for the new swimming pool>

in·gre·di·ent*noun*

something that enters into a compound or is a component part of any combination or mixture <Flour is the main *ingredient* in cake>

in·no·cence*noun*

freedom from guilt or sin through being unacquainted with evil <The man proclaimed his *innocence* throughout his trial>

in·nu·en·do*noun*

an oblique allusion <John's reputation was ruined by rumor and *innuendo*>

in·stal·la·tion*noun*

a work of art that usually consists of multiple components often in mixed media and that is exhibited in a usually large space in an arrangement specified by the artist <The *installation* at the museum required a full room many weeks of work>

in·sti·gate*transitive verb*

to goad or urge forward : **PROVOKE** <Jane would *instigate* trouble by kicking her brother's chair>

in·sti·tute*transitive verb*

to originate and get established <Mary was on to *institute* change in any organization>

in·stru·ment*noun*

a device used to produce music; *also* : a singing voice <A violin is a stringed *instrument*>

in·sur·gent*noun*

a person who revolts against civil authority or an established government; <Earl became an *insurgent* by refusing to pay his parking tickets>

in·te·grate*verb*

to end the segregation of and bring into equal membership in society or an organization
b: DESEGREGATE <The government passed laws to *integrate* school districts>

in·tel·lec·tu·al*adjective*

given to study, reflection, and speculation <Albert read many books as part of his *intellectual* pursuits>

in·ter·est*noun*

a feeling that accompanies or causes special attention to an object or class of objects <I have a great *interest* in cats>



in·ter·fered*intransitive verb*

to **interpose** in a way that hinders or impedes
 : come into collision or be in opposition
 <Fred *interfered* with the kicker and he missed the goal>

in·ter·pre·ta·tion*noun*

a particular adaptation or version of a work, method, or style <Mozart's *interpretation* of music was different than any that had come before>

in·tro·duc·to·ry*adjective*

of, relating to, or being a first step that sets something going or in proper perspective
 <Susan found the *introductory* course in calculus very easy>

in·vari·able*adjective*

not changing or capable of change
 : **CONSTANT** <Coffee every morning is part of my *invariable* routine>

involved*adjective*

marked by extreme and often needless or excessive complexity <The plot in this novel is very *involved*>

ir·re·sist·ible*adjective*

impossible to resist <Betty found the cake *irresistible*>

ir·ri·ta·ble*adjective*

easily exasperated or excited <Baby Elwin gets *irritable* when he tires>

ir·ri·tate*verb*

to provoke impatience, anger, or displeasure in : **ANNOY** <Ben like to *irritate* his sister by tapping his pencil on her head>

is·land*noun*

a tract of land surrounded by water and smaller than a continent <The tropical *island* was surrounded by crystal blue water>

jeal·ous·ly*adverb*

vigilant in guarding a possession <Barbara *jealously* hoarded her Barbie dolls>

jeop·ar·dize*transitive verb*

to expose to danger or risk <If you don't get a good night's sleep, you'll *jeopardize* your chances of doing well on the test>

jew·el·ry*noun*

objects of precious metal often set with gems and worn for personal adornment <The Queen wore a lot of *jewelry* at the coronation>

jinx*noun*

one that brings bad luck <Susan was a *jinx*; every time she attended the game the team lost>

jit·ter·bug*noun*

jazz variation of the two-step in which couples swing, balance, and twirl in standardized patterns and often with vigorous acrobatics <My Grandparents danced the *jitterbug* when they were teenagers>



jock·ey*noun*

a person who rides or drives a horse especially as a professional in a race <the *jockey* was a very small man atop a huge horse>

joist*noun*

any of the small timbers or metal beams ranged parallel from wall to wall in a structure to support a floor or ceiling <the *joist* broke under the weight of the snow and the roof collapsed>

jowls*noun*

usu. slack flesh (as a dewlap, wattle, or the pendulous part of a double chin) associated with the cheeks, lower jaw, or throat <The old man had no hair and big *jowls*>

ju·nior*adjective*

lower in standing or rank <Steve was very happy to become a *junior* partner in the law firm>

jus·tice*noun*

the quality of being just, impartial, or fair **b** (1): the principle or ideal of just dealing or right action <With liberty and *justice* for all>

ju·ve·nile*adjective*

physiologically immature or undeveloped <The *juvenile* birds could not fly fast enough to keep up with the flock>

ki·lo·me·ter*noun*

a metric unit of length equal to 1000 meters <The gas station is one *kilometer* up the road>

kiln*noun*

an oven, furnace, or heated enclosure used for processing a substance by burning, firing, or drying <The pots came out of the *kiln* and were too hot to touch>

knap·sack*noun*

a bag (as of canvas or nylon) strapped on the back and used for carrying supplies or personal belongings <the hiker kept his tent and camp gear in his *knapsack*>

knave*noun*

a boy servant <The knight was accompanied by his *knave* on the quest>

knell*verb*

to ring especially for a death, funeral, or disaster <The bells tolled the funeral *knell* at the death of the king>

knelt*intransitive verb*

to bend the knee : fall or rest on the knees <the knight *knelt* before the queen to receive her blessing>

knowl·edge*noun*

the fact or condition of knowing something with familiarity gained through experience or association <After a lot of study, I've gained a lot of *knowledge* about math>

knuck·le*noun*

the rounded prominence formed by the ends of the two adjacent bones at a joint —used especially of those at the joints of the fingers <The bruised a *knuckle* when I closed the car door on my hand>



lab·o·ra·to·ry*noun*

place equipped for experimental study in a science or for testing and analysis <the scientist created the monster in his *laboratory*>

la·bo·ri·ous·ly*adverb*

involving or characterized by hard or toilsome effort <Michael studied *laboriously* and did well on the chemistry test>

lac·er·ate*transitive verb*

to tear or rend roughly : wound jaggedly <It is easy to *lacerate* a finger with a freshly sharpened knife>

lan·guage*noun*

the words, their pronunciation, and the methods of combining them used and understood by a community <People in France speak a different *language* than those in the United States>

lar·yn·gi·tis*noun*

inflammation of the **larynx** <Janice had *laryngitis* and could not speak>

leak·age*noun*

something or the amount that leaks <*Leakage* from the tank ran all over the basement floor.>

leav·en*noun*

a material (as baking powder) used to produce a gas that lightens dough or batter <The baker used yeast to *leaven* the bread>

led·ger*noun*

a book containing accounts to which debits and credits are posted from books of original entry <The accountant entered the figures into his *ledger*>

le·gal·i·ty*noun*

attachment to or observance of law <Obeying the speed limit is a *legality* that is often ignored>

lei·sure·ly*a dverb*

without haste : **DELIBERATELY** <Jane finished her dinner in a *leisurely* fashion>

length·en·ing*verb*

to make longer <The tailor was *lengthening* the skirt when the phone rang>

li·brar·i·an*noun*

a specialist in the care or management of a **library** <A *librarian* is able locate the best reference sources on the internet>

lieu·ten·ant*noun*

a fire or police department officer ranking below a captain <The *lieutenant* took charge of the regiment when the captain was injured>

like·li·hood*noun*

PROBABILITY <There is a strong *likelihood* that Albert is correct >

liq·uid*adjective*

having the properties of a liquid : being neither solid nor gaseous <Water is *liquid* above 32 degrees fahrenheit>



lit·er·a·ture*noun*

the body of written works produced in a particular language, country, or age <Plan on reading a lot of books if you choose to study *literature*>

live·ly*adjective*

briskly alert and energetic : **VIGOROUS**, **ANIMATED** <Mertle and Joe had a *lively* discussion>

lone·li·ness*noun*

a feeling of bleakness or desolation <Sarah sat in her apartment and cried from *loneliness* after she lost her cat>

lose*verb*

to miss from one's possession or from a customary or supposed place <You will *lose* that toy if you don't put it away>

lov·able*adjective*

having qualities that attract affection <the kitten was cute, fuzzy and *lovable*>

