cabal
small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests

cacophonous
discordant; inharmonious; sounding harshly; ill-sounding

cadaverous
like corpse; pale; Having appearance or color of dead human body

cadence
rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat

cajole
influence or urge by gentle urging or flattering

calamity
event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; disaster; misery

caldron
large kettle or boiler of copper, brass, or iron

calligraphy
beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

callow
youthful; immature; inexperienced; without feathers

calm
freedom from motion, agitation, or disturbance; tranquility; stillness; quiet; serenity

calorific
capable of producing heat; causing heat; heating

calumny
false statement maliciously made to injure another's reputation; slander

camaraderie
good-fellowship; companionship; close friendship in friends or teammates

cameo
piece of jewelry; a small scale used as a jewel for adornment; famous actor's special appearance in a minor role in film
camouflage
exploit natural surroundings to disguise something; conceal

campaign
battle; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

canny
having pleasing or useful qualities; gentle; knowing; cautious; cunning; shrewd

cantankerous
ill humored; irritable; marked by ill-tempered contradiction or opposition; ugly; malicious

cantata
story or poem set to music that can be sung by chorus

canter
slow gallop; moderate running pace of horse

canto
part or division of poem of some length

canvas
heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

canvass
determine votes; examine carefully or discuss thoroughly; scrutinize

capable
having the ability required for a specific task

capacious
capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy

capitulate
surrender; end all resistance; give up; go along with or comply

capricious
fickle; impulsive and unpredictable; apt to change opinions suddenly

caption
title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captious
intended to confuse in an argument

captivate
charm; enthrall; seize by force, as an enemy in war, or anything belonging to enemy
**carapace**  
hard outer covering or case of certain organisms such as arthropods and turtles

**carbohydrate**  
essential structural component of living cells and source of energy for animals

**cardinal**  
high church official, ranking just below the pope; dark to deep or vivid red

**careen**  
lean to one side, as a ship under press of sail; sway from side to side

**careful**  
full of care; anxious; solicitous; taking care; giving good heed; watchful; cautious

**careworn**  
worn or burdened with care; showing the signs of long-term stresses

**caricature**  
representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect

**carnival**  
festivity; traveling amusement show usually including rides, games, and sideshows

**carnivorous**  
eating or feeding on flesh; predatory

**carping**  
fault-finding; excessive complaining; of unreasonable criticism or censure

**cartographer**  
one who makes maps or charts

**castigate**  
criticize severely; punish; revise or make corrections to publication

**cast-iron**  
extremely robust; rigid; inflexible; made of cast iron

**casual**  
informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

**cataclysm**  
an event resulting in great loss and misfortune; deluge or overflowing of water

**catapult**  
slingshot; hurling machine; military machine for hurling missiles, used in ancient and medieval times
cataract
large or high waterfall; eye abnormality

catecall
shout of disapproval; shout or whistle expressing dislike, especially from crowd or audience

catechism
book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer

categorical
absolute; having no exception; of using category or categories

category
group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

cater
supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

catharsis
purging or cleansing of any passage of body

caulk
make watertight by filling in cracks

causal
implying cause-and-effect relationship

cautic
 capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

cautious
formal warning in law; close attention to minimize risk

cautiously
gingerly; carefully; in a conservative manner

cavalcade
ceremonial procession or display; succession or series

cavil
criticise for petty or frivolous reasons; raise trivial objections

cavity
hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

ceaseless
incessant; endless; without stop or pause; constant.
cede
yield or formally resign and surrender to another

celebrated
famous; well-known; having illustrious past

celerity
swiftness of action or motion; speed

celestial
relating to the sky or the heavens; supremely good; god or angel

celibate
unmarried; abstaining from sexual intercourse

censorious
critical; addicted to censure; severe in making remarks on others, or on their writings or manners; implying or expressing censure

censure
expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism; blame

centennial
of hundredth anniversary; lasting or aged a hundred years

centigrade
measure of temperature, used widely in Europe

centrifugal
radiating; departing from the center

centripetal
tending toward center; moving or directed toward center or axis

centurion
officer of ancient Roman army, in command of a century of soldiers or minor division

cerebration
act of cerebrating; thinking, mental activity

ceremonial
formal or ritual; ceremonious

ceremonious
marked by formality; strictly observant of or devoted to ceremony or ritual

ceremony
formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom
certitude
state of being certain; complete assurance; confidence

cessation
bringing or coming to end; ceasing

cession
yielding to another; ceding or surrendering

chafe
wear away or irritate by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; annoy; vex

chaff
trivial or worthless matter; thin dry bracts or scales, especially

chaffing
joking; use of light, frivolous language by way of fun or ridicule

chagrin
anxiety caused by humiliation or injured pride; disappointment

chalice
goblet; bowl-shaped drinking vessel; large drinking cup, often having stem and base

chameleon
lizard that changes color in different situations

chaos
disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

chaotic
in utter disorder; lacking visible order or organization

characterize
distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

chart
graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

charter
document issued by a sovereign, legislature, or other authority; contract for commercial leasing of vessel

