abbreviation n. shortening something by omitting parts of it
For example, the word abbreviation can itself be represented by the "abbr." or "abbrev."

abnormal a. unusual; not typical; not normal
Fujitsu, Toshiba, HP and Lenovo all insist that their designs are sufficiently different to Dell and Apple, that there is no abnormal risk of fire.

abort v. stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy
However, most women say that the decision to abort is a difficult one.

abrasion n. scratch; friction
Dust also, is a significant cause of abrasion of book papers and covers.

abrasive a. rubbing away; tending to grind down
Ash can also cause long-term abrasive damage to planes that could lead to later disasters if not dealt with.

absence n. state of being absent; state of being away
The other guests had taken advantage of the Queen's absence, and were resting in the shade.

absolutely ad. utterly; definitely
For their part, the ambassadors expressed appreciation for the Italian Prime Minister's efforts to make it clear that terrorism is absolutely separate from Islam.

abstract a. theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand
To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.

abstract n. summary; statement summarizing the important points of a text
The journal's web site hasn't been updated to the current issue, so not even the abstract is available at the moment.

accidental a. unexpected; unforeseen
Its curves are arbitrary, and what we call accidental, but one after another follows it as if he were guided by a chart on which it was laid down.

accompany v. travel with; be associated with
But the night being wet and inclement, Mr. Rochester did not accompany them.

accomplished a. skilled; experienced; having many social graces; polished or refined
More poems should tell stories in accomplished ways.

accounting n. system that provides quantitative information about finances
Recent changes in accounting rules have forced companies in Britain to state much more accurately the true financial state of their pension funds.

acid n. sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful
There is a barrage of acid comments in today's newspapers.

acidic a. tasting sour like acid; being or containing an acid
The chart below categorizes a food as either acidic or alkaline based on the effect consumption of the food has on urine pH.

actual a. true; real; being, existing, or acting at the present moment; current
And the defense secretary retraced what he called the actual history of how the U.S. got involved in Iraq.

actually ad. truly; really; in fact
Meanwhile officials on both sides are struggling to play down the political significance altogether and say their positions haven't actually changed.

acupuncture n. treatment of pain or disease by inserting the tips of needles at specific points on the skin
The intent of acupuncture therapy is to promote health and alleviate pain and suffering.

adequate a. sufficient; enough to meet a purpose
England missed key players through injury, lacked adequate preparation and was unable to match Australia's skill.

adhere v. stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with
That is why the claying is necessary; it makes the grain adhere to the earth, otherwise it would float.

adhesive a. sticky; glutinous; tending to persist
Today adhesive binding is the most popular approach for industrial booklet production.

adjunct n. something added on or attached generally nonessential or inferior
Although I don't absolutely need a second computer, I plan to buy a laptop to serve as an adjunct to my desktop model.

admit v. permit to enter; receive; provide the right or a means of entrance to
But what she absolutely refuses to admit is the fact that none of us WANTS to be a hack.

adventure n. something happens without design; chance; hazard; risk; danger
I can't even decide which step of this adventure is the most aggravating.

adventurous a. valiant; venturesome; inclined or willing to incur hazard or engage in adventures
Tom's younger brother Sid was already through with his part of the work, for he was a quiet boy, and had no adventurous, troublesome ways.

adversity n. state of misfortune, hardship, or affliction; misfortune
A young boy who's strength in adversity is an inspiration to all who know him.

advocate v. speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something
The some doctors advocate a smoking ban in the entire house.

aerodynamics n. study of how objects move through the air or water
As mentioned, aerodynamics is an important factor to consider when learning how to build a rocket.

affected a. speaking or behaving in artificial way; emotionally stirred or moved; infected or attacked
The other boys laughed so unmercifully at what they termed my affected accent.

affective a. sentimental; emotional; emotionally charged
It's fairly well known that "light therapy" is sometimes used to help those suffering from depression, especially seasonal affective disorder.

aggravate v. worsen; make worse or more troublesome
Ridiculous, offensive comments like this do nothing but aggravate the situation.

aggregation n. several things grouped together or considered as a whole
It provides an overview of a diverse set of more than thirty digital library aggregation services, organizes them into functional clusters.

ailment n. sickness; illness; affliction
And the number closely matches a finding of an earlier international study that estimated some 10.1 per cent of people globally suffer from the ailment.

aircraft n. vehicle that can fly, such as an airplane, helicopter, balloon
This aircraft is also equipped with a spear, which is very forbidden by the Geneva War Crimes Handbook.

alert n. warning serves; alarm; condition of heightened watchfulness or preparation for action
And although the main ports are on alert, Nigeria in particular has many small river ports in the Cross River and Niger deltas.

alike a. similar; in the same manner or to the same degree
Friends are generally alike in background and tastes.

allegation n. suggestion without proof that someone has done something wrong
The allegation has angered the Brazilian authorities and has been strongly denied.

alliteration n. repetition of beginning sound in poetry
"The furrow followed free" is an example of alliteration.

alone a. solitary; by oneself
Alice cried with a sudden burst of tears, 'I do wish they WOULD put their heads down! I am so VERY tired of being all alone here!'

alteration n. passage from one form or state to another; change
Both sides are able to make a pretty plausible argument that the alteration is what they want it to be.

alternation n. successive change from one thing or state to another and back again
Now go back to the diagram at the top of the page and trace through the cycle of the alternation of generations.

aluminum n. silvery ductile metallic element
Services include mold aluminum casting, heat treating, machining.

amazement n. wonder; state of extreme surprise or wonder; astonishment
My daughter and I looked at each other in amazement, and with beaming smiles threw our arms around each other.

ambivalence n. state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes, such as love and hate
Torn between loving her parents one minute and hating them the next, she was confused by the ambivalence of her feelings.

**amenable a.** responsive to advice or suggestion; responsible to higher authority; willing to comply with; agreeable

He was amenable to any suggestions that came from those he looked up to.

**analogy n.** similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

This analogy is almost always noted without further comment, although in fact it may be taken further.

**analysis n.** study; investigation; process of breaking down a substance into its constituent parts

You can read more about those studies here, and my analysis is here.

**anecdote n.** short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

Of all the millions who are moved by this historic occasion, while I am amongst these, my anecdote is and would be far less remarkable.

**anesthetic n.** substance that causes loss of sensation; producing temporary loss or impairment of feeling

His monotonous voice acted like an anesthetic; his audience was soon asleep.

**angular a.** sharp-cornered; consisting of an angle or angles; stiff in manner

Mr. Spock's features, though angular, were curiously attractive, in a Vulcan way.

**annually ad.** yearly; each year; returning every year; year by year

It says an immediate commitment of three billion dollars annually is needed to provide basic healthcare across sub-Saharan Africa.

**anthem n.** song of praise or patriotism; song of devotion or loyalty

Let us now all join in singing the national anthem.

**anthropology n.** social science that studies origins and social relationships of human beings

The strength of anthropology is its diversity of approach and perspective, unified by a common theme: the study of human variation and adaptability.

**anticipation n.** something expected; pleasurable expectation; wishing with confidence

Please hold your breath in anticipation of that event.

**antiquated a.** too old to be fashionable, suitable, or useful; obsolete; aged

We are tolerably conversant with the early English poets; and can discover no resemblance whatever, except in antiquated spelling and a few obsolete words.

**antiquity n.** ancient times, especially the times preceding the Middle Ages; extreme oldness

There have been many republics in the past, both in what we call antiquity and in what we call the Middle Ages.

**antiseptic n.** substance that prevents infection; substance that restricts the growth of disease-causing microorganisms

Regular washing with antiseptic is often enough to heal a skin infection.

**appointment n.** act of putting a person into a non-elective position; arrangement

Mr. Straw's appointment as Foreign Secretary has triggered speculation in London about the Prime Minister's motives for the change.

**apprentice n.** works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner

One of the greatest opportunities for the out-of-school unemployed youth will always be found in apprentice programs.

**approval n.** official approbation; endorsement; act of approving

First, Ehrlich knows it would be extremely unlikely to win approval from the Democratic-dominated General Assembly.

**approve v.** ratify; consider right or good; think or speak favorably of

He said failure to approve the pact would have led to a forced opening and the import of much more rice.

**aquamarine a.** of bluish-green colour; of pale blue to light greenish blue

I see an aquamarine swimming pool, an aluminum garage, a suburban lawn.

**aquarium n.** tank or pool or bowl filled with water for keeping live fish and underwater animals

This is the world's largest aquarium with 8 million gallons of fresh and marine water and more than 100000 animals representing 500 species from around the globe.
arboreal  a.  tree-dwelling; treelike; living in trees  
Learn about the arboreal emblems that represent the provinces and territories of Canada.

archaeology  n.  study of artifacts and relics of early mankind  
The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert in search of ancient ruins.

architect  n.  one who designs and supervises the construction of buildings or other large structures  
Simon Conder, a British architect, is responsible for this beautiful conversion of a group of farm.

arithmetic  n.  theory of numerical calculations  
He found a way to set up equations about integers and other constructs in arithmetic.

armor  n.  shield; defensive covering, as of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons  
Where we do see cracks in armor is in new-home construction, both in single-family sales and condos.

arms  n.  weapons considered collectively; official symbols of a family  
The first man to be held - said to be a British arms dealer - was reportedly arrested when he met undercover FBI agents posing as terrorists wanting to buy the weapon.

array  v.  set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement  
He requested to array the whole regiment on the parade ground.

arsenal  n.  storage place for military equipment; stock of weapons  
People are forbidden to smoke in the arsenal for fear that a stray spark might set off the munitions stored there.

artery  n.  one of the vessels or tubes which carry either venous or arterial blood from the heart; major transit corridor  
The Yangtze River is the main artery of traffic in central China.

articulate  v.  speak clearly and distinctly; utter a speech sound; be jointed; make clear or effective  
The author was trying to articulate that his encrypted file system is effective.

ascent  n.  upward slope or grade; movement upward  
A 30 minute hike up to the base of the ferrate is followed by an unforgettable 2 hour ascent up the cliff.

assignment  n.  task given to students; job; distribution; appointment  
I believe that this assignment is the most challenging of them all.

association  n.  connection, whether of persons or things; union of persons in a company or society for some particular purpose  
I benefited a lot from my association with him.

assorted  a.  varied; miscellaneous  
Watching the large and varied bird population, or following assorted trails on horseback.

assortment  n.  variety; collection containing a variety of sorts of things  
A great assortment of cars was on display.

assume  v.  suppose; presume; take on; bear  
He looked at me long and hard: I turned my eyes from him, fixed them on the fire, and tried to assume and maintain a quiet.

assumption  n.  something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of  
The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to power.

assure  v.  solidify; guarantee; convince  
I know it, and I don't wish to palliate them, I assure you.

astonish  v.  surprise; shock  
From this wonderful writer who continues to astonish us, now comes a chilling ghost story.

astounding  a.  surprising; shocking  
Louis shook his head, looked wise, and made that sort of astonishing success which members of that craft usually achieve.

astute  a.  wise or keen; shrewd; with sharp intelligence  
The painter was an astute observer, noticing every tiny detail of her model's appearance and knowing exactly how important each one was.

asymmetrical  a.  unbalanced; uneven  
The attraction of asymmetrical balance to artists is its lack of a formula.
athlete n. sports man; one who contended for prize in public games
Our goal is to help the athlete get the best performance.
atomization n. act of reducing to atoms, or very minute particles
atomization is conversion of bulk liquid into a spray or mist, often by passing the liquid through a nozzle.
atrophy n. wasting away; decrease in size; reduction in the functionality of an organ caused by disease
It confirms earlier research showing a link between brain atrophy and low levels of B12.
attempt n. action of trying at something
I also want to claim that this attempt is a romantic one.
audience n. a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance
You should have a clear idea about who your audience is and how you can exploit your product to them through the correct platform.
aurora n. the first light of day; an atmospheric phenomenon consisting of bands of light caused by charged solar particles following the earth's magnetic lines of force
When I was young, I was lucky enough to see a display of the northern lights or the aurora.
autonomous a. self-governing; not controlled by others or by outside forces; independent
Although the University of California at Berkeley is just one part of the state university system, in many ways it is autonomous, for it runs several programs that are not subject to outside control.
avenue n. way or opening for entrance or exit place; passage by which a place may be reached; broad street
The procession moved along the main avenue some three-quarters of a mile.
average a. typical; mean; achieve or reach on average
Other scientists predict that the average human life span will grow to 130 years.
averse a. reluctant; disinclined; turned away or backward; unwilling
The reporter was averse to revealing the sources of his information.
aviator n. someone who operates an aircraft
We did not hear very much about the "Red Wing" in the United States, because the aviator was a Canadian, Mr. Baldwin.
avoid v. shield away from; prevent
If you are the press secretary to the President of the United States, the main thing to avoid is becoming the story yourself.
axis n. the center around which something rotates; pivot
Then Tehran was bracketed, along with its old enemy Iraq, and North Korea, in President Bush's axis of evil.
bachelor n. unmarried men; the first or lowest academic degree conferred by universities and colleges
A soon-to-be-married man's friends throw him the ultimate bachelor party.
backbone n. support; mainstay; vertebrate spine or spinal column
The people will have to put the bone back in backbone for state leaders.
balloonist n. someone who flies a balloon
Steve Fossett achieves his goal of becoming first solo balloonist to circle the globe.
bankruptcy n. state of being unable to pay your debts
That holding company has been in bankruptcy proceedings since last June.
barb n. sharp projection from fishhook; openly cutting remark
If you were a politician, would you prefer being caught on the barb of a fishhook?
bark n. sound made by a dog; harsh sound uttered by a dog
She set off at once, and ran till she was quite tired and out of breath, and till the puppy's bark sounded quite faint in the distance.
bark n. tough outer covering of the woody stems and roots of trees
He then showed us how to strip the bark from the logs in sheets, rather than just scraping it off in the usual way.
barrel n. vessel; large cylindrical container
With the oil price soaring above thirty dollars a barrel and the pumps going nearly at full capacity, Gulf Arab coffers are overflowing with unforeseen wealth.
barrenness  n. property of not supporting life, no children or unable to have children; defect of emotion, sensibility, or fervency
They are messengers of hope, springing forth from the barrenness and bitter cold of winter and heralding a new season of warmth and sunshine.

barter  v. trade goods or services without the exchange of money
Trashbank is an online site where you can barter, buy, sell, trade, or swap your items or services.

bean  n. various edible seeds; small oval or roundish seed, berry, nut, or lump
bean is a common name for large plant seeds of several genera used for food or feed.

bear  v. support; sustain; carry; have; yield; give birth; hold up or support
They studied the ways in which the relativity theory can bear on the history of science.

beat  v. whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly
Speak roughly to your little boy; And beat him when he sneezes; He only does it to annoy; Because he knows it teases.

behalf  n. represent; advantage, benefit, interest of someone
And I'm going to work to assure that that voice that is heard on their behalf is a roar and not a whisper.

below  ad. under, or lower in place; beneath not so high; inferior to in rank; unworthy of
All she could see, when she looked down, was an immense length of neck, which seemed to rise like a stalk out of a sea of green leaves that lay far below her.

besiege  v. surround with armed forces; harass with requests
When the bandits besiege the village, the villagers hole up in the town hall and prepare to withstand a long siege.

bilateral  a. two-sided; mutual
In general China does not consider them as refugees but economic migrants and has repatriated those caught on its territory under a bilateral treaty with North Korea.

billion  n. the number that is represented as a one followed by 9 zeros
Money from migrant workers now exceeds the combined total of all direct foreign investment and foreign aid to Latin America 62.3 billion dollars.

biologist  n. scientist who studies living organisms
A marine biologist insisted that dolphins, which are considered to be one of the most intelligent mammals, like to help the helpless.

bitterness  n. sharp and bitter manner
I had left this woman in bitterness and hate, and I came back to her now with no other emotion than a sort of compassion for her great sufferings.

blink  v. shut eyes briefly; wink
The TV announcer never seems to blink.

blizzard  n. snowstorm; storm
A blizzard is a severe winter storm condition characterized by low temperatures, strong winds, and heavy blowing snow.

blossom  n. reproductive organ of plants, especially one having showy or colorful parts
The locust-trees were in bloom and the fragrance of the blossom filled the air.

boast  v. show off oneself; speak of with excessive pride
Many of the sports facilities are already in place and the city can boast one of the most compact proposals running alongside the Moscow river.

