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<b>neigh</b> (hom)	To make the loud, long cry of a horse. Horses <b>neigh</b> and cows moo.
<b>pamphlet</b>	A small unbound book with a paper cover. This ten-page <b>pamphlet</b> tells you all you need to know about your new bicycle.
<b>dolphin</b>	A long-nosed sea animal related to the whale. A <b>dolphin</b> flipped out of the water and snatched a fish from the trainer's fingertips.
<b>rodeo</b>	A cowboy show of riding horses and roping cattle. We watched cowboys ride broncos at the <b>rodeo</b> .
<b>shuttlecock</b>	A small rounded ball with feathers, hit back and forth in the game of badminton. She swung her racket, sending the <b>shuttlecock</b> high over the net.
<b>tortoise</b>	A land turtle. In one of Aesop's fables the <b>tortoise</b> wins a race against the hare.
<b>gauze</b>	A thin, loosely woven cloth. She wrapped a <b>gauze</b> bandage around my finger.
<b>meteor</b>	A piece of stone or metal that comes from outer space and glows brightly as it enters the earth's atmosphere; a shooting star. I saw a <b>meteor</b> flash across the night sky.
<b>eruption</b>	The act of bursting forth or breaking out suddenly. The <b>eruption</b> of the volcano covered the mountainside with molten lava.
<b>Fantasy</b>	Imagination; something imagined. In the land of <b>fantasy</b> , Peter Pan never grows old.
<b>shrivel</b>	To dry up; to wrinkle. When apples <b>shrivel</b> , they lose their juicy taste.

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<b>geyser</b>	A hot spring that from time to time shoots up a spray of steam and hot water. Old Faithful, the famous <b>geyser</b> in Yellowstone National Park, erupts every hour.
<b>airborne</b>	Off the ground; supported by air; carried by air. The plane was <b>airborne</b> seconds after it started down the runway.
<b>blight</b>	A plant disease that causes withering and decay. A <b>blight</b> struck the corn crop and caused the ears of corn to shrivel.
<b>proficient</b>	Skillful; expert. Beth became <b>proficient</b> in typing after practicing all summer.
<b>emigrant</b>	A person who leaves his country to live in another. The Russian <b>emigrant</b> settled on a farm in Israel.
<b>jaunt</b>	A short pleasure trip. Mike and his family went on a weekend <b>jaunt</b> to the lake.
<b>careen</b>	To lean from side to side while moving fast. We watched racing cars <b>careen</b> around a corner of the slippery track.
<b>stationary</b>	Standing still; not moving. He exercises on a <b>stationary</b> bicycle in his room.
<b>barrage</b>	An overwhelming attack by artillery or machine gun fire. The <b>barrage</b> of cannons kept the attacking army from moving forward.
<b>billiards</b>	A game played on a cloth-covered table with hard balls and a long stick. Jim drove the ball right into a pocket to win the game of <b>billiards</b> .
<b>acrid</b>	Bitter or harsh in taste or smell; sharp or irritating. The burning rubber gave off <b>acrid</b> smoke.

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<b>irrigate</b>	To supply the land with water. Farmers <b>irrigate</b> their fields during dry spells.
<b>reservoir</b>	A place where water is stored in quantity. This city has a plentiful supply of water in its <b>reservoir</b> .
<b>plaque</b>	A plate with inscriptions, used for identification or decoration. The principal's office has a <b>plaque</b> on the door with his name on it.
<b>disastrous</b>	Causing great damage or much suffering. Freezing weather was <b>disastrous</b> to the citrus crop in Florida.
<b>query</b>	A question; an inquiry. The library sent me a letter in response to my <b>query</b> about the book.
<b>emcee</b>	A master of ceremonies. The <b>emcee</b> introduced the speaker and the other guests at the banquet.
<b>outmoded</b>	No longer in fashion; no longer practical. The commission abolished the <b>outmoded</b> rules and adopted new ones.
<b>rigorous</b>	Strict; severe; exact. <b>Rigorous</b> enforcement of traffic laws helped reduce the number of accidents.
<b>antonym</b>	A word that means the opposite of another word. Hate is an <b>antonym</b> of love.
<b>pedestal</b>	A base on which a column, a statue, or a lamp stands. The statue of Abraham Lincoln stands on a marble <b>pedestal</b> .
<b>locale</b>	A place or a setting for an event. The <b>locale</b> of the drama is a New England fishing village.
<b>revved</b>	Increased the speed (of an engine). He <b>revved</b> up the engine as he entered the expressway.

