

GRE Big Book Words List (2)

conversant

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

conversion

n. change; transformation

convertible

a. capable of being converted; susceptible of change; transmutable; transformable

convex

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

conveyance

n. act of conveying; tools of conveying, especially vehicle for transportation

convivial

a. festive; occupied with or fond of the pleasures of good company

convolution

n. a winding motion.

convolve

v. to move with a circling or winding motion.

convoy

v. accompany for protection, either by sea or land; attend for protection; escort

convulse

v. to cause spasms in.

convulsion

n. unnatural and violent contraction of the muscular parts of an animal body; any violent and irregular motion or agitation; violent shaking; tumult

copious

a. plentiful; containing plenty; affording ample supply

coquette

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

cornice

n. an ornamental molding running round the walls of a room close to the ceiling.

cornucopia

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

corollary

n. natural consequence or effect; result

coronation

n. ceremony of crowning queen or king

coronet

n. inferior crown denoting, according to its form, various degrees of noble rank less than sovereign.

corporal

a. belonging or relating to the body; bodily; noncommissioned officer, next below a sergeant

corporate

a. united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to corporation or incorporated body

corporeal

a. bodily; of a material nature; tangible

corps

n. an army unit usually consisting of two or more divisions; a body of people associated together

corpse

n. a dead body.

corpulent

a. very fat; large in body; overweight

corpuscle

n. a minute particle of matter.

correlate

v. relate; associate; bring into a mutual relation

correlative

adj. mutually involving or implying one another.

corrigible

adj. capable of reformation.

corroborate

v. establish or strengthen as with new evidence or facts; support with evidence

corroboration

n. confirmation.

corrode

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

corrosion

n. decay; erosion

corrosive

a. eating away by chemicals or disease

corruptible

adj. open to bribery.

corruption

n. bribery; fraud

cosmetic

adj. pertaining to the art of beautifying, especially the complexion.

cosmic

a. pertaining to the universe; vast

cosmogony

n. a doctrine of creation or of the origin of the universe.

cosmography

n. the science that describes the universe, including astronomy, geography, and geology.

cosmology

n. the general science of the universe.

cosmopolitan

a. sophisticated; of worldwide scope

cosmopolitanism

n. a cosmopolitan character.

cosmos

n. universe or universality of created things; ordered, harmonious whole

counteract

v. negate; act against

counterbalance

v. act as force or influence that balances, checks or limits an opposite one

countercharge

v. to accuse in return.

counter-claim

n. a cross-demand alleged by a defendant in his favor against the plaintiff.

counterfeit

v. make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud; forge

counterpart

n. duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

countervail

v. act or react with equal force; ; counteract

counting-house

n. a house or office used for transacting business, bookkeeping, correspondence, etc.

countryman

n. a rustic.

courageous

adj. brave.

course

n. line of motion or direction.

courser

n. a fleet and spirited horse.

courtesy

n. polite behavior; act of civility or respect; consent or agreement in spite of fact

covenant

n. mutual agreement of two or more persons or parties; contract; stipulation

covert

a. secretive, not openly shown

covey

n. a flock of quails or partridges.

cower

v. to crouch down tremblingly, as through fear or shame.

crag

n. steep, rugged rock; rough, broken cliff, or point of a rock, on a ledge

cranium

n. the skull of an animal, especially that part enclosing the brain.

crass

adj. coarse or thick in nature or structure, as opposed to thin or fine.

craving

n. vehement or urgent desire; longing for; consuming desire; yearning

creak

n. a sharp, harsh, squeaking sound.

creamery

n. a butter-making establishment.

creamy

adj. resembling or containing cream.

credence

n. credit; faith

credible

a. capable of being credited or believed; worthy of belief; entitled to confidence; trustworthy

credulous

a. apt to believe on slight evidence; easily imposed upon; unsuspecting; believed too readily

creed

n. definite summary of what is believed; confession of faith for public use

crematory

adj. a place for cremating dead bodies.

crevasse

n. a deep crack or fissure in the ice of a glacier.

crevice

n. gap; a long narrow opening

criterion

n. standard of judging; any approved or established rule or test

critique

n. critical review or commentary, especially one dealing with works of art or literature

crockery

n. earthenware made from baked clay.

crucible

n. a trying and purifying test or agency.

crusade

n. military expeditions undertaken by Christian powers; a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

crustacean

n. of various predominantly aquatic arthropods of the class Crustacea, including lobsters, crabs, shrimps

crustaceous

adj. having a crust-like shell.

cryptogram

n. anything written in characters that are secret or so arranged as to have hidden meaning.

crystallize

v. assume crystalline form; cause to take on a definite and clear shape

cudgel

n. a short thick stick used as a club.

culinary

a. of or relating to or used in cooking; relating to a kitchen

cull

v. pick out from others; weed out; remove rejected members or parts from

culpable

adj. guilty.

culprit

n. a guilty person.

culvert

n. artificial channel for water; sewer or drain crossing under road

cupidity

n. greed; excessive desire, especially for wealth

curable

adj. capable of being remedied or corrected.

curator

n. one who manages museum or library; superintendent; manager

curio

n. a piece of bric-a-brac.

cursive

a. flowing, as writing letters joined one to another without raising pen; running

cursory

a. casual; brief or broad; not cautious, nor detailed

curt

a. having been shortened; effectively cut short; rudely brief or abrupt, as in speech or manner

curtail

v. cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

curtsy

n. a downward movement of the body by bending the knees.

cycloid

adj. like a circle.

cygnet

n. a young swan.

cynical

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

cynicism

n. a scornfully or jadedly negative comment or act

cynosure

n. object that serves as a focal point of attention and admiration; something that strongly attracts attention; center of attraction

daring

a. bold; brave

darkling

adv. blindly.

darwinism

n. the doctrine that natural selection has been the prime cause of evolution of higher forms.

dastard

n. a base coward.

datum

n. a premise, starting-point, or given fact.

dauntless

a. bold; incapable of being discouraged; fearless

day-man

n. a day-laborer.

dead-heat

n. a race in which two or more competitors come out even, and there is no winner.

dearth

n. scarcity; shortage of food; famine from failure or loss of crops

debase

v. reduce in quality or value; lower in esteem; degrade

debatable

a. disputable; unsettled; open to doubt or debate

debonair

a. friendly; of good appearance and manners; graceful

debut

n. beginning or first attempt; first appearance before the public

decagon

n. a figure with ten sides and ten angles.

decagram

n. a weight of 10 grams.

decaliter

n. a liquid and dry measure of 10 liters.

decatalogue

n. the ten commandments.

decameron

n. a volume consisting of ten parts or books.

decameter

n. a length of ten meters.

decamp

v. to leave suddenly or unexpectedly.

decapitate

v. behead; cut off the head of

decapod

adj. ten-footed or ten-armed.

