

**abandon**

n. [отказаться] lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

*With her parents out of town, Kelly danced all night with abandon.*

**abduction**

n. [похищения] the criminal act of capturing and carrying away by force

*The movie Ransom describes the attempts to rescue a multimillionaire's son after the child's abduction by kidnapers.*

**abject**

a. [крайней] being of the most miserable kind; wretched; lacking pride; brought low in condition or status

*On the streets of New York, the homeless live in abject poverty, huddling in doorways to find shelter from the wind.*

**abrasive**

a. [абразивных] rubbing away; tending to grind down

*The ash can also cause long-term abrasive damage to planes that could lead to later disasters if not dealt with.*

**absolute**

a. [абсолютная] perfect in quality or nature; complete; totally unlimited; certain

*Although the King was an absolute monarch, he did not want to behead his unfaithful wife without certain evidence.*

**absolve**

v. [освобождает] pronounce clear of guilt or blame; grant remission of sin to; acquit

*The priest will absolve him and tell him how to say at the party.*

**absorb**

v. [поглощают] assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; occupy full attention

*By contrast, what students can absorb from a one-day visit to a college are the tangibles.*

**abstinence**

n. [воздержания] restraint from eating or drinking; refraining from indulging appetite or desire

*The doctor recommended total abstinence from salted foods.*

**abstract**

a. [Аннотация] theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

*To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.*

**abusive**

a. [оскорбительные] coarsely insulting; physically harmful; characterized by improper or wrongful use

*There has been abusive language on both sides that never want to get agreement from the beginning.*

**abyss**

n. [пропасть] enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit; any deep, immeasurable space; hell

*Are we to believe that the only thing between us and the abyss is the deficit's size, and the more the government borrows, the better off we shall be?*

**academic**

a. [академических] related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to the

scholarly organization; based on formal education

*The dean's talk about reforming the college admissions system was only an academic discussion.*

## accelerate

v. [ускорения] move faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

*Demand for Taiwanese goods likely will accelerate from the second quarter, as strong Asian demand offsets the effects of a U.S. slowdown.*

## accessible

a. [доступны] easily approached or entered; obtainable; easy to talk to or get along with

*Simon and James will no longer be posting to The Hearing; however, all previous posts will remain accessible here.*

## accessory

n. [аксессуары] additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item

*Another accessory is a tripod needed to prevent camera shake, especially when the shutter speed drops below the tenth second at a wide-angle shot.*

## accommodate

v. [размещения] do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

*The stage in the public auditorium can easily be adjusted to accommodate from a full-scale musical production to one by a solo vocalist.*

## accomplice

n. [сообщника] partner in crime; associate in wrongdoing

*Because your accomplice is a stranger, it's safer than asking a friend to participate in your ruse.*

## accord

n. [соглашение] settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

*Although the accord is a small step forward, politicians worldwide have their work cut out for them.*

## acknowledge

v. [признать] declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

*Although I acknowledge that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to my brothers' songs.*

## acme

n. [Асме] the highest point or level, as of achievement or development; maturity or perfection of animal

*His success in this role marked the acme of his career as an actor.*

## acquire

v. [приобрести] gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with a tracking system

*They acquire a reputation for being difficult to work with.*

## acquittal

n. [оправдания] state of being found or proved not guilty; judgment of not guilty

*His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.*

**acute**

a. [острого] quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

*Her early writing was grounded in acute observation of the natural world.*

**adage**

n. [поговорка] wise saying; brief familiar proverb; expression of popular wisdom

*After reflecting on how I felt a year ago during the election itself and how I feel now, I do have to say that the adage is true: governing is harder than campaigning.*

**adamant**

a. [Адамант] extremely hard; inflexible; stubbornly unyielding

*Speaker Pelosi came out of that meeting, and she was once again adamant about saying a public option must be in the bill.*

**adapt**

v. [адаптироваться] make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

*One way to adapt is to become smaller, generation by generation.*

**addiction**

n. [наркомании] the compulsive physiological and psychological need for a substance; being abnormally dependent on something

*No matter what form we find it in, addiction is not fun; drugs, alcohol, overeating, overworking, smoking or sex.*

**address**

v. [адрес] make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

*Brown planned to address the issue of low-income housing in his speech.*

**adept**

a. [адепт] expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

*Williams was known as an adept improviser who effortlessly switched between classical, jazz, and pop styles.*

**adhere**

v. [придерживаться] stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

*That is why the claying is necessary; it makes the grain adhere to the earth; otherwise, it would float.*

**adjacent**

a. [смежных] adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

*Philip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, close but not immediately adjacent.*

**administration**

n. [Администрация] management; supervision; people who are in charge of management; the activity of government for powers and duties

*Obviously, the key person in administration is the man in the White House.*

**adolescence**

n. [подростковом возрасте] state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

*The big issue in adolescence is that all kids strive for independence.*

**adversary**

n. [противника] the opponent in a contest; someone who offers opposition

*The young wrestler struggled to defeat his adversary.*

**adverse**

a. [неблагоприятных] in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

*The recession had a highly adverse effect on his father's investment portfolio: he lost so much money that he could no longer afford the house.*

**adversity**

n. [невзгоды] state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune

*A young boy whose strength in adversity is an inspiration to all who know him.*

**advocate**

v. [адвокат] speak, plead, or argue in favor of; plead for; push for something

*Some doctors advocate a smoking ban in the entire house.*

**aesthetic**

a. [эстетическое] elegant or tasteful; of or concerning the appreciation of beauty or good taste