boulder  n. rounded rock lying on surface of ground or embedded in soil
In geology, a boulder is a rock with grain size of usually no less than 256 mm (10 inches) diameter.
bound n. tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump
Supreme Court ended a term bound to affect our lives in significant ways in the months ahead.
bowl v. throw or roll a ball; move quickly and smoothly, especially by rolling
We were now outside Thornfield gates, to bowl lightly along the smooth road to Millcote, where the dust was well laid by the thunderstorm.
braid v. weave; interweave three or more strands
Have you ever wanted to braid your own hair or someone else's hair?
breathe v. respire; inhale and exhale air
Even the air you breathe is micro-filtered for outside contaminants.
breathing n. respiration; a single breath
When we breathe normally we find the action caused by the breathing is at the centre of the body, and the respiratory muscles are energized.
breathtaking a. very surprising or shocking
Beneath the curious mixture is the kind of breathtaking skyscraper shell, balanced in space, that modern technology makes possible.
briny a. salty; any very large body of salt water
Bobbing along, bobbing along, at the bottom of the beautiful briny sea.
broaden v. widen; grow broad or broader
Its size, style and expression broaden the appeal of the car, making it more appropriate for a wider range of circumstances.
bud n. one that is not yet fully developed; sprout
The first thing to be thought of is to pluck the disease in its bud, which is best done by injections.
buggy n. small lightweight carriage; drawn by a single horse
A fine way to travel through Quebec City in Canada is by a horse buggy.
bulb n. rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball
The light bulb hasn't changed a whole lot in its 120 years -- the original design was just that good.
bundle v. tie, wrap, or gather together; hurry; hasten; dress oneself warmly
Remember to bundle children up in winter clothes
burrow n. tunnel; hole in the ground made by an animal for shelter; dig; move through by or as by digging
They will return to breed in the fall, and the male will reclaim his burrow, waiting to reconnect with his mate.
cab n. taxi; one-horse vehicle for public hire
I was supposed to meet Mrs. Girard at the building in five minutes, she was calling a cab to drive me to the station.
cabal n. small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests
The number of Republicans who support this man and his cabal is astonishing, but nothing will change the minds of that percentage.
cabin n. small room on a ship or boat where people sleep
British Airways says passengers reported a slight smell of petrol in the cabin of BA flight 003 bound for New York.
cadence n. rhythmic rise and fall of words or sounds; beat
Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the cadence set by the sergeant.
calculator n. small machine that is used for mathematical calculations
Blaise Pascal invented the first digital calculator to help his father with his work collecting taxes.
cancel v. revoke; call off; omit or delete
The meeting in Addis Ababa has heard Chinese promises to cancel debts and increase Chinese investments in Africa.
candid a. straightforward; frank; free from prejudice; impartial
In private, I gave them my candid opinion.
carat n. unit of weight for precious stones; measure of fineness of gold
He gave her a three carat diamond mounted in a gold band.
career n. profession or occupation; individual's work and life roles over their lifespan
The Italian Prime Minister and media tycoon Sylvia Berlusconi bought AC Milan in 1986 and the team's fortunes have mirrored his colorful career in politics.
cargo n. freight carried by a ship, an aircraft, or another vehicle
The nation's security forces were active this weekend after U.S. authorities intercepted two packages laden with explosives in cargo shipments from Yemen.
caricature n. representation that is deliberately exaggerated to produce a comic effect
The caricature he drew yesterday emphasized a personal weakness of the people he burlesqued.
cater v. supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion
The chef was happy to cater to the tastes of his highly sophisticated clientele.
cause n. something produces a result; basis for an action or response; a reason
The main cause is not having enough fluids in your body to keep your core temperature down.
cease v. stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue
We must not only cease from the acts of sin, but we must get the vicious habits and inclinations weakened and destroyed.
ceremonial n. ritual; ceremony or rite
Officials said this first flight was largely ceremonial, and that most of the passengers were French diplomats and business leaders.
chafe v. wear away or irritate by rubbing; make sore by rubbing; annoy; vex
The high collar used to chafe against my neck.
chalk n. soft, earthy substance, of a white, grayish, or yellowish white color, used as a drawing implement
The teacher wrote on the blackboard with a piece of chalk.
championship n. status of being a champion; position or title of a winner
Winning a championship is about more than having the best team.
characteristic n. feature that helps to identify, tell apart, or describe recognizably; a distinguishing mark or trait
Treating people differently based on a certain characteristic is called discrimination.
chat n. talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation
Inviting others into the chat is as simple as sending them a human-readable URL, and nobody has to sign up or answer an invitation email.
check v. stop motion; curb or restrain
"Young man," she said, "you'd better check your temper."
checkup n. thorough physical examination
Answer the following questions and we'll provide you with a personalized checkup checklist that you can take to your doctor.
chili n. very hot and finely tapering pepper of special pungency
You can reduce the amount of heat in a chili pepper by removing the ribs and seeds.
choppy a. having many small waves; rough with small waves
Smaller is sometimes best on calm days, but bigger is better in choppy water.
chronology n. time sequence; arrangement of events in time
You can access a chronology of important dates in the development of mathematics.
cipher n. secret code; an Arabic numeral or figure; a number
Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to decode the message sent to him in cipher.
circle n. round; something shaped like such a ring; group of people sharing an interest, activity, or achievement
This circle is a foundation for each of our lives.
circular a. round; shaped like or nearly like a circle
What should you do before start cutting with a circular saw?
circulation n. spread or transmission of something to a wider group or area
We have studied the statistical mechanics of money circulation in a closed economic system.
circumstance n. situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event
Her heart is broken, but then a change in circumstance forces them to be together every day.
citizenship n. status of a citizen with rights and duties
Migrants applying for Australian citizenship will have to know about the traditions of indigenous people and the colors of the nation's flag in tests.
clam n. soft edible body of such as mollusk
Up here in clam and lobster country, some of our best BBQ joints do fried catfish, and it's always a treat.
clause n. sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document
Congress insisted on an exclusion clause for seventeen-year-olds.
clay n. very fine-grained soil that is plastic when moist but hard when fired
There will be much interest centered on Raphael Nadal of Spain who won the French Open on the red clay of Roland Garros in Paris in spectacular style.
climate n. weather condition; atmosphere; environment
In his remarks, Obama spoke out against what he called a climate of politics as usual.
clinging v. hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally
Boys clinging to the rope to keep from falling.
clip n. small section of filmed or filed material
Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting the most important clip of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast.
coach n. tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers
When the players and coach arrive back later today they'll be greeted as national heroes in the stadium where the first modern Olympics were held.
coalescence n. union of diverse things into one body or form or group; growing together of parts
We present a detailed molecular-dynamics study of the coalescence of gold.
coarse a. rough; harsh; of low, common, or inferior quality
Trade in coarse grains, dairy products and beef is also the subject of special attention, looking towards both freer and better managed trading arrangements.
coffeepot n. tall pot in which coffee is brewed
To imitate fine silver, British potteries began making pieces like this lusterware coffeepot in the early nineteenth century.
cohesion n. tendency to keep together
A firm believer in the maxim "Divide and conquer," the evil emperor sought to disrupt the cohesion of the federation of free nations.
coin n. small piece of metal, usually flat and circular, authorized by a government for use as money
While it has been lightly dipped and lightly cleaned, the overall look of the coin is appealing.
coincidence n. two or more things occurring at the same time by chance
Was it just a coincidence that John and she had chanced to meet at the market, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?
collaborate v. work together, especially in a joint intellectual effort
The easy way to collaborate is to pay attention to the small things in life.
collaboration n. act of working together; act of cooperating with an enemy, especially it occupying one's own country
This is something that I can see as a potential long term relationship rather than a short term collaboration.
collusion n. secret agreement for an illegal purpose; conspiracy
They're in collusion with the government and just want a piece of the pie like everyone else.
colonize v. migrate to and settle in; plant
Portuguese attempts to colonize Asia were generally unsuccessful, though it did retain major colonies in Africa until the mid-twentieth century.
commerce n. trade; business; intellectual exchange or social interaction
The underlying objective is to make international commerce easier and cheaper and to boost incomes around the world.
committee n. special group delegated to consider some matter
He was director of the central bank's monetary policy committee which sets Brazil's interest rates.
community n. society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government
Where governments manage public life, human freedom in community is compromised.

commuter n. someone who travels regularly from home in a suburb to work in a city
Vancouver is increasingly becoming a commuter city.

compact n. small and economical car; small cosmetics case
I decide to buy a compact, because a small car helps to save gas.

comparable a. similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with
People whose jobs are comparable in difficulty should receive similar pay.

comparative a. relative; based on, or involving comparison
Elsewhere in the report which covers a wide range of comparative data, girls continue to reduce the gender gap in educational performance.

comparatively ad. relatively; in comparison
I am optimistic enough to hope that we shall sail in comparatively smooth waters.

compensation n. something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury
There are an estimated 86000 survivors around the world and almost half of them could be eligible for payments from the compensation fund.

compensatory a. serving to compensate or as compensation; making amends; repaying
Can a compensatory education program make up for the inadequate schooling he received in earlier years?

competition n. struggle; rivalry; act of competing as for profit or a prize
There she's against tough competition such as Meryl Streep but this award will give her extra momentum towards what's undoubtedly the bigger prize in movies.

complement n. something that completes, makes up a whole, or brings to perfection
I think we show complement each other on the court because we're both extremely positive.

complementary a. serving to fill out or to complete; supplying mutual needs or offsetting mutual lacks
John and Lisa's skills are complementary: he's good at following a daily routine, while she's great at handling emergencies.

comply v. yield assent; accord; agree, or acquiesce; adapt one's self; fulfill; accomplish
Everyone should comply with the law.

compose v. write; create; make or create by putting together parts or elements
As you begin to compose, improvise on that melody and see where it naturally wants to take you.

comprehend v. take in the meaning, nature, or importance of; grasp
Our country, in case you are too stupid to comprehend, is being ruined by the policies of this administration.

comprehensible a. understandable; readily comprehended or understood; intelligible
A good programmer makes her code look so simple and comprehensible that any other programmer can understand it and appreciate it.

comprehensive a. thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope
Mr. Skubel has since completed what he describes as a comprehensive two-week training program and is now setting up his franchise in his hometown.

concept n. something formed in the mind; thought or notion
The local chain concept is simple: identify your customer, cater to their tastes and once successful, expand within a neighborhood.

concurrent a. simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time
The Winter War fought between Finland and the Soviet Union, was a concurrent war to World War II, and thus is covered in its own main article.

condiment n. seasoning; something used to give relish to food; something used to enhance the flavor of food, as salt or pepper
Indians rarely if ever use this condiment, which is so essential to the civilized white.

condition n. mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances
The Organization Man survives as a modern classic because it captures a permanent part of our social condition.

conductivity n. transmission of heat or electricity or sound
How does the electrical conductivity of water at the study site vary across seasons?

**Confinement** n. state of being confined; restraint within limits; any restraint of liberty by force

After the verdict, his lawyers claimed he had a mental stress caused by confinement, and called for the court to suspend the appeals trial until improved.

**Confining** a. restricting scope or freedom of action; crowded

Obviously you will travel in a confining ship with humans.

**Confirm** v. support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

In the aftermath of Saturday's mass poisoning, the authorities imposed a virtual news blackout, refusing even to confirm how many people had died.

**Conformity** n. similarity in form or character; agreement

Their actions were in conformity with their declared intentions.

**Congruity** n. relation or agreement between things; fitness; harmony; correspondence; consistency.

There must be, in spite of all indifference and hostility of nature to human interests, some congruity of nature with man or life could not exist.

**Connoisseur** n. specialist; person with expert knowledge or training, especially in the fine arts

A literature professor by training and a self-taught art connoisseur, Charles Ryskamp served three decades as director first of the Pierpont Morgan Library.

**Consecutive** a. following one after another without interruption; sequential

The consecutive file saving method also created some problems.

**Consequence** n. result; relation of a result to its cause; logical conclusion or inference

Another consequence is the generation of distrust between the grassroots and the leadership.

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

His retirement and consequent spare time enabled him to travel more.

**Consequently** ad. therefore; as a result or consequence of something; subsequently

The increase of slaves in the southern States, consequently, is not proportionate with the increase in the former.

**Conservative** a. favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change

It's still far from clear whether he can persuade his more conservative colleagues in the regime to support the process.

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

One way to conserve is to make cars more efficient.

**Considerably** ad. substantially; significantly; to a degree worth considering

While their mood improved, consumers' outlook has dimmed considerably from the mid-70s levels earlier in the year, when the economic recovery was faster.

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

I thanked her for her considerate choice, and as I really felt fatigued with my long journey, expressed my readiness to retire.

**Consistent** a. being in agreement with itself; coherent; regular

He's recently signed a new 120 million dollar contract with his British-based record company after more than five years of consistent album hits and number one singles.

**Consistently** ad. steadily; regularly; constantly; always

One of the top pianists of today, she is a giant, consistently brilliant.

**Constrain** v. restrain; keep within close bounds; confine

His idea is to constrain commercial banks' lending.

**Constraint** n. something that restricts or confines within prescribed bounds

Given the budget constraint, it was impossible to accomplish my goals.

**Consult** v. seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

I will consult with our friends, but it's going to be what's in the interests of our country first and foremost.

**Contaminate** v. make impure or unclean by contact or mixture; pollute; defile

Compact fluorescent light bulbs contaminate the environment with 30000 pounds of mercury each year.

**Content** n. volume; something contained; material, including text and images

The brain is hungry not for method but for content, especially the latter which contains generalizations that are powerful, precise, and explicit.
contented  a. satisfied or showing satisfaction with things as they are
When he heard this, he revealed a very contented smile.

contiguous  a. sharing an edge or boundary; touching; neighboring
The two houses had contiguous yards so the families shared the landscaping expenses.

continuum  n. sequence; succession; continuous extent, succession, or whole
So the practical continuum is now laptop - iPad - phone rather than desktop - laptop - iPad - phone.

contrast  v. set in opposition in order to show or emphasize differences; show differences when compared
The siblings who contrast sharply in interests and abilities make a common decision.

convenience  n. state of being suitable
The popularity of convenience foods means that many people no longer eat enough fresh produce.

convention  n. social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states
Moreover, following this convention is our friend's normal behavior when in such a mood.

cooperate  v. work or act together toward a common end or purpose
The best way to get Pakistan to cooperate is to find the reasons why it is so keen to retain influence in Afghanistan and try to meet its concerns.

corn  n. single seed of certain plants, as wheat; grain; small, hard particle
The English apply the name corn to wheat, and the Scotch, to oats.

cosmopolitan  a. sophisticated; of worldwide scope
Her years in the capitol had transformed her into a cosmopolitan young woman highly aware of international affairs.

counseling  n. something that provides direction or advice as to a decision or course of action
The mission of the counseling services is to help students, faculty and staff gain all they can from their experience at the university.

craft  n. something made by people; vessel
Space craft is a vessel to travel out air.

crash  n. smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts
She heard a little shriek and a fall, and a crash of broken glass.

crayon  n. stick of colored wax or chalk, used for drawing
Whenever he finished a crayon drawing, he would lovingly present it to his mother.

creek  n. small stream, often a shallow tributary to a river; brook
There was a creek leading out of it on the other side that went miles away, I don't know where, but it didn't go to the river.

crippling  a. causing someone to be physically disabled, especially unable to walk; causing severe damage or problems
Their solution to crippling financial problems has been to merge with one another in an attempt to get bigger and hopefully stronger.

critical  a. urgently needed; absolutely necessary; essential; acute; crucial; decisive
He says the international community has reached what he calls a critical time in the overall effort to bring stability to Afghanistan.

critique  n. critical review or commentary, especially one dealing with works of art or literature
You should want a smart critique from the loyal opposition, and Phil Zelikow and Peter Feaver are certainly qualified.

crossbones  n. two crossed bones used as a symbol danger or death
This is an aluminum skull and crossbones sign with a small hole in each corner to help hang in the location of your choice.

crossbreeding  n. reproduction by parents of different races
It has been well documented that crossbreeding improves the performance of beef cattle.

crossing  n. traveling across; place at which roads, lines, or tracks intersect; intersection
If my memory serves me correctly, the Santa Teresa crossing is about 15 miles west of from the junction.

crumple  v. fall apart; fold or collapse; crush together or press into wrinkles
It’s weird watching your leg to crumple in directions it’s not natural to go in.

**crumple** v. press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

There’s particular concern over reports of human rights abuses, committed by the Indonesian security forces in Aceh as they try to crush the separatist movement there.

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

Luckily, my cube is in the corner so no one noticed!

**crush** v. press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

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**current** n. stream; flow; up-to-date; present

The current was so swift, and then I got into the dead water and landed on the side towards the Illinois shore.

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

I knelt down by him; I turned his face from the cushion to me; I kissed his cheek; I smoothed his hair with my hand.

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

John had a book in his hand - it was his unsocial custom to read at meals - he closed it, and looked up.

**customarily** ad. usually; under normal circumstances, normally

Yet until well into this century, men customarily gathered in pubs, cafes, parks and village greens.

**cyclone** n. violent rotating windstorm

The cyclone tore across the north Queensland coast and has left much of the area in ruins.

**dart** v. rush; cast

What strength had I to dart retaliation at my antagonist?

**dart** n. slender, pointed missile, often having tail fins, thrown by hand, shot from a blowgun, or expelled by an exploding bomb

The spear-like wooden dart was found in 2007, but the University of Colorado didn't announce it until Tuesday.

**dawn** n. time each morning at which daylight first begins; beginning; start

When I again unclosed my eyes, a loud bell was ringing; day had not yet begun to dawn, and a rush light or two burned in the room.

**dawning** n. first light of day; first advent or appearance

So, the order indicates the end of one day is followed by the dawning of the next day.

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

It has been demonstrated that a blood protein deficiency is the cause of this inherited illness.

**definitely** ad. unequivocally; clearly; without question and beyond doubt

And in a country where people depend on natural sources of water, people will definitely become poorer.

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

Running under a hot sun would quickly dehydrate the body: joggers soon learn to carry water bottles and to
drink from them frequently.

*dehydrated* a. suffering from excessive loss of water

Fever resulted from becoming *dehydrated.*

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

Microsoft is accusing Google with regard to Google's new App Sync software, which allows Gmail users to tap into any records they might *deign* to keep in Outlook.

**delegate** n. person authorized to act as representative for another; deputy

Some religious groups are boycotting the event, but one *delegate* told the BBC that it was vital to work with the Americans to get Iraq up and running again.

**demobilize** v. retire from military service

A group of boys who were among about 250 child soldiers will *demobilize* in the village.

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

After a series of drug scandals, this was Major League Baseball's chance to *demonstrate* its determination to crack down on the cheats.

**denote** v. indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically

The word "sex" is simply that—a word to *denote* whether a person is male or female.

**dense** a. thick; crowded closely together; compact

It's mountainous country, just a few kilometers from the border with Serbia; *dense* woodland surrounds the site.

**density** n. thickness; quantity of something per unit measure, especially per unit length, area, or volume

They have knowledge about the population, housing *density,* types of construction and the extent of insurance cover.

**depart** v. take off; leave; set out

I too have some to see and ask after in England, before I *depart* for ever.

**dependable** a. reliable; worthy of being depended on; trustworthy

Your *dependable* dog team will glide along the forested trails and frozen lakes in this winter wonderland north of Whitehorse.

**dependence** n. reliance; lack of independence or self-sufficiency

The power of either Russia or China to act independently from the United States is constrained by their economic *dependence* on the world's remaining superpower.

**dependent** a. relying on or requiring the aid of another for support

Some U.S. officials believe Pakistan wants the U.S. to remain *dependent* on the ISI for that intelligence.

**depict** v. represent in a picture or sculpture; portray in words; describe

Here, we can see how the author to *depict* Beatle John Lennon as a drug-crazed neurotic.

**deposit** n. money given as a guarantee or security

In the meantime, she could keep the $400,000 in a secure investment such as a term *deposit* or money market fund.

**depressed** a. sad; gloomy; low in spirits; dejected

Glaxo was accused of not publicizing the results of tests on one of its anti-depressants, which indicated that the drug might increase the suicidal tendencies in some *depressed* children who took it.

**derivative** a. unoriginal; derived from another source

Although her early poetry was clearly *derivative* in nature, the critics thought she had promise and eventually would find her own voice.

**desalination** n. removal of salt; process of removing salt from sea water in order to make drinking water

Canadian Clear Water has designed the most economical and efficient sea water *desalination* plants.

**deserted** a. remote from civilization; left desolate or empty; abandoned

The majority of horror movies are set in *deserted* areas with limited proximity to towns and major cities.

**desirable** a. worthwhile; worth doing or achieving; advisable

A number of other factors coincide to make a June election *desirable* for the government.

**desolate** a. unpopulated; providing no shelter or sustenance; devoid of inhabitants

The sounds of Nature are detailed with great delicacy in this appeal, and we see that the Alps are referred to as
desolate regions.
desperately ad. with great urgency; seriously; severely
What a night it was for Germany: a desperately close race between the two candidates for Chancellor, declarations of victory by both, then the figures turned slightly in favor of Gerhard Schroeder and the Greens.
despoiler n. someone who takes spoils or plunder; one who despoils or strips by force; plunderer
Some will use Earth Day to depict America as an energy wastrel and despoiler of the earth.
destination n. ultimate goal; place to which one is going or directed
It's an ageing coaster and reportedly in poor condition, but even so, it should have got back to Benin - its declared destination - by now.
deterrent n. that discourages; tending to deter
As Bush's view, North Korea is the main deterrent from a peaceful resolution.
devastate v. ruin; lay waste; destroy; make desolate
She says the disease has the potential to devastate Sudan, as HIV spreads quickly among the nation's youth.
device n. technique or means; instrument; machine used to perform one or more relatively simple tasks
Anti-gravity device could change air travel.
diagonal a. straight line connecting any two vertices of a polygon that are not adjacent
You can draw a diagonal line across the page.
dialect n. vocabulary that is for a specific group of people
The immigrants spoke an odd dialect of English.
dietetics n. study of nutrition as it relates to health
I have forwarded it to the dietetics program I attended at my university as it would be beneficial for the nutrition students to review it.
differentiate v. set apart; distinguish; perceive or show difference in or between
You can differentiate car parts by using different color markers; maybe you use one color for the left side and another for the right.
diffuse v. spread out widely; scatter freely; pour out and cause to spread freely
Hamilton wished to concentrate power; Jefferson to diffuse power.
diffuse a. widely spread or scattered; not concentrated
I hope to bring a diffuse focus into sharper detail.
digress v. turn aside, especially from main subject in writing or speaking
The professor does not digress from the topic and never bores his students.
digression n. wandering from the main path of a journey; diversion
This was the path to digression, as this is where I began to become slightly jaded.
dilute v. weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water
A couple of years back you very loudly opposed the creation of "60 MINUTES 2", I think, that it might dilute the brand that you helped build up.
dilution n. process of making weaker or less concentrated; decrease in the equity position of a share of stock
Receiving water taken upstream from the outfall may be specified as a source of dilution water in effluent toxicity tests.
dim a. emitting only a small amount of light; lacking in brightness
Night vision declines as well; therefore, trying to read labels in dim lighting may lead to errors.
diplomacy n. tact; politics; negotiation between nations
Chinese diplomats have been engaging in shuttle diplomacy to try to narrow the differences between Washington and Pyongyang.
diplomatic a. relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others
Well, the secretary of state's trip to Canada is putting a brand new spin on the term diplomatic relations.
disastrous a. extremely bad; terrible; dreadful
The Haddan School was built in 1858 on the sloping banks of the Haddan River, a muddy location that had proven disastrous from the start.
discard v. throw out something from one's hand; get rid of
Right now, what we discard is an inherent part of what we consume.