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<b>placard</b>	A poster. The man carried a large <b>placard</b> that said "On Strike".
<b>narrative</b>	A story. He wrote an interesting <b>narrative</b> of his travels in China.
<b>mimicry</b>	Humorous imitation. The comedian's <b>mimicry</b> of the President's voice made everyone laugh.
<b>nymph</b>	One of the goddesses of nature in Greek and Roman mythology. The story is about a beautiful <b>nymph</b> who lived in the woods.
<b>resonant</b>	Having a rich, pleasing sound. The announcer's deep, <b>resonant</b> voice charmed his radio audience.
<b>precedent</b>	Something done or said that may serve as a model or an example to be followed later. The court decision set a <b>precedent</b> for other similar cases to follow.
<b>sterilize</b>	To make free of germs. Mothers <b>sterilize</b> baby bottles by boiling them.
<b>procedure</b>	A way or a method of doing something. The doctor explained the surgical <b>procedure</b> to his assistants.
<b>haphazardly</b>	Without planning; aimlessly. "If you want to lose weight, don't try <b>haphazardly</b> ; stick to a diet."
<b>nurture</b>	To bring up; to care for; to train. Most books we read <b>nurture</b> our minds.
<b>compliment</b>	Something said to praise, admire or approve. Mother deserved a <b>compliment</b> for the fine dinner.

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<b>parsley</b>	A small plant with tiny green leaves used for flavoring and garnishing. The roast turkey was served with a garnish of <b>parsley</b> leaves.
<b>stalemate</b>	A tie; a deadlock. The football game was at a <b>stalemate</b> until the Hawks scored the winning touchdown in the closing moments.
<b>strategy</b>	A plan of action. Our team's <b>strategy</b> for the football game was to run more and to pass less.
<b>embroidery</b>	A decoration made by needle work on cloth. Her sweater has an <b>embroidery</b> of roses on the front.
<b>addressee</b>	One to whom a letter or a package is sent. If the <b>addressee</b> has moved, please forward this package to him.
<b>partridge</b>	A general term for a game bird such as the grouse or the quail. The <b>partridge</b> flew away, beating its wings noisily.
<b>scavenger</b>	An animal that feeds on refuse and decaying matter. I keep a snail as a <b>scavenger</b> in my aquarium.
<b>eclipse</b>	The temporary darkening of the sun or the moon. The moon's <b>eclipse</b> is caused by the earth's shadow.
<b>domain</b>	A field of activity or influence. "The kitchen is the chef's <b>domain</b> ; let him do what he pleases."
<b>jaunty</b>	Light-hearted; cheerful; easy and lively. The young comedian walked on stage with <b>jaunty</b> steps.
<b>recurrent</b>	Happening again. He went to see the doctor again about his <b>recurrent</b> headache.
<b>livelihood</b>	A means of support; living. He earned his <b>livelihood</b> by building and selling homes.
<b>adolescence</b>	The period between childhood and adulthood. Acne is a common skin problem during <b>adolescence</b> .
<b>coincidence</b>	The happening of events at the same time by chance. It is quite a <b>coincidence</b> that Steve and his father have their birthdays on the same day.

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<b>infirmity</b>	Weakness; ailment. The <b>infirmity</b> of old age made him stop playing tennis.
<b>excerpt</b>	A passage; a selection. She read an <b>excerpt</b> from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
<b>conscience</b>	A feeling of doubt or uneasiness; a guilty feeling. "I had a <b>conscience</b> about telling the lie."
<b>disciple</b>	A person who follows the teachings of a master. She was such a fine cook that he became a <b>disciple</b> of her art.
<b>mischievous</b>	Naughty; full of pranks. Jeff and his <b>mischievous</b> friends played a prank on Jennifer.
<b>illegible</b>	Not clear to read; incapable of being read. His scribbly handwriting is <b>illegible</b> .
<b>flourish</b>	To grow well; to prosper. Orange groves <b>flourish</b> under the Florida sun.
<b>octopus</b>	A sea animal having a soft body and eight long arms. The <b>octopus</b> is sometimes called the devilfish because of its frightening look.
<b>longitude</b>	Distance east or west on the earth's surface, measured in degrees. The vertical lines on the map are lines of <b>longitude</b> .
<b>herbicide</b>	A chemical used to destroy plants, especially weeds. The farmer spread a <b>herbicide</b> over the cornfield to get rid of weeds.
<b>counterfeit</b>	A fake; fake money. That twenty-dollar bill is worthless because it is a <b>counterfeit</b> .
<b>illiterate</b>	Not knowing how to read and write. Since the man was <b>illiterate</b> , he did not know how to fill out the job application forms.
<b>percussion</b>	The striking of an object against another, especially when sound is produced. Pianos and drums are <b>percussion</b> instruments.
<b>optimistic</b>	Inclined to believe that things will turn out well, hopeful. We were the underdog, but our coach was <b>optimistic</b> about winning the game.
<b>granary</b>	A building for storing grain. The farmer stored wheat in his large <b>granary</b> .

