

5000 TOEFL Vocabulary List (3)

eager

- a. having or showing keen interest or intense desire or impatient expectancy
- n. a high wave (often dangerous) caused by tidal flow (as by colliding tidal currents or in a narrow estuary)

earthenware

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

earthquake

- n. a disturbance that is extremely disruptive
- n. shaking and vibration at the surface of the earth resulting from underground movement along a fault plane or from volcanic activity

eccentric

- n. a person of a specified kind (usually with many eccentricities)
- n. a person with an unusual or odd personality

eccentricity

- n. (geometry) a ratio describing the shape of a conic section; the ratio of the distance between the foci to the length of the major axis
- n. a circularity that has a different center or deviates from a circular path

eclectic

- a. selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas
- n. someone who selects according to the eclectic method

eclecticism

- n. making decisions on the basis of what seems best instead of following some single doctrine or style

eclipse

- v. cause an eclipse of (a celestial body) by intervention
- v. be greater in significance than

ecological

- a. of or relating to the science of ecology
- a. characterized by the interdependence of living organisms in an environment

ecologist

- n. a biologist who studies the relation between organisms and their environment

economical

- a. of or relating to an economy, the system of production and management of material wealth
- a. using the minimum of time or resources necessary for effectiveness

economics

n. the branch of social science that deals with the production and distribution and consumption of goods and services and their management

economize

v. use cautiously and frugally
v. spend sparingly, avoid the waste of

ecosystem

n. a system formed by the interaction of a community of organisms with their physical environment

edentate

n. primitive terrestrial mammal with few if any teeth; of tropical Central America and South America
a. having few if any teeth

edge

n. the attribute of urgency in tone of voice
v. lie adjacent to another or share a boundary

edible

a. suitable for use as food
n. any substance that can be used as food

edifice

n. a structure that has a roof and walls and stands more or less permanently in one place

educated

a. possessing an education (especially having more than average knowledge)
a. characterized by full comprehension of the problem involved

education

n. the result of good upbringing (especially knowledge of correct social behavior)
n. the gradual process of acquiring knowledge

effective

a. able to accomplish a purpose; functioning effectively
a. existing in fact; not theoretical; real

effectiveness

n. power to be effective; the quality of being able to bring about an effect
n. capacity to produce strong physiological or chemical effects

efficiency

n. the ratio of the output to the input of any system
n. skillfulness in avoiding wasted time and effort

efficient

- a. able to accomplish a purpose; functioning effectively
- a. being effective without wasting time or effort or expense

effort

- n. earnest and conscientious activity intended to do or accomplish something
- n. use of physical or mental energy; hard work

eggshell

- n. the exterior covering of a bird's egg

eject

- v. put out or expel from a place
- v. eliminate (a substance)

elaborate

- v. add details, as to an account or idea; clarify the meaning of and discourse in a learned way, usually in writing
- v. work out in detail

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elaborately

- ad. with elaboration

elasticity

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

elbow

- n. a sharp bend in a road or river
- v. shove one's elbow into another person's ribs

election

- n. the status or fact of being elected
- n. a vote to select the winner of a position or political office

electromagnetic

- a. pertaining to or exhibiting magnetism produced by electric charge in motion

electron

- n. an elementary particle with negative charge

elegance

- n. a quality of neatness and ingenious simplicity in the solution of a problem (especially in science or mathematics)
- n. a refined quality of gracefulness and good taste

elegant

- a. displaying effortless beauty and simplicity in movement or execution
- a. suggesting taste, ease, and wealth

element

- n. a straight line that generates a cylinder or cone
- n. the situation in which you are happiest and most effective

elementary

- a. of or being the essential or basic part
- a. easy and not involved or complicated

elevate

- v. raise in rank or condition
- v. raise from a lower to a higher position

elevation

- n. distance of something above a reference point (such as sea level)
- n. the event of something being raised upward

elevator

- n. the airfoil on the tailplane of an aircraft that makes it ascend or descend
- n. lifting device consisting of a platform o...

elicit

- v. deduce (a principle) or construe (a meaning)
- v. derive by reason

eligible

- a. qualified for or allowed or worthy of being chosen

eliminate

- v. remove (an unknown variable) from two or more equations
- v. do away with

elimination

- n. the bodily process of discharging waste matter
- n. the murder of a competitor

elite

- a. selected as the best
- n. a group or class of persons enjoying superior intellectual or social or economic status

elixir

- n. hypothetical substance that the alchemists believed to be capable of changing base metals into gold
- n. a sweet flavored ...

elliptical

- a. characterized by extreme economy of expression or omission of superfluous elements
- a. rounded like an egg

elongate

- v. make long or longer by pulling and stretching
- a. (of a leaf shape) long and narrow

eloquent

- a. expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively

elusive

- a. difficult to detect or grasp by the mind or analyze
- a. skillful at eluding capture

emancipate

- v. give equal rights to; of women and minorities
- v. free from slavery or servitude

emancipation

- n. freeing someone from the control of another; especially a parent's relinquishing authority and control over a minor child

embed

- v. fix or set securely or deeply
- v. attach to, as a journalist to a military unit when reporting on a war

embellish

- v. make more attractive by adding ornament, colour, etc.
- v. add details to

embellishment

- n. elaboration of an interpretation by the use of decorative (sometimes fictitious) detail
- n. a superfluous ornament

emblem

- n. a visible symbol representing an abstract idea
- n. special design or visual object representing a quality, type, group, etc.

