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# LEVEL I

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| <b>abate</b>   | to make less in amount, degree, force<br><i>"The weatherman said that the storm would <b>abate</b>."</i>                                |
| <b>abhor</b>   | to shrink from in fear; disgust or hatred; detest<br><i>"I <b>abhor</b> baiting my fishhook with worms."</i>                            |
| <b>abode</b>   | a place where one lives or stays; home; residence<br><i>"He remained in his <b>abode</b>."</i>  |
| <b>absurd</b>  | so clearly untrue or unreasonable as to be ridiculous<br><i>"It was <b>absurd</b> to say the baby could reach the counter."</i>         |
| <b>active</b>  | lively, busy, agile<br><i>"Last night I babysat for a very <b>active</b> two-year old."</i>   |
| <b>advise</b>  | to give advice or an opinion to; counsel<br><i>"The lawyer will <b>advise</b> her client."</i>  |
| <b>against</b> | in opposition to<br><i>"The student council voted <b>against</b> school uniforms."</i>  |
| <b>almond</b>  | the edible, nutlike kernel of the small, dry peachlike fruit of a tree<br><i>"Modesto is known as an <b>almond</b> growing region."</i> |
| <b>amaze</b>   | to fill with great surprise or sudden wonder<br><i>"The musician's talent will <b>amaze</b> the audience."</i>                          |
| <b>antics</b>  | odd and funny; ludicrous; pranks, capers<br><i>"The <b>antics</b> of the little monkey made him seem almost human."</i>                 |
| <b>appoint</b> | to name or select officially for an office, position<br><i>"We will <b>appoint</b> a chairman."</i>                                     |
| <b>argue</b>   | to dispute or quarrel.<br><i>"My friend and I often <b>argue</b> over trivial details."</i>   |
| <b>arrange</b> | to put in the correct, proper, or suitable order<br><i>"The librarian will <b>arrange</b> the books."</i>                               |
| <b>ascend</b>  | to go upward<br><i>"My ears always pop when planes <b>ascend</b>."</i>  |
| <b>aspirin</b> | a white crystalline drug used as a pain and fever remedy<br><i>"The doctor prescribed <b>aspirin</b> and bed rest for my cold."</i>     |
| <b>ballad</b>  | a romantic or sentimental song with the same melody for each stanza<br><i>"The singer sang a beautiful <b>ballad</b>."</i>              |

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| <b>ballot</b>   | a ticket or paper by which a vote is registered; act or method of voting<br><i>"The class president was elected by a written <b>ballot</b>."</i>                |
| <b>balsa</b>    | a tropical American tree that yields an extremely light and buoyant wood used for airplane models, rafts<br><i>"The <b>balsa</b> provides wood for models."</i> |
| <b>bankrupt</b> | a person legally declared unable to pay his debts<br><i>"The store's owner was <b>bankrupt</b> and had to go out of business."</i>                              |
| <b>banter</b>   | to tease or make fun of in a playful, good-natured way<br><i>"The children <b>banter</b> with each other."</i>  |
| <b>barley</b>   | a cereal grass; grain used in making soups, malts and as feed for animals<br><i>"My mother added <b>barley</b> to the soup to thicken it."</i>                  |
| <b>barren</b>   | not bringing useful results, unproductive; unprofitable<br><i>"The <b>barren</b> field was eroding."</i>  |
| <b>barter</b>   | to trade for goods or services without using money<br><i>"The market offered to <b>barter</b> groceries for custodial work."</i>                                |
| <b>basin</b>    | a washbowl or sink<br><i>"Rinse your contact lenses over a <b>basin</b> with the drain closed."</i>   |
| <b>believe</b>  | to take as true; to have confidence in the promise of another<br><i>"I <b>believe</b> in my religion."</i>  |
| <b>benefit</b>  | promotion of welfare or prosperity<br><i>"This project will <b>benefit</b> all mankind."</i>  |
| <b>boggle</b>   | to confuse or overwhelm<br><i>"Her idea would <b>boggle</b> your mind."</i>   |
| <b>brief</b>    | condensed; short; outline of an argument<br><i>"Her synopsis of the story was very <b>brief</b>."</i>   |
| <b>burglar</b>  | a person who commits burglary<br><i>"The <b>burglar</b> was brought to trial."</i>  |
| <b>business</b> | a commercial or industrial enterprise<br><i>"Starting a new <b>business</b> requires money and dedication."</i>   |
| <b>caboose</b>  | the trainmen's car on a freight train, usually at the rear<br><i>"The <b>caboose</b> was the last car."</i>   |
| <b>caldron</b>  | a large kettle or boiler<br><i>"The stew simmered in the <b>caldron</b>."</i>   |

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| <b>career</b>    | one's progress through life or in a particular vocation<br><i>"She chose her <b>career</b> carefully."</i>   |
| <b>casserole</b> | earthenware or glass baking dish, or food cooked in one<br><i>"Please bring a vegetable <b>casserole</b> to the pot luck."</i>   |
| <b>category</b>  | one of the divisions used in a system of classification<br><i>"This chemistry book should be placed in the science <b>category</b>."</i>   |
| <b>character</b> | a person in a novel, story or play<br><i>"The author created a very believable <b>character</b> in this novel."</i>  |
| <b>chocolate</b> | a food prepared from ground cacao beans.<br><i>"For dessert we are serving <b>chocolate</b> cake."</i>   |
| <b>chorus</b>    | music written for group singing<br><i>"The group joined together for the <b>chorus</b>."</i>   |
| <b>collar</b>    | the part of a garment that encircles the neck; band or chain or leather for the neck of a dog, cat or other pet<br><i>"Laddie wore a jeweled <b>collar</b>."</i>   |
| <b>compel</b>    | to enforce or constrain, as to do something<br><i>"The new laws <b>compel</b> judges to issue the maximum sentence."</i>   |
| <b>computer</b>  | a programmable electronic device that performs operations on data at high speed<br><i>"Knowing how to use a <b>computer</b> can help you get a better job."</i>  |
| <b>convert</b>   | to change from one form to another<br><i>"We learned how to <b>convert</b> fractions to decimals."</i>   |
| <b>convoy</b>    | a protecting escort, as for ships or troops; a group traveling together<br><i>"Destroyers will <b>convoy</b> the troopships."</i>  |
| <b>copra</b>     | the source of coconut meat or coconut oil<br><i>"Hawaii produces a great amount of <b>copra</b>."</i>  |
| <b>corral</b>    | an enclosure for holding or capturing horses or other livestock; pen; to confine; roundup<br><i>"The wild horses were penned in the <b>corral</b> on the ranch."</i>                                     |
| <b>corrupt</b>   | spoiled; contaminated; morally unsound<br><i>"The <b>corrupt</b> official accepted a bribe."</i>   |
| <b>creeper</b>   | a person or animal that moves along close to the ground; lowest gear in a truck; one-piece garment for a baby; vine with tendrils<br><i>"The small bird was a <b>creeper</b> searching for insects."</i> |

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| <b>crick</b>    | a painful muscle spasm or cramp in the neck or back, etc.<br><i>"Watching the tennis match gave her a <b>crick</b> in the neck."</i>  |
| <b>crimson</b>  | deep red color<br><i>"The sky, at sunset, became beautifully <b>crimson</b>."</i>   |
| <b>crisis</b>   | a turning point in the course of anything; decisive or crucial time, stage of event<br><i>"His fever reached its <b>crisis</b> at three in the morning."</i>                                |
| <b>custom</b>   | usual practice of behaving; habit; duties or taxes imposed by a government on imported or exported goods<br><i>"Having parties at Halloween was the <b>custom</b> of the neighborhood."</i> |
| <b>dampen</b>   | to make moist; to deaden, depress or lessen<br><i>"She was asked to <b>dampen</b> the clothes so they could be ironed later."</i>   |
| <b>dapper</b>   | small and neat; trim; active and smart<br><i>"He looked <b>dapper</b> in the new suit from his tailor."</i>   |
| <b>data</b>     | things known or assumed; facts or figures for information<br><i>"The computer analyst fed the <b>data</b> into the machine."</i>  |
| <b>deafen</b>   | overwhelm with noise<br><i>"The volume of the loudspeaker will <b>deafen</b> the audience."</i>   |
| <b>debark</b>   | to unload from or leave a ship or aircraft<br><i>"We will proceed to <b>debark</b> the material as soon as the plane stops."</i>  |
| <b>decipher</b> | decode<br><i>"I could not <b>decipher</b> the doctor's handwriting."</i>  |
| <b>defect</b>   | lack of something for completeness; deficiency; forsake one's cause and join the opposition<br><i>"It was on sale because of a <b>defect</b> in the pattern."</i>                           |
| <b>deflect</b>  | to turn or make bend to one side; swerve<br><i>"They used their shields to <b>deflect</b> the arrows."</i>  |
| <b>deft</b>     | skillful in a quick, sure and easy way; dexterous<br><i>"With <b>deft</b> fingers, she continued knitting the sweater."</i>   |
| <b>depress</b>  | to press down; push or pull down; lower<br><i>"If you <b>depress</b> this button, water comes out."</i>   |
| <b>depth</b>    | distance from the top downward; deepness; intensity, as of colors<br><i>"They dropped a stone in the well to try to determine its <b>depth</b>."</i>  |

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| <b>desist</b>     | to cease; stop; abstain from action<br><i>“The librarian urged them to <b>desist</b> their discussion so others could study and concentrate.”</i>                          |
| <b>dessert</b>    | usually the sweet course of a dinner; pie; cake, puddings, etc.<br><i>“Lemon pie is my favorite <b>dessert</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>destroy</b>    | to tear down; demolish; to break up; ruin; crush<br><i>“The demolition crew will <b>destroy</b> the whole building.”</i>   |
| <b>detract</b>    | to take something desirable away from<br><i>“Frowning will <b>detract</b> from the beauty of her face.”</i>  |
| <b>devoid</b>     | completely without; empty or destitute<br><i>“Crippled badly from the accident, he was <b>devoid</b> of any way to resume his former occupation.”</i>                      |
| <b>dictionary</b> | wordbook, lexicon<br><i>“If you can’t spell the beginning of a word, it is hard to look it up in a <b>dictionary</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>direct</b>     | consisting of the exact words of the writer or speaker; to show the way to<br><i>“It was a <b>direct</b> quotation by the speaker.”</i>                                    |
| <b>discard</b>    | to throw away, abandon; get rid of as having no value<br><i>“They planned to <b>discard</b> the unwanted clothing.”</i>  |
| <b>discipline</b> | training that develops self-control or character<br><i>“In obedience classes, pet owners learn to <b>discipline</b> their pets consistently.”</i>                          |
| <b>dismal</b>     | causing gloom; depressing; bleak; dreary<br><i>“It was a dark and <b>dismal</b> day.”</i>  |
| <b>disrupt</b>    | to break up; rend asunder; to disturb or interrupt<br><i>“Bringing up the subject will <b>disrupt</b> the orderliness of this meeting.”</i>                                |
| <b>distinct</b>   | clearly perceived or marked off; plain, well-defined; individual<br><i>“The medal he received showed a <b>distinct</b> and special honor.”</i>                             |
| <b>distract</b>   | to draw the mind away in another direction; divert<br><i>“In order to take it from the child, we had to <b>distract</b> his attention by allowing him to pet the cat.”</i> |
| <b>distress</b>   | to cause sorrow or misery; pain; suffering<br><i>“Arthritic pain causes <b>distress</b> in her stiff knee when she walks.”</i>   |

