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

calcium
n.
silvery, moderately hard metallic element

calorie
n.
unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree

canal
n. Syn. tube
artificial channel filled with water; tube or duct

cane
n. Syn. stick
any plant with long, hard, elastic stems; walking stick

cannon
n.
great gun; firearm for discharging heavy shot with great force; loop at the top of a bell by which it is hung

canteen
n.
vessel used by soldiers for carrying water, liquor, or other drink; snack bar or small cafeteria, as on a military installation

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

capsule
n. Syn. pill
small container; pill in form of small rounded gelatinous; shortened version of a written work

caption
n. Syn. title
title; chapter heading; text under illustration

captive
n. prisoner taken by force; one kept in power of another; one charmed or subdued by beauty, excellence, or affection

**carcass**

n. dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food

**cardinal**

a. Syn. chief

chief; serving as an essential component

**carpenter**

n. skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures

**carrier**

n. Syn. messenger

one that carries or conveys; messenger

**carton**

n. pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

**cartoon**

n. design or study drawn of full size to serve as a model for transferring or copying; drawing depicting a humorous situation

**carve**

v. Syn. cut; sculpt

cut; sculpt

**cashier**

n. one who has charge of money; cash keeper

**cassette**

n. container that holds a magnetic tape used for recording or playing sound or video

**casualty**

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

**catalogue**

n. list or enumeration of names; articles arranged methodically, often in alphabetical order
**catalyst**
n. Syn. enzyme; stimulus
agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

**catastrophe**
n. Syn. calamity; disaster
calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

**category**
n. Syn. group
group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

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

**caustic**
a.
capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

**caution**
n. Syn. care
care; being attentive to possible danger

**cautious**
a. Syn. conservative; careful
conservative; careful

**cavity**
n. Syn. hole; cavern
hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

**cease**
v. Syn. stop; terminate
stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue

**cement**
n.
any substances used for making bodies adhere to each other; bond of union; concrete pavement

**censor**
n.
overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

**census**
n.
official examination of the details of a country's population

**centenary**
a. relating to a 100-year period; occurring once every 100 years

ceramic
a. of or pertaining to pottery; relating to the art of making earthenware; as, ceramic products; ceramic ornaments for ceilings.

certainty
n. Syn. clearness
quality or condition of being certain; fact or truth unquestionable established; clearness

certify
v.
give certain information to; assure; make certain

chant
v. Syn. praise; melody
utter with a melodious voice; celebrate in song; make melody with the voice

characterize
v. Syn. distinguish
distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

charter
v. Syn. license; authorize
license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

chasm
n.
deep opening in the earth surface

chaste
a. Syn. pure
morally pure in thought or conduct; decent and modest

checkup
n.
thorough physical examination

cheque
n.
written order directing a bank to pay money

chic
n. Syn. fashion
good form; style; elegance by virtue of being fashionable

chisel
choke
n.
combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together

chore
n.
a specific piece of work required to be done as a duty or for a specific fee

chorus
n.
any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

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

chronological
a.
arranged in order of time of occurrence

chunk
n.
a thick mass or piece, amount

circulate
v.
move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

circumference
n. Syn. perimeter; periphery
boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

circumstance
n. Syn. situation; condition
situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event

cite
v. Syn. quote
quote; adduce as an instance

civic
a.
relating to city or citizen; relating to man as a member of society

clamp
any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

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

clarify
v. Syn. illuminate; elucidate
make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

clarity
n.
clearness of thought or style; brightness; splendor

clash
v.
make noise by striking against something; dash noisily together; meet in opposition

clasp
n.
fastening device; firm grip

classical
a.
standard and authoritative rather than new or experimental; relating to the ancient Greeks and Romans, especially art, architecture, and literature

classify
v.
declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

clause
n. Syn. sentence; phrase
sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

cliche
n.
obvious remark; overused expression or idea

climax
n.
upward movement; steady increase; the highest point; the greatest degree

cling
v. Syn. stick
hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally

clockwise
ad.
in the direction that the hands of a clock move

**clumsy**
a. Syn. awkward; inept
awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

**cluster**
n. Syn. flowers; curls; group; bunch
group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

**clutch**
v. Syn. grasp
grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

**coalition**
n. Syn. partnership; league; union
partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

**coarse**
a. Syn. rough; harsh
rough; harsh; of low, common, or inferior quality

**coed**
a.
relating to an education system in which both men and women attend

**coeducation**
n.
system of education in which both men and women attend the same institution or classes

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

**coherent**
a. Syn. adhesive; cohesive
adhesive; cohesive; sticking together; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