decasyllable

n. a line of ten syllables.

deceit

n. attempt or disposition to deceive or lead into error; any declaration or practice, which misleads another, or causes to believe what is false

deceitful

adj. fraudulent.

deceive

v. fool; cause to believe what is not true; mislead

decency

n. moral fitness.

decent

a. suitable; modest.; honorable; meeting accepted standards

deciduous

a. falling off as of leaves; falling off or shed at specific season or stage of growth

decimal

a. of tens; numbered or proceeding by tens; based on ten

decimate

v. destroy or kill a large part of; select by lot and kill one in every ten of

decipher

v. convert code into ordinary language; read with difficulty

decisive

ad. conclusive.

declamation

n. a speech recited or intended for recitation from memory in public.

declamatory

adj. a full and formal style of utterance.

declarative

adj. containing a formal, positive, or explicit statement or affirmation.

declension

n. the change of endings in nouns and adj. to express their different relations of gender.

decorate

v. adorn; embellish

decorous

adj. suitable for the occasion or circumstances.

decoy

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

decrepit

a. weakened, worn out, or broken down by old age, illness, or hard use

dedication

n. the voluntary consecration or relinquishment of something to an end or cause.

deduce

v. lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

deface

v. mar or spoil appearance or surface; impair usefulness, value, or influence of

defalcate

v. to cut off or take away, as a part of something.

defamation

n. malicious and groundless injury done to the reputation or good name of another.

defame

v. harm someone's reputation; degrade; bring into disrepute; make infamous

default

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

defendant

n. one required to make answer in an action or suit

defensible

adj. capable of being maintained or justified.

defensive

a. intended or appropriate for defending against; protective

defer

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

defiant

adj. characterized by bold or insolent opposition.

deficiency

n. scarcity; lack or shortage, especially of something essential to health

deficient

a. inadequate; lacking an essential quality or element

definite

a. fixed; exact; having distinct limits

deflect

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

deforest

v. to clear of forests.

deform

v. change shape by stress; become misshapen; make formless

deformity

n. a disfigurement.

defraud

v. deprive of some right, interest, or property, by a deceitful device

defray

v. pay costs of; undertake payment of; make compensation to or for

degeneracy

n. a becoming worse.

degenerate

v. become worse; decline; fall

degradation

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

degrade

v. reduce level; lower grade of something

dehydrate

v. remove water from; dry out; lose water or bodily fluids

deify

v. turn into a god; idolize or idealize; worship or revere as a god

deign

v. condescend to give or grant; esteem worthy; consider worth notice

deist

n. one who believes in god, but denies supernatural revelation.

deity

n. god; divinity; supernatural things

deject

v. to dishearten.

dejection

n. melancholy.

delectable

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

delectation

n. delight.

deleterious

a. having harmful effect; injurious; having quality of destroying life; noxious; poisonous

delicacy

n. that which is agreeable to a fine taste.

delineate

v. portray; depict; draw or trace outline of; sketch out

deliquesce

v. to dissolve gradually and become liquid by absorption of moisture from the air.

delirious

a. having a delirium; wandering in mind; insane; raving; wild

delude

v. deceive mind or judgment of; lead from truth or into error; frustrate or disappoint

deluge

n. great flood; heavy downpour; any overflowing of water

delusion

n. false belief; mistaken or unfounded opinion

demagnetize

v. make nonmagnetic; take away the magnetic properties; erase

demagogue

n. person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people

demeanor

n. conduct; management; way in which a person behaves

demented

a. insane; mad; of unsound mind; mentally ill

demerit

n. a mark for failure or bad conduct.

demise

n. end of existence or activity; termination

demobilize

v. retire from military service

demolish

v. raze; destroy; do away with completely; put an end to

demonstrable

adj. capable of positive proof.

demonstrate

v. show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

demonstrative

adj. inclined to strong exhibition or expression of feeling or thoughts.

demonstrator

n. one who proves in a convincing and conclusive manner.

demulcent

n. any application soothing to an irritable surface

demurrage

n. the detention of a vessel beyond the specified time of sailing.

dendroid

adj. like a tree.

dendrology

n. the natural history of trees.

denizen

n. inhabitant or resident; regular visitor

denominate

v. to give a name or epithet to.

denomination

n. class, society, or collection of individuals called by the same name; specifically, a religious sect

denominator

n. part of a fraction which expresses the number of equal parts into which the unit is divided.

denote

v. indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

denouement

n. outcome; final resolution or clarification of dramatic or narrative plot

denounce

v. condemn openly; criticize; make known in formal manner

dentifrice

n. any preparation used for cleaning the teeth.

denude

v. to strip the covering from.

denunciation

n. the act of declaring an action or person worthy of reprobation or punishment.

deplete

v. decrease fullness of; use up or empty out

deplorable

adj. contemptible.

deplore

v. feel or express strong disapproval of; condemn; express sorrow or grief over; regret

deponent

adj. laying down.

depopulate

v. to remove the inhabitants from.

deport

v. to take or send away forcibly, as to a penal colony.

deportment

n. manner of deporting or demeaning one's self; manner of acting; conduct; carriage

deposition

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

depositor

n. a person who has deposited money in a bank or similar institution

depository

n. a place where anything is kept in safety.

deprave

v. to render bad, especially morally bad.

deprecate

v. express disapproval of; protest against; belittle

depreciate

v. lessen price or value of; think or speak of as being of little worth; belittle

depreciation

n. devaluation; decrease in price or value

depress

v. lower in spirits; press down

depression

n. recession; economic slump; concavity in a surface produced by pressing ; sadness; low spirits

depth

n. deepness.

derelict

a. left and abandoned; negligent in performing a duty

deride

v. ridicule; make fun of; laugh at with contempt

derisible

adj. open to ridicule.

derision

n. ridicule.

derivation

n. that process by which a word is traced from its original root or primitive form and meaning.

derivative

a. unoriginal; derived from another source

derive

v. obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

dermatology

n. the branch of medical science which relates to the skin and its diseases.

derrick

n. an apparatus for hoisting and swinging great weights.

descendant

n. offspring; person considered as descended from some ancestor or race

descendent

adj. proceeding downward.

descent

n. ancestry; origin; the descendants of one individual; drop; fall; a movement downward

descry

v. catch sight of; discover by careful observation or scrutiny

desert

n. area with little or no vegetation; forsake; abandon

desiccant

n. any remedy which, when applied externally, dries up or absorbs moisture, as that of wounds.

designate

v. indicate or specify; point out; assign a name or title to

desist

v. cease to proceed or act; stop; forbear

desistance

n. cessation.

despair

n. loss of hope; utter hopelessness; complete despondency

desperado

n. one without regard for law or life.