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| <b>dither</b>   | to be nervously excited or confused<br><i>“Before the curtain rose, she was all in a <b>dither</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>dogged</b>   | not giving in readily; persistent; stubborn<br><i>“He showed a <b>dogged</b> resistance to all arguments.”</i>  |
| <b>dormant</b>  | sleeping; quiet; still; inoperative; inactive<br><i>“Some plants and animals are <b>dormant</b> during the cold weather.”</i>   |
| <b>dosage</b>   | the system to be followed in taking doses, as of medicine<br><i>“He forgot to take his <b>dosage</b> of cough medicine.”</i>  |
| <b>doting</b>   | foolishly fond; excessively<br><i>“Sometimes a <b>doting</b> parent can cause problems for the child.”</i>  |
| <b>dowdy</b>    | not neat or stylish in dress or appearance; shabby<br><i>“Many of the candidates appeared <b>dowdy</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>downy</b>    | soft and fluffy, like down<br><i>“The child petted the <b>downy</b> chick.”</i>   |
| <b>draggy</b>   | slow moving; lethargic; dull; boring<br><i>“Some of us are <b>draggy</b>, especially in the early morning.”</i>   |
| <b>dreadful</b> | inspiring dread; terrible or awesome<br><i>“The volcano’s eruption was <b>dreadful</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>drizzle</b>  | a fine, mistlike rain<br><i>“The <b>drizzle</b> was just enough to make the sidewalks slippery.”</i>  |
| <b>dual</b>     | of two; having or composed of two parts or kinds; double<br><i>“He had a <b>dual</b> personality, sometimes very kind, sometimes very aloof and severe.”</i>  |
| <b>dusky</b>    | lacking light; dim; shadowy<br><i>“In the <b>dusky</b> room, he could only identify outlines.”</i>  |
| <b>eclipse</b>  | the partial or total obscuring of the sun when the moon comes between it and the earth; or of the moon when the earth’s shadow is cast upon it.<br><i>“We studied the lunar <b>eclipse</b> in class.”</i> |
| <b>edict</b>    | an official proclamation or public order made by authority or decree<br><i>“The <b>edict</b> issued by the King had to be obeyed by all.”</i>   |
| <b>efface</b>   | to rub out, as from a surface; erase; wipe out; obliterate<br><i>“They tried to <b>efface</b> the memory.”</i>  |
| <b>elude</b>    | to avoid or escape from by quickness, cunning, evade<br><i>“We will try to <b>elude</b> the traffic congestion.”</i>  |



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| <b>embark</b>  | to board a ship, airplane; to begin a journey, an enterprise<br>“We <b>embark</b> on our journey to Europe at 7:00 p.m.”   |
| <b>emblem</b>  | a visible symbol of a thing, class of people; a sign<br>“The cross is an <b>emblem</b> of Christianity.”   |
| <b>emboss</b>  | to cover or decorate with designs; to carve, raise or print a design so it is above the surface; embellish; ornament<br>“She asked her sister to <b>emboss</b> the new chair.” |
| <b>emerge</b>  | to develop or evolve as something new, improved<br>“A new town will <b>emerge</b> after construction.”   |
| <b>employ</b>  | to engage services or labor for pay<br>“The new business is seeking to <b>employ</b> fifty qualified workers.”   |
| <b>encamp</b>  | to set up a campsite; to put in a camp<br>“The meadow along the river looked like a good site to <b>encamp</b> .”  |
| <b>enchant</b> | to charm; bewitch; set a spell on as by magic; delight<br>“Her acting will <b>enchant</b> all who see the play.”   |
| <b>endorse</b> | to give approval to; support; sanction<br>“The community will <b>endorse</b> the candidate.”   |
| <b>endow</b>   | provide with money, talent, quality or property, etc.<br>“In her will, she will <b>endow</b> the hospital with a permanent income.”  |
| <b>engorge</b> | to devour greedily<br>“The hungry man seemed to <b>engorge</b> his meal.”  |
| <b>engross</b> | to occupy one’s whole attention<br>“This book will thoroughly <b>engross</b> him.”   |
| <b>engulf</b>  | to swallow up; overwhelm<br>“The raging river will <b>engulf</b> the house.”   |
| <b>enough</b>  | sufficient<br>“Do you have <b>enough</b> clothes for your trip?”   |
| <b>enrich</b>  | to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc., to<br>“The new class will <b>enrich</b> the curriculum.”   |
| <b>error</b>   | mistake<br>“Be careful that you don’t make an <b>error</b> in spelling this word.”   |
| <b>erupt</b>   | burst forth or out; to break out in a rash<br>“Lava will <b>erupt</b> from the volcano.”   |

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| <b>ethnic</b>   | designating any, or of any, of the basic groups or divisions of mankind, having the same customs, characteristics, history or language<br><i>"His <b>ethnic</b> background was Italian."</i> |
| <b>excel</b>    | to be better or greater than; superior to<br><i>"Tests showed he would <b>excel</b> in Social Studies."</i>  |
| <b>facet</b>    | any of a number of sides or aspects, as of a personality<br><i>"They had never seen the generous <b>facet</b> of his personality."</i>   |
| <b>facile</b>   | not hard to do or achieve<br><i>"After years of practice, her violin playing appeared <b>facile</b>."</i>  |
| <b>faithful</b> | having or showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility<br><i>"My dog is a very <b>faithful</b> companion."</i>   |
| <b>famine</b>   | any acute shortage<br><i>"The people were suffering from the <b>famine</b>."</i>   |
| <b>feather</b>  | the lightweight body covering of birds<br><i>"Use the <b>feather</b> duster to clean these figurines."</i>   |
| <b>February</b> | the second month of the year<br><i>"Valentine's Day is <b>February</b> 14<sup>th</sup>."</i>   |
| <b>feeble</b>   | without force or effectiveness<br><i>"Their <b>feeble</b> attempt was not successful."</i>   |
| <b>fiction</b>  | anything made up or imagined, as a statement or story<br><i>"The librarian directed us to the <b>fiction</b> section."</i>   |
| <b>flaming</b>  | burning with fire; blazing; intensely emotional<br><i>"We watched the fire <b>flaming</b> and casting sparks high in the air."</i>   |
| <b>flimsy</b>   | thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and fragile<br><i>"The door was <b>flimsy</b> and could not be locked."</i>   |
| <b>fluent</b>   | moving or flowing smoothly; able to write or speak easily, expressively<br><i>"The teacher was <b>fluent</b> in three languages."</i>  |
| <b>fracas</b>   | noisy fight or loud quarrel; brawl<br><i>"They were having a <b>fracas</b> in the hall."</i>   |
| <b>furnish</b>  | supply, provide or equip; to put furniture into a room<br><i>"They decided to <b>furnish</b> the den with modern pieces."</i>  |
| <b>gallant</b>  | stately; imposing<br><i>"The <b>gallant</b> ship cruised into the harbor."</i>   |

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| <b>gamut</b>   | the entire range or extent, as of emotions<br><i>"The actress demonstrated the <b>gamut</b> of emotions."</i>  |
| <b>garble</b>  | to confuse or mix up unintentionally<br><i>"Although she had studied the poem, she started to <b>garble</b> it when it was her turn to recite."</i>  |
| <b>genius</b>  | remarkable intellectual aptitude<br><i>"Only a <b>genius</b> can join Mensa, the high IQ society."</i>   |
| <b>giraffe</b> | large, cud-chewing animal with a very long neck<br><i>"Seeing the <b>giraffe</b> made our trip to the zoo more enjoyable."</i>   |
| <b>glisten</b> | to shine or sparkle with reflected light, as a wet or polished surface<br><i>"The new car did <b>glisten</b> in the sunlight."</i>   |
| <b>glossy</b>  | having a smooth, shiny appearance or finish<br><i>"The <b>glossy</b> cat was sleeping in the window."</i>  |
| <b>goulash</b> | a beef stew with onion, paprika and caraway seeds.<br><i>"My Hungarian grandmother's favorite dish was <b>goulash</b>."</i>  |
| <b>govern</b>  | to exercise authority over; rule, administer; direct or control<br><i>"The officials will <b>govern</b> in an orderly manner."</i>   |
| <b>grammar</b> | the system of word structures and word arrangements of a given language at a given time<br><i>"In order to speak the language, an understanding of <b>grammar</b> is helpful."</i>                   |
| <b>granite</b> | a very hard, crystalline, plutonic rock, gray to pink in color, consisting of feldspar, quartz, and smaller amounts of other minerals<br><i>"The polished <b>granite</b> shone in the sunlight."</i> |
| <b>graze</b>   | to feed on (growing grass, herbage, a pasture, etc.)<br><i>"The cattle will <b>graze</b> on the slopes all winter."</i>  |
| <b>gritty</b>  | of, like, or containing sand; brave; plucky<br><i>"Water from the creek left a <b>gritty</b> substance in the bottom of the cup."</i>  |
| <b>gruel</b>   | thin, easily digested broth made of meal with water or milk<br><i>"The hot, tasty <b>gruel</b> did not hurt her sore throat as she swallowed."</i>   |
| <b>heckle</b>  | to annoy or harass by interrupting with questions or taunts<br><i>"The audience began to <b>heckle</b> the speaker."</i>   |
| <b>hinge</b>   | a joint or device on which a door, gate, lid, etc., swings<br><i>"The <b>hinge</b> needed oiling."</i>   |

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| <b>hobble</b>   | to walk lamely or awkwardly; limp<br><i>“The horse tried to <b>hobble</b> to the corral.”</i>  |
| <b>honest</b>   | frank and open<br><i>“The store owner had an <b>honest</b> face.”</i>  |
| <b>honor</b>    | to respect greatly; regard highly; esteem<br><i>“The family met to <b>honor</b> the visiting grandparents.”</i>  |
| <b>hopeless</b> | impossible to solve, deal with, teach, etc.<br><i>“After working on the problem for ten hours, it appeared <b>hopeless</b>.”</i>                                     |
| <b>hostile</b>  | having or showing ill will; unfriendly; antagonistic<br><i>“The lion appeared <b>hostile</b> as the hunter approached.”</i>  |
| <b>hunger</b>   | discomfort or pain caused by lack of food<br><i>“My <b>hunger</b> pangs kept me from concentrating on the test.”</i>   |
| <b>idler</b>    | person who does no work; wastes time; lazy person<br><i>“No one ever saw him doing things, so they thought him an <b>idler</b>.”</i>                                 |
| <b>ignite</b>   | to set fire to; cause to burn<br><i>“They will <b>ignite</b> the trees with a torch.”</i>  |
| <b>ignore</b>   | to disregard deliberately; pay no attention to; refuse to consider<br><i>“The driver appeared to <b>ignore</b> the road signs.”</i>                                  |
| <b>impede</b>   | to bar or hinder the progress of; obstruct or delay<br><i>“Some members tried to <b>impede</b> the program.”</i>   |
| <b>impish</b>   | mischievous<br><i>“The child gave him an <b>impish</b> grin and then ran down the street.”</i>   |
| <b>impose</b>   | to force on another or others without right or invitation; obtrude<br><i>“Although she did not receive an invitation, she tried to <b>impose</b> on the family.”</i> |
| <b>incite</b>   | to set in motion, to urge to action; stir up, rouse<br><i>“The news of the riot may <b>incite</b> others to act.”</i>  |
| <b>induct</b>   | to lead in; install, as in office; initiate; enroll in the services<br><i>“The chairman used a candlelight ceremony to <b>induct</b> new members.”</i>               |
| <b>inert</b>    | having few or no active properties<br><i>“The <b>inert</b> gas is not considered to be a danger.”</i>  |
| <b>inkling</b>  | a vague idea or notion; suspicion<br><i>“She had an <b>inkling</b> that the biggest present was for her.”</i>  |

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| <b>innate</b>   | existing naturally rather than acquired; possessed at birth, inherent<br><i>“He has an <b>innate</b> talent for math.”</i>   |
| <b>inset</b>    | to insert into something else; a map set inside the border of a larger one; a piece of material sewed into a garment<br><i>“The <b>inset</b> shows the downtown section of the city.”</i>                              |
| <b>inspire</b>  | to fill with high or reverent emotion; stimulate to creativity or action<br><i>“The concert did <b>inspire</b> him to be a musician.”</i>  |
| <b>jabber</b>   | fast, incoherent, nonsensical talk; gibberish<br><i>“No one could understand the <b>jabber</b> of the twins.”</i>  |
| <b>jacket</b>   | a short coat<br><i>“This blue <b>jacket</b> would look nice with your new skirt.”</i>  |
| <b>jagged</b>   | having sharp projecting points; notched or ragged<br><i>“The <b>jagged</b> edge scratched the smooth surface of the table.”</i>  |
| <b>jargon</b>   | incoherent speech; gibberish; specialized vocabulary and idioms of those in their own line of work<br><i>“She recognized the <b>jargon</b> of classmates taking computer classes.”</i>                                 |
| <b>jetsam</b>   | that part of the cargo thrown overboard to lighten the ship in danger; discardings<br><i>“Some of the <b>jetsam</b> they threw overboard might be sorely missed later.”</i>  |
| <b>jitney</b>   | formerly old slang for five cents, a nickel; small car or bus which travels a regular route and charges a low fare for passengers to ride<br><i>“The driver of the <b>jitney</b> now charges passengers a dollar.”</i> |
| <b>jostle</b>   | to bump or push, as in a crowd; elbow or shove roughly<br><i>“As the number increased, the crowd began to <b>jostle</b> the players.”</i>  |
| <b>journal</b>  | a brief account of daily events<br><i>“We kept a <b>journal</b> of our vacation.”</i>  |
| <b>kapok</b>    | fiber used for stuffing mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, etc.<br><i>“After such a long time of use, the <b>kapok</b> had to be replaced.”</i>   |
| <b>kettle</b>   | a metal container for boiling or cooking<br><i>“I’ll boil some water in the <b>kettle</b> for your tea.”</i>   |
| <b>kindling</b> | bits of dry wood or other easily-lighted material for starting a fire<br><i>“The campers gathered <b>kindling</b> for the fire.”</i>   |
| <b>kosher</b>   | loosely, prepared according to traditional Jewish recipes<br><i>“The <b>kosher</b> pickles were very tasty.”</i>   |