embody

- v. represent, as of a character on stage
- v. represent or express something abstract in tangible form

emboss

- v. raise in a relief

embrace

- n. the state of taking in or encircling
- v. include in scope; include as part of something broader; have as one's sphere or territory

embroider

- v. decorate with needlework
- v. add details to

embroidery

- n. decorative needlework
- n. elaboration of an interpretation by the use of decorative (sometimes fictitious) detail

embryo

- n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth and differentiation that in higher forms merge into fetal stages but in lowe...

embryonic

- a. of an organism prior to birth or hatching
- a. in an early stage of development

emerge

- v. happen or occur as a result of something
- v. become known or apparent

emergence

- n. the act of coming (or going) out; becoming apparent
- n. the gradual beginning or coming forth

emerging

- v. happen or occur as a result of something
- v. become known or apparent

emigrant

- n. someone who leaves one country to settle in another

eminence

- n. a protuberance on a bone especially for attachment of a muscle or ligament
- n. high status importance owing to marked superiority

eminent

- a. of imposing height; especially standing out above others
- a. standing above others in quality or position

emission

- n. the occurrence of a flow of water (as from a pipe)
- n. the act of emitting; causing to flow forth

emit

- v. express audibly; utter sounds (not necessarily words)
- v. expel (gases or odors)

emotion

- n. any strong feeling

emotional

- a. of or pertaining to emotion
- a. determined or actuated by emotion rather than reason

emphasis

- n. special importance or significance
- n. special and significant stress by means of position or repetition e.g.

emphasize

- v. give extra weight to (a communication)
- v. to stress, single out as important

employ

- v. put into service; make work or employ for a particular purpose or for its inherent or natural purpose
- n. the state of being employed or having a job

employee

- n. a worker who is hired to perform a job

employer

- n. a person or firm that employs workers

empty

- a. emptied of emotion
- a. holding or containing nothing

enactment

- n. the passing of a law by a legislative body
- n. acting the part of a character on stage; dramatically representing the character by speech and action and gesture

encase

- v. enclose in, or as if in, a case

enclose

- v. surround completely
- v. introduce

enclosure

- n. a structure consisting of an area that has been enclosed for some purpose
- n. something (usually a supporting document) that is enclosed in an envelope with a covering letter

encompass

- v. include in scope; include as part of something broader; have as one's sphere or territory

encounter

- v. come upon, as if by accident; meet with
- n. a casual meeting with a person or thing

encourage

- v. inspire with confidence; give hope or courage to
- v. spur on

encroach

- v. impinge or infringe upon
- v. advance beyond the usual limit

encyclopedia

- n. a reference work (often in several volumes) containing articles on various topics (often arranged in alphabetical order) dealing with the entire range of human knowledge or with some particular specialty

endanger

- v. pose a threat to; present a danger to
- v. put in a dangerous, disadvantageous, or difficult position

endangered

- a. (of flora or fauna) in imminent danger of extinction

endeavor

- v. attempt by employing effort
- n. a purposeful or industrious undertaking (especially one that requires effort or boldness)

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endless

- a. infinitely great in number
- a. having the ends united so as to form a continuous whole

endlessly

- ad. with unflagging resolve
- ad. all the time; seemingly without stopping

endow

- v. furnish with an endowment
- v. give qualities or abilities to

endowment

- n. the capital that provides income for an institution
- n. natural abilities or qualities

endurance

- n. a state of surviving; remaining alive
- n. the power to withstand hardship or stress

endure

v. face and withstand with courage

v. last and be usable

enduring

a. patiently bearing continual wrongs or trouble

a. unceasing

energetic

a. working hard to promote an enterprise

a. possessing or exerting or displaying energy

engaging

a. attracting or delighting

engrave

v. carve, cut, or etch into a material or surface

v. carve or cut into a block used for printing or print from such a block

engraving

n. a block or plate or other hard surface that has been engraved

n. a print made from an engraving

engulf

v. devote (oneself) fully to

v. flow over or cover completely

enhance

v. make better or more attractive

v. increase

enlightenment

n. (Hinduism and Buddhism) the beatitude that transcends the cycle of reincarnation; characterized by the extinction of desire a...

enormous

a. extraordinarily large in size or extent or amount or power or degree

enrage

v. put into a rage; make violently angry

enrich

v. make better or improve in quality

v. make wealthy or richer

ensemble

n. a group of musicians playing or singing together

n. a cast other than the principals

entanglement

n. an intricate trap that entangles or ensnares its victim

enterprise

n. an organization created for business ventures

n. a purposeful or industrious undertaking (especially one that requires effort or boldness)

enterprising

a. marked by imagination, initiative, and readiness to undertake new projects

entertain

v. take into consideration, have in view

v. maintain (a theory, thoughts, or feelings)

entertainer

n. a person who tries to please or amuse

entertainment

n. an activity that is diverting and that holds the attention

enthusiasm

n. a lively interest

n. overflowing with eager enjoyment or approval

enthusiastically

ad. with enthusiasm; in an enthusiastic manner

ad. in a lavish or enthusiastic manner

entitle

v. give a title to

v. give the right to

entitled

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entity

n. that which is perceived or known or inferred to have its own distinct existence (living or nonliving)

entrenched

v. occupy a trench or secured area

v. impinge or infringe upon

entrepreneur

n. someone who organizes a business venture and assumes the risk for it

entry

n. an item inserted in a written record

n. something that provides access (to get in or get out)