loy·al·ty*noun*

the quality or state or an instance of being **loyal** <the knight's *loyalty* to the king was unquestioned>

lux·u·ries*noun*

a condition of abundance or great ease and comfort <Gourmet food and expensive cars are *luxuries*>

maga·zines*noun*

a periodical containing miscellaneous pieces (as articles, stories, poems) and often illustrated; *also* : such a periodical published online <The bookstore had a whole section dedicated to fashion *magazines*>

mag·is·te·ri·al*adjective*

marked by an overbearingly dignified or assured manner or aspect <As the President walked into the statehouse, his bearing was *magisterial*>

mag·is·trate*noun*

an official entrusted with administration of the laws <The local magistrate decreed that no one should go into river when the water was so high>

mag·nif·i·cent*adjective*

marked by stately grandeur and lavishness <The billionaire led a *magnificent* way of life>

maim*transitive verb*

to mutilate, disfigure, or wound seriously <The tiger was able to *maim* the boy when he reached his hand through the bars of the cage>

main·te·nance*noun*

the upkeep of property or equipment <The *maintenance* of your car includes changing the oil and keeping it clean>

mal·con·tent*noun*

a discontented person <Freida was a real *malcontent*, she complained all of the time>



mal·nu·tri·tion*noun*

faulty nutrition due to inadequate or unbalanced intake of nutrients or their impaired assimilation or utilization <Millions of children in Africa suffer from *malnutrition*>

man·age·ment*noun*

the conducting or supervising of something (as a business) <The *management* of the theater decided to raise ticket prices>

man·ag·ing*verb*

to direct or carry on business or affairs <the *managing* editor of the newspaper decided to fire the reporter>

ma·neu·vers*noun*

an extended and large-scale training exercise involving military and naval units separately or in combination <The army battalion was in the field for over two weeks conducting practice *maneuvers*>

manu·factur·ing*verb*

to make into a product suitable for use <General Motors company is a leader in *manufacturing* automobiles>

mar·riage*noun*

the state of being united to a person as husband or wife in a consensual and contractual relationship recognized by law <We gather together to recognize the *marriage* of this man and this woman>

mar·riage·able*adjective*

fit for or capable of **marriage** <At fourteen years old, the girl was not yet of *marriageable* age>

ma·te·ri·al*adjective*

relating to, derived from, or consisting of matter; *especially* : **PHYSICAL** <Iron is an element in the *material* world>

math·e·mat·ics*noun*

the science of numbers and their operations, interrelations, combinations, generalizations, and abstractions and of space configurations and their structure, measurement, transformations, and generalizations <The study of *mathematics* is mandatory for all students>

may·on·naise*noun*

a dressing made of egg yolks, vegetable oils, and vinegar or lemon juice <I love tuna fish with *mayonnaise*>

mean·ness*noun*

characterized by petty selfishness or malice <the *meanness* Lucy displayed in breaking the pencil made Jane cry>

med·i·cine*noun*

a substance or preparation used in treating disease <the doctor prescribed *medicine* to cure Bob's infection>

me·nag·er·ie*noun*

a collection of wild or foreign animals kept especially for exhibition <Michael Jackson kept a *menagerie* at his home in California>



men·tal·i·ty*noun*

mode or way of thought : **OUTLOOK** <the imperialist *mentality* of the nineteenth century led to the colonialization of many countries>

mer·chan·dise*noun*

the commodities or goods that are bought and sold in business <The store stocked a lot of *merchandise* that did not sell>

met·ro·pol·i·tan*adjective*

of, relating to, or characteristic of a **metropolis** or city and sometimes including its suburbs <Many millions of people live in the New York *metropolitan* area >

met·ro·nome*noun*

an instrument designed to mark exact time by a regularly repeated tick <Music students should use a *metronome* when they practice their instruments>

mi·cro·scop·ic*adjective*

very small or fine or precise <The stitches in the needlework were *microscopic*>

mil·i·tate*intransitive verb*

to have weight or effect <his boyish appearance continued to *militate* against his getting an early promotion>

min·i·mize*transitive verb*

to underestimate intentionally : **PLAY DOWN**, **SOFT-PEDAL** <To *minimize* our losses in the football season, the coach cited the inexperience of his team>

min·i·a·ture*noun*

something small of its kind <The *miniature* poodle fit into a teacup>

mis·cel·la·neous*adjective*

consisting of diverse things or members <There were a lot of books and other *miscellaneous* items on display in the garage sale>

mis·chief*noun*

action that annoys or irritates **b**: the quality or state of being **mischievous** : **MISCHIEVOUSNESS** <The young boy had *mischievousness* in his eyes>

mis·spelled*transitive verb*

to spell incorrectly <Winslow *misspelled* almost every word on the test>

mis·use*transitive verb*

to use incorrectly : **MISAPPLY** <Because of *misuse* of funds, the banker was sent to jail>

mod·i·fied*verb*

to make basic or fundamental changes in often to give a new orientation to or to serve a new end <the wing of a bird is an arm *modified* for flying>

mo·not·o·nous*adjective*

uttered or sounded in one unvarying tone : marked by a sameness of pitch and intensity <My economics professor had a very *monotonous* voice, making it difficult to stay awake in class>



mon·strous*adjective*

having extraordinary often overwhelming size <The *monstrous* size of the fish sent everyone running for their camera.>

month*noun*

measure of time corresponding nearly to the period of the moon's revolution and amounting to approximately 4 weeks or 30 days or $\frac{1}{12}$ of a year <January is the first *month* of the year>

mor·al*adjective*

sanctioned by or operative on one's conscience or ethical judgment <We have a *moral* obligation to help the poor>

mo·rale*noun*

the mental and emotional condition (as of enthusiasm, confidence, or loyalty) of an individual or group with regard to the function or tasks at hand <The *morale* of the team suffered after repeated losses>

mor·tar·board*noun*

an academic cap consisting of a closely fitting headpiece with a broad flat projecting square top <The graduate threw her *mortarboard* into the air at the end of the ceremony>

mos·qui·toes*noun*

any of a family (Culicidae) of dipteran flies with females that have a set of slender organs in the proboscis adapted to puncture the skin of animals and to suck their blood and that are in some cases vectors of serious diseases <The *mosquitoes* are especially heavy due to all of the rain>

mur·der*noun*

the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought <*Murder* is against the law>

mu·si·cian*noun*

composer, conductor, or performer of **music** <The *musician* loved playing his violin more than life itself>

mus·tang*noun*

small hardy naturalized horse of United States western plains directly descended from horses brought in by the Spaniards <The *mustang* bucked and kicked when it was roped by the cowboy>

mu·ti·nous*adjective*

disposed to or being in a state of **mutiny** : **REBELLIOUS** <The *mutinous* crew refused to sail any further>

mys·te·ri·ous*adjective*

exciting wonder, curiosity, or surprise while baffling efforts to comprehend or identify : **MYSTIFYING** <Jane heard a *mysterious* noise>

nar·ra·tive*noun*

the representation in art of an event or story; *also* : an example of such a representation <My *narrative* begins when I was three years old>

na·tion·al·i·ties*noun*

membership in a particular **nation** <Many *nationalities* gather at the Olympics>



nat·u·ral·ly*adverb*

according to the usual course of things : as might be expected < *naturally*, we dislike being hurt >

nec·es·sar·i·ly*adverb*

of **necessity** : **UNAVOIDABLY 2** : as a logical result or consequence < It ain't *necessarily* so >

nec·es·sary*adjective*

absolutely needed < Oxygen is *necessary* to our existence >

neg·a·tive*adjective*

marked by denial, prohibition, or refusal < Sally received a *negative* answer to her request for a cookie >;

ne·go·tia·ble*adjective*

capable of being traversed, dealt with, or accomplished < a difficult but *negotiable* road >

neigh·bor*noun*

one living or located near another < My *neighbor* brought a cake when we moved into my house >