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

Here in the heart of conservative Texas, young criminals, murderers are forced to confront military style discipline.

**discipline** v. train by instruction and practice, especially to teach self-control to

The teachers discipline the pupils rather frequently in this school.

**disciplined** a. trained mentally or physically by instruction or exercise

The beautiful coordination of his disciplined muscles was shown in that picture.

**discourse** n. formal, lengthy discussion of a subject; verbal exchange; conversation

The young Plato was drawn to the Agora to hear the philosophical discourse of Socrates and his followers.

**discr** a. separate; consisting of unconnected distinct parts

The universe is composed of discrete bodies.

**disgrace** n. state of dishonor; bring shame or dishonor upon

You're a disgrace boy! Sleeping in a cupboard, eating frozen chicken and massacring a sausage roll on bed!

**disgust** n. strong feelings of dislike; offend the taste or moral sense of

“I was surprised,” said Stillman, who yelled in disgust from the penalty box.

**disgusted** a. repulsed; having a strong distaste; irritated and out of patience

He appeared to be weary of his troubles and his love, - in short, disgusted with life.

**dismiss** v. stop considering; end employment or service of; discharge; refuse to accept or recognize

Believing in John's love for her, she can dismiss the notion that he might be unfaithful.

**disproportionate** a. unequal; unbalanced; too much or too little in relation to something else

But, Mr. Ambassador, the European Union has expressed concern at what it calls a disproportionate response to the kidnappings by Hezbollah.

**disrupt** v. upset; throw into confusion or disorder

There's been some suggestion the cyclone could disrupt oil tanker traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran.

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

He is a fine artist, but I fear he may dissipate his gifts if he keeps wasting his time playing games.

**dissipated** a. unrestrained by convention or morality; wasteful of health or possessions in pursuit of pleasure

I have myself - I tell it you without parable - been a worldly, dissipated, restless man.

**distance** n. space between two objects; length of a line, especially the shortest line joining two points or things that are separate

Yes, that's about the right distance, but then I wonder what Latitude or Longitude I've got to?.

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

I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins distend on his forehead.

**distinctive** a. special; unique; marking or expressing distinction or difference

It is the retailer of unique, distinctive furniture in the Kitchener-Waterloo area.

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

It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of the riots because of the way some reporters distort and exaggerate the actual events.

**district** n. region; territory within which the lord has the power of coercing and punishing; division of territory

Do you know the postal code of this postal district?

**disturb** v. upset; bother; trouble emotionally or mentally; put out of order; disarrange

He has vowed to challenge government warnings not to disturb the country's stability and continue his political work.

**diversification** n. variation; act of changing forms or qualities

We promote the development and diversification of the economy of Western Canada and advance the interests of the West in national economic policy.

**diversified** a. varied; distinguished by various forms, or by a variety of objects
He presented this paper to answer what a **diversified** investment is.

**d diversify** v. give variety to; spread out activities or investments

For most small investors, the ability to **diversify** is a primary advantage of index funds.

**d divide** v. sever into two or more parts or pieces; separate into parts; cause to be separate

It would be some relief to unseal his tongue for a little while; to **divide** his burden of distress with another sufferer.

**doll** n. small toy with human figure, normally for little child

I sat with my **doll** on my knee till the fire got low, glancing round occasionally to make sure that nothing worse than before.

**domesticated** a. tame; accustomed to home life

And, like dogs, the **domesticated** foxes can "read" humans, a new study says.

**dormant** a. sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active

Her feelings of affection are **dormant** but easily awakened.

**dot** n. the shorter of two telegraphic signals used in Morse code; very small circular shape

Financial markets haven't seen anything like this since the **dot com** boom of the late 1990s, which was followed by an equally dramatic crash.

**draft** n. rough outline; draw up an outline; sketch

Now governments are re-writing the EU's governing treaty and the **draft** version is considered by the EU's leaders in Brussels.

**dragonfly** n. slender-bodied non-stinging insect

A photo I took today of a green **dragonfly** drying its wings after rain showers let up.

**dramatic** a. striking; sensational in appearance or thrilling in effect

The technique could lead to a **dramatic** increase in the worldwide stocks of blood available for transfusion.

**dramatically** ad. very suddenly and noticeably

Russia's economic situation has changed **dramatically** since a financial crisis in 1998.

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

These events **dramatize** the lack of social responsibility among today's youth.

**dreadful** a. very unpleasant; distasteful or shocking

'No, no! The adventures first,' said the Gryphon in an impatient tone: 'explanations take such a **dreadful** time.'

**dreadfully** ad. terribly; with alarm; fearfully

"If it had grown up," she said to herself, "it would have made a **dreadfully** ugly child: but it makes rather a handsome pig, I think."

**driftwood** n. wood that is floating or that has been washed ashore

These are usually of **driftwood**, which is brought by the ocean currents from the Yukon.

**drowsy** a. dull with sleepiness; showing lack of attention

I confess I began to feel a little **drowsy**, which is not too surprising considering our five days of hard work.

**dull** a. lacking responsiveness or alertness; intellectually weak or obtuse

It seemed quite **dull** and stupid for life to go on in the common way.

**dump** v. sell at artificially low prices; throw away as refuse

Critics argue they encourage Europe's farmers to **dump** produce on world markets.

**duplicate** n. one that corresponds exactly to another, especially an original; identical copy; facsimile

And now, sir, to reward you for the accurate guess, I will promise to paint you a careful and faithful **duplicate** of this picture.

**dwell** v. live as a resident; exist in a given place or state

What necessity is there to **dwell** on the Past, when the Present is so much surer - the Future so much brighter?

**dwelling** n. residence; place to live in; abode

Census questions include: how many people live at the address; whether the **dwelling** is owned or rented.

**dye** n. substance used to color materials

Did you know the **dye** is purple on your hair when you're doing it that color?

**eclecticism** n. any form of art that borrows from multiple other styles

I love the format, and I think it allows for a very natural **eclecticism** of tastes.

**economical** a. thrifty; saving; using the minimum of time or resources necessary for effectiveness
Our house has installed a modern economical heating system.

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

Presently people do not have the incentive to economize as they are not directly paying for the procedure.

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

University of South Florida's Ernst Peebles said the oil on the floor is undermining the ecosystem from the bottom up.

**edifice n.** building, especially one of imposing appearance or size; a structure that has a roof and walls

To him this edifice is a beautiful structure, although it will never be finished.

**elaborate v.** work out with care and detail; develop thoroughly

If I might just kind of carefulness, may I ask you elaborate a little bit more though.

**elaborately ad.** with elaboration; in elaborate manner; with elaboration; with nice regard to exactness

Before the trial, he mailed off all his court documents to family members in elaborately decorated envelopes.

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

In addition to its superior elasticity, bamboo is surprisingly hard.

**election n.** voting; balloting; right or ability to make a choice

Whether he's identified as a Republican or Independent the election is his with a 59% approval rating.

**elixir n.** substance believed to cure all ills

The news of her chance to go abroad acted on her like an elixir.

**elliptical a.** rounded like an egg; in a shape reminding of an ellipse; oval

What resulted was system of planets orbiting in elliptical, not circular, orbits described by three laws.

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

The only solution is a third emblem, a red diamond on a white background, it has no cultural or religious significance.

**emboss v.** mold or carve in relief; decorate with or as if with a raised design

Your local shoe-repair store can emboss it with his initials.

**emigrant n.** someone who leaves one country to settle in another

They want to check the databases of passenger lists and emigrant ships.

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

After his appointment to this eminent position, he seldom had time for his former friends.

**emotional a.** sentimental; passionate; excitable; easily moved

But why 67 million dollars? He's claiming this is the sum of fines compounded daily, emotional damage, legal fees and others.

**emphasis n.** special attention or effort directed toward something; stress

They also said that there was too much emphasis placed on protecting the liberty of individuals at the expense of broader social justice.

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

The only reason to note this is to emphasize that Indians were a special case created by the peculiar history of the United States.

**employ v.** engage the services of; put to work; apply

The only other variation we employ is buttered on both sides Texas Toast that's been grilled to golden glory.

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

When Mr. Wolfowitz took over the presidency of the bank, his partner, Shaha Riza, was an employee.

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

Although enemy forces encompass us, we are cheerful for we are well stocked and can withstand a siege until our allies join us.

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

He is trying to help them understand and gain perspective on human issues that continue to endanger species and threaten our global environment.
endless a. without end; having no end or conclusion; perpetual; interminable
Another kind of dream I have is what I call endless house dreams.
endure v. tolerate; carry on through, despite hardships
As members, you can read it for yourselves but the corruption, crime and hardship these people must endure is heartbreakingly
enormous a. very great in size, extent, number, or degrees; huge; massive
An enormous puppy was looking down at her with large round eyes, and feebly stretching out one paw, trying to touch her.
ensemble n. union of parts in a whole; a coordinated outfit or costume; a coordinated set of furniture
It's hard to tell what color the Second Lady's ensemble is due to the lighting, but we're calling it a deep purple.
ephemeral a. short-lived; enduring a very short time
The mayfly is an ephemeral creature: its adult life lasts little more than a day.
equal a. having the same quantity, measure, or value as another; identical
By combining their weight, China and Russia are making it clear: they have a voice of equal importance to the United States.
escalate v. rise; increase in extent or intensity
The Allies are planning to escalate the bombing.
escalator n. stairway whose steps move continuously on a circulating belt
Occasionally when you come up the stair or escalator of station you're also met by a ticket inspector.
evaporate v. vaporize; disappear; change into a vapor
This allows the layers to fully adhere to each other and excess moisture to evaporate from the soap.
eventual a. ultimate; occurring at an unspecified time in the future
One of Mr. Barak's legacies is that more Israelis now know that an eventual peace agreement with the Palestinians will have to involve a deal on Jerusalem.
eventually ad. ultimately; in the final result or issue; in the end
Some believe California's move will shame other states and eventually the federal government into action on the matter.
evidence n. something which makes evident or manifest; any mode of proof
The broken window was evidence that a burglary had taken place.
eviscerate v. take away a vital or essential part of
The compromise among the parties had to eviscerate the bill that had been proposed.
exalted a. superior; elevated in rank, character, or status; of high moral or intellectual value
In the King George, his jockey feels, horse and rider proved they belong on this exalted stage.
excavate v. unearth; dig out; make a hole in; hollow out
The mining company wants to excavate the hill site.
excellent a. surpassing others in some good quality or the sum of qualities; of great worth; eminent, in a good sense
It sounded an excellent plan, no doubt, and very neatly and simply arranged.
exchange n. substitute; trade in; give in return for something received
It's demanding fuel oil and an end to sanctions in exchange for a nuclear freeze.
excitement n. state of being emotionally aroused
When it came to my turn, I drank, for I was thirsty, but did not touch the food, excitement and fatigue rendering me incapable of eating.
excursion n. trip; usually short journey made for pleasure
It was devoted by the party to an excursion to some site in the neighborhood.
exemplary a. serving as model; outstanding; typical
But the official Miss America website stresses you performed all your duties in exemplary fashion before you gave up the crown.
exemplify v. serve as an example of; embody
For a generation of ballet goers, Rudolf Nureyev might exemplify the ideal of masculine grace.
exhaust v. wear out completely; tire; drain of resources or properties; deplete; use up completely
At the mountain area, tobacco crops exhaust available soil.
exhausting a. tending to exhaust, enfeeble, or drain the strength
Apart from me being stupid, New York in summer is warm and exhausting, which is a new experience for me.

exhibit v. show, make visible or apparent
The Metropolitan Museum plans to exhibit Goya's works this month.

exhilarate v. cause to feel happily refreshed and energetic; fill with emotion
If this is true, that wine and strong drink have such virtue to expel fear and sorrow, and to exhilarate the mind, let's drink and be merry.

expertise n. specialized knowledge; expert skill
Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular expertise in computer programming.

exploitation n. unfair use of someone’s work giving little in return
UNICEF defines child trafficking as the transportation and exploitation of unwilling or unknowing victims.

exploration n. travel for the purpose of discovery
The international conservation organization has accused the Norwegian government of endangering a rare area of the Arctic sea by oil exploration.

explorer n. someone who travels into little known regions
Roald Amundsen went missing in June 1928 while searching for an explorer, an Italian member of an airship crew which had disappeared in the Arctic.

explosive a. tending or serving to sudden outburst; sudden and loud
Edmonton police found what they describe as explosive devices in the car and on one of the suspects.

facet n. small, smooth, flat surface, as on a bone or tooth; side; a smooth surface
The stonecutter decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it one bigger facet among several sides.

fatigue n. physical or mental weariness; exhaustion
When it came to my turn, I drank, for I was thirsty, but did not touch the food, excitement and fatigue rendering me incapable of eating.

feeble a. lacking vigor, force, or effectiveness; faint; frail
General Anderson, who is in feeble health, has been superseded in command of the Federal forces in Kentucky by General Sherman.

fermentation n. conversion of sugar to carbon dioxide and alcohol by yeast; state of being in high activity or commotion
It provided services within research and manufacture of **fermentation** based pharmaceutical products.

**ferry** n. shuttle; transport by boat or aircraft

The government's decision to impose restrictions on **ferry** sailings is intended to stop vessels from operating when the weather is at its most volatile.

**fertile** a. rich; fruitful; inventive; creative; intellectually productive

It provides a **fertile** idea for a group of entrepreneurs.

**fiction** n. story; imaginative creation; literary work whose content is produced by imagination

It can be very inhibiting for an author if he or she knows that what happens in **fiction** is going to be taken so seriously.

**figurehead** n. token; figure on the bow of some sailing vessels

The **figurehead** embodied the spirit of a ship and was originally believed to placate the gods of the sea and ensure a safe voyage.

**filter** n. strain; pass liquid or gas through device that blocks some matter by particular criterion

This **filter** is able to detect invalid clicks in real-time, with the goal of removing them before they ever show up in the AdWords console.

**financing** n. subsidy; transaction that provides funds for a business

In its court filing, Air Canada revealed it had secured over seven hundred thousand US dollars in **financing**.

**flabby** a. weak; lacking firmness

If they become too fat, that is a flaw and they are called **flabby**.

**flake** n. stage for drying fish; rack for storing

Do you remember a blue case that was on **flake** of storage?

**flare** v. sudden outburst of emotion; glare; shine; shine with sudden light

The night sky began to **flare** with the massive bombardment.

**flashlight** n. small portable battery-powered electric lamp

My dad retrieved a **flashlight** from the truck, and we found the deer within a 100 yards.

**flavor** n. distinctive taste; quality produced by the sensation of taste

Burgers are the restaurant's specialty, and I sampled a big, juicy Island Burger that got its **flavor** from grilled pineapple and onions with tomato.

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

This highly concentrated **flavoring** is available for home and professional use.

**fleeting** a. transient; brief; temporary; passing quickly

Sometimes, for a **fleeting** moment, I thought I caught a glance, heard a tone, beheld a form, which announced the realization of my dream.

**flock** v. gather in companies or crowds; coat a surface with dense fibers or particles

And people will again **flock** to it, ready to rearrange their social communications agenda, and spend their money on the new phone and all the apps.

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

The water pressure in our shower does **fluctuate** wildly.

**flyspeck** n. very small; minute or insignificant spot

The **flyspeck** nation of Bahrain moved toward democracy.

**foghorn** n. warning device consisting of a horn that generates a loud low tone

A **foghorn** might not let a ship know exactly where land is.

**folklore** n. traditional beliefs, myths, tales, and practices of a people, transmitted orally

Mr. Hawke says the term "mate" is also **folklore** in the Australian labor party because if anyone significant calls you mate you know the knife is about to go in your back.

**foment** v. try to stir up public opinion; promote growth of; apply warm lotion to

These examples, and there are many others, reveal how fear is being used to **foment** anger and political zealotry.

**forge** n. workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering

All the metal parts will be made in their **forge**.

**fossil** n. remnant; remains of a plant or animal that existed in a past geological age

Professor Mike Archer who led the team of **fossil** hunters says they've made some extraordinary discoveries.
fossilized a. set in a rigidly conventional pattern of behavior, habits, or beliefs
You have to follow these obsolete fossilized ways.

fraction n. segment; fragment; a small proportion of
To add insult to injury, this whole island is a duty-free zone and cigarettes cost a fraction of the heavily-taxed tobacco in the rest of Norway.

fragrance n. scent; aroma; distinctive odor that is pleasant
It was full of the fragrance of new bread and the warmth of a generous fire.

frame n. structure that gives shape or support; closed, often rectangular border of drawn or printed lines
A door with too much space between the door and the frame is an invitation for the burglar to use a jimmy.

framework n. fundamental structure, as for a written work; skeleton
If they're given a draft framework for such a body, the rebels say they are willing to resume negotiations.

freight n. transport commercially as cargo; load with goods; goods carried by a large vehicle
Lots of closing of retail stores and factories only means more declines in freight demand.

frugal a. sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive
Just keep in mind that being frugal is not a bad thing, but being cheap is not so attractive.

frugality n. thrift; prudent economy; sparing use
In economically hard times, anyone who doesn't learn to practice frugality risks bankruptcy.

fruitless a. unproductive of success; producing no fruit
It was believed that the search for the bodies had been a fruitless effort.

fumigate v. treat with fumes; apply smoke to; expose to smoke or vapor, especially to disinfect or eradicate pests
The grower should sample for nematodes the year prior to planting and then decide whether or not to fumigate.

functional a. useful; in good working order
The estimated cost of staffing and maintaining a functional pest management center is approximately 1 million dollars per year.

furnishing n. supply; provision; piece of equipment necessary or useful for comfort or convenience
So Bohr gave him a free hand in furnishing the laboratory, despite his youth.

fusion n. union; act of melting together by heat
True, the energy released in fusion is less than using He-3, but is magnitude cheaper and faster.

galvanization n. stimulation that arouses a person to lively action
The unexpected news produced a kind of galvanization of the whole team.

galvanize v. stimulate by shock; stir up; stimulate to action
Perhaps SIV was waiting for some event or announcement to once again galvanize people into marching.

garbage n. trash; worthless or nonsensical matter; food wastes
So many better candidates and this garbage is what you picked?

gaudy a. very showy or ornamented, especially when excessive, or in a tasteless or vulgar manner
The newest Trump skyscraper is typically gaudy, covered in gilded panels that gleam in the sun.

gauge n. standard or scale of measurement; instrument for measuring or testing
Even the consumer price index, the government's main gauge of inflation, stomped the average stock fund.

gear n. toothed machine part, such as a wheel or cylinder, to transmit motion or to change speed or direction
We are getting word that the nose gear has been lowered, but the main one is not down.

genre n. type or class; a kind of literary or artistic work
Considering this change in genre, is there room for Castlevania to move into other styles of game?

glacier n. a large body of ice which flows under its own mass, usually downhill
The Pamir is one of the highest mountain ranges on earth - the point where Central Asia rise to meet China and Pakistan among a mass of peak and glacier.

glaze n. thin smooth shiny coating; glassy film, as one over the eyes
That glaze is just a mix of strained pulp and sugar.

glazed a. having a shiny surface or coating; lacking liveliness, used of eyes; fitted or covered with glass
And I worked in the back with the bakers; I used to put the glazed cherries on top of the cookies.

**glide** v. slide; move in a smooth, effortless manner
We better **glide** out of this before three in the morning, and clip it down the river with what we've got.