**coil**
n. Syn. ring; roll
a series of connected spirals or concentric rings formed by gathering or winding; spiral pipe or series of spiral pipes

**coincide**
v. Syn. correspond
occur at the same time as; correspond
collaboration
n.
act of working together; act of cooperating with an enemy, especially it occupying one's own country

collapse
v.
breakdown; failure

colleague
n. Syn. associate
fellow worker; associate; co-worker

collide
v.
bump; hit; conflict

collision
n. Syn. crash; impact
crash; conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals

colonial
a.
of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

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

colossal
a. Syn. huge
of extraordinary size; huge; gigantic

combine
v. Syn. blend; fuse; merge
blend; fuse; merge

combustible
a. Syn. flammable; burnable; inflammable
capable of igniting and burning; easily aroused or excited

comet
n.
an object that goes around the sun

commemorate
v. Syn. remember; memorialize
serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony
commence
v. Syn. originate; start; begin
have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

commend
v.
commit, entrust, or give in charge for care or preservation; recommend as worthy of confidence or regard

commentary
n.
written explanation or criticism or illustration that is added to a book or other textual material

commodity
n. Syn. goods
goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

commonplace
a. Syn. ordinary; common
ordinary; having no remarkable features

commotion
n. Syn. riot; excitement
disturbed or violent motion; agitation; public disturbance; riot; excitement

commute
v.
obtain or bargain for exemption or substitution; travel regularly from a place of residence to another place

commuter
n.
someone who travels regularly from home in a suburb to work in a city

compact
a. Syn. compressed; condensed; concise
closely and firmly united or packed together; briefly giving gist of something

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

compartment
n.
one of parts or spaces into which an area is subdivided; separate room, section, or chamber

compass
v.
going about or entirely round; make the circuit of; enclose on all sides; surround
compatible
a. Syn. harmonious
harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

compel
v.
force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

compensate
v. Syn. make up; reimburse
make amends for; reimburse

compensation
n.
something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury

competence
n.
quality of being adequately or well qualified physically and intellectually

compile
v. Syn. assemble; gather; accumulate
put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

complement
v. Syn. complete; consummate
complete; consummate; make perfect

complexion
n. Syn. combination; complex
state of being complex; complexity; combination; complex

compliance
n.
readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement

complication
n. Syn. complexity; intricacy
complexity; intricacy; any disease or disorder that occurs during the course of another disease

component
n. Syn. element; ingredient
element; ingredient; abstract part of something

compose
v. Syn. write; create
write; create; make or create by putting together parts or elements

composite
made up of distinct parts or elements; compounded

**comprehensive**
- a. Syn. thorough; inclusive
  - thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

**compress**
- v. Syn. squeeze; contract
  - close; squeeze or press together; contract

**comprise**
- v. Syn. include
  - include; consist of; be composed of

**compulsory**
- a. Syn. mandatory; obligatory
  - mandatory; obligatory; required by rule

**compute**
- v. Syn. reckon; calculate
  - reckon; make mathematical calculation

**conceal**
- v. Syn. hide; secrete
  - keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

**concede**
- v. Syn. admit; yield
  - admit; yield; give up physical control of another

**conceive**
- v. Syn. design; consider
  - form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

**conception**
- n. Syn. thought; idea
  - beginning; forming of an idea; act of conceiving

**concerted**
- a.
  - planned or accomplished together; combined

**concession**
- n.
  - act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

**concise**
a. Syn. succinct; terse
brief and compact; expressing much in few words

**conclude**

v. Syn. deduce; inferenclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination; judge or decide; bring to an end

**concoct**

v.
digest; convert into nourishment by the organs of nutrition.