desperate

a. having lost all hope; dangerous; extremely intense

despicable

a. fit or deserving to be despised; contemptible; mean; vile; worthless

despite

n. lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; disdain, contemptuous feelings, hatred

despond

v. to lose spirit, courage, or hope.

despondent

a. in low spirits from loss of hope or courage

despot

n. tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler; eastern Orthodox bishop

despotism

n. any severe and strict rule in which the judgment of the governed has little or no part.

destitute

a. extremely poor; utterly lacking; devoid

desultory

a. aimless; haphazard; at random; not connected with subject

deter

v. keep from; stop; prevent or discourage from acting

deteriorate

v. become worse; decline

determinate

adj. definitely limited or fixed.

determination

n. act of making or arriving at a decision; putting an end to; termination

deterrent

n. something that discourages; tending to deter

detest

v. dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards

detract

v. to take away in such manner as to lessen value or estimation.

detriment

n. harm; damage; injury; something that causes damage, harm, or loss

detrude

v. to push down forcibly.

deviate

v. turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge

devilry

n. malicious mischief.

deviltry

n. wanton and malicious mischief.

devious

a. departing from correct or accepted way; misleading; not straightforward

devise

v. form, plan, or arrange in the mind; transmit or give by will

devout

a. expressing devotion or piety; earnest in religious field

dexterity

n. right-handedness; readiness and grace in physical activity; skill and ease in using the hands; expertness in manual acts

diabolic

adj. characteristic of the devil.

diacritical

adj. marking a difference.

diagnose

v. analyze; examine; identify

diagnosis

n. art of identifying disease; critical analysis of nature of something

dialect

n. vocabulary that is for a specific group of people

dialectician

n. a logician.

dialogue

n. conversation

diaphanous

adj. transparent.

diatomic

adj. containing only two atoms.

diatribe

n. a bitter or malicious criticism.

dictum

n. a positive utterance.

didactic

adj. pertaining to teaching.

difference

n. dissimilarity in any respect.

differentia

n. any essential characteristic of a species by reason of which it differs from other species.

differential

adj. distinctive.

differentiate

v. set apart; distinguish; perceive or show difference in or between

diffidence

n. self-distrust.

diffident

adj. affected or possessed with self-distrust.

diffusible

adj. spreading rapidly through the system and acting quickly.

diffusion

n. act of dispersing or diffusing something

dignitary

n. one who holds high rank.

digraph

n. a union of two characters representing a single sound.

digress

v. turn aside, especially from main subject in writing or speaking

dilapidated

a. in disrepair, run down; of very poor quality or condition

dilate

v. make wider or larger; cause to expand; enlarge; widen

dilatory

adj. tending to cause delay.

dilemma

n. predicament; state of uncertainty or between equally unfavorable options

dilettante

n. a superficial amateur.

diligence

n. careful and persevering effort to accomplish what is undertaken.

dilute

v. weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water

diminution

n. reduction.

dimly

ad. vaguely; in a dim or obscure manner; with dull or imperfect vision or a faint light; not brightly or clearly

diphthong

n. the sound produced by combining two vowels in to a single syllable or running together the sounds.

diplomacy

n. tact; politics; negotiation between nations

diplomat

n. one who is in charge to deal with others, like an ambassador, who is appointed to represent a government in relations with other governments

diplomatic

a. relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

diplomatist

n. one remarkable for tact and shrewd management.

disagree

v. to be opposite in opinion.

disallow

v. to withhold permission or sanction.

disappear

v. to cease to exist, either actually or for the time being.

disappoint

v. to fail to fulfill the expectation, hope, wish, or desire of.

disapprove

v. to regard with blame.

disarm

v. to deprive of weapons.

disarrange

v. to throw out of order.

disavow

v. to disclaim responsibility for.

disavowal

n. denial.

disbeliever

n. one who refuses to believe.

disburden

v. to disencumber.

disburse

v. to pay out or expend, as money from a fund.

discard

v. throw out something from one's hand; get rid of

discernible

a. distinguishable; perceptible; capable of being seen or noticed

disciple

n. follower; adherent; person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others

disciplinary

adj. having the nature of systematic training or subjection to authority.

discipline

n. trait of being well behaved ; act of punishing ; system of rules of conduct or method of practice

disclaim

v. to disavow any claim to, connection with, or responsibility to.

discolor

v. to stain.

discomfit

v. make uneasy or perplexed; cause to lose one's composure; disconcert

discomfort

n. distress; uneasiness; mental or bodily distress

disconnect

n. an unbridgeable disparity as from a failure of understanding

disconsolate

a. sad; cheerless; gloomy; hopeless or not expecting

discontinuance

n. interruption or intermission.

discord

n. conflict; lack of agreement among persons, groups, or things

discountenance

v. to look upon with disfavor.

discover

v. to get first sight or knowledge of, as something previously unknown or unperceived.

discredit

v. defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve

discreet

a. free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

discrepant

adj. opposite.

discriminate

v. make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

discursive

a. tending to depart from main point or cover a wide range of subjects

discussion

n. debate.

disenfranchise

v. deprive of civil right; deprive someone of franchise, generally their right to vote

disengage

v. release from something that holds firmly

disfavor

n. disregard.

disfigure

v. change appearance of something or someone to the negative; deform

dishabille

n. undress or negligent attire.

dishonest

adj. untrustworthy.

disillusion

v. to disenchant.

disinfect

v. to remove or destroy the poison of infectious or contagious diseases.

disinfectant

n. substance which kills germs or viruses; agent for removing the causes of infection, as chlorine

disinherit

v. to deprive of an inheritance.

disinterested

a. not interested; indifferent; free of self-interest; impartial

disjunctive

adj. helping or serving to disconnect or separate.

dislocate

v. to put out of proper place or order.

dismissal

n. displacement by authority from an office or an employment.

dismount

v. to throw down, push off, or otherwise remove from a horse or the like.

disobedience

n. neglect or refusal to comply with an authoritative injunction.

disobedient

adj. neglecting or refusing to obey.

disparage

v. belittle; speak of in a slighting or disrespectful way; reduce in esteem or rank

disparity

n. difference; condition or fact of being unequal, as in age, rank, or degree

dispel

v. scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

dispensation

n. that which is bestowed on or appointed to one from a higher power.

displace

v. move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

dispossess

v. to deprive of actual occupancy, especially of real estate.

disputation

n. verbal controversy.

disqualify

v. to debar.

disquiet

v. make uneasy or anxious; trouble

disregard

v. ignore; discount; take no notice of

disreputable

adj. dishonorable or disgraceful.

disrepute

n. discredit; dishonor; the state of being held in low esteem

disrobe

v. to unclothe.

disrupt

v. upset; throw into confusion or disorder

dissatisfy

v. to displease.

dissect

v. to cut apart or to pieces.