**glimpse** v. see briefly; catch sight of
Every morning I **glimpse** at the headlines of newspaper in car.

**global** a. worldwide; international; having the shape of a globe
President Putin has said that Russia has not yet decided whether to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, the treaty aimed at reducing **global** warming.

**glossy** a. smooth and shining; reflecting luster from smooth or polished surface; plausible
I want this photograph printed on **glossy** paper.

**glowing** a. act or state of giving out intense heat and light; luminous
While others see this man in **glowing** honesty, I find him to be disingenuous.

**gossip** n. rumor; malicious report about other people; light informal conversation for social occasions
Every Italian chat show, **gossip** column, and newspaper, is full of the speculation of where the Hollywood couple will marry.

**govern** v. make and administer the public policy and affairs of
Mr. Blair is promising to listen more to the public and **govern** sensibly and wisely.

**graft** v. unite a shoot or bud with a growing plant by insertion or by placing in close contact; join plants by such union; join or unite closely
We will **graft** new customs onto old.

**grand** a. large and impressive in size, scope, or extent
Alice had no idea what Latitude was, or Longitude either, but thought they were nice **grand** words to say.

**granite** n. common, coarse-grained, light-colored, hard igneous rock consisting chiefly of quartz; unyielding endurance
What do you do if your suspect your **granite** is radioactive?

**graphic** a. represented by graph; described in vivid detail; clearly outlined
Read the story, then enlarge the title **graphic** to see what its about.

**graphite** n. something used as a lubricant and as a moderator in nuclear reactors
One of the benefits of using **graphite** is that it keeps the silver from oxidizing, so bullets come out bright and shiny.

**grasp** v. grip; take hold of or seize firmly with or as if with the hand
Taiwan opposition leader urges Chen to **grasp** chance for peace with China.

**grasshopper** n. terrestrial plant-eating insect; young student in initial stages of training
Canadians are stunned that in a country of such wealth, this poor **grasshopper** is allowed to suffer while others have plenty.

**grateful** a. thankful; appreciative of benefits received
He said he was feeling well and was very **grateful** to be there.

**gravity** n. seriousness; solemn and dignified feeling; natural force between two massive bodies
We could tell we were in serious trouble from the **gravity** of the principal's expression.

**graze** v. scrape gently; feed on growing grasses and herbage
In the morning, if you're lucky, you'll get a visit from the two gentle horses that **graze** the hill.

**greedy** a. wanting to get more than one can reasonably get
These people have good intentions to make a profit, but they are too **greedy**, which is why we have regulation.

**gregarious** a. sociable; seeking and enjoying the company of others
Natural selection in **gregarious** animals operates upon groups rather than upon individuals.

**grim** a. unrelenting; rigid; dismal and gloomy; cold and forbidding
Robert held her gaze for a long time, his expression **grim** and slightly troubled.

**grope** v. search blindly or uncertainly; reach about uncertainly; feel one's way
You **grope** for your next handhold or foothold as you slowly make your way to the top.

**grumble** v. utter or emit low dull rumbling sounds
When a local historical society showed interest in preserving the Cider Barrel, he began to **grumble**, complaining about the "society."
gulp v. swallow; utter or make a noise, as when swallowing too quickly
He did gulp for help after choking on a big piece of meat.
gymnastics n. sport that involves exercises intended to display strength and balance and agility
We greatly appreciate your support of the great Trampoline gymnastics game.
habit n. established disposition of the mind or character; distinctive dress, especially of a religious order
My habit is to just stare at a long stretch of river looking for any signs of fish movement.
habitat n. type of environment in which an organism or group normally lives
So if you destroy the habitat in which these fish feed and breed then you’re going to destroy sustainability of that fishery.
hallmark n. sign; feature; mark indicating quality or excellence
The government has said clean public toilets are the hallmark of a gracious society.
halt v. stop; stand in doubt; hesitate
Having the sun and moon halt is extraordinarily uncommon.
harmless a. unlikely to harm or disturb anyone
He would at intervals talk with great good sense; but in general he was fondest of the company of children, whom he used to call harmless little men.
harmonica n. small rectangular free-reed instrument having a row of free reeds set back in air holes and played by blowing into the desired hole
To the beginning harmonica player it seems painfully obvious that the artists on his favorite records are playing an entirely different instrument than he is.
harness n. stable gear consisting of an arrangement to an animal so that it can be attached to and pull a cart
The biggest danger beside not wearing your harness is that you can’t function properly.
harsh a. rough; coarse; severe; unpleasantly stern
This was a harsh blow for the families of missing people who’d waited for decades for news of them.
hatchet n. short ax used to chop wood
We split the ball open with the hatchet, and there was a spool in it.
haunted a. showing emotional affliction or disquiet; frequently visited by a ghost
I remain haunted by a book called the Gammage Cup which I read decades ago.
helpless a. unable to help oneself; powerless or incompetent; powerless; weak
Alice could see it trying in a helpless sort of way to fly up into a tree.
herder n. someone who drives a herd
They were found with the help of a sheep herder from the region.
hesitant a. reluctant, irresolute; tending to wait, or proceed with caution or reservation
Companies are often hesitant to hire aging employees.
hibernate v. sleep throughout winter; be in inactive or dormant state
Bears are one of the many species of animals that hibernate.
hibernation n. time of animals sleep through the winter
All they are doing is sort of fattening themselves up to go into hibernation to build their own nests next year.
hoe v. weed, cultivate, or dig up with a tool, which has flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
He is going to hoe the flower beds.
hollow a. sound as if echoing in a empty space; void; vain; not solid; having a space or gap or cavity
‘I’ll tell it her,’ said the Mock Turtle in a deep, hollow tone: ‘sit down, both of you, and don’t speak a word till I’ve finished.’
homesick a. unhappy at being away and longing for familiar things or persons
After the meal they felt rusty, and a little homesick once more.
horror n. terror; fear; intense dislike
But then, prepared as my mind was for horror, shaken as my nerves were by agitation, I thought the swift darting beam was a vision from another world.
hostile a. unfriendly; showing the disposition of an enemy
The authorities say negative reports on Zimbabwe are a false creation by what they term a hostile Western media.

**hostility** n. unfriendliness; hatred; state of being hostile
This opposition may take one of the forms already described, some other forms which have been overlooked, but the root of the hostility is the same in all.

**hummingbird** n. tiny American bird having brilliant iridescent plumage and long slender bills
**hummingbird** is small bird in the family Trochilidae, native only to the Americas.

**humorous** a. employing or showing humor; funny; amusing
What I find so humorous is that Obama has said what you guys have WANTED TO HEAR since he announced his presidency in Jun 2007.

**hunger** n. strong desire for something; feel the need to eat
East Asia should meet its target of halving hunger by 2015, and Latin America and the Caribbean are not far behind.

**hurl** v. throw with great force; cast; toss
I can hurl tennis rackets at small moving objects with deadly accuracy.

**husk** n. shell; outer covering; remove the husk from
And I will give the missionary my energies, but not myself: that would be only adding the husk and shell to the kernel.

**hydrosphere** n. watery layer of the earth’s surface
A hydrosphere in physical geography describes the collective mass of water found on, under, and over the surface of a planet.

**hypothesize** v. speculate; suppose; believe especially on uncertain or tentative grounds
They hypothesize that small size may have facilitated the rapid diversification among domestic dog breeds.

**icon** n. religious image; idol; important and enduring symbol
He is a pop icon designed and manufactured for the video generation.

**identifiable** a. traceable; possible to identify
It includes discrete identifiable trace fossils.

**identification** n. act of designating or identifying something; condition of having your identity established
The thief’s identification was followed quickly by his arrest.

**ideology** n. study of origin and nature of ideas
For people who had grown up believing in the communist ideology, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

**ignorant** a. lacking education or knowledge; unaware
And what an ignorant little girl she’ll think me for asking!

**illiterate** a. incapable of being read; unclear; not legible
No one likes his illegible handwriting.

**illustrate** v. represent; demonstrate; depict; clarify, as by use of examples or comparisons
The editor will illustrate the definition with an example sentence.

**image** n. visual representation; representation of a person
The emperor’s tomb had his image carved in stone.

**imaginary** a. having existence only in the imagination; fanciful; visionary
I write fantasy in imaginary worlds, but my settings are historically based.

**immobile** a. stationary; incapable of moving or of being moved
It’s either be immobile for the rest of her life or go for an operation and see if it’ll work.

**immobilize** v. stabilize; fix; cause to be unable to move
The sudden storm will immobilize the traffic.

**immune** a. resistant to; free or exempt from; not subject to
Still, the company doesn’t expect to remain immune from the effects of the downturn.

**impart** v. reveal or tell; grant a share of; bestow
Well, I think one of the things I’d like this book to impart is a sense of how complex people’s lives are.
implement n. tool or instrument used in doing work; put into practical effect
The problem devising a suitable implement is given to the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Tennessee.

implication n. something hinted at or suggested; act of implying; condition of being implied
They might be important, they innovate, they're flexible, but the implication is they don't need to be regulated to the extent of the banking system.

impractical a. unwise to implement or maintain in practice; theoretical
Refloating the sunken ship proved impractical because of the great expense.

improbable a. unlikely; impossible; not likely to be true
No one wants to talk about this improbable event.

inaccessible a. unreachable; not available; unattainable
There's a similar picture in Victoria, where dozens of fire-fronts continued to advance through inaccessible mountain regions.

inactivate v. release from military service or remove from the active list of military service
The cost to inactivate and dispose of a nuclear carrier is estimated at 887 million.

inappropriate a. unsuitable; improper; not suitable for a particular occasion
Noise seems inappropriate at a time of sadness.

inaugurate v. start; initiate; induct into office by formal ceremony
The airline decided to inaugurate its new route to the Far East with a special reduced fare offer.

incandescent a. strikingly bright; shining with intense heat; emitting light as result of being heated
If you leave on an incandescent light bulb, it quickly grows too hot to touch.

incense n. smoke or odor produced by the burning of such a substance; pleasant smell
Religiously significant Tibetan incense is believed to be capable of driving away evil.

incentive n. something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward
Another incentive is the tax and duty-free importation of raw materials to be used for book publishing.

incessant a. uninterrupted; unceasing; continuing without interruption
I read, discuss in incessant phone conferences and attempt to bring to the world media some of the world’s biggest humanitarian crises.

inclined a. tending or leaning toward; bent; having preference or tendency
In the next news cycle or during the next big story, will mainstream media remain inclined to wait for confirmation from the AP or The New York Times?

inclusive a. tending to include all; taking a great deal or everything within its scope
The comedian turned down the invitation to join the Players' Club, saying any club that would let him in was too inclusive for him.

incomprehensible a. unintelligible; difficult to understand
The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.

inconclusive a. without any clear results or proof
This is in contrast to its rival, Exxon Mobil, which maintains that scientific evidence on climate change remains inconclusive, and which continues to concentrate on oil production.

incredible a. unbelievable; beyond belief or understanding
It was an amazing year for female performances and to be nominated amongst them was really incredible.

indefinite a. unclear; vague; lacking precise limits
The indefinite, which is born from the human and divine combination of the infinite and the finite, escapes them.

indicative a. suggestive; implying; serving to indicate
There are numerous examples, but the most indicative is probably in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

indifference n. unconcern; disinterest; lack of enthusiasm
The court did issue a stinging rebuke for what it calls their indifference to their constitutional duties.

indiscrimination n. unfair treatment; lack of discrimination or judgment
I'll nail them for indiscrimination against my religion.

ineligible a. unsuitable; disqualified by law, rule, or provision; unworthy of being chosen
Some farmers have said the system is unfair because many families are ineligible for help if a wife or son has taken up work in a nearby town.
inevitably  ad. unavoidably; in a manner that is impossible to avoid or prevent
He trusted that these book sales will ensure that Palin inevitably becomes America’s next President.

inferiority  n. state of being lower than or not as good as
The cause of this estimate of her inferiority was her lack of education.

infertile  a. unable to have children
It started a year ago, when Islamic clerics in Kano state condemned immunization campaigns as an American plot to make Muslim women infertile.

inflexible  a. rigid; stiff; incapable of being changed
This brings me to the issue of organized labor in South Africa, which has been described as inflexible and a barrier to investment in some quarters.

inhabitant  n. resident; someone or thing who lives in a place
The local animal welfare department has been called in to care for the inhabitant of the zoo.

inhibit  v. restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back
Only two things inhibit him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson’s left hook, and Tyson’s right jab.

injustice  n. unjust act; practice of being unjust or unfair
The release of the bold young man without trial marks a significant victory for those who mounted a vigorous campaign against the injustice he faced.

insight  n. understanding; grasping the inner nature of things intuitively
This insight is then applied to three prominent proposals.

insist  v. stand or rest; find support; take a stand and refuse to give way; be persistent
Since you insist, I must amend the letter of credit.

inspiration  n. sudden intuition as part of solving a problem; arousing to a particular emotion or action
The theme of the ceremony is Isles of Wonder and draws much of its inspiration from Shakespeare’s "The Tempest."

inspiring  a. stimulating or exalting to the spirit
This is an inspiring campaign and I would do anything to support this.

install  v. set up; connect or set in position and prepare for use
At the same time, the company alleges Microsoft restricts how computer manufacturers can install rival software.

instinctive  a. unthinking; prompted by instinct; spontaneous
As for him, offering to help is as instinctive as breathing.

instruct  v. teach; make aware of
She had to instruct the students to work on their pronunciation.

instructive  a. serving to instruct or enlighten or inform; enlightening
You get 30 chapters with instructive illustrations, including an easy-to-follow, step-by-step, six-week basic training program.

instrument  n. tool; one used by another to accomplish a purpose; device used to produce music; legal document
The bond market cheered such a short-term instrument as traders have been looking forward to trading in short-term papers.

instrumental  a. serving or acting as a means or aid; helpful; relating to musical instruments
Scientists may have identified a region of the brain instrumental in the creation of dreams.

instrumentalist  n. someone who plays a musical instrument
A multi instrumentalist is a musician who plays a number of different instruments.

intact  a. undamaged in any way; integrated; whole
Ironically, the expensive technical equipment seems intact and the weather conditions are perfect.

intelligible  a. understandable; clear to the mind
This reproach of my dependence had become a vague sing-song in my ear: very painful and crushing, but only half intelligible.

intensify  v. strengthen; magnify; increase the contrast of
The Memorandum of Understanding signed today will further intensify power trading across borders.
intensive a. thorough; concentrated; tending to give force or emphasis
The boys will be taken to an intensive care unit where they will remain in a drug induced coma for up to five days to prevent brain damage.

interrupt v. terminate; make a break in
I talked not very fast, so they should feel free to interrupt me if they didn’t understand something.

intricacy n. complication; complexity; state or quality of being intricate or entangled; perplexity; involution
Again and again another layer of intricacy is revealed, proving that something as small as a story can be as satisfying and moving as a Russian novel.

intricately ad. in intricate manner; with elaboration; with perplexity
It’s not just the stories they tell but the fact that they all belong to unions that weaves Hollywood so intricately into the fabric of American life.

intruder n. trespasser; someone who intrudes on the privacy or property of another without permission
It uses image-processing software installed on its built-in micro-computer to determine whether the intruder is a threat.

involuntary a. acting or done without or against one’s will
After all, the line between voluntary and involuntary is very different in the military than in the civilian world.

ironic a. humorously sarcastic or mocking
What’s truly ironic is how both sides in this polarized debate use precisely the same tactics.

irrevocable a. unalterable; irreversible; impossible to retract or revoke
As Sue dropped the “Dear John” letter into the mailbox, she suddenly wanted to take it back, but she could not: her action was irrevocable.

irrigate v. supply land with water artificially; clean a wound with a fluid
How do you irrigate a wound in the wilderness setting?

irrigation n. supplying water to the land to help crops grow
In recent times, it’s been badly affected by excessive irrigation and a lack of rain.

isolate v. seclude; set apart or cut off from others
That research will isolate a large number of antibodies from humans and animals.

isolated a. remote; secluded; placed or standing apart or alone
On their return, a long-term strategy to help these isolated communities get back to self-sufficiency will be considered.

isolation n. separation; detachment; quality or condition of being isolated
They’re tired of living in political isolation with increasingly difficult economic conditions.

issue n. subject; topic; problem; edition; publication; release; publish
The issue could be settled by requiring public education for everyone.

iterate v. say, state, or perform again; repeat
The more you try, the more you learn, the faster you iterate, the better you get, and the more chances that you have of being productive.

itinerant a. wandering; traveling place to place, especially to perform work or duty
Since the storm, the city had also been attracting a new kind of itinerant idealist.

jagged a. unevenly cut; having the texture of something so cut; having a rough quality
“Especially him,” a Mask shouted, pointing at a man with a jagged red line on his chest.

jelly n. substance having the consistency of semi-solid foods
Artificially sweetened fruit jelly is standardized by the FDA.

jog v. run or ride at a steady slow trot; give a push or shake to
I would jog around the ponds, and around them, again and again.

jogging n. running at the pace of a slow run for exercise
People who have not been active for several months should not start their jogging program with a long or intense run.

jolt n. sudden jerking, as from a heavy blow; sudden, strong feeling of surprise or disappointment
The jolt from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.
jolting a. shocking; causing or characterized by jolts and irregular movements
There are truly jolting challenges waiting along this freedom road.

journalist n. writer for newspapers and magazines
The protests mark the second anniversary of the death of Georgy Gongadze, a journalist whose headless corpse was found in a forest near Kiev.

justly ad. with honesty; rightfully; fairly
We ask you to govern fairly and justly, fight corruption and fulfill human rights.

juvenile n. youth; adolescent; not fully grown or developed
You know, this is sort of what I call a juvenile approach to a serious problem," the Democrat said.

ken n. understanding; knowledge; range of vision
I really do not know the reason. It is beyond my ken.

kymograph n. device for measuring and recording graphically
Experimental psychologists adopted the kymograph as an instrument for recording various time-related events: response times and stimulus presentations.

laborer n. worker; someone who works with their hands
In addition to the consumer, the laborer is essential to the culture of capitalism.

lace v. thread a cord through the eyelets or around the hooks of; add a touch of flavor to
Today's chefs love to lace their goods with lively, pronounced flavors.

landing n. touchdown; act of coming down to the earth
Similar restrictions will apply to people coming through Christmas Island and other popular landing places off the north-west coast.

landscape n. scenery; expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view
From palaces to the desert mounds, remnants of this ancient culture litter the landscape.

landslide n. slide of a large mass of dirt and rock down a mountain or cliff; overwhelming electoral victory
Roosevelt defeated Hoover in a landslide.

lash n. any of the short hairs fringing the edge of the eyelid
There were plenty of things to question, but I never batted a lash at that.

lash v. strike with or as if with a whip; beat or swing rapidly; drive or goad
The alligators lash their tails in the water.

laundry n. washing; workplace where clothes are washed and ironed
During the gold rush era, our town's laundry seemed innocent enough.

lave v. wash or flow against; wash one's face and hands
The waves lave the shore day and night.

layer n. tier; a relatively thin sheet like expanse or region lying over or under another
The layer of thick smoke now covering all of southern California, thousands of firefighters are still struggling to contain ten separate blazes.

layman n. someone who is not a clergyman or a professional person; generally ignorant person
His is just the layman's view of medicine.

lease n. rent; charter; engage for service under a term of contract
We provide details of commercial and residential property available for lease.

leisurely a. un hurried; slow; taking abundant time
He looked at me before he proceeded: indeed, he seemed leisurely to read my face, as if its features and lines were characters on a page.

liberty n. state of free person; exemption from subjection to the will of another; freedom
Tom Sawyer stepped forward with confidence and soared into the indestructible "Give me liberty or give me death" speech.

likewise ad. similarly; as well; too
Dostam has a record of switching sides when convenient, and there are many supporters who would do likewise.