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| <b>ladle</b>     | to dip out and pour as with a ladle<br><i>"The cook will <b>ladle</b> the soup for each customer."</i>   |
| <b>lament</b>    | an outward expression of sorrow; lamentation; wail<br><i>"A long <b>lament</b> was heard in the garden."</i>   |
| <b>lawyer</b>    | an attorney<br><i>"You should consult your <b>lawyer</b> before signing this contract."</i>  |
| <b>lecture</b>   | an informative talk given before an audience, class, etc., and usually prepared beforehand<br><i>"The history <b>lecture</b> was very interesting."</i>  |
| <b>lettuce</b>   | any of a genus of plants grown for its edible green leaves<br><i>"I'll begin washing the <b>lettuce</b> for the salad."</i>  |
| <b>license</b>   | a document, printed tag, permit, etc., indicating that such permission had been granted<br><i>"The officer asked to see the man's <b>license</b>."</i>   |
| <b>lightning</b> | a flash of light in the sky caused by the discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or between a cloud and the earth<br><i>"The <b>lightning</b> flashed in the sky."</i> |
| <b>limb</b>      | an arm, leg, or wing<br><i>"He was very lucky; only one <b>limb</b> was broken in the accident."</i>   |
| <b>lining</b>    | to cause to or to bring to a straight row or conformity; in alignment<br><i>"The astronomer was <b>lining</b> up his telescope to look at the stars."</i>                                      |
| <b>linkage</b>   | a linking or being linked<br><i>"The investigator studied the <b>linkage</b> between the clues."</i>   |
| <b>listless</b>  | having no interest in what is going on about one, as a result of illness, weariness, dejection, etc., spiritless; languid<br><i>"The <b>listless</b> dog lay on the floor by the fire."</i>    |
| <b>lonely</b>    | alone, solitary<br><i>"I was very <b>lonely</b> when I first moved to town."</i>   |
| <b>loose</b>     | not confined or restrained; free; unbound<br><i>"The sails were <b>loose</b> in the breeze."</i>   |
| <b>lucid</b>     | clearheaded; rational<br><i>"The <b>lucid</b> thinker explained the axiom."</i>  |
| <b>macaroon</b>  | a cookie made chiefly of egg whites, sugar and coconut or almond paste<br><i>"I'll bring some <b>macaroon</b> cookies for the bake sale."</i>  |

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| <b>machinery</b> | the working parts of a machine or instrument<br><i>"The workers had the day off when the <b>machinery</b> broke down."</i>                       |
| <b>mackerel</b>  | a fish, commonly used in cat food.<br><i>"Canned <b>mackerel</b> is my cat's favorite food."</i>   |
| <b>magnet</b>    | a piece of iron or steel that attracts metal<br><i>"We use a <b>magnet</b> on our refrigerator to hold our shopping list."</i>                   |
| <b>margarine</b> | a food product usually made from vegetable oils and skim milk<br><i>"Would you like <b>margarine</b> or butter on your toast?"</i>               |
| <b>medley</b>    | a musical piece made up of tunes or passages from various works<br><i>"The chorus performed the <b>medley</b> very well."</i>                    |
| <b>method</b>    | a way of doing anything<br><i>"What <b>method</b> did you use to arrive at your answer?"</i>   |
| <b>milling</b>   | circular or random motion of or as a herd or crowd<br><i>"The ducks were <b>milling</b> around the bread crumbs."</i>                            |
| <b>mimic</b>     | imitative; inclined to copy; to ape; make believe; mock<br><i>"The actor could <b>mimic</b> many of his fellow artists."</i>                     |
| <b>murmur</b>    | a low indistinct sound<br><i>"Sitting on the patio, I could hear the <b>murmur</b> of the wind in the trees."</i>                                |
| <b>narrate</b>   | to tell in writing or speech<br><i>"The teacher began to <b>narrate</b> the story."</i>  |
| <b>nectar</b>    | any very delicious drink; sweetish liquid in flowers gathered by bees to make honey<br><i>"The icy cold lemonade was like <b>nectar</b>."</i>    |
| <b>nightmare</b> | a frightening or oppressing dream<br><i>"I had a really scary <b>nightmare</b> last night."</i>  |
| <b>ninth</b>     | the ordinal number 9th<br><i>"In many districts <b>ninth</b> grade is the first year of high school."</i>  |
| <b>nomad</b>     | member of a tribe of people having no permanent home; wanderer<br><i>"Like a <b>nomad</b>, he roamed all over the world."</i>                    |
| <b>notice</b>    | a written or printed sign giving some public information, warning or rule<br><i>"The public meeting <b>notice</b> was posted all over town."</i> |
| <b>nubby</b>     | covered with small nubs, or lumps; having a rough, knotted surface<br><i>"The <b>nubby</b> fabric was rough to touch."</i>                       |

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| <b>oblong</b>   | longer than broad; elongated, specif., (a) rectangular and longer in one direction than in the other, esp. longer horizontally, (b) elliptical<br><i>"They wondered what was in the <b>oblong</b> box."</i>   |
| <b>obstacle</b> | something that stands in the way or opposes<br><i>"Scaling the wall was the final challenge of the <b>obstacle</b> course."</i>   |
| <b>occur</b>    | to take place; happen<br><i>"The celebration will <b>occur</b> next week."</i>  |
| <b>offense</b>  | the condition of being offended, esp. of feeling hurt, resentful, or angry; umbrage<br><i>"His friend took <b>offense</b> from the joke."</i>   |
| <b>optic</b>    | of the eyes; sense of sight<br><i>"The <b>optic</b> nerve was not damaged."</i>   |
| <b>orchid</b>   | the flower of a tropical plant<br><i>"As we stepped off the plane in Hawaii, we were given an <b>orchid</b> lei."</i>   |
| <b>ostrich</b>  | a large, swift-running bird of Africa and the Near East, the largest and most powerful of living birds: it has a long neck, very long legs with two toes on each foot, and small, useless wings; the white tail and wing feathers of the male are used in millinery and as trimming<br><i>"The white <b>ostrich</b> feather adorned her new hat."</i> |
| <b>owing</b>    | due; unpaid; because of<br><i>"The balance <b>owing</b> was ten dollars."</i>   |
| <b>ozone</b>    | an unstable, pale-blue gas, with a penetrating odor; it is an allotropic form of oxygen<br><i>"The <b>ozone</b> layer is very important for man's survival."</i>  |
| <b>package</b>  | a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things<br><i>"I hope the <b>package</b> will arrive in the mail today."</i>  |
| <b>pamphlet</b> | a short publication with no cover<br><i>"Please send me your <b>pamphlet</b> about summer camp."</i>  |
| <b>parallel</b> | extending in the same direction and same distance apart<br><i>"Center Avenue runs <b>parallel</b> to Maple Street."</i>   |
| <b>partner</b>  | a person who takes part in some activity in common with another or others<br><i>"His <b>partner</b> kept the books, and he did the purchasing."</i>   |
| <b>passage</b>  | permission, right, or a chance to pass<br><i>"The hunters received <b>passage</b> through the field."</i>   |



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| <b>passive</b> | offering no opposition or resistance; submissive; yielding; patient<br><i>“The <b>passive</b> cat was carried to the veterinarian’s office.”</i>  |
| <b>pastime</b> | something that helps time pass enjoyably<br><i>“Cooking and making pastry is my favorite <b>pastime</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>pasture</b> | to graze or feed on (grass, etc.)<br><i>“The cattle will <b>pasture</b> in the meadow.”</i>   |
| <b>pattern</b> | a regular, mainly unvarying way of acting or doing<br><i>“The psychologist will study the animal’s behavior <b>pattern</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>people</b>  | human beings<br><i>“A large group of <b>people</b> gathered to watch the parade.”</i>   |
| <b>perturb</b> | to cause to be alarmed, agitated, or upset; disturb or trouble greatly<br><i>“The loudspeaker may <b>perturb</b> the musician in the adjoining room.”</i>   |
| <b>pesky</b>   | annoying; disagreeable; troublesome<br><i>“We all swatted at the <b>pesky</b> mosquitoes.”</i>  |
| <b>pigment</b> | coloring matter, usually insoluble powder, mixed with oil or water, etc., to make paints; coloring matter in the cells, tissues of plants, animals<br><i>“<b>Pigment</b> in some plants is increased when they grow in full sun.”</i> |
| <b>pilgrim</b> | person who wanders; traveler to shrine or holy place; any member of the English Puritans who founded Plymouth colony in 1620<br><i>“Priscilla was the bride of a <b>pilgrim</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>plunder</b> | to rob or despoil by force, esp. in warfare<br><i>“The military will <b>plunder</b> the village after the battle.”</i>  |
| <b>polar</b>   | opposite in character, nature, direction, etc.<br><i>“The twins were <b>polar</b> in their taste in music.”</i>   |
| <b>poncho</b>  | a cloak like a blanket with a hole in the middle for the head<br><i>“The warm <b>poncho</b> is valuable in winter weather.”</i>   |
| <b>portion</b> | share; part of<br><i>“They were willing to give up a <b>portion</b> of their food.”</i>   |
| <b>portly</b>  | large and heavy in a dignified, stately way; stout; corpulent<br><i>“He bought his clothing in the section for <b>portly</b> men.”</i>  |
| <b>possess</b> | to have as an attribute, quality, faculty, etc.<br><i>“The man is known to <b>possess</b> wisdom.”</i>  |
| <b>posture</b> | the position or carriage of the body in standing or sitting; bearing<br><i>“Good <b>posture</b> is important for good health.”</i>  |

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| <b>powder</b>    | any dry substance in the form of very fine, dustlike particles, produced by crushing, grinding, etc.<br><i>"Without rain, the soil became a <b>powder</b>."</i> |
| <b>prepare</b>   | to make ready, usually for a specific purpose<br><i>"How are you going to <b>prepare</b> for the spelling competition?"</i>                                     |
| <b>prior</b>     | preceding in time; earlier; previous<br><i>"References from a <b>prior</b> employer were needed."</i>   |
| <b>proceed</b>   | to advance or go on; to move along or to be carried on; come forth<br><i>"After answering this question, please <b>proceed</b> to the next."</i>                |
| <b>prompt</b>    | quick to act or do; ready; punctual; done, spoken, without delay<br><i>"A good example will help to <b>prompt</b> him to turn in his homework."</i>             |
| <b>prosper</b>   | succeed; thrive; grow vigorously; wealth; good fortune<br><i>"Having found the right soil conditions, his crop began to <b>prosper</b>."</i>                    |
| <b>prying</b>    | improperly curious or inquisitive<br><i>"Someone was <b>prying</b> into her personal affairs."</i>  |
| <b>raccoon</b>   | a small carnivore of North America, usually nocturnal<br><i>"A <b>raccoon</b> raided our campsite while we were asleep."</i>                                    |
| <b>rally</b>     | to summon or bring together for a common purpose; assist; support a cause<br><i>"He was sent to <b>rally</b> the retreating troops."</i>                        |
| <b>rampant</b>   | growing luxuriantly; flourishing<br><i>"The roses were <b>rampant</b> in the garden."</i>   |
| <b>ransom</b>    | consideration paid for the release of a captured person<br><i>"The kidnapper demanded \$500,000 in <b>ransom</b> for the child."</i>                            |
| <b>raspberry</b> | small round fleshy red or black berry<br><i>"These <b>raspberry</b> preserves won a blue ribbon at the county fair."</i>  |
| <b>rating</b>    | a placement in a certain rank or class<br><i>"The program received the top <b>rating</b>."</i>  |
| <b>razor</b>     | sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving or cutting off hair<br><i>"No one was allowed to use his <b>razor</b>."</i>  |
| <b>react</b>     | to act in return or reciprocally<br><i>"The director did not expect the actress to <b>react</b> that way."</i>  |
| <b>receive</b>   | to take into one's hand or possession<br><i>"I hope I <b>receive</b> a portable CD player for my birthday."</i>   |