nei·ther*conjunction*

not either < *neither* black nor white >

nem·e·sis*noun*

a formidable and usually victorious rival or opponent < The Joker is the *nemesis* of Batman >

nick·el·ode·on*noun*

an early movie theater to which admission usually cost five cents < Put another nickel in the *nickelodeon* >

nick·name*noun*

usually descriptive name given instead of or in addition to the one belonging to a person, place, or thing < Elwin's *nickname* is "Skip" >

niece*noun*

a daughter of one's brother, sister, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law < My *niece* lives in Long Beach, CA >

nigh*adverb*

near in place, time, or relationship —often used with *on*, *onto*, or *unto* < *Nigh* onto midnight, Santa came down the chimney >

nine·ties*noun*

the numbers 90 to 99; *specifically* : the years 90 to 99 in a lifetime or century < Many people live well into their *nineties* >

ninth*noun*

sequentially after the eighth < Judy was the *ninth* person in line >

nos·tal·gia*noun*

wistful or excessively sentimental yearning for return to or of some past period or irrecoverable condition < There is a lot of *nostalgia* for the 1950's >

no·tice·able*adjective*

attracting notice or attention < The stain on your blouse is not *noticeable* >



no·tic·ing

transitive verb

to attend to <I was *noticing* your beautiful pink dress>

nou·gat

noun

a confection of nuts or fruit pieces in a sugar paste <I love the *nougat* in this candy bar>

nul·li·fy

transitive verb

to make of no value or consequence <The jury will *nullify* the verdict>

nu·mer·ous

adjective

consisting of great numbers of units or individuals <Bob was born into a *numerous* family>

nur·ture

noun

TRAINING, UPBRINGING <the job of a good parent is to *nurture* their child>

nu·tri·ent

noun

a beneficial substance or ingredient <Calcium is a *nutrient* found in green, leafy vegetables>

ob·sess

verb

to haunt or excessively preoccupy the mind of <Ella continued to *obsess* with the idea>

ob·sta·cle

noun

something that impedes progress or achievement <The only *obstacle* between us and victory is lack of will>

ob·sti·nate

adjective

perversely adhering to an opinion, purpose, or course in spite of reason, arguments, or persuasion <*obstinate* resistance to change>

oc·ca·sion

noun

a favorable opportunity or circumstance <Julie did not have *occasion* to talk with her friends>

oc·cult

adjective

not revealed : SECRET <The *occult* door was behind the bookcase>

oc·cu·py·ing

transitive verb

to take or hold possession or control of <The *occupying* army set up camp in the middle of town>

oc·cur

intransitive verb

to come to mind <It did not *occur* to me that you would want that apple>

oc·cur·rence

noun

EVENT, INCIDENT <that is the second *occurrence* of vandalism>

oc·cur·ring

intransitive verb

to come to mind <It was *occurring* to me that the car needed a wash>

odd·i·ty

noun

an odd person, thing, event, or trait <The chicken with three legs was a *oddy*>



omis·sions*noun*

something neglected or left undone <There were *omissions* in the testimony>

om·nip·o·tence*noun*

an agency or force of unlimited power<The *omnipotence* of the weapon was feared by all>

omit*transitive verb*

to leave out or leave unmentioned <You may *omit* question four from the test>

omit·ted*transitive verb*

to leave out or leave unmentioned <Jane *omitted* one important detail>

oner·ous*adjective*

involving, imposing, or constituting a burden
: **TROUBLESOME** <Cleaning the stable is an *onerous* task>

opaque*adjective*

exhibiting opacity : blocking the passage of radiant energy and especially light <The curtains were *opaque*>

operation*noun*

an exertion of power or influence <the *operation* of a drug is to cure a disease>

opin·ion*noun*

a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter <keep your *opinion* to yourself>

opi·um*noun*

a bitter brownish addictive narcotic drug that consists of the dried latex obtained from immature seed capsules of the opium poppy<*Opium* became a huge social problem in 19th century China>

op·po·nent*noun*

one that takes an opposite position (as in a debate, contest, or conflict)<Lisa's *opponent* beat her easily in the 100 meter race>

op·por·tu·ni·ties*noun*

favorable juncture of circumstances <the halt provided *opportunities* for rest and refreshment>

op·pose*transitive verb*

to offer resistance to<I *oppose* your wish to build a fence between our yards>

op·ti·mism*noun*

an inclination to put the most favorable construction upon actions and events or to anticipate the best possible outcome <Lisa's *optimism* made her a joy to work with>

op·ti·mis·tic*adjective*

an inclination to put the most favorable construction upon actions and events or to anticipate the best possible outcome <I am *optimistic* that you will all enjoy the spelling bee>



orig-i-nal-ly*adverb*

in the beginning : in the first place
 : **INITIALLY** <although I bought this dress at a resale shop, *originally* it came from Nordstrom's>

over-whelm-ing*adjective*

tending or serving to **overwhelm**
 <*overwhelming* force>; also : **EXTREME, GREAT** <The candidate won an *overwhelming* majority in the election>

ox-i-da-tion*noun*

the process whereby an element combines with oxygen < Rust is the product of the *oxidation* of iron >

paid*adjective*

marked by the receipt of pay <John received *paid* vacation time>

pam-phlet*noun*

an unbound printed publication with no cover or with a paper cover <According to the *pamphlet*, registration

pan-de-mo-ni-um*noun*

a wild uproar : **TUMULT** <When the substitute teacher entered the room, *pandemonium* broke out>

par-al-lel*adjective*

extending in the same direction, everywhere equidistant, and not meeting <The *parallel* rows of trees stretched out of sight>

par-a-lyze*transitive verb*

to make immoveable, powerless or ineffective <The snake venom had the power to *paralyze* the rat>

parch-ment*noun*

the skin of a sheep or goat prepared for writing on <The torah was made of *parchment*>

par-fait*noun*

cold dessert made of layers of fruit, syrup, ice cream, and whipped cream <Sally ordered a *parfait* at Baskin-Robbins>

par-tic-i-pat-ed*verb*

to take part <Laura always *participated* in class discussions>

par-tic-u-lar-ly*adverb*

to an unusual degree It was a *particularly* dry summer>

part-ner*noun*

one associated with another especially in an action <Ed was the *partner* of Sally in the science fair>

pas-tel*noun*

any of various pale or light colors <the *pastel* colors of spring are a marvel after the grey of winter>



pas·time*noun*

something that amuses and serves to make time pass agreeably : **DIVERSION** <Steven's favorite *pastime* is watching baseball on television>

pa·ter·ni·ty*noun*

the quality or state of being a father<The *paternity* of the child was beyond a doubt>

pa·thos*noun*

an element in experience or in artistic representation evoking pity or compassion<The *pathos* of the story reduce Jane to tears>

pa·tio*noun*

a recreation area that adjoins a dwelling, is often paved, and is adapted especially to outdoor dining<It is a pleasure to eat on the *patio* on a summer evening>

pa·tri·arch*noun*

the oldest member or representative of a group<As the oldest male, Elwin was the *patriarch* of his family>

peace*noun*

freedom from civil disturbance<*Peace* prevailed at the end of the war>

peace·able*adjective*

disposed to **peace** : not contentious or quarrelsome<Eva was a quiet and *peaceable* person>

pe·cu·liar·i·ties*noun*

a distinguishing characteristic<One of the *peculiarities* of the ostrich is it cannot fly>

pen·ni·less*adjective*

destitute of money<Pat spent all of her money and was *penniless*>

per·ceive*transitive verb*

to attain awareness or understanding<I fail to *perceive* what you are driving at>

per·co·la·tor*noun*

a coffeepot in which boiling water rising through a tube is repeatedly deflected downward through a perforated basket containing ground coffee beans to extract their essence<Put the coffee in the *percolator* so we can have fresh coffee for breakfast>

per·for·mance*noun*

public presentation or exhibition <the audience rose to applaud at the end of the *performance*>