limestone n. rock consisting chiefly of calcium carbonate or carbonate of lime
This recently completed new Gothic church in roughly Texas limestone is located in the Spring Branch section.
literally ad. with meaning; word for word; letter by letter
The word literally translates to ‘dispeller of darkness,’ or ‘one who brings light.’
lithosphere n. solid part of the earth consisting of the crust
The lithosphere is the more or less stable crust of the earth, which may have been, to begin with, about fifty miles in thickness.
liveliness n. subsistence; financial means whereby one lives
When your livelihood is in a creative field, especially if you work for yourself, the work never ends.
location n. scene; site; place where something is or could be located
He is somehow a sort of political puppet whose strings are pulled from any other location.
locomotion n. self-propelled movement; power or ability to move
Recent studies with modern cameras have shown that horse locomotion is actually very different to what we thought.
lodge n. small house on the grounds of an estate or a park, used by a caretaker or gatekeeper
From this window were visible the porter’s lodge and the road.
long-range a. suitable for or reaching long distances; involving an extended span of time
No single space project in this period will be more impressive to mankind, or more important for the long-range exploration of space.
loose a. unbound; untied; not attached, fastened, fixed, or confined
"Here, Bill! catch hold of this rope - Will the roof bear? - Mind that loose slate - Oh, it’s coming down! Heads below!"
lumber n. timber sawed into boards, planks, or other structural members of standard or specified length
The demand for lumber is going to be the same so for every tree that comes from the water saves one potentially on dry land.
lumbering a. clumsy or awkward; heavy, slow and laborious
I am a huge fan of fast, movie style fiction, so the slow lumbering is too much for me.
luminous a. shining; emitting light, especially emitting self-generated light
The sun is a luminous body.
lure n. something that tempts or attracts with the promise of pleasure or reward; attraction or appeal
By this method, the lure is working as soon as it hits the water instead of sinking.
luster n. shine, polish or sparkle; soft reflected light
The soft luster of the silk in the dim light was pleasing.
luxurious a. rich and superior in quality; lavish
The carriages could not be called luxurious; to be frank, they were cattle-trucks.
luxury n. something that is an indulgence rather than necessity; excessively expensive
A luxury tax on large cars was introduced last year.
lyric n. short poem of songlike; expressing deep personal emotion
Please enjoy such a lyric poetry.
maize n. tall annual cereal grass bearing kernels on large ears
Their task was to carry the maize from the field to our courtyard.
majestic a. stately; royal; relating to a monarch
And above it all the great man sat and beamed a majestic judicial smile upon the entire house, and warmed himself in the sun of his own grandeur.
majority n. greater number or part; a number more than half of the total
He is not planning to expel foreign companies, but he does want majority control of all ventures and a greater share of the profits.
malign v. speak evil of; bad-mouth; defame
Putting her hands over her ears, Rose refused to listen to Betty malign her friend Susan.
mall n. shopping center; public area set aside as a pedestrian walk
Is it greener to stay at home and order presents online or head to the mall?
malnutrition n. state of poor nutrition
It says **malnutrition** rates are close to emergency levels and is calling on the public to donate money for clean water, medicine and sanitation.

**mammal n.** warm-blooded vertebrate having skin covered with hair

North America Grizzly Bear: This is a **mammal**, that is 5 to 8 ft tall, weighs about 800 pounds, and lives to be 25 yrs old.

**manifestation n.** revelation; indication of the existence, reality, or presence of something

A high fever is an earlier **manifestation** of the disease.

**march n.** walking with regular steps; a procession of people walking together; steady advance

In July, 1792, the united armies of Prussia and Austria commenced their **march** from the German fortresses upon the Rhine into France.

**marine a.** sea-dwelling; maritime; naval

Led by Professor David Paterson, the British team have begun a three-year project to map tidal flows and **marine** life, using remote sensing techniques.

**markedly ad.** very obviously, noticeably

Corporate profits were up **markedly**, and that's leading hungry brokers to ponder yet more rises on the stock markets.

**marsh n.** swamp; bog; low lying wet land with grassy vegetation

The jail was a trifling little brick den that stood in a **marsh** at the edge of the village.

**marvel n.** wonder; strong surprise; astonishment

The marvel of Nature shaking off sleep and going to work unfolded itself to the musing boy.

**marvelous a.** wonderful; extraordinarily good

Queen Victoria is a **marvelous** ship best suited to well-traveled guests.

**match n.** something that resembles or harmonizes with

That tie makes a good **match** with your jacket.

**matchstick n.** short thin stick of wood used in making matches

Come and solve **matchstick** puzzles as quick as you can.

**mathematics n.** science dealing with the logic of quantity and shape

He went to Harvard and graduated, then he got his PhD in **mathematics** from the University of Michigan.

**meaningful a.** significant; having meaning, function, or purpose

He has announced what he calls a **meaningful** climate change deal with China and other nations in Copenhagen.

**mediate v.** resolve or settle differences by working with all conflicting parties

King Solomon was asked to **mediate** a dispute between two women, each of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.

**medieval a.** very old-fashioned; as if belonging to the Middle Ages

Pat Wallace, the director of the National Museum of Ireland, called the first discovery of an early **medieval** document in two centuries "a miracle find".

**medium n.** state that is intermediate between extremes

Certainly Shostakovich was lucky to work in a wordless abstract **medium**, where interpretation is strongly subjective.

**melody n.** tune; pleasing succession or arrangement of sounds; poem suitable for setting to music or singing

But now, though her voice was still sweet, I found in its **melody** an indescribable sadness.

**membrane n.** thin soft sheet of animal or vegetable tissue

This **membrane** is attached to the side of the nut, and the nut falls to the ground, when it is gathered for use.

**memorable a.** unforgettable; worthy to be remembered; very important or remarkable

Some who did venture out into the snow were rewarded with the **memorable** sight of people making their way down Broadway on skis.

**memorandum n.** written proposal or reminder

'Stolen!' the King exclaimed, turning to the jury, who instantly made a **memorandum** of the fact.

**mend v.** make repairs or restoration to; fix; improve

It took Libyan authorities almost three decades to **mend** relations with the west.
mention v. speak or notice of anything, usually in a brief or cursory manner
Rochester, I may as well mention another matter of business to you while I have the opportunity.

mercantile a. trading; commercial; of or relating to trade or traders
The ultimate purpose of mercantile policy was to enhance national strength, provide self-sufficiency, and pay for military power.

merit n. virtue; admirable quality or attribute; credit
I believe that giving work based on gender and not on merit is sexism.

meteorite n. stony or metallic mass of matter that has fallen to the earth's surface from outer space
Our interest in meteorite exposure ages continued for many years.

meteorologist n. specialist who studies processes in the earth's atmosphere that cause weather conditions
The meteorologist is responsible for the quality control of a database of weather forecast parameters.

methodically ad. systematically; according to a method; with method or order
Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said he would act swiftly but methodically to carry out the plan.

methodology n. system of methods followed in a particular discipline
The statistical methodology adopted for the ranking gives each business school a unique score.

microcosm n. small, representative system having analogies to larger system; miniature model of something
The small village community that Jane Austen depicts serves as a microcosm of English society in her time.

microscopic a. tiny; extremely precise with great attention to details; of or relating to or used in microscopy
But, on rare occasions, microscopic metal particles can lead to a short circuit within the cell, causing overheating and potentially flames.

migratory a. wandering; moving from place to place; unsettled
Nearly all of our native birds are migratory, that is they go south for the winter.

millennium n. a span of one thousand years; a thousandth anniversary
The ritual, which has taken place for more than half a millennium, is believed to make the children grow up healthy and strong.

miniature a. very small; model that represents something in a greatly reduced size
Want to see some great architecture in miniature size?

minimal a. the fewest; the least possible
In order to make it work, you need a certain minimal area of collective surface.

minimum a. the smallest possible quantity
The questions range from simple tests of knowledge such as - what's the minimum age for buying alcohol?

minuscule a. very small; tiny; lowercase letter
Why should I involve myself with a project with so minuscule a chance for success?

miracle n. wonderful thing; something that excites admiration or astonishment
"The main miracle is that with money or no money, we have life," said Yadira Rivera.

mirage n. unreal reflection; optical illusion
In economics, a mirage is a naturally occurring phenomenon in which economic statistics are bent to produce an image of a desired outcome.

miserable a. very unhappy; full of misery; wretched
The miserable Hatter dropped his teacup, and went down on one knee. 'I'm a poor man, your Majesty,' he began.

misfortune n. bad fortune or ill luck; bad luck
The government's War on Poverty has transformed poverty from a short-term misfortune into a career choice.

mistrust n. lack of trust or confidence
In this climate of mistrust, efforts by the European Union are an uphill struggle.

moat n. deep wide ditch; ditch dug as a fortification and usually filled with water
A moat separates the animals in the zoo from the spectators

mock v. treat with ridicule or contempt; mimic; frustrate hopes of
What we mock is his using that as a catchall excuse for any personal failing or ridiculous policy proposal.
moderate a. temperate; gentle; mild; make less fast or intense; preside over
Mr. Berlusconi's alliance of moderate and right-wing parties has an absolute majority in the Senate.
moist a. slightly wet; damp or humid
It grows 3 to 5 feet high and wide in moist soil and partial shade and blooms white from June to September.
misture n. wetness caused by water
Too much moisture in the air can lead to mold and has been linked to respiratory problems for home occupants.
molecule n. the smallest particle of substance, having all the properties of that substance
The protein molecule is made up of a number of organic units known as amino acids.
monument n. structure erected to commemorate persons or events; memorial
A monument is a statue or building created to commemorate a person, event or as an artistic object.
mortar n. vessel in which substances are crushed or ground with a pestle; machine in which materials are ground and blended
It is so difficult to hurt anyone actually in trenches; I think a mortar is the only thing that can do so.
motionless a. at rest, stationary, immobile, not moving
Remaining motionless is their best defense, but when startled, snowshoes rely on their long, powerful hind legs to run away from danger.
mournful a. feeling or expressing sorrow or grief; sad; gloomy
He gazed round the table; he saw they were all waiting for his explanation, and his expression grew mournful.
mulberry n. sweet usually dark purple blackberry-like fruit
The white mulberry is native to eastern and central China; it became naturalized in Europe centuries ago.
mural n. wall painting; very large image applied directly to a wall or ceiling.
Another mural is also being developed by Doug Hall and deals with Native Americans during the first Newtonia Civil War battle.
mushroom n. fleshy fungi, having an umbrella-shaped cap borne on a stalk; one who rises rapidly from a low condition in life
Their method can more than double the yield of certain mushroom species compared with conventional cultivation methods.
mythology n. study of myths; collection of myths
They fear the blue, which, in mythology, is the color of purity and holiness.
narrator n. someone who tells a story
Rochester has been favored with the most lively and the most continuous? The eagerness of a listener quickens the tongue of a narrator.
naturalistic a. representing what is real; not abstract or ideal; producing the effect or appearance of nature
After all, people with a naturalistic worldview make philosophical inferences about the world supposedly based on the scientific evidence.
navigate v. steer; direct; follow a planned course on, across, or through
Researchers are not sure of how bees navigate but they feel that vision is crucial.
navigation n. guidance of ships or airplanes from place to place
Such frequencies can be extremely valuable to companies which provide wireless services such as mobile phone networks or satellite navigation systems.
egg a. so small, trifling, or unimportant that it may be easily disregarded
Because the damage to his car had been negligible, Michael decided he wouldn't bother to report the matter to his insurance company.
niche n. small concavity; a position particularly well suited to the person who occupies it
Our unique niche is to empower communities to support farming and conserve farmland.
nonfiction n. writing that is not fictional
There are three categories -- short story, poetry, and creative nonfiction -- and $60000 of prize money courtesy of the Canada Council for the Arts.
nonsense n. silliness; words or signs having no intelligible meaning
'Don't talk nonsense,' said Alice more boldly: 'you know you're growing too.'
normally ad. usually; as a rule; regularly; according to a rule
The baker's produced only half the bread they normally provide.

**notable a.** worthy of note or notice; remarkable; important

Today the head cook was shaking, for the notable chef Julia Child was coming to dinner.

**notate v.** mark with spots or lines, which are often colored; add notes to

Please review these and notate the difference in flight times.

**notation n.** technical system of symbols used to represent special things; comment or instruction

He added a short notation to the address on the envelope.

**notch n.** small cut; V-shaped or U-shaped indentation carved or scratched into a surface

There was one notch in the handle of his revolver.

**oath n.** solemn promise; commitment to tell the truth

Their oath is to do no harm, but they haven't even spoken about healthcare reform before now.

**obedient a.** subject in will or act to authority; willing to obey; submissive to restraint, control, or command

It gave them a reason to remain obedient to the priestly leaders.

**obligated a.** required; responsible; under a moral obligation to someone

The rest of that money is obligated, meaning that it's supporting projects that are under contract but are not yet completed.

**obsession n.** compulsive, often unreasonable idea or emotion

This obsession is aimless and brainless and ends with your oblivion in American politics.

**obstruct v.** stop; impede; shut out from view

The trees obstruct my view of the mountains.

**occasionally ad.** now and then; from time to time; infrequently; irregularly

We may have to fly in occasionally from the US this spring and summer.

**occupant n.** tenant; one that occupies a position or place

All the rescuers found in the mountains of Venezuela was the scattered wreckage of the plane and the charred corpse of its occupant.

**occur v.** take place; be found to exist; come to one's mind

Global warming can occur from a variety of causes, both natural and human induced.

**odor n.** scent; property or quality of a thing that affects, stimulates, or is perceived by the sense of smell

The summer air, the restful quiet, the odor of the flowers, and the drowsing murmur of the bees had had their effect.

**opposite n.** two words that express opposing concepts; contrariwise; directly facing each other

People out there probably think about Switzerland as a conservative country and I think this shows that we are the opposite.

**oral a.** spoken; unwritten; relating to the mouth

But he was best known for his books which he called oral histories.

**orbit v.** revolve around a center of attraction

The teacher is showing how the moon to orbit the earth.

**ordeal n.** severe trial; form of trial to determine guilt or innocence; difficult or painful experience

Another concern in this ordeal is the matter of proof.

**organic a.** simple and healthful and close to nature

Most of us like an organic lifestyle.

**ounce n.** unit of weight equal to one sixteenth of a pound

ORG provides you with fast loading charts of the current gold price per ounce, gram and kilogram in 23 major currencies.

**outcome n.** result; end or consequence; result of a random trial

South Africa praised the outcome of the election as another indication of Africa's growing commitment to multi-party democracy.

**outgoing a.** sociable; going out or away; departing

From the government's side, the outgoing Prime Minister, Ivan Kostov, admitted personal responsibility for his party's crushing defeat.
outlying  a. relatively distant or remote from a center or middle
And why should the rest of us subsidize folks who live in outlying areas to commute?

overbalance  v. weigh more heavily; exceed in weight, value, or importance; surpass; throw off balance
In a balancing test, the thumb on the scales can overbalance anything.

overhaul  v. examine or go over carefully for needed repairs; make extensive renovations or revisions on; renovate
He proposals to overhaul the health care system.

overlap  n. representation of common ground between two things; extend over and cover a part of
He warned of the potential for gap, overlap and duplication.

oversee  v. supervise; manage; watch over and direct; examine or inspect
This caseworker had about 100 cases to oversee, which is four times the recommended number.

overtire  v. tire excessively; fatigue to exhaustion
To walk at a pace that does not overtire you.

overturn  v. reverse; overthrow; upset something
He is accused of an armed attempt to overturn the constitutional order; if he is convicted he could face life imprisonment.

ozone  n. unstable, poisonous allotrope of oxygen
These gases - we now know - affect something called the ozone layer, which protects the earth from the heating of the Sun's radiation.

paddler  n. someone paddling a canoe
Here's the place to list your trips and to connect with another paddler.

painstaking  a. extremely careful and diligent work or effort; taking of pains
The truth is, I didn't want to have to call any parents, so by outlining everything in painstaking detail in my newsletters, I could avoid it.

pane  n. framed section of window or door that is filled with a sheet of glass or others; panel in a wall or door
According to Ms. Kozlowski, a glass door pane collapsed on her right leg, severing arteries and nerves.

panic  n. sudden mass fear and anxiety
Marty shouted in panic, patting his coat, digging crazily into his pockets.

pants  n. trousers; underwear; garment extending from waist to knee or ankle
When we got up-stairs to his room he got me a coarse shirt and pants of his, and I put them on.

parachute  n. rescue equipment consisting of a device that fills with air and retards your fall
The plane that crashed into the side of a high-rise apartment comes equipped with a parachute.

paraphrase  v. restate text in one's own words, especially to clarify thought of others
In 250 words or less, paraphrase this article.

passion  n. strong feeling or emotion; fervor
In a very short time the Queen was in a furious passion, and shouting 'Off with his head!' or 'Off with her head!' about once in a minute.

passionate  a. zealous; enthusiastic; filled with or motivated by zeal
'Not like cats!' cried the Mouse, in a passionate voice. 'Would YOU like cats if you were me?'

path  n. way; footway; course or track; route; passage
WE went along a path amongst the trees back towards the end of the widow's garden.

patroller  n. someone on patrol duty; an individual or a member of a group that patrols an area
Bus patroller helps children to get on and off school buses safely.

patronage  n. sponsorship; support; state of being a sponsor
As a cooperative, we can return the profits of our successful operations to our members - the owners - in the form of a patronage refund.

paucity  n. scarcity; smallness of number; fewness
They closed the restaurant because the paucity of customers made it uneconomical to operate.

pauper  n. very poor person; one living on or eligible for public charity
Though Widow Brown was living on a reduced income, she was by no means a pauper.
peak n. summit; apex; maximum; prime
At its peak, a million people crammed onto the streets over the two-day festival.

pebble n. small smooth rounded rock
For the next moment a shower of little pebble came rattling in at the window, and some of them hit her in the face.

peculiar a. special; characteristic; unusual; odd; bizarre
What I find peculiar is the notion “fundamentalists” need or deserve to be criticized.

pedagogy n. teaching; art of education; science of teaching
Though Maria Montessori gained fame for her innovations in pedagogy, it took years before the methods were common practice in American.

penal a. subject to punishment by law
The idea of penal sanction is the essence of law.

penchant n. strong inclination; definite liking
There is a certain penchant in true believers to ignore input which conflicts and contradicts that belief.

penetrating a. sharp; having the power of entering or piercing
The cold winter wind was so penetrating that further out-door exercise was now out of the question.

perception n. understanding; feeling; effect or product of perceiving
Let's keep things to reality, and CNN's supposition for why this drop in perception is certainly not reality.

percolate v. spread gradually; cause liquid to pass through small holes; filter
Light will percolate into our house in next morning.

percussion n. striking one object against another sharply
The drum is a percussion instrument.

perennially ad. throughout the year; constantly; repeatedly
As a result, your garden will remain perennially healthy and alive.

periodic a. repeated; recurring at intervals of time
Foot and Mouth is found on every continent and periodic outbreaks occur in most countries.

permanent a. remaining without essential change
The five permanent members of the Security Council will now share the task of making an early assessment of the declaration.

permeate v. spread or flow throughout; pervade
The odor of frying onions permeate the air.

perpendicular a. vertical; upright; intersecting at or forming right angles; extremely steep
The axes are perpendicular to each other.

perspire v. sweat; excrete perspiration through the pores in the skin
We perspire to keep the temperature of our internal thermostat set to an average, normal temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

philology n. study of language; investigation of language and its literature
The professor of philology advocated the use of Esperanto as an international language.

photosensitive a. sensitive to visible light
Of all persons who have been diagnosed as epileptic, between three and five percent are known to be of the photosensitive type.

photosynthesis n. chemical combination brought about by the action of light
photosynthesis is the conversion of light energy into chemical energy by living organisms.