envelop

v. enclose or enfold completely with or as if with a covering

envision

v. picture to oneself; imagine possible

v. imagine; conceive of; see in one's mind

enzyme

n. any of several complex proteins that are produced by cells and act as catalysts in specific biochemical reactions

ephemeral

n. anything short-lived, as an insect that lives only for a day in its winged form

a. lasting a very short time

epic

a. very imposing or impressive; surpassing the ordinary (especially in size or scale)

a. constituting or having to do with or suggestive of a literary epic

epidemic

a. (especially of medicine) of disease or anything resembling a disease; attacking or affecting many individuals in a community or a population simultaneously

n. a widespread outbreak of an infectious disease; many people are infected at the same time

epidermis

n. the outer layer of the skin covering the exterior body surface of vertebrates

episode

n. a happening that is distinctive in a series of related events

n. a part of a broadcast serial

epoch

n. (astronomy) an arbitrarily fixed date that is the point in time relative to which information (as coordinates of a celestial body) is recorded

n. a unit of geological time that is a subdivision of a period and is itself divided into ages

equal

v. be identical or equivalent to

n. a person who is of equal standing with another in a group

equality

n. the quality of being the same in quantity or measure or value or status

n. a state of being essentially equal or equivalent; equally balanced

equestrian

n. a man skilled in equitation

a. of or relating to or featuring horseback riding

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equilibrium

- n. a stable situation in which forces cancel one another
- n. equality of distribution

equipment

- n. an instrumentality needed for an undertaking or to perform a service

equitable

- a. fair to all parties as dictated by reason and conscience

equivalent

- n. the atomic weight of an element that has the same combining capacity as a given weight of another element; the standard is 8 for oxygen
- a. being essentially equal to something

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- a. being essentially equal to something

eradicate

- v. destroy completely, as if down to the roots
- v. kill in large numbers

erect

- v. cause to rise up
- a. of sexual organs; stiff and rigid

erode

- v. remove soil or rock
- v. become ground down or deteriorate

erosion

- n. a gradual decline of something
- n. erosion by chemical action

erratic

- a. having no fixed course
- a. likely to perform unpredictably

erratically

- ad. in an erratic unpredictable manner

erupt

- v. become active and spew forth lava and rocks
- v. appear on the skin

eruption

- n. the emergence of a tooth as it breaks through the gum
- n. symptom consisting of a breaking out and becoming visible

escalate

- v. increase in extent or intensity

escalator

- n. a stairway whose steps move continuously on a circulating belt
- n. a clause in a contract that provides for an increase or a decrease in wages or prices or benefits etc. depending on certain conditions (as a change in the cost of living index)

escape

- v. run away from confinement
- n. a valve in a container in which pressure can build up (as a steam boiler); it opens automatically when the pressure reaches a dangerous level

escapist

- n. a person who escapes into a world of fantasy

essay

- n. an analytic or interpretive literary composition
- n. a tentative attempt

essential

- a. being or relating to or containing the essence of a plant etc
- a. of the greatest importance

estate

- n. everything you own; all of your assets (whether real property or personal property) and liabilities
- n. a major social cl...

estimate

- n. a statement indicating the likely cost of some job
- n. a judgment of the qualities of something or somebody

eternal

- a. continuing forever or indefinitely
- a. tiresomely long; seemingly without end

ethically

- ad. in an ethical manner; from an ethical point of view; according to ethics

ethics

- n. motivation based on ideas of right and wrong
- n. the philosophical study of moral values and rules

ethnic

- a. not acknowledging the God of Christianity and Judaism and Islam
- a. denoting or deriving from or distinctive of the ways of living built up by a group of people

etiquette

- n. rules governing socially acceptable behavior

evaluate

- v. evaluate or estimate the nature, quality, ability, extent, or significance of
- v. form a critical opinion of

evaporate

- v. become less intense and fade away gradually
- v. change into a vapor

evaporation

- n. the process of becoming a vapor
- n. the process of extracting moisture

eventful

- a. having important issues or results
- a. full of events or incidents

eventual

- a. expected to follow in the indefinite future from causes already operating

eventually

- ad. after an unspecified period of time or an especially long delay

evergreen

- a. (of plants and shrubs) bearing foliage throughout the year
- n. a plant having foliage that persists and remains green throughout the year

everlasting

- n. any of various plants of various genera of the family Compositae having flowers that can be dried without loss of form or color
- a. continuing forever or indefinitely

evidence

- v. give evidence
- n. (law) all the means by which any alleged matter of fact whose truth is investigated at judicial trial is established or disproved

evident

- a. capable of being seen or noticed
- a. clearly revealed to the mind or the senses or judgment

eviscerate

- a. having been disembowelled
- v. surgically remove a part of a structure or an organ

evoke

- v. call to mind
- v. evoke or provoke to appear or occur

evolution

- n. a process in which something passes by degrees to a different stage (especially a more advanced or mature stage)
- n. (biology) the sequence of events involved in the evolutionary development of a species or taxonomic group of organisms

evolutionary

- a. of or relating to or produced by evolution

evolve

- v. work out
- v. gain through experience

exact

- v. take as an undesirable consequence of some event or state of affairs
- a. (of ideas, images, representations, expressions) characterized by perfect conformity to fact or truth ; strictly correct