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| <b>redeem</b>   | to get back; recover, as by paying a fee<br><i>“The renter wants to <b>redeem</b> his deposit.”</i>   |
| <b>refuge</b>   | a place of safety; shelter; safe retreat<br><i>“The deer sought a <b>refuge</b> from the hunters.”</i>  |
| <b>relent</b>   | to soften in temper; become less severe, stern, stubborn<br><i>“Perhaps he will <b>relent</b> and allow you to go if you promise to return early.”</i>                                    |
| <b>remnant</b>  | what is left over; remainder; residue<br><i>“The small piece of cloth left from the bolt will sell as a <b>remnant</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>render</b>   | to give, hand over, submit, as for approval; to give in return<br><i>“When you finish shopping, the clerk will <b>render</b> a bill for payment.”</i>                                     |
| <b>rescue</b>   | to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc.<br><i>“He was a hero because the <b>rescue</b> had been a success.”</i>   |
| <b>retain</b>   | to keep in mind<br><i>“After studying the words for six weeks, we should <b>retain</b> most of them.”</i>   |
| <b>retrieve</b> | to get and bring back<br><i>“That dog certainly loves to <b>retrieve</b> the ball.”</i>   |
| <b>revenge</b>  | to inflict damage, injury, or punishment in return for an injury, insult, etc.<br><i>“The leaders plotted <b>revenge</b> for the bombing.”</i>  |
| <b>riddle</b>   | any puzzling, perplexing, or apparently inexplicable person or thing, as a difficult problem or enigmatic saying: enigma<br><i>“Rita recited the <b>riddle</b>, and Roger responded.”</i> |
| <b>romaine</b>  | a variety of lettuce<br><i>“Caesar salad recipes usually call for <b>romaine</b> lettuce.”</i>  |
| <b>roommate</b> | one of two or more persons sharing a room<br><i>“Luckily, my <b>roommate</b> at camp didn’t snore.”</i>   |
| <b>ruin</b>     | the remains of a fallen building, city, etc., or something destroyed, devastated, decayed, etc.<br><i>“The explorer discovered the <b>ruin</b> deep within the jungle.”</i>               |
| <b>rumor</b>    | definite talk not based on knowledge; hearsay; gossip<br><i>“We have heard a <b>rumor</b> that there will be no test tomorrow.”</i>   |
| <b>rustle</b>   | to make or cause to make an irregular succession of soft sounds<br><i>“The leaves <b>rustle</b> in the wind.”</i>   |

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| <b>safety</b>   | freedom from danger; security<br><i>“Safety precautions are very important both at home and at school.”</i>   |
| <b>scarlet</b>  | very bright red with a slightly orange tone<br><i>“The <b>scarlet</b> car captured everyone’s attention.”</i>   |
| <b>scissors</b> | a cutting instrument with handles and a pair of blades<br><i>“Using sewing <b>scissors</b> for cutting paper makes them dull.”</i>  |
| <b>scribble</b> | illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl<br><i>“The doctor’s <b>scribble</b> was hard to read.”</i>  |
| <b>scurry</b>   | to run hastily; scamper<br><i>“The rabbits will <b>scurry</b> through the woods.”</i>   |
| <b>secure</b>   | free from fear, care, doubt, or anxiety; not worried, troubled, or apprehensive<br><i>“Within the fort, the cavalry felt <b>secure</b>.”</i>                                |
| <b>sentry</b>   | sentinel, esp. any of the military guard posted to warn of danger<br><i>“The <b>sentry</b> would not open the gate to anyone without identification.”</i>                   |
| <b>session</b>  | a school term or period of study<br><i>“The fall <b>session</b> of school was about to end.”</i>  |
| <b>shaky</b>    | not firm; weak, unsteady; trembling, not dependable; questionable<br><i>“After the earthquake, the walls were <b>shaky</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>shepherd</b> | a person who herds and takes care of sheep<br><i>“The <b>shepherd</b> guarded the flock during the night.”</i>  |
| <b>signal</b>   | a sign or event fixed or understood as the occasion for prearranged combined action<br><i>“The bugle will <b>signal</b> the attack.”</i>                                    |
| <b>skeptic</b>  | person who habitually doubts, questions or suspends judgment on generally accepted matters<br><i>“He was such a <b>skeptic</b> that he was known as ‘Doubting Thomas’.”</i> |
| <b>skirmish</b> | a brief encounter between small groups, usually an incident of a battle<br><i>“The <b>skirmish</b> was quickly forgotten after the peace treaty was signed.”</i>            |
| <b>slacken</b>  | to become less active, intense, brisk<br><i>“The runners began to <b>slacken</b> their pace.”</i>   |
| <b>smoky</b>    | emitting smoke, especially in large quantities<br><i>“A smoky fire doesn’t <b>provide</b> much warmth.”</i>   |
| <b>suet</b>     | the hard fat about the kidneys and loins of beef and mutton<br><i>“I asked the butcher to prepare the <b>suet</b> I need for the plum pudding.”</i>                         |

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| <b>surround</b>   | to enclose on all sides; encircle<br><i>“For safety reasons we needed to <b>surround</b> our pool with a fence.”</i>  |
| <b>tactics</b>    | any method used to gain an end; esp., skillful methods or procedure<br><i>“Although successful, his <b>tactics</b> were questioned.”</i>  |
| <b>tarnish</b>    | to dull or discolor the surface of a metal object; to spoil, mar or debase a memory; lose luster from oxidation<br><i>“Silver needs to be polished often or it will <b>tarnish</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>tariff</b>     | duty or tax placed by a government on imports and some exports; any list or scale of prices, charges etc.<br><i>“We felt the <b>tariff</b> was too high.”</i>   |
| <b>technology</b> | applied science<br><i>“The rate of <b>technology</b> seems to increase every day.”</i>  |
| <b>terrific</b>   | extraordinary; astounding<br><i>“We saw a <b>terrific</b> movie last night.”</i>  |
| <b>threshold</b>  | a doorsill, a beginning point<br><i>“The guest paused at the <b>threshold</b>, stunned by the beauty of the room.”</i>  |
| <b>traffic</b>    | the movement or number of automobiles along a street<br><i>“There is a lot more <b>traffic</b> on the freeway these days.”</i>  |
| <b>tribute</b>    | something given, done, or said, as a gift, testimonial, etc., to show gratitude, respect, honor, or praise<br><i>“Their success was a <b>tribute</b> to his leadership.”</i>  |
| <b>upheaval</b>   | the action or instance of lifting up from beneath, especially the earth’s crust<br><i>“Ancient volcanoes caused a great deal of <b>upheaval</b> in this area.”</i>  |
| <b>uproar</b>     | loud, confused noise; din<br><i>“The <b>uproar</b> was very difficult to quiet.”</i>  |
| <b>useful</b>     | that can be used to advantage; helpful<br><i>“The fork is a <b>useful</b> implement.”</i>   |
| <b>utensil</b>    | an instrument or container used in a household<br><i>“A ladle is the proper <b>utensil</b> to use for serving soup.”</i>  |
| <b>vaccine</b>    | any preparation of killed microorganisms, living weakened organisms, etc., introduced into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease by causing the formation of antibodies<br><i>“The polio <b>vaccine</b> was a tremendous advance in medicine.”</i> |

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| <b>veteran</b>  | a former member of the armed forces<br><i>“Only one World War I <b>veteran</b> attended the ceremony this year.”</i>  |
| <b>vigil</b>    | watchful staying awake; a watch kept for a period of time<br><i>“While others slept, he kept his lonely <b>vigil</b>.”</i>                                  |
| <b>villain</b>  | an evil person; scoundrel<br><i>“In a melodrama the audience boos whenever the <b>villain</b> appears.”</i>   |
| <b>volume</b>   | the quantity, strength, or loudness of sound<br><i>“The <b>volume</b> of the music was deafening.”</i>  |
| <b>warbler</b>  | a bird which sings in trills, runs or quavers; songster<br><i>“Though we could not see him, we heard the melodious song of the <b>warbler</b>.”</i>         |
| <b>warmth</b>   | state of giving off moderate degree of heat; moderate, mild heat<br><i>“We could feel the <b>warmth</b> of the sun on our faces.”</i>                       |
| <b>whistle</b>  | to make a clear, shrill cry; said of some birds and animals<br><i>“We heard the birds <b>whistle</b> in the trees.”</i>                                     |
| <b>whittle</b>  | to reduce, destroy, or get rid of gradually, as if by whittling away with a knife<br><i>“We hope to <b>whittle</b> down the cost of the project.”</i>       |
| <b>whoosh</b>   | to make a quick, hissing or rushing sound of something moving swiftly through the air<br><i>“At takeoff, the rocket will <b>whoosh</b> by the airport.”</i> |
| <b>width</b>    | distance from side to side; breadth<br><i>“We have to measure the <b>width</b> of the shelf to make sure it will fit the space.”</i>                        |
| <b>wiring</b>   | the action of a person or thing that wires<br><i>“The electrician did the <b>wiring</b> very quickly.”</i>  |
| <b>worsted</b>  | a smooth compact yarn from long wool fibers, or the fabric made from the yarn<br><i>“These <b>worsted</b> wool trousers will last a long time.”</i>         |
| <b>wrapper</b>  | that in which something is wrapped; covering; cover<br><i>“The gum <b>wrapper</b> was a shiny silver.”</i>  |
| <b>yawn</b>     | an act of yawning or opening wide<br><i>“The movie was boring, and the audience began to <b>yawn</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>yearling</b> | an animal one year old or in its second year<br><i>“The rancher brought the <b>yearling</b> into the barn.”</i>   |

# LEVEL II

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| <b>abdicate</b>      | to give up formally (a high office, authority, throne, etc.)<br><i>“The king plans to <b>abdicate</b> his throne.”</i>                                      |
| <b>abdominal</b>     | lower part of the trunk of the human body; in, on or for the abdomen<br><i>“The <b>abdominal</b> bandage seemed too tight.”</i>                             |
| <b>aberrant</b>      | abnormal or deviant<br><i>“Her rude, <b>aberrant</b> behavior was quite a shock.”</i>   |
| <b>abrogate</b>      | to cancel or repeal by authority<br><i>“Congress must <b>abrogate</b> the new tax law.”</i>   |
| <b>acetylene</b>     | a colorless, poisonous, highly flammable gaseous hydrocarbon<br><i>“This most brilliant of the illuminating gases is <b>acetylene</b>.”</i>                 |
| <b>acrimonious</b>   | stinging, caustic<br><i>“Those <b>acrimonious</b> remarks will make you unpopular.”</i>   |
| <b>acquittal</b>     | discharge of duty; being set free by the court<br><i>“From lack of evidence submitted, the judge decreed an <b>acquittal</b>.”</i>                          |
| <b>adolescence</b>   | the time of life between puberty and maturity; youth<br><i>“During <b>adolescence</b>, one is often uncertain.”</i>   |
| <b>aesthetic</b>     | sensitive to art and beauty<br><i>“In order to help develop their children’s <b>aesthetic</b> tastes, many family trips to art galleries were planned.”</i> |
| <b>affinity</b>      | close relationship<br><i>“Fish have an <b>affinity</b> with water.”</i>   |
| <b>agglomeration</b> | a jumbled heap, mass, etc.<br><i>“The <b>agglomeration</b> of articles for the rummage sale was staggering.”</i>  |
| <b>aghast</b>        | feeling great horror or dismay<br><i>“Upon seeing the tornado’s destruction, he was <b>aghast</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>aluminum</b>      | most abundant metal element in the Earth’s crust<br><i>“Don’t put <b>aluminum</b> foil in the microwave.”</i>   |
| <b>ambiguous</b>     | not clear<br><i>“The treaty is very <b>ambiguous</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>anachronism</b>   | anything that is or seems to be out of its proper time in history<br><i>“A black and white television is an <b>anachronism</b> today.”</i>                  |