picturesque a. scenic; striking or interesting in an unusual way
The town is just a couple of miles from where Urquhart Castle stands in picturesque ruins beside the loch.

pigment n. substance used as coloring; dry coloring matter
Van Gogh mixed more than one pigment with linseed oil to create his paints.

pinpoint v. spot; locate or identify with precision
Scientists are hoping that the complete code of Chromosome 21 will allow them to pinpoint the individual genes responsible for each Downs Syndrome disease.

pique n. sudden outburst of anger; state of vexation caused by a perceived slight or indignity
She showed her pique at her loss by refusing to appear with the other contestants at the end of the competition.
plagiarism n. theft of another’s ideas or writings passed off as original
The editor recognized the plagiarism and rebuked the culprit who had presented the manuscript as original.

plain n. without elevations or depressions; flat; smooth; not rich; simple; without beauty; not handsome
They live what they call plain lives, of course, as you well know, not using electricity.

platform n. stage; a raised horizontal surface
It’s now operating Russia’s first offshore oil platform in the sea close to Sakhalin.

playwright n. someone who writes plays
A playwright, also known as a dramatist, is a person who writes dramatic literature or drama.

plump a. sound of a sudden heavy fall; well-rounded and full in form
A New York City Ballet dancer says a newspaper critic needn’t apologize for calling her plump in a performance of “The Nutcracker.”

polish v. split into opposite extremes or camps
The abortion issue will polarize the country into pro-choice and anti-abortion camps.

polish n. smoothness or shininess of surface or finish; elegance of style or manners; refinement
These boys polish their piano techniques for years.

poll n. voting; survey; number of votes cast or recorded
His father has been the industry’s biggest superstar and he was once voted the star of the Millennium in an online BBC poll.

pollination n. fertilization of plants by the agency of insects that carry pollen from one flower to another
Flowering plants have several different parts that are important in pollination.

pollutant n. waste matter that contaminates the water or air or soil
Please check Australia’s national public database of pollutant emissions.

popcorn n. small kernels of corn exploded by heat
Depends on how much popcorn you want to make as to how much you should add.

porcupine n. relatively large rodents with sharp erectile bristles mingled with the fur
After finishing his apple, the porcupine waddles away, oblivious to the entertainment he’s brought us.

pore n. tiny opening in tissue, as in the skin of an animal; space in rock, soil
The diameter of the pore is so small that it corresponds to that of a single ion.

portion n. section or quantity within a larger thing; a part of a whole
The largest portion would go into the players’ pockets, but the package included payments into a players’ pension account and a donation to selected charities.

postage n. token that postal fee has been paid; charge for mailing something
For the first time this year, valid Canada Post postage stamps will be available for sale at the village office.

poster n. sign posted in public place as an advertisement
The women’s group running the poster campaign says that’s because Turkey is still a very patriarchal society, a place where politics is seen as man’s work.

postgraduate n. student who continues studies after graduation
Humber’s postgraduate programs are offered in an accelerated, intensive format, ordinarily two semesters long.

pottery n. craft of making earthenware; ceramic ware made from clay
He told the BBC that some new inscriptions had already been found, as well as ancient pottery and broken shards of Nabataean sculptures.

pound n. unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
But fifty cents a pound is a thousand dollars a ton.

practically ad. virtually; actually; for all practical purpose
Eight years and billions of dollars later, we learned that the North Koreans were breaking their word practically from day one.

prairie n. treeless grassy plain; extensive area of flat or rolling
This land, you will observe, is peculiarly good, having some few acres of what we call prairie, or natural
meadow.

**precarious** a. uncertain; risky; dangerously lacking in security or stability

But that is why NASA used test pilots, men used to handling life and death decisions in **precarious** situations and instantly making the right choice.

**precipitation** n. unexpected acceleration or hastening; the quantity of water falling to earth

The storm brought several inches of **precipitation**.

**predict** v. state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge

We’re not trying to **predict** which markets will all of a sudden have double-digit growth in home prices.

**premature** a. too soon; too early; occurring before a state of readiness

I think the industry has been entirely **premature** in putting this kind of food onto shelves in our supermarkets.

**preoccupation** n. state of being preoccupied; absorption of the attention or intellect

I did some research as a medical student, my main **preoccupation** was with becoming a physician who could serve in the armed forces.

**preponderance** n. superiority in numbers or amount

There is a **preponderance** of Blacks in our city.

**prerequisite** n. something that is required in advance; necessity; required as a prior condition

A **prerequisite** is a requirement that must be satisfied before taking a specific course.

**prescribed** a. set down as a rule or guide; certain; stated

There is no **prescribed** order in which assertions must be checked.

**prescription** n. written instructions from doctor; written order; act of establishing official rules, laws, or directions

It won't detect **prescription** drugs or medication such as cold or flu tablets.

**presence** n. state of being present; current existence

Your **presence** is a gift, your being with us a joy.

**preservative** n. something used to preserve, especially a chemical added to foods to inhibit spoilage

I have had some previous experience in this branch of what I call **preservative** chemistry.

**preserve** v. uphold; retain; maintain in safety from injury, peril, or harm

The doctors need to **preserve** and re-route those veins or both twins risk suffering a stroke.

**pressure** n. stress; tension; condition of being pressed

Spain’s biggest fashion retailers have bowed to Government **pressure** to standardize their sizes.

**presumable** a. supposed to be true; reasonable as a supposition

Forty per cent of the US population are women 25-65 years old, **presumable** the target audience.

**prevalent** a. widespread; widely or commonly occurring, existing, accepted

A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views **prevalent** in the America of his day.

**prey** n. target of a hunt; animal hunted or caught for food

Although their main **prey** is the soft tissue of red corals, they eat other types of corals as well.

**primal** a. serving as an essential component

He is a **primal** member in our team.

**pristine** a. uncorrupted by civilization; primitive; remaining free from dirt or decay

He has opposed building dirty coal-fired power plants in **pristine** landscapes.

**privilege** n. special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all; right reserved exclusively

David Beckham said it had been an honour and a **privilege** to have captained England.

**proceeding** n. a sequence of steps by which legal judgments are invoked

Moreover the recent decisions from the Judiciary also reflect their reluctance in **proceeding** with the case.

**prod** v. stir up; urge; goad to action; incite

If you **prod** him hard enough, he’ll eventually clean his room.

**proficiency** n. skillfulness in command of fundamentals deriving from practice and familiarity; expertise

Practice greatly improves **proficiency**.

**proficient** a. skilled; **proficiency**. having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

He is a **proficient** engineer.
progression n. sequence; act of moving forward toward a goal
To remain in good academic standing, a student must meet all progression milestones and maintain an overall average of at least B.

prohibitive a. tending to discourage; prohibiting; forbidding
The intent, however, was to make the taxes and terms prohibitive to all non-medical use.

propellant n. something that propels or drives forward
The missile, which has liquid propellant, is the naval version of India’s surface-to-surface missile system.

proposal n. something proposed; act of making a proposal; an offer of marriage
The argument that the proposal is an anti-poor measure is both in contradiction to the evident facts and extremely insulting.

prosecute v. seek to obtain or enforce by legal action; carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in
The decision to prosecute is totally up to the discretion of the police.

prospect v. search for or explore for mineral deposits or oil
Then they prepared to prospect from the Los Angeles suburbs, a tough area for any explorers.

prospector n. someone who explores an area for mineral deposits
Years before he was to discover gold on Bonanza Creek, prospector George Carmack found a seam of coal near Five Finger Rapids.

prosperous a. successful; thriving; having or characterized by financial success or good fortune
The earthquake has struck one of India’s most prosperous and economically significant states.

provision n. stipulated condition; act of supplying or fitting out; something provided
For young people entering the workforce in a bad economy, this provision is a critical safety net.

provocation n. unfriendly behavior that causes anger or resentment; aggravation
It urges the immediate cessation of all acts of violence, provocation, incitement and destruction, and calls upon to return to negotiations.

provoking v. stir to anger; give rise to; stir to action or feeling
Today, another American legend, Mark Twain, celebrated for the power of his language and his ability to delight and provoke, is also under attack.

proximity n. state of being proximate; nearness in place, time, or relation
Blind people sometimes develop a compensatory ability to sense the proximity of objects around them.

psychology n. science that deals with mental processes and behavior
One of the things we always focus on in psychology is that you have to separate the behavior from the person.

publicity n. state of being public; information to attract public notice
No one would be interested so the publicity is the only way to build a base of buyers.

puddle n. something resembling a pool of liquid; a small body of standing water
Stop at a rain puddle and see how far you can make the water splatter away.

pumpkin n. usually large pulpy deep-yellow round fruit of the squash family
Although the pumpkin is botanically classified as a fruit, it is widely regarded as a vegetable.

pungent a. stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
I'm bracing myself to be met by heat, humidity and what Kerry describes as a pungent odor.

qualm n. sudden feeling of sickness or faintness; sudden attack of illness
My main qualm is the lack of consistency and logical plotting.

quarry n. victim; object of hunt; hunted animal
You mention you intend to start hunting, but you didn't say whether your quarry is small game or medium game.

questionable a. subject to question; admitting of being questioned; inviting, or seeming to invite, inquiry
International Development Agency awards funding after a series of what they call questionable decisions.

radiate v. spread out; effuse; issue or emerge in rays or waves
You can fell heat is going to radiate from the metal box.

radiation n. very small particles of a radioactive substance that can cause illness or death
At least forty nine people were exposed to dangerous levels of radiation.

rage n. something that is desired intensely; state of extreme anger
The sea hurled itself in thundering rage against the rocks.

ragged a. torn; worn; having an irregular surface or edge; uneven or jagged in outline

They think of the word only as connected with ragged clothes and scanty food: poverty for me was synonymous with degradation.

raid n. search without warning; surprise attack by a small armed force

Mr. Lebedev is referring to a raid last year on his father's bank, National Reserve Bank in Moscow, by masked Russian police.

ramble v. wander aimlessly; move about aimlessly; walk about casually or for pleasure

As always, his inner need to ramble is overridden by the need to work.

rampant a. unrestrained and violent; occurring without restraint

The reporter exposed details about rampant corruption in city government.

rare a. scarce; infrequently occurring; uncommon

The organization has accused the Norwegian government of endangering a rare area of the Arctic sea by contemplating oil exploration there.

rarefy v. weaken the consistency; purify or refine; lessen the density

It becomes necessary to place the terminal in a bulb and rarefy the air in the same time.

ration v. restrict to limited allotments, as during wartime; allot; distribute

Because of food shortage, the city began to ration out flour and sugar from yesterday.

ravel v. separate the fibers or threads of; clarify by separating the aspects of

A single thread pulled loose, and the entire scarf started to ravel.

rayon n. synthetic silk like fabric

Production of rayon for textiles started in 1899.

rear n. side of an object that is opposite its front; hind part; point or area farthest from the front

His room was toward the rear of the hotel.

rebel v. revolt; resist or defy an authority; break with established customs

They decide to rebel at the unwelcome suggestion.

rebellious a. resisting control or authority; discontented as toward authority

If moderators try to abstain, they feel trapped and rebellious.

rebuke v. scold harshly; criticize severely

No matter how sharply I rebuke Huck for his misconduct, he never talks back but just stand there like a stump.

recall v. remember; call back; cause to be returned

This part of the brain doesn't develop fully until about the age of four, which could explain why memories of early childhood are difficult to recall.

receptionist n. secretary whose main duty is to answer the telephone and receive visitors

I have over 15 years experience in this field as receptionist and administrative assistant.

recession n. withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

The slow recession of the flood waters created problems for the crews working to restore power to the area.

reckless a. headstrong; rash; indifferent to or disregardful of consequences

This time, the killer appeared to have been much more reckless about being seen.

reclamation n. rescuing from error and returning to a rightful course

This site covers all issues associated with reclamation of mining sites worldwide.

recommend v. suggest; bestow commendation on; represent favorably

Things being so uncertain, what I recommend is this: that we really dig right in, as quickly as we can.

reconstruction n. restoration; activity of constructing something again

The bridge's reconstruction and that of surrounding buildings is costing around twenty million dollars, money provided by a World Bank loan.

rectify v. set right; correct by calculation or adjustment

Probably the most costly to rectify is that caused by toxic chemicals entering the water supply.

recurring a. repeated; Returning again; repetitious

recurring billing service lets you get paid automatically on a regular basis.

recycle v. reprocess; use again after processing

We should recycle the cardboard boxes.
reed n. tall woody perennial grasses with hollow slender stems
The grass would be only rustling in the wind, and the pool rippling to the waving of the reed.

refinement n. result of improving something; process of removing impurities
The next refinement is to take into account that the luminous screen is typically round: any alpha particles striking outside the round area will not be visible.

refraction n. turning or bending of any wave, such as light or sound wave, when it passes from one medium into another of different optical density
When you look at a stick inserted in water, it looks bent because of the refraction of the light by the water.

refurbish v. renovate; make bright by polishing
The flood left a deposit of mud on everything; we had to refurbish our belongings.

regardless a. without consideration; in spite of everything; anyway
And the aspiring singer will be signed to the label regardless of where she finishes in the competition.

regenerate v. renew; repair; return to life
The snake will regenerate its tail next week.

regeneration n. renewal; growth of lost or destroyed parts or organs
I personally prefer burning an area, because the regeneration is more sufficient.

regulatory a. restricting according to rules or principles
We recognize that this project will impact communities off the route and we are committed to involving them in regulatory processes and capacity building.

rehabilitate v. restore to proper condition; help to re-adapt, as to former state of health or good repute
We must rehabilitate those whom we send to prison.

reign n. sovereignty; rule; dominance or widespread influence
51-year-old Tuheitia Paki is the eldest son of the previous monarch, who died last week at the age of 75, after a reign of 40 years.

reinforce v. give more force or effectiveness to; strengthen; enhance
The laws will reinforce authority to turn boats away from Australia and impose prison sentences on the crews of boats which do cross the border.

reiterate v. say, state, or perform again or repeatedly
He will reiterate the warning to make sure everyone understood it.

reject v. turn down; refuse to accept; dismiss from consideration
He would reject the idea of starting a war.

relaxation n. state of refreshing tranquility; act of making less strict
The relaxation also covers foreign language teachers and researchers transferred to Poland by their companies, who will not need to apply for work permits.

relentless a. unmoved by appeals for sympathy or forgiveness; insensible to distresses of others; unyielding
The well-known face was there: stern, relentless as ever - there was that peculiar eye which nothing could melt.

reliability n. trait of being dependable or reliable
In general, reliability is the ability of a system to perform its functions in routine circumstances, as well as hostile or unexpected circumstances.

reliable a. worthy of being depended on; trustworthy
In lawless states like Somalia, which lack a strong central government, they’re trying to find reliable proxy forces.

reliant a. relying on another for support
Explain that being self reliant is wonderful, but it does not mean you have to do everything alone.

relic n. surviving remnant; something left after loss or decay; object kept for its association with the past
Egypt’s Department of Antiquities prohibits tourists from taking any ancient relic out of the country.

reluctant a. not wanting to take some action; averse
Economists say the unemployment rate could climb as high as 10.5 percent next year because employers remain reluctant to hire.
remainder n. remnant; something left after other parts have been taken away
It's not good enough any more to tell consumers 25 percent of the products are made in China and the remainder is made in USA.

remaining n. residue; something not used up
Our basic and urgent job is to simply collect and protect the remaining fragments of the statues.

remarkable a. worthy of notice; extraordinary
I recognized his decisive nose, more remarkable for character than beauty.

remarkably ad. strikingly; markedly; to a remarkable degree or extent
If you look at the general overall situation, they're doing remarkably well.

remedy v. relieve or cure; correct; repair
Have you ever tried to remedy by drugs from a chain store?

remnant n. remainder; small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists
I suggest that you wait until the store places the remnant of that big fish on sale.

renaissance n. revival; renewal; revival of learning and culture
But he will be remembered as the man who led Italy's industrial renaissance after the damage inflicted on the country during the Second World War.

rendition n. translation, often interpretive; performance of a musical or dramatic work
The audience cheered enthusiastically as she completed her rendition of the aria.

renew v. renovate; make new or as if new again; restore
In his speech today, Mr. Arafat is expected to renew his call for an end to suicide bomb attacks.

renovate v. restore to good condition; renew
They claim that they can renovate worn shoes so that they look like new ones.

renunciation n. sacrificing; giving up; state of having rejected your religious beliefs
According to the Buddhist point of view, monks and nuns are supposed to hold renunciation vows.

reorient v. set or arrange in a new or different determinate position; cause to turn
These exercises are designed to help communities reorient their existing educational systems to address the concepts of sustainable development.

repertory n. place, such as a storehouse, where a stock of things is kept; storage; entire range of skills or aptitudes
It is the repertory of the supposed feats of mesmerism.

replace v. substitute; put in the place of another; switch seemingly equivalent items
The government said last week it would introduce legislation to take the death penalty off the statute books and replace it with life in prison.

represent v. stand for; describe or present; play a role or part
Senator John McCain said he was disappointed, but added that the rule changes do represent significant progress.

repute v. ascribe a particular fact or characteristic to; consider; suppose
I repute him as an intelligent for a long time.

reputed a. state of being held in high esteem and honor
Intelligence is really not what we think it is, it is not going to college or earning a PhD in so called reputed educational institutions.

reservoir n. tank used for collecting and storing a liquid; holding pond; lake used to store water for community use
That reservoir of frost and snow, where firm fields of ice, the accumulation of centuries of winters, glazed in Alpine heights above heights.

residual a. remaining as a residue; surplus
Please tell us the residual quantity as soon as you finish this noon.

residue n. remainder of something after removal of parts or a part; balance
The presence of plastic residue is nothing more than an indication of possible doping.

resist v. stand up or offer resistance; refuse to comply; withstand the force of something
The food that I can't resist is never the healthy stuff.

resistant a. unaffected; incapable of being affected
His moderate Democratic Party lacks an outright majority, and coalition partners remain resistant to change.

resonance n. reverberation; having the character of a loud deep sound; quality of being resonant

In physics, resonance is the phenomenon of producing large amplitude of vibrations by a small periodic driving force.

resort n. vacation spot; act of turning to for assistance

"We lied in the morning, we lied in the evening and we lied at night", he made a speech in the resort town.

respective ad. separately; individually; in the order given

The brothers were called Felix and Max, respectively.

respond v. show a reaction to something favorably or as hoped

Doctors hope his cancer to respond to the aggressive therapy.

retail a. selling of goods to consumers

A lot has been said about the massive influence of the US retail group Wal-Mart.

retract v. withdraw; take back; draw back or in

"Conditions will probably only start to retract from the middle of the first quarter of 2007," Downing said.

retrospect n. review; look back upon; remember

I had a detailed retrospect of my association with the two girls.

revere v. worship; regard with feelings of respect or honor

In the Orient, however, it had long been the custom to revere a monarch as if he were a divinity.

reverent a. respectful; worshipful; impressed with veneration or deep respect

Though I bow my head in church and recite the prayers, sometimes I don't feel properly reverent.

reverently ad. with reverence; in a reverent manner; in respectful regard

They speak reverently about this connection in private, but rarely talk about it to the press.

revive v. restore from a depressed; renew

Despite her claims of representing Indians, media reports here accuse her of only trying to revive a failing career for the money.

rifle n. shoulder firearm with a long barrel

As long as a rifle is accurate and has a good trigger, Dave will like it no matter how much or little it costs.

rift n. shallow area in a waterway; break in friendly relations; narrow fissure in rock

Capello believes there will be no long-term rift between the fans and the Manchester United star.

rigid a. stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending; not flexible

Without integration, we are stuck in rigid, inflexible states and to face chaotic feeling or thought.

rigidity n. stiffness; physical property of being stiff and resisting bending

With such a supple, sensitive and compassionate mind, rigidity is something you need never worry about.

rigor n. strictness or severity, as in temperament, action, or judgment; something hard to endure