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<b>beguile</b>	To deceive; to cheat. The enemy made a fake retreat to <b>beguile</b> our soldiers.
<b>incidental</b>	Of less importance; happening along with something more important. On the trip you will need <b>incidental</b> expense money for extras like souvenirs and stamps.
<b>veterinarian</b>	An animal doctor. Dave took his dog to a <b>veterinarian</b> for rabies shots.
<b>cymbal</b>	A musical instrument of brass plate for making a clashing sound. The <b>cymbal</b> makes a loud clang when struck against another.
<b>epoch</b>	The beginning of a new period; a period of time during which important events happen. Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone marked an <b>epoch</b> in communication.
<b>pliant</b>	Sending easily; flexible. The <b>pliant</b> reeds swayed in the breeze.
<b>erroneous</b>	Mistaken; incorrect. It is <b>erroneous</b> to believe that the sun moves around the earth.
<b>suede</b>	Soft leather with a nap on one side. The nap on his new <b>suede</b> jacket feels like velvet.
<b>anticipation</b>	Expectation; a looking forward to. He hurried home in <b>anticipation</b> of a warm supper.
<b>literary</b>	Having to do with books and writings. Shakespeare was a <b>literary</b> genius.
<b>occupancy</b>	The act of living in a place, as in a house, an apartment or a room. This hotel makes no additional charge for double <b>occupancy</b> of rooms.
<b>satellite</b>	A heavenly body that revolves around a larger one; an object sent from the earth or revolve around a planet or the sun. The moon is a <b>satellite</b> of the earth.
<b>lubricate</b>	To put oil or grease on machine parts to make them work smoothly. You can <b>lubricate</b> your bicycle by putting oil on the bearings.

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<b>enumerate</b>	To name or count one by one; to list. “Can you <b>enumerate</b> the fifty states in the United States?”
<b>seething</b>	Bubbling and foaming The geyser sent <b>seething</b> waters up in the air.
<b>utility</b>	A service provided to the public; a company that provides a public service. Homeowners pay <b>utility</b> bills for gas, electricity and water.
<b>unfurl</b>	To unroll; to spread out. “Please <b>unfurl</b> the flag so we can raise it.”
<b>consulate</b>	The office of a consul. While in Italy, she went to the American <b>consulate</b> in Rome to have her passport renewed.
<b>befuddle</b>	To confuse; to dull; to perplex. The question seems to <b>befuddle</b> even experts.
<b>expectancy</b>	The state of expecting or being expected; the expected amount; that which is expected. Thanks to modern medicine, life <b>expectancy</b> has risen about the 70 year mark.
<b>cylinder</b>	A long, round body with ends cut flat. The rolling pin has a smooth wooden <b>cylinder</b> used for rolling out dough.
<b>intelligible</b>	Capable of being understood; clear. The man mumbled something barely <b>intelligible</b> .
<b>reprimand</b>	A scolding; a severe reproof. For fighting at school, the boys received a <b>reprimand</b> from the principal.
<b>cylindrical</b>	Shaped like a cylinder. Mallets are hammers with large <b>cylindrical</b> heads.
<b>aerospace</b>	Of or having to do with space and space vehicles; the science dealing with space and space vehicles. Landing man on the moon was a great accomplishment in <b>aerospace</b> technology
<b>unique</b>	Single in kind; having no equal. Neil Armstrong has the <b>unique</b> honor of being the first man to walk on the moon.
<b>vogue</b>	Prevailing fashion or style. Long skirts were in <b>vogue</b> that year among women of all ages.



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<b>torrid</b>	Very hot. Most plants cannot grow in the <b>torrid</b> climate of the desert.
<b>predecessor</b>	One who has held an office or a position before another. The new football coach is much younger than his <b>predecessor</b> .
<b>philosophy</b>	Basic knowledge; wisdom; practical understanding of life and nature. The coach built his football team on the <b>philosophy</b> that the best offense is the best defense.
<b>prophet (hom)</b>	A person who tells what is to come in the future. He was so good at forecasting the weather that they called him a weather <b>prophet</b> .
<b>scalding</b>	Boiling; hot enough to burn. After washing the dishes, she rinsed them in <b>scalding</b> water.
<b>missile</b>	An object thrown or shot, such as a spear or a rocket. The <b>missile</b> fired from the launching pad carried a satellite into space.
<b>morale</b>	The way a group of people feel about how they are progressing toward a goal. The team's <b>morale</b> sagged during their four-game losing streak.
<b>chancellor</b>	The head of a state or of a university. The new <b>chancellor</b> of the university is a former English professor.
<b>helium</b>	A very light gas. Balloons filled with <b>helium</b> float easily.
<b>wheedle</b>	To persuade by pleasing words or flattery. Dan tried to <b>wheedle</b> his brother into giving him the candy.
<b>valet</b>	A hotel employee who performs personal services for guests. Hotel guests may call the <b>valet</b> for laundry and dry cleaning.
<b>personnel</b>	The group of people working for a business or other organization. This company has modern equipment and well-trained <b>personnel</b> to serve its customers.
<b>auxiliary</b>	Serving in a supporting role; held in reserve. The hospital has an <b>auxiliary</b> generator that will produce electricity in a blackout.
<b>genteel</b>	Polite and courteous. The <b>genteel</b> old man shook hands with every customer who came into his store.