per·fume*noun*

the scent of something sweet-smelling<The *perfume* of the flowers filled the air>

pe·rim·e·ter*noun*

the boundary of a closed plane figure<The *perimeter* is the sum of the length of all sides of the figure>



per·ju·ry*noun*

the voluntary violation of an oath or vow either by swearing to what is untrue or by omission to do what has been promised under oath : false swearing<The liar was found guilty of *perjury*>

per·ma·nent*adjective*

continuing or enduring without fundamental or marked change<Your grades are a part of your *permanent* record>

per·mis·si·ble*adjective*

that may be **permitted** : ALLOWABLE
<Today it is *permissible* to talk during class>

per·mis·sive*adjective*

granting or tending to grant **permission** : TOLERANT<The *permissive* parent allowed her child to watch TV 5 hours a day>

per·mit*noun*

a written warrant or license granted by one having authority <Adolescents receive their drivers' *permit* at 16>

per·se·ver·ance*noun*

the action or condition or an instance of **persevering** : STEADFASTNESS<Michael's *perseverance* paid off when he won the spelling bee>

per·sis·tent*adjective*

existing for a long or longer than usual time or continuously<Chuck was *persistent* in asking for a puppy and finally received one>

per·son·al*adjective*

of, relating to, or constituting personal property <A toothbrush is a *personal* item>

per·son·i·fy*transitive verb*

to be the embodiment or **personification** of : INCARNATE <Hitler has come to *personify* evil>

per·son·nel*noun*

a body of **persons** usually employed (as in a factory, office, or organization)<The *personnel* of the factory went on strike>

per·spi·ra·tion*noun*

a saline fluid secreted by the sweat glands : SWEAT<*Perspiration* gathered on my forehead in the hot summer sun>

per·suade*transitive verb*

to move by argument, entreaty, or expostulation to a belief, position, or course of action<Sandy was able to *persuade* her mother to buy ice cream for the party>

per·sua·sion*noun*

the act or process or an instance of **persuading**<Jackie used *persuasion* to convince her teacher to raise her grade>

per·tain*intransitive verb*

to belong as a part, member, accessory, or product <This conversation does not *pertain* to you>



phase

noun

a particular appearance or state in a regularly recurring cycle of changes <It is the full *phase* of the moon>

phi·los·o·phy

noun

the sciences and liberal arts exclusive of medicine, law, and theology <Theodore is a doctor of *philosophy*>

phlegm

noun

viscid mucus secreted in abnormal quantity in the respiratory passages<*Phlegm* is a symptom of a respiratory infection>

pho·tog·ra·phy

noun

the art or process of producing images by the action of radiant energy and especially light on a sensitive surface (as film or a CCD chip)<I went to the *photography* studio to have my picture taken>

phy·si·cian

noun

a person skilled in the art of healing; *specifically* : one educated, clinically experienced, and licensed to practice medicine as usually distinguished from surgery<It takes many years of study to become a *physician*>

pic·nick·ing

intransitive verb

to go on a picnic : eat in picnic fashion<We were *picnicking* in the park when the storm began>

pic·to·ri·al

adjective

illustrated by pictures <The *pictorial* weekly showed many photographs of the volcanic eruption>

pis·ta·chio

noun

a small Asian tree (*Pistacia vera*) of the cashew family whose drupaceous fruit contains a greenish edible seed; *also* : its seed<My favorite flavor of ice cream is *pistachio*>

pla·ce·bo

noun

a usually pharmacologically inert preparation prescribed more for the mental relief of the patient than for its actual effect on a disorder<It was found that the *placebo* worked as well as the drug being investigated>

planned

verb

to devise or project the realization or achievement of <The prisoners *planned* their escape>

pla·teau

noun

a usually extensive land area having a relatively level surface raised sharply above adjacent land on at least one side<there was a magnificent view of the countryside from the top of the *plateau*>

play·wright

noun

a person who writes plays<Shakespeare is the most famous *playwright*>

pleas·ant

adjective

having qualities that tend to give **pleasure** : **AGREEABLE** <Have a *pleasant* day>

plun·der

verb

to take the goods of by force (as in war)<The pirates' goal was to *plunder* gold from ships>



plywood

noun

a structural material consisting of sheets of wood glued or cemented together with the grains of adjacent layers arranged at right angles or at a wide angle <The shed was made of *plywood* and shingles>

por·trayed

transitive verb

to play the role of : ENACT <Susan *portrayed* “Ariel” in the *The Little Mermaid*.>

pos·ses·sions

noun

PROPERTY <Mabel put her prized *possessions* in a box>

pos·si·bil·i·ty

noun

potential or prospective value —usually used in plural <the house had great *possibilities*>

pos·si·ble

adjective

being within the limits of ability, capacity, or realization <a *possible* but difficult task>

pov·er·ty

noun

the state of one who lacks a usual or socially acceptable amount of money or material possessions <The people in the tenement lived in *poverty*>

prac·ti·cal·ly

adverb

ALMOST, NEARLY <*practically* everyone like ice cream>

prai·rie

noun

land in or predominantly in grass <The grass on the *prairie* went on forever>

pre·ce·dent

noun

something done or said that may serve as an example or rule to authorize or justify a subsequent act of the same or an analogous kind <The verdict that had no *precedent* in case law>

pre·ced·ing

adjective

comes immediately before <On the *preceding* day, we went to the park>

pre·dom·i·nant

adjective

having superior strength, influence, or authority : PREVAILING <The *predominant* characteristic of the skunk is its smell>

pre·fer

transitive verb

to like better or best <Do you *prefer* chocolate or vanilla ice cream?>

pref·er·a·ble

adjective

having greater value or desirability <It is *preferable* to sleep in your bed rather than on the ground>

pref·er·ence

noun

the power or opportunity of choosing <What is your *preference*, chocolate or vanilla?>

pre·ferred

transitive verb

to like better or best <Steve *preferred* sports to reading>



prep·a·ra·tion*noun*

the action or process of making something ready for use or service or of getting ready for some occasion, test, or duty <Judy studied very hard in *preparation* for the chemistry exam>

pre·pare*verb*

to make ready beforehand for some purpose, use, or activity <Ella is going to *prepare* food for dinner>

pre·scrip·tion*noun*

a written direction for a therapeutic or corrective agent; *specifically* : one for the preparation and use of a medicine <the doctor wrote out a *prescription* for an antibiotic>

pres·ence*noun*

the part of space within one's immediate vicinity <Don't bring that dirty sock into my *presence*!>

previous*adjective*

going before in time or order <The *previous* teacher allowed the students to talk in class>

prim·i·tive*adjective*

belonging to or characteristic of an early stage of development : **CRUDE**, **RUDIMENTARY** <the campground was *primitive* and had no facilities>

prism*noun*

a polyhedron with two polygonal faces lying in parallel planes and with the other faces parallelograms <The *prism* split the sun beam into its component colors>

pris·on*noun*

an institution (as one under state jurisdiction) for confinement of persons convicted of serious crimes <The thief was sentenced to *prison*>

priv·i·lege*noun*

a right or immunity granted as a peculiar benefit, advantage, or favor <Parking is a *privilege* not a right>

prob·a·bly*adverb*

insofar as seems reasonably true, factual, or to be expected : without much doubt <it will *probably* rain today>

pro·ce·dure*noun*

a particular way of accomplishing something or of acting <Let's all follow *procedure* and line up at the door>

pro·ceed*intransitive verb*

to begin and carry on an action <*Proceed* with caution through the intersection>

pro·cess*noun*

a natural phenomenon marked by gradual changes that lead toward a particular result <the *process* of growth was recorded on the film>

pro·di·gious*adjective*

extraordinary in bulk, quantity, or degree <the *prodigious* spelling bee word list was over 100 pages long>



pro·fess*verb*

to declare or admit openly or freely <The subjects were forced to *profess* their loyalty to the King>