exacting

- a. requiring precise accuracy
- a. severe and unremitting in making demands

exaggerate

- v. to enlarge beyond bounds or the truth
- v. do something to an excessive degree

exaggeration

- n. making to seem more important than it really is
- n. the act of making something more noticeable than usual

exalted

- a. of high moral or intellectual value; elevated in nature or style

excavate

- v. form by hollowing
- v. find by digging in the ground

excavation

- n. the act of digging
- n. the act of extracting ores or coal etc from the earth

exceed

- v. be or do something to a greater degree
- v. be superior or better than some standard

excel

v. distinguish oneself

excellent

a. very good; of the highest quality

exception

n. an instance that does not conform to a rule or generalization

n. grounds for adverse criticism

exceptional

a. deviating widely from a norm of physical or mental ability; used especially of children below normal in intelligence

a. far beyond what is usual in magnitude or degree

exceptionally

v. take exception to

v. prevent from being included or considered or accepted

excess

n. the state of being more than full

n. a quantity much larger than is needed

excessive

a. beyond normal limits

a. unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings

exchange

v. exchange a penalty for a less severe one

v. give to, and receive from, one another

excite

v. stimulate sexually

v. act as a stimulant

excitement

n. the state of being emotionally aroused and worked up

n. the feeling of lively and cheerful joy

exciting

a. creating or arousing excitement

a. stimulating interest and discussion

exclaim

v. utter aloud; often with surprise, horror, or joy

v. state or announce

exclude

- v. prevent from being included or considered or accepted
- v. put out or expel from a place

exclusion

- n. a deliberate act of omission
- n. the state of being excommunicated

exclusive

- a. not divided among or brought to bear on more than one object or objective
- n. a news report that is reported first by one news organization

exclusively

- ad. without any others being included or involved

excursion

- n. wandering from the main path of a journey
- n. a journey taken for pleasure

excuse

- v. grant exemption or release to
- n. a poor example

execute

- v. carry out a process or program, as on a computer or a machine
- v. murder in a planned fashion

execution

- n. a routine court order that attempts to enforce the judgment that has been granted to a plaintiff by authorizing a sheriff to ...

executive

- n. someone who manages a government agency or department
- n. persons who administer the law

exemplary

- a. serving to warn
- a. being or serving as an illustration of a type

exemplify

- v. be characteristic of
- v. clarify by giving an example of

exempt

- a. (of persons) freed from or not subject to an obligation or liability (as e.g. taxes) to which others or other things are subject
- v. grant exemption or release to

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exemption

- n. an act exempting someone
- n. a deduction allowed to a taxpayer because of his status (having certain dependents or being blind or being over 65 etc.)

exert

- v. put to use
- v. make a great effort at a mental or physical task

exertion

- n. use of physical or mental energy; hard work

exhale

- v. give out (breath or an odor)
- v. expel air

exhaust

- v. use up the whole supply of
- v. use up (resources or materials)

exhaust

- v. use up the whole supply of
- v. use up (resources or materials)

exhausted

- a. depleted of energy, force, or strength
- a. drained physically

exhausting

- a. having a debilitating effect
- a. producing exhaustion

exhibit

- v. give an exhibition of to an interested audience
- v. to show, make visible or apparent

exhibition

- n. a collection of things (goods or works of art etc.) for public display
- n. the act of exhibiting

exhilarate

- v. fill with sublime emotion

exhilarating

- a. making lively and cheerful
- a. making lively and joyful

exit

- n. an opening that permits escape or release
- n. euphemistic expressions for death

exorbitant

- a. greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation

exotic

- a. strikingly strange or unusual
- a. being or from or characteristic of another place or part of the world

expand

- v. make bigger or wider in size, volume, or quantity
- v. exaggerate or make bigger

expanse

- n. the extent of a 2-dimensional surface enclosed within a boundary
- n. a wide scope

expansion

- n. a discussion that provides additional information
- n. the act of increasing (something) in size or volume or quantity or scope

expedition

- n. an organized group of people undertaking a journey for a particular purpose
- n. a military campaign designed to achieve a specific objective in a foreign country

expel

- v. eliminate (a substance)
- v. remove from a position or office

expenditure

- n. the act of consuming something
- n. the act of spending money for goods or services

expertise

- n. skillfulness by virtue of possessing special knowledge

expire

- v. pass from physical life and lose all bodily attributes and functions necessary to sustain life
- v. expel air

explicit

- a. precisely and clearly expressed or readily observable; leaving nothing to implication
- a. in accordance with fact or the primary meaning of a term

explode

- v. drive from the stage by noisy disapproval
- v. show a violent emotional reaction

exploit

- v. work excessively hard
- v. use or manipulate to one's advantage

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- v. use or manipulate to one's advantage

exploitation

- n. the act of making some area of land or water more profitable or productive or useful
- n. an act that exploits or victimizes someone (treats them unfairly)

exploration

- n. to travel for the purpose of discovery
- n. a careful systematic search

explore

- v. travel to or penetrate into
- v. examine minutely

explorer

- n. a commercial browser
- n. someone who travels into little known regions (especially for some scientific purpose)

explosive

- a. liable to lead to sudden change or violence
- a. sudden and loud

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- a. sudden and loud

exponential

- a. of or involving exponents
- n. a function in which an independent variable appears as an exponent

exposition

- n. a collection of things (goods or works of art etc.) for public display
- n. a systematic interpretation or explanation (usually written) of a specific topic