*Kenneth Cole, the American designer, known for his modern, urban aesthetic, is hawking \$35 T-shirts.*

**affected**

a. [пострадавших] speaking or behaving in an artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked

*The other boys laughed so unmercifully at what they termed my affected accent.*

**affidavit**

n. [аффидевит] written statement made under oath

*This is an official affidavit from the court, and it is saying that the whole thing was a hoax.*

**affiliation**

n. [принадлежности] partnership; alliance; association in the same family or society

*This affiliation is a way for us to provide our clients with the full spectrum of services and expertise they need.*

**affliction**

n. [бедствие] cause or condition of pain, suffering, or distress

*Even in the midst of her affliction, Elizabeth tried to keep up the spirits of those around her.*

**aftermath**

n. [после] outcome; consequence, especially of a disaster or misfortune

*The most critical lesson Barbara has learned from her diagnosis and the aftermath is the importance of selecting a good facility and sticking with it.*

**agenda**

n. [Повестка дня] items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered

*His agenda is certainly different from the President's and the administration's, but we will seek additional opportunities to work together with him.*

**agent**

n. [агент] one that acts on behalf of other persons or organizations

*Whether your agent is acting in your best interests, I posed that question to a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors.*

**aggressor**

n. [агрессора] one that engages in aggression; a person who first attacks

*The most violent reactions arise when the aggressor is the child's stepfather, the mother's new boyfriend, or her new husband.*

**alias**

n. [Alias] assumed name; another name; a name that has been assumed temporarily

*Since the alias is already defined in our management pack, it should work fine.*

**alien**

a. [чужеродн♦♦е] dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

*If you think about it, that's totally alien to what a drug company might be expected to do because if you eradicate a disease, there's no need for that drug at all.*

**alienate**

v. [отчуждать] cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

*We could not see what should again alienate us from one another or how one brother could again oppress another.*

**alimony**

n. [алименты] payment by a husband to his divorced wife, or vice versa

*Also, payer and payee can't file joint tax returns in the same year alimony is paid.*

**allegiance**

n. [верность] loyalty to a nation, sovereign, or cause; fidelity to any person or thing; devotion

*They didn't want to salute the flag, saying that kind of allegiance is only for God.*

**alleviate**

v. [облегчения] provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier; remove in part

*This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.*

**alloy**

n. [сплав] mixture; a combination of diverse things

*In its ideal form, the alloy is a crystal with each element occupying specific crystal locations relative to one another.*

**allure**

v. [привлекательность] attract with something desirable; be highly, often subtly attractive

*Promises of quick profits allure the unwary investor.*

**aloof**

a. [стороне] apart; remote in manner; distant physically or emotionally; reserved and remote

*In this age of information and communication, no sector can remain aloof from the revolution in these fields.*

**altercation**

n. [ссоры] a noisy quarrel; contention in words; dispute carried on with heat or anger; controversy

*So loud were their voices raised in an altercation that the storm without was scarce heeded.*

**amend**

v. [изменить] change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

*Would McCain amend executive orders to ensure that communications between persons outside government and White House staff are disclosed to the public?*

**amiss**

a. [добро] out of proper order; not in perfect shape; faulty

*I knew that weapons would not come in amiss, and I re-entered his room to get his rifle and shot-gun.*

### **ammunition**

n. [боеприпасов] military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

*I will carry these two rifles myself; the ammunition is all there except that bag in the corner.*

### **amnesia**

n. [амнезия] partial or total loss of memory, usually resulting from shock or illness

*Selective amnesia is a politically valuable trait.*

### **amnesty**

n. [амнистия] the general pardon granted by the government, especially for political offenses

*If the amnesty is approved by parliament, it will apply to capital stashed in off-shore tax havens up to the end of last year.*

### **amoral**

a. [аморальным] lacking moral sensibility; not caring about right and wrong

*Compared with evil immorality, being amoral is more like being naughty.*

### **ample**

a. [достаточно] more than enough in size or scope or capacity; relatively large

*They insist that food is being provided to the Palestinians in ample supplies and that the only way to weaken Hamas is to maintain the blockade.*

### **amulet**

n. [амулет] object worn, especially around the neck, as a charm against evil or injury; charm

*In Thailand, the Jatukam Ramathep amulet is popular with everyone from Bangkok bankers to village taxi drivers.*

### **analogy**

n. [аналогии] the similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

*This analogy is almost always noted without further comment, although it may be taken further.*

### **anarchy**

n. [анархия] absence of governing body; state of disorder; political disorder and confusion

*One might say that eastern Congo is already in anarchy, but Congo has faded from the headlines in recent months.*

### **anchor**

v. [якоря] secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or coordinate

*We set the post in concrete to anchor it in place.*

### **anecdote**

n. [анекдот] a short account of the amusing or interesting event; short narrative; a secret story of history or biography

*Of all the millions who are moved by this historic occasion, my anecdote is and would be far less remarkable while I am amongst these.*

### **anemia**

n. [анемии] condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles; deficiency of red blood cells; lack of vitality

*Long-standing illnesses often result in anemia, loss of weight, and occasional bleeding from the stomach.*

**anesthetic**

n. [анестезии] a substance that causes loss of sensation; producing temporary loss or impairment of feeling

*His monotonous voice acted as an anesthetic; his audience was soon asleep.*

**anguish**

n. [тоска] agonizing physical or mental pain; extreme suffering

*Visiting the explosion site, the governor wept to see the anguish of the victims and their families.*

**animated**

a. [анимационные] having life or vigor or spirit; filled with activity; in the form of cartoon

