

## 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

**dishabile**

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

### **fictitious**

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

### **fidelity**

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

### **furbish**

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