dissection

n. analysis; cutting apart in order to examine

dissemble

v. disguise or conceal behind a false appearance; make a false show of

disseminate

v. distribute; spread; scatter like seeds

dissension

n. angry or violent difference of opinion.

dissent

v. differ in opinion or feeling; withhold assent or approval

dissentient

n. one who disagrees.

dissentious

adj. contentious.

dissertation

n. formal essay; paper written by candidate for doctoral degree at university

disservice

n. an ill turn.

dissever

v. to divide.

dissimilar

a. different; unlike

dissipate

v. spend or expend wastefully; vanish by dispersion; drive away; disperse

dissipation

n. the state of being dispersed or scattered.

dissolute

a. lacking moral restraint; indulging in sensual pleasures or vices

dissolution

n. breaking of union; decomposition into fragments or parts; extinction of life; decay

dissolve

v. melt; liquefy; cause to pass into solution; cause to disappear or vanish

dissonance

n. discord; disagreeable sounds; harsh, disagreeable combination of sounds

dissonant

adj. harsh or disagreeable in sound.

dissuade

v. persuade not to do; discourage

dissuasion

n. the act of changing the purpose of or altering the plans of through persuasion, or pleading.

distemper

n. a disease or malady.

distend

v. swell out or expand from or as if from internal pressure

distensible

adj. capable of being stretched out or expanded in every direction.

distention

n. expansion.

distill

v. give off liquid; purify; refine; increase the concentration of

distillation

n. separation of the more volatile parts of a substance from those less volatile.

distiller

n. one occupied in the business of distilling alcoholic liquors.

distinction

n. excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

distort

v. twist out of proper or natural relation of parts; misshape; misrepresent

distrain

v. to subject a person to distress.

distrainor

n. one who subjects a person to distress.

distraught

a. deeply agitated, as from emotional conflict; mad; insane

distrust

n. lack of confidence in the power, wisdom, or good intent of any person.

disunion

n. separation of relations or interests.

disyllable

n. a word of two syllables.

diurnal

a. daily; relating to or occurring in a 24-hour period

divagation

n. digression.

divergent

a. differing; tending to move apart in different directions

diverse

a. differing in some characteristics; various

diversion

n. act of turning aside; pastime; activity that relaxes or entertains

diversity

n. point or respect in which things differ; difference

divert

v. distract; withdraw money and move into a different location

divertible

adj. able to be turned from the accustomed course or a line of action already established.

divest

v. free of; rid; remove all of one's clothing

divination

n. the pretended forecast of future events or discovery of what is lost or hidden.

divinity

n. the quality or character of being godlike.

divisible

adj. capable of being separated into parts.

divisor

n. that by which a number or quantity is divided.

divulge

v. reveal; make known to public

divulgence

n. a divulging.

docile

a. obedient; ready and willing to be taught; easily managed or handled

docket

n. the registry of judgments of a court.

doe

n. the female of the deer.

dogma

n. belief; doctrine

dogmatic

a. stubbornly adhering to insufficiently proven beliefs; inflexible, rigid

dogmatize

v. to make positive assertions without supporting them by argument or evidence.

doleful

a. sorrowful; filled with or expressing grief; mournful

dolesome

adj. melancholy.

dolor

n. lamentation.

dolorous

adj. expressing or causing sorrow or pain.

domain

n. field; territory over which rule or control is exercised; networked computers that share a common address

domicile

n. place of residence of a person or a family

dominance

n. ascendancy.

dominant

a. major; important; outweighing

dominate

v. monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

domination

n. control by the exercise of power or constituted authority.

domineer

v. rule or exercise power in cruel; rule over or control arbitrarily

donate

v. grant; present as a gift to a fund or cause; contribute

donator

n. one who makes a donation or present.

donee

n. a person to whom a donation is made.

donor

n. giver; one that contributes something, such as money, to a cause or fund

dormant

a. sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active

doublet

n. one of a pair of like things.

doubly

adv. in twofold degree or extent.

dowry

n. the property which a wife brings to her husband in marriage.

drachma

n. a modern and an ancient greek coin.

dragnet

n. a net to be drawn along the bottom of the water.

dragoon

n. in the british army, a cavalryman.

drainage

n. emptying accomplished by draining; gradual flowing off, as of a liquid

dramatist

n. one who writes plays.

dramatize

v. represent something in a dramatic manner; add details to

drastic

a. radical; taking effect violently or rapidly

drought

n. dry period; aridity; long period of abnormally low rainfall

drowsy

a. dull with sleepiness; showing lack of attention

drudgery

n. hard monotonous routine work

dubious

a. questionable; filled with doubt

duckling

n. a young duck.

ductile

a. easily influenced; flexible; pliable

duet

n. composition for two performers, whether vocal or instrumental

dun

v. to make a demand or repeated demands on for payment.

duplex

adj. having two parts.

duplicity

n. double-dealing; deliberate deceptiveness in behavior or speech; acting in bad faith.

durance

n. confinement.

duration

n. length of time something lasts

duteous

adj. showing submission to natural superiors.

dutiable

adj. subject to a duty, especially a customs duty.

dutiful

a. careful to fulfill obligations; expressing or filled with sense of obligation

dwindle

v. shrink; reduce in size; become less

dyne

n. the force which, applied to a mass of one gram for 1 second, would give it a velocity of 1 cm/s.

earnest

n. seriousness; reality; fixed determination; eagerness; intentness

earthenware

n. ceramic ware made of porous clay fired at low heat

eatable

adj. edible.

ebullient

a. showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm

eccentric

a. departing from a recognized, conventional, or established norm or pattern

eccentricity

n. oddity; departure from that which is stated, regular, or usual; deviation from center

eclipse

v. darken; exceed in importance; outweigh

economize

v. save money or resource; cut back; be thrifty

ecstasy

n. intense joy or delight; any overpowering emotion

ecstatic

a. pertaining to, or caused by, ecstasy or excessive emotion

edible

a. eatable; substance that can be used as food

edict

n. decree, especially issued by a sovereign; official command

edify

v. instruct or correct, especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement

editorial

a. of or pertaining to an editor; written or sanctioned by an editor

educe

v. to draw out.

efface

v. rub or wipe out; make indistinct as if by rubbing

effect

n. a consequence.

effective

a. efficient; productive; producing a strong impression or response

effectual

a. able to produce a desired effect; valid

effeminacy

n. womanishness.

effeminate

a. having some characteristic of a woman; womanlike; womanly; tender

effervesce

v. to bubble up.

effervescent

adj. giving off bubbles of gas.

effete

adj. exhausted, as having performed its functions.

efficacious

adj. effective.