**concurrent**
a. Syn. simultaneous; coincident
simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

**condemn**
v. Syn. blame; denounce
blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

**condense**
v.
change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops; compress or concentrate

**conditioning**
n.
process of modifying person's behavior; preparation or training, especially athletic training of body

**condolence**
n.
expression of sympathy with another in sorrow or grief.

**confer**
v.
bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

**configuration**
n.
arrangement of parts or elements; outline

**confine**
v. Syn. limit; circumscribe
restrict in movement; circumscribe

**conform**
v.
comply with; follow; fit; meet

**confuse**
v. Syn. disorient; mix up
cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with intelligence or understanding; mix up

**congestion**

**n.** Syn. overcrowding
act of gathering or heaping together or forming a mass

**congruent**

**a.**
possessing congruity; suitable; agreeing; corresponding

**conjunction**

**n.**
state of being conjoined, united, or associated; union; association; league

**conquer**

**v.**
gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

**conquest**

**n.**
success in mastering something difficult; one that has been captivated or overcome

**conscientious**

**a.** Syn. diligent; responsible; reliable
diligent; responsible; reliable

**consecutive**

**a.** Syn. successive; sequential
following one after another without interruption; sequential

**consensus**

**n.** Syn. Agreement; accord
general agreement or accord; opinion reached by a group as a whole

**consent**

**v.** Syn. accord; concur; allow
agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

**consequent**

**a.** Syn. resulting
resulting; following as a logical conclusion

**conservation**

**n.** Syn. preservation
preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect

**conservative**
favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change

**conservatory**

**n.**
greenhouse; school of music or dramatic art

**conserve**

**v.** Syn. retain; preserve
retain; protect from loss or harm; preserve; use carefully or sparingly, avoiding waste

**considerable**

**a.** Syn. significant
worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

**considerate**

**a.** Syn. thoughtful
thoughtful; marked by consideration or reflection; deliberate

**consign**

**v.**
give, transfer, or deliver in a formal manner, as if by signing over into the possession of another

**consist**

**v.**
be made up or composed; be comprised or contained in

**console**

**v.** Syn. relieve; comfort
cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

**consolidate**

**v.**
make solid; unite or press together into a compact mass; harden or make dense and firm

**conspicuous**

**a.** Syn. noticeable; prominent
noticeable; prominent; easy to notice; obvious

**constituent**

**n.** Syn. component; element; ingredient
component or part; citizen, voter

**constitute**

**v.** Syn. form
make up; form something

**constrain**
constrict
v. Syn. limit; restrict; shrink; contract
restrict; shrink; make smaller or narrower by binding or squeezing

construct
v. Syn. erect; build
form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

consume
v. Syn. devour; eat
devour; eat

consumer
n.
people who buy goods or services

consumption
n.
eating or drinking of something

contaminate
v. Syn. taint; pollute; defile
make impure or unclean by contact or mixture; pollute; defile

contemplate
v. Syn. ponder; meditate
look at attentively and thoughtfully; observe deep in thought

contemporary
a.
modern; belonging to the same period of time

contend
v.
strive in opposition; contest; dispute; struggle for

contention
n. Syn. controversy
competing as for profit or prize

context
n. Syn. circumstance; setting
circumstance

contingency
n.
condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

**continuity**

n. Syn. coherence
property of a continuous and connected period of time

**contradict**

v. Syn. confront; oppose
confront; oppose

**contradiction**

n.
assertion of contrary; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion; opposition, whether by argument or conduct

**contrast**

n.
act of distinguishing by comparing differences

**contribute**

v.
provide; bestow a quality on

**contribution**

n. Syn. impost; levy
act of contributing; payment exacted for special purpose; impost or levy