chary
cautious; sparing or restrained about giving

chasm
deep opening in the earth surface
chassis
rectangular frame attached working parts, as of automobile

chasten
rid of excess; refine or purify; correct by punishment or reproof

chastise
punish, as by beating; criticize severely; rebuke

chateau
impressive country house or castle in France; large country house

chauvinist
person with prejudiced belief in superiority of own kind

cherish
harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

cherubic
angelic; innocent-looking; like a baby; infantile

chicanery
mean or unfair artifice to obscure truth; deception by trickery or sophistry

chide
scold mildly so as to correct or improve; express disapproval

chimerical
fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; imaginative

choleric
hot-tempered; easily angered; bad-tempered; expressing anger

chortle
chuckle with delight; joyful laugh or chuckle; laugh quietly or with restraint

chronic
lasting for long period; marked by frequent recurrence, as certain diseases

churlish
difficult to work with; rude; unyielding; unmanageable

cipher
secret code; an Arabic numeral or figure; a number

circuit
electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow
circuitous
being or taking a roundabout, lengthy course; going round in a circuit; not direct

circumlocution
indirect or roundabout expression; evasion in speech or writing

circumscribe
limit narrowly; confine; draw a line around; encircle

circumspect
carefully aware of all circumstances; cautious

circumvent
surround an enemy; enclose or entrap; beat by cleverness and wit

cistern
reservoir or water tank; vessel to hold water for household uses

citadel
fortress; fortified place which people could go for shelter during battle

civil
having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

clamber
climb with difficulty, especially on all fours; climb by crawling

clamor
noise; loud outcry; expression of discontent or protest

clan
faction; tribe; division of a tribe tracing descent from a common ancestor; a large group of relatives

clangor
loud, resounding noise; sharp, metallic, ringing sound; resonant, clanging sound

clapper
metal striker that hangs inside bell and makes sound by hitting side; someone who applauds

claustrophobia
abnormal fear of being in narrow or enclosed spaces

cleave
split with or as if with a sharp instrument; pierce or penetrate; remain faithful to

cleft
crack or crevice; a split or indentation between two parts, as of the chin
clench
close tightly; grasp or grip tightly; fasten with a clinch

climactic
relating to the highest point; ascending or leading to climax

clime
region; climate; particular region as defined by its weather or climate

clinic
healthcare facility for outpatient care

clique
small exclusive group of friends or associates

clockwise
in the direction that the hands of a clock move

cloister
place, especially a monastery or convent, devoted to religious seclusion; secluded, quiet place

cloying
distasteful because excessive; excessively sweet or sentimental

clump
cluster or close group of bushes, trees; mass; sound of heavy treading

cluster
group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

clutch
grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

coagulate
cause transformation of liquid into or as if into soft, semisolid, or solid mass

coalesce
combine; fuse; grow together; come together so as to form one whole; unite

coddle
treat gently; cook in water just below boiling point

codicil
supplement or appendix, especially to a will

codify
arrange laws, rules as a code; classify; arrange or systematize
coexist
exist together, at the same time, or in the same place

cogency
power of proving or of producing belief; quality of being highly probable or convincing; force; credibility

cogent
reasonable and convincing; based on evidence; forcefully persuasive

cogitate
think earnestly or studiously; meditate; ponder; think deeply

cognate
related by blood; having common ancestor; related or analogous in nature, character, or function

cognitive
knowing or perceiving; part of mental functions that deals with logic

cognizance
knowledge or recognition; awareness; range of what one can know or understand

cohere
stick or hold together in a mass that resists separation

coherence
logical and orderly and consistent relation of parts; state of cohering or sticking together

cohesion
tendency to keep together

coiffure
hairstyle; head-dress; manner of arranging or dressing hair

colander
bowl-shaped strainer, used to wash or drain foods

collaborate
work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort

collate
examine in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order

colleague
fellow worker; associate; co-worker

colloquial
of informal spoken language or conversation; conversational or chatty
collusion
secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy

colony
region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

combustible
capable of igniting and burning; easily aroused or excited

comely
pleasing or attractive to the eye; handsome; graceful

comeuppance
rebuke; punishment or retribution that one deserves; outcome which is justly deserved

comic
arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

commandeer
force into military service; take for public use; seize for military use; take arbitrarily or by force

commemorate
serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

commensurate
of the same size, extent, or duration as another

comment
express an opinion; remark

commiserate
feel or express pity or sympathy for

commission
fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

commissioner
person authorized by a commission to perform certain duties; member of a commission

commit
do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted

commodious
spacious and comfortable; fit; proper; convenient

commodity
goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.
commonsense
exhibiting native good judgment

communal
held in common; of a group of people

communicate
send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly

comparable
similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with

compatible
harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

compel
force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

compensatory
serving to compensate or as compensation; making amends; repaying

competing
engaging in a contest; being in the state of competition, often unintentionally

compile
put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

complacency
feeling of contented self-satisfaction, especially when unaware of upcoming trouble

complaint
expression of pain, dissatisfaction, or resentment; criticism

complaisant
trying to please; showing cheerful willingness to do favors for others

complementary
serving to fill out or to complete; supplying mutual needs or offsetting mutual lacks

compliant
yielding to request or desire; ready to accommodate; disposed or willing to comply

complicity
participation; involvement as partner or accomplice, especially in crime or other wrongdoing

complimentary
expressing of praise, admiration, or congratulation; given free to repay a favor or as an act of courtesy
**component**
element; ingredient; abstract part of something