Many settlers could not stand the rigor of the New England winters.

riot n. state of disorder involving group violence; rebellion

She said her main fear was that she would become the focus for a riot once people knew that she was in the prison.

rip v. tear or be torn violently; criticize or abuse strongly and violently

The candidates rip into their opponents each other mercilessly.

roam v. wander; ramble; stroll

Sometimes known as Europe's tiger, the continent's only native wild cat does roam Spain, Portugal and southern France.

robust a. vigorous; full of health and strength; vigorous

Those levels are expected to remain robust this year, said the ratings firm, but be somewhat below 2008.

rod n. stick; a long thin implement made of metal or wood

The curtain rod is hung to low and is the wrong colour.

roost n. settle down or stay; sit, as on a branch; perch on which domestic fowl rest or sleep

I'm surprised that you didn't hear any gobbles from the roost.

roost v. rest or sleep on or as if on a perch; come back home

The consequences of your mistake will eventually come home to roost.

rotation n. revolution; act of rotating as if on an axis
The rotation of the dancer kept time with the music.

routine n. unvarying or habitual method of procedure; occurring at fixed times or predictable intervals

I believe she was happy in her way: this routine sufficed for her.

rugged a. uneven; rough; very difficult

At last he passed the rugged competitive examination.

ruin n. destroyed person, object, or building; debris

Thanks to them a country that was on the brink of ruin is now stabilizing and showing signs of moving forward.

rumble v. utter or emit low dull sounds; move or proceed with a deep, long, rolling sound

If you’ve ever stood on Park Avenue, Manhattan, and felt a subway train rumble by underfoot, you know what a typical quake feels like.

rustic a. typical of country life or country people; awkwardly simple and provincial; lacking refinement or elegance

Schulz says the team of researchers will spend weeks at a time living and working in rustic conditions in the Mexican village.

rustproof a. treated against rusting; resistant to rust, oxidation and corrosion

It was made of rustproof alloy.

saline a. salty; containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts

You can purchase a saline solution in the drug store.

sample n. small part of something intended as representative of the whole

The World Health Organization says there is no guarantee that every sample of the virus can be traced and destroyed.

sap n. watery fluid that circulates through a plant, carrying food and other substances to the various tissues; essential bodily fluid

You can also take pine sap from a pine tree to burn for a while.

saturate v. soak, fill, or load to capacity; cause to unite with the greatest possible amount of another substance

saturate your sponge with water until it can't hold any more.

saturated a. soaked; drenched; unable to hold or contain more; full

It recommends eating fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy and limiting fewer foods that are high in saturated fat, added sugars, cholesterol, salt.

save v. rescue; preserve; make unnecessary; set aside for future use

AIDS organizations have hailed the drug pricing deal as a breakthrough, with the potential to save millions of lives.

savings n. resources; money saved

The BBC says the efficiency savings are vital for it to respond to rapid changes in technology.

scaled a. used of armor; covered with scales, or scale like structures, as fish or reptile

We need special tool to deal with the scaled fish.

scapegoat n. someone who bears the blame for others

The ploy of finding a scapegoat is as old as mankind itself - when things become too difficult at home, divert attention to adventure abroad.

scatter v. sprinkle; disseminate; cause to separate and go in different directions

Still, it’s kind of hilarious to watch them scatter from the light.

scene n. structure on which something is shown; part of theater where the acting is done; place, time, or circumstance in which anything occurs

This rain scene is one of my all time favorite movie views.

scour v. scrub; clean, polish, or wash by scrubbing vigorously; wear away; search through or over thoroughly

Hollywood producers scour the globe desperate for TV show ideas, it's not just about Britain anymore.

scramble n. unceremonious and disorganized struggle; rushing about hastily in an undignified way

He also has the ability to recover quickly in scramble situations and control rebounds.

scrap v. throw away; discard; break down into parts for disposal or salvage
When you mess up with sheet metal, you have to scrap it and start over.

**screen n.** surface where pictures can be projected for viewing; examine; test
That allows people to download films from the internet and watch them whenever they want on a screen which fits into the palm of their hand.

**sculpture n.** statue; creating figures or designs in three dimensions
A small urban park in the downtown area has been hosting innovative contemporary sculpture installations since 1981.

**seamount n.** underwater mountain rising above the ocean floor
A seamount is a mountain rising from the ocean seafloor that does not reach to the water’s surface, and thus is not an island.

**seaport n.** sheltered port where ships can take on or discharge cargo
The Halifax seaport is an exciting new waterfront development.

**secret n.** something studiously concealed; a thing kept from general knowledge
"The secret of your birth! Do you mean to say -- " says the young man, very solemn, "I will reveal it to you, for I feel I may have confidence in you."

**sect n.** separate religious body; faction united by common interests or beliefs
A peculiar attribute of this sect is the character of many of its members: bankers, civil service officials, navy officers, army officers and others of the finest professions.

**secular a.** worldly rather than spiritual; not specifically relating to religion; lasting from century to century
The church leaders decided not to interfere in secular matters.

**sedentary a.** requiring sitting; accustomed to sitting or to taking little exercise; living in one area, not migratory
Disliking the effect of her sedentary occupation on her figure, Stacy decided to work out at the gym every other day.

**sedimentary a.** resembling or formed by the accumulation of sediment; form of rock made by the deposition and compression of small particles
Fossils preserved in sedimentary rocks will display that era’s primary forms, reflective of that era’s ecology and life’s adaptations to best exploit it.

**seduce v.** tempt; entice; lead away from duty, accepted principles, or proper conduct
The temptation of easy money did seduce her to work in a massage parlor.

**seedling n.** young plant or tree grown from seed; produced from seed
She plans to sell this native cherry seedling online.

**segment n.** sector; portion; any of the parts into which something can be divided
At the end of this year they will finish the final segment of the road.

**semester n.** term; half a year; a period of 6 months; one of two divisions of an academic year
The semester system divides the calendar year into two terms of 15 weeks.

**semiarid a.** relatively low annual rainfall of 25 to 50 centimeters
You can’t grow plants native to the semiarid Middle East in Florida.

**sensational a.** arousing or intended to arouse strong curiosity, interest, or reaction
I have no way of confirming this so called sensational story, you have to dig for more stories on this to be sure.

**sensitivity n.** sense; acuteness; capacity of an organ or organism to respond to stimulation
It’s not clear exactly which part of the film is causing concern, but general political sensitivity within a volatile region seems likely.

**sentimentalism n.** idea or expression marked by excessive sentiment; liking for sentimental things
Along with a new vision of love, sentimentalism presented a new view of human nature which prized feeling over thinking, passion over reason, and personal instincts over social duties.

**separate v.** set or keep apart; disunite; divide; disconnect
It was scandalous to separate the mother and the children that way.

**sequence n.** serial arrangement in which things follow in logical order or a recurrent pattern
Scientists unveiled the genome sequence of rice - a tool of great potential use to researchers trying to develop new strains of rice with higher yields.
serrated  a. saw-like; having a row of sharp or tooth-like projections
The beech tree is one of many plants that have **serrated** leaves.

severe  a. serious in feeling or manner; not light, lively, or cheerful
No **severe** or prolonged bodily illness followed this incident; it only gave my nerves a shock of which I feel the reverberation to this day.

sewer  n. waste pipe that carries away sewage or surface water; someone who sews
A **sewer** is an artificial pipe or system used to remove human liquid waste and to provide drainage.

sewerage  n. waste matter; drainage; waste pipe that carries away sewage or surface water
Vancouver operates 485 km of **sewerage** conduit ranging in size from 10 cm to 2.9 m diameter.

sharply  ad. steeply; changing suddenly in direction and degree; acutely
Immigration, which census figures show declined **sharply** from the Depression through the 1960s, reached a historic low point this year.

sheer  a. very thin or transparent; very steep; absolute or pure
Wearing nothing but an almost **sheer** robe, Delilah draped herself against the very steep temple wall.

shell  v. remove from husk; separate kernels from cob; defeat decisively; hit the pitches of hard and regularly
There are many jobs you can help. **shell** oysters or peas, please.

shelter  n. structure that provides privacy and protection from danger
I undressed hastily, and sought **shelter** from cold and darkness in my crib.

shingle  n. small signboard outside the office; coarse beach gravel of small water; worn stones and pebbles
After passing the law exam, she hung out her **shingle**.

shipment  n. sending of cargo; act of sending off something
A second relief boat, the Isabella, has arrived on Tikopia, and with it the first major **shipment** of food, water and shelter.

shock  n. unpleasant or disappointing surprise; surprise greatly; effect of such a collision or blow
The shot of the girl standing in **shock** is one of the most disturbing scenes you'll witness.

shocked  a. struck with fear, dread, or consternation
Yesterday we took care of 11 people who evaded capture, or hid, or escaped, and they were **shocked** naturally, but were not physically harmed except for some bruises.

shrivel  v. wither; decrease in size; become or make shrunken and wrinkled, often by drying
Leaves die, fall, and **shrivel**.

shy  a. timid; bashful; easily startled; distrustful
Seabra's mother said her son - whom she described as **shy** and religious - wasn't capable of such horror.

sickness  n. state that precedes vomiting; disease
It shivered in my heart, like a suffering child in a cold cradle; **sickness** and anguish had seized it.

sideways  ad. with the side forward; to or from a side
The car slipped **sideways** into the ditch.

siege  n. seat, especially a royal seat; throne; rank; grade; sitting before a fortified place; surrounding or investing of a place by army
To me the most alarming feature of the **siege** is short rations.

silica  n. white or colorless vitreous insoluble solid
**Silica** gel is most commonly encountered in everyday life as beads packed in a semi-permeable plastic.

silicate  n. compounds containing silicon, oxygen, and one or more metals; salt of silica acid
If the child coughs it is given a new medicine, which is said to be some kind of **silicate** found in bamboos.

sinuous  a. winding; bending in and out; not morally honest
The snake moved in a **sinuous** manner.

skeptical  a. suspicious; mistrustful; marked by or given to doubt
We understood why you are in a **skeptical** attitude before watching these pictures.

skyscraper  n. very tall building with many stories
The optimum size for a **skyscraper** is between 50 and 60 stories.

slender  a. having little width in proportion to height or length; long and thin
She was slender as a willow - and equally graceful, equally erect.

slide v. slip; move usually in an uncontrolled manner; move smoothly along a surface
We slide until the bottom of the hill.

slippery a. smooth; being such as to cause things to slip or slide
Because the sidewalks are very slippery, please be careful.

sloop n. single-mast sailing boat
In earlier part of the 19th centuries, a sloop of war was a small sailing warship with a single gun deck that carried anything up to eighteen cannon.

slumber n. sleep; state of inactivity or dormancy
He is calm as a child in dreamless slumber.

softwood n. wood of a coniferous tree
There's also the question of why softwood was used for external fire exit doors originally?

solder v. repair or unite by using fusible metal alloy, usually tin and lead
To fix the leak in the pipes, the plumber planned to solder a couple of joints from which water had been oozing.

solemn a. serious; somber; deeply earnest, serious, and sober
Finally, his expression solemn, he replied, You are a complex woman, Annabel, despite the fact that you sometimes behave like an impulsive child.

solicit v. request earnestly; seek to obtain by persuasion or formal application
Knowing she needed to have a solid majority for the budget to pass, the mayor telephoned all the members of the city council to solicit their votes.

solidarity n. union of interests, purposes, or sympathies among members of a group; accord
In the name of solidarity, Europeans are being asked to subsidize irresponsible behavior, in reckless violation of the EU’s treaties.

solitude n. state of being alone; seclusion; lonely or secluded place
She learns that she can feel happiness in solitude, at least for a period of time.

sophisticated a. wide-ranging knowledge; complex; intellectually appealing
We could have secured our homeland -- investing in sophisticated new protection for our ports, our trains and our power plants.

sour a. taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice; showing ill humor
The incident now appears to be closed but it has left a sour taste among senior Italian diplomats responsible for relations with the Arab world.

souvenir n. token of remembrance; memento; something of sentimental value
The policemen have to search such a large area and then document each piece of wreckage and guard it from souvenir hunters.

spaceship n. spacecraft designed to carry a crew into interstellar space
A spaceship drives like a great car but has more useful features than common truck.

spacious a. wide; generous or large in area or extent; sizable
The apartment was spacious, in other words, and elegantly decorated, but it wasn’t clear anyone actually lived there.

span v. traverse the distance between; cover or extend over an area or time period
We can expect his career in football field will span at least 10 years.

spangle n. small metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation
Each spangle on her dress sparkled in the glare of the stage lights.

spark v. bring about; arouse; inspire; activate
The crowd is preparing to cheer and spark triumph of the runners.

sparsely ad. thinly; in a scattered or sparse manner; scantily; widely apart, as regards population
On the mainland, this south-eastern shore is sparsely populated.

specific a. stated explicitly or in detail; definite
FBI officials stressed that they were aware of no specific plot to attack any other aircraft.

spinet n. small and compactly built upright piano
In the wider modern usage, a spinet is a cheaper and more compact version of the full-size upright piano, used primarily in the home.
spinning a. rapidly rotating on an axis; whirling; circling  
Is there anyone who doesn’t have a financial interest in spinning positive news on home sales and prices?

spiral a. rotary; curled; moving in a zigzag course; moving in shape of a coil  
This housing market is in a downward spiral and I’ve got to re-think my strategy.

spiral v. rise or fall with steady acceleration; move along the path of a spiral or helix  
Others fear that security is to spiral downward in a long-term because more brazen traffickers will fight for control.

sponge n. soaking up; small absorbent contraceptive pad, used for bathing or cleaning  
Capable of holding 100 times its own weight in water, the structural sponge is realized by adding a hardening agent, which creates a shell on the surface.

spontaneously ad. without advance preparation; naturally  
A celebration with roots in history, that has developed and spread spontaneously, is preferable to picking the birthday of a single man.

springtime n. season of growth; season of spring  
Springtime is seen as a time of growth, renewal, of new life being born, and of the cycle of life once again starting.

spur v. urge a horse; incite or stimulate; ride quickly by spurring a horse; proceed in haste  
A business tax cut is needed to spur industrial investment.

squarely ad. solidly; in a straight direct way; in a square shape  
We should learn to face a problem squarely if we hope to solve it quickly.

stagger v. sway; walk as if unable to control one's movements  
The two drunken men stagger into the room.

stain n. soiled or discolored; symbol of disgrace or infamy; natural spot of a color different from the ground  
She already has drawn 5 tattoos upon her body as well as this neck permanent skin stain is 6th one.

stalk n. stem or main axis of herbaceous plant; slender support or structure  
All she could see, when she looked down, was an immense length of neck, which seemed to rise like a stalk out of a sea of green leaves.

standardized a. uniform; brought into conformity with a standard  
A standardized test is a test administered and scored in a consistent manner.

stanza n. unit of poem, written or printed as a paragraph  
Do you know the last stanza of the national anthem?

staple n. principal raw material or commodity produced in a region; principal element  
Rice is the main staple food for more than half the world’s population.

starch n. naturally abundant nutrient carbohydrate, found chiefly in the seeds, fruits  
Sugar and starch are broken down in the stomach.

statue n. sculpture representing a human or animal  
A garden statue of Buddha was in a light finish approximately 110 cm high and 54 cm by 50 cm wide.

steady a. securely in position; not shaky; not easily excited  
She took a new needle, waxed it carefully, threaded her needle with a steady hand.

steak n. slice of meat, typically beef, usually cut thick  
Vegetables are not normally served with steak in this manner, but a green salad may follow.

steep v. soak; make thoroughly wet  
Be sure to steep the fabric in the dye bath for the full time prescribed.

stem v. stop flow of a liquid; make headway against  
They all hoped that he managed to stem the rebellion in two weeks.

stern a. hard, harsh, or severe in manner or character; firm or unyielding  
The Commission’s report is meant to fire a stern warning at the payments card industry.

stiffen v. restrict; become stiff or stiffer  
Critics say there is no way to enforce that provision, and the House has turned back at least one Republican effort to stiffen citizenship checks.

stipulate v. specify or arrange in agreement; express demand in agreement; promise in agreement
Before agreeing to reduce American military forces in Europe, the president would stipulate that NATO inspection teams be allowed to inspect Soviet bases.

**stitch** v. sew; knit; fasten or join with or as if with thread

Three hours she gave to stitch, with gold thread, the border of a square crimson cloth, almost large enough for a carpet.

**stocky** a. solid; heavy and compact in form

Challenging the England goalkeeper for the ball, the short and stocky Maradona raised his left arm into the air to fist the ball into the net.

**strain** n. group of organisms within a species; tension; pressure

The strain of flu is known as H2N2 and if caught by one person, could spread very easily to cause a global pandemic.

**strand** n. complex of fibers that twisted together to form a cable, rope, thread; land bordering a body of water; single filament

The fibers become stretcher, so that their toughness - the energy needed to break a strand - rises even more.

**stride** n. step; pace; significant progress

Some people find retiring difficult; but he has taken it all in his stride.

**strip** v. remove the surface from

They strip the clothes from a man's back.

**stubborn** a. unreasonably, often perversely unyielding; persistent; difficult to treat

The buses that failed to run were those that were temporarily stuck in stubborn, icy patches.

**stubbornness** n. resolute adherence to your own ideas; being difficult to handle or overcome

Bush's stubbornness on issues such as tax cuts, education policy and the creation of a medicare prescription-drug benefit has served him well.

**studio** n. workplace for the teaching or practice of an art

The Disney corporation in the United States has announced that it's buying Pixar film studio for more than seven-billion dollars.

**stun** v. surprise greatly; amaze; make senseless or dizzy by or as if by a blow

The news should stun all of them.

**sturdy** a. robust; strong; substantially made or constructed

More than 3,600 Filipinos rode out the typhoon in sturdy school buildings, town halls, and churches.

**stylized** a. using artistic forms and conventions to create effects; not natural or spontaneous

The design of his animated figures here recalls the stylized outlines of children's books, perhaps purposefully.

**submarine** n. submersible warship; move forward or under in a sliding motion; underwater

Without British help it's clear the Russian submarine would have perished at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.

**submerge** v. sink; immerse; put under water

At 17.5 feet, waters begin to submerge Harriet Island Park across the river from downtown.

**submerged** a. underwater; living in poverty or misery; having been hidden

They'd been pumping liquid air and nitrogen into the submerged tanks of the platform to try to stabilize it.

**subside** v. settle down; sink to a lower level or form depression; wear off or die down

The doctor assured us that the fever would eventually subside.

**subsidiary** a. subordinate; secondary; serving to assist or supplement

This information may be used as subsidiary evidence but is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument.

**subsidize** v. support through finance; fund

The only thing we need to subsidize is a massive Manhattan style project to come up with better ways that won't take decades to implement.

**subsistence** n. something that has real or substantial existence; means of support or maintain life

In these days of inflated prices, my salary provides a mere subsistence.

**subspecies** n. taxonomic group that is a division of a species

DNA tests have shown that this giant creature belonged to a subspecies of tortoise found on an island that the British explorer never visited.