*On entering his room, I found Holmes in animated conversation with two men.*

**animosity**

n. [вражды] bitter hostility; active hatred; hostile feeling or act

*I've worked for Bill Clinton for years, and Bill Clinton, another Democrat who pushed socially responsible programs, got a lot of animosity from the right.*

**annex**

v. [Приложение] append or attach; take possession of; incorporate into an existing political unit

*Mexico objected to the United States' attempts to annex the territory that later became Texas.*

**anomaly**

n. [аномалии] irregularity; a person or something unusual; departure from the normal or common order

*No doubt, this anomaly is the result of the uncertain international environment and high-interest rates.*

**anonymity**

n. [анонимность] state of being nameless; one that is unknown or unacknowledged

*In my view, death in anonymity is the ultimate insult to human dignity.*

**anonymous**

a. [Аноним] having no name; having an unknown or unacknowledged name

*The buyer, who wished to remain anonymous, is a foreigner with homes in Europe.*

**anthem**

n. [Гимн] song of praise or patriotism; the song of devotion or loyalty

*Let us now all join in singing the national anthem.*

**anthropologist**

n. [антрополог] one who studies history and science of mankind

*Eighty-three years ago, an anthropologist from the Field Museum dug up the remains of 22 people from marked graves in Labrador, Canada.*

**antidote**

n. [противоядием] medicine to counteract a poison or disease; an agent that relieves or counteracts

*They believe that because this anti-heroin antidote is what finally worked with some of the victims.*

**antiquated**

a. [устаревшие] too old to be fashionable, suitable, or useful; obsolete; aged

*We are tolerably conversant with the early English poets; and can discover no resemblance whatever, except in antiquated spelling and a few obsolete words.*

**antiseptic**

n. [антисептическое] a substance that prevents infection; a substance that restricts the growth of disease-causing microorganisms

*Regular washing with antiseptic is often enough to heal a skin infection.*

**ape**

v. [обезьяна] imitate; mimic, as an ape imitates human actions

*You will be suspended for a week if you ape the principal in front of the whole school like Tom.*

**apocalyptic**

a. [апокалиптические] prophetic; involving or portending widespread devastation

*The crowd jeered the preacher's apocalyptic predictions of doom at the street.*

**apparatus**

n. [аппарата] a group of parts that work together to perform a given function; appliance, or device for a particular purpose

*When the apparatus is at work, this gas becomes luminous, giving out a white and continuous light.*

**appease**

v. [успокоить] bring peace, quiet, or calm to; satisfy or relieve

*Tom and Jody tried to appease the crying baby by offering him one toy after another, but he would not calm down.*

**application**

n. [применение] close attention; work of applying something; verbal or written request for assistance

*Pleased with how well Tom had whitewashed the fence, Aunt Polly praised him for his application to the task.*

**appreciate**

v. [оценить] be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

*I am truly thankful for the stocks, which would appreciate in value considerably in future years.*

**apprehend**

v. [задержания] take into custody; arrest a criminal; grasp mentally; perceive

*The police will apprehend the culprit and convict him.*

**appropriate**

v. [соответствующие] acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

*The ranch owners appropriate the lands that have originally been set aside for the Indians' use.*

**aptitude**

n. [способности] inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

*The counselor gave him an aptitude test before advising him about the career he should follow.*

**arbitrary**

a. [произвольной] randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

*He threw an arbitrary assortment of clothes into his suitcase and headed off, not caring where he went.*

**arbitrator**

n. [арбитр] someone chosen to judge and decide the disputed issue; one having the power to make authoritative decisions

*Claimants in these cases would choose a single public arbitrator from a list of qualified individuals.*



**arcade**

n. [Аркады] covered passageway, usually lined with shops; simple arched opening in a wall; vault or vaulted place

*The arcade was popular with shoppers because it protected the summer sun and the winter rain.*

**archives**

n. [Архив] public records; place where public records are kept

*These documents should be part of the archives so that historians may evaluate them in the future.*

**aria**

n. [Ария] operatic solo; a solo vocal piece with instrumental accompaniment

*Of course, throwing a pop star at an aria is a particularly uninspired solution.*

**array**

v. [массив] set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement

*He requested to array the whole regiment on the parade ground.*

**arrest**

v. [арест] stop or slow down; catch someone's attention; take into custody

*The trapeze artists plunge from the heights until a safety net luckily arrest their fall.*

**arrogance**

n. [высокомерие] overbearing pride; haughtiness; manifest feeling of personal superiority in rank, power, or estimation

*I also think his arrogance is also turning people off.*

**arrogant**

a. [высокомерным] arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

*He often speaks in an arrogant tone, which doesn't encourage others to discuss with him.*

**arsenal**

n. [Арсенал] storage place for military equipment; a stock of weapons

*People are forbidden to smoke in the arsenal because a stray spark might set off the munitions stored there.*

**articulate**

a. [сформулировать] expressing oneself easily in clear and effective language

*Her articulate presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers.*

**artifact**

n. [артефакта] the object made by human beings; inaccurate observation, effect, or result

*Archaeologists debated the significance of the artifact discovered in the ruins of Asia Minor but did not conclude.*

**ascertain**

v. [установить] find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of

*Please ascertain her present address.*

**asinine**

a. [глупый] utterly stupid or silly; inanely foolish

*Your asinine remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.*

**aspire**

v. [Aspire] seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end

*If you aspire to a career in professional sports, please enroll in a graduate program in sports management.*

### **assert**

v. [утверждать] declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly  
*If you quit acting like a wimp and assert yourself a bit more, you'd improve your chances of getting a date.*