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| <b>anathema</b>    | a thing or person greatly detested<br><i>"Censorship is <b>anathema</b> to Americans."</i>   |
| <b>anonymous</b>   | no name known or acknowledged; name withheld<br><i>"The poem read was written by an <b>anonymous</b> poet."</i>  |
| <b>antiquated</b>  | no longer used or useful; obsolete<br><i>"The old cabin contained some <b>antiquated</b> relics of the olden days."</i>  |
| <b>antithesis</b>  | the direct opposite<br><i>"Love is the <b>antithesis</b> of hate."</i>   |
| <b>apocryphal</b>  | spurious; counterfeit<br><i>"The <b>apocryphal</b> memories of the countess cannot be admitted as evidence."</i>   |
| <b>apostle</b>     | the first advocate of a view point or reform<br><i>"The student body president was an <b>apostle</b> for year-round school."</i>   |
| <b>apparition</b>  | a strange figure appearing suddenly and thought to be a ghost<br><i>"After hearing the spooky story, the children thought they saw an <b>apparition</b>."</i>  |
| <b>appropriate</b> | to take for one's own, often without right<br><i>"I wish my roommate would not <b>appropriate</b> my clothes."</i>   |
| <b>aqueduct</b>    | large pipe made for bringing water from a distant source<br><i>"The <b>aqueduct</b> provided the farmers with the much needed water for crops."</i>  |
| <b>archetype</b>   | the perfect example of a type or group<br><i>"Mickey Mouse is the <b>archetype</b> for cartoon characters."</i>  |
| <b>ascension</b>   | the act of ascending<br><i>"We watched the balloon's <b>ascension</b> into the clouds."</i>  |
| <b>asceticism</b>  | religious doctrine where self-denial is practiced to reach a higher spiritual state<br><i>"Trappist monks practice <b>asceticism</b>."</i>   |
| <b>assuage</b>     | sooth, ease<br><i>"Saying 'I'm sorry' is a way to <b>assuage</b> your guilt."</i>  |
| <b>atrophy</b>     | a wasting away of body tissue, organ, or the failure of an organ or part to grow or develop, as because of insufficient nutrition<br><i>"Without proper nutrition, the muscles will <b>atrophy</b>."</i> |
| <b>awkward</b>     | not graceful, clumsy<br><i>"My walk was very <b>awkward</b> right after my cast was removed."</i>  |

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| <b>baccalaureate</b> | an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class at commencement<br><i>“The graduating seniors and their families will attend the <b>baccalaureate</b>.”</i>        |
| <b>bailiwick</b>     | one’s particular area of authority, activity, interest<br><i>“The coach’s <b>bailiwick</b> is tennis.”</i>  |
| <b>balustrade</b>    | a railing<br><i>“The <b>balustrade</b> around the porch was made of cedar.”</i>   |
| <b>barrage</b>       | a heavy, prolonged attack of words, blows<br><i>“Suddenly the speaker was under a <b>barrage</b> of questions.”</i>   |
| <b>battalion</b>     | a large group of soldiers arrayed for battle; any large group joined in some activity<br><i>“He had command of a <b>battalion</b> during World War II.”</i>             |
| <b>biennial</b>      | happening every two years<br><i>“The reunion is held on a <b>biennial</b> basis.”</i>   |
| <b>bilingual</b>     | of or in two languages; capable of using two languages with equal skill<br><i>“He was offered the position because he was <b>bilingual</b> in English and Spanish.”</i> |
| <b>bizarre</b>       | marked by extreme contrasts and incongruities of color, design, or style<br><i>“Her purple and orange hair was <b>bizarre</b>.”</i>                                     |
| <b>boisterous</b>    | loud, rowdy<br><i>“The security officer had to quiet the <b>boisterous</b> group.”</i>  |
| <b>boulevard</b>     | a broad often landscaped thoroughfare<br><i>“Sometimes using the <b>boulevard</b> is faster than taking the freeway.”</i>   |
| <b>broccoli</b>      | green vegetable high in vitamins<br><i>“The consumption of <b>broccoli</b> has increased in recent years.”</i>  |
| <b>buoyancy</b>      | the tendency of a body to float in a fluid<br><i>“Filling the raft with more air will increase its <b>buoyancy</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>calligraphy</b>   | beautiful handwriting; penmanship<br><i>“<b>Calligraphy</b> is an art – a talent to be thankful for.”</i>   |
| <b>camaraderie</b>   | loyalty and warm, friendly feeling among comrades<br><i>“Within the Girl Scout troop, there was great <b>camaraderie</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>camouflage</b>    | disguise or concealment of this kind<br><i>“The tanks’ <b>camouflage</b> prevented enemy planes from seeing them.”</i>  |
| <b>capitulation</b>  | statement of the main parts of a subject; conditional surrender<br><i>“Their leader decided that <b>capitulation</b> was best.”</i>                                     |

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| <b>carcinogen</b>      | cancer causing<br><i>"Scientists seem to discover a new <b>carcinogen</b> every day."</i>   |
| <b>carburetor</b>      | a device in which air is mixed with gasoline spray to make an explosive mixture in an internal combustion engine<br><i>"The <b>carburetor</b> in the truck had to be replaced."</i>                                   |
| <b>carnivorous</b>     | meat-eating<br><i>"The lion is a <b>carnivorous</b> animal."</i>  |
| <b>cataclysm</b>       | any great upheaval that causes sudden and violent changes<br><i>"The weakened government could not withstand another <b>cataclysm</b>."</i>   |
| <b>catastrophe</b>     | calamity<br><i>"The Northridge Earthquake was a <b>catastrophe</b>."</i>  |
| <b>centrifugal</b>     | radiating or departing from the center<br><i>"The road was banked to counteract the <b>centrifugal</b> force."</i>  |
| <b>chamois</b>         | a soft leather made from the hide of a chamois, deer or sheep<br><i>"The gloves were made of <b>chamois</b> leather."</i>   |
| <b>chandelier</b>      | lighting fixture hanging from a ceiling, with branches for candles or bulbs<br><i>"The <b>chandelier</b> swayed, and we hurried out from under it."</i>   |
| <b>chaotic</b>         | completely confused or disordered condition<br><i>"The era of the Hundred Years' War was very <b>chaotic</b>."</i>  |
| <b>charlatan</b>       | fake<br><i>"The phony scientist was a <b>charlatan</b>."</i>  |
| <b>chimerical</b>      | imaginary<br><i>"Her fears are as <b>chimerical</b> as the hallucinations of insanity."</i>   |
| <b>chivalry</b>        | the noble qualities a medieval knight was supposed to have; courage, honor and readiness to help the weak, and to protect women<br><i>"We loved his <b>chivalry</b>, seemingly borrowed from the knights of old."</i> |
| <b>chromosome</b>      | one of the DNA containing bodies in a cell nucleus<br><i>"This particular gene is found at the end of <b>chromosome</b> 23."</i>  |
| <b>cinematographer</b> | a motion-picture cameraman<br><i>"Cecil B. DeMille was a great <b>cinematographer</b>."</i>   |
| <b>circumference</b>   | a line that goes around or encloses a circle<br><i>"When drawing a snowman, the head usually has a smaller <b>circumference</b> than the body."</i>   |

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| <b>clairvoyance</b>   | keen perception or insight<br><i>“His <b>clairvoyance</b> with a crystal ball was amazing.”</i>   |
| <b>clique</b>         | a small, exclusive group of people<br><i>“She refused to join the <b>clique</b> of students.”</i>   |
| <b>coercive</b>       | of coercion or tending to coerce<br><i>“During the American Revolution, the colonists fought against the <b>coercive</b> government of Great Britain.”</i>  |
| <b>colleague</b>      | associate in office<br><i>“His <b>colleague</b> is going to attend the same workshop.”</i>  |
| <b>colloquial</b>     | conversational<br><i>“The politician’s <b>colloquial</b> language endeared him to small town voters.”</i>   |
| <b>commingle</b>      | to mingle together; intermix, blend<br><i>“The separate tribes began to <b>commingle</b> through marriage.”</i>   |
| <b>compassionate</b>  | feeling or showing compassion<br><i>“The <b>compassionate</b> nurse listened to the patient’s tale.”</i>  |
| <b>condolence</b>     | expression of sympathy with another in grief<br><i>“A note of <b>condolence</b> is appropriate at time of death.”</i>   |
| <b>conjecture</b>     | an inference, theory, or prediction based on guesswork; guess<br><i>“After hearing the facts, she knew that her <b>conjecture</b> was wrong.”</i>   |
| <b>connoisseur</b>    | a person who has expert knowledge and keen discrimination in some field, especially in the fine arts or in matters of taste<br><i>“His discerning taste buds made him a <b>connoisseur</b> of good wine.”</i> |
| <b>consensus</b>      | an opinion held by all or most<br><i>“The <b>consensus</b> of party professionals was sought.”</i>  |
| <b>contemptuous</b>   | full of contempt; scornful; disdainful<br><i>“The speaker was very <b>contemptuous</b> of the hecklers.”</i>  |
| <b>convoluted</b>     | extremely involved; intricate<br><i>“The <b>convoluted</b> plot was difficult to understand.”</i>   |
| <b>correspondence</b> | a communication by exchange of letters<br><i>“Please file this <b>correspondence</b> alphabetically.”</i>   |
| <b>counterfeit</b>    | to imitate or copy, especially with intent to deceive<br><i>“There is a way to check if a bill is <b>counterfeit</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>critique</b>       | the act or art of criticizing; criticism<br><i>“The director did not like the <b>critique</b> of his movie.”</i>  |

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| <b>croissant</b>     | a crescent roll<br>“A hot, buttery <b>croissant</b> was enjoyed by each one attending the festive brunch.”  |
| <b>crucifixion</b>   | a crucifying or being crucified<br>“The punishment of <b>crucifixion</b> was practiced in ancient times.”   |
| <b>debacle</b>       | an overwhelming defeat or rout<br>“His resignation from power caused the greatest <b>debacle</b> in the history of his country.”  |
| <b>decelerate</b>    | to reduce speed; slow down<br>“The driver began to <b>decelerate</b> as he rounded the bend.”   |
| <b>deciduous</b>     | shedding leaves annually<br>“The fall colors on the <b>deciduous</b> trees are beautiful.”  |
| <b>delicatessen</b>  | a shop where sandwich items meats and cheeses are sold<br>“Let’s stop at the <b>delicatessen</b> to pick up things for our picnic.”   |
| <b>depressant</b>    | lowering the rate of muscular or nervous activity; to sadden or lower<br>“The medicine was given as a <b>depressant</b> .”  |
| <b>derrick</b>       | large apparatus for lifting and moving heavy objects; tall tapering framework over an oil well<br>“The workmen used a <b>derrick</b> to take the piano up to the 7 <sup>th</sup> floor.”          |
| <b>designate</b>     | to point or mark out; specify; appoint<br>“I will <b>designate</b> one of my friends to chair this committee.”  |
| <b>dexterity</b>     | skill in using one’s mind; cleverness<br>“Her mental <b>dexterity</b> was amazing.”   |
| <b>dialysis</b>      | the separation of crystalloids from colloids as the elimination of impurities from the blood during kidney failure<br>“One of our child movie stars has to be hospitalized for <b>dialysis</b> .” |
| <b>dichotomy</b>     | division into two (contrasting) halves, pairs of sets<br>“Reconciling the <b>dichotomy</b> between public and private interests is a difficult job.”  |
| <b>differentiate</b> | distinguish between<br>“The shopper tried to <b>differentiate</b> between the two sweaters.”  |
| <b>dilapidated</b>   | broken down; shabby and neglected<br>“We bought a <b>dilapidated</b> house and tried to repair it.”   |
| <b>dilemma</b>       | predicament; a situation in which one must choose between alternatives<br>“His <b>dilemma</b> was in having to decide on which color paint to use.”   |

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| <b>disguise</b>         | to change the manner or appearance of in order to prevent recognition<br><i>“I will need a mask to <b>disguise</b> myself for the Halloween Party.”</i>  |
| <b>disproportionate</b> | not in proportion<br><i>“The harsh punishment was <b>disproportionate</b> to the infraction.”</i>  |
| <b>disseminate</b>      | to scatter seed; to sow widely; spread abroad<br><i>“When the dandelion becomes that feathery little puffball, the breezes cause it to <b>disseminate</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>dissertation</b>     | a formal and lengthy discourse or treatise on some subject<br><i>“The student completed her <b>dissertation</b> for the degree of doctor.”</i>   |
| <b>divination</b>       | a successful guess; clever conjecture<br><i>“Her <b>divination</b> of the winner was accurate.”</i>  |
| <b>ebullient</b>        | overflowing with enthusiasm, high spirits<br><i>“After winning the game, the fans were <b>ebullient</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>ecclesiastical</b>   | of the church<br><i>“His writings were based on <b>ecclesiastical</b> discipline.”</i>   |
| <b>echelon</b>          | any of the levels of responsibility or importance in an organization<br><i>“She worked in the <b>echelon</b> where major decisions were made.”</i>   |
| <b>eczema</b>           | an inflammatory, itching disease of the skin<br><i>“A victim of <b>eczema</b>, she could not wear makeup on her face.”</i>   |
| <b>effectuate</b>       | to bring about; cause to happen; effect<br><i>“The team members are trying to <b>effectuate</b> change in spring training rules.”</i>  |
| <b>egalitarian</b>      | advocating, or characterized by the belief that all men should have equal political, social and economic rights<br><i>“The country’s government was <b>egalitarian</b>.”</i>                                   |
| <b>ellipsis</b>         | the omission of a word or words necessary for complete grammatical construction but understood in the context<br><i>“Add <b>ellipsis</b> where I have indicated on the rough draft of the legal pleading.”</i> |
| <b>embarrass</b>        | to cause to feel self-conscious, ill at ease<br><i>“He did not want to <b>embarrass</b> himself in front of his friends.”</i>  |
| <b>emulate</b>          | to try to equal or surpass; to rival successfully<br><i>“The baby birds strutted back and forth trying to <b>emulate</b> the actions of their parents.”</i>  |