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<b>concerted</b>	Planned or done together; combined; joint. The army and the air force made a <b>concerted</b> attack on the fortress.
<b>distillation</b>	The process of heating a liquid to vaporize it and then cooling the vapor to change it back into a liquid. Gasoline is produced by the <b>distillation</b> of crude oil.
<b>maxim</b>	A general truth; a proverbial saying. “That incident reminds me of the <b>maxim</b> ‘A stitch in time saves nine’.”
<b>illogical</b>	Not reasonable; making no sense. His argument was so <b>illogical</b> no one could understand it.
<b>manuscript</b>	An article or a book that is handwritten or typed before it is printed. She sent her 500-page <b>manuscript</b> to a publisher.
<b>initial</b>	Happening at the beginning; first. When she received the job offer, her <b>initial</b> response was no, but she later accepted.
<b>threshold</b>	A doorsill; a beginning point. She paused at the <b>threshold</b> of the room before going in.
<b>discus</b>	A heavy plate thrown in athletic contests. He threw the <b>discus</b> with an underarm swing.
<b>initiative</b>	The first step in doing something; readiness or ability to start doing something. Diane took the <b>initiative</b> in making friends by introducing herself to her new classmates.
<b>regatta</b>	A boat race; a series of boat races. His sailboat finished first in the <b>regatta</b> .
<b>exemplify</b>	To be an example of. Eagle Scouts <b>exemplify</b> the ideals of the Boy Scouts.
<b>sequel</b>	A novel or a movie that continues a story begun in an earlier one; something that follows. “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn” is a <b>sequel</b> to “The Adventures of Tom Sawyer.”
<b>pauper</b>	A very poor person, often supported by charity. His pay was so small he lived like a <b>pauper</b> .

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<b>remembrance</b>	Memory; the act of remembering. Memorial Day is observed in <b>remembrance</b> of those who gave their lives defending their country.
<b>midget</b>	A person who is abnormally small. “A <b>midget</b> we saw at the circus was smaller than a 6 year old boy.”
<b>decathlon</b>	An athletic contest in which each player competes in ten different track and field events. The <b>decathlon</b> includes the javelin and discus throws.
<b>monitory</b>	Giving a warning; scolding mildly. The teacher’s <b>monitory</b> glance hushed the children’s giggles.
<b>pacify</b>	To calm; to quiet down; to make peaceful. She gave the crying child a lollipop to <b>pacify</b> him.
<b>allegiance</b>	Loyalty. The knights pledged their <b>allegiance</b> to the king.
<b>propagate</b>	To produce or cause to produce young; to multiply. Many trees and flowers <b>propagate</b> by seeds.
<b>velocity</b>	Speed. Wind <b>velocity</b> increased rapidly as the hurricane approached.
<b>renovate</b>	To make like new; to repair. The landlord will <b>renovate</b> the apartment before new tenants move in.
<b>forum</b>	A discussion held in public; a meeting for such a discussion. The mayor answered many questions at the city <b>forum</b> .
<b>legion</b>	An army, a large number. She had a <b>legion</b> of supporters who campaigned hard for her election.
<b>benefactor</b>	One who gives money or other help; a patron. The symphony orchestra received a large donation from a wealthy <b>benefactor</b> .
<b>ledger</b>	A book for keeping records of money received and paid by a business. The store owner updated his <b>ledger</b> every week to keep track of his profits.
<b>buoyancy</b>	The tendency or the power to float in water or other liquid. This life jacket gives you <b>buoyancy</b> because it is filled with cork.

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<b>ineptitude</b>	Lack of skill for a particular task. His <b>ineptitude</b> in business led to his bankruptcy.
<b>oppressive</b>	Harsh and burdensome; cruel and unjust. The people revolted against the dictator's <b>oppressive</b> rule.
<b>traceable</b>	Capable of being traced. Much of the heat loss in a house is <b>traceable</b> to doors and windows.
<b>municipal</b>	Of a city. He went to the <b>municipal</b> court to pay his traffic fine.
<b>acquisition</b>	Something gained or bought. The latest <b>acquisition</b> of the museum is a painting by Picasso.
<b>quorum</b>	The minimum number of members that must be present to hold a meeting or to take a vote. The committee couldn't get a <b>quorum</b> because more than half of the members were on vacation.
<b>exhalation</b>	The act of breathing out. During <b>exhalation</b> , the lungs get rid of carbon dioxide.
<b>purge</b>	To rid of things or persons that are undesirable; to cleanse. At the end of the year the secretary will <b>purge</b> her files.
<b>terminus</b>	An end; the last stop. New York is the <b>terminus</b> of their train trip across America.
<b>boisterous</b>	Violent, rough, or noisy. The <b>boisterous</b> roar of the crowd drowned the speaker's voice.
<b>turmoil</b>	A condition of agitation and confusion. The escaped lions put the circus in a <b>turmoil</b> .
<b>morsel</b>	A small piece; a bit. "I enjoyed every <b>morsel</b> of the cake you baked."
<b>combustible</b>	Capable of catching fire and burning. "To prevent fires, keep paper and other <b>combustible</b> material away from fireplaces."
<b>therefore</b>	For that reason. I disagreed; <b>therefore</b> , I voted no.