**composure**
mental calmness; calm or tranquil state of mind

**comprehension**
grasp; ability to understand

**comprise**
include; consist of; be composed of

**compunction**
feeling of deep regret; strong uneasiness caused by a sense of guilt

**concave**
hollow; curved like inner surface of sphere

**conceal**
keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

**conceit**
overly high self-esteem; feelings of excessive pride

**concentric**
having a common center, circles of different size, one within another

**concerted**
planned or accomplished together; combined

**conciliatory**
making or willing to yield, or to make concessions

**concise**
brief and compact; expressing much in few words

**conclude**
enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end

**concomitant**
in conjunction with; accompanying; associated with

**concomitantly**
existing concurrently; in company or combination

**concrete**
solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate , and gravel
condole
grieve; express sympathy; speak sympathetically to one in pain, grief, or misfortune

condor
largest flying birds in the western hemisphere; gold coin of some South American countries

confide
disclose; reveal; tell in confidence

confidence
feeling secure or certain about something

conflagration
large destructive fire; burning; large-scale military conflict

conflict
fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

confluence
act of two things flowing together; junction or meeting place where two things meet

conformity
similarity in form or character; agreement

confound
cause to become confused or perplexed; fail to distinguish; mix up

confuse
cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with intelligence or understanding; mix up

connect
join, or fasten together; associate; combine; unite or link together

conquer
gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

consanguineous
of the same lineage or origin; having common ancestor

consciousness
having knowledge of; special awareness or sensitivity:

consistency
harmonious uniformity or agreement among things or parts

constant
invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent
constantly
in an unchangeable or invariable manner; in every case; perpetually; continually

consternation
intense state of fear or dismay; astonishment combined with terror

constituent
component or part; citizen, voter

constitution
law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

constrain
restrain; keep within close bounds; confine

constraint
something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

construct
form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

consumption
eating or drinking of something

contact
get in touch with; reach

contagious
infectious; of or relating to communicable diseases

contain
include; incorporate; be capable of holding

contemptuous
scornful; expressing contempt; showing a lack of respect

contentious
quarrelsome; disagreeable; marked by heated arguments or controversy

contiguous
sharing an edge or boundary; touching; neighboring

continence
self control; self restraint; partial or complete abstention from sexual activity

contrived
artificially formal; obviously planned or calculated; not natural
controvert
oppose with arguments; attempt to prove to be false or incorrect; contradict

contusion
injury that doesn't break the skin

convalesce
recovery gradually from an illness

convenient
suited or favorable to one's comfort, purpose, or needs; near; accessible

conventionally
in a conventional manner; ordinarily, by convention

converge
approach; tend to meet; come together

conversant
familiar, as by study or experience; able to converse knowledgeably

conversation
general course of conduct; intimate fellowship or association; close acquaintance; informal dialogue

convex
curving outward; having surface that bulges outward, as the exterior of sphere

conveyance
act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

convict
find or declare guilty

conviction
judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

convivial
festive; occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

convoke
call together; cause to assemble in meeting; convene

convoluted
coiled around; highly involved; intricate

cooperative
done with or working with others
copious
plentiful; containing plenty; affording ample supply

cooquette
flirt; seductive woman who uses her sex appeal to exploit men

cordon
line around an area to enclose or guard it

cornucopia
goat's horn overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance

corollary
natural consequence or effect; result

corporeal
bodily; of a material nature; tangible

corpulent
very fat; large in body; overweight

correlation
mutual relationship; interdependence or interconnection relationship

corrade
destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

corrosive
eating away by chemicals or disease

corrugated
wrinkled; shaped into alternating parallel grooves and ridges

costume
dress; attire; aset of clothes appropriate for a particular occasion or season

coterie
group that meets socially; an exclusive circle of people with common purpose

countenance
give sanction or support to; tolerate or approve

counterclockwise
in a direction opposite to the direction in which the hands of a clock move

counterfeit
make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud; forge
countermand
cancel; revoke command or order; order or direct in opposition to; prohibit; forbid

counterpart
duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

countervail
act or react with equal force; counteract

countless
innumerable; infinite; too many to count

court
enclosed space; courtyard; uncovered area shut in by the walls of a building

coverage
extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters

cowboy
one who tends cattle and performs other duties on horseback; one who is reckless or irresponsible

crammed
jammed; stuffed; uncomfortably small or restricted

craze
fine crack in a surface or glaze; short-lived popular fashion; inordinate desire or longing; passion

crazy
affected with madness; insane; deranged

crevise
gap; a long narrow opening

crew
group of people working together, as in spacecraft, ship, plane or train

cripple
person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

crooked
having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

crystallized
having become fixed and definite in form

cubic
having three dimensions
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