### **assessment**

n. [оценки] act of judging or assessing; amount determined as payable  
*Key to this assessment is the critical geographical fact that North Korea is adjacent to South Korea, an affluent democracy.*

### **assumption**

n. [предположения] something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of  
*The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to power.*

### **assurance**

n. [обеспечения] promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt  
*Even in BP CEO Tony Hayward's new television commercial, his assurance is ambiguous.*

### **asteroid**

n. [астероид] small planet; any small celestial bodies that revolve around the sun  
*With Vista at opposition, the asteroid is at its closest point to Earth in its orbit.*

### **astral**

a. [астрального] relating to stars; star-shaped  
*She was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.*

### **astronomical**

a. [астрономические] enormously large or extensive; relating to astronomy  
*The government seems willing to spend astronomical sums on weapons development.*

### **astute**

a. [проницательный] wise or keen; shrewd; with sharp intelligence  
*The painter was an astute observer, noticing every tiny detail of her model's appearance and knowing exactly how important each one was.*

### **asylum**

n. [убежища] place of refuge or shelter; protection  
*The refugees sought asylum from religious persecution in a new land.*

### **atlas**

n. [Атлас] a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables  
*Embarrassed at being unable to distinguish Slovenia from Slovakia, George W. finally consulted an atlas.*

### **atone**

v. [искупить] make amends, as for sin or fault; pay for; turn away from sin  
*He knew no way in which he could atone for his brutal crime.*

### **attain**

v. [достижения] achieve or accomplish; gain  
*The scarecrow sought to attain one goal: he wished to obtain a brain.*

### **attentive**

a. [внимательный] alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful

*Spellbound, the attentive audience watched the final game of the tennis match, never taking their eyes from the ball.*

## **attest**

v. [свидетельствует] testify; authenticate, affirm to be true

*Having served as a member of the Grand Jury, I can attest that our system of indicting individuals requires improvement.*

## **attribute**

n. [атрибута] essential quality; reputation; honor

*His outstanding attribute was his kindness.*

## **audit**

v. [Аудит] examine, verify, or correct the financial accounts of

*Independent accountants audit the company annually.*

## **auditorium**

n. [аудитории] area of theater or concert hall where the audience sits

*A seat in the stalls or in one of the elaborate boxes surrounding the horseshoe-shaped auditorium now costs nearly 700 pounds.*

## **august**

a. [Август] impressive; majestic; inspiring awe or admiration

*Visiting the palace at Versailles, she was impressed by the august surroundings in which she found herself.*

## **authoritative**

a. [авторитетных] weighting authority; peremptory and dictatorial

*Impressed by the young researcher's well-documented presentation, we accepted her analysis of the experiment as authoritative.*

## **autopsy**

n. [вскрытия] examination of dead body; post-mortem

*The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.*

## **auxiliary**

a. [вспомогательных] helper, additional or subsidiary

*To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station.*

## **avail**

v. [воспользоваться] turn to the advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

*When his power ceases to avail, that is when a stronger than he appears upon the scene.*

## **avalanche**

n. [лавина] a great mass of falling snow and ice

*The park ranger warned the skiers to stay on the main trails, where they would be in no danger of being buried beneath a sudden avalanche.*

## **avenge**

v. [мстить] take vengeance for something, or on behalf of someone

*Hamlet vowed he would avenge his father's murder and punish Claudius for his horrible crime.*

## **aversion**

n. [отвращение] firm dislike; turning away; avoidance of a thing, situation, or behavior because of dislike

*Risk aversion is one of the most serious problems and the highest cost of our human space flight.*

**avert**

v. [предотвратить] prevent; turn or cause to turn off or away  
*She had to avert her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.*

**avid**

a. [Avid] greedy; eager for; marked by keen interest and enthusiasm  
*He was avid for learning and read everything he could get.*

**awe**

n. [трепет] mixed emotion of reverence, respect, dread, and wonder; fear, as of something evil  
*The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous expanse of the Grand Canyon.*

**babble**

v. [болтовня] talk foolishly or idly; utter meaningless confusion of words or sounds  
*The little girl likes to babble about her doll.*

**badger**

v. [барсук] pester; annoy persistently; persuade through constant efforts  
*She is forced to change her telephone number because obscene phone calls badger her.*

**bait**

v. [приманка] harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap  
*The school bully will bait the smaller children, terrorizing them.*

**balm**

n. [Бальзам] something that relieves pain  
*Friendship is the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.*

**balmy**

a. [мягкий] mild and pleasant; fragrant  
*A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.*

**bane**

n. [Бейн] something causes misery or death; curse; fatal injury or ruin  
*Lucy's little brother was the bane of her existence: his attempts to make her life miserable worked so well that she could have poisoned him.*

**barb**

n. [Барб] sharp projection from fishhook; openly cutting remark  
*If you were a politician, would you prefer being caught on the barb of a fishhook?*

**barren**

a. [бесплодной] desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking  
*Looking out at the trackless, barren desert, Indiana Jones feared that his search for the missing expedition would prove fruitless.*

**beam**

n. [пучка] ray of light; a long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool  
*During a severe earthquake, each beam will absorb the shock by crumpling, thereby preventing severe damage to the tower.*

**begrudge**

v. [завидовать] resent; give or expend with reluctance; be envious of  
*I begrudge every minute I have to spend attending meetings; they're a complete waste of time.*

**belittle**

v. [принизить] disparage or depreciate; put down

*Parents should not belittle their children's early attempts at drawing but should encourage their efforts.*

**benefactor**

n. [благодетеля] gift giver; a person who gives people or institutions financial help

*Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's benefactor and gave him gifts.*

**beneficial**

a. [полезных] helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

*Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a beneficial influence on Scrooge's charitable disposition.*

**beneficiary**

n. [получатель] a person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will

*In Scrooge's will, he made Tiny Tim his beneficiary; everything he left would go to young Tim.*

**benevolent**

a. [доброжелательный] generous in providing aid to others; charitable

*Mr. Fezziwig was a benevolent employer who wished to make Christmas merrier for young Scrooge and his other employees.*

**benign**

a. [доброкачественной] kindly; favorable; not malignant

*Though her benign smile and gentle bearing made Miss Marple seem a sweet little old lady, in reality, she was a tough-minded lady.*

**bent**

a. [Бент] determined to do or have

*We are bent on going to the theater no matter how heavy the snow is.*

**berserk**

a. [Берсерк] mentally or emotionally upset; deranged; excessively agitated

*Angered, he became berserk and began to wreck the room.*

**beseech**

v. [умоляю] beg; plead with; ask for or request earnestly

*The workaholic executive's wife had to beseech him to spend more time with their son.*

**bestow**

v. [даровать] give as a gift; present

*He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.*

**betray**

v. [предать] be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

*The two spies betray their country by selling military secrets to the enemy.*

**biased**

a. [предвзятым] favoring one person or side over another; prejudiced

*Because the judge played golf regularly with the district attorney's father, we feared he might be biased in the prosecution's favor.*

**bizarre**

a. [странное] fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

*The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.*

**bland**

a. [мягкий] lacking stimulating or mild; agreeable

*She kept her gaze level and her expression bland, but her teeth were gritted.*

**blasphemy**

n. [богохульство] act of claiming for oneself the attributes and rights of God; utterance or writing concerning God

*By our very nature, every single one of us believes in blasphemy.*

**blatant**

a. [вопиющим] flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive

*To Dublin's unemployed youth, the 'No Irish Need Apply' placard in the shop window was a blatant mark of prejudice.*

**bleak**

a. [мрачная] cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

*The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts.*

**bloated**

a. [раздутой] swollen or puffed as with water or air

*Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.*

**bluff**

n. [блеф] the pretense of strength; mislead or deceive

*If only, I thought, he had called our bluff from the start and told us firmly that he knew the figures but wouldn't say.*

**blunt**

a. [тупой] having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

*Public employee unions are demanding in blunt terms that Democrats make the tax code more progressive.*

**blurt**

v. [ляпнуть] utter suddenly and impulsively

*Before she can stop you, you should blurt out the news.*

**bode**

v. [Боде] foreshadow; indicate by signs; be an omen of; predict

*The gloomy skies and the odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.*

**bogus**

a. [фиктивные] counterfeit or fake; not authentic; not genuine

*The police quickly found the distributors of the bogus twenty-dollar bills.*

**bolt**

v. [болт] dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

*Jack was set to bolt out the front door.*

**booming**

a. [бум] deep and resonant; flourishing; thriving

*'Who needs a microphone?' cried the mayor in his booming voice.*

**boundless**

a. [безграничной] being without boundaries or limits; infinite; vast

*Mike's energy was boundless: the greater the challenge, the more vigorously he tackled the job.*

**bourgeois**

a. [буржуазной] middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional

*Technically, anyone who belongs to the middle class is bourgeois, but most people resent it if you call them that.*

**boycott**

v. [бойкот] refrain from buying or using

*Cesar Chavez called for consumers to boycott grapes to put pressure on grape growers to stop using pesticides that harmed the farm workers' health.*

**bravado**

n. [бравада] defiant or swaggering behavior; the pretense of courage; false show of bravery

*The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when the victims of his brutal attack confronted him.*

**brazen**

a. [нагло] having loud, usually harsh, resonant sound; shameless

*His entire premiership has become an exercise in brazen dishonesty.*

**breach**

n. [нарушение] breaking of contract or duty; breaking of waves or surf; fissure or gap

*Jill sued Jack for breach of promise, claiming he had broken his promise to marry her.*

**brittle**

a. [хрупкого] easily broken; having little elasticity

*My employer's self-control was as brittle as an egg-shell.*

**brochure**

n. [брошюры] pamphlet; small book usually having a paper cover

*The Department of Agriculture issued this brochure on farming.*

**brooch**

n. [Брошь] ornamental clasp; decorative pin worn by women

*The brooch was a gift from Burton, and she wore it when she wed him.*

**browse**

v. [просмотреть] graze; skim or glance at casually

*'How now, brown cow, browsing in the green, green grass.' I remember lines of verse that I came across while I browsed through the bookstore's poetry section.*

**buffet**

n. ["шведский стол"] table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set out

*Please convey them on the tray to the buffet.*

**bureaucracy**

n. [бюрократия] over-regulated administrative system

*The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate bureaucracy; taxpayers wasted so much paper filling out IRS forms to comply with the Paper-work Reduction Act.*

**burly**

a. [плотный] husky; muscular and heavily built

*That was 25 years ago, but I still recall the burly driver eying me in the rear-view mirror as we idled at a red light on Michigan Avenue.*

**cache**

n. [кэше] hiding place; secret store of valuables or money

*The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.*

### **cadaver**

n. [труп] corpse; dead body, especially one intended for dissection

*In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadaver.*

### **calculated**

a. [рассчитаны] deliberately planned; carefully thought out in advance

*Her conventional suit was one calculated to appeal to the conservative judges.*

### **caliber**

n. [калибра] ability; degree or grade of excellence or worth; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