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<b>pestle</b>	A hand tool used for grinding something. The pharmacist used a <b>pestle</b> to grind medicine in a mortar.
<b>precipitation</b>	The falling of moisture, as rain, snow, sleet or hail. The snow and rain yesterday gave us one inch of <b>precipitation</b> .
<b>nautical</b>	Of the sea or navigation. The captain studied his <b>nautical</b> charts before sailing into the bay.
<b>elation</b>	High spirits; pride; joy. She felt great <b>elation</b> at winning the contest.
<b>amiable</b>	Friendly and sociable; good-natured. Susan is an <b>amiable</b> young lady; she is like by everyone in her class.
<b>codger</b>	An odd or peculiar man. The owner of the country store was a friendly old <b>codger</b> .
<b>fissure</b>	A long narrow opening. The earthquake created a <b>fissure</b> a mile long and two feet wide.
<b>immersible</b>	Capable of being dipped into a liquid without damage. This coffee pot is <b>immersible</b> in water for cleaning.
<b>heirloom</b>	Something valuable handed down in a family for generations. This candlestick is an <b>heirloom</b> that once belonged to Janet's great-grandmother.
<b>attire</b>	Clothing. The richness of the queen's <b>attire</b> dazzled her guests.
<b>idiocy</b>	A very foolish act; something very stupid. "Going out in this weather without wearing a coat is <b>idiocy</b> ."
<b>exotic</b>	Foreign; unusual. Jane grows <b>exotic</b> tropical flowers in her greenhouse.
<b>galore</b>	Plentiful; in abundance. Shoppers found bargains <b>galore</b> at the store.
<b>hodgepodge</b>	A confused mixture; a jumble. His report was a <b>hodgepodge</b> of articles copied from several books.
<b>millinery</b>	The business of making and selling women's hats. She bought her Easter hat at the new <b>millinery</b> .

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<b>smirk</b>	An affected, silly or self-satisfied smile. She gave him a <b>smirk</b> that seemed to say, "I don't believe you."
<b>obstinate</b>	Stubborn; not giving in to reasoning; unwilling to do what others want. The <b>obstinate</b> mule would not pull the farmer's plow.
<b>populace</b>	All the people living in an area; the common people. The military government was never supported by the <b>populace</b> .
<b>deluge</b>	A heavy downpour; a flood. The rain came down in a <b>deluge</b> which filled the streets with ankle-deep water.
<b>elegant</b>	Showing good taste; refined; graceful and beautiful. She looked <b>elegant</b> in her long silk dress.
<b>nectar</b>	A sweet liquid found in flowers. Bees take <b>nectar</b> from flowers to make honey.
<b>chimpanzee</b>	An intelligent ape smaller than the gorilla. The smart <b>chimpanzee</b> quickly learned to use the tools in the lab.
<b>delinquent</b>	Failing to do what is required; neglecting obligation. If a customer is <b>delinquent</b> in paying his bills, he loses his credit.
<b>colleague</b>	An associate; a fellow worker. Professor Smith is Professor Brown's <b>colleague</b> at the university.
<b>exquisite</b>	Delicately beautiful. Her birthday cake had an <b>exquisite</b> design of roses and letters iced in bright colors.
<b>podium</b>	A raised platform for a speaker or an orchestra conductor. The conductor stepped onto the <b>podium</b> and signaled the orchestra to play.
<b>secrete</b>	To produce and give off a substance. Flowers <b>secrete</b> nectar which bees use to make honey.
<b>vermin</b>	Troublesome or harmful insects and small animals, like roaches and mice. The old run-down houses were infested with <b>vermin</b> .
<b>unkempt</b>	Not combed; not neat; not properly cared for. The beggar had a dirty face and long <b>unkempt</b> hair.
<b>renown</b>	Fame. Robin Hood won <b>renown</b> as the best archer in England.