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| <b>encapsulate</b> | to put in concise form; condense<br>“We tried to <b>encapsulate</b> the week’s news in five minutes.”  |
| <b>entomology</b>  | the study of insects<br>“My career in <b>entomology</b> began with a fascination about butterflies.”   |
| <b>ephemeral</b>   | lasting a very short time<br>“The sunset was <b>ephemeral</b> in its beauty.”  |
| <b>epitome</b>     | a short statement of the main points of a book, report, incident; abstract; summary; representative or typical of a class<br>“He was the <b>epitome</b> of jockeys everywhere – slim, wiry and brisk.” |
| <b>equivocal</b>   | two or more meanings; purposely vague; misleading; ambiguous<br>“Her answer was <b>equivocal</b> , but we couldn’t get a definite opinion.”  |
| <b>esoteric</b>    | beyond the understanding or knowledge of most people<br>“Few people attended the <b>esoteric</b> lecture on holography.”   |
| <b>etymology</b>   | The origin and development of a word, affix, phrase, etc.<br>“The origin and development of words is a branch of linguistics called <b>etymology</b> .”  |
| <b>eulogy</b>      | speech or writing in praise of a person, event or thing; commendation<br>“We listened with full hearts to the <b>eulogy</b> on President Kennedy.”   |
| <b>euphoria</b>    | a feeling of vigor, well-being, or high spirits<br>“The team had the <b>euphoria</b> that comes from winning.”   |
| <b>exacerbate</b>  | to exasperate; annoy; irritate; embitter<br>“He intended to <b>exacerbate</b> the already tense situation by making an exorbitant demand.”   |
| <b>exonerate</b>   | to relieve of a burden; unload; free from guilt; absolve<br>“This alibi would prove his innocence and <b>exonerate</b> him of the crime.”  |
| <b>expedient</b>   | useful for effecting a desired result<br>“It was <b>expedient</b> for him to alter the facts.”   |
| <b>expertise</b>   | the skill, knowledge, judgment of an expert<br>“She was known for her <b>expertise</b> in music.”  |
| <b>expletive</b>   | an oath or exclamation<br>“She shouted an <b>expletive</b> when the car would not start.”  |
| <b>expropriate</b> | to deprive of ownership; dispossess<br>“The state will <b>expropriate</b> acreage for the new airport.”  |
| <b>facetious</b>   | joking, or trying to be jocular, esp. at an inappropriate time<br>“His mother could not tolerate his <b>facetious</b> remarks.”  |

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| <b>Fahrenheit</b>  | a temperature scale<br>“Normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees <b>Fahrenheit</b> .”   |
| <b>fastidious</b>  | not easy to please; very critical or discriminating<br>“With <b>fastidious</b> attention to detail, the musician practiced the piece again.”   |
| <b>feasible</b>    | capable of being done or carried out; possible; practicable<br>“Chartering a bus seems the most <b>feasible</b> method of transportation.”   |
| <b>felicitous</b>  | well-chosen; appropriate; apt; yielding great pleasure<br>“He was a <b>felicitous</b> choice for the new position.”  |
| <b>ferocious</b>   | fierce; savage; violently cruel<br>“The lion has a <b>ferocious</b> growl.”  |
| <b>fictitious</b>  | imaginary happening; not real; false; pretended; assumed for disguise<br>“Some novelists use a <b>fictitious</b> name under which they write.”                                       |
| <b>filibuster</b>  | to obstruct the passage of a bill by making long speeches, introducing irrelevant issues, etc.<br>“The senator carried out his <b>filibuster</b> , ignoring remarks from the floor.” |
| <b>finagle</b>     | to cheat; to get something by trickery<br>“Students find many ways to <b>finagle</b> their way out of homework.”   |
| <b>firmament</b>   | the sky, viewed poetically as a solid arch or vault<br>“The sun and the moon are both seen in the <b>firmament</b> at that time.”  |
| <b>fissure</b>     | long, narrow, deep cleft or crack; dividing or breaking into parts<br>“The ice, breaking up, opened a wide <b>fissure</b> between the floes.”  |
| <b>flabbergast</b> | to make speechless with amazement; astonish<br>“Seeing a dog climb a tree may <b>flabbergast</b> you.”   |
| <b>flourish</b>    | grow vigorously; thrive; prosper<br>“These plants will <b>flourish</b> if you give them proper water and fertilizer.”  |
| <b>fluctuate</b>   | to move back and forth, up and down; to be continually changing<br>“Bank interest rates <b>fluctuate</b> from time to time.”   |
| <b>forfeit</b>     | to lose, give up, or be deprived of<br>“You <b>forfeit</b> privileges by not registering.”   |
| <b>fraudulent</b>  | deceitful; based on trickery; intentional deception<br>“The investigation proved the papers to be <b>fraudulent</b> .”   |



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| <b>fricassee</b>  | a dish of meat cut into pieces and stewed in a gravy<br>“ <i>Chicken <b>fricassee</b> tastes good on a cold evening.</i> ”   |
| <b>galleon</b>    | large Spanish ship of the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> century<br>“ <i>The <b>galleon</b> had four decks at the stern.</i> ”   |
| <b>gambol</b>     | to jump and skip about in play; frolic<br>“ <i>To <b>gambol</b> about the dance floor is to have a good time.</i> ”  |
| <b>gauche</b>     | lacking social grace; tactless<br>“ <i>My companion’s <b>gauche</b> remarks to the staff were very embarrassing.</i> ”   |
| <b>gazetteer</b>  | a geographical dictionary<br>“ <i>The <b>gazetteer</b> portion of this dictionary contains more than seven thousand place names.</i> ”   |
| <b>geriatrics</b> | branch of medicine dealing with the elderly<br>“ <i>As the population ages, <b>geriatrics</b> will become more lucrative.</i> ”  |
| <b>gourmet</b>    | a connoisseur of fine food and drink<br>“ <i>A good <b>gourmet</b> restaurant covets a recommendation from a food critic.</i> ”  |
| <b>grievance</b>  | circumstance thought to be unjust; resentment or complaint<br>“ <i>Many thought she had reason for her <b>grievance</b>.</i> ”   |
| <b>guileless</b>  | candid, frank; open<br>“ <i>His <b>guileless</b> smile made instant friendships.</i> ”   |
| <b>harangue</b>   | to deliver a long, scolding speech<br>“ <i>I hope the coach doesn’t <b>harangue</b> us for the lousy game we played.</i> ”   |
| <b>harassment</b> | worrying or annoying with repeated attacks<br>“ <i>Sexual <b>harassment</b> in the workplace will not be tolerated.</i> ”  |
| <b>heartily</b>   | friendly, sincere, cordial way; with zest, enthusiasm<br>“ <i>He laughed <b>heartily</b>, thoroughly enjoying the play.</i> ”  |
| <b>hegemony</b>   | leadership or dominance, especially that of one state or nation over others<br>“ <i>The Chinese say the Soviets are establishing military <b>hegemony</b> over the free world.</i> ” |
| <b>hemorrhage</b> | heavy bleeding<br>“ <i>Jim had a bad <b>hemorrhage</b> in his arm after the auto accident.</i> ”   |

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| <b>hepatitis</b>     | an inflammation of the liver<br><i>“Exposure to the <b>hepatitis</b> virus prevents a person from donating blood.”</i>   |
| <b>herbivorous</b>   | feeding on plants<br><i>“Deer and sheep are <b>herbivorous</b> animals.”</i>   |
| <b>hospitable</b>    | friendly, kind and solicitous toward guests; favoring comfort of new arrivals; receptive or open to new ideas<br><i>“Southern people are said to be most <b>hospitable</b> even to strangers.”</i> |
| <b>humanity</b>      | human; human characteristics or nature; mankind; people<br><i>“<b>Humanity</b> everywhere does not always have the same kindness or sympathy.”</i>   |
| <b>hybrid</b>        | anything of mixed origin, unlike parts<br><i>“Rock and roll is a <b>hybrid</b> of blues and jazz.”</i>   |
| <b>hygiene</b>       | science of health and its maintenance; sanitary practices; cleanness<br><i>“We are taught <b>hygiene</b> for the preservation of health and prevention of disease.”</i>                            |
| <b>hyperbole</b>     | obvious and intentional exaggeration<br><i>“A clown uses <b>hyperbole</b> to make the stunts funnier.”</i>   |
| <b>hypochondriac</b> | a person who has hypochondria<br><i>“The <b>hypochondriac</b> made his tenth visit to the hospital in ten days.”</i>   |
| <b>hypocrisy</b>     | a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel<br><i>“The senator showed his <b>hypocrisy</b> by saying he was for the bill and then voting against it.”</i>                |
| <b>ideology</b>      | the doctrines, opinions, or way of thinking of an individual class, etc.<br><i>“Democracy is the American <b>ideology</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>idiosyncrasy</b>  | personal peculiarity or mannerism<br><i>“It was her <b>idiosyncrasy</b> to wear earmuffs in warm weather.”</i>   |
| <b>ignominy</b>      | shame and dishonor<br><i>“What he did brought <b>ignominy</b> to his friends and family.”</i>  |
| <b>immunity</b>      | resistance to disease; protection against disease<br><i>“Having a childhood disease does not always develop an <b>immunity</b> to it.”</i>   |
| <b>impasse</b>       | deadlock<br><i>“Russia and the United States reached an <b>impasse</b> in their negotiations.”</i>   |

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| <b>impecunious</b>   | having no money<br><i>"I am sorry to announce that the school board is in an <b>impecunious</b> situation as a result of Proposition 13."</i>                  |
| <b>impertinent</b>   | not showing proper respect or manners<br><i>"The <b>impertinent</b> child must be taught some manners."</i>  |
| <b>imperturbable</b> | that cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited; impassive<br><i>"The <b>imperturbable</b> cat sat in the midst of the moving."</i>                         |
| <b>implement</b>     | any article or device used or needed for a given activity; fulfill<br><i>"The hammer and the saw are needed by the carpenter to <b>implement</b> his job."</i> |
| <b>inaugurate</b>    | to introduce into office with ceremonies<br><i>"Every four years we <b>inaugurate</b> a President."</i>  |
| <b>incongruous</b>   | lacking harmony or agreement<br><i>"Hiking boots were <b>incongruous</b> to the wet suit outfit."</i>  |
| <b>incorrigible</b>  | that cannot be corrected, improved, or reformed<br><i>"They held out little hope for the prisoner because he was <b>incorrigible</b>."</i>                     |
| <b>incredulous</b>   | showing doubt or disbelief<br><i>"Their eyes were large with <b>incredulous</b> joy."</i>  |
| <b>indiscreet</b>    | lacking prudence; unwise; careless<br><i>"She was <b>indiscreet</b> in going shopping during school hours."</i>  |
| <b>indomitable</b>   | not easily discouraged<br><i>"Even after three unsuccessful attempts, the new skier was <b>indomitable</b>."</i>   |
| <b>inducement</b>    | motive; incentive; persuasion<br><i>"As an <b>inducement</b> for entering into the contract, she would receive a percentage of sales."</i>                     |
| <b>inertia</b>       | a tendency to remain in a fixed condition without change<br><i>"The nation was declining due to <b>inertia</b>."</i>   |
| <b>infatuated</b>    | lacking sound judgment; foolish<br><i>"He was <b>infatuated</b> by the John Wayne movie and decided to become a cowboy."</i>                                   |
| <b>infirmity</b>     | feebleness; weakness; frailty or ailment; defect<br><i>We realized his <b>infirmity</b> kept him a captive of a wheelchair."</i>                               |