efficacy

n. power to produce desired effect

efficiency

n. effectiveness; quality or property of being efficient; ratio of useful output to the total input in any system

efficient

a. effective; acting directly to produce an effect; exhibiting a high ratio of output to input

efflorescence

n. the state of being flowery, or a flowery appearance.

efflorescent

adj. opening in flower.

effluvium

n. a noxious or ill-smelling exhalation from decaying or putrefying matter.

effrontery

n. shameless or brazen boldness; insolent and shameless audacity

effulgence

n. splendor.

effuse

v. to pour forth.

effusion

n. an outpouring.

egoist

n. one who advocates or practices egoism.

egotism

n. self-conceit.

egotist

n. one given to self-mention or who is constantly telling of his own views and experiences.

egregious

a. notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking

egress

n. act of coming or going out; emergence; right to leave; path or opening for going out

eject

v. put out or expel from a place; discharge

elapse

v. slip or glide away; pass away silently

elasticity

n. tendency of a body to return to its original shape after it has been stretched or compressed

electrolysis

n. the process of decomposing a chemical compound by the passage of an electric current.

electrotype

n. a metallic copy of any surface, as a coin.

elegy

n. poem or song expressing lamentation; mournful poem

element

n. fundamental or essential constituent of a composite entity; basic assumptions or principles of a subject

elicit

v. draw out; bring forth or to light; generate or provoke as response or answer

eligible

a. qualified; desirable and worthy of choice, especially for marriage

eliminate

v. eradicate; abolish; rule out

elizabethan

adj. relating to elizabeth, queen of england, or to her era.

elocution

n. the art of correct intonation, inflection, and gesture in public speaking or reading.

eloquent

a. vividly or movingly expressive; persuasive

elucidate

v. make clear or plain, especially by explanation; clarify

elude

v. avoid cleverly; escape perception of

elusion

n. evasion.

emaciate

v. to waste away in flesh.

emanate

v. come or send forth from a source, used chiefly of intangible thing, as light

emancipate

v. free from bondage, oppression, or restraint; liberate

embargo

n. ban on commerce or other activity

embark

v. commence; go on board a boat or airplane; begin a journey

embarrass

v. humiliate; shame; cause to feel self-conscious or ill at ease; disconcert

embellish

v. adorn; make beautiful, as by ornamentation; decorate

embezzle

v. steal or misappropriate money that one has been trusted with, especially to steal money from one's employer

emblazon

v. to set forth publicly or in glowing terms.

emblem

n. symbol; sign; distinctive badge, design, or device

embody

v. give a bodily form to; represent in bodily or material form; incorporate

embolden

v. to give courage to.

embolism

n. an obstruction or plugging up of an artery or other blood-vessel.

embroil

v. to involve in dissension or strife.

emerge

v. come into prominence; spring up; appear

emergence

n. appearance; becoming visible

emergent

adj. coming into view.

emeritus

adj. retired from active service but retained to an honorary position.

emigrant

n. someone who leaves one country to settle in another

emigrate

v. remove from one country or State to another, for the purpose of residence; migrate from home

eminence

n. fame; high status importance owing to marked superiority; rise of ground; hill

eminent

a. standing out above other things; high in rank, office, or worth

emit

v. give off; send out; give out as sound

emphasis

n. special attention or effort directed toward something; stress

emphasize

v. stress; underscore; utter or pronounce with a particular stress of voice

emphatic

adj. spoken with any special impressiveness laid upon an act, word, or set of words.

employee

n. worker; person who works for another in return for financial or other compensation

employer

n. a person or firm that employs workers

emporium

n. a bazaar or shop.

empower

v. to delegate authority to.

emulate

v. be a match or counterpart for; eager to equal or excel

enact

v. decree; establish by legal and authoritative act; make into a law

enamor

v. to inspire with ardent love.

encamp

v. to pitch tents for a resting-place.

encomium

n. high praise; formal expression of praise; tribute

encompass

v. surround; form a circle or ring around; enclose; envelop

encore

n. the call for a repetition, as of some part of a play or performance.

encourage

v. activate; stimulate

encroach

v. intrude; invade; take another's rights gradually; advance beyond proper or former limits

encumber

v. burden; put a heavy load on; load with debts, or other legal claims

encyclical

adj. intended for general circulation.

encyclopedia

n. a reference work containing articles on various topics

endanger

v. threaten; jeopardize; do something that may damage it or destroy it

endear

v. to cause to be loved.

endemic

a. prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country

endue

v. to endow with some quality, gift, or grace, usually spiritual.

endurable

adj. tolerable.

endurance

n. perseverance; state or fact of persevering; continuing existence

energetic

a. active; brisk; vigorous

enervate

v. weaken or destroy strength or vitality of; remove a nerve or part of a nerve

enfeeble

v. to debilitate.

enfranchise

v. admit to rights of citizenship, especially the right to vote

engender

v. cause; bring into existence; give rise to

engrave

v. carve or cut into a block or surface, as used for printing; impress deeply as if by carving

engross

v. occupy exclusively; absorb; acquire most or all of; write or print the final draft of; make large or larger

enhance

v. make better or more attractive; increase; improve

enigma

n. puzzle; difficult problem

enjoin

v. direct or impose with urgent appeal; order with emphasis

enkindle

v. to set on fire.

enlighten

v. supply with light; illuminate, as the sun enlightens the earth; make clear to the intellect or conscience; give information to; inform or instruct

enlist

v. enter on a list; enroll; register; engage for military or naval service

enmity

n. ill will; hatred; quality or state of being hostile

ennoble

v. to dignify.

enormity

n. hugeness in a bad sense; act of extreme evil or wickedness

enormous

a. very great in size, extent, number, or degrees; huge; massive

enrage

v. infuriate; put into a rage; provoke to fury or madness; make furious

enrapture

v. please intensely; fill with great delight or joy

enshrine

v. to keep sacred.

ensnare

v. to entrap.

entail

v. imply or require; cause to ensue or accrue; cut or carve in ornamental way

entangle

v. twist or interweave as not to be easily separated; make tangled, confused, and intricate; perplex; bewilder; puzzle

enthrall

v. capture; attract and hold by charm, beauty, or excellence; hold in bondage or subjection

enthrone

v. to invest with sovereign power.

enthuse

v. to yield to or display intense and rapturous feeling.

enthusiastic

a. having or showing great excitement and interest

entirety

n. a complete thing.

entomology

n. study of insects; branch of zoology which treats of insects

entrails

n. pl. the internal parts of an animal.

entreaty

n. treatment; reception; entertainment

entree

n. the act of entering.

entrench

v. to fortify or protect, as with a trench or ditch and wall.

entwine

v. to interweave.

enumerate

v. list each one; mention one by one

epic

n. long heroic poem, or similar work of art

epicure

n. a person with refined taste, especially in food and wine

epicurean

adj. indulging, ministering, or pertaining to daintiness of appetite.