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<b>aspirant</b>	A person who seeks a high position or honor. For ten years she has been an <b>aspirant</b> to the office of mayor.
<b>rogue</b>	A tricky, dishonest person; one who plays pranks; a rascal. That little <b>rogue</b> put a frog in my lunch box.
<b>abacus</b>	A frame with rows of sliding beads, used for calculating. Sliding beads back and forth, he added numbers on an <b>abacus</b> .
<b>lineage</b>	Ancestry; the line of ancestors. His <b>lineage</b> can be traced to the king of England.
<b>censor</b>	An official who examines movies, books or letters to remove anything though harmful or unsuitable. The <b>censor</b> checked all mail going in to and going out of the prison.
<b>anecdote</b>	A short story about an interesting incident. She told us the <b>anecdote</b> about George Washington and the cherry tree.
<b>ominous</b>	Seeming to foretell a bad happening. Since the dark clouds looked <b>ominous</b> , we decided to postpone the picnic.
<b>criticism</b>	A careful judgment or review about something. “I would like to have your <b>criticism</b> and comments when you finish reading my book.”
<b>acclaim</b>	Praise; loud applause. The hero won <b>acclaim</b> for his bravery.
<b>burlap</b>	A coarse cloth used in making sacks or wrappings. He dug out the rose bush and wrapped its roots with <b>burlap</b> for transplanting.
<b>intrigue</b>	To arouse interest; to fascinate. The mysteries of the universe <b>intrigue</b> astronomers.
<b>laxity</b>	Lack of strictness; looseness; carelessness. Because of <b>laxity</b> in discipline, many players skipped practice sessions.
<b>aluminum</b>	A silver-white metal of light weight. <b>Aluminum</b> is used in making airplanes because it is light, strong and rust-free.
<b>indulgent</b>	Yielding to the desires of others or oneself; not very strict. His <b>indulgent</b> mother bought him anything he asked for.

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<b>forestall</b>	To prevent by acting in advance; to hold off. The company made every effort to <b>forestall</b> the strike.
<b>mystify</b>	To perplex; to puzzle. The murder case continued to <b>mystify</b> detectives.
<b>corral</b>	An enclosed place for keeping animals. The cowboys herded the cattle into a white-fenced <b>corral</b> .
<b>forlorn</b>	Lonesome; deserted; sad and miserable; left alone. The stray dog looked hungry and <b>forlorn</b> .
<b>saxophone</b>	A wind instrument having a single-reed mouthpiece, a curved metal body with finger keys, and a tone deeper than that of a clarinet. Jim plays a <b>saxophone</b> in the jazz band.
<b>jubilant</b>	Showing great joy. The <b>jubilant</b> players carried the coach on their shoulders in the victory celebration.
<b>annuity</b>	A yearly allowance; money paid regularly, as in a pension. The retired couple lived on a modest <b>annuity</b> paid by their insurance company.
<b>equivalent</b>	Equal One dollar is <b>equivalent</b> to four quarters.
<b>strenuous</b>	Requiring much energy or effort. Shoveling the deep snow on the long driveway was <b>strenuous</b> work.
<b>relevant</b>	Related to the matter at hand. The judge dismissed the witness because her testimony was not <b>relevant</b> to the case.
<b>protein</b>	A substance that contains nitrogen and is needed for the growth of plant and animal cells. Meat and beans are rich in <b>protein</b> .
<b>obsolete</b>	Out of date; no longer useful. Since the store has a new catalog, the old one is <b>obsolete</b> .
<b>tinsel</b>	Thin strips of glittering metal, paper or plastic used in decoration. A garland of silver <b>tinsel</b> glittered on the tree.
<b>stealthily</b>	Secretly; quietly to avoid notice. Not making a sound, the cat moved <b>stealthily</b> toward the mouse.



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<b>harpsichord</b>	A musical instrument played like a piano. The <b>harpsichord</b> looks like a baby grand piano but sounds more like a harp.
<b>irrelevant</b>	Having nothing to do with the subject; unrelated. Whether you like dogs or cats is <b>irrelevant</b> to our discussion about zoo animals.
<b>comparable</b>	Equivalent; having qualities worthy of comparison. Soybeans are <b>comparable</b> to steaks in protein content.
<b>jocular</b>	Jesting; jovial; joking. He teased his friends and made them laugh at his <b>jocular</b> remarks.
<b>huckster</b>	A peddler, especially of fruits and vegetables. A <b>huckster</b> went around the neighborhood selling baskets of tomatoes.
<b>supplant</b>	To take the place of someone else; to replace. Computers can <b>supplant</b> people in doing simple jobs.
<b>deference</b>	Respect; courteous regard. In <b>deference</b> to their grandmother's wishes, they stayed at her house another day.
<b>bounteous</b>	Plentiful; generous. The pilgrims were thankful for the <b>bounteous</b> blessings of harvest.
<b>tenure</b>	The right of holding an office; the length of time of holding an office. The newly-elected President won a four-year <b>tenure</b> to the White House.
<b>impetuous</b>	Acting hastily. He wished he hadn't made the <b>impetuous</b> decision.
<b>grimace</b>	A twisting of the face showing displeasure or pain. A <b>grimace</b> of annoyance crossed her face when she had to answer several embarrassing questions.
<b>surmount</b>	To overcome. Abraham Lincoln had to <b>surmount</b> many obstacles in his rise to the Presidency.
<b>recourse</b>	A turning to for help; a source of help. As a last <b>recourse</b> , they appealed the case to the Supreme Court.
<b>straggle</b>	To stray behind; to spread out in a scattered way. The children began to <b>straggle</b> into camp after the long hike.