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| <b>inimical</b>     | unfriendly; hostile<br><i>“The <b>inimical</b> participants at the rally prevented the audience from having fun.”</i>   |
| <b>inordinate</b>   | lacking restraint or moderation<br><i>“The press and public took an <b>inordinate</b> interest in everything he did.”</i>   |
| <b>insatiable</b>   | constantly wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased<br><i>“After two banana splits, we knew he had an <b>insatiable</b> appetite.”</i>  |
| <b>inscrutable</b>  | that cannot be easily understood<br><i>“Charley Chan was often <b>inscrutable</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>insinuation</b>  | sly hint or suggestion<br><i>“Your <b>insinuation</b> of unfairness on my part is unjust.”</i>  |
| <b>intermittent</b> | stopping and starting again at intervals; periodic<br><i>“Heavy traffic forced us into <b>intermittent</b> driving.”</i>  |
| <b>intravenous</b>  | in, or directly into, a vein or veins<br><i>“The doctor prescribed <b>intravenous</b> feeding for the patient.”</i>   |
| <b>inveigle</b>     | to lead on with deception<br><i>“The salesman intended to <b>inveigle</b> me into buying the car.”</i>  |
| <b>irascible</b>    | easily angered; quick-tempered<br><i>“The <b>irascible</b> old man is constantly picking fights.”</i>   |
| <b>irreparable</b>  | not reparable; that cannot be repaired, mended, remedied<br><i>“If the condors disappear, that will be an <b>irreparable</b> loss.”</i>   |
| <b>isthmus</b>      | a neck; a narrow passage; narrow strip of land, having water at each side and connecting two larger bodies of land<br><i>“The <b>Isthmus</b> of Panama connects Central America and South America.”</i> |
| <b>jamboree</b>     | a large festive gathering<br><i>“They scheduled a <b>jamboree</b> in the town park for this weekend.”</i>   |
| <b>javelin</b>      | a slender metal-tipped shaft thrown for distance<br><i>“The next <b>javelin</b> thrower holds the Olympic record for this event.”</i>   |
| <b>judicious</b>    | having, applying, or showing sound judgment; wise and careful<br><i>“The <b>judicious</b> driver stopped at the crosswalk.”</i>   |
| <b>kayak</b>        | an Eskimo canoe, or one similar<br><i>“The ocean was too rough to go out in the <b>kayak</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>khaki</b>        | a light yellowish brown color<br><i>“The soldiers wore their <b>khaki</b> uniforms.”</i>  |

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| <b>knowledge</b>     | understanding or skill gained by experience or learning<br><i>"Two weeks of tennis lessons increased my <b>knowledge</b> of the game."</i>                    |
| <b>lackadaisical</b> | listless; languid<br><i>"Tom was <b>lackadaisical</b> in the hot, humid weather."</i>   |
| <b>languid</b>       | sluggish<br><i>"She was a <b>languid</b> person, lacking force and quickness."</i>  |
| <b>laryngitis</b>    | inflammation of the voice box<br><i>"I always get <b>laryngitis</b> at the end of a cold."</i>  |
| <b>laureate</b>      | worthy of honor; distinguished; pre-eminent, especially among poets<br><i>"Rudyard Kipling was a poet <b>laureate</b> of England."</i>                        |
| <b>leisurely</b>     | without haste; deliberate; slow; unhurried<br><i>"He strolled <b>leisurely</b> along the boardwalk."</i>  |
| <b>leniency</b>      | mildness; permissiveness<br><i>"The judge was known for his <b>leniency</b> with first time offenders."</i>   |
| <b>leukemia</b>      | a cancerous disease of the tissues and often the blood<br><i>"The <b>leukemia</b> patient needed a bone marrow transplant."</i>                               |
| <b>lieutenant</b>    | an officer empowered to act for a higher official<br><i>"The <b>lieutenant</b> brought the message to the meeting."</i>                                       |
| <b>luminous</b>      | giving off light; shining; bright<br><i>"The moon was <b>luminous</b> in the night."</i>  |
| <b>maelstrom</b>     | a strong violent whirlpool; a great turmoil<br><i>"Their dog's illness caused the family a <b>maelstrom</b> of emotions."</i>                                 |
| <b>malfeasance</b>   | wrongful conduct, especially by a public official<br><i>"The mayor's <b>malfeasance</b> resulted in a recall election."</i>                                   |
| <b>malleable</b>     | capable of being changed, molded, trained, etc.<br><i>"Tin is a very <b>malleable</b> metal."</i>   |
| <b>maneuver</b>      | any movement or procedure intended as a skillful or shrewd step toward some objective<br><i>"The large ship's <b>maneuver</b> brought it closer to port."</i> |
| <b>masquerade</b>    | a party at which people wear masks and costumes<br><i>"What are you wearing to the <b>masquerade</b> ball?"</i>   |
| <b>mediocre</b>      | ordinary; commonplace<br><i>"Because the service was only <b>mediocre</b>, we left a small tip."</i>  |

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| <b>metamorphosis</b> | change of form, shape, structure, or substance<br><i>“The <b>metamorphosis</b> of a caterpillar into a butterfly is one of nature’s miracles.”</i>                      |
| <b>mimicry</b>       | the action, art or instance of imitating<br><i>“With your gift of <b>mimicry</b>, you should be in show business.”</i>  |
| <b>miniature</b>     | something much smaller than the usual size<br><i>“That is an impressive collection of <b>miniature</b> cars.”</i>   |
| <b>miscellaneous</b> | consisting of many things of different sorts<br><i>“Most people have a drawer for all their <b>miscellaneous</b> things.”</i>   |
| <b>mischievous</b>   | conduct that is often playful but causes harm or annoyance<br><i>“My <b>mischievous</b> puppy chewed the corner off my favorite book.”</i>                              |
| <b>mulligatawny</b>  | an East Indian soup of meat, etc., flavored with curry<br><i>“Mother had a very special recipe for <b>mulligatawny</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>munificence</b>   | very generous in giving; lavish<br><i>“The president thanked the donor for her <b>munificence</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>mystique</b>      | a set of beliefs and attitudes developing around an object<br><i>“The true <b>mystique</b> of jogging cannot be appreciated by non-runners.”</i>                        |
| <b>nauseous</b>      | affected with or tending to cause stomach distress<br><i>“I felt <b>nauseous</b> after eating too much ice cream.”</i>  |
| <b>nautical</b>      | of the sea or navigation<br><i>“This fish restaurant has a <b>nautical</b> decor.”</i>  |
| <b>novelette</b>     | short fictional story<br><i>“The <b>novelette</b> was made into a movie script.”</i>  |
| <b>nuptial</b>       | of or relating to marriage or a wedding<br><i>“The <b>nuptial</b> ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.”</i>   |
| <b>obsolescent</b>   | going out of use; becoming outmoded<br><i>“Phonograph records are becoming <b>obsolescent</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>occasion</b>      | fact or event making something possible; happening; occurrence<br><i>“A chance meeting was the <b>occasion</b> of the renewal of their friendship.”</i>                 |
| <b>occurrence</b>    | happening; event; something that takes place<br><i>“The second <b>occurrence</b> of the conference will not be until next year.”</i>                                    |
| <b>oligarchy</b>     | a form of government in which the ruling power belongs to a few persons<br><i>“Political office was restricted to those who knew a member of the <b>oligarchy</b>.”</i> |

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| <b>omniscient</b>      | having infinite knowledge<br><i>“Goethe was <b>omniscient</b> in his era.”</i>   |
| <b>onomatopoeia</b>    | formation of a word by imitating the natural sound associated with the object or action involved<br><i>“He used <b>onomatopoeia</b> to create sounds in his poetry.”</i> |
| <b>opaque</b>          | not letting light pass through; not transparent or translucent<br><i>“The window shade was <b>opaque</b>, emitting no light at all.”</i>                                 |
| <b>ophthalmologist</b> | a physician specializing in diseases of the eye<br><i>“The <b>ophthalmologist</b> had to dilate the patient’s eyes.”</i>   |
| <b>orthodox</b>        | traditional; conservative in belief<br><i>“He was very <b>orthodox</b> in his beliefs and practices.”</i>  |
| <b>pachyderm</b>       | any of various thick-skinned, hoofed mammals<br><i>“The <b>pachyderm</b> house at the zoo is home for the elephants.”</i>  |
| <b>paraphernalia</b>   | personal belongings; articles used in a particular activity<br><i>“Bring along your fishing <b>paraphernalia</b> when we go camping next week.”</i>                      |
| <b>parsimonious</b>    | miserly<br><i>“Scrooge was a <b>parsimonious</b> man.”</i>   |
| <b>pasteurize</b>      | partial sterilization of a fluid by exposure to heat<br><i>“The dairy will <b>pasteurize</b> the milk before bottling.”</i>  |
| <b>patriarch</b>       | the father and ruler of a family<br><i>“The family <b>patriarch</b> always sits at the head of the table.”</i>   |
| <b>perceptible</b>     | capable of being noticed<br><i>“The difference between the two brands of hot dogs is hardly <b>perceptible</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>perennial</b>       | lasting or active throughout the whole year<br><i>“To cut down on yardwork I planted mostly <b>perennial</b> plants.”</i>  |
| <b>pernicious</b>      | fatal; deadly<br><i>“The common cold is usually not a <b>pernicious</b> disease.”</i>  |
| <b>perpetuity</b>      | the state or quality of being perpetual<br><i>“<b>Perpetuity</b> is implied in the fundamental law of all national governments.”</i>                                     |
| <b>pharmaceutical</b>  | a medicinal material or product<br><i>“The <b>pharmaceutical</b> company introduced its newest drug.”</i>  |

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| <b>phenomenal</b>  | highly remarkable<br>“Abraham Lincoln had a <b>phenomenal</b> memory.”   |
| <b>phlegm</b>      | thick, stringy mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold<br>“The mixture of honey and lemon helped to rid his throat of <b>phlegm</b> .”  |
| <b>pirouette</b>   | a rapid whirling or turning on the toe or ball of the foot<br>“The ballerina performed the <b>pirouette</b> perfectly.”  |
| <b>plagiarize</b>  | to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one’s own<br>“The teacher told the class not to <b>plagiarize</b> any work.”   |
| <b>plausible</b>   | seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, etc.<br>“The story he gave us sounded <b>plausible</b> .”   |
| <b>plebeian</b>    | vulgar, coarse, or common<br>“She has such a <b>plebeian</b> taste in home decorating.”  |
| <b>plenary</b>     | for attendance by all members<br>“The <b>plenary</b> session of the association was called to order by the president.”   |
| <b>pneumonia</b>   | a disease of the lungs characterized by inflammation and congestion<br>“Seniors, particularly, are advised to have flu shots to guard against <b>pneumonia</b> developing as a secondary infection.” |
| <b>poinsettia</b>  | Mexican and Central American plant with yellow flowers surrounded by tapering red leaves resembling petals<br>“The name of the <b>poinsettia</b> plant is often mispronounced.”                      |
| <b>posthumous</b>  | happening after one’s death<br>“The athlete’s <b>posthumous</b> induction into the Hall of Fame was very emotional.”   |
| <b>precipitate</b> | to cause to happen before expected<br>“The jolt may <b>precipitate</b> an explosion.”  |
| <b>precursor</b>   | a person or thing that goes before<br>“Elvis was the <b>precursor</b> of rock and roll.”   |
| <b>premiere</b>    | to exhibit (a play, movie, etc.) for the first time<br>“The audience was filled with anticipation while waiting for the <b>premiere</b> performance to commence.”                                    |
| <b>prerogative</b> | an exclusive right or privilege exercised by virtue of rank, office, etc.<br>“It is the <b>prerogative</b> of the senior class to sit in this section.”  |



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| <b>prevision</b>   | foresight or foreknowledge<br><i>“Facing the downpour, she was thankful for her <b>prevision</b> to bring an umbrella.”</i>  |
| <b>prodigy</b>     | a person, thing or act so extraordinary as to inspire wonder<br><i>“Mozart was a child <b>prodigy</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>profligate</b>  | extremely wasteful; recklessly extravagant<br><i>“The <b>profligate</b> spender was soon penniless.”</i>   |
| <b>progeny</b>     | children, descendants, or offspring collectively<br><i>“The old man’s <b>progeny</b> gathered at his home to celebrate.”</i>                                       |
| <b>proliferate</b> | to multiply rapidly<br><i>“As nuclear weapons <b>proliferate</b>, we are all concerned.”</i>   |
| <b>propriety</b>   | conformity with what is proper or fitting<br><i>“An etiquette book gives rules of <b>propriety</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>pterodactyl</b> | an extinct flying reptile<br><i>“The rendition of the <b>pterodactyl</b> was my favorite part of the dinosaur exhibit.”</i>  |
| <b>pulchritude</b> | beauty; comeliness<br><i>“The damsel’s <b>pulchritude</b> was apparent to everyone.”</i>   |
| <b>quadratic</b>   | an algebraic term involving the square and no higher power of an unknown quantity<br><i>“Solve this <b>quadratic</b> equation for the value of x.”</i>             |
| <b>query</b>       | to question<br><i>“Use the <b>query</b> command when you want to search a database for information.”</i>   |
| <b>quixotic</b>    | extravagantly chivalrous or romantically idealistic<br><i>“Patrolling the streets with knights in white armor is the <b>quixotic</b> method of solving crime.”</i> |
| <b>raillery</b>    | light, good-natured ridicule or satire<br><i>“Sir Winston Churchill’s <b>raillery</b> often provoked laughter.”</i>  |
| <b>rapport</b>     | relationship, esp. a close one; agreement; harmony<br><i>“She and her sister enjoyed a friendly <b>rapport</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>rascalion</b>   | a rascal; rogue<br><i>“The <b>rascalion</b> ran off with the money.”</i>   |
| <b>receipt</b>     | written acknowledgement; to mark paid<br><i>“The <b>receipt</b> showed the invoice had been paid in full.”</i>   |