*Einstein's cleaning the blackboards again? Albert quit it! A man of your caliber shouldn't have to do such tasks.*

### **callous**

a. [черствым] emotionally hardened; unfeeling; toughened

*He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards.*

### **camouflage**

v. [камуфляж] exploit natural surroundings to disguise something; conceal

*To rescue Han Solo, Princess Leia decided to camouflage herself in the helmet and cloak of a space bandit.*

### **candor**

n. [откровенность] frankness; quality of being honest and straightforward in attitude and speech

*Jack can carry candor too far: when he told Jill his honest opinion of her, she nearly slapped his face.*

### **canine**

a. [собак] related to dogs; dog-like; affecting or derived from dogs

*They will then incubate the viruses in canine tissue cells to see how well they grow.*

### **cant**

n. [наклоняю] inclination or slope; slanted or oblique surface; jargon, especially of thieves; dialect

*I strayed from my own voice and slipped into jargon, cant, or false sentiment.*

### **capacity**

n. [потенциала] mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

*Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once.*

### **caprice**

n. [каприз] sudden, unexpected fancy; impulsive change of mind

*Some revolutions may have originated in caprice or generated in ambition.*

### **caption**

n. [заголовок] title; chapter heading; text under illustration

*We got a caption error in The Far Side cartoons shown yesterday.*

### **carat**

n. [карат] unit of weight for precious stones; a measure of fineness of gold

*He gave her a three carat diamond mounted in a gold band.*



**cardinal**

a. [Кардинал] chief; serving as an essential component

*If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.*

**cardiologist**

n. [кардиолог] the doctor who specializes in medical problems related to heart

*When the physician noticed Philip had a slight heart murmur, she referred him to a cardiologist for further tests.*

**carnage**

n. [бойню] destruction of life; the savage and excessive killing of many people

*The film The Killing Fields vividly depicts the carnage wreaked by Pol Pot's followers in Cambodia.*

**carnal**

a. [плотской] fleshly; of or relating to body or flesh; bodily

*This wasn't about love; this was about raw animal attraction, about kindred spirits in carnal lust.*

**cascade**

n. [каскад] small waterfall; sudden downpour

*We were too tired to appreciate the beauty of this cascade because we had to detour around it to avoid watering down.*

**casualty**

n. [авария] serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

*On holiday weekends, this city usually has at least one automotive casualty.*

**catalyst**

n. [катализатора] an agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

*Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.*

**catastrophe**

n. [катастрофы] calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

*The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a catastrophe that destroyed most of the city.*

**catholic**

a. [католической] broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

*He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.*

**caucus**

n. [собраний] a private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy

*At the opening of Congress, the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the Majority Leader of the House and the Party Whip.*

**cavalier**

a. [кавалер] offhand or casual; given to haughty disregard of others

*The disguised prince resented the cavalier way in which the palace guards treated him. How dared they handle a member of the royal family so unceremoniously!*

**celebrated**

a. [отмечается] famous; well-known; having illustrious past

*Thanks to their race to break Roger Maris's home-run record, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are two of America's most celebrated baseball players.*

**ensor**

n. [цензуры] overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

*Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.*

**cerebral**

a. [мозговой] relating to the brain or cerebrum; intellectual rather than emotional

*The content of philosophical works is cerebral in nature and requires much thought.*

**champion**

v. [чемпион] protect or fight for the first place

*They believe he could champion the oppressed in their struggle for equality.*

**chaotic**

a. [хаотических] in utter disorder; lacking visible order or organization

*He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs.*

**charisma**

n. [харизма] divine gift; great popular charm or appeal of a political leader

*Political commentators have deplored the importance of a candidate's charisma in these days of television campaigning.*

**charlatan**

n. [шарлатан] quack; one who pretends to knowledge, skill, or importance

*When they realized that the Wizard didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, Dorothy and her companions were indignant that a charlatan had duped them.*

**chaste**

a. [целомудренной] morally pure in thought or conduct; decent and modest

*However, if he remarried or did not remain chaste, the money would pass to her mother.*

**check**

v. [проверить] stop motion; curb or restrain

*Young man, you'd better check your temper.*

**checkered**

a. [клетчатый] divided into squares; diversified in color; marked by great changes or shifts in fortune

*During his checkered career, he had lived in palatial mansions and dreary boarding houses.*

**chisel**

n. [долота] a metal tool with a sharp edge used to cut and shape stone, wood, or metal

*With his hammer and chisel, the sculptor chipped away at the block of marble.*

**chivalrous**

a. [рыцарского] having qualities of ideal knight; faithful; brave

*Toward his royal captive, he behaved in chivalrous fashion.*

**choreography**

n. [хореография] art of representing dances in written symbols; the arrangement of dances

*He has begun to use a computer in designing choreography; a software program allows him to compose arrangements of possible moves and immediately view them onscreen.*

**chronic**

a. [хронических] lasting for a long period; marked by frequent recurrence, as certain diseases

*The doctors were finally able to attribute his chronic headaches to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.*

## chronicle

v. [Хроника] report or record in chronological order

*The gossip columnist was paid to chronicle the latest escapades of the socially prominent celebrities.*

## cite

v. [цитировать] quote; adduce as an instance

*She could cite passages in the Bible from memory.*

## civil

a. [гражданского] having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

*Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always courteous to suspected tax cheats.*

## clairvoyant

n. [ясновидящая] having foresight; fortuneteller

*The Trojans did not heed Cassandra's clairvoyant warning.*

## clandestine

a. [тайные] secret; conducted with or marked by hidden aims or methods

*After avoiding their chaperon, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.*