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<b>scaly</b>	Covered with scales. The <b>scaly</b> wall had to be scraped before it could be painted.
<b>gawky</b>	Clumsy; awkward. The gorilla walked around with a <b>gawky</b> gait.
<b>mulberry</b>	A tree with broad leaves and edible purple fruit shaped like blackberries. Silkworms feed on <b>mulberry</b> leaves.
<b>decipher</b>	To make out the meaning of something hard to understand. No one could <b>decipher</b> the secret code in the spy's letter.
<b>tariff</b>	A tax on imports or exports. Because of the high <b>tariff</b> , anything made outside the country is very expensive.
<b>appraise</b>	To set a value on. She had a jeweler <b>appraise</b> her diamond to determine its worth.
<b>assessor</b>	A person who sets the values of property for taxation. The <b>assessor</b> said the house was worth \$100,000.
<b>tentacles</b>	Long, slender, flexible body parts of some animals, used for feeling or grasping. The octopus seized a small fish in its <b>tentacles</b> .
<b>daffodil</b>	A plant with yellow flowers and slender leaves. The <b>daffodil</b> blooms in early spring.
<b>undaunted</b>	Not afraid or discouraged. <b>Undaunted</b> by his earlier interceptions, the quarterback threw another long pass.
<b>corpulent</b>	Fat; large and bulky. The wrestler, a <b>corpulent</b> giant, weighed nearly 400 pounds.
<b>swarthy</b>	Having a dark skin. The <b>swarthy</b> Indians called the white settlers palefaces.
<b>perseverance</b>	Continued or steadfast effort in spite of difficulties. After many years of <b>perseverance</b> the Wright brothers finally made their airplane fly.
<b>hemisphere</b>	One half of a globe; one of the halves of the earth's surface. Europe and Asia are in the same <b>hemisphere</b> .
<b>tapestry</b>	A heavy woven cloth with decorative designs. A large <b>tapestry</b> hangs on the living room wall.

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<b>augment</b>	To add to; to increase. He worked at night to <b>augment</b> his income.
<b>intuition</b>	The power to understand something by instinct. Many persons depend on <b>intuition</b> more than reason when they form opinions about others.
<b>ardor</b>	Warmth of emotion; enthusiasm; eagerness. The patriots' <b>ardor</b> soon cooled off after the war ended.
<b>ambiguity</b>	Uncertainty of meaning; vagueness. He spoke with <b>ambiguity</b> to avoid definite answers.
<b>linear</b>	Of or like a line; having to do with length. Inches and centimeters are units of <b>linear</b> measure.
<b>consensus</b>	General agreement; an opinion generally held. The family reached a <b>consensus</b> on a Florida vacation.
<b>intricate</b>	Very complicated; hard to follow or understand. It took Bob and Sue all day to figure out that <b>intricate</b> puzzle.
<b>indelible</b>	Incapable of being erased or washed; permanent. Johnny wrote his name on the football in <b>indelible</b> ink.
<b>zealous</b>	Very eager; very enthusiastic. His <b>zealous</b> supporters wanted to make him emperor.
<b>bane</b>	Something harmful or destructive. The smoke from the factory was the <b>bane</b> of the neighboring townspeople.
<b>interminable</b>	Endless; seeming to be endless; very long. The wait in line seemed <b>interminable</b> to the weary customers.
<b>toxic</b>	Poisonous <b>Toxic</b> chemicals leaked into the lake and killed all the fish.
<b>incessant</b>	Uninterrupted; constant; continual. The <b>incessant</b> chirping of crickets lasted all evening.
<b>niche</b>	A place in a wall to hold a statue. A marble statue stood in a <b>niche</b> at the bottom of the stairway.
<b>invigorate</b>	To give energy or strength; to refresh. On a hot day a dip in the swimming pool will <b>invigorate</b> you.