pro·fes·sor*noun*

a faculty member of the highest academic rank at an institution of higher education <The *professor* lectured the students on physics>

pro·file*noun*

a set of data often in graphic form portraying the significant features of something <The corporation's earnings *profile* was posted on the website>

pro·found*adjective*

having intellectual depth and insight
b: difficult to fathom or understand <The poem was *profound* and presented a mystery to the readers>

pro·fuse*adjective*

exhibiting great abundance : BOUNTIFUL <a *profuse* harvest was the reward after a lot of hard work>

prom·i·nent*adjective*

readily noticeable <An elephant has a *prominent* nose>

pro·nounce*verb*

to say correctly <I can't *pronounce* his name>

pro·nun·ci·a·tion*noun*

the act or manner of pronouncing something <There is more than one *pronunciation* for that word>

pro·pa·gan·da*noun*

ideas, facts, or allegations spread deliberately to further one's cause or to damage an opposing cause; *also* : a public action having such an effect <The communist party used *propaganda* to sway public opinion >

pro·pri·e·tor*noun*

a person who has the legal right or exclusive title to something <John is the *proprietor* of that store>

pro·vi·sions*noun*

a stock of needed materials or supplies; *especially* : a stock of food —usually used in plural <John sold *provisions* for camping in his store>

pso·ri·a·sis*noun*

a chronic skin disease characterized by circumscribed red patches covered with white scales <My mother suffers from *psoriasis* on her elbows and knees>

psy·chol·o·gy*noun*

the science of mind and behavior <*psychology* is a very popular class for college students>

pul·ver·ize*verb*

to reduce (as by crushing, beating, or grinding) to very small particles : ATOMIZE <The force of the earthquake was able to *pulverize* rock>



punc·tu·a·tion*noun*

the act or practice of inserting standardized marks or signs in written matter to clarify the meaning and separate structural units <Most students find learning the rules of *punctuation* tedious>

pu·ni·tive*adjective*

inflicting, involving, or aiming at punishment <the substitute teacher took severe *punitive* measures when the class misbehaved>

pur·sued*verb*

to find or employ measures to obtain or accomplish : **SEEK** <Sheila *pursued* a goal of learning French>

qual·i·ties*noun*

peculiar and essential character <Monica had the *qualities* of loyalty and truthfulness>

quan·da·ry*noun*

a state of perplexity or doubt <Jed was in a *quandary* over the answer to the math problem>

quan·ti·ty*noun*

a determinate or estimated amount <There was a large *quantity* of dust in the air>

quar·ter*noun*

a coin worth a quarter of a dollar **b:** the sum of 25 cents <That gumball costs a *quarter*>

quell*transitive verb*

to thoroughly overwhelm and reduce to submission or passivity <Force was necessary to *quell* the riot>

ques·tion·naire*noun*

a set of **questions** for obtaining statistically useful or personal information from individuals <Please fill out all of the questions in the *questionnaire* before you send it back to me>

queue*noun*

a braid of hair usually worn hanging at the back of the head <the Chinese man was made to cut off his *queue*>

qui·es·cent*adjective*

marked by inactivity or repose : tranquilly at rest <The lake was *quiescent* after the storm>

quips*noun*

a clever usually taunting remark <Sharon was famous for her clever *quips*>

quiz*noun*

a short oral or written test <Tomorrow we will have a pop *quiz*>

quo·ta·tion*noun*

a passage referred to, repeated, or adduced <My I use that paragraph as a *quotation* in my novel?>

ram·page*noun*

to rush wildly about <the bull went on a *rampage* when it escaped from its pen>

rap·port*noun*

relation marked by harmony, conformity, accord, or affinity <The coach had a great *rapport* with his team>



re·al·ize*transitive verb*

to conceive vividly as real : be fully aware of
 <Harold did not *realize* the risk he was taking>

re·al·ly*adverb*

in reality : **ACTUALLY** <I like to paint things as they *really* are>

re·ceipt*noun*

writing acknowledging the **receiving** of goods or money <You must have the *receipt* to return the shoes>

re·ceive*verb*

to come into possession of : **ACQUIRE**
 <Everyone loves to *receive* a gift>

re·cep·tion*noun*

a social gathering often for the purpose of extending a formal welcome <The *reception* will follow the wedding>

re·cess*noun*

a suspension of business or procedure often for rest or relaxation <*Recess* is my favorite part of the day>

re·ces·sion·al*adjective*

a hymn or musical piece at the conclusion of a service or program <the *recessional* most often played at the end of a wedding is “The Wedding March”>

rec·og·ni·tion*noun*

knowledge or feeling that someone or something present has been encountered before <My *recognition* of that person is faulty>

rec·og·nize*transitive verb*

to acknowledge with a show of appreciation
 <To *recognize* the act of bravery, the soldier was given a medal>

rec·ol·lec·tion*noun*

something recalled to the mind <I have no *recollection* of loosing that sock>

rec·om·mend*transitive verb*

to present as worthy of acceptance or trial
 <May I *recommend* the soup?>

ref·er·ence*noun*

person to whom inquiries as to character or ability can be made <I used my teacher as a *reference* when applying for the job>

re·frig·er·a·tor*noun*

a room or appliance for keeping food or other items cool <Please close the door on the *refrigerator*>

re·gard*noun*

: the worth or estimation in which something or someone is held <Patton was a man of great *regard*>

re·gion·al*adjective*

of, relating to, characteristic of, or serving a **region** <Spokane is a *regional* health center>

register*transitive verb*

to enroll formally especially as a voter or student <You must *register* for classes before the beginning of the term>



re·gret·ta·ble*adjective*

deserving **regret**, <that decision was *regrettable*>

reg·u·la·tion*noun*

a rule or order issued by an executive authority or **regulatory** agency of a government and having the force of law <the FDA issued a *regulation* about food sweeteners>

rel·a·tive*noun*

a person connected with another by blood or affinity <My uncle is my closest *relative*>

re·li·gion*noun*

a personal set or institutionalized system of attitudes, beliefs, and practices <Islam is a *religion* practiced in many middle eastern countries>

re·li·gious*adjective*

relating to or manifesting faithful devotion to an acknowledged ultimate reality or deity <Mother Theresa was a *religious* person>

re·mem·ber*verb*

to bring to mind or think of again <Jason doesn't *remember* the old days>

re·mem·brance*noun*

something that serves to keep in or bring to mind : **REMINDER** <I'll keep this corsage as a *remembrance* of our date>

rem·i·nisc*intransitive verb*

REMEMBER, <We got together to *reminisce* about the old days>

re·nowned*adjective*

having **renown** : **CELEBRATED** <Greg was *renowned* for his generosity>

re·pen·tance*noun*

the action or process of being sorry and resolving to do better; especially for misdeeds or moral shortcomings <*Repentance* may follow punishment>

repe·ti·tion*noun*

: the act or an instance of repeating or being repeated <It is only after *repetition* that a musical piece is memorized>

re·plen·ish*verb*

to fill or build up again <the rain came just in time to *replenish* the reservoir>

rep·re·sen·ta·tive*adjective*

serving as a typical or characteristic example <The young man was a *representative* moviegoer>

re·quire·ment*noun*

something essential to the existence or occurrence of something else : **CONDITION** <Graduating high school is a *requirement* for college admission>

re·search*noun*

investigation or experimentation aimed at the discovery and interpretation of facts, revision of accepted theories or laws in the light of new facts, or practical application of such new or revised theories or laws <Careful *research* may yield a cure for cancer>



res·ig·na·tion*noun*

a formal notification of termination of employment <Jacob handed in his *resignation*>

res·o·nate*verb*

to relate harmoniously : strike a chord <The candidate delivers a message that *resonates* with voters>

re·sources*noun*

a source of supply or support : an available means —usually used in plural <We must conserve our *resources*>

re·sponse*noun*

something constituting a reply or a reaction <I sent Jane a thank you note as a *response* to her gift>