## clasp

n. [застежка] fastening device; firm grip

*When the clasp on Judy's bracelet broke, Fred repaired it, bending the hook back into shape.*

## clemency

n. [помиловании] mildness, as of the weather; merciful, kind, or lenient act

*The lawyer was pleased when the case was sent to Judge Smith's chambers because Smith was noted for her clemency toward first offenders.*

## clientele

n. [клиентов] clients of professional person; the body of customers or patrons

*Her clientele is slightly different from the average movie store because most of her customers only have a limited interest in a film due to busy schedules.*

## clip

n. [клип] a small section of filmed or filed material

*Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting the most important clip of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast.*

## clout

n. [влияния] blow, especially with the fist; great influence, especially political or social

*But then again, the new administration's foreign policy clout is yet to be truly tested.*

## coalition

n. [коалиция] partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

*The Rainbow coalition united people of all races in a common cause.*

## coercion

n. [принуждение] use of force to get someone to obey

*The inquisitors used physical and psychological coercion to force Joan of Arc to deny that God sent her visions.*

**coin**

v. [монета] make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate  
*Slanderers coin nasty rumors.*

**coincidence**

n. [совпадение] two or more things occurring at the same time by chance  
*Was it just a coincidence that she and John had chanced to meet at the market, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?*

**collage**

n. [Коллаж] work of art put together from fragments  
*Scraps of cloth, paper doilies, and old photographs all went into her collage.*

**collateral**

n. [залога] security pledged for repayment of loan  
*The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.*

**colossal**

a. [колоссальные] of extraordinary size; huge; gigantic  
*Radio City Music Hall has a colossal stage.*

**comatose**

a. [коматозном] in coma; extremely sleepy; unconscious  
*We would expect a reasonable adult, if a kid is in comatose, to call an ambulance.*

**commemorate**

v. [память] serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony  
*The story of Fairchild that Mr. Moore was helping to commemorate is well-known in Silicon Valley.*

**communal**

a. [коммунального] held in common; of a group of people  
*When they were divorced, they had trouble dividing their communal property.*

**commute**

v. [коммутируют] obtain or bargain for exemption or substitution; regularly travel from a place of residence to another place  
*In exchange for cooperating with detectives on another case, he criminally tried to commute his charges.*

**compact**

n. [компактных] small and economical car; small cosmetics case  
*I decide to buy a compact because a small car helps to save gas.*

**compatible**

a. [совместимые] harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes  
*They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.*

**compelling**

a. [убедительные] overpowering; drivingly forceful; urgently requiring attention  
*They had better not succeed in compelling anyone to work the proposed shift to midnight.*

**complement**

v. [дополнения] complete; consummate; make perfect  
*The waiter recommended a glass of port to complement the cheese.*

**compliance**

n. [соблюдения] readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement  
*Bullheaded Bill was not noted for easy compliance with the demands of others.*

**component**

n. [компонент] element; ingredient; abstract part of something

*Like all others of my stereo system, I hope this component is working at the same time.*

**compound**

n. [соединения] combination of two or more elements or parts

*As the compound is already patented, her team will probably have to design something slightly different to patent it as a new drug.*

**comprehensive**

a. [всеобъемлющего] thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

*Mr. Skubel has since completed what he describes as a comprehensive two-week training program and is now setting up his franchise in his hometown.*

**compress**

v. [сжатия] close; squeeze or press together; contract

*She has to compress the package under her arm.*

**compromise**

v. [компромисс] adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

*Sometimes the presence of a neutral third party can help adversaries compromise their differences.*

**compute**

v. [вычисления] reckon; make a mathematical calculation

*He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate.*

**concede**

v. [уступать] admit; yield; give up physical control of another

*Despite all the evidence Monica had assembled, Mark refused to concede that she was right.*

**conception**

n. [Концепция] beginning; forming of an idea; an act of conceiving

*At the first conception of the work, he was consulted.*

**concession**

n. [концессии] act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

*Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make their own concession.*

**concord**

n. [Concord] agreement of opinions; harmonious state of things

*The sisters are now in concord about the car they had to share.*

**conundrum**

n. [головоломки] riddle; difficult problem; dilemma

*For this reason, the best way out of this conundrum is a political compromise.*

**convene**

v. [со♦♦вать] cause to come together formally

*Six days' public notice must be given when announcing the meeting schedules, meaning the earliest the board can next convene is July 24.*

**convention**

n. [конвенции] social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states

*Moreover, following this convention is our friend's normal behavior when in such a mood.*

**conventional**

a. [условные] based upon traditional rules; formed by agreement or compact  
*In Russia, hardliners contend that their nation should rely more on nuclear weapons to offset NATO's superiority in conventional military forces.*

**converse**

v. [обратное] chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts  
*Eva is all ears while Lulu and Lola converse.*

**convert**

n. [преобразовать] change something into another form; transform  
*However, he suggests that this only be done if the convert is also willingly accepted into his position by the community.*

**conviction**

n. [убеждение] the judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief  
*Even her murder conviction did not shake Peter's judgment that Harriet was innocent of the crime.*

**cordial**

a. [сердечные] gracious; showing warmth and friendliness  
*Our hosts greeted us at the airport with a cordial welcome and a hearty hug.*

**coronation**

n. [коронации] ceremony of crowning queen or king  
*When the witches told Macbeth he would be king; they failed to warn him he would lose his crown soon after his coronation.*

**corroborate**

v. [подтверждать] establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; support with evidence  
*Though Huck was quite willing to corroborate Tom's story, Aunt Polly knew better than to believe either.*