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<b>albeit</b>	Although The food at the restaurant was very good, <b>albeit</b> expensive.
<b>defendant</b>	A person who is sued or accused in a court. The judge declared the <b>defendant</b> innocent.
<b>inflammation</b>	Swelling and redness in some part of the body, often accompanied by heat and pain. I had an inflammation in my throat from a cold.
<b>riddance</b>	A removal; the act of getting rid of. “The mosquitoes are gone, and good <b>riddance</b> .”
<b>medieval</b>	Of the Middle Ages. Robin Hood was a legendary outlaw of <b>medieval</b> England.
<b>tendon</b>	A strong cord or band of tissue joining a muscle to a bone. When he fell, he tore a <b>tendon</b> at the back of his ankle.
<b>caboose</b>	A small car, usually at the end of a freight train, in which trainmen sleep and rest. The <b>caboose</b> has a stove so that the trainmen can cook their meals.
<b>scrimmage</b>	A confused struggle; in football, the play that follows the snapping of the ball. The quarter back fumbled the football in the <b>scrimmage</b> .
<b>temperament</b>	A person’s nature or disposition. Since Becky has a calm <b>temperament</b> , she rarely gets upset.
<b>rancid</b>	Having the smell or the taste of stale fat. That <b>rancid</b> butter is unfit to eat.
<b>inference</b>	The act of finding out by reasoning; the act of figuring out from something known or assumed. Weathermen make their forecasts by <b>inference</b> .
<b>prejudiced</b>	Having a strong feeling or an opinion formed unfairly or without good reason; biased. Since the judge was <b>prejudiced</b> against the defendant, he could not hold a fair trial.
<b>capacious</b>	Roomy; capable of holding a large quantity. The carpenter carried a hammer and nails in her <b>capacious</b> pocket.
<b>opulent</b>	Rich; plentiful; luxurious. The king entertained the guests with an <b>opulent</b> banquet.

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<b>aggregate</b>	A collection; a total. The <b>aggregate</b> of small contributions in dimes and quarters amounted to more than \$100.
<b>hyacinth</b>	A plant of the lily family, with a cluster of small bell-shaped flowers. The sweet-smelling <b>hyacinth</b> blooms in early spring.
<b>arrogant</b>	Offensively proud; having too much pride. The <b>arrogant</b> young genius tried to show how smart he was.
<b>brazen</b>	Bold and shameless. In <b>brazen</b> defiance of the law, he parked his car in front of a “No Parking” sign.
<b>emissary</b>	A person sent on a mission as the representative of another. The ambassador was sent as the President’s <b>emissary</b> to negotiate a treaty.
<b>bedlam</b>	A scene of confusion, disorder or noisy uproar. <b>Bedlam</b> reigned in the stadium when the home team won the championship.
<b>infallible</b>	Free from error; unailing. This computer has an <b>infallible</b> memory.
<b>unanimous</b>	In full agreement by all members. The judges were <b>unanimous</b> in their decision to declare David the winner.
<b>dearth</b>	Scarcity; short supply. The football team suffered from a <b>dearth</b> of quarterback talent.
<b>propriety</b>	Correctness of behavior. The <b>propriety</b> of calling someone this late in the evening is questionable.
<b>inherent</b>	Belonging by nature; forming an essential quality. Freedom of speech is <b>inherent</b> in the American way of democracy.
<b>caribou</b>	A large deer that lives in arctic regions of North America. Both male and female <b>caribou</b> grow antlers.
<b>turban</b>	A headdress made of a long scarf wound around the head. The Moslem man wore a white <b>turban</b> drawn over his forehead.
<b>wrangle</b>	A noisy quarrel; an angry dispute. The players got into a <b>wrangle</b> over the rules of the games.

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<b>capricious</b>	Fickle; given to whim; unpredictable; changeable. The <b>capricious</b> weather brought thunderclouds out of the blue sky.
<b>tundra</b>	A treeless plain in arctic regions. In the fall, reindeer migrate south across the <b>tundra</b> .
<b>vigilance</b>	Watchfulness; alertness. The sentry guarded his post with <b>vigilance</b> .
<b>moccasins</b>	Soft leather shoes without heels. When Karen got home, she took off her boots and put on <b>moccasins</b> .
<b>sauerkraut</b>	Shredded cabbage fermented in its own juice with salt until sour. I had sausage and <b>sauerkraut</b> for lunch at the German restaurant.
<b>limousine</b>	A large luxurious automobile; a small bus for transporting passengers to and from an airport. They took a <b>limousine</b> from the airport to the hotel.
<b>acme</b>	The highest point. Winning the Super Bowl was the <b>acme</b> of his coaching career.
<b>rouge</b>	A reddish cosmetic put on cheeks or lips. Her healthy complexion needed no <b>rouge</b> .
<b>hypnotize</b>	To put a person in a trance; to fascinate. He can <b>hypnotize</b> an audience with the eloquence of his speaking.
<b>lithe</b>	Bending easily. Her <b>lithe</b> body rolled over in a graceful somersault.
<b>etiquette</b>	Rules of conduct expected of polite people. Speaking with your mouth full isn't good <b>etiquette</b> .
<b>bazaar</b>	A fair where many kinds of articles are sold; a store offering many kinds of articles. The church members held a <b>bazaar</b> to raise money for the orphanage.
<b>irresistible</b>	Incapable of being resisted or opposed; overpowering. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies was <b>irresistible</b> to the hungry children.
<b>mammoth</b>	Very large; gigantic. The circus set up a <b>mammoth</b> tent that could hold thousands of people.
<b>chauffeur</b>	A person whose job is driving an automobile. The <b>chauffeur</b> opened the door for Mary as she entered the limousine.