re·spon·si·bil·i·ty*noun*

something for which one is **responsible** : **BURDEN** <Fred honored his *responsibility* and took out the trash>

res·tau·rant*noun*

a business establishment where meals or refreshments may be purchased<I want to go to a *restaurant* for dinner>

rev·er·end

being a member of the clergy —used as a title <the *Reverend* Mr. Doe conducted services every Sunday morning >

re·viewing*transitive verb*

to examine or study again <We are *reviewing* our notes to study for the test>

rheu·ma·tism*noun*

any of various conditions characterized by inflammation or pain in muscles, joints, or fibrous tissue <Grandpa's *rheumatism* always acted up in rainy weather>

rhythm*noun*

the aspect of music comprising all the elements (as accent, meter, and tempo) that relate to forward movement <the drum section kept the *rhythm* steady>

rid·i·cule*noun*

DERISION, MOCKERY <Pauline was subject to the *ridicule* of the class>

ri·dic·u·lous*adjective*

arousing or deserving **ridicule** : **ABSURD, PREPOSTEROUS** <Your idea to paint the house orange is *ridiculous*>

ri·val·ry*noun*

the act of **rivaling** : the state of being a **rival** : **COMPETITION** <There was a huge *rivalry* between Tom and Jake over who would be captain of the team>

room·mate*noun*

one of two or more persons sharing the same room or living quarters <I am still friends with my *roommate* from college>

ru·di·men·ta·ry*adjective*

of a primitive kind <the equipment of the first railway builders was *rudimentary*>



sab•o•tage*noun*

destructive or obstructive action carried on by a civilian or enemy agent to hinder a nation's war effort <The spies planned to *sabotage* the bridge>

safe•ty*noun*

the condition of being safe from undergoing or causing hurt, injury, or loss <*Safety* first!>

sand•wich*noun*

two or more slices of bread or a split roll having a filling in between **b**: one slice of bread covered with food <I want a ham *sandwich* for lunch>

sar•cas•tic*adjective*

having the character of **sarcasm** <Your *sarcastic* criticism is not welcome>

sa•tir•i•cal*adjective*

of, relating to, or constituting trenchant wit, irony, or sarcasm used to expose and discredit vice or folly <The *satirical* play exposed the ignorance of the king>

sat•is•fac•tion*noun*

the quality or state of being **satisfied** : **CONTENTMENT** <I had a feeling of *satisfaction* after I ate my sandwich>

sat•is•fied*verb*

to gratify to the full : **APPEASE** <Judy was *satisfied* by the outcome of the trial>

sau•cer*noun*

small shallow dish in which a cup is set at table <The cup and *saucer* were part of a set china>

saun•ter*intransitive verb*

to walk about in an idle or leisurely manner <Don't *saunter* in here with those dirty feet!>

sau•sage*noun*

a highly seasoned minced meat (as pork) usually stuffed in casings of prepared animal intestine; *also* : a link or patty of sausage <I would like *sausage* and eggs for breakfast>

scape•goat*noun*

one that bears the blame for others <Marvin was the *scapegoat* for the whole team>

scar•ci•ty*noun*

the quality or state of being **scarce**; *especially* : want of provisions for the support of life <The *scarcity* of food meant that many deer would starve this winter>

scen•ery*noun*

a picturesque view or landscape <I enjoyed the beautiful *scenery* on our car ride>

sched•ule*noun*

a written or printed list, catalog, or inventory; *also* : **TIMETABLE** <the work *schedule* is posted next to the time clock>



scheme*noun*

a plan or program of action; *especially* : a crafty or secret one <What crazy *scheme* are you up to?>

schol·ar·ship*noun*

a grant-in-aid to a student (as by a college or foundation) <Many students cannot afford to pay for college so they must receive a *scholarship*>

sci·en·tific*adjective*

of, relating to, or exhibiting the methods or principles of **science** <Dr. Watson used *scientific* methods to organize his experiment>

scrip·ture*noun*

a body of writings considered sacred or authoritative <according to *scripture*, you should not steal>

scuf·fle*intransitive verb*

to struggle at close quarters with disorder and confusion <The boys started to *scuffle*, then began to fight>

se·clu·sion*noun*

the act of **secluding** : the condition of being **secluded** or isolated <The prisoner was placed in *seclusion* for punishment>

sec·re·tary*noun*

one employed to handle correspondence and manage routine and detail work for a superior <I'll have my *secretary* make the appointment>

seis·mo·graph*noun*

apparatus to measure and record vibrations within the earth and of the ground <The *seismograph* recorded the strength of the earthquake>

seize*verb*

to take possession of : **CONFISCATE** <The police broke down the door to *seize* the documents>

se·lec·tion*noun*

one that is **selected** : **CHOICE** <Put your money in the machine, then make your *selection*>

se·mes·ter*noun*

either of the two usually 18-week periods of instruction into which an academic year is often divided <There is a final test at the end of each *semester*>

sen·tence*noun*

a word, clause, or phrase or a group of clauses or phrases forming a syntactic unit which expresses an assertion, a question, a command, a wish, an exclamation, or the performance of an action, that in writing usually begins with a capital letter and concludes with appropriate end punctuation, and that in speaking is distinguished by characteristic patterns of stress, pitch, and pauses <That was a very long *sentence*>

sep·a·rate*verb*

to set or keep apart <Do I need to *separate* you two??>



se·ri·ous·ness

noun

of or relating to a matter of importance <The *seriousness* of the allegations require careful investigation>

sev·er·al

adjective

more than two but fewer than many < *several* students raised their hands when the teacher asked for volunteers.>

se·vere·ly

adverb

of a strict or stern bearing or manner
: **AUSTERE** <The man was *severely* hurt in the accident>

shep·herd

noun

a person who tends sheep <The *shepherd* used a dog to help him herd his sheep>

shining

adjective

emitting or reflecting light <the *shining* stars added to the beauty of the night>

shoul·der

noun

the laterally projecting part of the human body formed of the bones and joints with their covering tissue by which the arm is connected with the trunk <I have a pain in my *shoulder*>

shriek

verb

to utter a sharp shrill sound <Jill began to *shriek* during the scary movie>

sig·nif·i·cance

noun

the quality of being important <The agreement is of great *significance* to history>

sil·hou·ette

noun

a likeness cut from dark material and mounted on a light ground or one sketched in outline and solidly colored in <the artist created my *silhouette*, then we put it in a picture frame>

sim·i·lar

adjective

having characteristics in common : strictly comparable <The orange and tangerine are *similar*>

sin·cere·ly

adverb

marked by genuineness : **TRUE** <I meant the compliment *sincerely*>

sit·u·a·tion

noun

relative position or combination of circumstances at a certain moment <How did we get into this *situation*?>

skin·ny

adjective

lacking sufficient flesh : very thin <The models were very *skinny*>

snap·drag·on

noun

any of a genus (*Antirrhinum* of the family Scrophulariaceae, the snapdragon family) of herbs having showy bilabiate flowers; *especially* : a widely cultivated one (*A. majus*) of Mediterranean origin having usually pink, red, yellow, or white flowers <The child made the blossom of the *snapdragon* open and close>



so·lu·tion*noun*

an action or process of solving a problem
 <Peter wrote the *solution* to the math problem on the chalkboard>

sor·row·ful*adjective*

full of or marked by **sorrow** <Jane said a *sorrowful* good-bye to her boyfriend>

source*noun*

a point of origin or procurement
: BEGINNING <I went to the *source* of the river, high in the mountains>

sov·er·eign·ty*noun*

freedom from external control : **AUTONOMY**
 <The *sovereignty* of the country was respected by all of the diplomats>

spe·cial·i·za·tion*noun*

structural adaptation of a body part to a particular function or of an organism for life in a particular environment <The tiny arms of the dinosaur underwent *specialization* to become wings>

spe·cif·i·cal·ly*adverb*

sharing or being those properties of something that allow it to be referred to a particular category <I was referring *specifically* to your red shoes>