epicycle

n. a circle that rolls upon the external or internal circumference of another circle.

epicycloid

n. a curve traced by a point on the circumference of a circle which rolls upon another circle.

epidemic

n. outbreak of a contagious disease that spreads rapidly and widely; widely prevalent

epidermis

n. outer, protective layer of skin of vertebrates

epigram

n. witty thought or saying, usually short; short, witty poem expressing a single thought or observation

epilogue

n. short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

epiphany

n. any appearance or bodily manifestation of a deity.

episode

n. a brief section of a literary or dramatic work that forms part of a connected series

epitaph

n. inscription on tombstone in memory

epithet

n. word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing

epitome

n. representative or perfect example of a class or type; brief summary, as of a book or article

epizootic

adj. prevailing among animals.

epoch

n. particular period of history, especially one considered remarkable

epode

n. a species of lyric poems.

equalize

v. to render uniform.

equanimity

n. calmness of temperament; steadiness of mind under stress.

equestrian

n. one who rides a horse or performs on horseback

equilibrium

n. mental or emotional balance; state of balance of any causes, powers, or motives

equitable

a. marked by or having equity; just and impartial

equity

n. ownership interest of shareholders in a corporate; something that is just and fair

equivalent

a. interchangeable; comparable; equal, as in value, force, or meaning

equivocal

a. open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead

equivocate

v. lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth

eradicate

v. completely destroy; eliminate; exterminate

errant

a. wandering; deviating from an appointed course, or from a direct path; roving; irregular in motion

erratic

a. no fixed or regular course; wandering

erroneous

a. containing or derived from error; mistaken

erudite

a. learned; scholarly, with emphasis on knowledge gained from books

erudition

n. extensive knowledge of literature, history, language, etc.

eschew

v. avoid; refuse to use or participate in; stand aloof from

espy

v. catch sight of; glimpse; discover at a distance

esquire

n. a title of dignity, office, or courtesy.

essence

n. most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience

esthetic

adj. pertaining to beauty, taste, or the fine arts.

estimable

a. capable of being estimated or valued

estrangle

v. to alienate.

estuary

n. a wide lower part of a tidal river.

et

cetera latin. and so forth.

eugenic

adj. relating to the development and improvement of race.

euphemism

n. mild expression to replace offensive, unpleasant, or embarrassing one

euphonious

a. pPleasing or agreeable to ear; having a pleasant sound

euphony

n. agreeableness of sound.

eureka

greek. i have found it.

evade

v. get away from by artifice; escape by dexterity; avoid giving a direct answer to

evanesce

v. to vanish gradually.

evanescent

a. fleeting; vanishing or likely to vanish like vapor

evangelical

adj. seeking the conversion of sinners.

evangelist

n. a preacher who goes from place to place holding services.

evasion

n. escape.

eventual

a. ultimate; occurring at an unspecified time in the future

evert

v. to turn inside out.

evict

v. put out by legal process; expel; eject; oust

evidential

adj. indicative.

evince

v. show or demonstrate clearly; overcome; conquer

evoke

v. bring out; arouse; call forth

evolution

n. development; progression

evolve

v. develop; grow

exacerbate

v. increase severity, violence, or bitterness of; aggravate

exaggerate

v. represent as greater than is actually the case; overstate; magnify; do something to an excessive degree

exasperate

v. make worse; irritate; make very angry or impatient; annoy greatly

excavate

v. unearth; dig out; make a hole in; hollow out

exceed

v. go beyond; be or do something to a greater degree

excel

v. be superior; distinguish oneself

excellence

n. possession of eminently or unusually good qualities.

excellency

n. a title of honor bestowed upon various high officials.

excellent

a. surpassing others in some good quality or the sum of qualities; of great worth; eminent, in a good sense

excerpt

n. passage or segment taken from a longer work, such as literary or musical composition

excess

a. amount or quantity beyond what is normal or sufficient; surplus

excitable

adj. nervously high-strung.

excitation

n. intensified emotion or action.

exclamation

n. an abrupt or emphatic expression of thought or of feeling.

exclude

v. leave out of; keep out of; reject

exclusion

n. rejection; act of excluding or shutting out

excrecence

n. any unnatural addition, outgrowth, or development.

excretion

n. the getting rid of waste matter.

excruciate

v. to inflict severe pain or agony upon.

excursion

n. trip; usually short journey made for pleasure

excusable

adj. justifiable.

execrable

a. very bad; extremely inferior; intolerable; very hateful

execration

n. an accursed thing.

executor

n. one who executes or performs; doer

exegesis

n. explanation; interpretation, especially of biblical or religious text

exemplar

n. a model, pattern, or original to be copied or imitated.

exemplary

a. serving as model; outstanding; typical

exemplify

v. serve as an example of; embody

exempt

a. not subject to duty or obligation; not subject to taxation

exert

v. cause; apply; exercise

exhale

v. breathe out; give out

exhaust

n. gases ejected from an engine as waste products ; use up the whole supply of

exhaustible

adj. causing or tending to cause exhaustion.

exhaustion

n. act of draining out or draining off; act of emptying completely of the contents; state of being exhausted or emptied

exhaustive

a. treating all parts or aspects without omission; comprehensive

exhilarate

v. cause to feel happily refreshed and energetic; fill with emotion

exhume

v. dig out of ground; remove from grave

exigency

n. urgent situation; state or quality of requiring much effort or immediate action

exigent

adj. urgent.

existence

n. possession or continuance of being.

exit

n. passage or way out; act of going away or out

exodus

n. departure of a large number of people

exonerate

v. acquit; free from blame; discharge from duty

exorbitance

n. extravagance or enormity.

exorbitant

a. greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation; exceeding proper limits

exorcise

v. drive out evil spirits by or as if by incantation, command, or prayer

exotic

a. from another part of the world; foreign; strikingly strange or unusual

expand

v. become larger in size or volume; grow stronger; add details

expanse

n. patch; wide and open extent, as of surface, land, or sky

expansion

n. growth; extent or amount by which something has expanded

expect

v. to look forward to as certain or probable.

expectancy

n. the act or state of looking forward to as certain or probable.

expectorate

v. to cough up and spit forth.

expediency

n. fitness to meet the requirements of a particular case.

expedient

a. suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest

expedite

v. process fast and efficiently; execute quickly and efficiently

expeditious

adj. speedy.

expend

v. lay out, apply, or employ in any way; consume by use; use up or distribute, either in payment or in donations; spend

expense

n. the laying out or expending of money or other resources, as time or strength.

expiate

v. make amends or pay the penalty for; relieve or cleanse of guilt

explicate

v. explain; make clear the meaning of; unfold meaning or sense of

explicit

a. precisely and clearly expressed; definite; outspoken

explode

v. erupt; blow up; burst violently as a result of internal pressure

explosion

n. a sudden and violent outbreak.