**cosmic**

a. [космические] of the universe; vast  
*Cosmic rays derive their name from the fact that they bombard the earth's atmosphere from outer space.*

**cosmopolitan**

a. [космополитической] sophisticated; of worldwide scope  
*Her years in the capitol had transformed her into a cosmopolitan young woman highly aware of international affairs.*

**covert**

a. [скрытое] secretive, not openly shown  
*The covert military operation was not disclosed until weeks later after it was determined to succeed.*

**curator**

n. [куратор] one who manages museum or library; superintendent; manager  
*She believes the most important quality for a curator is a deep, engaged knowledge of and curiosity about what is happening in contemporary art.*

**curt**

a. [Курт] having been shortened; effectively cut short; rudely brief or abrupt, as in speech or manner  
*The grouchy shop assistant was curt with one of her customers, which resulted in a reprimand from her manager.*

**cynical**

a. [циничным] skeptical of motives of others; selfishly calculating; negative or pessimistic

*I find it sad and cynical that this guy is essentially saying things will not be better by 2012.*

**dabble**

v. [плескаться] splash liquid gently and playfully; undertake something without serious intent

*When they retire at 45, they get another job, such as a real estate agent, and dabble in that industry.*

**dank**

a. [сырой] disagreeably damp or humid; cold moisture; unpleasant humidity

*They're ten thousand miles away, hiding in dank caves and surrounded by hundreds of people.*

**deadlock**

n. [тупик] standstill resulting from the opposition of two forces or factions; stalemate

*Because negotiations had reached a deadlock, some of the delegates had begun to mutter about breaking off the talks.*

**debacle**

n. [фиаско] sudden downfall; complete disaster

*Every flight turns into a debacle in the Airplane movies, with passengers and crew members collapsing and baggage popping out of the overhead bins.*

**debris**

n. [мусор] remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

*A full year after the earthquake in Mexico City, they were still carting away the debris.*

**debutante**

n. [дебютантка] young woman making formal entrance into society

*After her father loses everything, the debutante is forced to flee, pursued by gangsters.*

**decipher**

v. [расшифровать] convert code into ordinary language; read with difficulty

*Lacking his codebook, the spy could not decipher the scrambled message sent to him from the KGB.*

**decorum**

n. [этикет] propriety in manners and conduct; good taste in manners; conventions or requirements of polite behavior

*Keeping public decorum is an important factor in media credibility.*

**decoy**

n. [приманка] lure or bait; means used to mislead or lead into danger

*The decoy did not fool the wild ducks.*

**default**

n. [умолчанию] failure to act; an option that is selected automatically

*When the visiting team failed to show up for the big game, they lost the game by default.*

**defer**

v. [отложить] delay till later; put off; hold back to a later time

*I would again defer to responsible judgment when we're dealing with this kind of thing.*

**defiance**

n. [нарушение] refusal to yield; readiness to contend or resist

*Now I feel by imperceptible signs, which I cannot yet interpret but will later, that his defiance is about to thaw.*

### **definitive**

a. [окончательного] final; complete; precisely defined or explicit

*And finally, the utility of the skeleton would be most likely to aid in definitive identification.*

### **deflect**

v. [отвлечь] turn aside; draw someone's attention away from something

*No one believed that his life was saved because his cigarette case could deflect the bullet.*

### **defuse**

v. [разрядить] remove the fuse of the bomb; reduce or eliminate the threat

*Police negotiators are trained to defuse dangerous situations by avoiding confrontational language and behavior.*

### **degenerate**

v. [вырождаться] become worse; decline; fall

*Not appear to disgrace his family, degenerate from the popular qualities, or lose the influence.*

### **degradation**

n. [деградации] humiliation; debasement; decline to a lower condition, quality, or level

*Some secretaries object to fetching the boss a cup of coffee because they resent the degradation of being made to do such lowly tasks.*

### **delectable**

a. [восхитительном] delightful; delicious; extremely pleasing to the sense of taste

*We thanked our host for a most delectable meal.*

### **delete**

v. [удаления] erase; strike out; remove or make invisible

*Less is more: if you delete this paragraph, your whole essay will have greater appeal.*

### **deliberate**

v. [преднамеренное] consider; think about carefully; weigh

*Offered the new job, she asked for time to deliberate before she told them her decision.*

### **delusion**

n. [заблуждение] false belief; mistaken or unfounded opinion

*Don suffers from grandeur delusion: he thinks he's a world-famous author when he's published just one paperback book.*

### **demeanor**

n. [поведение] conduct; management; way in which a person behaves

*It'll be interesting to see what her demeanor is and what kind of witness she is.*

### **demented**

a. [безумный] insane; mad; of unsound mind; mentally ill

*What kind of demented image of him have you painted in your head? In fact, he is a real gentleman.*

### **demise**

n. [кончиной] end of existence or activity; termination

*Upon the demise of the dictator, a bitter dispute about succession to power developed.*

### **demolition**

n. [сноса] act of overthrowing, pulling down, or destroying



*One of the air force's major aims was the complete demolition of all means of transportation by the bombing of rail lines and terminals.*

### **deploy**

v. [развернуть] position troops in readiness for combat, as along a front or line; put into use or action

*The general ordered the battalion to deploy to meet the enemy offensive.*

### **deposition**

n. [осаждения] testimony under oath; the act of depositing, especially laying down of matter by natural process

*He made his deposition in the judge's chamber.*

### **deranged**

a. [невменяемым] disordered; especially in mind; crazy; insane

*How deranged is she to think that she can blackmail the possible next president of the US?*