spec·i·men*noun*

an individual, item, or part considered typical of a group, class, or whole <The monarch is a particularly beautiful *specimen* of butterfly>

spec·ta·cle*noun*

an object of curiosity or contempt <Luella made a *spectacle* of herself>

speech*noun*

a usually public discourse : **ADDRESS** <Jack was very nervous before giving his *speech* in front of the whole school>

state·ment*noun*

a single declaration or remark : **ASSERTION**
 <Fred made the *statement* that he was going home>

ste·nog·ra·pher*noun*

a writer of shorthand 2 : a person employed chiefly to take and transcribe dictation <the *stenographer* has been largely replaced by the dictophone>

step·ping*verb*

to move by raising the foot and bringing it down elsewhere or by moving each foot in succession <I was *stepping* off the curb when I tripped and fell>

straighter*adjective*

free from curves, bends, angles, or irregularities <I have *straighter* hair than you>

strength*noun*

the quality or state of being strong : capacity for exertion or endurance <Iron Man has super-human *strength*>



stren·u·ous*adjective*

vigorously active : **ENERGETIC** <*Strenuous* exercise is good for your health>

stud·ied*adjective*

carefully considered or prepared <It is my *studied* opinion that that painting is ugly>

study·ing*verb*

to undertake formal study of a subject <I was *studying* for the math test when the phone rang>

sub·scrip·tion*noun*

an arrangement for providing, receiving, or making use of something of a continuing or periodic nature on a prepayment plan <I have a *subscription* to Teen Vogue>

sub·stan·ti·ates*transitive verb*

to give **substance** or form to : **EMBODY** <That picture *substantiates* my feelings about the Grand Canyon>

sub·sti·tute*noun*

a person or thing that takes the place or function of another <When our teacher became ill a *substitute* teacher took her place>

sub·tle*adjective*

DELICATE, ELUSIVE <Marie wore a *subtle* fragrance that smelled like lilacs>

suc·ceeding*verb*

to attain a desired object or end <Susan was *succeeding* in her goal to become student president>

suc·cess·ful*adjective*

resulting or terminating in **success** <John made a *successful* attempt to climb Mt. Everest>

suc·cu·lent*adjective*

moist and tasty : **TOOTHsome** <My mother cooked a *succulent* meal for my birthday.>

sud·den·ness*noun*

happening or coming unexpectedly <The earthquake struck with a *suddenness* that shocked the world>

suf·fi·cient*adjective*

enough to meet the needs of a situation or a proposed end <The hikers packed *sufficient* provisions for a month>

sum·ma·rize*verb*

to tell in or reduce to a **summary** <please *summarize* your remarks to save time>

sum·ma·ry*adjective*

COMPREHENSIVE; especially : covering the main points succinctly <June wrote a *summary* paragraph of her essay>

su·per·in·ten·dent*noun*

one who has executive oversight and charge <The school *superintendent* decided which text book to buy>

su·per·sede*transitive verb*

to cause to be set aside <The candidate was able to *supersede* the sitting president>



su·per·sti·tious*adjective*

relating to a belief or practice resulting from ignorance, fear of the unknown, trust in magic or chance, or a false conception of causation <People often become more *superstitious* around Halloween>

su·per·vi·sor*noun*

an administrative officer in charge of a business, government, or school unit or operation <I let my *supervisor* know that I would be leaving work early>

sup·pli·cate*verb*

to make a humble entreaty; *especially* : to pray to God <I was asked to *supplicate* our mother to make ice cream for the party>

sup·pose*verb*

to lay down tentatively as a hypothesis, assumption, or proposal <*suppose* you bring the salad for the July 4 party ?>

sup·press*transitive verb*

to put down by authority or force : **SUBDUE** <The police were summoned to *suppress* a riot>

sur·face*noun*

the exterior or upper boundary of an object or body <The wind skipped on the *surface* of the water>

sur·rounded*transitive verb*

to enclose on all sides : **ENVELOP** <the crowd *surrounded* her>

sus·cep·ti·ble*adjective*

capable of submitting to an action, process, or operation <Einstein wrote a theory *susceptible* to proof>

sus·pense*noun*

pleasant excitement as to a decision or outcome <"Signs" is a movie of *suspense*>

sus·pi·cious*adjective*

tending to arouse **suspicion**

: **QUESTIONABLE** <I was *suspicious* that my mother hid my birthday present under her bed>

swim·ming*verb*

to propel oneself in water by natural means (as movements of the limbs, fins, or tail) <I love to go *swimming* on a hot summer day>

sym·bol*noun*

something that stands for or suggests something else by reason of relationship, association, convention, or accidental resemblance; *especially* : a visible sign of something invisible <the lion is a *symbol* of courage>

sym·met·ri·cal*adjective*

having corresponding points whose connecting lines are bisected by a given point or perpendicularly bisected by a given line or plane <The *symmetrical* curves of the car>

syn·on·y·mous*adjective*

having the same connotations, implications, or reference <to runners, Boston is *synonymous* with marathon>



sys·tems*noun*

a regularly interacting or interdependent group of items forming a unified whole
 <Math is the study of number *systems*>:

tact·ful·ness*noun*

having or showing mental or aesthetic perception <Sherry showed *tactfulness* in not mentioning that John had mispronounced the word>

taste·ful*adjective*

having, exhibiting, or conforming to good **taste** <The *tasteful* display of flowers adorned the table>

tav·ern*noun*

an establishment where alcoholic beverages are sold to be drunk on the premises <the peasants gathered at the *tavern* to hear the news and tell stories>

tech·nique*noun*

the manner in which **technical** details are treated (as by a writer) or basic physical movements are used (as by a dancer); *also* : ability to treat such details or use such movements <The amateur displayed good piano *technique*>

tech·nol·ogy*noun*

a capability given by the practical application of knowledge < fuel-saving *technology* has greatly reduced fuel consumption over the past 25 years>

tem·per·a·ment*noun*

characteristic or habitual inclination or mode of emotional response <Edwin had a nervous *temperament*>

tem·per·a·ture*noun*

the degree of heat that is natural to the body of a living being **c**: abnormally high body heat <Sara was running a *temperature* so she stayed home from school>

tem·po·ral*adjective*

of or relating to earthly life <In this *temporal* world, we are subject to the rules of nature>

tem·po·rar·i·ly*adverb*

during a limited time <the store is closed *temporarily*>

ten·ant*noun*

one who rents or leases (as a house) from a landlord <Jack is a *tenant* in the apartment building>

ten·den·cy*noun*

a proneness to a particular kind of thought or action <Mary has a *tendency* to fidget while she studies>

ten·e·ment*noun*

any of various forms of corporeal property (as land) or incorporeal property that is held by one person from another <the *tenement* did not have working indoor plumbing>



ter·ri·to·ry*noun*

a geographic area belonging to or under the jurisdiction of a governmental authority
 <Lewis and Clark explored the Northwest Territory in the early 19th century>

tex·tu·al*adjective*

of, relating to, or based on a text <My knowledge of the subject is completely *textual*>

the·o·ries*noun*

the analysis of a set of facts in their relation to one another <there were many *theories* as to how the lamp was broken>

there·fore*adverb*

for that reason : **CONSEQUENTLY** **b:** because of that **c:** on that ground <I think, *therefore* I am>

thir·ti·eth*adjective or noun*

number 30 in a sequence <My *thirtieth* birthday was many years ago>

thor·ough·ly*adverb*

carried through to completion <Jane studied the book *thoroughly* and did very well on the test>

thought

past and past participle of THINK <I *thought* you were coming over at 5:00>

thou·sand*noun*

a very large number <A *thousand* ants invaded our picnic>

to·geth·er*adverb*

in or into one place, mass, collection, or group <the men get *together* every Thursday for poker>