**contrive**

v.
form by an exercise of ingenuity; devise; invent; design

**controversial**

a. Syn. controvertible; disputable
controvertible; disputable

**controversy**

n. Syn. contention; argument
contentious speech act; argument

**convene**

v. Syn. assemble
cause to come together formally

**convenience**

n.
state of being suitable

**converge**
v. Syn. approach
approach; tend to meet; come together

**converse**
v. Syn. chat
chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

**conversely**
ad.
in a converse manner; with change of order or relation; reciprocally.

**convert**
n. Syn. transform
change something into another form; transform

**convey**
v.
carry from one place to another; bear or transport

**coordinate**
v. Syn. integrate; harmonize
bring order and organization to; harmonize

**cordial**
a. Syn. gracious
gracious; showing warm and friendliness

**cork**
n.
lightweight elastic outer bark, used especially for bottle closures, insulation, floats

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

**correlate**
v. Syn. relate; associate
relate; associate; bring into a mutual relation

**correspond**
v.
be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

**correspondence**
n. Syn. mail
similarity or analogy; communication by the exchange of letters

**correspondent**
a. one who communicates information, especially, by letter or telegram to newspaper or periodical

corresponding
a. accompanying

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

corrupt
a. Syn. spoiled; tainted
changed from sound to putrid state; spoiled; tainted

cosmic
a. Syn. vast
pertaining to the universe; vast

cosmopolitan
a. Syn. sophisticated
sophisticated; of worldwide scope

cosy
n. padded or knitted covering placed especially over a teapot to keep the tea hot; cozy

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

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

counterpart
n. Syn. version; analogue; match
duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another

coupon
n. negotiable certificate attached to a bond; interest warrant; detachable certificates that may be torn off as needed

courier
n. Syn. messenger; carrier
person who carries a message

coverage
n. Syn. reportage
extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters

**cradle**
n.
small low bed for an infant, often furnished with rockers; infancy, or very early life

**craft**
n. Syn. vessel
something made by people; vessel

**crater**
n.
a bowl-shaped opening at the top of a volcano

**crease**
n.
a line or long thin mark made by folding or doubling

**creation**
n.
fact or state of having been created; act of investing with a new office or title

**credential**
n. Syn. certificate; warrant
certificate; warrant

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

**cricket**
n.
outdoor game played with bats, a ball, and wickets by two teams of 11 players each

**cripple**
n. Syn. handicap; maim; disable
person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

**crisp**
a.
firm but easily broken or crumbled; brittle

**criteria**
n.
standard, rule, or test on which a judgment or decision can be based

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

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

crop
n.
the top, end, or highest part of anything, especially of plant or tree; grain or other product of field while standing; anything cut off or gathered

crouch
v.
bend down; stoop low; lie close to the ground with the legs bent, as an animal when waiting for prey, or in fear

crude
a.
being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

crumb
n.
small fragment or piece, especially, a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

crumble
v. Syn. fall apart; disintegrate
break into small pieces; cause to fall in pieces

crumple
v. Syn. wrinkle; rumple
fall apart; fold or collapse; crush together or press into wrinkles

crust
n. Syn. covering; coat; shell
outer layer; covering; coat; shell

cube
n.
three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides; cubicle, used for work or study

cucumber
n.
cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons

culminate
v.
reach the highest or most decisive point; rise to summit
cultivate
v. Syn. farm; domesticate; nurture; teach
improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

cumbersome
a. Syn. heavy
heavy; difficult to handle because of weight or bulk

cumulative
a.
increasing by successive addition

cunning
a.
knowing; skillful; artful; designing; deceitful

cupboard
n.
a small room or cabinet used for storage space

curl
v.
form into coiled or spiral shape; twist into ringlets or coils; move in curve or spiral

currency
n. Syn. money
money; general acceptance or use

curriculum
n. Syn. course; program
course; program

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

curve
v.
bend or turn gradually from a given direction, as road curves to the right

cushion
n.
soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

custodian
n. Syn. curator; guardian
curator; guardian

custom
n. Syn. tradition; practice
tradition; practice followed by people of a particular group or region

customary
a.
agreeing with or established by common usage; conventional; habitual

cylinder
n.
cylindrical container