exposure

- n. the disclosure of something secret
- n. the intensity of light falling on a photographic film or plate

expressive

a. characterized by expression

expressly

ad. with specific intentions; for the express purpose

extend

v. reach outward in space

v. increase in quantity or bulk by adding a cheaper substance

extended

v. reach outward in space

v. increase in quantity or bulk by adding a cheaper substance

extension

n. amount or degree or range to which something extends

n. an addition to the length of something

extensive

a. of agriculture; increasing productivity by using large areas with minimal outlay and labor

a. broad in scope or content

exterior

n. the region that is outside of something

n. the outer side or surface of something

exterminate

v. kill en masse; kill on a large scale; kill many

v. destroy completely, as if down to the roots

external

a. happening or arising or located outside or beyond some limits or especially surface

n. outward features

extinct

a. being out or having grown cold

a. no longer in existence; lost or especially having died out leaving no living representatives

extinction

n. the reduction of the intensity of radiation as a consequence of absorption and radiation

n. no longer active; extinguished

extol

v. praise, glorify, or honor

extract

v. get despite difficulties or obstacles

v. take out of a literary work in order to cite or copy

extract

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- v. take out of a literary work in order to cite or copy

extraordinary

- a. far more than usual or expected
- a. beyond what is ordinary or usual; highly unusual or exceptional or remarkable

extremity

- n. the outermost or farthest region or point
- n. the greatest or utmost degree

exuberant

- a. unrestrained, especially with regard to feelings
- a. produced or growing in extreme abundance

eye-catching

- a. seizing the attention

eyewitness

- n. a spectator who can describe what happened
- v. be present at an event and see it with one's own eyes

fabric

- n. artifact made by weaving or felting or knitting or crocheting natural or synthetic fibers
- n. the underlying structure

fabricate

- v. make up something artificial or untrue
- v. put together out of artificial or natural components or parts

facade

- n. the face or front of a building
- n. a showy misrepresentation intended to conceal something unpleasant

face

- n. the side upon which the use of a thing depends (usually the most prominent surface of an object)
- n. status in the eyes of others

facelift

- n. plastic surgery to remove wrinkles and other signs of aging from your face; an incision is made near the hair line and skin i...

facet

- n. a smooth surface (as of a bone or cut gemstone)
- n. a distinct feature or element in a problem

facilitate

- v. make easier
- v. increase the likelihood of (a response)

facilitation

- n. the condition of being made easy (or easier)
- n. act of assisting or making easier the progress or improvement of something

facility

- n. a natural effortlessness
- n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

facsimile

- v. send something via a facsimile machine
- n. duplicator that transmits the copy by wire or radio

faction

- n. a clique (often secret) that seeks power usually through intrigue
- n. a dissenting clique

factor

- n. an abstract part of something
- n. any of the numbers (or symbols) that form a product when multiplied together

factual

- a. existing in act or fact
- a. of or relating to or characterized by facts

faculty

- n. one of the inherent cognitive or perceptual powers of the mind
- n. the body of teachers and administrators at a school

fade

- n. a golf shot that curves to the right for a right-handed golfer
- v. lose freshness, vigor, or vitality

faint

- a. lacking strength or vigor
- a. lacking conviction or boldness or courage

fairly

- ad. without favoring one party, in a fair evenhanded manner
- ad. to a moderately sufficient extent or degree

faithful

- n. any loyal and steadfast following
- n. a group of people who adhere to a common faith and habitually attend a given church

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faithfulness

n. the quality of being faithful

fake

- a. not genuine or real; being an imitation of the genuine article
- a. fraudulent; having a misleading appearance

falcon

- v. hunt with falcons
- n. diurnal birds of prey having long pointed powerful wings adapted for swift flight

falconer

- n. a person who breeds and trains hawks and who follows the sport of falconry

famine

- n. an acute insufficiency
- n. a severe shortage of food (as through crop failure) resulting in violent hunger and starvation and death

fanatic

- a. marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea
- n. a person motivated by irrational enthusiasm (as for a cause)

fanatical

- a. marked by excessive enthusiasm for and intense devotion to a cause or idea

fanaticism

- n. excessive intolerance of opposing views

fanciful

- a. not based on fact; unreal
- a. indulging in or influenced by fancy

fancy

- n. something many people believe that is false
- v. imagine; conceive of; see in one's mind

fantastic

- a. existing in fancy only
- a. ludicrously odd

fantasy

- n. fiction with a large amount of imagination in it
- n. imagination unrestricted by reality

farce

- v. fill with a stuffing while cooking
- n. mixture of ground raw chicken and mushrooms with pistachios and truffles and onions and parsley and lots of butter and bound with eggs

fascinate

- v. attract; cause to be enamored
- v. cause to be interested or curious

fascinating

- a. capable of arousing and holding the attention
- a. capturing interest as if by a spell

fascination

- n. a feeling of great liking for something wonderful and unusual
- n. the capacity to attract intense interest

fashion

- v. make out of components (often in an improvising manner)
- n. how something is done or how it happens

fashionable

- a. having elegance or taste or refinement in manners or dress
- a. patronized by

fasten

- v. become fixed or fastened
- v. make tight or tighter

fatal

- a. controlled or decreed by fate; predetermined
- a. bringing death

fateful

- a. (of events) having extremely unfortunate or dire consequences; bringing ruin
- a. controlled or decreed by fate; predetermined