explosive

a. tending or serving to sudden outburst; sudden and loud

exposition

n. exhibition; part of a play that provides the background information; opening section of a fugue

expository

a. explanatory; serving to explain

expostulate

v. to discuss.

exposure

n. risk, particularly of being exposed to disease; unmasking; act of laying something open

expressive

a. demonstrative; indicative

expulsion

n. expelling; driving or forcing out; summary removal from membership or association

extant

a. still in existence; not destroyed, lost, or extinct

extemporaneous

adj. done or made without much or any preparation.

extempore

adv. without studied or special preparation.

extensible

adj. capable of being thrust out.

extension

n. supplement; act of extending or the condition of being extended

extensive

a. widespread; far-reaching; wide

extensor

n. a muscle that causes extension.

extenuate

v. weaken; lessen or attempt to lessen seriousness of, especially by providing partial excuses

exterior

n. outside; external or outward appearance

external

a. exterior; outer; suitable for application to the outside

extinct

a. no longer existing or living; vanished; dead

extinguish

v. quench; put out, as a light or fire; cause to die out; put an end to; destroy

extol

v. praise highly; glorify; celebrate

extort

v. obtain from another by coercion; get money by threats

extortion

n. extorting; illegal use of one's official position or powers to obtain property

extradite

v. to surrender the custody of.

extradition

n. surrender of prisoner by one state to another; delivery by one state to another

extrajudicial

adj. happening out of court.

extraneous

a. not essential; coming from outside

extraordinary

a. exceptional; remarkable; beyond what is ordinary or usual

extravagance

n. undue expenditure of money.

extravagant

a. wandering beyond one's bounds; exceeding due bounds; wild; excessive; unrestrained

extremist

n. one who supports extreme measures or holds extreme views.

extremity

n. end; utmost point; outermost or farthest point or portion

extricate

v. free, as from difficulties or perplexities; cause to be emitted or evolved

extrude

v. force or push out; drive away; displace or remove, as a person from a place or office

exuberance

n. overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness

exuberant

a. high spirited; joyously unrestrained; abundant; luxurious

fabricate

v. build; put together out of components or parts

fabulous

a. related in fable; devised; invented; not real

facet

n. small, smooth, flat surface, as on a bone or tooth; side; a smooth surface

facetious

a. joking, often inappropriately; humorous

facial

adj. pertaining to the face.

facile

a. done or achieved with little effort or difficulty; ready or fluent

facilitate

v. help bring about; make less difficult

facility

n. service, space, and equipment provided for a particular purpose

facsimile

n. exact copy or reproduction, as of a document; fax

faction

n. a party of persons having a common end in view

factious

adj. turbulent.

fallacious

a. false; tending to mislead; deceptive

fallacy

n. deceptive or false appearance; false notion; deception

fallible

a. likely to fail or be inaccurate

fallow

a. plowed but left unseeded during a growing season; uncultivated

famish

v. starve, kill, or destroy with hunger; exhaust the strength or endurance of, by hunger

fanatic

n. person who is zealously enthusiastic for some cause; showing evidence of possession by a god or demon

fancier

n. one having a taste for or interest in special objects.

fanciless

adj. unimaginative.

fastidious

a. difficult to please; having complicated requirements; excessively particular demanding about details

fathom

v. measure the depth; come to understand

fatuous

a. foolish or silly, especially in self-satisfied way

faulty

adj. imperfect.

faun

n. one of a class of deities of the woods and herds represented as half human, with goats feet.

fawn

n. young deer; buck or doe of the first year; young of an animal

fealty

n. loyalty.

feasible

a. capable of being accomplished or brought about

federate

v. to league together.

feint

n. trick; any distracting or deceptive maneuver

felicitate

v. to wish joy or happiness to, especially in view of a coming event.

felicity

n. great happiness; pleasing and appropriate manner or style

felon

n. person convicted of crime; evil person

felonious

adj. showing criminal or evil purpose.

felony

n. one of several grave crimes, such as murder, rape, or burglary

feminine

adj. characteristic of woman or womankind.

fernery

n. a place in which ferns are grown.

ferocious

a. fierce; savage; wild; indicating cruelty

ferocity

n. savage wildness or fierceness; fury; cruelty

fervent

a. extremely hot; sincerely or intensely felt

fervid

a. extremely hot; eager; impassioned; burning

fervor

n. intensity of feeling; warmth of feeling; intense, heated emotion

festal

adj. joyous.

festive

a. offering fun and gaiety; joyous; celebratory

fete

n. a festival or feast.

fetus

n. the young in the womb or in the egg.

feudal

adj. pertaining to the relation of lord and vassal.

feudalism

n. the feudal system.

fez

n. a brimless felt cap in the shape of a truncated cone, usually red with a black tassel.

fiasco

n. complete failure; sudden and violent collapse

fickle

a. not fixed or firm; liable to change; unstable; of a changeable mind

fidtious

a. existing only in imagination; feigned; not true or real

fidtity

n. faithfulness to obligations, duties, or observances

fiducial

adj. indicative of faith or trust.

fief

n. a landed estate held under feudal tenure.

filibuster

v. block legislation by making long speeches

finale

n. concluding part; closing section

finality

n. the state or quality of being final or complete.

finally

adv. at last.

financial

a. monetary; pertaining or relating to money matters

financier

n. one skilled in or occupied with financial affairs or operations.

finery

n. that which is used to decorate the person or dress.

finesse

n. refinement and delicacy of performance; skillful, subtle handling

finite

a. having a limit; limited in quantity, degree, or capacity; bounded

fiscal

a. pertaining to the public treasury or revenue; revenue

fishmonger

n. one who sells fish.

fissure

n. long narrow opening ; long narrow depression in surface

fitful

a. intermittently stopping and starting; irregular; variable; unstable

fixture

n. commonplace object; object firmly fixed in place

flag-officer

n. the captain of a flag-ship.

flagrant

a. obvious and offensive, blatant, scandalous; flaming into notice

flamboyant

a. elaborately or excessively ornamented

flatulence

n. accumulation of gas in the stomach and bowels.

flection

n. the act of bending.

fledgling

a. young and inexperienced; having just acquired its flight feathers

flexible

a. pliant; elastic; capable of being bent or flexed; pliable

flimsy

a. weak; feeble; limp; slight; vain; without strength or solidity

flippant

a. lacking proper seriousness; speaking freely; talkative; communicative

floe

n. mass of floating ice; ice formed by freezing of surface-water of polar oceans

flora

n. plants of a region or era; plants considered as a group; bacteria that normally inhabit bodily organ

floral

a. relating to or associated with flowers

florid

a. reddish; elaborately or excessively ornamented

florist

n. a dealer in flowers.