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| <b>reciprocal</b>     | done or felt equally by both sides<br><i>“They had a <b>reciprocal</b> feeling of admiration for each other.”</i>  |
| <b>reconciliation</b> | the act of restoring friendly relations<br><i>“The treaty provided for a <b>reconciliation</b> between the two countries.”</i>                                       |
| <b>reconnaissance</b> | an exploratory survey or examination<br><i>“The corporal led a special squad on a <b>reconnaissance</b> mission.”</i>  |
| <b>redolence</b>      | the quality or state of being redolent, fragrant, aromatic<br><i>“I liked the <b>redolence</b> of the pine boughs.”</i>  |
| <b>rejuvenate</b>     | to make seem fresh or new again<br><i>“A long vacation will <b>rejuvenate</b> him.”</i>  |
| <b>reminisce</b>      | to think, talk or write about remembered events or experiences<br><i>“We sat at the table to <b>reminisce</b> about our childhood experiences.”</i>                  |
| <b>rendezvous</b>     | a planned meeting; a place for a planned meeting<br><i>“We will <b>rendezvous</b> at the Park and Ride, then go on together to the party.”</i>                       |
| <b>repatriate</b>     | to send back or return to the country of birth, citizenship, or allegiance<br><i>“We hope they will <b>repatriate</b> our prisoners of war.”</i>                     |
| <b>repertoire</b>     | the stock of special skills, devices, techniques of a particular person or particular field of endeavor<br><i>“The ball player’s <b>repertoire</b> was amazing.”</i> |
| <b>repository</b>     | a box, chest, closet, or room in which things may be placed for safe keeping<br><i>“The jewels were missing from the <b>repository</b>.”</i>                         |
| <b>reservoir</b>      | a place where water is stored in quantity<br><i>“During the drought the <b>reservoir</b> was dangerously low.”</i>   |
| <b>resilient</b>      | recovering strength, spirits, good humor, etc., quickly; buoyant<br><i>“The American people are very <b>resilient</b>; they bounce back no matter what happens.”</i> |
| <b>resuscitate</b>    | to revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness.<br><i>“The paramedic’s attempts to <b>resuscitate</b> the crash victim were unsuccessful.”</i>                |
| <b>retaliate</b>      | to return like for like<br><i>“The government plans to <b>retaliate</b> for the terrorism.”</i>  |
| <b>retroactive</b>    | having application to or effect on things prior to its enactment<br><i>“The <b>retroactive</b> pay increase was appreciated by all of the workers.”</i>              |

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| <b>reverie</b>     | a dreamy, fanciful, or visionary notion or daydream<br><i>"Her <b>reverie</b> was broken by his loud arrival."</i>  |
| <b>rhetoric</b>    | the art of speaking correctly<br><i>"I have to prepare a ten minute speech for my <b>rhetoric</b> class tomorrow."</i>  |
| <b>ricochet</b>    | a glancing rebound<br><i>"If you hit the ball here, it will <b>ricochet</b> off the table and land in the pocket."</i>  |
| <b>rigmarole</b>   | a foolishly involved, fussy, or time-wasting procedure<br><i>"Registration for school is full of <b>rigmarole</b>."</i>   |
| <b>rosette</b>     | ornament made of ribbons gathered in the shape of a rose<br><i>"He wore a <b>rosette</b> in the buttonhole of his lapel."</i>   |
| <b>sacrosanct</b>  | very sacred, holy, or inviolable<br><i>"The congregation felt the church was <b>sacrosanct</b>."</i>  |
| <b>sanguinary</b>  | bloodthirsty<br><i>"Some corsairs were very <b>sanguinary</b>."</i>   |
| <b>satchel</b>     | A small flat-bottomed bag, sometimes with a shoulder strap<br><i>"Before backpacks became popular, schoolchildren usually carried their books in a <b>satchel</b>."</i>         |
| <b>scallion</b>    | variety of onion; long stem and almost bulbless root<br><i>"We prefer the <b>scallion</b> rather than the large white or yellow onion."</i>                                     |
| <b>scheme</b>      | a systemic or organized design<br><i>"That's a very nice color <b>scheme</b> you have picked out."</i>  |
| <b>schism</b>      | a split or division in an organized group or society<br><i>"The selection of a new minister caused a <b>schism</b> in the church."</i>  |
| <b>scrimmage</b>   | in football, the play that follows the snap of the ball<br><i>"The tailback carried the ball twenty yards from the line of <b>scrimmage</b>."</i>                               |
| <b>scrumptious</b> | very pleasing, attractive esp. to the taste; delicious<br><i>"Not a crumb of the <b>scrumptious</b> cake was left."</i>   |
| <b>secede</b>      | to withdraw from an organization<br><i>"South Carolina was the first state to <b>secede</b> from the Union."</i>  |
| <b>segue</b>       | to make a smooth transition, as from one topic to another<br><i>"The speaker was noted for an ability to <b>segue</b> between opening jokes and the serious topic at hand."</i> |

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| <b>seismologist</b> | a scientist who studies earthquakes<br><i>“The <b>seismologist</b> confirmed that the earthquake was centered twenty miles offshore.”</i>  |
| <b>seraglio</b>     | the palace of a Turkish sultan<br><i>“The crown jewels were located in the <b>seraglio</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>serene</b>       | not disturbed or troubled<br><i>“The <b>serene</b> lake did not have a ripple on the surface.”</i>   |
| <b>serviette</b>    | a table napkin<br><i>“A <b>serviette</b> depicting Christmas scenes was at everyone’s place.”</i>  |
| <b>siege</b>        | a continued attempt to gain possession of something<br><i>“During the Civil War, the <b>siege</b> of Vicksburg lasted 186 days.”</i>   |
| <b>silhouette</b>   | an outline of a figure, garment, etc.<br><i>“Jean’s face was a <b>silhouette</b> against the screen.”</i>  |
| <b>sleuth</b>       | detective, or to act like a detective<br><i>“It took a real <b>sleuth</b> to determine the origin of that word.”</i>   |
| <b>solemn</b>       | done or made seriously and thoughtfully<br><i>“The veterans hold a <b>solemn</b> ceremony on Memorial Day.”</i>  |
| <b>solicitous</b>   | showing care, attention, or concern<br><i>“The parents were <b>solicitous</b> about the child’s health.”</i>   |
| <b>solstice</b>     | either of two points on the sun’s ecliptic at which it is farthest north or south of the equator<br><i>“In the northern hemisphere, the winter <b>solstice</b> comes just before Christmas.”</i> |
| <b>somnolent</b>    | sleepy; drowsy<br><i>“The <b>somnolent</b> truck driver stopped for coffee.”</i>   |
| <b>sophomoric</b>   | of, like, or characteristic of a sophomore or sophomores, often regarded as self-assured, opinionated, though immature<br><i>“The <b>sophomoric</b> antics of our government were exposed.”</i>  |
| <b>spasmodic</b>    | having an involuntary contraction, temporarily or intermittently<br><i>“She had a <b>spasmodic</b> tic in her right eyelid.”</i>   |
| <b>spectroscopy</b> | the use of the spectroscope to study optics<br><i>“The study of optics is aided by <b>spectroscopy</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>stanchion</b>    | an upright bar, post or support<br><i>“Be sure you tie the sail securely to the <b>stanchion</b>.”</i>   |

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| <b>statuary</b>      | sculpture, a collection of statues<br><i>“The <b>statuary</b> lining the rose garden beckoned the visitors.”</i>  |
| <b>subterfuge</b>    | an expedient used to evade, escape or conceal<br><i>“The students pretended to be sick as a <b>subterfuge</b> to taking the test.”</i>                              |
| <b>succinct</b>      | clearly and briefly stated<br><i>“The commander’s orders to his men were <b>succinct</b>.”</i>  |
| <b>succumb</b>       | give away to; yield or submit<br><i>“We expected him to <b>succumb</b> to persuasion.”</i>  |
| <b>superfluous</b>   | not needed, unnecessary, irrelevant<br><i>“I have cut down every <b>superfluous</b> expense.”</i>   |
| <b>surreptitious</b> | acting in a secret, stealthy way<br><i>“The conspirators held a <b>surreptitious</b> meeting.”</i>  |
| <b>surveillance</b>  | supervision or inspection<br><i>“The police kept the prisoners under constant <b>surveillance</b>.”</i>   |
| <b>svelte</b>        | slender, lithe<br><i>“You look very <b>svelte</b> in that new outfit.”</i>  |
| <b>sympathize</b>    | to share or understand another’s feelings; express pity<br><i>“They could <b>sympathize</b> with their neighbors who had been robbed.”</i>                          |
| <b>synthesis</b>     | the putting together of parts or elements so as to form a whole<br><i>“A good composition is the <b>synthesis</b> of many skills.”</i>                              |
| <b>tachometer</b>    | a device for indicating speed of rotation<br><i>“Some sports cars have a <b>tachometer</b> located next to the speedometer.”</i>                                    |
| <b>taciturn</b>      | habitually unwilling to talk; reserved in speech<br><i>“The <b>taciturn</b> farmer watched as we fixed our car.”</i>  |
| <b>therapeutic</b>   | serving to cure or heal; curative<br><i>“The <b>therapeutic</b> treatment hastened his recovery.”</i>   |
| <b>thesaurus</b>     | a dictionary of synonyms<br><i>“This word processing program features an excellent <b>thesaurus</b>, making it easy for the user to find appropriate synonyms.”</i> |
| <b>tortoise</b>      | a land turtle<br><i>“In one of Aesop’s fables the <b>tortoise</b> wins a race against the hare.”</i>  |
| <b>treacherous</b>   | providing insecure footing or support<br><i>“It was a very <b>treacherous</b> climb along the rock cliffs.”</i>   |

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| <b>umbrage</b>        | resentment; offense<br><i>"I take <b>umbrage</b> at that outrageous remark."</i>  |
| <b>unconscionable</b> | not being in accordance with what is right or just<br><i>"Such <b>unconscionable</b> behavior will result in expulsion from school."</i>  |
| <b>unscathed</b>      | not hurt, uninjured, unharmed<br><i>"She was <b>unscathed</b> by their criticism."</i>  |
| <b>utilitarian</b>    | of or having to do with utility; usefulness<br><i>"A garbage can is a very <b>utilitarian</b> gift."</i>  |
| <b>variegated</b>     | having patches, stripes or marks of different colors<br><i>"This <b>variegated</b> ivy would look nice on the trellis."</i>   |
| <b>vaudeville</b>     | light theater featuring variety acts<br><i>"Bob Hope started his career as a <b>vaudeville</b> actor."</i>  |
| <b>vertigo</b>        | a subjective sensation of dizziness in which an individual feels that he, or his surrounding, is whirling about sickeningly<br><i>"With too much stress, she suffered from <b>vertigo</b>."</i> |
| <b>ventriloquist</b>  | someone whose voice can seemingly be made to come from another source<br><i>"The conversation between the <b>ventriloquist</b> and the wooden dummy delighted the audience."</i>                |
| <b>vignette</b>       | a short, delicate literary sketch<br><i>"The <b>vignette</b> was a great work by the promising author."</i>   |
| <b>xenophobia</b>     | fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything foreign or strange<br><i>"<b>Xenophobia</b> limits people from learning about others."</i>   |
| <b>xylophone</b>      | a musical percussion instrument<br><i>"The <b>xylophone</b> is an instrument in the percussion family."</i>   |
| <b>zealous</b>        | very eager; very enthusiastic<br><i>"The politician's <b>zealous</b> supporters campaigned vigorously."</i>   |