fatigue

- n. used of materials (especially metals) in a weakened state caused by long stress
- v. lose interest or become bored with something or somebody

faucet

- n. a regulator for controlling the flow of a liquid from a reservoir

fault

- n. (geology) a crack in the earth's crust resulting from the displacement of one side with respect to the other
- n. responsibility for a bad situation or event

fauna

- n. all the animal life in a particular region or period
- n. a living organism characterized by voluntary movement

favorable

- a. inclined to help or support; not antagonistic or hostile
- a. (of winds or weather) tending to promote or facilitate

avored

- a. preferred above all others and treated with partiality

feasible

- a. capable of being done with means at hand and circumstances as they are

feat

- n. a notable achievement

feeble

- a. lacking bodily or muscular strength or vitality
- a. lacking strength

feed

- v. support or promote
- v. provide as food

feeder

- n. someone who consumes food for nourishment
- n. an animal being fattened or suitable for fattening

feminism

- n. the movement aimed at equal rights for women
- n. a doctrine that advocates equal rights for women

feminist

- a. of or relating to or advocating equal rights for women
- n. a supporter of feminism

fencing

- n. material for building fences
- n. a barrier that serves to enclose an area

fender

- n. an inclined metal frame at the front of a locomotive to clear the track
- n. a low metal guard to confine falling coals to a hearth

ferment

- n. a substance capable of bringing about fermentation
- n. a state of agitation or turbulent change or development

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- n. a state of agitation or turbulent change or development
- n. a process in which an agent causes an organic substance to break down into simpler substances; especially, the anaerobic breakdown of sugar into alcohol

ferry

v. travel by ferry

n. a boat that transports people or vehicles across a body of water and operates on a regular schedule

fertile

a. bearing in abundance especially offspring

a. intellectually productive

fertilize

v. introduce semen into (a female)

v. make fertile or productive

fertilizer

n. any substance such as manure or a mixture of nitrates used to make soil more fertile

fervor

n. the state of being emotionally aroused and worked up

n. feelings of great warmth and intensity

festival

n. an organized series of acts and performances (usually in one place)

n. a day or period of time set aside for feasting and celebration

festive

a. offering fun and gaiety

feud

v. carry out a feud

n. a bitter quarrel between two parties

feverish

a. of or relating to or characterized by fever

a. having or affected by a fever

fiber

n. coarse, indigestible plant food low in nutrients; its bulk stimulates intestinal peristalsis

n. any of several elongated, threadlike cells (especially a muscle fiber or a nerve fiber)

fiction

n. a deliberately false or improbable account

n. a literary work based on the imagination and not necessarily on fact

fictional

a. related to or involving literary fiction

a. formed or conceived by the imagination

fidelity

n. accuracy with which an electronic system reproduces the sound or image of its input signal

n. the quality of being faithful

fierce

a. ruthless in competition

a. marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions; inclined to react violently; fervid

figurehead

n. a person used as a cover for some questionable activity

n. figure on the bow of some sailing vessels

file

n. a steel hand tool with small sharp teeth on some or all of its surfaces; used for smoothing wood or metal

v. record in a public office or in a court of law

filter

v. run or flow slowly, as in drops or in an unsteady stream

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finance

n. the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

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finch

n. any of numerous small songbirds with short stout bills adapted for crushing seeds

finesse

n. subtly skillful handling of a situation

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fingertip

n. the end (tip) of a finger

fir

- n. any of various evergreen trees of the genus *Abies*; chiefly of upland areas
- n. nonresinous wood of a fir tree

fireproof

- a. impervious to damage by fire
- v. make resistant to fire

firm

- n. the members of a business organization that owns or operates one or more establishments
- a. unwavering in devotion to friend or vow or cause

fishy

- a. of or relating to or resembling fish
- a. not as expected

fitness

- n. the quality of being qualified
- n. the quality of being suitable

fittingly

- ad. in an appropriate manner

fixed

- a. incapable of being changed or moved or undone; e.g.
- a. fixed and unmoving

fixture

- n. an object firmly fixed in place (especially in a household)
- n. the act of putting something in working order again

flabby

- a. out of condition; not strong or robust; incapable of exertion or endurance

flag

- v. decorate with flags
- v. communicate or signal with a flag

flair

- n. distinctive and stylish elegance
- n. a shape that spreads outward

flake

- v. cover with flakes or as if with flakes
- v. come off in flakes or thin small pieces

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flamboyant

- a. elaborately or excessively ornamented
- n. showy tropical tree or shrub native to Madagascar; widely planted in tropical regions for its immense racemes of scarlet and orange flowers; sometimes placed in genus Poinciana

flare

- n. a sudden outburst of emotion
- n. a sudden eruption of intense high-energy radiation from the sun's surface; associated with sunspots and radio interference

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flash

- n. a lamp for providing momentary light to take a photograph
- n. a short vivid experience

flashlight

- n. a small portable battery-powered electric lamp

flavor

- v. lend flavor to
- n. (physics) the six kinds of quarks

flavoring

- n. something added to food primarily for the savor it imparts

flaw

- n. an imperfection in an object or machine
- n. an imperfection in a plan or theory or legal document that causes it to fail or that reduces its effectiveness

flea

- n. any wingless bloodsucking parasitic insect noted for ability to leap

fleeting

- a. lasting for a markedly brief time

flexibility

- n. the trait of being easily persuaded
- n. the property of being flexible; easily bent or shaped

flexible

- a. capable of being changed
- a. able to adjust readily to different conditions

flickering

- n. North American woodpecker
- v. flash intermittently

flint

- n. a city in southeast central Michigan near Detroit; automobile manufacturing
- a. showing unfeeling resistance to tender feelings

float

- v. convert from a fixed point notation to a floating point notation
- v. put into the water

flock

- v. come together as in a cluster or flock
- n. a church congregation guided by a pastor