fluctuate

v. rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly

fluctuation

n. a wave motion

flue

n. a smoke-duct in a chimney.

fluent

a. easy and graceful in shape; graceful; smooth and unconstrained in movement

fluential

adj. pertaining to streams.

flux

n. flowing; series of changes; state of being liquid through heat

foggy

a. obscured by fog; indistinct or hazy in outline

foible

n. moral weakness; failing; weak point; slight fault

foist

v. to palm off.

foliage

n. masses of leaves; a cluster of leaves, flowers, and branches

folio

n. a sheet of paper folded once, or of a size adapted to folding once.

folk-lore

n. the traditions, beliefs, and customs of the common people.

fondle

v. to handle tenderly and lovingly.

foolery

n. folly.

foot-note

n. a note of explanation or comment at the foot of a page or column.

foppery

n. dandyism.

foppish

adj. characteristic of one who is unduly devoted to dress and the niceties of manners.

forbearance

n. patience; restraint of passions; act of forbearing or waiting

forby

adv. besides.

forcible

adj. violent.

forebode

v. foretell; tell in advance; indicate likelihood of; portend

forecast

n. prediction about how something will develop, as for weather

forecastle

n. that part of the upper deck of a ship forward of the after fore-shrouds.

foreclose

v. to bar by judicial proceedings the equitable right of a mortgagor to redeem property.

forecourt

n. a court opening directly from the street.

forefather

n. ancestor; forebear

forego

v. precede; go ahead of; go forward; go on

foreground

n. that part of a landscape or picture situated or represented as nearest the spectator.

forehead

n. the upper part of the face, between the eyes and the hair.

foreign

adj. belonging to, situated in, or derived from another country.

foreigner

n. a citizen of a foreign country.

forejudge

v. to judge of before hearing evidence.

foreknowledge

n. prescience.

foreman

n. the head man.

foreordain

v. to predetermine.

foreordination

n. predestination.

forerun

v. to go before as introducing or ushering in.

foresail

n. a square sail.

foresee

v. anticipate; predict

foreshore

n. that part of a shore uncovered at low tide.

foresight

n. ability to foresee future happenings

foretell

v. tell of or indicate beforehand; predict

forethought

n. premeditation.

forfeit

n. something surrendered as punishment for crime or error

forfend

v. to ward off.

forgery

n. act of forging, especially the illegal production of something counterfeit

forgo

v. give up; do without; go or pass by without claiming

formation

n. configuration; pattern

formidable

a. arousing fear; threatening; difficult to undertake or defeat

formula

n. plan; directions for making something; a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

forswear

v. renounce or deny something, especially under oath; swear falsely, usually under pressure

forte

n. particular skill; special talent

forth

adv. into notice or view.

forthright

a. directly ahead; straightforward

fortify

v. make strong or stronger; prepare oneself for a military confrontation

fortitude

n. bravery; force; power to attack or to resist attack

foursome

adj. consisting of four.

fracture

v. break into pieces; crack; destroy; violate or abuse

fragile

a. easy to destroy, delicate, not strong

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frailty

n. condition quality of being frail, physically, mentally, or morally; infirmity; weakness of resolution

frankincense

n. a gum or resin which on burning yields aromatic fumes.

frantic

a. highly excited with strong emotion; disordered or nervous activity

fraternal

a. becoming to brothers; brotherly

fraudulence

n. deceitfulness.

fraudulent

a. cheating; deceitful; planning or using fraud; given to practice of fraud

fray

n. battle, assault, or quarrel with violence; wear away by rubbing

free

trade n. commerce unrestricted by tariff or customs.

freemason

n. a member of an ancient secret fraternity originally confined to skilled artisans.

freethinker

n. one who rejects authority or inspiration in religion.

frequency

n. the comparative number of any kind of occurrences within a given time or space.

fresco

n. cool, refreshing state of air; art of painting on freshly spread plaster, before it dries

freshness

n. condition or quality of being fresh, in any sense; originality by virtue of being new and surprising

fretful

a. disposed to fret; ill-humored; peevish; angry; in a state of vexation

frightful

adj. apt to induce terror or alarm.

frigid

a. intensely cold; lacking warmth; stiff and formal in manner

frigidarium

n. a room kept at a low temperature for preserving fruits, meat, etc.

frivolity

n. not serious or sensible; acting like a clown; something of little value or significance

frivolous

a. lacking in seriousness; not serious; relatively unimportant

frizz

v. to give a crinkled, fluffy appearance to.

frizzle

v. to cause to crinkle or curl, as the hair.

frolicsome

a. full of high-spirited fun; gay; given to merry

frowzy

adj. slovenly in appearance.

frugal

a. sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive

fruition

n. bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization

fugacious

adj. fleeting.

fulcrum

n. support on which a lever rests; prop or support

fulminate

v. to cause to explode.

fulsome

a. offensively flattering or insincere; offensive; disgusting

fumigate

v. treat with fumes; apply smoke to; expose to smoke or vapor, especially to disinfect or eradicate pests

functionary

n. an official.

fundamental

a. relating to foundation or base; elementary; primary; essential

fungible

adj. that may be measured, counted, or weighed.

fungous

adj. spongy.

fungus

n. plant belonging to the group Fungi

furberish

v. to restore brightness or beauty to.

furlong

n. a measure, one-eighth of a mile.

furlough

n. leave of absence; vacation granted a soldier or civil servant

furrier

n. a dealer in or maker of fur goods.

further

v. get greater distance; make more in advance

furtherance

n. advancement.

furtive

a. marked by quiet and caution and secrecy

fuse

v. combine; blend; become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

fusible

adj. capable of being melted by heat.

futile

a. useless; having no useful result; vain

futurist

n. a person of expectant temperament.

gaiety

n. merry or joyful activity; festivity; bright color or showiness, as of dress; finery

gaily

ad. merrily; showily; in a joyful, cheerful, or happy manner

gait

n. manner of walking or stepping; bearing or carriage while moving; walk; rate of moving

gallant

a. courtly; lively and spirited; having or displaying great dignity or nobility

galore

adj. abundant.

galvanic

adj. pertaining or relating to electricity produced by chemical action.

galvanism

n. current electricity, especially that arising from chemical action.

galvanize

v. stimulate by shock; stir up; stimulate to action

gamble

v. play or game for money or other stake; lose or squander by gaming

gambol

v. dance and skip about in sport; leap playfully

gamester

n. a gambler.

gamut

n. entire range; all notes in musical scale

garnish

v. decorate with ornamental appendages

garrison

n. the military force stationed in a fort, town, or other place for its defense.

garrote

v. to execute by strangling.

garrulous

a. talking much and repetition of unimportant or trivial details

gaseous

a. of gas; gas-like; lacking substance or concreteness