**subtle** a. slight; be difficult to detect or grasp by the mind

His whole attitude had undergone a subtle change.
subtract  v. remove a part from the whole
This selection will show you how to subtract two numbers.

suburbanite  n. resident of suburb; who lives in a suburb
Your last book was about a contemporary Italian-American suburbanite and his multi-ethnic family.

subversive  a. tending to overthrow; in opposition to civil authority or government
In the meantime, Nigerian security agencies have been investigating what they call subversive activities by some foreign correspondents.

succumb  v. submit to an overpowering force; yield to an overwhelming desire; give up or give in
President Zardari told the two US officials that Pakistan was fighting for its survival but would not succumb to the militants.

summit  n. utmost height; highest point of a mountain
I'm not totally convinced that the government or any certain summit is going to provide that, frankly.

sunglasses  n. spectacles that are darkened to protect the eyes from the glare of the sun
If it's a bright, clear day outside, you may instinctively reach for your sunglasses when you head for the door.

superficial  a. trivial; of little substance; involving a surface only
We give higher ratings to job applicants who are like us in superficial and irrelevant ways: as went to same school or share same religion.

supplant  v. replace; usurp; displace and substitute for another
As the younger generation replaces the older, the new alliances supplant the existing political coalitions.

supplement  n. something added to complete a thing, make up for a deficiency, or extend or strengthen the whole
At the same time, most studies agree that we don't get enough vitamins from our diets, so a good multivitamin supplement is advised.

supposedly  ad. seemingly; believed or reputed to be the case
That sort of private payment, and the two-tiered medicine it implies, is becoming common in supposedly universal systems.

surplus  a. remainder; more than is needed; quantity much larger than is needed; remaining
Bush said the surplus is the people's money not the government.

suspense  n. uncertain cognitive state; uncertainty
He covered his head with the bedclothes and waited in a horror of suspense for his doom.

swallow  v. take back what one has said; enclose or envelop completely
The government is expected to persuade the French to swallow their doubts on the EU Constitution and vote yes.

swampy  a. of soft and watery soil; low, wet, and spongy
They were sometimes held in swampy areas thick with snakes and mosquitoes.

sway  v. swing; move back and forth or sideways; win approval or support for; convince
At this moment the crowd began to sway and struggle, and voices shouted, "It's him! it's him! he's coming himself!"

swiftness  n. state or quality of being swift; speed; rapid motion; quickness; celerity
I do not love the bright sword for its sharpness, or the arrow for its swiftness, nor the warrior for his glory. I love only that which they defend.

symbiotic  a. used of organisms living together but not necessarily in a relationship beneficial to each
Symbiotic relationships may involve an organism living on another, inside another, or organisms related by mutual stereotypic behaviors.

symbol  n. sign; something visible to represent something else invisible
Often the destruction takes place in public, as a visible symbol of peace replacing war.

symbolize  v. represent; signify; stand for
What does the Statue of Liberty symbolize?

symptom  n. sign; indication; any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient
A patient’s primary symptom is that he has pain in his shoulder up to his neck and down the right side of his body and is also feeling a little short of breath.
synonym  n. two words that can be interchanged in a context
An example of synonym is the words car and automobile.
synonymous  a. having the same or a similar meaning; identical; equivalent
Even Motel 6, a name synonymous with low rates, has LCD TVs and Wi-Fi.
synthetic  n. synthetic chemical compound or material; compound made artificially by chemical reactions
Two of the commonest and most widely used reactions in synthetic organic chemistry are substitution and elimination.
tactics  n. strategy; policy; plan for attaining a particular goal
It’s not clear whether the tactics will do anything other than inflame tensions.
tactile  a. used for feeling; relating to sense of touch; perceptible to the sense of touch; tangible
His callused hands had lost their tactile sensitivity.
talent  n. skill; gift; marked innate ability, as for artistic accomplishment
His main talent is campaigning and he started that years before any other candidate in history.
talented  a. showing a natural gift for something
It aims to promote the sharing of information and ideas, for teachers and parents, on the education of the gifted and talented.
tapeworm  n. ribbon-like flatworms
Adult tapeworm infection is the infection of the digestive tract by parasitic flatworms.
tariff  n. tax on goods coming into a country
It would give an indication of how far the trade liberalization would go but they would still have a heavy workload in negotiating detailed tariff cuts.
tedious  a. tiresome by reason of length, slowness, or dullness; progressing very slowly
Truckers say a ban would slow deliveries and make what they call a tedious job worse.
temperance  n. restraint; avoiding excesses
The temperance movement attempted to greatly reduce the amount of alcohol consumed or even prohibit its production entirely.
temperate  a. restrained; self-controlled; moderate in degree or quality
Try to be temperate in your eating this holiday season; if you control your appetite, you won’t gain too much weight.
tendency  n. trend; a general direction in which something tends to move
When you choose pants you should remember that some fabric with a tendency to shrink.
tense  a. stretch or force to the limit; tight
The northern city of Kano, which has a history of sectarian violence is especially tense, but has remained peaceful.
terminate  v. stop; bring to an end or halt
The attack would terminate the relatively peaceful period after cold war.
terminology  n. vocabulary of technical terms used in a particular field, subject, science, or art
The special terminology developed by some authorities in the field has done more to confuse the layman than to enlighten him.
termite  n. whitish soft-bodied ant-like social insect that feeds on wood; white ant
termite, sometimes incorrectly called white ants, is a group of social insects.
terrace  n. row of houses built in a similar style; level shelf of land with steep slopes
In agriculture, a terrace is a leveled section of a hilly cultivated area, designed as a method of soil conservation.
theme  n. subject of conversation or discussion; topic; essay
His letters were always on the theme of love.
thereby  ad. thus; accordingly; by that means; because of that
They hunger and thirst no more; all their wants are supplied, and all the uneasiness caused thereby is removed.
thorn  n. something that causes irritation; a sharp-pointed tip on a stem or leaf
They flew over the lawn where an array of mighty old thorn trees, strong, knotty, and broad as oaks.
threadlike  a. thin in diameter; resembling a thread
What is that threadlike worm thing came out in my cat's vomit?

**thunderstorm n.** storm resulting from strong rising air currents; heavy rain or hail along with thunder and lightning

We might stay in the siding until the thunderstorm is over; but it may keep on raining all night.

**tilt n.** slight but noticeable partiality; line or surface that departs from the vertical

I request to adjust the tilt of my writing table.

**timber n.** wood; lumber; trees or wooded land considered as a source of wood

The deer has been jumping the fence to go to the timber from the corn field.

**time-consuming a.** something which takes a long time to do

So as the legislation reaches its final stages, the Government is hoping the bill will go quietly without introducing time-consuming amendments.

**timid a.** shy; craven; lacking self-confidence; shy

She began, in a low, timid voice, 'If you please, sir -.'

**tolerant a.** showing respect for the rights of others; open-minded; showing capacity for endurance

I'm easy going and tolerant too, but I would definitely not agree that I am liberal.

**torpor n.** state of mental or physical inactivity or insensibility; sluggishness; dormancy

Throughout the winter, nothing aroused the bear from his torpor: he would not emerge until spring.

**torque n.** turning or twisting force

In physics, a torque is a vector that measures the tendency of a force to rotate an object about some axis.

**torrent n.** rushing stream; flood; heavy downpour

You can see the torrent run downhill in day after day heavy rains.

**totter v.** walk unsteadily or feebly; stagger; sway, as if about to fall

One witness saw the drunk totter down the hill to the nearest bar on unsteady feet.

**toxin n.** toxic or poisonous substance produced by the biological processes of biological organisms

They don't have a distinct taste or smell, and the toxin is not destroyed by cooking.

**track n.** road or path affording passage; line or route along which something moves

The negotiators reach agreement and a fast track legislation that would allow passage through the US congress without amendments.

**transcend v.** surpass; exceed; pass beyond the limits of

To transcend is to go beyond and penetrate the mundane into a deeper truth or trust.

**transcontinental a.** spanning or crossing or on the farther side of a continent

British Columbia joined Canada in 1871, only with the promise that a transcontinental railway be built within 10 years to physically link east and west.

**transcript n.** reproduction of a written record as a legal or school record

When applying for this job, please include your latest transcript in package.

**transfer n.** shifting; conveyance or removal of something from one place, person, or thing to another

They are also looking into allegations of the illegal transfer of shares that enabled the Chung family to retain management control.

**tread v.** step on; mate with; place the foot

If the track we tread nowadays is smooth and easy, that is because of the pioneers who have gone before us.

**trespass v.** unlawfully enter boundaries of some else's property; commit an offense or a sin

After meeting Thailand's foreign minister, Cambodia's prime minister, said armed clashes would erupt if Thai troops continued to trespass over the border.

**trespasser n.** someone who intrudes without permission

If the trespasser is a child, you face a greater risk of liability, especially if the child was drawn to your property by an attractive nuisance, such as a pond.

**trilogy n.** three-part novel; a set of three works with related subject

A trilogy is a set of three works of art, usually literature, film, or video games that are connected and can be seen as a single work, as well as three individual ones.

**triumph n.** victory; win; expressing great joy

I am influenced; and the influence is sweeter than I can express; and the conquest I undergo has a witchery beyond any triumph I can win.
trivial a. unimportant; of little significance or value; ordinary; commonplace
Mr Madhi escaped from Iran in February 2008 after being sentenced to 73 years in jail for what he described as a trivial charge.

trove n. treasure of unknown ownership found hidden
A treasure trove is a large amount of gold, silver, money, jeweler, or any valuable collection found hidden under ground or in cellar.

tuition n. teaching pupils individually; fee for instruction, especially at a formal institution of learning
Edmunds spent more than $10,000 in tuition and testing licensing fees.

tundra n. rolling, treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America
Underneath the tundra is the active layer, a coat of peaty, semi-decomposed organic matter that passes for soil.

turbulence n. state of violent agitation; eddying motion; unstable flow of a liquid or gas; state of violent disturbance and disorder
They aim to protect assets rather than chase returns, so short-term turbulence has less of an effect.

turnpike n. toll highway; an expressway on which tolls are collected
A toll road, also known as a toll way or turnpike, is a road for which a driver pays a fee for use.

twig n. small branch or division of a branch
Pretty soon I heard a twig snap down in the dark amongst the trees - something was a stirring.

twist v. turn in the opposite direction; form into a spiral shape
It was to twist it up into a sort of knot, and then keep tight hold of its right ear and left foot, so as to prevent its undoing itself.

tycoon n. wealthy and powerful businessperson or industrialist; magnate
A new trial of the jailed former oil tycoon is set to begin Tuesday.

typify v. represent; embody the essential characteristics of or be a typical example of
Since most employers in USA are white, the analysis of the ways they typify employees is an important component of understanding labor market.

ultrasonic a. supersonic; higher in frequency than the range of sound perceptible to the human ear
Jamster offer several different frequency of ultrasonic ringtone for download.

ultraviolet a. wave lengths shorter than light but longer than X rays
Glass is almost perfectly opaque to deep ultraviolet, which is why it's hard to get a tan through a window.

unanimous a. uniform; in complete agreement
At last we got the unanimous decision.

unbearable a. unendurable; so unpleasant, distasteful, or painful as to be intolerable
I wouldn't be sitting there because I'm in unbearable pain.

unbridled a. violent; not restrained or controlled
They observed that, throughout history, experiments in unbridled democracy led to chaos.

unbroken a. continuous, without interruption; intact
We lived together in unbroken harmony for twenty years.

uncover v. remove the cover from; expose; disclose
We could have Mandarin uncover some secret, magic thing which makes him all powerful.

undergraduate n. university student who has not yet received a first degree
In some educational systems, undergraduate education is post-secondary education, not equal to the level of a bachelor's degree.

underground a. under the level of the ground; buried
I speak with several years experience actually working in underground mines.

undermine v. weaken by wearing away base or foundation; injure or impair; dig a mine or tunnel beneath
What we should not allow this moment to undermine, is our commitment to South Africa, to the constitution and the reconstruction.

underneath ad. under or below an object or a surface; lower down on the page
The skin underneath is constantly breaking down and is very painful.

undertake v. take on; embark on; assume
Can we expect mini robots to **undertake** major tasks?

**undertaking** n. task or assignment undertaken; career

John was out of the town, it was a vain **undertaking** for us to attempt to catch him.

**underwater** a. submarine; beneath the surface of the water

One of the boys who has the ability to survive **underwater**, is missing from the hospital.

**undistorted** a. without alteration or misrepresentation

His judgment was **undistorted** by emotion; we all trusted him.

**undo** v. release; cause the ruin or downfall of; cancel or reverse an action

'A knot!' said Alice, always ready to make herself useful, and looking anxiously about her. 'Oh, do let me help to **undo** it!'

**undoubtedly** ad. unquestionably; without doubt; certainly

She's against tough competition, but this award will give her **undoubtedly**.

**unfair** a. unjust; contrary to laws or conventions, especially in commerce

Regulators are considering new ways to fight **unfair** and deceptive practices.

**unexpectedly** ad. unluckily; by bad luck

I want a smoke, Jane, to comfort me under all this; and unexpectedly I have neither my cigar-case, nor my snuff-box.

**uniformity** n. sameness or consistency; freedom from variation or difference

It demands an approximately equal standard of life for all human beings and probably a certain **uniformity** of education.

**uninhabited** a. having no residents; unsettled; unoccupied

Ferndean then remained **uninhabited** and unfurnished, with the exception of some two or three rooms fitted up for the accommodation.

**unique** a. without an equal; being the only one of its kind

You have to face a problem **unique** to coastal areas.

**unload** v. take something off a container

Hi, it is the time to **unload** the truck.

**unmatched** a. without equal or rival; unparalleled; peerless

However, there are several opinions that remain **unmatched**.

**unpack** v. unwrap; unfold; remove the contents of

I **unpack** the presents at birthday party.

**unquestionably** ad. without question; beyond doubt

Its international credibility has been **unquestionably** damaged.

**unravel** v. undo or ravel knitted fabric of; separate and clarify; solve

The problem I am trying to **unravel** is more complex than any others.

**unrestrained** a. unchecked; free; marked by uncontrolled excitement or emotion

Tens of thousands of car accidents are believed caused every year by **unrestrained** pets, though no one has solid numbers.

**unrestricted** a. not restricted or confined; open; unrestrained

Some countries, such as Germany would prefer an almost **unrestricted** market so that their consumers could get the best bananas at the lowest prices.

**unscrupulous** a. unprincipled; lacking honesty

Some asylum-seekers give their papers to **unscrupulous** people-smugglers to help them across borders and never get them back again.

**unscrupulously** ad. unprincipled; immoral; without scruples

She **unscrupulously** uses her charm to make men do what she wants.

**unselfish** a. selfless; self-forgetting; generous or altruistic

Mary, you know me for your friend, and for your **unselfish** friend, too.

**upheaval** n. violent disturbance; sudden, violent disruption or upset

However, if a compromise cannot be found soon, political **upheaval** is unavoidable.

**uphold** v. support; preserve; hold aloft; raise

We cannot project our values abroad unless we **uphold** them at home.
urban  a. showing a high degree of refinement
غربن a car that is bouncy and urban, which is to say, good on gas and easy to park.
urbanization  n. social process whereby cities grow and societies become more urban
The twentieth century witnessed the rapid urbanization of the world's population.
utility  n. something useful; public service
All were eager to get a slice of Hong Kong's first privatized utility - its underground Mass Transit Railway system.
utilization  n. state of having been made use of; the act of using
We know he is skilled in the utilization of computers.
utter  v. speak; express; send forth with the voice
When I ask, how do you know your partner loves you, many people utter the short worded response, 'I just know'.
utterance  n. vocal expression; power of speaking; last or utmost extremity
There was something I wished to say, "The wandering look and changed utterance told what wreck had taken place in her once vigorous frame."
vacant  a. void of thought or knowledge; without an occupant or incumbent
"There has been an increase in vacant homes, so choices are many," Zhan says, "especially for a first-time home buyer."
vaporize  v. turn into vapor, steam, gas, or fog; decrease rapidly and disappear
"Zap!" went Super Mario's atomic ray gun as he tried to vaporize another deadly foe.
vastness  n. unusual largeness in size or extent
He sat upon his rock with a kind of vastness, so bold and strong he seemed.
vegetarian  n. someone who doesn't eat meat or fish usually for religious or moral reasons
Some evidence also suggests that vegetarian diets can improve mood and mental ability.
veneration  n. religious zeal; willingness to serve God
He felt more than simple admiration for Miss Euston; he experienced a kind of veneration for her.
vent  n. small opening; means of escape or release; outlet; hole for the escape of gas or air
A small volume of air can be felt when the chin vent is open.
venturesome  a. willing to try new things and take risks; bold
These venturesome butterflies are stronger fliers and reproduce more quickly compared to their less mobile relatives.
venue  n. scene of any event or action; locality where a crime is committed or a cause of action occurs
Will you stay at the Olympic village if your venue is an hour away?
version  n. written work in a new form; edition; interpretation of a particular viewpoint
He downloaded the latest version of the software from the Internet.
vertical  a. upright in position or posture; oriented vertically
They saw a column still vertical amid the ruins.
vestige  n. trace; remains; indication that something has been happened
We discovered a vestige of early Indian life in the cave.
veteran  n. someone who has given long service
The veteran laughed at the new recruits.
vibrate  v. shake, quiver; move or swing from side to side regularly
The phone includes a mechanical device that can make the phone vibrate when it would ring or make a sound, such as an incoming call or an alarm.
victorious  a. successful; being the winner in a contest or struggle
His belief that the forces fighting evil in the world can be victorious was a hard-won belief in his time.
victory  n. successful ending of struggle or contest; defeat of an enemy or opponent
I'm confident that we can use the word victory right now, which obviously sounds very good for the first elected Asian mayor of the city.
vie  v. strive for victory or superiority; contend; compete
Politicians vie with one another, competing for donations and votes.
vigilance  n. watchfulness; wakefulness; process of paying close and continuous attention
While online auction sites feature some great deals, I guess buyer vigilance is always required.
vigorous  a. robust; strong; energetic, and active in mind or body
At other times she seemed possessed of a wild animation, her eyes alight, her expression vigorous, an intense glow in her soul.
vine  n. weak-stemmed plant that derives support from climbing
A vine is a growth form based on long, flexible stems.
vigorous  a. robust; strong; energetic, and active in mind or body
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**wholesale** a. selling or related to selling goods in large quantities; large-scale; on a large scale without careful discrimination

The latest figures for American **wholesale** prices show they fell by nearly two percent last month.

**wholesaler** n. someone who buys large quantities of goods and resells to merchants

In other words, Metro became the **wholesaler** and Local Governments became the retailers of certain municipal services.

**willow** n. trees having usually narrow leaves

Dwarf **willow** is the only tree species up there and it grows along the ground between the rocks.

**withdraw** v. remove from; pull back; break from gathering; retreat; depart

The four Southern African countries which had been calling for a limited trade in elephant tusks said that they had agreed to **withdraw** their request.

**withdrawal** n. secession; retreat or retirement

A staged **withdrawal** of all Russian border forces from Tajikistan is due to complete next year.

**wither** v. shrivel; decay; lose freshness, vigor, or vitality; loss of moisture

In the eight working days between meetings, new data showed South Korea’s economy continued to **wither** from the effects of the global slowdown.

**withstand** v. stand up against; successfully resist; oppose with force or resolution

The new material should **withstand** even the greatest wear and tear.

**witness** n. someone who sees an event and reports what happened; observe; watch

This did not seem to encourage the **witness** at all: he kept shifting from one foot to the other, looking uneasily at the Queen.

**workload** n. work that a person is expected to do in a specified time

They would still have a heavy **workload** in negotiating detailed tariff cuts, product by product.

**wrestling** n. sport in which two competitors attempt to throw or immobilize each other by grappling

Her trainer, who pioneered **wrestling** in the UK, said: “Women tend to be mentally tougher than males - they’re determined to win and it’s the key to everything.”

**wring** v. twist; squeeze; compress, especially so as to extract liquid

Chase hopes to **wring** more profits by offering more products.

**wristwatch** n. watch worn on a band that fastens about the wrist

The fact that you wear a **wristwatch** is another sure sign that you are a creature of commitment.

**yardstick** n. ruler or tape that is three feet long; measure or standard used for comparison

On what kind of **yardstick** is he basing his judgment?

**yarn** n. woolen thread; thread of other material, as of cotton or silk; material spun and prepared for use in weaving

The basic material for weaving is **yarn**, which is sold by the pound and costs between US$4 and US$16 per metre of woven goods.

**zigzag** a. line or course that proceeds by sharp turns in alternating directions

She had just succeeded in curving it down into a graceful **zigzag**.