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floodplain

- n. a low plain adjacent to a river that is formed chiefly of river sediment and is subject to flooding

flora

- n. all the plant life in a particular region or period
- n. (botany) a living organism lacking the power of locomotion

floral

- a. resembling or made of or suggestive of flowers
- a. relating to or associated with flowers

flounder

- v. walk with great difficulty
- n. flesh of any of various American and European flatfish

flourish

- v. move or swing back and forth
- v. make steady progress; be at the high point in one's career or reach a high point in historical significance or importance

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fluctuate

- v. cause to fluctuate or move in a wavelike pattern
- v. be unstable

fluctuation

- n. a wave motion
- n. the quality of being unsteady and subject to changes

fluent

- a. smooth and unconstrained in movement
- a. expressing yourself readily, clearly, effectively

fluffy

- a. like down or as soft as down

fluorescent

- n. a lighting fixture that uses a fluorescent lamp
- a. brilliantly colored and apparently giving off light

flux

- n. in constant change
- n. the rate of flow of energy or particles across a given surface

flyspeck

- n. a tiny dark speck made by the excrement of a fly
- a. very small

foe

- n. an armed adversary (especially a member of an opposing military force)
- n. a personal enemy

fog

- v. make less visible or unclear
- n. droplets of water vapor suspended in the air near the ground

fogged

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- n. droplets of water vapor suspended in the air near the ground

foggy

- a. stunned or confused and slow to react (as from blows or drunkenness or exhaustion)
- a. filled or abounding with fog or mist

foghorn

- n. a warning device consisting of a horn that generates a loud low tone
- n. a loud low warning signal that can be heard by fogbound ships

fold

- n. a pen for sheep
- n. a folded part (as in skin or muscle)

folding

- a. capable of being folded up and stored
- n. a geological process that causes a bend in a stratum of rock

foliage

- n. (architecture) leaf-like architectural ornament
- n. the main organ of photosynthesis and transpiration in higher plants

folklore

- n. the unwritten lore (stories and proverbs and riddles and songs) of a culture

folly

- n. the quality of being rash and foolish
- n. a stupid mistake

foment

- v. try to stir up public opinion
- v. bathe with warm water or medicated lotions

foolish

- a. having or revealing stupidity
- a. devoid of good sense or judgment

footnote

- v. add explanatory notes to or supply with critical comments
- n. a printed note placed below the text on a printed page

footpath

- n. a trodden path

forage

- v. collect or look around for (food)
- v. wander and feed

foray

- n. an initial attempt (especially outside your usual areas of competence)
- n. a sudden short attack

forbid

- v. command against
- v. keep from happening or arising; make impossible

forbidding

- a. harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance
- a. threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

ford

- n. son of Henry Ford (1893-1943)
- n. a shallow area in a stream that can be forded

forebear

- n. a person from whom you are descended

forecast

- v. predict in advance
- v. indicate by signs

forefather

- n. the founder of a family
- n. person from an earlier time who contributed to the tradition shared by some group

forefront

- n. the part in the front or nearest the viewer
- n. the position of greatest importance or advancement; the leading position in any movement or field

foremost

- ad. before anything else
- ad. prominently forward

forerunner

- n. a person who goes before or announces the coming of another
- n. something that precedes and indicates the approach of something or someone

foresee

- v. act in advance of; deal with ahead of time
- v. realize beforehand

foreshadow

- v. indicate by signs

foresight

- n. seeing ahead; knowing in advance; foreseeing
- n. providence by virtue of planning prudently for the future

forestall

- v. keep from happening or arising; make impossible
- v. act in advance of; deal with ahead of time

foretell

- v. foreshadow or presage
- v. make a prediction about; tell in advance

forge

- v. move ahead steadily
- v. move or act with a sudden increase in speed or energy

formal

- a. characteristic of or befitting a person in authority
- a. logically deductive

formalized

- a. given formal standing or endorsement; made official or legitimate by the observance of proper procedures
- a. concerned with or characterized by rigorous adherence to recognized forms (especially in religion or art)

format

- n. the general appearance of a publication
- n. the organization of information according to preset specifications (usually for computer processing)

formation

- n. a particular spatial arrangement
- n. an arrangement of people or things acting as a unit

formative

- n. minimal language unit that has a syntactic (or morphological) function
- a. forming or capable of forming or molding or fashioning

former

- n. the first of two or the first mentioned of two
- a. (used especially of persons) of the immediate past

formerly

- ad. at a previous time

formidable

- a. extremely impressive in strength or excellence
- a. inspiring fear

formula

- n. a liquid food for infants
- n. a conventionalized statement expressing some fundamental principle

formulate

- v. come up with (an idea, plan, explanation, theory, or principle) after a mental effort
- v. put into words or an expression

fort

- v. gather in, or as if in, a fort, as for protection or defense
- n. a fortified defensive structure