to·mor·row*adverb*

on or for the day after today <I will mow the lawn *tomorrow*>

trag·e·dy*noun*

a disastrous event : **CALAMITY**
b: **MISFORTUNE** <The earthquake in China was a *tragedy*>

trans·ferred*verb*

to convey from one person, place, or situation to another <I was *transferred* to a new office>

trans·por·ta·tion*noun*

means of conveyance or travel from one place to another <I ride public *transportation* to work>

tres·pass*noun*

an unlawful act committed on the person, property, or rights of another; *especially* : a wrongful entry on real property <Sam was arrested for *trespass* >

twelfth*adjective or noun*

number twelve of a sequence <Some people have parties on the *twelfth* night after Christmas>

twen·ti·eth*adjective or noun*

number 20 of a sequence <I had a big party on my *twentieth* birthday>



typ·i·cal*adjective*

constituting or having the nature of a type <It is *typical* of Frank to be so generous>

tyr·an·ny*noun*

oppressive power <I am against every form of *tyranny* over the mind of man>

ubiq·ui·tous*adjective*

existing or being everywhere at the same time : constantly encountered : **WIDESPREAD** <The peasant skirt is a *ubiquitous* fashion>

ul·tra·son·ic*adjective*

having a frequency above the human ear's audibility limit of about 20,000 hertz —used of waves and vibrations <Cats can hear *ultrasonic* sounds humans cannot>

unan·i·mous*adjective*

having the agreement and consent of all <The candidate received *unanimous* support>

un·be·liev·able*adjective*

too improbable for belief <the plot is unreal and *unbelievable*>;

un·civ·i·lized*adjective*

not civilized : **BARBAROUS** <The kindergarteners were *uncivilized*>

un·con·scious*adjective*

having lost consciousness <alan was *unconscious* for three days after the accident>

un·con·trol·la·ble*adjective*

incapable of being controlled

: **UNGOVERNABLE** <The woman had a rush of *uncontrollable* emotions>

un·de·sir·able*adjective*

not desirable : **UNWANTED** <*undesirable* side effects of the medication are drooling and sleepiness>

un·doubt·ed·ly*adverb*

not doubted : **GENUINE, UNDISPUTED** <Your story is *undoubtedly* true>

un·eas·i·ness*noun*

physical or mental discomfort <Ellen had a feeling of *uneasiness* about leaving the gate open>

un·for·get·ta·ble*adjective*

incapable of being forgotten : **MEMORABLE** <The musical CATS had *unforgettable* music and staging>

uni·lat·er·al*adjective*

done or undertaken by one person or party <The army performed a *unilateral* withdrawal from the country>



uni·ver·si·ties*noun*

an institution of higher learning providing facilities for teaching and research and authorized to grant academic degrees; *specifically* : one made up of an undergraduate division which confers bachelor's degrees and a graduate division which comprises a graduate school and professional schools each of which may confer master's degrees and doctorates <College-bound students generally begin to visit *universities* in their junior year of high school

un·nec·es·sary*adjective*

not necessary <It is *unnecessary* to raise your hand before you leave the classroom>

un·til*preposition*

used as a function word to indicate continuance (as of an action or condition) to a specified time <Rory stayed with the pony *until* morning>

un·usu·al*adjective*

not usual : UNCOMMON, RARE <It is *unusual* to have cake for breakfast>

ur·gen·cy*noun*

the quality or state of being **urgent**
: INSISTENCE <Janet begged her mother to open the door with *urgency*>

us·age*noun*

the action, amount, or mode of using <There was a decreased *usage* of electricity due to conservation>

use·ful*adjective*

capable of being put to use; *especially*
: serviceable for an end or purpose <hammers and screwdrivers are *useful* tools>

usu·al·ly*adverb*

accordant with usage, custom, or habit
: NORMAL <I *usually* have coffee with my breakfast>

vac·u·um*noun*

a device creating or utilizing a partial vacuum <I used a *vacuum* cleaner to clean the carpet>

valleys*noun*

an elongate depression of the earth's surface usually between ranges of hills or mountains <The *valleys* often flooded during spring runoff>

valu·able*adjective*

having monetary value <the vase you smashed was very *valuable*>

va·ri·eties*noun*

the quality or state of having different forms or types <I am growing several *varieties* of tomatoes in my garden>

var·i·ous*adjective*

dissimilar in nature or form : UNLIKE <There are *various* shoes in the store which you may like>



ven·ti·late*transitive verb*

to expose to air and especially to a current of fresh air for purifying, curing, or refreshing
 <Open the window to *ventilate* the room>

ven·tril·o·quist*noun*

one who provides entertainment by using **ventriloquism** to carry on an apparent conversation with a hand-manipulated dummy <the *ventriloquist* was so talented, it looked like the dummy was really speaking>

ver·ba·tim*adverb*

in the exact words : word for word <I quoted the speech *verbatim*>

ver·bose*adjective*

containing more words than necessary
 : **WORDY** <Martin gave a *verbose* reply to a simple question>;

ver·nac·u·lar*adjective*

using a language or dialect native to a region or country rather than a literary, cultured, or foreign language <slang is part of the *vernacular* of any language>

ver·sa·tile*adjective*

embracing a variety of subjects, fields, or skills; *also* : turning with ease from one thing to another <Linda was a *versatile* dancer, being able to perform ballet and tap>

vet·er·an*noun*

a person of long experience usually in some occupation or skill (as politics or the arts)
 <The boy was a *veteran* at spelling bees>

vi·a·ble*adjective*

capable of working, functioning, or developing adequately <There were several *viable* alternatives to cutting down the tree>

vi·bra·to*noun*

a slightly tremulous effect imparted to vocal or instrumental tone for added warmth and expressiveness by slight and rapid variations in pitch <String players add *vibrato* to their playing by rapidly moving their finger side to side>

vi·cin·i·ty*noun*

the quality or state of being near
 : **PROXIMITY** <the police were in the *vicinity* of the crime when it was committed>

vic·tim*noun*

one that is tricked or duped <Shawn was the *victim* of the prank>

view*noun*

extent or range of vision <The *view* of the Spokane Falls from the downtown library is the best in town>

vil·lage*noun*

settlement usually larger than a hamlet and smaller than a town **b**: an incorporated minor municipality <The *village* came together to celebrate the harvest>

vil·lain·ous*adjective*

befitting a **villain** (as in evil or depraved character) <a *villainous* attack on the village struck fear in the hearts of the inhabitants>



vine·gar*noun*

a sour liquid obtained by fermentation of dilute alcoholic liquids and used as a condiment or preservative <I like a simple dressing of oil and *vinegar* on my salad>

vir·tu·ous*adjective*

morally excellent : **RIGHTEOUS** <Jane made a *virtuous* decision to visit her grandmother>

vis·i·ble*adjective*

capable of being seen <There are thousands of stars *visible* to the naked eye>

vi·ta·min*noun*

any of various organic substances that are essential in minute quantities to the nutrition of most animals and some plants, act especially as coenzymes and precursors of coenzymes in the regulation of metabolic processes but do not provide energy or serve as building units, and are present in natural foodstuffs or sometimes produced within the body <*Vitamin C* may help cure colds>

viv·i·fy*transitive verb*

to endow with life or renewed life
: **ANIMATE** <We long for rains that *vivify* the barren hills>

vol·ume*noun*

the degree of loudness or the intensity of a sound <please turn down the *volume* on the TV>

wan·der*verb*

to move about without a fixed course, aim, or goal <Don't *wander* off and get lost>

wave*noun*

a moving ridge or swell on the surface of a liquid (as of the sea) <The *wave* knocked me over>

wealth·i·est*adjective*

characterized by abundance <Bill was the *wealthiest* man in town>

weath·er*noun*

the state of the atmosphere with respect to heat or cold, wetness or dryness, calm or storm, clearness or cloudiness <The *weather* is generally hot and dry in the summer>

wield*transitive verb*

to handle (as a tool) especially effectively <Mira can *wield* a broom like no other>