fortify

- v. make strong or stronger
- v. enclose by or as if by a fortification

fortress

- n. a fortified defensive structure

fortuitous

- a. occurring by happy chance
- a. having no cause or apparent cause

fortuitously

ad. by good fortune

fortunate

- a. presaging good fortune
- a. supremely favored

fortune

- n. a large amount of wealth or prosperity
- n. an unknown and unpredictable phenomenon that causes an event to result one way rather than another

fossil

- n. the remains (or an impression) of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological age and that has been excavated from the soil
- n. someone whose style is out of fashion

fossilized

- a. set in a rigidly conventional pattern of behavior, habits, or beliefs

foster

- v. promote the growth of
- v. bring up under fosterage; of children

foul

- a. disgustingly dirty; filled or smeared with offensive matter
- a. (of a manuscript) defaced with changes

founder

- n. inflammation of the laminated tissue that attaches the hoof to the foot of a horse
- v. stumble and nearly fall

fraction

- n. a small part or item forming a piece of a whole
- n. the quotient of two rational numbers

fracture

- v. break into pieces
- n. breaking of hard tissue such as bone

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fragile

- a. easily broken or damaged or destroyed
- a. vulnerably delicate

fragility

- n. lack of physical strength
- n. quality of being easily damaged or destroyed

fragment

- n. an incomplete piece
- n. a broken piece of a brittle artifact

fragrance

- n. a distinctive odor that is pleasant
- n. a pleasingly sweet olfactory property

fragrant

- a. pleasant-smelling

frame

- n. a system of assumptions and standards that sanction behavior and give it meaning
- v. take or catch as if in a snare or trap

framework

- n. a structure supporting or containing something
- n. a hypothetical description of a complex entity or process

frank

- a. clearly manifest; evident
- n. a smooth-textured sausage of minced beef or pork usually smoked; often served on a bread roll

fray

- v. cause friction
- v. wear away by rubbing

freight

- n. goods carried by a large vehicle
- n. transporting goods commercially at rates cheaper than express rates

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freighter

- n. a cargo ship

frenetic

- a. excessively agitated; distraught with fear or other violent emotion

frenzy

n. state of violent mental agitation

fresco

n. a mural done with watercolors on wet plaster

v. paint onto wet plaster on a wall

freshly

ad. in an impudent or impertinent manner

ad. very recently

freshness

n. originality by virtue of being new and surprising

n. the trait of being rude and impertinent; inclined to take liberties

friction

n. effort expended in moving one object over another with pressure

n. the resistance encountered when one body is moved in contact with another

frightening

v. cause fear in

v. drive out by frightening

frigid

a. sexually unresponsive

a. devoid of warmth and cordiality; expressive of unfriendliness or disdain

fringe

n. one of the light or dark bands produced by the interference and diffraction of light

n. the outside boundary or surface of something

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n. the outside boundary or surface of something

frisky

a. playful like a lively kitten

frivolity

n. acting like a clown or buffoon

n. something of little value or significance

frivolous

a. not serious in content or attitude or behavior

frost

n. United States poet famous for his lyrical poems on country life in New England (1874-1963)

n. the formation of frost or ice on a surface

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frown

- n. a facial expression of dislike or displeasure
- v. look angry or sullen, wrinkle one's forehead, as if to signal disapproval

frugal

- a. avoiding waste

frugality

- n. prudence in avoiding waste

fruitful

- a. productive or conducive to producing in abundance

fruitfulness

- v. cause to bear fruit
- v. bear fruit

fruitless

- a. unproductive of success

fruitlessly

- ad. in an unproductive manner

frustrate

- v. hinder or prevent (the efforts, plans, or desires) of
- v. treat cruelly

frustrating

- a. discouraging by hindering
- a. preventing realization or attainment of a desire

frustration

- n. the feeling that accompanies an experience of being thwarted in attaining your goals
- n. an act of hindering someone's plans or efforts

fume

- v. treat with fumes, expose to fumes, especially with the aim of disinfecting or eradicating pests
- v. be wet with sweat or blood, as of one's face

fumigate

- v. treat with fumes, expose to fumes, especially with the aim of disinfecting or eradicating pests

functional

- a. (of e.g. a machine) performing or capable of performing
- a. fit or ready for use or service

functioning

- n. a relation such that one thing is dependent on another
- n. what something is used for

fund

- v. accumulate a fund for the discharge of a recurrent liability
- n. a supply of something available for future use

fundamental

- n. the lowest tone of a harmonic series
- a. far-reaching and thoroughgoing in effect especially on the nature of something

funding

- n. financial resources provided to make some project possible
- n. the act of financing

fungus

- n. an organism of the kingdom Fungi lacking chlorophyll and feeding on organic matter; ranging from unicellular or multicellular organisms to spore-bearing syncytia

furious

- a. (of the elements) as if showing violent anger
- a. marked by extreme anger

furnish

- v. give something useful or necessary to
- v. provide or equip with furniture

furnishing

- v. give something useful or necessary to
- v. provide or equip with furniture

furniture

- n. furnishings that make a room or other area ready for occupancy

furry

- a. covered with a dense coat of fine silky hairs

further

- v. contribute to the progress or growth of
- ad. in addition or furthermore

fuse

- v. mix together different elements
- n. any igniter that is used to initiate the burning of a propellant

fused

- a. joined together into a whole

fusion

- n. the combining of images from the two eyes to form a single visual percept
- n. the act of fusing (or melting) together